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

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Worthy Brothers,

Please see below from the Knights of Columbus Supreme web site:

OUR PRINCIPLES

4 Principles, 4 Reasons

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries,

by [volunteering at Special Olympics](#), and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who [choose life](#) for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So, we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life

better in your [parish and community](#).

Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to

the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's [top-rated insurance program](#) continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Vivat Jesus!

Ted Kelley
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:

- Bro. Gene Guiliano by Bro. Thomas Traino
- Bobby Bruschi by Bro. Thomas Traino
- Michael Marino (Leonard's son) by Bro. Thomas Traino
- Doug & Joy Spencer By Bro. Scott Spencer
- Ann Tracey Miller by GK Ted Kelley
- Bro. Leonard Marino by Bro. Ron Sawchuk

MEMBERSHIP from Brother Marty Knecht:

Becoming a member in the Knights of Columbus is not just about signing up, taking the exemplifications, and attending a meeting occasionally. Blessed Michael McGivney had much more in mind when he started the Knights of Columbus.

Knights are called to "lead with faith". We are called to become better Catholic men, husbands, and fathers. Knights can "protect their families" by exclusive eligibility to purchase KofC life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance, and retirement products. A brother Knight field agent is assigned to each council to answer any questions a Knight may have and to provide the products just mentioned.

Knights are to "serve others" through participating in various charitable programs, both local and world-wide. Knights also assist their pastors when needed around the parish. They serve as ushers, maintenance men, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and various other ministries in the parish.

Knights "defend our Catholic values" by standing up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life. They fight for religious liberty and social justice for all.

All of us need to ask ourselves the following questions from time to time. How am I leading with faith? How am I protecting my family? How am I serving others and my church? How am I defending my Catholic faith? Whether you are a new member of the Knights of Columbus or a Life Member, we all need to answer these questions honestly and make up our minds to do what we can to live the dream of Blessed Michael McGivney and continue to be active Knights of Columbus.

[References taken from Why Join? flyer published by Knights of Columbus.]

Vivat Jesus,
Marty

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 3rd @ 11:00am Mass
Installation of Pastor

Thursday, October 7th @ 7:00pm
Officers Meeting (ZOOM)

Monday, October 11th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 16th @ 8:00am – 11:00am
Parish Maintenance

Sunday, October 17th after All Masses
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 24th @ Noon
2021 St. John's 24th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 30th @ 8:00am
Soup Kitchen

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 4th @ 7:00pm
Officer's Meeting (ZOOM)

Monday, November 8th @ 7:30am
Membership Meeting

Sunday, November 7th & November 14th
After all Masses
Christmas Wreath Sales

Wednesday, November 10th @ 6:00 pm
Knights & Guest Social Night
Martini's Tuscan Bar & Grill

Saturday, November 20th @ 8 – 11:00am
Parish Maintenance

Save the Date
Friday, December 10th @ 6:00pm – 9:30pm
Parish Christmas Party
St. John's Parish Hall

Installation of Pastor Rev Dominic Toan Tran:



Fr. Dominic Tran was officially installed as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday October 3rd 2021. It was a very joyous occasion with the Most Reverend Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, Gerald M, Barbarito celebrating Mass. There were many deacons and priests in attendance as well as Fr. Michael O'Flaherty Retired/Pastor Emeritus and Fr. Martin Devereaux. The 4th degree honor guard from KofC Assembly 3092 lead procession before and after Mass. A beautiful Vietnamese choir provided music during parts of the Mass. Fr. Dominic's message to the congregation was that of helping one another.

A reception in the Parish Hall was held after Mass. The Council would like to thank Deputy Grand Knight Rosario Bongiovanni for his

leadership in organizing the Knights to help with setup and breakdown of tables, bartending and busing of the food line. This could not have been successful without the Ladies of John's who arranged for the catering and provided the decorations. There was a tremendous showing of Knights at the Mass and helping at the reception. Grand Knight Ted Kelley would like to thank all the Brothers who volunteered.



Parish Maintenance Program:

With the Council's continued support to the Parish, the third Saturday of every month will be designated as a work day at the Church. For about 3 hours we will be doing whatever is needed around the Church and the parish grounds. Work activities will be determined as time goes along with notifications given prior to Saturday.

This is great opportunity for our Council to show our support to the church and for you to give back to our parish community.

If you can help, please contact Grand Knight Ted at 561.756.0808 or email knightsstjohns11421@gmail.com or Jim Urbanek at 561-239-8296 or email jurbanek@bellsouth.net .

Pancake Breakfast:



Kick off this Fall season with a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 17th, after all Masses in the Parish Hall. Menu will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, juice and coffee. Adults \$7, Children \$5. The net proceeds will benefit the charities supported by our Council. Bring the family and enjoy a GREAT breakfast.

2021 St. John's 24th Annual Golf Tournament:



St. John's 24th Annual Golf Tournament is on Sunday, October 24th at Atlantic National Golf Club located at 6400 Grand Lacuna Blvd. Lake Worth, FL 33467. Golf entry will include golf with cart, a box lunch provide by Atlantic National's private dining room, goodie bag, and a hot buffet dinner. Registration is \$175 per person and \$35 dinner ticket for non-golfer. A delicious buffet dinner, live and silent auctions as well as the sale of raffle tickets starting after golf at the Parish Hall. Golf registration forms are available after Mass or the Parish Office.

Soup Kitchen:

On Saturday, October 30th, Brother Alan Daniello has made arrangements for our council to volunteer at the Soup Kitchen in Boynton Beach. Brother Knights should arrive by 7:30am to receive a free breakfast. Our council will be helping with the distribution of food bags and other light activities. Assignments will be determined by Staff. The day is usually completed when all the guests have been processed through the food line which is usually by Noon.

If you can help with this charitable need, contact GK Ted Kelley at 561.756.0808 or email ted@allkelley.com. Hope you will find this a heartwarming experience.

Christmas Wreaths:



Christmas Wreaths are available. The artificial wreaths are 24-inches in size and sell for \$38 unlighted and \$55 lighted with free home delivery in the local area. There are only a few wreaths left, so order early. Sales will end on November 14th.

You can purchase your wreath through the online link using a credit card, see below:
<https://heartlandpaymentservices.net/WebPayments/KofCCN11421/bills>

New this year are hand painted pine cone ornaments, They will be available on weekend Masses on November 7th and November 14th.

Special Brother Knights Dinner:

The Council will honor our Priests and Deacons on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00pm at Martini's Tuscan Bar and Grill in Boynton Beach. Brother Knights' wives are invited and any catholic gentleman interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus.

The dress code is casual. The cost is \$40 per person and a cash bar is available. Menu consist of a choice of one; Rigatoni Bolognese, or Grilled Salmon w/mashed potatoes & broccoli, or Chicken Parmesan w/ penne pomodoro, or Chicken Francaise w/mashed potatoes & broccoli. Desert is included with ice cream or fruit salad. Soda, coffee and hot tea is included. One glass of red or white will be provided with the meal.

Contact Brother Tom Traino for any questions at (c) 954,309.50510 or (h) 561.499.4924 regarding this event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

OCTOBER

6 – Matthew Sherman	11 – Alexis Perdereaux
8 – Peter Sinz	26 – Scott Spencer
8 – Antonio Venditti	29 – James Urbanek
10 – Thomas Agostino	23 – Richard Zappulla II
	30 – Albert Blake

NOVEMBER

1 – Timothy Williams	16 – Michael King
5 – Hector Favazzi	17 – Joseph Tosto
7 – Paul Kelly	21 – Alan Daniello
13 – Michael Morris	21 – John Hennessey
13 – Luis Sojos	25 – Leonard De Angelo
15 – Richard Crawford	25 – Nicholas Reboli
16 – Richard Inerra	28 – Douglas Donney

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

Installation of Council Officers:



Council officers were installed at a ceremony held on Wednesday, August 11th in the Parish Hall. District Deputy Chris Ladauto officiated the ceremony along with the honor guard from the 4th degree Assembly 3092. Each officer took an oath for their respective office and received the jewel representing their office to wear at the council meetings. The wives that were present were given a rose as a token of appreciation for their support.

This year the Council is looking forward to a restart with many social and charitable activities planned. If you are called upon to help, give your support. We wish the officers a very successful year.

Parish Maintenance Program:

The final painting of the parking lot lines and curbs were completed last month. We appreciate the work that our brother knights Jim Urbanek, Tom Sova, Marty Knecht, Frank Kistner and Jack Blasius did on Saturday, August 28th. The appearance of the church grounds looks outstanding. Job Well Done!



In preparation for Fr. Dominic Tran's installation as our Parish Pastor, the Knights gathered together under the leadership of parish beautification group Jim Urbanek, Tom Sova, Jim Moore, John Moore, Marty Knecht, Charlie Coward, Romero & Katia Andrade, Tom Agostino, Jim Melvin, Jack Blasius, and GK Ted. They mulched the grounds in preparation for Fr. Dominic's installation and the Bishop's visit.

Honorary Life Membership Ceremony:

Joseph Galea and Ron Sawchuk received their honorary life membership award after 25 years of service. A ceremony conducted by council officers was held on August 9th at the council meeting. Elvarado "Ellie" Baptiste received his honorary life membership award at the September 13th council meeting. Please congratulate Joe, Ron and Ellie for dedicated service to the Knights of Columbus. They each had an individual path of joining the Knights.

Joe Galea just turned 83rd years young. Joe joined the Knights in 1958 while still in collage. He was asked why by some of his classmates for joining the Knights. Only Knights were allowed to join the bowling league. So, he became a Knight!



When he joined, he felt the Knights was an "old men's" club but soon found out that the "old men" had all the ideas and the youngsters like Joe were there to learn to carry the work load.

Joe got married in 1960 and he and his wife Emily had 6 children. He was transferred from Michigan to Ohio where he rejoined the Knights. After a transfer to Europe for three years, he returned to Michigan and rejoined the Knights again. He finally became one of the "old guys", so he moved to Florida where he joined the Knights at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish in Delray Beach. There were only 18 Knights in the council and they were struggling. After taking the positions of Financial Secretary, Deputy Grand Knight (Lenny Marino was Grand Knight) and

finally Grand Knight they grew the council to 81 men, making triple star council in 2015.

Joe has a long history with the Knights. Joe said he really learned a lot and is grateful for time as a Knight. He finally learned what the "old guys" did for him and he will appreciate it for the rest of his life.

Ron Sawchuk and his family moved to Boca Raton in 1993 from Endicott, New York. He never thought about joining the Knights, since his church in NY did not have a council and all he knew about the Knights was they had a building in the town which had a bar and a facility to have events and were in local parades.



Being a new parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Grand Knight approached Ron to see if he would be interested in joining their council. He explained to him that the Knights were about supporting the church, its pastor and helping the community. It sounded good to Ron and he joined the Knights of Columbus in June of 1994 at Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) Council 11241 in Boca Raton.

Within a year he made his 2nd and 3rd degrees. Shortly after his 3rd degree, he was asked to be the Financial Secretary of OLOL Council 11241. In 1996 he retired from IBM and accepted a job in Connecticut and had to relinquish his Financial Secretary assignment. He was transferred to England in 1997 and later returned to the states in 2006. While in England in 2002, he and his wife Diane joined St. John's Parish and he transferred his membership to our council. By that time, he became more active in the council.

Shortly after his return from England, he became a 4th Degree Knight and was elected Deputy Grand Knight (2yrs), Grand Knight (2yrs). He was appointed by Florida State Council as District Deputy for the 5 Councils in Boca Raton (4yrs), and Florida State Council Chairman for Helping Life Fund (2yrs). He currently serves as our council's Trustee,

He started the Coffee and Donuts Program 13 years ago and still is active with that program today. He was instrumental in the campaign for the Ten Commandments Monument in the Pavilion, the Flag Pole in Memory of PGK Joel Kuczynski, TVs for CCD program etc. Over the years he chaired many events at the parish for the Knights and is always willing to lend a hand with his Brother Knights. He is a Eucharistic Minister at the 9:30 Mass. He is married to his Bride Diane for 57 years, has a married son in Tampa who also is a 3rd degree Knight, 2 married daughters and 6 grandchildren who all live in Florida.

During the early years of St. John's Parish, Ellie Baptiste was approached by several men including PGK Carl Dilberto and Deacon Bill Ferguson about starting a Knights of Columbus council at the parish. There lies the start of Knights of Columbus Council 11421. On September 14th 1994, Ellie was one of 35 original charter members.



Ellie was elected as the Outside Guard and later became the Grand Knight from 2000-2002. Ellie remembers that the council did a lot of projects around the church. The Long Sleeve Shirt Drive for farm workers was started back then and is still a charity that the council supports. During Ellie's tenure, there were many social events, kids' parties and church picnics and a lot fund raising events for the church.

Ellie can be seen ushering at the 4 O'clock Mass on Saturday. Ellie said his time as a Knight serving the church and the community has been very rewarding. He is hoping to become more actively involved in council activities now that he is retired.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

Will we be judged when we die?

The Bible tells us when we die, we face judgment, sometimes called the judgment of faith. The outcome of this judgment determines whether we go to heaven or hell. This initial judgment depends not on our works but on our faith, which itself is called a gift of God. It is not about what we've done during our lives, but about what Christ has done for us. If we have accepted Christ's atoning death for us, then when God judges us after we die, He sees his Son's sacrifice for us, not our sin. Salvation is a free gift, to which we can contribute absolutely nothing. We have only to humbly receive the gift.

Ephesians 2: 8-9 God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you cannot take credit for this, it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Brother Marty Knecht, Advocate for the Diocese of Palm Beach:

On Marriage today

The intimate partnership of married life and love has been established by the Creator and qualified by His laws. It is rooted in the conjugal covenant or irrevocable personal consent. Hence, by that human act whereby spouses mutually bestow and accept each other, a relationship arises which by divine will and in the eyes of society, too, is a lasting one. For the good of the spouses and their offspring as well as of society, the existence of this sacred bond no longer depends on human decisions alone.

For God Himself is the author of Matrimony, endowed as it is with various benefits and purposes. All of these have a very decisive bearing on the continuation of the human race, on the personal development and eternal destiny of the individual members of the family, and on the dignity, stability, peace, and prosperity of the family itself and of human society as a whole. By their very nature, the institution of Matrimony itself and conjugal love are ordained for the procreation and education of children and find in them their ultimate crown.

Thus, a man and a woman, who by the marriage covenant of conjugal love 'are no longer two, but one flesh' render mutual help and service to each other through an experience an intimate union of their persons and of their actions. Through this union they experience the meaning of their oneness and attain to it with growing perfection day by day. As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union, as well as the good of the children, imposes total fidelity on the spouses and argues for an unbreakable oneness between them.

This is the spiritual truth which guides the Church. This truth teaches that Christian marriage is a sign of Christ's own union with his Church, a sign of his abiding love for the Church, his holy bride.

The above is take from the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, (#48) issued by the Second Vatican Council.



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. Currently, the Supporting Life group is taking a break, but will resume in November.

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 to make hygiene kits are currently postponed until the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Birthline/Lifeline 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.

The Giving Tree will be available on the weekend Masses in December. Check the church bulletin for dates. Members who would like to help with the setup, collection of items and delivery, please contact Jim Etue at 772.359.1190

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

AVDA aids women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. Brother Bruce Kendall is our AVDA contacted and offers any assistance the council can provide AVDA during this pandemic.

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 **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?

Greetings Brother Knights,

Here are a few of my thoughts about retirement:

1. I want to retire “to” something, not “from” something. Many believe that the rocking chair on the front porch kills retirees. Retirement means having something different to engage in, not simply sitting around and doing nothing.
2. “Begin with the end in sight.” One of the seven habits of successful people as espoused by Stephen Covey. What do you want your retirement to look like? What do you want to do, where do you want to go, how do you want to continue to contribute to your church, your council, and your community?
3. Have goals and have a plan. If you begin with the end in sight, now you have to make a plan on how you want to get there. Write it down, make it happen, the book by Henriette Klauser might be helpful. A goal without a plan to get there is just a dream.

I've talked to a number of members and their spouses lately and retirement always comes up as a topic of conversation when we review their current situation. It doesn't seem to matter their age. I've had members as young as 35 and as old as 70 over the past couple of months want to talk about retirement and making sure that they're set at some point in the future. Let's face it, the 35-year-old has a lot more time to plan. Time is an ally for him. As changes occur in the economy, he has time to make course corrections. He has time to contribute more to meet the family's income goals, he'll probably earn more as he progresses in his career. For the older member, time is no friend. Less time to earn income, less time to cope with the vagaries of the economy, and topped out in earning power. The closer one gets to the planned retirement age, the more important that a strategy be in place.

That's where I can help. Our new financial needs analysis tool allows me to plug in your personal information and let you see where you stand. Are you accumulating enough funds to meet your retirement income goal? Are there ways to make sure you'll never run out of money in retirement? Is your money safe and secure, not following the whims of the market?



Let's get together and make sure you have a strategy to put you in the winner's circle.

Vivat Jesus!

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