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Grand Knight's Message *By Ron Suriano*

As I have said in my last Grand Knight's Message, time has really flown by and the Knights of Columbus Corporate year is nearing completion. To that end, this past month we have celebrated the opening of our new Church and witnessed a very moving ceremony consecrating the new facility. What a joyous experience! In addition, we celebrated the opening event with a Gala dinner and dance followed by a picnic outside of the Church on Sunday, March 21st. Let me personally thank all Brother Knights, Sir Knights and Columbiettes for their efforts as members of a multitude of committees responsible for these events.

The Tootsie Roll Drive conducted at Publix has been completed and Brother Spagno has scheduled a drive at the Church for April 17/18 at all Masses. This will be the first solicitation at our new Church and help is needed! Several of our Brother Knights participated in Day of the Unborn Child Rosary Service on March 25th. Participants were treated to a brief breakfast prior to leaving for the Pregnancy Center in Fort Pierce. Again this year, our Council and the Columbiettes had the greater representation of all of the other Councils. Another well done effort by all!

Our Council Meeting for the month of March was held at Council 7514 where we announced progress to date on the upcoming slate of Officers. I was glad to see that Brother Klose and his committee have made great progress in getting a slate put together for the upcoming elections. We need any interested Brother Knights to seriously consider becoming an Officer of this council or moving into new positions of responsibility. That is the only way that our Council can grow and each member should seriously consider ways in which he can better assist our Council.

Congratulations to a new member of our Council who made his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree all in this past month at Council 7514. Brother Thomas Grabowski and his wife Shirley are currently snowbirds that live in the Lake Charles area. Welcome to our Council, Tom!

I have submitted requests for both our Officer's Meetings and Council Meetings for April through June. All of the meeting dates requested were for our usual times per our Charter in the Family Life Center rooms.

God Bless,

Ron Suriano, GK

Knighly News Boosters

Please join us! Your name will be printed in all newsletters for the next 12 months. We need your help to keep the monthly issues coming to you. Thank you for your generous support in the past and the present. The "*" is for a donation greater than \$15.00.

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Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090

By Faithful Navigator Thomas Mollica

Brother Sir Knights; Bishop Barbarito said "LET THERE BE LIGHT" and Our Church was filled with the light of all the good Stewards that we have at Saint Bernadette Church. The Color Corps did a wonderful job at the Blessing of our Church. The Knights will be participating in the outdoor and indoor Stations of the Cross, on Good Friday. How great it is to celebrate, the Risen CHRIST in our new Church on Easter Sunday. Elections will be in May for the slate of Officers. It is with a sad heart to report the death of Sir Knight William Clinger. Bill was an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus. The Color Corps had an Honor Guard at his funeral. He will truly be missed; rest in peace Bill. May all the troops safely return home to their families and loved ones. The peace of the Risen Lord be with you.

Tommy Mollica FN



Color Corps in honor guard formation during Dedication Mass Processional.



Honor guard formation during Recessional.



Sir Knights in formation prior to the Recessional of the March 19th Dedication Mass.

Sir Knights, please mark your Calendar for the upcoming events in April.

- 2nd Stations of the Cross, Outdoors at 12 Noon, Indoors at 7 PM**
- 4th EASTER SUNDAY 8th Assembly Meeting 7:00 PM**
- 25th "Not So Newlywed Game" Dinner at 3 PM at Elks Lodge on N. Peacock Blvd. Call Paul Bisaccia (772-344-4745) for tickets at \$19 each.**

Columbiettes

By Ann Guinta

I would like to THANK all the ladies who baked and helped out with the Dedication of the new Church. As usual you ladies did a good job. Give yourself a big hand (clap clap).

As you ladies already know that our March meeting was not in the Church but at the K.O.C. hall at 7514. The April meeting will be at the new Church. It will be in room D for now. The next months will also be in the new Church. The meeting for April will be the fourth Thursday of the month, April 22, 2010 at 7P.M. There will be no more coffee and cake after the meetings. The ladies at the last meeting all voted to go out for the coffee and cake.

At last months meeting I formed the nominating committee. Carol Bisaccia is in charge. Her other ladies are Millie Battaglia, Julia Mollica, Maryann Russo. You should be getting a phone call to see if you want to run for any office. Remember you have to have your First and Major degree.

I gave Father the date for our Annual Wine & Cheese, which will be on Sunday, May 23, 2010, at 3 P.M. So ladies look in your house for anything that is good. Like gifts you got for Christmas or Birthdays that you cannot use, but we can for our baskets. We the board would like to wish all the ladies that are having a birthday in April, a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Let said some prayers for the Service Men and Women and all of our sick ladies in our group. May GOD BLESS YOU ALL.



Columbiettes preparing their table for refreshments after Dedication Mass.



Beautiful sheet cake provided by Columbiettes, CCW and Knights of Columbus Council 13042.



Parishioners enjoying the delicious refreshments following the Dedication Mass.

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive wind up!



The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, to raise money for the Special Olympics and ARC charities, is in its second phase. April 17 and 18, have been set aside for this charitable collection. Knights are needed to stand by the doors of our Sanctuary after our Church Masses to receive donations.

Any Knights who would like to help make this Annual Drive a success please contact Brother Knight Mike Spagno (343-8996) who is in charge, or GK Ron Suriano (878-2623), so the volunteering Knight's day and hour of participation can be arranged.

Pro-life Couple

By Ed and Ann Breitfelder

Dear Brothers In Christ;

RESPECT LIFE APRIL

Yesterday, the 21st of March, the United States House of Representatives voted and passed a new health bill. This was only accomplished by the President of the United States signing an Executive order stating that public funds would not be used for abortions. This order convinced over 30 anti-abortion members to cast their vote in favor of the Health Bill. This Executive order that the President signed stating that no federal funds would be used for abortion could be a “pig in a poke.” An Executive order written today can easily be rescinded tomorrow. In fact no Executive order can override a federal law. The Health bill that was passed does contain funding for abortion. To be honest with you this truly sickens me. I truly believe that

every one deserves health care, but not at the expense of a human life, born or unborn.

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, stated once that “truth is not subject to a majority vote!” I’d like to change one word and make this quote read “life is not subject to a majority vote.” Murder is never an acceptable solution to any of society’s problems. I also, feel very helpless at this time.

But I know that it is in God’s hands and it is our place to pray and pray often for Him to rectify this situation. We must not lose faith, our God is merciful and compassionate and He will be there for us and for all who truly believe in Him.

May God continue to bless us,

Deacon Ed and Ann

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**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH~Al Elslager** *Contributed by his wife Vi*

Al was born in Chicago Illinois. He joined the navy after his graduation from high school. While in the service Al served aboard the USS Wilke Barre as a radioman until his discharge in 1945. Al married his high school sweetheart, laVonne, in 1948. They had 2 children, Kim and Mark. Al then worked as a photographer in his father in law’s studio. He later worked as a manager of a Jewel supermarket in the transportation department. Al retired in 1982, due to an injury, and moved to Florida. He was widowed in 1996. Al’s friend, Fran, introduced him to her sister, Vi and they were married in 1998. Between Al’s first and second marriage, he and Vi have 5 children, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grand daughter.

Al has been a Sacristan since the formation of St. Bernadette Church, and has been a Knight since 2002. His is presently a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and enjoys being in the Color Corps.

**Field Agent’s Report**

For this month’s column, I thought a little “Life Insurance 101” might be beneficial.

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The most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection - whole life insurance - calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

“Twenty Pay Life” is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our “Life Paid Up at 65.” With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It’s possible and is now available for members 76 to 80. That’s right Because of the Life tables that are now to 120 years of age we can buy life insurance single pay to up to age 80.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I’ll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

I’m at 772-812-3003 or Jeffrey.Kohuth@kofc.org. Call me – let’s talk.

## Day of the Unborn Rosary Service

### Knights & Sister Columbiettes make the March 21, St. Bernadette Picnic a Super Success!

Knights: Paul Bisaccia, John Bonica, Nic DiGiacomo, Ed Doyle, Sal Iacona, Adriano Krecic, FN Tommy Mollica, Ray Sierra, GK Ron Suriano, and Tom Traverse cooked the 1,500 hamburgers and 1,200 hot dogs which were then served along with 2,200 bags of potato chips and 2,000 sodas and 1,200 bottles of water by about 15 enthusiastic and hardworking Columbiettes, to the approximately 2,000 parishioners and their guests on the lawn of the new Sanctuary dedicated on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Members from our Christian Youth group also enthusiastically helped out! The success and smooth operation of this special event was due in large part of the many hours of planning by SK Tony Longo responsible for the acquisition of the food supplies and logistics of the setting up of all the equipment used in preparation and serving of the food and beverages. Thanks, Tony for a Great Job!

Several of our Brother Knights & Columbiettes participated in Day of the Unborn Child Rosary Service on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Participants were treated to a quick breakfast prior to leaving for the Pregnancy Center in Fort Pierce. Our Council and Columbiettes had the greatest representation of all of the Councils.



More than 55 participants from 4 Councils came to the Service.



Officers from several of the different Councils gather together.

### Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes

Our thanks to our Brother Knights and our Columbiettes who helped to assemble the March issue of the St. Bernadette Council #13042 **Knightly News**.





**Editor's Corner**

The Editor wishes to thank our photographers at large, Steven Talerico, and Ray Battaglia, for their supply of good photos!

Our readers are reminded that they can contribute short articles to our Brother Knight's Column. This contributed material is the responsibility of the Brother Knight who submitted it. Your contribution should be typed single space and lower case and should be received by the middle of each month, to be considered for the next issue. Please send your prepared article to me preferably via email: [stevenson@htcplus.net](mailto:stevenson@htcplus.net). If not available, then mail the prepared article to me:

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**We have a New Web Master**

GK Ron Suriano has announced that Steven Talerico, has been selected as the new Webmaster for our Council Website. Our Brother Knights wish him much success in his new position. It is expected that Steven will begin making some changes and updating material on our website soon. Questions about our website content should be directed to Steven via his email: [talerst@msn.com](mailto:talerst@msn.com).

If you have Internet access, you may wish to visit our website where we have additional Knights' material: [www.kofc13042.org](http://www.kofc13042.org).

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