

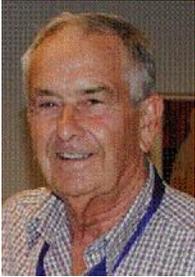


KNIGHTS LETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

Fr. Stanley S. Kromer, O. Carm.
Council 11553 * St. Raphael Parish * Englewood, FL



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



I hope all of you are having a healthy, happy summer. Although most people take their vacations during this season, the new board has been quite busy planning for the upcoming year. Our thanks go out to last year's board for all their efforts.

It was most gratifying to see so many of our Knights attending Mass on July 4th. It is so much a part of who we are; allegiance to God and country.

Despite the downpour of rain, our blood drive on July 14th was very successful. The Big Red Bus left the church grounds with every blood bag filled. Thanks to all the donors who gave of themselves, to those who helped with the coffee and donuts and all those who came to support us. It certainly was a sense of community at its best.

The Silver Rose ceremony was held at St Raphael's Church on July 15th and was followed by a luncheon at the Parish Center. Terry Zic conducted a beautiful service at the church. Dave Sants, Jim Hefton and Jack Seiler graciously served the delicious luncheon. We extend our appreciation to Larry Kocen and all those who worked so hard to make this a tribute to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Currently we are in the process of scheduling upcoming events. I speak on behalf of the new board when I say that we will be open to any and all suggestions that will enhance our activities and events for the future. We would like to expand our functions to be more inclusive of all our parishioners, young and old. Your input is crucial.

A substantial amount of our fund raising income was lost due to promotional changes made by the casinos. We are looking into other financial income options and your input/suggestions/help would greatly be appreciated.

We are looking forward to our partnership with the

K of C Ladies Auxiliary under the leadership of Judy Henry and her board. The Ladies Auxiliary gives 100% and we couldn't do without them. Thank You.

Vivat Jesus

Peter Pesa

Grand Knight
Council 11553

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Knights,



Even though we here in Florida might hardly notice, summer is now giving way to fall... baseball giving way to football, and most significantly--

sweltering weather to cool breezes....the perfect time for us to give some thought to something that will please both your doctor and our Lord: a form of exercise called "linear contemplations," or, more simply, walking/praying.

While most of us "old timers" would readily admit our bodies aren't as flexible as they once were and, as a result, we have to be careful how we move about, there is one thing that we can do and which our family doctor tells us brings with it many physical benefits: **Walk!!!** Concerns about our overall health should be sufficient motivation to walk a certain distance each day. But I would like to couple the notion of walking (and thus keeping our doctor happy) with the awareness we should have that walking can also be a spiritual exercise and as a new way of seeing.

"By spiritual exercise" I don't mean an act of devotion or piety" theologian Frank Cunningham tells us. He continues: "The medieval monk Walter Hinton

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said that the discipline of the physical life enables spiritual results. In walking I challenge my body and stretch my soul." And he goes on to quote C.S. Lewis as saying "Silent prayer is the best." In walking you can find this silence; the act of walking becomes a silent prayer.

Walking and praying...concentrating on spiritual things as we move along. Try it. keep at it You'll like it. So will God...and your doctor.

Father Niles

Chaplain
Council 11553

DISTRICT DEPUTY MESSAGE

To My Brothers All,



This fraternal year will be like no other. The state has many programs and much help in the areas. We have some mandatory things the state wants, the good news is since I've been District Deputy a few of them I have already implemented over the past two years.

We need our organization to grow. We need new ideas and new men to help get them done. This starts with the state's **power of one video** found on the state's website. The power of one explains how we can all reach our goals. The other stuff will be covered in September at our district meeting, September 7, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Venice at Council 7052--512 Sub Station Road, Venice, Florida. Also, we want one new member per Council per month--this can be done. We are already doing the mandatory degrees each month. Brothers, help us make our goal, one star council per year. We should have at least five with all we do.

I will be there for all of you helping you reach that goal. We have much work to do and we will do it as a team. God bless and get ready for another great year with many new things. We also thank all the

Ladies in the Auxiliary for all the help you give our Knights.

VIVAT JESUS

Michael J. Costanza Sr

District Deputy #50

K of C Insurance

“Live On” or “Leave On” Money



As your working life progresses, your priorities will likely shift. Many major life events (weddings, births, education costs for children, etc.) are probably behind you. Your focus shifts to those “golden” retirement years when you can enjoy your hobbies, grandchildren, travel or simply relax at home.

During my career as a field agent, I've had members ask me what they should do with a sum of money they are looking to “dump” somewhere for safe keeping. First, I tell them that there is no safer place to put their money than with the Knights of Columbus. No one has ever lost money using our retirement products. There are no risks assumed by you, the members. Second, I ask the member a question: Is this money to “live on” or “leave on”?

I ask this because the answer makes all the difference. If you want a guaranteed flow of cash in retirement, one of our annuity options might meet your needs. If this money is intended as a gift for grandchildren, to assist your wife in the event of your passing or to give to your favorite charity, a Single Premium Whole Life policy might be the best product.

When it comes to decisions about your finances and your family's future, don't leave things to chance. Discuss the options with a brother Knight who knows how to help. Someone who's helped many other Catholic families not too different from yours. Someone who can offer you life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products backed by the strength and security of an insur-

ance provider rated among the top in the industry.

Call me today to set up a time to meet. You'll only regret that you didn't call sooner.

Gerald Hatcher, FICF, MBA

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Hi Everybody,



This is Judy Henry your new President for the 2013-14 year. I always said that while I was working I would not do this. As you can see what was said and done are two different things. I'm still working and took on this big job. I just hope I don't let you down. I'll try my best to do everything that is needed so as to come up to your standards. We do have a lot on our calendar for this up and coming year. Please help me make it a success.

I would like to give a great deal of thanks to our out going President, Rozetta Barette, the person with the biggest heart. Once again, thank you from all of us.

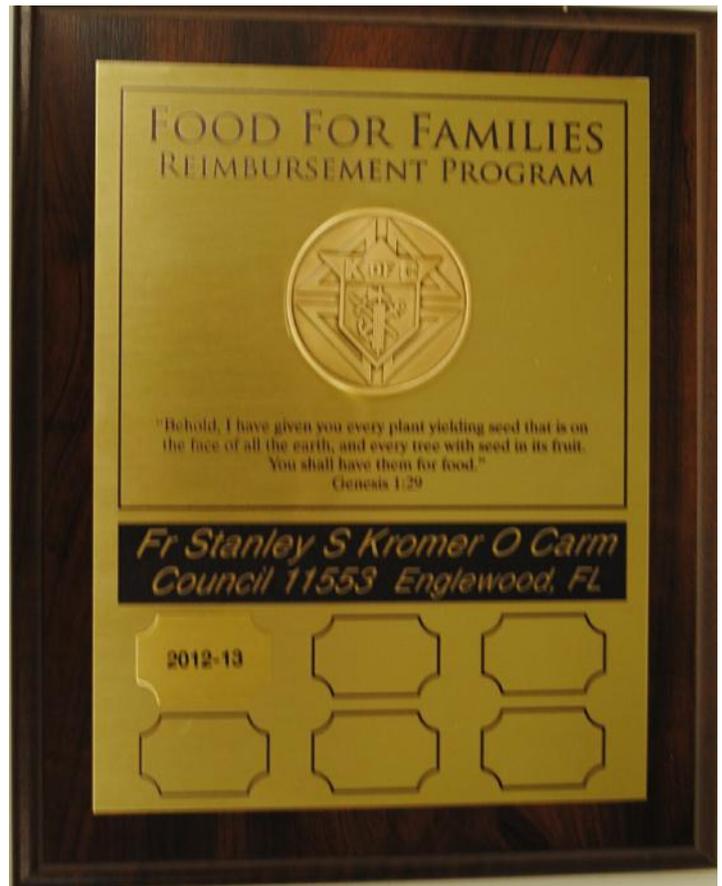
Things to look forward to this year:

1. Annual Basket Auction will be Nov 9th.
2. The Baby Bottle Drive will start Dec 14th. They will be collected on Jan 13th.
3. The Patsy Cline Show will be Feb 16th.
4. The Fashion Show will be held on March 25th.

We will have more information to come soon.

Judy Henry

President



40 Cans For 40 Days Of Lent

This past Lenten Season K of C Supreme Council put out a challenge to all Councils to help feed those in need during these slow times. This would be done in conjunction with food pantries in the area of each Council. If enough lbs. of food were collected each Council could receive up to \$500 dollars plus a nice Plaque showing this accomplishment.

Harold Barette, along with his wife Rozetta, took the challenge. Word was put out that they would collect donated food items after all the Masses during Lent. They loaded their car each week and took the food to the Helping Hand Food Pantry where the workers there off loaded it. It was then weighed and recorded each week in order to have an official record.

When the final tally was recorded after Lent, the Parishioners of St Raphael had donated 3500 lbs of food items. The 2500 lbs qualified us for the \$500 check from K of C Supreme plus the nice Plaque as seen above. The extra 1000 lbs. will go towards this coming year's quota.

Kudos to Harold and Rozetta for all their hard work in starting and finishing this project. Of course, thanks to all our Parishioners at St Raphael Church.

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Blood Drive Schedule 2013

Sep 15 St Raphael
Oct 20 St Francis
Nov 17 St Raphael

Sugar Bowl SHOW OF SHOWS
Sunday, October 27, 2013
2 p.m.
Venice Community Center
326 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice, FL 34285

Together with a
FABULOUS BAND
participating in an extraordinary event. Our
celebrates the music of Pat Waller, George Gershwin,
Jarry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, Fats Domino & The Dominoes,
Roger Williams, Ray Charles, Elton John and
more in this explosively entertaining show!

From
Boogie-Woogie to Broadway
and
Ragtime to Rock 'n Roll
- The Show Must Go On!

With
Tom Ellison - on Woodwinds.

and Special
Guest: **Katherine Alexandra - on Piano and Vocals.**

Tickets are \$20 per person.
Tickets available
at the door
or visit
www.catholiccharitiesdo.org

Sponsored by: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.,
and the Knights of Columbus.
Proceeds from the Sugar Bowl Show of Shows will go directly to local charities
in the southern diocese to help the poor and needy.
Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus serve all in need regardless of race, nationality or creed.

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Day	
September			
02		Mon	Labor Day
02		Mon	Englewood Frontier Days Parade
05	6:00 P.M.	Thu	Business/Social Meeting at the PAC
			Officers Meeting at 6:00 P.M./Bus Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
15	All Masses	Sun	Blood Drive at St Raphael
21	8:00 A.M.	Sat	K of C Highway Cleanup—Meet at 8:00 A.M. Parish Center



Last May our K of C Council 11553 was awarded the Trophy above for it's work with the Council Newsletter. This was made possible by all the dedicated workers we have in our Council 11553. The many activities gave us much to write about during the course of the K of C year which ran from July 1, 2012 to June 30 of this year.

Some of the activities last year included the blessing of the animals, spaghetti dinners each month, Show of Shows, Christmas raffle, Casino trips, St Patrick's Day Party, Tootsie Roll Drive and others. Keep in mind that all monies raised go to charities. It's pretty easy writing about these activities and putting them in our Newsletter.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the K of C Ladies Auxiliary who have been a tremendous help in supporting our K of C 11553. They helped with the Pasta dinners. Also, many of the ladies made some

fine food and desserts for our monthly social meetings. In addition to helping us, they put on their own Basket Auction and Fashion Show and other events.

As for the Newsletter, I feel all our groups come under the same roof here at St Raphael's Catholic Church with our Pastor, Fr Mark Schaffner. It is nice to honor all the other groups such as CCW, Prayer Shawl Group and Packages to the Troops.

In summary one can see why we have a lot to write about here in our Parish. Hopefully, with all groups here working together as last year, we'll have another successful year.

Jack Hardman, Editor
K of C 11553 Newsletter

“Happy Birthday” to Our Brother Knights for the Month of September

John Gregory	Sep 02
Tom Melideo	Sep 02
Richard Levay	Sep 07
Maurice Comeau	Sep 12
Charles Sapiano	Sep 15
Jack Seiler	Sep 18
Rev Niles Gillen	Sep 19
Joseph Mills	Sep 19
Gregory Busch	Sep 27
Peter Pesa	Sep 27
John Trush	Sep 27
John Gokey	Sep 28

Reminder
Our First Pasta Dinner
Will Be This October 18th

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners—2013



Charles Schwaner

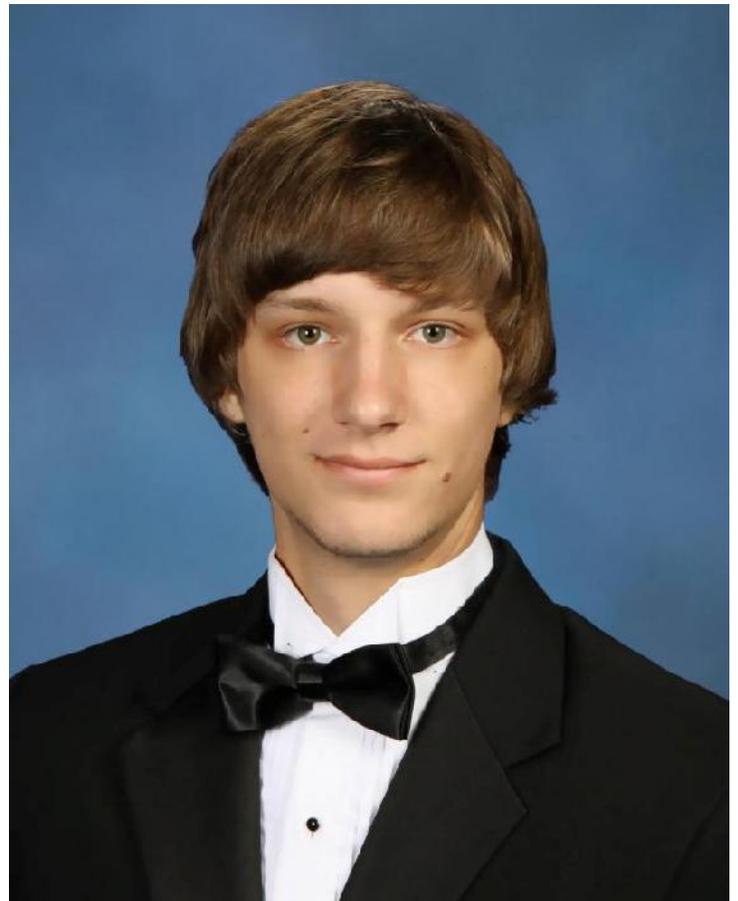
Charles is a graduate of Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School in Sarasota. He was very active during his school years as an athlete and volunteer in many areas. In high school he participated in football all 4 years and Lacrosse grades 11-12.. He was a member of Key Club grades 9-11 and Foreign Language Club grades 9-12.

Charles has been very active in community activities. Among them as an Altar Server at St Raphael Church for the last 10 years. Also, he worked with Packages for the Troops, donated blood, Humane Society grade 9 and worked at Habitat for Humanity grade 12.

Charles is an all around person and will contribute to whatever group he works with in the future.

He has been enrolled at Florida State University. After finishing his 4 year degree, he plans on pursuing a Masters Degree in Business and wants to go to work in the business world.

We wish Charles all the best. He is the son of Charles and Ryan Schwaner of Englewood, FL.



Mark Allseits

Mark is a graduate of Pine View School in Osprey. However, he attended Lemon Bay High School through grade 11. He was active in baseball in Grade 9-11 and was Captain of the varsity team in Grade 11. He worked during summer, Christmas and spring breaks at a mobile home park doing maintenance, lawn care, pressure cleaning and painting.

Mark has been an Altar Server at St Raphael since he was 11yrs old. Also he was a member of the children's choir age 4-12..

However, Mark's forte appears to be in Speech and Debate. He was Captain of his team at Pine View as a Senior and was recognized by the National Forensics League as having Outstanding Distinction (1000 +NFL Points).

Mark will be attending Western Kentucky University where he will represent the school and compete nationally as a member of their forensics (debate) team. He plans to major in Political Science and International Affairs. After undergraduate school, his dream is to attend law school and practice law.

Mark is the son of Klaus and Mary Allseits of Englewood, FL.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon & Silver Rose

In the year 1531 Our Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in one of her many apparitions as “Our Lady of Guadalupe. She asked that a Church be built on the site of her appearance and as a result was offering the original people of Mexico independence from Paganism and the clutches of Evil.

This past summer, on July 15, District 50 of the Florida K of C celebrated this occasion by honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon and Silver Rose at St Raphael Catholic Church in Englewood, FL. The day began with a procession into the church led by District Deputy Michael Costanza carrying the Silver Rose. This was followed by prayers led by Terri Zic who is a member of the K of C Ladies Auxiliary.

After the proceedings at the church everyone walked over to the Parish Center where a nice luncheon was served. This was hosted by Council 11553. All in all the celebration went well.

This was the second year in a row that St Raphael has hosted this event. Chairman for the event was Larry Kocen, State Marian Program Chairman.



Terri Zic leads the congregation in prayer to honor the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon & the Silver Rose.

Grand Knight Note: We tried having a social and refreshments last year. We had to use our 50/50 to supplement the cost. This is something we need to think about and discuss at our next meeting. This social should be able to pay for itself. A set cost of \$3 per Knight or \$5 per couple should make this self-sufficient. This would allow us to again use our 50/50 for charity.



Above are the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon and the Silver Rose which were celebrated July 15, 2013 at St Raphael Catholic Church in Englewood, FL.

NOTE: See more photos, page 8.

Church Area Highway Cleanup

There will be a cleanup of the streets around the St Raphael Church on Sep 21st which is a Saturday. We are asking all volunteers to be there at 8:00 A.M. sharp in the parking lot of the Parish Center. All materials and supplies will be there for you-just bring your manpower!

After the cleanup we will all go to a restaurant for breakfast. Bring your appetite!

Jim Powell
Chairman



Michael Costanza, District 50 Deputy, holds the Silver Rose with Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon in the background as District Warden, Ed Gionet, looks on.

After the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Church, everyone settles in for a luncheon in the Father Niles Parish Center. The luncheon was hosted by Council 11553 of St Raphael Parish in Englewood.

Prayer List

All Cancer Victims	Fetcko, Ed	McCormick, Tom	Scott, Eileen
All K of C Knights	Foley, Marissa	McDonald, Michael	Separa, Edith
Acken, Robert	Haas, Bob	McMullen, Alice	Simpson, Wendy
Amos, Samantha	Hagan, Theresa	McWha, Bill & Millie	Spagnola, Joe & Marie
Araujo, Silva III	Hall, Cortney	Michael, Todd	Vitalis, Bob
Barette, Rozetta	Hazard, Theresa	Miles, Ethel	Walsh, Bob
Beck, Bill	Hefton, Dolly	Miller, Catherine	Walsh, Susan
BISHOP Dewane	Hefton, Dennis	Miller, Don	Walsh, Father Tom
BISHOP Nevin	Henry, Jan	Miller, Robert	Wendlant Leona
Boczar, Shirley	Herron, Lenore	Moran, Elaine	Whitacker, Randy
Boswell, Paul	Hilovsky, Arla	Nugent, Judy	Zic, Therese
Boyes, Bob	Johnson, Sierra	Oches, Bob	Zuk, Mary Ann
Brower, Ronnie	Jolly, Nancy	O'Connell, Delores	All Service Personnel
Broyard, Michele	Jones, Eleanor	O'Connell, Bill	The Mentally Challenged
Brunner, Elisa	Kahler, Chuck	O'Donnell, Eileen	The Physically Challenged
Cleary, Family	Kahler, Jo	Priesley Jean	The Homeless
Coakley, Jack	Kelly, Joyce	Rack, Kevin	
Corley, Midge	Kelly, Susan	Reser, Leon Sir Knight	
Costanza, Kelly	Malave, Family	Sapiano, Chuck	
Costanza, Family	Mansir, Kathy	Schano, Loretta	
Covino, Linda	McBrien-Knosp, Melissa	Schmitt, Roger	