Brother Knights,

On Thanksgivings Eve, our Chaplain, Fr. Noel McGrath, was the celebrant at our council’s annual memorial mass where we recognize our brothers and sisters who passed away this past year. We had a good showing of Knights and Columbiettes.

The very next morning, our council, under chairman Larry Bonadeo, our caterer Catering Revolution, and our wonderful Brother volunteers and family members continued and exceeded our annual preparation of meals for the home bound in need. We prepared 680 meals for the Council on Aging, Meals on Wheels, Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Hobe Sound and additionally Larry delivered meals to the Holy Cross Catholic Church of Indiantown. Again, THANK YOU Larry, Our Catering Staff, and our 80+ Volunteers that helped throughout the entire process!

December is also looking to be an active month for our Council. December 1st is the Stuart Christmas Parade, December 3rd is our monthly Slam Breakfast. December 9th is our Breakfast with Santa at the Holy Redeemer Parish Center. This is our annual event for the young children within our council. Hope to see everyone at these events.

Next on the calendar is our monthly Council meeting, scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of the month, December 13th. Hope to see you there.

December 20th is the Christmas/PKG Dance, come one, come all to a dinner dance to honor our past Grand Knights. Cost is only $10 to our Knights and their wonderful wives/partners, and for other guests it is only $15. Call the Council @ 772 286-7507 for reservations at least by the Sunday before.

Last but not least, we have our New Year’s Eve Celebration. Please remember this date and don’t forget to call and make your reservations.

God Bless
Jim
Topic of the Month

From www.kofc.org

For more news and information from the Supreme Office, visit www.kofc.org

About the Knights of Columbus

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world’s foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to 15,342 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless. In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from $175 million in 2015 to a new total of $177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service.

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Knight of the Month

GK Jim Pritchard presenting Frank Polis with the Knight of the Month award

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New Members

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, have them complete a Form 100 or contact our Membership Director, Dennis Banks at (772) 214-8519.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to males 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics.

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No menu information at time of newsletter distribution
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What is it? Why does it matter? What does it mean to you?

We were established as a mutual, non-profit, fraternal society to protect and insure our loved ones, serve our parish, our clergy, our community, and our world. Your insurer is a Catholic insurer and it is thoroughly aligned and consistent with your values and therefore a different kind of insurance company.

Father McGivney established an insurance company by the simple act of collecting funds to support families in need during those early council meetings. That insurance company is still here today, 135 years later and it is strong. However, there is more than the superior financial strength, consider these few and often overlooked points about your insurance company:

- **Conservative Investment:** Safety & growth, not just growth. We are a mutual company and you, if you are a contract owner, are a company owner. It is your money and the order manages that money according to your values. And it is the financial engine behind our awesome giving worldwide.
- **Investments are CATHOLIC ALIGNED:** we do not invest in companies that are not aligned with Catholic Values.
- **The Business Model is not Sales Driven, like the Order, it is SERVICE driven.**
  - The Agent directly and personally services claims and other contract service tasks, others often offer a 3rd Party Call Center.
  - The Agent will help you with any and all tasks you or your family may request during estate settlement and estate/retirement planning cycles.
  - The agent consults with you and helps you plan, without an obligation by you.

Insurance is not about us; it is about what we envision for our loved ones if we pass away. It is about what we want for them and not about what we need. Life brings changes and new opportunities to secure our retirement and protect our families at every stage. It is never a bad idea to review your current plans with a knowledgeable professional who shares the same values and beliefs. Call me soon.

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Save the Date!

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“Christmas “PGK”

Dinner Dance
December 20, 2017
Dinner 6 PM / Dance 7 PM
Music “Ray Gumont”
Tickets $10 Members
$15 Guest
772-286-7507

Celebrate Christmas with your Brother Knights

“New Years Eve”

Dinner Dance
December 31, 2017
Dinner 7 PM / Dance 8 PM
Music “Driftwoods”
Tickets $75
772-286-7507

Help us celebrate the New Year

“Public Welcomed”

Happy New Year!
Around the Council
Wonderful picture of Pope Francis taken by our Deputy Grand Knight, Ed Ciancone

Cove Road Clean Up! It was quite a turnout.

Names of Volunteers:
Bill Caffrey, Phil Banks, Dennis Banks, Frank Polis
Jim Pritchard, Jerry Seagiff, Ben Maran, John Hart
Ed Ciancone, Mark Valerio, John Praskac
Tom Massar, Bob Reaney, Dave Merklin

Great group. Like the man said one time: Many hands make light work. Done before 11 AM
Around the Council
Around the Council
The Columbiettes

By: Barbara Guido, President of The Columbiettes

I first want to thank my board and Yolie for standing in for me and making sure our meeting went well, and to all the members attending to ensure a pleasant afternoon.

The holidays are around the corner, and we are in full swing for our Fashion Show, February 17, 2018. The tickets are out there, $25.00 ea. and if needing one, please call Barbara 772-781-6764 or Yolie 772-221-1134. We will have a hot buffet lunch, salad and dessert on the tables, coffee and iced tea. We already have a commitment from about 6 members to make a basket to raffle off. We are in need of Gift Cards, Articles of any sort, monetary donation to help us put together many more baskets.

If you are planning to make a basket, please call for directions/decoration to put it together.

We are hoping to get volunteers to visit a nursing home with a small article of holiday cheer, date and time to be announced. If you have any holiday trinket or ornament you may not need or want, please consider calling us to retrieve it or bring it to the Dec. meeting. Its these little things that the lonely enjoy.

Our next meeting December 13, 2017, we are planning a Christmas lunch for all attending, so I need an RSVP to order. Please be aware of the time change, FOR THIS MEETING ONLY, starting our meeting at 12 noon with lunch to follow.

Happy Birthday to our December Babies: Teresa Nowicki, Geraldine Shelzi, Theresa Weiner.

Get Well Thoughts to: Jean DiGiorgio, Joan Cannell, Lucille Masser

Remember Pancake Breakfast the first Sunday of each month and Bingo every Sunday, help is always accepted for both.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all!

Pray for our military, homeless, physically/mentally hurting, the abused, the forgotten and sadly all the families left behind from all the tragedies that has happened all around us.

Pray for our UNITED STATES, STAND UP & PROUDLY FLY THE FLAG.

Pray for our military, homeless, physically/mentally hurting, the abused, the forgotten, and most of all “OUR OWN UNITED STATES, STAND UP & PROUDLY FLY THE FLAG.

Smile, it’s contagious.

The 4th Degree

By: F. Navigator, Sir Knight Artie Birke

Congratulations to our seven new Sir Knights. We had four candidates from Council 10718 and three candidates from Council 6241 advance to the 4th Degree this past Thanksgiving weekend. The exemplification took place at the Rosen Plaza hotel in Orlando Florida. Also in attendance were three standing officers from Assembly1764 and the Financial Secretary of Council 6241, Mike Fisk

Blessings, Artie Birke FN

From left to right: Bud Duggan, PGK Frank Polis and Ed Skupeen from 6241; FS Mike Fisk; F. Admiral Ron Robison; Bill Hughes from 10718; FN Artie Birke; Ed Jost, Larry Maniscalco and Robert Kobus from 10718
Saint of the Month

Saint Cecilia

From www.catholic-saints.info
St. John the Apostle, the son of Zebedee and Salome, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. John was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He is considered the same person as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos and the Beloved Disciple. John’s older brother was St. James the Great, another one of Jesus’ Twelve Apostles. Jesus referred to the brothers as “Boanerges,” meaning “sons of thunder.” John is believed to be the longest living apostle and the only not to die a martyr’s death.

John, along with Peter and James, were the only witnesses of the raising of Daughter of Jairus, and the closest witnesses to the Agony in Gethsemane. John was the one who reported to Jesus they had “forbidden” a non-disciple from casting out demons in Jesus’ name.” This prompted Jesus to state, “he who is not against us is on our side.”

John and Peter were the only two apostles sent by Jesus to make preparations for the final Passover meal, the Last Supper. During the meal, St. John sat next to Jesus, leaning on him rather than lying along the couches.

John was the only one of the Twelve Apostles who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. After the Assumption of Mary, John went to Ephesus, according to Church tradition. He later became banished by the Roman authorities to the Greek Island of Patmos; this is where he allegedly wrote the Book of Revelation. It is said John was banished in the late 1st century, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, after being plunged into boiling oil in Rome and suffering no injuries. It is also said that all those who witnessed the miracle in the Colosseum were converted to Christianity. Emperor Domitian was known for his persecution of Christians.

John is known as the author of the Gospel of John and four other books in the New Testament - the three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation. The authorship of the Gospel is credited to the “disciple whom Jesus loved,” and John 21:24 claims the Gospel of John is based on the “Beloved Disciple’s” testimony. However, the true authorship has been debated on since 200. In his Ecclesiastical History, Eusebius states the First Epistle of John and the Gospel of John are agreed upon as John’s. Eusebius continues to state the second and third epistles of John are not John the Apostle’s.

In the Gospel of John, the phrase ”the disciple whom Jesus loved,” or ”the Beloved Disciple” is used five times, but is not used in any other New Testament accounts of Jesus.

St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The ”beloved disciple” died in Ephesus after AD 98, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque.

St. John is the patron saint of love, loyalty, friendships, and authors. He is often depicted in art as the author of the Gospel with an eagle, symbolizing “the height he rose to in his gospel.” In other icons, he is shown looking up into heaven and dictating his Gospel to his disciple.

Feast Day of Saint Cecilia

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist’s feast day is celebrated on December 27.

Fashion Show

A picture of last year’s Fashion Show, to advertise our next one coming up February 17, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus, tickets on sale @ $25.00ea.
The Shield Boosters

We thank all our Brothers and Sisters for this extra support!

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Good of the Order

For the Soul of:
Fr. John DiFiore, Claire Schweizer, John Condon, Tom Boiano, Jack Heyer, Terry Nolan, Rose Ciferri, Rose Cavallo

For Healing:
How to Pray the Rosary

How to Pray the Rosary

1. Begin by making the Sign of the Cross
2. Holding the crucifix, pray the Apostle’s Creed
3. On the first bead, pray the Our Father
4. On the next three beads, pray the Hail Mary
5. On the last bead, pray the Glory Be
6. Announce the first mystery and pray one Our Father, ten Hail Mary’s, and the Glory Be.
   Note: The Fatima Prayer is optional and should not be said after the initial 3 Hail Mary’s
7. Repeat until the five decades are prayed
8. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen
9. Finish by making the Sign of the Cross

Sign of the Cross
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Our Father
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

Glory Be
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Fatima Prayer
O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Note: The Fatima Prayer is optional and should not be said after the initial 3 Hail Mary’s

Hail, Holy Queen
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
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Have something to share or would like to advertise? Submit it in The Shield via email to brianlucrezia@att.net

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Bingo

Bingo has been a long-standing tradition at our council and we are always looking for extra help. If you would like to volunteer for Bingo, please contact one of the team captains. Their names and numbers are listed below. All volunteers are welcome!

K of C Charity – Unity - Fraternity

“It is easier for a camel to pass through a needle’s eye then for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God”

SUNDAY BINGO VOLUNTEERS – CHAIRMAN PAT BREEN 223-4619
Volunteering = Charity

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