



KNIGHTS LETTER FEBRUARY 2014

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



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all our Brother Knights, Ladies
Auxiliary and Parishioners:



Thank you all for the hours of
volunteering of charitable service
to our church and to the dinners
along with our new Pancake
Breakfast. Brother Steve
West is our new chairman.

We have had a busy schedule
for January with our Blood Drive
being very successful again (sponsored by our
Knights of Columbus).

On February 1st the CCW will have a Rummage
Sale from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M at the Parish Cen-
ter. The Pancake Breakfast will be on February 9th
from 8:00 A.M. till 11:00 A.M. at \$5.00 per person.

Our K of C business and social meeting is on Feb-
ruary 13th from 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M.

On February 16th the Ladies Auxiliary will hold
its Musical Show which will be a "Tribute to Patsy
Cline". It will be at 2:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

Our Officers meeting will be held on February
20th from 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M. Our Pasta Dinner
will be held on February 21 from 4:00 P.M. till 7:00
P.M.

Brother Knights, Let me remind you that our
Tootsie Roll Drive will start on February 20th and go
through the 23rd. The following stores have agreed to
let us work there: Publix, Walgreens, True Value,
Ace Hardware and the Dome. Also, the Drive will be
held outside church at all the Masses on the 22nd and
23rd. These dates have been approved by all the
stores and our church office. Brother John Knapke is
chairman of this event.

Thank You,

David Sants
Grand Knight
Council 11553

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

Dear Fellow Knights,



With Christmas and the Christ-
mas Season behind us, we are now
moving along in what the church
refers to as "Ordinary Time".

Unlike the seasons of Advent,
Christmas Time, Lent (which, by the way, starts on
Ash Wednesday, March 5), and Easter Time, Ord-
inary Time does not have its own character. Rather,
the Sundays of Ordinary Time focus on the entirety
of the mystery of Christ and all its dimensions.
Ordinary Time includes two periods: the Sundays
and weekdays after the Feast of the Baptism of the
Lord through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday
and the Sundays and weekdays after the Solemnity
of Pentecost until the First Sunday of Advent.

Last month, if you recall, I suggested that you re-
solve to "grow in your prayer life" during this New
Year. I would like to further suggest that you might
want to take advantage of the period afforded you
during the Ordinary Time weeks to acquaint yourself
with a beautiful set of prayers--150 of them to be
exact--that are included in the Old Testament section
of the Bible. That they are titled The Book of Psalms,
and any and all of them reveal how ancient Israel
prayed and what the Israelites thought and felt about
God through both difficult and good times. Yet, be-
cause these psalms express human thoughts and emo-
tions, they still speak to us today.

Many people "zero in" on one or another of the
psalms and memorize or paraphrase it or them in con-
versing with God in their prayer life. The psalms
come in several types--liturgical, laments, Thanksgiv-
ing, Imprecatory.

Make one or more of the psalms your own!!!

Father Niles
Chaplain
Council 11553

District Deputy Message

To My Brothers All,



I want to first of all thank Grand Knight Dave for hosting the mid-year district meeting. It was very informative and I thank all of you who made it out that morning. I also want to congratulate all of you

on raising your hands up high to volunteer for future functions. It is a great thing for a council to rise to the occasion when called upon. Also, it was even more rewarding to see our new brother Mike behind the counter serving with brother Raymond-- just goes to show you that if you get a member involved right away he stays around.

Brothers, up-coming is the council audit and councils should have their fraternal survey already done. Also, the councils should be working on their SP-7 form. Remember we need this to make "Star Council".

I am so proud of all of you for picking up the ball and running with it. You have a great and very strong council and you are doing everything a council should be doing. I hope this new year brings you all a vibrant up-lifting to get more involved in council functions. I do believe you can end the fraternal year on a very high note.

Brothers, remember the ladies are a very strong arm in helping the knights. Let us not forget the works they are doing for the council and community.

I hope to see all of you in up-coming events and remember I work for you. If you should need my help please call me. Your Grand Knight was at the mid-year meeting and knows of what we have to be getting done.

With that, in closing, I pray that we are forever united and that we strive to live our lives as Father McGivney wanted us to. May the order always shine and may all of you embrace the great organization we belong to.

Vivat Jesus

Michael J. Costanza Sr
District Deputy #51

LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS

	Chaplain	
Suzanne Walsh	President	941-697-9686
	Vice President	
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



Hopefully, Judy Henry is now settled in cold, cold New Jersey. We will miss her and wish her all our best. I would like to thank the Auxiliary members for all the encouragement and good wishes as I embark on this new adventure as President.

The Baby Bottles were collected in January with a total of 106 bottles returned.

On Sunday, February 16th at 2 PM, there will be "A Tribute to Patsy Cline" in the Parish Center. Please call Terri Powell for tickets at 474-3425.

Thursday, February 27th at 8PM, Visani's in Port Charlotte will have a comedy show. Tickets are \$10.00. Call Mary Ann Rack for tickets at 587-8404.

Finally, on March 20th we will sponsor the Annual Fashion Show in the Parish Center.

As you can see, we have a few activities planned for the next few months which will be fun for all as we work together to make them a success.

Once again, many thanks to everyone for all of your help.

Suzanne Walsh, President
K of C 11553 Ladies Auxiliary

K of C Insurance

Insurance check-up for 2014



Can you believe it is 2014? I hope that 2013 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2014. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

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. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

I'm at (646)-732-3590 or Jorge.Peraza@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Sincerely,

Jorge L. Peraza
Knights of Columbus
Field Agent-Labreche Agency

Editor's Note: I would like to take a little time out to thank one of our hidden helpers with the Newsletter. He is Bob Scott who handles our church website. He puts our Newsletter and Photo Addendum on the website each month. Bob is usually off camping with his lovely wife, Geraldine, somewhere and is seldom around.

Jack

Next Pancake Breakfast February 9th

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



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DONATION: \$5.00

Children under 12 eat free

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Coffee,
Tea, Milk and Juice will be served.

Sunday, FEBRUARY 9
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

St Raphael Church
Parish Center

Tickets will be sold only at the door.

The K of C Council 11553 will sponsor its next Sunday Pancake Breakfast on February 9, 2014. **Breakfast will be served from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

For information please call Grand Knight Dave Sants: 941-475-6956

Note: Tickets will be sold at the door only.



2013 - 2014 COUNCIL OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN	Fr Niles Gillen	941-485-3673
GRAND KNIGHT	David Sants (Cathy)	941-475-6956
DEPUTY GK	David Muravez	941-237-7808 ^c
CHANCELLOR	Steve West (Joan)	941-473-4987
FIN SECRETARY	John Trush (Phyllis)	941-445-9125
TREASURER	Tom Blanding (Kathy)	941-474-3083
RECORDER	Jim LeClaire (Faye)	941-475-2155
WARDEN	Bob Foley (Mary)	941-474-5831
ADVOCATE	Jack Seiler (Sue)	941-493-2542
LECTURER	Jack Maddigan (Mary)	941-473-2038
INSIDE GUARD	Harold Barette (Rozetta)	231-238-8325 ^c
OUTSIDE GUARD	Bill Dundon	941-525-3116
TRUSTEE (3 YEAR)	Bill O'Connell (Kathleen)	941-475-7653
TRUSTEE (2 YEAR)		
TRUSTEE (1 YEAR)	Irving Medina (Stella)	941-475-3242

District Deputy	Mike Costanza (Kelly)	941-400-7416
Faithful Navigator	Leo Szafranski	941-468-7945 ^c


DIRECTORS

Church	St Raphael	941-474-9595
Community	Jim Powell (Terri)	941-474-3520
Co-Respect Life	Jack Seiler (Sue)	941-493-2542
Council/Pasta Din	David Sants (Cathy)	941-475-6956
Historian	Tom Blanding (Kathy)	941-474-3083
Membership		
Newsletter	Jack Hardman (Jackie)	941-474-7828
Tootsie Roll Drive	John Knapke (Barbara)	941-474-8843


^c = cell phone

Blood Drive Schedule 2014

Mar 16 St Raphael
May 25 St Raphael
July 20 St Raphael




Knights of Columbus
FATHER STANLEY S. KROMER, O. C.A.R.M.
COUNCIL 11551, ST. RAPHAEL,
ENGLEWOOD, FL



**PASTA
DINNER**

Donation \$8.00
\$9 at the Door
** Children Under 12 half price **
** Under 6 free **

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21 50/50
4:00 - 7:00 PM 3 for \$2
ST. RAPHAEL 10 for \$5
PARISH CENTER



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

February 2014

01	9-12:00 P.M.	Sat	CCW Rummage Sale @ the PAC
09	8-11:00 A.M.	Sun	K of C Pancake Breakfast @ the PAC
13	6-8 P.M.	Thu	K of C Bus/Social Meeting @ the PAC
15-16	All Masses		Sell tickets for K of C Pasta Dinner which is on Feb 21
16	2:00 P.M.	Sun	Ladies Auxiliary "Tribute To Patsy Cline" Show @ the PAC
17			Presidents' Day
20	7-8:00 P.M.	Thu	Officers/Directors Meeting @ the PAC
20-23		Thu-Sun	K of C Tootsie Roll Drive @ area stores
21	4-7:00 P.M.	Fri	K of C Pasta Dinner @ the PAC

K of C Annual Clergy Dinner



Attending the K of C 11553 Annual Clergy Dinner on Jan 24 were from left: Father Mark, Pastor of St. Raphael Parish, Bishop Frank Dewayne, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, and Father Adrian of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

On Friday, January 24 K of C Council 11553 held its Annual Clergy Dinner in the Parish Activity Center of St. Raphael Church in Englewood. Bishop Frank Dewayne, Bishop of the Venice Diocese, was one of the honored guests. A large crowd was on hand at the center to honor many of our local priests and parish deacons.

A wonderful meal was catered which consisted of roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans and salad. The meal was topped of with a delicious dessert of ice cream with whipped cream and strawberries.

Music was provided by the Jimmy McCarthy band. They provided music during the course of the evening. A good time was had by all.



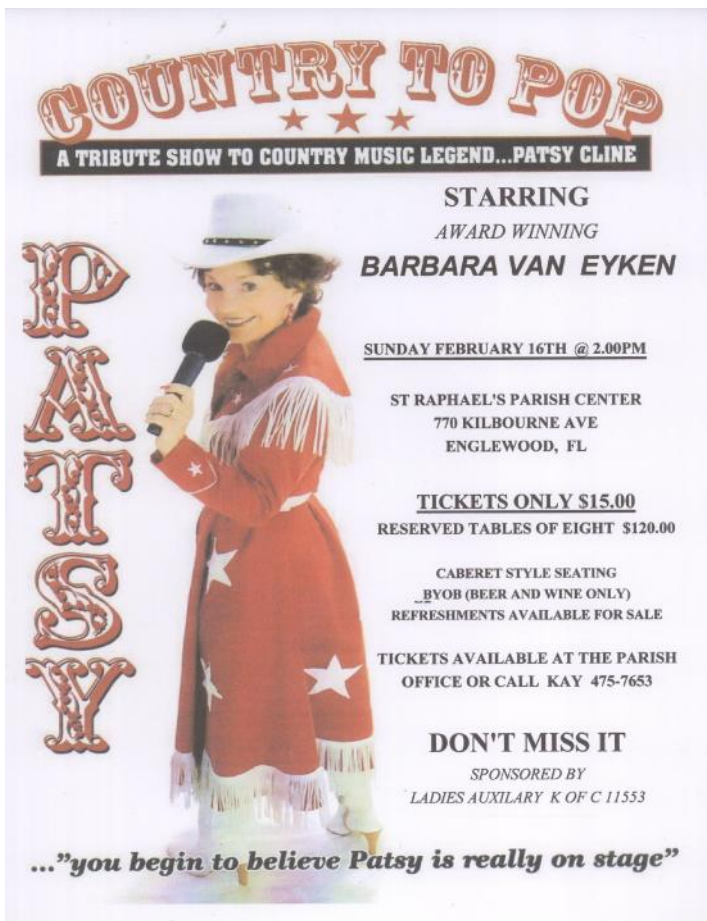
Also attending the Clergy Dinner were District Deputy Mike Costanza and his wife (L.) and District Warden Ed Gionet and his wife. Bill O'Connell Standing.

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

Jim Pyle	Feb 01
James Muhs Sr	Feb 05
Robert Walsh	Feb 08
Bill McWha	Feb 09
Harrison Hanson	Feb 10
Ottor Brunner	Feb 11
Kenneth White	Feb 12
John Hardman	Feb 14
Thomas Brown	Feb 15
Frank Tersigni	Feb 16
William Truex	Feb 17
Robert Lyons	Feb 19
Stanley Parker	Feb 20
Edward Planeta	Feb 23
Marvin Peschel	Feb 27
Howard Ewles	Feb 28
Leslie Wilson	Feb 28

Reminder
Our Next K of C Breakfast
Will Be On Sunday, February 9th
See Flyer on Page 3

Reminder
Our Next Pasta Dinner
Will Be This February 21st
See Flyer On Page 4



A Tribute To The Lengendary Patsy Cline

**By Award Winning Artist:
Barbara VanEycken**

Over fifty years after the death of the legendary Patsy Cline, this spectacular musical tribute is an ode to the brash, pioneering queen of country music who stands among the greatest innovators of the cross-over from country to pop music. The show documents the singer's earlier years from obscure honky tonk to country-western super stardom to her untimely death at age 30. An unforgettable tribute, you will be moved by Barbara's incredible vocals, authentic costuming, her interaction with her audience, her humor and her ability to start you wondering..."you begin to believe Patsy is really on stage". Barbara was voted #1 Female Tribute Artist for two consecutive years in the state of North Carolina, was chosen Tampa Bay Entertainer of the Year, and has opened for major country artists.

Don't miss this performance....an unforgettable show. Reserve early y'all!

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

March 13, 2014

St. Raphael's Church Hall—starts at 5 p.m.

Music will be provided by the Jim McCarthy band.

Also, there will be Irish step dancers for your entertainment. (see photo below).

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be served.

This has been a sold out event in the past. If you want tickets they will be available starting Feb 1st at the church office or contact Steve West at 941-473-4987. Tickets are \$15 per person.



These are the young step dancers who performed last year.



These people are being served their corned beef and cabbage last year.

Newsletter Boosters-2013-14

<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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 Roanen, Leonard (L) Saje, Norbert</p>	<p>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</p>
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Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

The Tootsie Roll Drive will be held this year on 20-23 February. (Thursday through Sunday) There will be five (5) stores involved this year: True Value Hardware, Walgreen Drugstore, Publix, Ace Hardware and the Dome.

1st Day I will need 12 people--3 two hour shifts at each of 4 stores, one person per shift=12 people.

2nd and 3rd Days we'll need 15 people each day—3 shifts at each of 5 stores.

4th Day we'll need only 3 people for 3 shifts at the Dome.

We have enough people to be able to cover all these positions without anyone having to work more than one shift. So everyone sign up and we will have a super event. If we don't get all these places covered, they will just be empty missed spots so let's not have a missed spot that weekend.

If you wish your wife to be with you, that's okay but still only one door at Publix. You may also bring a chair and sit out your time.

Thank you for your help.

John Knapke, Chairman

Tel.: 941-474-8843





These ladies are an example of the many volunteers we had at our last Pasta Dinner on January 17. They are from left: Dottie MacFarland, Mary Raybold, Terri Powell, Mary Dennis, Mary Maddigan, Sylvia Saje and Lorraine Staples. All our servers and kitchen crew were kept very busy at the Pasta Dinner on Friday, Jan 17 as over 550 tickets were sold tonight. Nice going volunteers!!



This man celebrated his 85th birthday with his wife looking on. There are different ways people have fun at our K of C Pasta Dinners.



Our kitchen crew worked hard at our last Pasta Dinner with over 550 tickets sold. From left to right: Tom Salvaggio, Tom Melideo, Jerry Godfrey, Noreen Dempsey and John Trush.