



KNIGHTS LETTER

December 2013

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Council 11553 * St. Raphael Parish * Englewood, FL



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Brother Knights,



Mass intention for Brother James Ryan @ St Raphael Church @ 11:00 A.M. on December 1st. All Brothers are invited.

The Pancake Breakfast had a larger turnout of people than our first one. The next Breakfast will be on January 12. Thank you to all the many volunteers for all their hard work to make it the success it was.

There will be no Pasta Dinner in December. The next one is scheduled for January 17, 2014.

Our 1st Degree team assisted the Venice Council led by Grand Knight Frank Viola of Council 7502 in inducting new members to their 1st Degree and two members receiving their 2nd Degree. In attendance were the Worthy State Deputy, Bob Marrah, the Worthy District Deputy, Mike Costanza and the Worthy District Warden, Ed Gionet. Also in attendance were Dick Mair, Chuck Kalaugh, Jim Powell, Jim Le-Claire, Marion Sierocuk, K.O. Corl and David Sants.

We had a good turnout for our blood drive. Many donations of blood were received. Thank you to all who participated in such a worthy cause.

The Craft Fair, held on Nov 15th, 16th, and 17th, was a great success and was enjoyed by both parishioners and visitors. There were beautiful handmade items. A big thank you from the Knights of Columbus to the ladies of the CCW for all their tireless work and support of the church.

The Ladies Auxiliary had their Annual Basket Raffle of 42 baskets finely stuffed and decorated to be won by the lucky ticket holders. The Knights of Columbus Council 11553 supplied and served meatball subs, chips, coleslaw, brownies and a drink.

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CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Knights,



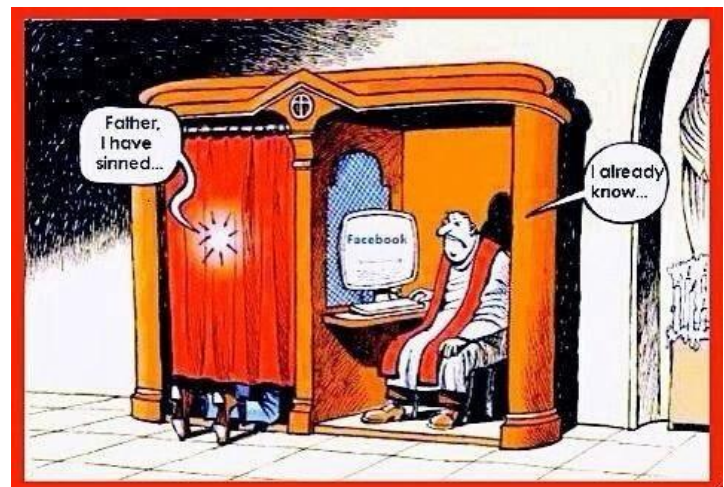
Welcome now to those of you who have recently arrived on the scene to begin what I hope and pray will be a comfortable stay.....

Liturgically speaking, we are now into the Advent Season. I would ask that you take special note of the fact that Advent has a two-fold character: it is a time for preparation for the solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and, it is a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

While I know these weeks before Christmas can be busy ones, I hope you won't mind my suggestion that you resolve to spend at least some time each day before then in communicating with Him in prayer and assuring Him how welcome His presence will always be in your home and in your heart.

Father Niles

Chaplain, Council 11553



District Deputy Message

To My Brothers All,



I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for allowing me to install the new officers. I think the installation went off great. I wish all of you great blessings and thank all of

you for the hard work you do for the Knights of Columbus. I want to thank all of you for your support you are showing the Grand Knight, Dave Sants. He is doing a great job in a very hard position.

Brothers, it brings me much joy being your District Deputy. I love what I do but the best part is what all of you do. You seem to pick up the ball and just run with it-the ball being the many charitable things you are all involved in. The best part is you are all walking the walk and talking the talk with most of you taking part in these functions. So often we get great ideas but lack in the help process. We see knights not supporting your own fund raisers but not in 11553. As I said before, everyone is on board and this makes for a great council.

My hopes are that in the next few weeks we can have a membership blitz and bring in a few new members. This will put you in line for Star Council. There is no reason for 11553 not to make Star Council this year. Get all your paperwork in, report all of your projects to Supreme, record your man-hours and list all of your charities that you helped. Many events you do qualify for more than one category. The Sugar Bowl event will get you credit in pro life, community and council-one event credit in all categories.

The youth programs are running now. All you need are a few kids to submit a poster on drugs or alcohol and the posters will be judged by you. Then send them to me for district judging. Then they will be sent to the state for advanced judging.

I want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and look to see you real soon at your functions and meetings.

Vivat Jesus

Michael J. Costanza Sr

District Deputy #51

LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS

	Chaplain	
Judy Henry	President	941-698-9825
Suzanne Walsh	Vice President	941-697-9686
Cathy Sants	Secretary	941-475-6956
Alyce Brunner (Otto)	Treasurer	941-475-8379
Dr. Diane Vitalis (Robert)	Trustee 1yr.	941-475-2771
Faye LeClaire (Jim)	Trustee 2yr.	941-475-2155
Kaye O'Connell (Bill)	Trustee 3yr.	941-475-7653

Hi Everyone,



So much has happened in the last month. We had a meeting and it was great to see all the women back. Everyone is on board with the things to be done. We had our Basket Raffle on Nov 9 and it was the best ever. We need to thank everyone who helped to make it such a success. The Knights did their part to help make it happen. They did the meatballs and serving of the food. I want to thank them so much. The ladies did their part--we had 42 baskets and all were different. My hat is off to all of you.

Ladies, please don't forget about our family for Christmas. The ladies are having a bus to go to see the Singing Christmas Tree. Many thanks to Phyllis Trush for doing this as it is a big task.

Also, many thanks to Kay O'Connell for taking on the task to head the Patsy Klein Show. See Terri Powell for tickets.

Our Pasta Dinner was very busy and we had so much help that made our lives so much easier.

I want to wish all of you and our Knights a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.

Judy Henry

President
Ladies Auxiliary

**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**

Ladies Auxiliary Basket Sale

The Ladies Auxiliary held its annual Basket Raffle this year on Saturday, November 9 in the Parish Activity Center after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. A good crowd was in attendance.

Food was served by the K of C Council 11553. Meatball subs and chips plus drinks were on the menu. Tickets were \$6 a piece which included the food and 6 free raffle tickets. More raffle tickets were sold during the event.

A total of 42 baskets were presented at the event. These baskets were all made by the ladies of the Auxiliary during the preceding months.

Judy Henry, President, did a great job raffling off all the baskets. The people attending seemed quite pleased with all the prizes and excitement. All money earned this night goes to charity.



This redhead lady won three baskets plus one of the big 50/50 drawings. It looks like Christmas came early for her.



Judy Henry calls the raffle numbers as her helpers stand by.

(cont. Grand Knight Message)

Everyone had a great time and there were many lucky winners. A big thank you to all the Ladies and Knights for a successful basket raffle.

The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary had their monthly meeting with Fr. Mark.

The Grand Knight has 30 tickets for the 4th Annual Gala at the Pelican Pointe Country Club on Feb 22. There will be fine dining and entertainment. Semi-formal dress is required. Please call David @ 475-6956 for tickets. They are \$30 per person.

May we all have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas and give thanks for all our blessings!

David Sants

Grand Knight, Council #11553

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Special Note: With the October issue of the K of C Newsletter, we also started putting the Photo Addendum on the church website. If you follow the directions in the box below, it will walk you into the Photo Addendum which is a pictorial review of our activities for the preceding month.

K of C 11553 Newsletter & Photo Addendum



Church Website Address

www.strapheng.org

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2013 - 2014 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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OUTSIDE GUARD	Bill Dundon	941-525-3116
TRUSTEE (3 YEAR)	Bill O'Connell (Kathleen)	941-475-7653
TRUSTEE (2 YEAR)	Bob Walsh (Suzanne)	941-697-9686
TRUSTEE (1 YEAR)	Irving Medina	

District Deputy	Mike Costanza (Kelly)	941-400-7416
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Community	Jim Powell (Terri)	941-474-3520
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Co-Respect Life	Jack Seiler (Sue)	941-493-2542
Council/Pasta Din	David Sants (Cathy)	941-475-6956
Council/Pasta Din	Jim Hefton (Dolly)	941-473-9584
Historian	Tom Blanding (Kathy)	941-474-3083
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Newsletter	Jack Hardman (Jackie)	941-474-7828
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^c = cell phone

**Blood Drive Schedule
2013
Dec 15 St Francis**

**Reminder
There will be no Pasta Dinner
for the month of December**

**Reminder
The next Pasta Dinner will be
January 17, 2014
See January Newsletter**

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Day	
December			
05	6:00 P.M.	Thu	Bus/Soc Meeting at the PAC (food before meeting)
06		Fri	Ladies Aux trip to the Singing Tree in Sarasota
08		Sun	Immaculate Conception—Holy Day
19	4:00 P.M.	Thu	Parish Advent Penance Service
19	6:00 P.M.	Thu	K of C Officers Meeting at the PAC
24		Tue	Christmas Eve
25		Wed	Christmas Day
31		Tue	New Year's Eve
01	January	Wed	Feast of the Solemnity of Mary—Holy Day

Veterans Day Mass Sarasota National Cemetery



Sara Peeples sings Panis Angelicus at communion with her strong yet soft voice. Greg Murray on piano.

The celebration of Mass was held at the Sarasota National Cemetery on Monday, November 11, 2013. It was the fourth celebration since the opening of the cemetery in January 2009.

Bishop Frank J. Dewayne of the Diocese of Venice celebrated the Mass. Many of the priests in the area were in attendance as were many of the relatives of those buried there.

In his homily, Bishop Dewayne talked about all the good deeds and sacrifices that our men and women have given throughout the history of our country-especially the ultimate sacrifice.

After the Mass there was a four-gun salute and the bugler played taps for all those buried in the cemetery. May God watch over them and may they rest in peace.

At the end of the day many people could be seen visiting the grave sites and laying flowers for their loved ones.



Bishop Dewayne is seen in the procession into the large tent for the ceremonies. Over 850 attended.

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

Thomas McLennon	Dec 01
David Boeskool	Dec 02
John Maddigan Jr	Dec 02
Stephen Fortunato	Dec 03
Leon Bandy Sr	Dec 04
David Bright	Dec 04
Gerald Mroczkowski	Dec 05
Robert Foley Jr	Dec 08
Chris Garlasco	Dec 12
George Englehart	Dec 15
Kenneth Zuk	Dec 16
Karl Toenjes	Dec 17
James Powell	Dec 18
James Charleson	Dec 21
Wilfred Cousineau	Dec 21
Nicholas Carmody	Dec 24
Araujo Silva III	Dec 24
John Reynolds	Dec 28

CCW Craft Sale

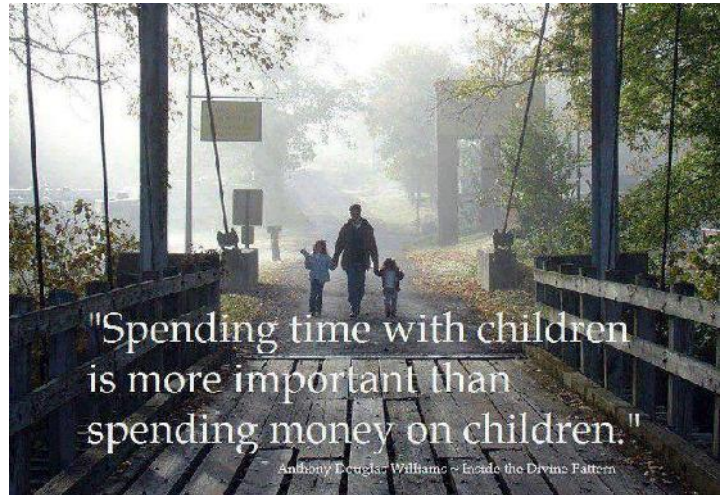
The Council of Catholic Women held their annual Craft Sale on Fri, Sat, Sun (Nov 15-17) in the PAC. On Friday night it was in conjunction with the K of C Pasta Dinner in the other part of the PAC. The two seemed to dovetail together and went very well for both groups.

The ladies of the CCW have been making crafts for a long time. They usually meet about four times a week during the regular year.

Also, Packages for the Troops had a table there. Marianne Riley runs this group. People were able to sign up to send cards to the troops.

Mary Jane McKenzie is President of the CCW. Ryan Schwaner is Vice President and has been doing a lot of work with the group recently.

A couple photos are below and more can be seen in the Photo Addendum which can be seen on the St Raphael Church website.



The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.



Lillian Mendenhall is in charge of the front table.



This is Mary Jane McKenzie, President of the CCW. She is overseeing and helping over the weekend.

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, Peggy
 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

A Mass will be said for Brother Jim Ryan at St Raphael Church on December 1st at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. All Brothers are encouraged to come.

Reminder
There will be no Breakfast for the month of December

Reminder
The next Breakfast will be On Sunday, January 12



The above sign has become a popular article with many. It is a magnet which can be placed in many different places—car, fridge, etc. The cost is \$4.00. They make a nice gift at this time of the year. It is roughly 6” high and 6 1/2” wide. They may be purchased from Bro Ron Wendlandt or at the church office.



This is the display of the handmade articles just before the CCW Craft Sale began on November 15, 2013.



Bro Bob Foley picks a 50/50 winner as Bro Jim LeClaire, ticket chairman, holds the jar.



Mary Raybold loads up her tray with pudding desserts. The dessert girls from left are: Phyllis Bailey, Faye LeClaire and Marian Kelly. This was the K of C Pasta Dinner on November 15.