Brother Knights,

May is upon us and many of our Brothers will return or have returned north. We hope they had a good trip and have a wonderful Summer. We will be looking forward to their return to Florida. Thanks to Dave Merklin (Program Captain) and his volunteers for another successful Cove Road Clean up last month. (Picture can be found further in the Shield). On Wednesday April 25th we held our Annual Awards Night and it was a great success. Everyone enjoyed listening to the fantastic St Joseph’s Jazz Band. They also enjoyed the Knights and Columbiettes awarding gifts to the many charities and Alter servers from our three Parishes. This is an important time for us because it embodies the tenant of Charity, the Knights first tenant. It is where we give our time, talent and treasures to help those less fortunate in life. The last Slam Breakfast of this season is our May Breakfast and will be here and gone quickly. We will also be setting up a work day to clean and store our grills till October. We have our last seasonal dance approaching quickly on Saturday May 5th, Cinco de Mayo. Please plan on attending, music is by Permanent Affair and the food is being prepared by Enrico Catering. Please contact the Council office for your tickets. Thanks to Dave Olio with the assistance of our Membership Chairperson, Dennis Banks, and the help of many volunteer Knights, we had a successful membership drive at St Andrew’s Church. Because of this we will be having a 1st Degree this month to welcome the many new members to our Council. Please remember we are always looking for Brothers to volunteer for our Thursday and Sunday Bingo’s, which are very important to the continued functioning of our Council.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

God Bless

Grand Knight, Jim Pritchard
Our council Facebook page is getting a face lift. Please visit the site and Click the **LIKE** button to receive news and events.

https://www.facebook.com/KofC6241/
**The Last Martyr of Mexico**

The Cristero War had ended in 1929, but the persecution of the Church in Mexico wasn’t over. Of the country’s 4,500 priests before the war, only 334 remained. Father Pedro Maldonado was one of only two priests in the Chihuahua state who stayed with his flock. On Ash Wednesday 1937, he finished hearing confessions in Santa Isabel Parish at around 3 p.m. and began his walk home. He had barely arrived when the silence was broken by rough knocks on the door. His attackers were waiting.

The priest changed out of his cassock, threw on his sombrero and asked a parishioner for two pyxes to protect the consecrated hosts. Outside, his parishioners valiantly tried to create a diversion to allow him time to escape, but to no avail. More than 25 raucous, armed men on horseback had arrived to apprehend him on false charges from anti-Catholic municipal officials.

Hours later, the beloved pastor was brutally beaten to death. Of the 25 Mexican martyrs that Pope John Paul II canonized May 21, 2000, Father Maldonado was one of six Knights of Columbus priests and the last of the martyrs to be killed. He became a saint of two cities — Chihuahua, where he ministered, and El Paso, Texas, where he was ordained 100 years ago and later exiled — and his witness continues to inspire Catholics on both sides of the border.

“The fact that he was ordained in El Paso is a blessing from God,” said Father Fernando Zapata, St. Maldonado’s great grandnephew and a priest of the Archdiocese of Chihuahua, at a recent celebration of the ordination anniversary (see sidebar). “That he was given the means here to spread the message in Chihuahua connects both dioceses and unites both cultures through a common faith and duty to serve Jesus Christ.”

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.

What is a practical Catholic?

A practical Catholic accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Terrific Tuesdays, Dinner Dances, and Grand Slam Breakfast

PUBLIC WELCOME!

Upcoming Events

**GRAND SLAM BREAKFAST:** 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH THROUGH MAY 8:00 AM-11:00 AM  $6

**DINNER DANCE:** DINNER DANCE SCHEDULE 2017/2018 FOODIES AND DANCERS! STARTS 6 PM  JOIN US FOR EVENINGS OF CULINARY DELIGHTS & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!  $28

**NEW YEAR’S EVE BASH!**  DECEMBER 31, 2017  $75 PP STARTS AT 7 PM INCLUDES OPEN BAR

**ITALIAN NIGHT**  JANUARY 20, 2018

**VALENTINE’S DAY**  FEBRUARY 10, 2018

**SAINT PATRICK’S DAY**  MARCH 17, 2018

**LET’S GO TO THE HOP!**  APRIL 14, 2018

**CINCO DE MAYO**  MAY 5, 2018
Who would like to win some money?

Come to our monthly council meetings for your chance to win one of two attendance awards!

Must be present to win!

Names Drawn

$500: Joe W. Smith

$123: Robert Bentert

NO WINNERS!
Around the Council

Cove Road Cleanup

Awards Ceremony

Fr. John Farewell Mass

Past grand knight Fritz Wilhelm (lifetime skilled woodworker) - extensive array of tools at very fair pricing:

Numerous power tools such as: drill press, complex major table saw, air compressor 1.5 hp, routers, power saws, sanders, drill motors, generator-honda em5000s, excellent collection of woodworking hand tools and numerous others. Plus fasteners & other utility parts, wood pieces such as moldings & cabinet doors, etc. Fritz was a perfectionist and only invested in excellent equipment. Contact Wilma Wilhelm at 772-219-2688 or 772-631-0427.

Nancy from Safe Space, Glenna from Helping People Succeed, Samantha from Children’s Home Society, Bonnie from the Kane Center, Chelsea from House of Hope, Mary from the VA, Sheila from the Boys & Girls Club of Martin, Margot from Habitat for Humanity of Martin, and Mary from Pregnancy Care Center. We thank them all for coming.
The Columbiettes

This will be the last letter as president. I am sad, but it’s necessary to give someone else the opportunity to lead the group. With advice from chapter, we will have our installation at our first meeting, October.

All our events are completed, and files are being updated. The awards ceremony was lovely. St. Joe’s band was fantastic, and the recipients were delighted.

Thank you to Ed Daccarett for his presentation at our last meeting of the “Holy Eucharist Unites Heaven & Earth.” It was so interesting with slide, handouts & explanations.

Happy birthday to our May & June babies: Peggy Buxton, Ceil Crawford, Hilda Dodge, Dorothy Formi-Rausch, Carole Kuhlmeier, Lucille Lambert & Wilma Wilhelm.

Get well wishes to: Margaret Tuzzio, Jean Digiorgio, Lucille Masser, Rosa Jackson & Donna Katula.

Our sincere sympathy to Millie Capel for the loss of her dear husband George Capel. Our prayers to you and your family.

I must correct a “boo boo.” Our new secretary will be Elaine Culloty and our new Vice President will be Marjorie Melley. Thank you for saying “yes.” I apologize for naming the wrong person in my last letter.

Remember our Veterans, especially those away from home and in harm’s way. Pray for those who have been abused, mentally or physically, the homeless, mothers and their babies, all who are struggling with illnesses beyond their control.

God bless America. Fly your American flag with pride. God bless our government to make the right choices and shed a Bright Light on the land of the free.

Thank you all who stood behind me, I applaud your dedication to this auxiliary, your kindness and friendship. Whomever, steps up, remember I will be right there in my past president seat, if you need me.

Thank you. Barbara

Barbara Guido, President of The Columbiettes

Thank you, Barbara and Artie!

The 4th Degree

On April 29th, Assembly members attended Fr. John Kasparek’s farewell Mass at Holy Redeemer Church. Although we wished him well in retirement, as a Faithful Sir Knight, He will continue as our F. Friar after his retirement.

On May 17th we will install Paul Nelson as the new F. Navigator succeeding Artie Birke. The formal evening will have music, an open bar, and catering by the best: Enrico! Reservations are a must. Call 772-286-7507 or Ron Robison at 772-781-5023.

At $20, it’s a bargain. Pay at the door.

There will be a 4th degree exemplification on June 9th in Delray. The form 4 must be in the Master’s hands by May 29th. For info, call

Thank you and many Blessings!

Artie Birke, Faithful Navigator
Save the Date

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MARTIN COUNCIL
CINCO de MAYO
Dinner Dance
Sat May 5th  6 pm
ENRICO'S CATERING
Flavors of Mexico
Tacos-Fajitas-Rice&Beans-Guacamole
Salsa-not too spicy-Salad bar
Music Permanent Affair
$28 .. call 286-7507

Culture of Life

DAILY PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death, by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the Treasure Coast pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

May Birthdays

Saint of the Month – May Marian Devotions

The Visitation is the visit of Mary to Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Luke 1:39–56. It is also the name of a Christian feast day commemorating this visit, celebrated on May 31st in the West (July 2nd in calendars of the 1263–1969 period, and in the modern regional calendar of Germany) and Hungary and March 30th among Eastern Christians.

The Month of Mary

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1). This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church. The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however, it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation.

Excerpted from Enchiridion of Indulgences.

The pious practice of honoring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (Mediator Dei) characterized it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182). Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored, and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts" (no. 2). In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favorite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

To read more about the pious exercises, visit: https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/05_1.cfm
The Shield Boosters

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

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For Healing:
**How to Pray the Rosary**

*Take from [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)*

### 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

Deadline to submit material for The Shield is no later than the 25th of the month.
## Upcoming Events

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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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