



# KNIGHTS LETTER

## November 2013

Fr. Stanley S. Kromer, O. Carm.

Council 11553 \* St. Raphael Parish \* Englewood, FL



### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

### CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

My Brother Knights,



Our first pancake breakfast was a success. Chris Garlasco and Jim Hefton organized, planned and executed the breakfast along with Dolly Hefton organizing and serving customers with the aid of some of the ladies from the Ladies Auxiliary.

The kitchen crew were Jack Seiler, John Trush, Tom Gokey, Bob Walsh, Jim Hefton, Chris Garlasco, Jerry Godfrey and Ray Ouellette. Our servers in the kitchen were Joanne Pesa and Pat McDonald.

The dining room crew was taken care of by Dolly Hefton, Marguerite, Suzanne Walsh, Ian Coull, Bill Dundon and others who so generously gave their time to make this the success that it was. Ticket sales were handled by Peter Pesa, Ron Wendlandt and Judy Henry.

The 50-50 winner was Jimmy McCarthy and Jim very generously donated the winning money to the Knights of Columbus. Thank you Jim!

A special thanks to Father Mark, Jean Balmes and Steve Varga for working with the Knights and helping with the scheduling of our functions. Please remember that our responsibility to our church duties is always first making sure that all Masses are covered with enough ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. Thank you!

*David Sants*

Grand Knight  
Council 11553

Dear Fellow Knights,



The pews are starting to be a bit more crowded now, what with so many already returning so as to get an early start on "The Season." If you are among them I know I speak for all your fellow Knights when I say welcome back!!!

For us as Catholics November is a special month. This is because during November the church calls us in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection" (Eucharistic Prayer II).

I think it would be fair to say that, the older we get, the more time we spend reminiscing rather than thinking about tomorrow. (one of my best friends from grade school days confided to me recently that the first thing he does when the newspaper arrives each morning is open it to what he calls "the Irish Sports Page" (that is, the obituary column). Because many of us have had occasion to live with, interact with, or in some way be associated with a number of people who are no longer on this earth, I would ask that you take some time each day during this month to single out this, that or the other individual or group and pray that the Lord welcome him/her/them into the kingdom. And pray not only for loved ones, but also--I might also say especially--for those whom you feel hurt you or did you wrong or whatever.

If, as is the case with most of us, you have had occasion to be associated with groups or organizations over the course of your life, maybe you might want to focus, say, on one or another of them during your prayer time on a particular day: school classmates, teammates, fellow workers, relatives, etc., etc. There is no end of people we can remember in our prayers.

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Think about them...remember their influence on your life...pray for them.

God Bless,

*Father Niles*

Chaplain, Council 11553

### District Deputy Message

To My Brothers All,

I first want to welcome Bro Dave Sants as the acting Grand Knight. I look to the future of working with him and the whole Council.



I wish him the best as he takes over the leadership of Council 11553. I know all of you will give him your support.

I also want to thank Bro Peter Pesa for his work as the Grand Knight and wish him and his wife well as they move on to other things.

Another thank you goes out to the 1st Degree Team of your Council who, I must say, did a bang up job on the 1st Degree of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as they form their new Council and become part of this great District 51.

Brothers, I want you to know I am here for all of you. You make me proud to be your District Deputy and I am here to help all of you. I want you all to know this is a tough job and at times becomes very trying. It's the great Lord and you my brothers that help me not only get through it but give me the strength to go on. I am so motivated by all of you and love what I do. Never hesitate to call me up to talk to me. I want to do the best job that I can and that cannot happen if we are not communicating. Again, you make it easy with the way you all jump in to help. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

God Bless

*Michael J. Costanza Sr*

District Deputy #51

### LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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

Hi Everyone,



A big welcome back to all. We had our first meeting of the year and there were still a lot of members not back. I hope we will see more of you in November.

Please remember our pasta dinners as we really need help. We are losing more and more of our great workers. So I sure would love to see our new members step up and help us out.

Things are looking good for this coming year. The basket raffle is on the move with flyers made up and advertising going well thanks to Cathy Sants. Let's all say a prayer for Kay and hope to see her in late November.

**NOTE:** So there won't be any confusion about our meeting nights I just want to say that the first Thursday of each month will be our Bus/Social meeting the same as last year. Our meeting on Nov 7 will start at 6:00 P.M. with some food which will be roast turkey. We ladies are asked to bring some side dishes. The third Thursday will be our officers meeting unless otherwise indicated.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in November.

*Judy Henry*

President

Ladies Auxiliary

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**November 28**



**Knights Of Columbus**  
 Father Stanley S. Kromer, O.Carm.  
 Council 11553, St Raphael,  
 Englewood, FL



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DONATIONS \$5.00

\*\*\*CHILDREN UNDER 12 EAT FREE!\*\*\*

PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, SAUSAGE, POTATOES,  
 COFFE/TEA, MILK AND JUICE WILL BE SERVED.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**8 AM - 11 AM**

**ST, RAPHAEL**

**PARISH CENTER**

Tickets will be sold after Masses  
 November 2 & 3, 2013,  
 and at the door.

### Ladies Auxiliary Basket Raffle

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its annual Basket Raffle on Saturday, November 9 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Parish Activity Center. Everyone is invited whether or not a member. See the photo display below.

The tickets are \$6 which includes a sub, drink, chips and 6 free tickets. You do not have to be present to win.



In the display above of the basket raffle, you buy one or many tickets, then place tickets in the red cup in front of the baskets you would like to take a chance on. You do not have to be present to win.

### Next Pancake Breakfast November 10th

The K of C Council 11553 will sponsor it's next Sunday Pancake Breakfast on November 10, 2013. **Breakfast will be served from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

Tickets will be available at the parish office and on Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3 before and after all scheduled Masses. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Ticket price is \$5.00 per person per plate. For information please call:

Jim Hefton: 473-9584 or Chris Garlasco: 681-2122.

**Note:** Last month's first pancake breakfast went very well. We had a good turnout as you can see by the photos below and on page 8.



This is a view of the breakfast held on October 6. The number of people who came was very good for the first K of C breakfast. Thanks to all who attended.



Joe Gerovac (L) and his wife, Barbara, along with another couple were in attendance at the K of C breakfast. As you can see quite a few people were there.



## 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 <sup>c</sup>
CHANCELLOR	Steve West (Joan)	941-473-4987
FIN SECRETARY	Jim Hefton (Dolly)	941-473-9584
TREASURER	Chris Garlasco (Marsha)	941-681-2122
RECORDER	Ian Coull (Dee)	941-416-8776
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 <sup>c</sup>
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)	Bob Kelley (Sue)	941-488-2149

District Deputy	Mike Costanza (Kelly)	941-400-7416
Faithful Navigator	Leo Szafranski	941-468-7945 <sup>c</sup>

### DIRECTORS

Church	St Raphael	941-474-9595
Community	Jim Powell (Terri)	941-474-3520
Co-Respect Life	Dick Lusk (Grace)	941-475-1621
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
Membership		
Newsletter	Jack Hardman (Jackie)	941-474-7828
Tootsie Roll Drive	John Knapke (Barbara)	941-493-2542

<sup>c</sup> = cell phone

## Blood Drive Schedule 2013

**Nov 17 St Raphael**  
**Dec 15 St Francis**



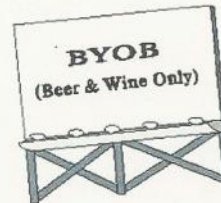
*Knights of Columbus*  
FATHER STANLEY S. KROMER, O. C.A.R.M.  
COUNCIL 11553, ST. RAPHAEL,  
ENGLEWOOD, FL



# PASTA DINNER

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

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15**      **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 or  
Jim Hefton 473-9584 for tickets

## CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Day	
			<b>November</b>
01		Fri	All Saints Day and First Friday
03		Sun	Daylight Savings Time Ends-Set Clocks Back One Hour
07	6-8:00 P.M.	Thu	Business/Social Meeting in the PAC (turkey before meeting)
09	5-8:00 P.M.	Sat	KC Ladies Auxiliary Basket Raffle in Parish Activity Center
09-10	All Masses		Sell tickets for Pasta Dinner which is Nov 15
10	8-11:00 A.M.	Sun	K of C Breakfast in the PAC
15	4-7:00 P.M.	Fri	K of C Pasta Dinner @ the PAC
17	All Masses	Sun	Blood Drive-All Masses today with coffee and donuts
21	7:00 P.M.	Thu	Officers/Directors Meeting @ the PAC
28		Thu	Thanksgiving Day

## Veterans Day Mass

### Sarasota National Cemetery



Dear Brother Knights,

As we approach Veterans Day, all are reminded that our civil “freedoms are not free”; they are secured through the sacrifice and blood of those citizens who have answered the call to serve our country.

On Monday, November 11 at 2:45 p.m., as a Catholic Community we will observe Veterans Day, at which I will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Sarasota National Cemetery—for the intentions of the living, and for the repose of the deceased.

All Knights and their families are invited and encouraged to come to Sarasota National Cemetery to assist at this special Mass of thanksgiving to those who have served our country so well. Your participation will affirm not only your patriotism, but also your firm belief that God is the object of our eternal reward. Our prayers will serve to elevate our nation’s desire to remain One Nation Under God.

We, as Knights of Columbus, are keenly aware of what our veterans have done for us and our families. As a Catholic organization whose principles are based on charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, we owe our veterans a debt of recognition and gratitude.

I look forward to seeing you on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane  
Bishop of the Diocese of  
Venice in Florida

## Directions To Veterans Day Mass

The Sarasota National Cemetery opened with its first burials in January 2009. Since then it has steadily evolved into a gem of a landscape which is only fit for our military members who have passed on. If you have never been there, it is a must see!

To get there from the Englewood area take I-75 north to exit 205 east. For this day go one mile east to Twin Lakes Park where you will park your car. There will be buses to drive people to the cemetery starting at 1:00 p.m. You should get to the cemetery by 2:45 for the start.

4th degree members are asked to wear a Tux and Baldric if possible. Others should wear their K of C Council Shirt. Military and Public Servant Uniforms are appropriate.

Buses will return you to the Twin Lakes Park to get your cars after the Mass.

A Catholic Mass at the National Cemetery is an Honor to our Men and Women who have served.

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

<b>Earl Newton</b>	<b>Nov 04</b>
<b>Ronald Wendlandt</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>
<b>Emil Wenner</b>	<b>Nov 10</b>
<b>Robert Havard</b>	<b>Nov 13</b>
<b>Leo Szafranski</b>	<b>Nov 16</b>
<b>Frank Zor</b>	<b>Nov 18</b>
<b>Francis Pokigo Sr</b>	<b>Nov 21</b>
<b>Thomas Dignam</b>	<b>Nov 23</b>
<b>Harold Barette</b>	<b>Nov 24</b>
<b>Robert Allshouse</b>	<b>Nov 29</b>

**Reminder**  
**Our Next Pasta Dinner**  
**Will Be This November 15th**  
**See Flyer On Page 4**



## First Pasta Dinner a Success

Our first Pasta Dinner was held on October 18 this past month. With many snowbirds still up north, it was considered a success with over 300 tickets being sold.

There was a nice turnout of volunteer workers to help out. Most are members of our K of C Council 11553 and the K of C Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies really give of their time to help this event be a success.

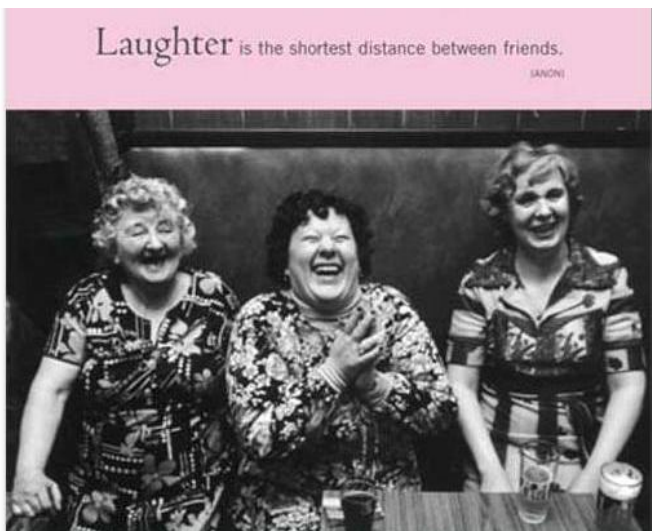
The next Pasta Dinner will be on November 15. We are expecting a bigger crowd as more of our good patrons will be down from the north to help support our K of C which gives all its money for charity after the bills are paid.

We welcome everyone in the Englewood area to stop in on a pasta night. Even large groups are appreciated as can be seen in the photo below.

The chairmen for the Pasta Dinners this year are Dave Sants and Jim Hefton.



This group was very accommodating as we couldn't get them all in the picture while seated at their tables on Oct 18 at the Pasta Dinner.



## Annual Blessing of the Animals

The annual Blessing of the Animals took place This year on October 6 at the St Raphael Church Parking lot in front of the Parish Activity Center. It is held each year on the Sunday nearest the Feast of St Francis who had a special way with animals.

The ceremony was started off with a prayer by Father Mark. Then he walked around blessing all the animals.

After the blessing Father led the animals and owners as they paraded around the parking lot. Although there was a variety of animals, most were dogs as you can see in a couple photos below.

After the parade, ice cream cups were given out to the people who were in attendance.

You can see about 44 photos of the event in the Photo Addendum which will be on the church website under K of C Newsletter. Members have it sent to them by e-mail.



This young lady brought her hedgehog to the blessing on this October 6, 2013.



Father Mark relaxes with an ice cream cup after a long day at church and the Blessing of the Animals.

## 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 Roanen, 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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### K of C Installation of Officers

On Columbus Day, October 14, The officers of each Council in District 51 were installed as is the rule at the beginning of each new Knights of Columbus year which runs from July 1 to June 30. This year it was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Council with their Council being the host.

District Deputy Michael J. Costanza Sr conducted the ceremony with the help of his District Warden, Ed Gionet. Each officer was presented the jewel of his office. All Grand Knights went first, then all Deputy Grand Knights and so forth down the list. If one's wife were present, she would present the jewel around the neck. It took a while to do all five Councils.

After the Knights were finished, the Ladies Auxiliary of Our Lady of Lourdes went through their installation of officers.

All in all the ceremonies were very impressive.

After the ceremonies the K of C of Our Lady of Lourdes put on a nice meal for all in attendance. Thank you OLOL!



This represents the newly installed Grand Knights of the 5 Councils of District 51. They are: Paul Patterson (North Port), Greg Walsh (St Francis), Paul Krause (Our Lady of Lourdes), Frank Faviola (Father John Walsh) and Dave Sants (St Raphael Church Englewood). Dave is in the center. Also, in the photo are District Deputy 51, Michael J. Costanza Sr in red robe and District Warden, Ed Gionet in blue.





Father Mark moves around talking to various tables at the first K of C breakfast on October 6. Our next breakfast will be on November 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



This is a good example of a happy, smiling table at our Pasta Dinner on October 18.