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**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 11421
BOCA RATON, FL.**

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

This is my last grand knight message to you after serving as your grand knight for the past two years. I want to thank each and every one of you, especially my officers for making my term a memorable one. When I look back at all things we did and accomplished I can't believe that we were able to do all what we did.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 has prevented us from finishing out the year strong. The Altar Server Recognition night was one event that we had to canceled. I looked forward to this event every year. Seeing the smiles on our young servers' faces when they receive their certificates gives me a warm feeling in my heart knowing that we have young people wanting to serve our church. Two years ago, our council was fortunate to have two candidates to receive the Altar Server of the Year Award at the State level. I hope there are more future awards and that this program continues. Our council has always been supportive of our youth in the parish and this year we will be making a \$500 cash award to a college bounded girl or boy from our annual scholarship program.

It was my honor to be your Grand Knight during our council's 25th anniversary year. The dinner/dance was well attended and a lot fun. In 1994, our council started with 30 members and now we have grown to 130 members. My goal was to right size our council and to have a council with members in good standing. I hope that I had achieved that goal and to have a better fiscal council for our new grand knight Ted.

Charity, unity, fraternally and patriotism are our founding principles and our council has demonstrated these principles to highest degree. This past year our council volunteered over 1,000s of hours to feeding the hungry by supporting Boca Helping Hands and the Food Basket Ministry. In addition, our commit to Right to Life programs by volunteering many hours and donations to the Catholic Charities Birthline/Lifeline, AVDA, Special Olympics, and Equine-Assisted Therapies. As a council, we are making a difference in people's lives.

Our Pastor Michael O'Flaherty will be retiring on July 1st, after 45 years in the priesthood. I want to thank Fr. O'Flaherty for his help and support throughout my term. Fr. O'Flaherty will remain in the area. He has requested not to have any retirement celebrations until after the pandemic is over. Therefore, at this time the council is collecting donations for a monetary retirement gift for him.

My deputy grand knight Ted, if elected (no doubt), will be your new the grand knight and I know Ted will do a great job. Also, he will have some new officers on his team, which will provide our council with renewal energy and new ideas. Please give them the support you gave me. Thank you.

God bless you and your families,

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Bower
Grand Knight

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Those who are sick or in distress and need our help and prayers:

Please keep these people and their families in your prayers:

- Rick Versace/GK St. Jude

Recently we had two honorary life members to passed away. They were Robert Aiosa, March 5th and Howard Wilwerding, May 18th. Robert was a very active member at Mother Cabrini Council 12155 in Bradenton, but remained as a member with our council when he moved to Parrish, FL. Robert was a 3rd knight for 63 years.

Howard Wilwerding was a 3rd Knight for 66 years and joined the KofC at the age of 17 in Iowa. He was a longtime member of our council and he and his wife Nancy attended many of our events. A service will be held at a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sad to report that Christopher O'Flaherty, the brother of Father O'Flaherty passed away in Ireland on May 17th.

We extend our sincere sympathies and prayers to the families of Robert, Howard and Christopher. May God give Robert, Howard and Christopher eternal rest.

MEMBERSHIP

Our council dues are \$38.00. Our membership year ended with 130 members. Our goal this year was 10 new members and 4 insurance members. We had 4 new members and 3 new insurance members for the year.

The new membership year starts on June 15th and membership renewal notices will be sent out by June 30th. Please try to have your dues paid by August 1st. This will help our council to avoid additional costs. If for some reason you can't pay now because of the pandemic, please make the financial secretary aware.

Again, membership cards will be available for pick up in the blue index card box located on the counter at the right side of the Church vestibule. Also, your card is available for pick up at our monthly meetings. If you are unable to pick up your card please contact the Financial Secretary at your earliest convenience to make other arrangements.

If you have any changes to your address, phone number or email address please get those changes to **Jim Falzone/Financial Secretary**. Jim can be reached by either phone or email. **561-716-9777** or JFAL64@gmail.com

Also, we are in need of a **Membership Director**; please speak to GK Larry Bower if you are interested in the position.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE & JULY

JUNE

Monday, June 8th 13th @ 7:30pm
Business Meeting (ZOOM)

Saturday, June 13th @ 8:30am
Boca Helping Hands

JULY

Saturday, July 11th @ 8:30am
Boca Helping Hands

Monday, July 13th @ 7:30am
Business Meeting (ZOOM)

Boca Helping Hands



Boca Helping Hands has reopened its Saturday morning site at Boca Glades Baptist Church at the corner of Judge Winikoff Rd. and 441. We are scheduled to help on **Saturday, June 13th** and **Saturday, July 11th**. 5-10 participants are needed to unload the truck and set up tables, tents and chairs and also to help with bagging of frozen meat and produce items. At the conclusion, help with the loading of the truck and clean up. If you are interested, please contact Brother **Charles Coward** at **561.757.3177** or email ccoward4@verizon.net for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!

June

1 – John Fitzgerald
4 – Leonardo Riera
5 – John Vittorini
9 – John Morris
13 – John Collins

14 – Joseph Galea
14 – James McCormick
15 – James Falzone
21 – Larry Angle
21 – Claude Thomas
29 – James Etue

July

7 – Ronald Lebright
7 – Joseph Manning
8 – Rev Michael O'Flaherty
12 – Richard DeClemente
13 – Kevin O'Gorman

14 – Romero Andrade
15 – Kenneth Bolen
15 – Martin Knecht
18 – Herbert Short

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Altar Server Recognition Night:

Bishop Gerald Barbarito had canceled all Masses through the month of April and most of May, therefore our council was unable to hold our annual altar server recognition night. It's still unknown when we can hold social events. Hopefully we will be able to recognize the altar servers in the near future. Our altar servers do a great job serving at all the masses and they deserve a big thank you.

116th State Council Convention (Grand Knight Larry's Report):

Grand Knight Larry Bower and Deputy Grand Knight Ted Kelley attended the first virtual meeting of the 116th State Council Convention. For the convenience of most of the State Officers, the convention was held at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church in Delray Beach. This year because of the pandemic virus, the convention was shortened to one day with two sessions on Saturday, May 23rd. The election of delegates to the 137th Supreme Convention was held on Thursday, May 21st by virtual voting. This year the supreme convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on August 6th – 8th. Angel Luis Rodriguez-Rivera was elected as an associate delegate and Ronald Johnson of Homestead Council 4998 as an insurance delegate for Region 7.

The Business session:

The State Convention, started at 9:00 AM and lasted approximately one hour. The annual meeting opened with the State Deputy Scott O'Connor calling the meeting to order and the State Chaplain Thomas Skindeleski leading everyone in prayer. To save time all of the officer's and committee reports including the resolutions and budget reports were sent out in booklet form earlier by US mail for delegates to review. There were no speeches made from committee chairmen. The Southeast Florida Region Insurance Agent Sergio Urrutia gave a short speech covering the insurance program activities for the year.

There were 294 delegates, 6 state officers, 1 immediate past state deputy in attendance. Of all eligible delegates, less than half attended. The State has over 440 councils.

Reports:

State Secretary: A successful audit was completed. There are a few councils that have not paid their per capita assessments.

State Treasurer: All accounts are balanced and the current budget was submitted and next year's budget was prepared and submitted for approval.

State Advocate: One council was removed from a parish by the pastor; another council is under IRS audit; there are some councils selling unauthorized KofC gear; there are some councils utilizing the state email list to broadcast unauthorized publications of various sort; there are issues with selling some council's buildings; there were formal charges brought against 2 district deputies.

State Warden: Inventorying of all items was made after being turned over from the past warden; the State website was updated, webmasters were thanked for their hard work in providing all the registration needs for the State convention.

Service Programs Report: If you are interested how well the service programs did this past year, I can copy pages from the program booklet and send them to you. However, the pandemic virus had shortened the activities time period causing low fund-raising amounts. For example, the 40 Cans for Lent was a primary source for the Food For Families program which was shorten because the cancellation of masses during the pandemic virus. For Charity programs in Florida, over 3.3 million volunteer hours were donated and over \$716,000 in donations were made for a total of \$1.2 million in donations to Charity.

The Awards Ceremony was eliminated and all awards will be sent out to the recipients at a later date. If you wish to see all the awards that were awarded, visit Florida State Council's website, and under "Convention" tab, you'll find the link to all of the awards.

Resolutions: There were 11 resolutions; 6 of those resolutions having to do with the nomination of the present officers for reelection; one for supporting our Bishop & priests, another for supporting our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, one for posthumously granting membership into 4th degree for Archbishop Ambrose DePaoli, another to provide a chaplain a star council pin for councils that achieve Star Council, and a resolution to recognize Council 2112 on their 100th anniversary. All resolutions passed and all State Officers were voted in for another year.

Opening Ceremony:

The opening ceremony started at 12:00 PM Noon and was televised by social media Facebook and YouTube. The opening ceremony address by the State Deputy had a moment of silence in remembrance of this wife who passed away this past year. The State Deputy went on in detail how difficult this past year was for him. After losing his wife, he lost his job that he had for many years as an engineer. He mentioned how important it was to have an insurance agent from the Knights of Columbus to help him through these difficult times.

The State Deputy mentioned that there were many councils who dropped members from their roles without making any contact with those members and that some members may have had some problems in paying their dues. He stressed that councils should make every effort to stay in touch with their members and be supportive of them when in need. The State membership this year was lowest in all years with a net difference of 920 members from last year. Florida ranks in the bottom of membership growth in the United States. Right now, there is a push for each council to recruit 2 new members before the end of the month to help make up the difference.

Awards were made to the following: "The Knight of the Year" – Robert A. Gualtieri, Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527, District 5 ; "Family of the Year"- Alexander, Regan, Nick and Sophia Franklin, Resurrection Council 15675, District 47 and "Council of the Year" – Division 1, San Isidro Council 16980, District 70, Division 2, San Patricio Council 13654, District 78, Division 3, Our Lady of Hope Council 8086, District 20 and the "State Deputy's Award for Excellence – David Osterberger, State Membership Administrator, Council 4851.

The Opening Ceremony ended with Mass with the Principal Celebrant Bishop Gerald Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, along with Monsignor Thomas Skindeleski, State Chaplain.

Following Mass, the convention concluded with Florida KofC Charities Inc Raffle drawing. Bishop Gerald Barbarito made the following selections for this year's winners. Congratulations to the winners:

\$25K Felipe Olivera; \$10K Hazel Go; \$5K Norm Young; \$1K winners were: Daniel Nagy, Michelle Abbey, Peter Lopez; Richard Ames; Robert Zielinsh.

Annual \$500 Scholarship Award:

At this time the council has received three applications for **Knights of Columbus 16th Annual \$500.00 Scholarship Award**. The candidate will be selected in a few days and an announcement will be made at our next meeting.

New Priest:

Rev. Dominic Toan Tran has been named as our new priest as you probably have heard. Father Dominic will be taking over the reins on July 1st. Fr. Dominic served as a Parochial Vicar for the past 4 years at St. Joan of Arc. Before that he served as a Parochial Vicar at St. Juliana Catholic Church in West Palm Beach where Fr. O'Flaherty once served before coming to St. John's. Fr. Dominic was born in South Vietnam on October 1st, 1976 and moved to United States in 1998. He received his B.S. in Philosophy in 2006 from St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami and later received a Master of Divinity from St. Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach in 2011. Recently, Fr. Dominic acquired a M.S. in Ecclesial Administration and Management from Catholic University of America.

Recently, Deputy Grand Knight Ted and Grand Knight Larry attended a brief meeting hosted by Fr. O'Flaherty to meet and introduce Fr. Dominic to all the parish ministries' leads, including some other brother knights. Fr. Dominic spoke and mentioned that he looked forward to knowing each and every one of us and to continue on what we have been doing.

We look forward to many years of working with and supporting Fr. Dominic and to our Church.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH

Introducing Mr. Marty Knecht,

Marty Knecht & his wife Ann are active members of St. John's. Marty has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years and is now a member of St. John's KofC Council 11421.

Marty is a volunteer for St. John's & for the Diocese of Palm Beach Marriage Tribunal Office. He volunteers as an Advocate. As a trained Advocate Marty guides petitioner through the annulment process. He is fully trained and equipped to help the divorced and remarried person, the divorced person intending another marriage and the divorced Catholic seeking clarification of his or her standing in the church.

If you have any questions or concerns, please know that you will be able to discuss your situation with Marty in a completely confidential setting here at St. John's.

Fr. O'Flaherty



Helping Life Program

Sponsored by St. John's Knights of Columbus

Ron Sawchuk – Helping Life Program Coordinator

To support "All Life", following the Catholic Church's teaching from conception to natural death"

In 2016 the Council started the Helping Life Program to encompass the entire parish. You do not have to be a Knight - men, woman, and children can participate. The purpose of this program is to help people in our community who are in need.

Programs, Contact Coordinator, Mission:

Supporting Life Ministry – Jim Etue—772-359-1190

Through programs we help the families in need, the new born, and the homeless.

Boca Helping Hands (BHH): Bi-weekly trips to BHH are ongoing to sort through boxes of donated items, organize the hygiene products on the shelves and make up hygiene kits.

Birthline/Life Pregnancy Care Centers:

Birthline/Lifeline is an organization supported by Catholic Charities that help women who need testing, ultrasounds, counselling, medical referrals and material assistance for their babies. Nothing is planned at this time.

AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Inc.):

AVDA provides assistance to women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

Right to Life:

Protects and defends the most fundamental right of humankind from the beginning of life to natural death. On the first weekend of each month, a “**Rose for Life**” is brought up and placed in the sanctuary at each Mass as a reminder of our Christian commitment to respect the dignity of all human life. If you would be interested in placing the rose before Mass please contact **Don DePasquale at 561.487.3366**

We are always looking for new members. If you are interested please contact **Sharon Goldasich at 561-756-0580** or **Jim Etue at 772.359.1190**.

Prayer for Life

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent Your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception until natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. May we be especially sensitive to the life of the handicapped and incarcerated. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ or Lord. Amen

HAVE YOU INSURED YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET?



I am was assigned to serve you and your Council as the Benefits Advisor and Insurance Agent. You and your Council are very important to me and I am excited to have an opportunity to support our mission in my capacity for the Council. In the future I will be sharing valuable information to you. For now, please know I am here, I am experienced and capable, I understand the priority of you and your wishes and needs. Give me the opportunity to demonstrate this for you soon.

As a new agent to you (I have been serving councils now for 5 years) I recommend that we invest some time to review what you have and also what you have planned for yourself and your family in

the future. This meeting will enable me to best serve you and your family.

Either myself or my assistant Debbie Pontikes will reach out in the future to find a time that is convenient. If, however, you wish to or have reason to reach out to us; I am at (561) 439-8617 o/ or 561-310-8065 m. Debbie can be reached at 561-899-6731. My email address is steve.schuler@kofc.org.

Be Safe + Be Well + God Bless

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