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The Family Council, New Port Richey

April 2017

Grand Knight's Message



Hello Brothers

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. We will be having our second annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the field behind parish hall. Everyone is invited, so come out and enjoy the festivities. We need Knights to come and stand guard and pray on Holy Thursday April 13, 2017 between 8:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. in the parish hall, contact Tom C. [727-846-0392](tel:727-846-0392) to schedule your time. I did this last year and it is a very humbling experience.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

So often, when people make mistakes, they get down on themselves and think, "If only..." "I should have..." "What if...?" It's easy to feel like you've missed the best plan for your life. That's when people get discouraged and stop pursuing their God-given dreams. But understand today, just because you've made a mistake or failed in some way doesn't cancel God's plan. God never disqualifies you. He never says, "Go sit on the sidelines. You've blown it too many times. You've got too many weaknesses." No, God always gives you another chance!

Some of the great people in the Bible made very poor choices. The apostle Paul started off as a murderer, yet his destiny was bigger than his mistakes. He ended up becoming a great leader and writing over half of the New Testament.

What am I saying? Our mistakes, our failures, our poor choices don't have to keep us from our God-given destiny. With God, it's not about the way you start in life, it's about the way you finish. Receive His grace today and embrace the bright future He has in store for you!

Christ Lives and God Bless

Thomas Young G.K.

Pro-life

Pray to end Abortion!!

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the *cause of life*: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim *the Gospel of life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to *accept that Gospel* as a gift ever new, the *joy of celebrating* it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to *bear witness* to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

KNIGHTS ON THE WEB There's a great deal of information on the World Wide Web about the Knights of Columbus. Supreme council's web site is: www.kofc.org. Florida State Council web Site: www.floridastatecouncil.com . Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680 web site: www.kofc11680.org

Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As a Faith Community, we journey together towards the great feast of Easter. As we move on, we have to leave all our personal concerns behind and focus only on Jesus. Why do I tell this? It is because; sometimes our life is not what we wanted it to be or what God wanted it to be. So we might be looking for a change. Coming to change, change is often tough and difficult. Some people may experience fear. But when we feel it in our heart that a change is necessary, we should know where to turn for assistance. I point Jesus to you. Jesus is a good listener and a counselor. He is the best to help us to renew our personal life. Since he knows us thorough well, he can guide us perfectly. He

might be waiting for us at all our turns in life. He might be present at the Confessional in a priest who hears your Confession. He might be waiting for you, in that person to whom you haven't been talking for years. Earnestly look for him. The need is ours. Let us be open to God. May this Holy Week help us to renew our life. Please, let us spend a little more time in prayer. You will hear Jesus calling you. If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts (Psalms 95, 8.).

God's blessings,

Father Sebastian

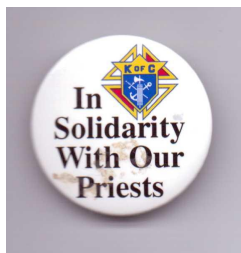
News Letter Deadline

Please have your Article for the April 2017 issue of the Knightly Newsletter to me by April 20, 2017.

If article is not received by the 27th of month it will not be published in that month.

Any Chairman of any committee that wishes to promote their projects are responsible to get their article to me. Art Ostrander, News Letter Editor phone Number 727-372-9437

Email arthurostrander@gmail.com



Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send Laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg you to bless our Diocese and our world with many priests and religious who will love you fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord which they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our mother, in making you known and loved that all may attain Heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Calendar for Council and Assembly events for April 2017

April 02, Corp Communion 10:30am

April 03, 2017 Officer's Meeting 7:00pm in hall.

April 06, 2017, Business Meeting (Nominations) at 7:30 PM in hall.

April 09, 2017 Palm Sunday

April 13, 2017 Holy Thursday (members for prayer 8/30pm – midnight)

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

April 20, 2017 Social Meeting 7:30 PM in hall.

April 27, 2017 Assembly meeting 7:30 PM in hall

April 2017 3rd and 4th Degree Knights

Edgar R./Aguirre Saravia 04/14
Thomas J. Cleary 04/17
Thomas E. Derrick 04/19
LouisA. Gallina 04/28
Michael G. Granite 04/07
Robert P. Mascharka 04/02
Anthony J. Mortilla Jr 4/07
Rev Joseph Pastick 04/08
Scott W. Schoffstall 04/04
Christopher R. Traverso 04/02
Charles P. Hope 04/16



Rocco Macaluso 04/29
John Santaromita 04/09
Robert R. White 04/27



From the Memorial Director, Brother Dan Poulter

If anyone knows of a brother knight or a family member of a brother knight that is sick, distressed or has gone to be with the

MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our order. Keep us true to the pledge, to extend the Kingship of your Divine Son on earth, through your intercession win for us your grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues which should characterize those, specially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware, that as you're Knights we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our order appreciated. Accept, O Mary this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of your servants the Knights of Columbus. Amen



Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

352-279-2533

Email MARK.BLANTON@KOFC.ORG

Sick and Distressed

Prayers requested for the following Brothers and members and their families.

Father Joseph Pastick, Brother Jim Kremer Healing, Brother Jack Petrosky Niece Lauren, Brother John Barry Healing, Brother Martin Michelin, Brother George Mountford, Brother Richard Overbeck, Marion Morgante, Brother Dan McKinnon and Brother Dan Poulter.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love; hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence? Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. AMEN

† HEALING PRAYER †

“Our Father, Who Art In Heaven, As You Walk Into My Home, Please Take Away All My Worries, Diseases, And Fears; And Please Protect Everyone I Love, All Of My Family, Especially My Children, Other Relatives, And My Friends, In The Name Of Jesus! Amen.”



Greetings Sir Knights,

I hope everyone had a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mass with our new Bishop Gregory Parkes at Our Lady Queen of Peace Sunday on March 19th was so rewarding. There were 21 Sir Knights in Regalia from three different Parishes. Well done!

Great news, the flag pole is back up and the flag is flying high. The cross at the bottom of the flag pole has been restored and looks great.

Congratulations to Sir Knight Rocco Macaluso for being chosen Sir Knight of the month for February.

Please remember our next meeting will be on April 27th. Please plan to attend as nominations for Officers will begin.

I wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter.

George, FN

Reminder!

***First Friday of each month the Social Committee
puts on a dinner.***

Please call in for your reservation.

727-849-7521

Congratulation!!

*The Family of month (Jan)
Brother TonyWoznick*



*The Knight of the month (Feb)
Brother Joe Fiorentino*



*The Family of the Month (Feb)
Brother Clark Hill*



*Sir Knight of the Month
Sir Knight Rocco Macaluso*

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Anthony J. Mortilla Jr.

Eileen Caravello

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Our Lady Queen of Peace Council 11680 Officer's Roster 2016/2017



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Thomas Young**



**Deputy Grand Knight
John Barry**



**Chancellor
Clark Hill**



**Warden
Armando Xavier**



**Financial Secretary
Tom Cleary**



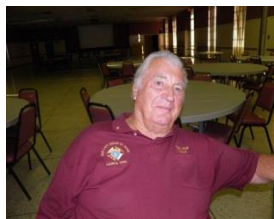
**Treasurer
Tony Alves**



**Recording Secretary
Lou Gallina**



**Lecturer
Tony Woznick**



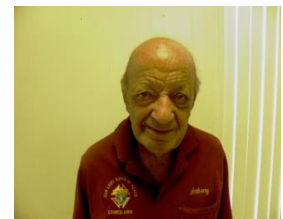
**Advocate
Ed Gongola**



**Inside Guard #1
Dan Poulter**



**Inside Guard #2
Jim Blatchley**



**Outside Guard #1
Anthony Esposito**



**Outside Guard #2
Richard Palladino**



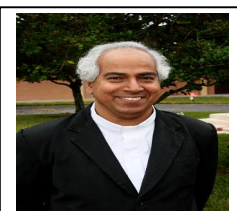
**Second Year Trustee
Joe Fiorentino III**



**First Year Trustee
Joe Tengowski**



**Third Year Trustee
Tony Nalli**



**Chaplain
Father Sebastian**



**District Warden
Joe Fiorentino**



**District Deputy
Richard Overbeck**



**Ins. Field Agent
Mark Blanton**

Father Gerard E Powers Assembly 2882 Officers 2016-2017



**Faithful Navigator
George Mountford**



**Faithful Captain
Chuck Hope**



**Faithful Admiral
Joe La Guardia**



**Faithful Pilot
Paul Amodeo**



**Faithful Friar
Father Sebastian**



**Faithful Comptroller
Bob Poll**



**Faithful Purser
Clark Hill**



**Faithful Scribe
Lou Gallina**



**Inner Sentinel
Dan Poulter**



**Outer Sentinel
Anthony Esposito**



**First Year Trustee
Ed Gongola**



**Second Year Trustee
Matt Carlino**



**Third Year Trustee
Joe Fiorentino**



**Color Corp Commander
Joe Fiorentino**



**District Deputy
Richard Overbeck**



**Ins. Field Agent
Mark Blanton**



I want to thank a whole lot of people for all that has transpired regarding the Council, the Assembly and Ancient Order of Hibernians. Thanks for all the Brother Sir Knights that showed for the St. Patrick's Day Mass. Thank you to Fr. Sebastian and Fr. King for a beautiful service. Thanks to our Lady Hibernians for the wonderful after Mass luncheon. The scones were terrific.

I'm not real good at remembering exactly who did what and when but a few come to mind for special thanks. Brother Sir Knight Clark Hill also a Hibernian who

helped me set up the stage for the dinner/dance on St. Patrick's Day. Clark's wife Doris and my wife Jackie who made and set all the tables for the affair. Clark not only helped with selling tickets, he along with Brother Ed Gongola, Brother John Barry and Brother Luis Morales assisted by Patti Schalk, Marge Halfpenny, and Doris Hill cooked and also served the food. Brother Matt Corlino and Jan Coccuzzi for the 50/50, Joe and Dot Tengowski tending the door and George and Opal Mountford at the bar and Brother Luis Morales as our music man. Over and above I want to thank Brother Sir Knight Larry Belligiere, (St. Michael Council), for showing up early on Saturday to help me with the tables and chairs. A Brother from (Up North NY) Bob Cummings came in on Monday morning to help take down the stage and help clean up. Thank you Brother SK Rocky from St. Peter the Apostle for selling a table of ten to his council and to any whom I may have forgotten and especially to those who sold tickets (Mary Ellen), and who advertised, (Jeanne) and who donated baskets. We will be doing some real soul searching for next year do to negative interest and ticket sales. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

Joe LaGuardia
Committee Chairman



150 Club#9 Week #12 winner Irene Prendergast
150 Club #9 Week #13 winner Matt Carlino #042

Council Officers Meeting, Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00pm In Msgr Foynes Parish Hall

Council Business Meeting, Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:30pm In Msgr Foynes Parish Hall.

Please note that first nominations for officers for 2017-2018 year Will be held at this meeting. Think about what office you would like this year.

Sunday, April 9, 2017 (Palm Sunday) will be the final weekly drawing of 150 Club #9, with the Grand Prize Drawings to be held

Saturday, April 15, 2017 (Easter Saturday) in Msgr Foynes Parish Hall

Doors open at 10:00am and the drawings will be held at 10:30am

There will be two drawings for \$250.00 and two drawings for \$500.00

Please join us for some light refreshments and information on 150 Club #10
Which will start July 2, 2017.

Knights of Columbus will stand guard at the repository on Holy Thursday,
April 13, 2017 from 8:30pm to Midnight. We need two members or parishioners for
Each half hour watch. Contact Tom Cleary at 727-846-0392

Or email tom.cleary75@gmail.com

Don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt to be held Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017
On the Parish Grounds at 2:00pm. See more details in the bulletin.

Our former Chaplain of Council 11680, Fr. Joe Pastick, is at Southern Pines
Nursing Home, 6140 Congress St, Room 14, 727-514-8257

Give him a call or stop by and see him.

Recruitment/ Retention



Worthy Officers, I have you spoken with Fr. Sebastian regarding the proposed recruiting drive scheduled for the March 25/26. If not in March, I suggest we move it to next month, in April, the first week after Easter which is on April 16th. The weekend of April 22/23. I have the materials, but I want to make sure there is an available 1st degree somewhere in the area and have people to speak at the Masses, and to pass out literature after Mass. The last four recruits have not yet been to a meeting, although they have

all received their 1st degree. It's relatively easy to sign them up, but follow through is the icing on the cake. Also we need a proper team for Admissions. I would like four men, two to be available at any time to sit with potential members and discuss what Knighthood is all about. We cannot continue to let people in our order think these candidates are good guys, just because several members happen to be on hand when recruits are signed up and who agree that the candidate seems like a good guy. We need to find out why he wants to consider Knighthood, and what he would like to be involved in with the Knights. Otherwise, we will be suspending these men **within three years**. Please consider just why we are Knights and why we still are involved. Just what motivates us to continue this journey. We will possibly be suspending 15 to 20 more people this year getting our roles down, but my question to you is WHY? Why are they not attending meetings, why are they not willing to part with a few bucks to remain members, and **HOW DO WE GET THEM BACK**. Just as membership is everyone's business so is **RETENTION**. Please help me as this is not a one man show. We all made the same degrees; we all made the same promises. Help me to keep mine, pray the Rosary, (First degree) Charity, Strengthen the bond, Second Degree (Unity) Strengthen the brotherhood, Third degree, (Fraternity). I know I'm speaking to the choir but I need a few more voices to make it a symphony.

Fraternally,

Joe LaGuardia, PGK, FDD. PGK
Florida State Council
Council 11680 PITA

**Pictures of Bishop Gregory Parks at a Mass Our Lady Queen of
Peace Parish on March 19, 2017**

