



KNIGHTS LETTER APRIL 2014

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



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,



Let me start by thanking Fr Niles for his Beautiful Note in our last Newsletter, pointing out that this is the time for bringing our faith into what we all should be doing and thinking of during Lent. Please go back and reread what he has said and let us always follow his words.

The Knights have gone ahead and have done a great job on the Mass of the Roses with Color Guards presenting roses to our widows after Mass with music director, Jeffrey Herbert, doing a fine job on the organ. Thank you, Jeffrey!

Our Blood Drive was successful once again collecting 12 pints which will help 36 patients in need.

Our St Paddy's Dinner was enjoyed by all. It was chaired by Steve West with help from Mike Obendorfer, Tom Salveggio, Tom Melideo, John Trush and many other Brothers. We also received much help from our Ladies Auxiliary. Jim McCarthy 's Band entertained all with Irish music which was great. Also we were entertained by the Irish Step Dancers from the Irish Dance Academy of Sarasota. These young ladies were great.

We had our road clean up on Mar 15. Our Brothers keep the roads cleaned up around the church.

Fr Mark celebrated his 25th Anniversary as a priest in the Carmelite Order on Mar 23 in our Parish Activity Center. Dinner was provided by Gary Miller. Dr Diane Vitalis was chairwoman of this event with all her helpers.

Our meeting of officers was held on Mar 27th. The CCW sponsored the Paul Todd concert on Mar 30 in our Parish Activity center--\$15 per person.

During April the following will take place:
Bus/Soc meeting will be Apr 3 at 6:00 P.M. and our Officers meeting on Apr 24 at 7:00 P.M. Remember, Our Holy Week begins on Apr 14 with Good Friday on Apr 18 and Easter on Apr 20. We will need Brothers to fill the Easter balloons on Easter Sunday--we'll need many volunteer Brothers to do this. Our

final event for April will be the Pasta Dinner on April 25. We will need all our Brothers and Ladies Aux volunteers as usual.

Thank You!!

David Sants
Grand Knight
Council 11553

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

My Fellow Knights,



While Lent is still with us--and will be for another several days--I can't help but feel we are all looking forward to the greatest feast of the church's calendar year,

Easter!!!

Any and all of us who have taken Lent seriously and have tried to discipline ourselves through prayer, fasting and acts of almsgiving, cannot help approach the Easter Season with feelings of joy and appreciation. We are delighted that God loves us so much that He sent His Son to live, suffer and die for us. And we show our appreciation for His goodness to us by the efforts we made during Lent to draw closer to Him.....

The Easter Season consists of fifty days--from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday. These days, as one of the church leaders stated, are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed "as one great Sunday ," as St. Athanasius put it.

My hope and my prayer is that yours has been a spiritually productive Lent and that you will enter the Easter Season feeling "like a million" as the saying goes.

Father Niles
Chaplain
Council 11553

LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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Suzanne Walsh	President	941-697-9686
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Editor's Note: Suzanne Walsh couldn't be with us this month. We are filling in below with a couple photos from the Ladies Annual Fashion Show. See the Photo Addendum for all the other photos of the event.



This is a view of the table set up with the Chinese Auction at the annual Fashion Show which was held on March 20 in the Parish Activity Center.



This is Jeanne Lymburner modeling a nice white dress with matching hat at the K of C Ladies Aux Fashion Show.

District Deputy Message

To My Brothers All:



At this time of year the district and the state of it becomes the concern to a district deputy. Where are the councils as of now, what do they need to get done in order to make star council? As I said

before, everyone with a bit of hard work can make it. But at this time of year the state and its various chair people are making their calls to the district deputies letting them know where they are falling short. At that same time they are wanting to hear what I plan on doing about it. This is where I have to get with the council officers and plan a real strategic membership plan to get the membership up.

This is done in many ways. The most always seems to come from the time we think out of the box. Remember, if you do the same thing as always, you get the same results. So why do something the same way if you only get what you always do. This is why we must do new things and create ways to make our mark. This can be very different from council to council. So I am asking you to help your Grand Knight and officers to help your council.

A few ways to do this is on the membership end. Ask for a weekend at all the Masses to have a blitz. You should be having two a year and this coming month is the month to do it. Also, on insurance, you should be meeting with the field agent at least once a year--give him an invite. When he comes calling, offer him a cup of coffee, a glass of water and 30 minutes of your time. That's all it takes--no commitments or sales pitches. Just have a friendly meeting to see where you are on that day. Most of all, just \$300 in an annuity will make you an insured member and also help your council make its goal.

Brothers, we need you all to step up and talk to all the knights you know and together we will shine. I will be meeting with the officers from your council and you may be getting a call from me asking you to help out.

Until then, Happy Easter to all of you and may God bless you!

Vivat Jesus

Michael J Costanza Sr
District Deputy #51

K of C Insurance

Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can - guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That's peace of mind, and that's what we offer with our every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there.

We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.

We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high quality service that you would expect from our organization.

Our order is among the highest rated insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 38 consecutive years. It's a statement to our track record for excellence and security.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother Knights and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself."

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring peace of mind to you and your family.

Brent J. LaBreche, FICG
239-947-3386

Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show

The annual K of C Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Show started right on time at 11:30, Thursday, March 20. People found their tables and looked over the different raffles they could participate in—the cheer raffle, the Chinese Auction raffle and the 50/50 drawing.

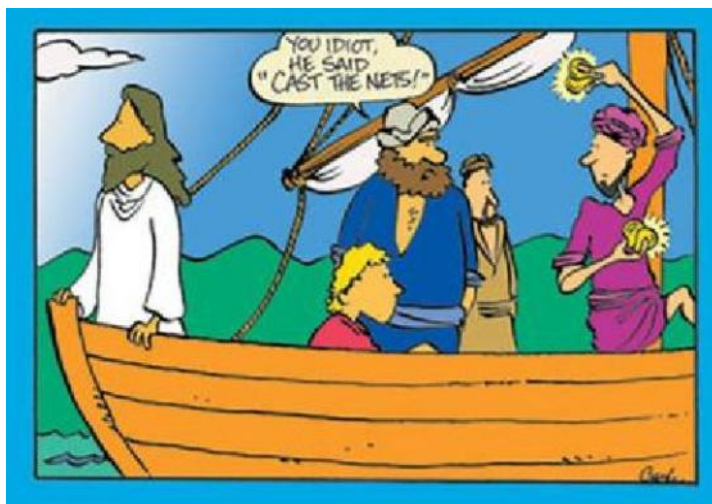
At 12:00 noon the men from the K of C started serving the ladies their dinners. The men did a good job getting the meals out to the ladies. A photographer from the Englewood Sun was there and she took some photos while things were going on. Four of the pics were in the following Saturday Newspaper.

As the meal ended, the fashion show started with Dorothy Roddy handling the show at the mic. There were six ladies from our parish who did those chores. They did an excellent job. At the end of the day, someone won the 50/50 drawing to the tune of \$183.

For more description, see the section D of the Photo Addendum for 58 photos of the whole event.



A close up of our models from left: Susan Kelley, Jacqui Westerman, Janis Boocks, Beverly Vejlupek, Jeanne Lymburner and Joan Ewles.



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c= cell phone

Blood Drive Schedule 2014

May 25 St Raphael
July 20 St Raphael



Knights of Columbus
Father Stanley S. Kromer O. Carm.
Council 11553, St. Raphael Church



PASTA DINNER

Donation: \$8.00
\$9.00 at the Door

Children Under 12 half price
Under 6 free

Friday, April 25, 2014

4:00 — 7:00 P.M.
St. Raphael
Parish Center

50/50
3 for \$2
10 for \$5

BYOB
(Beer and Wine only)

Tickets are sold after Masses
on the weekend before,
at the office and may be
limited at the door.

Call Jim LeClaire: 475-2155

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Day	
April 2014			
03	6-8:00 P.M.	Thu	K of C Bus/Social Meeting @ the PAC
13		Sun	Palm Sunday
17		Thu	Holy Thursday
18		Fri	Good Friday
19		Sat	Holy Saturday
20		Sun	Easter
24	7-8:00 P.M.	Thu	Officers/Directors Meeting @ the PAC
25	4-7:00 P.M.	Fri	Pasta Dinner @ the PAC

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

The K of C St Patrick's day Dinner-Dance had a full house on Mar 13 this year. Everyone had plenty of corned beef and cabbage. The entertainment was by the Jim McCarthy Band. Also, the girls from the Irish Dance Academy of Sarasota put on a show. A collection at the end of the show raised over \$800 to help support the girls in all their competitions. You can see all the photos of the evening on our church website.

"Happy Birthday" to Our Brother Knights for the Month of April

Thomas Faro	Apr 01
Lawrence Ciarelli	Apr 03
Albert Deshaies	Apr 04
Norbert Saje	Apr 05
Eugene Heissenbutt	Apr 08
Don Sampson	Apr 19
Bruce Caulder	Apr 25
William Dundon	Apr 30



These young girls from the Irish Dance Academy of Sarasota demonstrate their clogging as a group. They participate in different competitions around the country.



Arabella Carlson in blue dances with Kaylene Wood. Arabella is the youngest member having been with the group for only four months.



The girls show off some of their pretty dresses that they wear during competitions.



The girls perform a group dance. Their instructor is Gillian McCormack-Aeppli.

Father Mark's 25th Anniversary

Father Mark, Pastor of St. Raphael Catholic Church, celebrated his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on March 23 in our Parish Activity Center. An overflow crowd was in attendance from 4:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Father Jim Simcoe was in attendance from Naples. He talked about his relationship with Father Mark and provided many laughs.

Father Mark had the final say of the night as he corrected many of the descriptions that Father Jim had given to the audience. Father Mark also described Father Jim to the audience with many humorous tales.

All in all, it was a great and entertaining night. Also, someone suggested that Father Mark and Father Jim should take their show on the road or perhaps, go on Comedy Central!

Don't know about the others, but I can't wait for Father Mark's 50th!!

(All the photos of the evening are on the Photo Addendum for April on the church website).



Father Mark (L) celebrated his 25th anniversary with the help of Father Simcoe from Naples. They proved that a little humor can go a long way!



Grand Knight, Dave Sants, welcomes our two speakers to the Bus/Soc meeting on March 6: Jim Laurent and Natalie Anderson. They spoke about the BBBS (Big Brothers Big Sisters) of Englewood. Jim is a Member of the Board of Directors and Natalie is the Manager of the mentor managers.



Our K of C clean up crew for Mar 15 from left: Jim Powell, Al Deshaies, Ray Ouellette, Bruce McDonald, Tom Kelly, Sue and Tom Salveggio and Jack Hardman.



The clean up crew at Wink's Restaurant on March 15, 2014.

Newsletter Boosters-2013-14

Aubuchon, James August, Richard Bandy Sr, Leon+ Barette, Harold Blanding, Thomas Boyle, Hugh Bozcar, Shirley Brodeur, Leonard Brower, John Brown, Thomas Bush, Gregory Caron, Paul Caulder, Bruce Charleson, James Coakly, John Conlon, James Connary, Larry (L) Coull, Ian Cousineau, Wilford (L) Crook, Richard (L) Deshaies, Albert Dundon, William Englehart, George Ewles, Howard	Faro, Thomas Farrell, Ed Fortunato, Stephen Fry, Michael Garlasco III, Christopher Gerovac, Joseph Giel, John Giroux Jr, Arthur (L) Godlewski, Robert (L) Gokey, John Gregory, John Hanson, Harrison Hanyak, James Hardman, John (L) Hefton, Jim Heissenbuttel, Eugene(L) Horgan, Timothy Houston, William Kelley, Robert Kelly, Thomas Keough, Thomas Kleinlein, Kenneth Knapke, John Krum, David	LeClaire, James (L) LeClerc, Leon (L) Lusk, Richard Maddigan Jr, John McDonald, Bruce McGinnis, Donald McWha, Bill Melideo, Thomas Mignemi, Albert Miller, Margaret O’Connell, C. William Mroczkowski, Gerald Neumann, Henry Newton, Earl Ouellette, Raymond Parker, Stanley Patterson, William Pesa Peter Planeta, Edward Powell, James Powell, Terri Reynolds, John Roaen, Leonard (L) Saje, Norbert	Sampson, Donald Sapiano, Charles Scott, Eileen Seiler, Jack (L) Sierocuk, Marion Simone, Martin Spagnolo, Joseph (L) Stroer, Dennis Toenjes, Karl Turnock, James Vendetta, John Vitalis Sr, Robert Wallace, Florence Walsh, Robert Weatherhead, Edward Webber, Stretch Wendlandt, Ronald Wenner, Emil Wilson, Leslie Zor, Frank (L) Zuk, Kenneth L=Life Member
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Grand Knight, Dave Sants, presents the “Knight of The Month” award to Irving Medina at our monthly Bus/Soc meeting on March 6 Irving, along with his wife, Stella, have six children.

Grand Knight, Dave Sants, presents a plaque to our Past Grand Knight, Ed Farrell. Ed held that position for the past two years. Ed also received a Past Grand Knight Jewel and a gift card to a local restaurant.

Reminder

There will be no K of C
Breakfast in April

Reminder

Our Next Pasta Dinner
Will Be On April 25th
See Flyer On Page 4



C-47: These are the girls who are getting ready to perform tonight. They are from the Irish Dance Academy of Sarasota. From left to right the girls are Back Row: Ronica Smith, Kaylene Wood, Kaitlyn Maxham, Lexie Worth, Gilliam McCormack-Aeppli, Meghan Walsh. Front Row: Molly McWilliams, Stephanie Lovetere, Arabella Carlson.



These Knights served luncheon at the Ladies Fashion Show from left: Harold Barette, Jim Powell, Al Deshaies, Bob Foley, Bill Bailey, John Trush, Jim LeClaire, Dave Sants, Tom Salveggio and Bill O'Connell.