



FATHER MURPHY COUNCIL 5535

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FULFILLMENT THROUGH OUR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Our Grand Knight, Dave Woodruff, in his comments on the next page, makes the case for our getting involved in Council activities. Happily, through the generosity of our wonderful bingo patrons, funds to support our various charities have been increasing.



But, financial contributions alone do not fully satisfy our responsibilities to the less fortunate. Our Council has many opportunities for us to do hands-on work. The satisfaction one gains from helping those in need far surpasses the effort expended.

Come and check out areas where you can take part: St. Vincent de Paul, Mission House, the Beaches Library, Comunita Cenacola, Women's Help Center, St. Gerard House, Sulzbacher Center, and others. We have members involved in all these charities. Join in. Your reward will be great!



Council 5535 August Newsletter

It is very difficult for any of us to understand the desperate condition of our fellowmen in poverty. Perhaps, even more troubling is how we can effectively deal with it. Each of us knights strongly believes in the dignity of the human person and the right to success in society.

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has enumerated principles for social justice to guide us in our duties to society and the poor in particular.

Yet, despite our well-meaning efforts, the poverty rate in the US stubbornly remains about 15%. With the continued increase in population, the absolute numbers rise, now totaling more than 46 million Americans.

How can we do better?

Prayer remains essential. But, Christ also expects us to act. In *Centisimus Annus*, Blessed John Paul II gave us a guide. We must fight for a just wage for workers but avoid the error of socialism. Workers' training must be improved with the corollary that an education must be their goal.

Finally, Pope John Paul II reinforces the principle of subsidiarity, which states that we must assist the poor, but they also have the responsibility to help themselves.

Let us continue to pray and work hand-in-hand to enable the poor to gain hope and prosperity.

Vivat Jesus!





GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Brother Knights:

We begin the Fraternal Year with new goals for associate and insurance increases. We did not reach our Council quota of Associate Members last year. Let's begin now to work for a better result this year.

Not being naïve, neither I nor the newly elected officers can do this alone. We need your time, your talent, and your enthusiasm. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his encyclical on charity, *Deus Caritas Est*, "I must give to others not only something that is my own, but my very self; I must be personally present in my gift." His statement reflects the core of what the charitable work of our Council should be, the giving of ourselves through volunteer service.

At present, the Council is in need of directors for our Charities, Council, Church, Community and Vocations Programs. I realize that each of us faces multiple commitments to our spouses, children, workplaces, communities and church.

Everyday these responsibilities seem to grow while the time to

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meet them seems to dwindle. Being a Program Director does not require that much of your time. There are 8,760 hours in a year. With a minimal commitment of approximately 24 of those hours, you as a Program Director can take a leadership role in our Council. The task is not intimidating. By donating your time, your talent, and your leadership as a Program Director, you become an important part of the Council and experience how rewarding it is being a Knight.

If you are interested or would like more information about the responsibilities of being our CHARITIES DIRECTOR, COUNCIL DIRECTOR, CHURCH DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY DIRECTOR, or VOCATIONS DIRECTOR call me at 904-248-1795 or e-mail me at gk@kofc5535.com Or, you can contact Deputy Grand Knight John Seiss maurs1@comcast.net.

Conservi tui in Christi,

Dave Woodruff, GK

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Calendar

August 2, 2013

First Friday Mass and Dinner, 7 PM in the Council Hall. Dinner follows the Mass.

August 5, 2013

General Business Meeting. Light Supper, 6:30 PM with Meeting to follow in the Council Hall.

August 6, 2013

Holy Trinity Assembly 2368 Installation of Officers, 7 PM in Council 4727 Bishop Larkin Hall, Arlington Expressway

August 15, 2013

Feast of the Assumption

August 19, 2013

Council Officers' Meeting, 7 PM in the Council Hall

August 24, 2013

Penman Road Cleanup, 8:30 AM, Council Hall

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2013-2014

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**BINGO DIRECTOR NOTES
CHUCK BOLL**



Chuck Boll continues to work triple duty, serving as Bingo Chairman, Kitchen Chef, and Council Advocate. Please consider helping Chuck with a couple hours of your time at Bingo on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. The money raised is the major source for our charitable donations.

Our bingo patrons are wonderful people. It will not require many hours working the floor to become life-long friends with many of them. Give it a try!

**FLORIDA STATE K OF C
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

All members and friends are invited to attend the 58th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Sun 'N' Lake Golf Club in Sebring, FL on Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29. This is a great time to get away for a two-day weekend. Cost in a nominal \$130.00 per person which includes registration, golf, banquet meals, and prizes. Non-golfer guest banquet meal ticket is only \$25.00. Call Jim Blache at (904) 221-6710 for more information. Deadline to register is September 10, 2013.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
MARK PARKULO**



No youth activities to report this month.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY
ED MAXTED**



Apologies to all for the delay in acquiring next year's Membership Cards. The program from Supreme that prints the cards will not function until after August 1 (for July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). It delays our current cards by a month. Sorry I cannot overcome this. Bingo income has become healthy again, and we are resuming some of our charity donations - this is great news. Our purpose of existence is to support these charities. Please **DO YOUR PART** to maintain this noble cause. Fraternal efforts are blessed.



A big round of applause to Norma and Gordon Scott who have faithfully and strenuously fought for the rights of the unborn as representatives of our Council. They have earned a respite from this great effort.

Planned Parenthood continues to gear up to provide abortion services at the renovated clinic on Powers Avenue. Drop by often prayerfully to say the Rosary. And, Trudy Perez-Poveda will again need our help during the next organized protests in front of that facility. Please find some time for this truly vital activity.

If you wonder where our fight for the rights of the unborn fits in the whole social justice framework, consider this quote from Mother Teresa, *We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion.*

**REMEMBER THE FEAST OF
THE ASSUMPTION**





LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES
JUDY BLACHE



First Friday will be held on Aug. 2nd at 7:00 pm. Our theme for August is *Back to School with Beam*. We will decorate the tables with pencils, pens, crayons, paper, backpacks etc. There are really good sales going on now for these items. We will meet at 6:30 to put out the items on the tables. They will be delivered to Beam in time for their give-away.

After Mass and dinner we will hold a meeting to elect a new President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer for the coming year.

This will be my last newsletter as President.

Thanks for all your help.

YEAR OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE TO AMERICA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Consider joining the pilgrimage to Washington, DC, September 8 on the 50th anniversary of the Knights' gift of the Basilica's bell carillon.



THE CLERGY CORNER

“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

The Gospel readings for the month of August come from Luke, and they are not very cheerful.



On the 4th, Christ tells the story of the rich farmer who stores up a robust harvest so that he can “rest, eat, drink, and be merry.” Unfortunately, God’s timetable differed, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you...thus it will be for all who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

All right, that message seems clear; we need to amass divine rather than earthly treasures. But Luke re-emphasizes this warning on the second Sunday with Christ’s quote at the top of this column. And then he raises the bar a bit more by reminding us that, “Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”

I have often debated in my mind the Just God versus the Merciful God. How will God’s need to punish be tempered by His love and willingness to forgive?

A disciple had the same question when he asked Jesus, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

Jesus answered, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough...For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The “narrow gate”, historically, is the gate to the side of the large doors of the walled City of Jerusalem. The narrow gate, designed to allow one person through at a time, prevented an attacker entering with a long sword or spear.

As St. Cyril notes, Christ does not really answer the disciple’s question. Instead, he gives him the formula for his own salvation. “Whosoever then would enter must of necessity first before everything else possess an upright and uncorrupted faith; and, secondly, a spotless morality, in which is no possibility of blame, according to the measure of human righteousness. “(Cyril of Alexandria, Sermon XCIX)

Elsewhere in the Gospels Christ has listed very specifically the teachings that we must embrace in order to achieve the Kingdom of God. He reminds us in these readings from Luke that we cannot risk waiting to rally in the late innings. We must live the Gospel constantly so that we, unlike the faithless servant in the August 11 Gospel, are always prepared for the return of our Master.

Let’s be sure we are ready!



JULY PHOTOS



Top row from left: Jim Blache (right) at the K of C Golf Tournament. Dewey Marshall trims the foliage. John Riendeau can always be counted on to be there for Tassone Park clean up. Second row: Many hands make the work lighter; on the right in the photo is the fair Miss Hannah Woodruff, ace photographer for the 4th of July photos. Thank you, Hannah. A happy group enjoys the 4th of July weather. Third row: Entertainment for the young. Daddy Chris Collins with the newest member of the Council family. Council members Jim Blache, Dewey Marshall and Gordon Scott participate in the Assembly donation to our Veterans. Bottom left: It's great to see Tassone Park filled with children for the 4th of July picnic.



FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - JEFF REGAN

Retirement income you can't outlive

People are living longer today than in any other time in history. While this is certainly a good problem to have, it creates a new worry for those facing retirement: what if I outlive my savings? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive sound to you?

This sounds pretty good to most members and this can be true if you open a Knights of Columbus annuity, which is designed to provide guaranteed long-term security. As a knight, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into this annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. Couple that guarantee with the fact that no one has ever lost money put in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember, absolute safety of principal) and you will have peace of mind.

Don't forget contributing money to an annuity will allow you to save

some money on your income tax return. And our annuities offer a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. These benefits are similar to those of an IRA or similar product, but ours is backed by the strength and financial stability of the Knights of Columbus.

At your convenience, I will happily meet with you to explain in detail the benefits of selecting our annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you consider options as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing guaranteed to help you and open a Knights of Columbus annuity

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August Birthdays

- August 2: Pat McLaughlin
August 4: Chris Collins
August 5: Ralph Balenesi
August 8: Raymond Cern
August 9: John Riendeau
August 9: Walter Smith
August 10: James Ventimiglia
August 11: Armand Nasuti
August 13: Father Anthony Bonela
August 15: John Siess
August 15: Anthony Mirabella
August 18: Chris Stern
August 18: Robert Crapo
August 21: Dennis Kipp
August 22: Charles Bautista
August 22: Joseph McCarthy
August 23: Mark Parkulo
August 26: Peter Benson
August 28: G. William Sweeney
August 28: Charles Garrett

Father Murphy Council 5535 Golden Anniversary - March, 2014

Our Council will celebrate its 50th birthday next year. A small committee including Dewey Marshall, Pat McLaughlin, Pete Sapia, and Don Barnhorst have started to plan for this event. Dewey Marshall, Council Historian, will pen an article for the newsletter each month, beginning with this issue, relating a bit of our history Here's

OUR FOUNDING COUNCIL OFFICERS

Table with 2 columns: Position and Name. Includes Grand Knight, Chaplain, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Trustees, and District Deputy.

Dewey!

Knights of Columbus Council 5535 was founded on March 19, 1964 and was named for Father Murphy, the first permanent priest at St. Paul's Church in Jacksonville Beach.

The first meeting was conducted on a Wednesday night in the Cafeteria of St Paul's Catholic School. Following meetings were held in the small parish hall behind St Paul's Rectory. Initially thirty new men received their First degree, and twenty-eight members transferred from other councils.

We will be looking for additional committee members to assist in setting up this gala event for our council. Please let any of the steering committee members know if you are interested in assisting.