



FATHER MURPHY COUNCIL 5535

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WE HAVE BEGUN THE SEASON OF LENT.

Ash Wednesday, February 13 opened the Lenten Season, a time of preparation and sorrow as we contemplate the Lord's Passion and death. But, the month began with personal grief as we shared with Martha the untimely death of Barry Klinikowski. Barry was a Knight's knight. He served faithfully as our Advocate and attended most functions with Martha in spite of increasing difficulty with diabetes. We and the Philadelphia Phillies have lost a great friend. Rest in the peace of the

Lord,
Barry!



As noted, Lent fills the entire month of March leading to Easter Sunday on March 31. Take note of the Lenten activities in Gordon and Norma's column and drop by St. Paul's Church for Stations of the Cross each Friday evening before the 5:30 PM Mass.

Finally, the Eucharistic Congress will be held March 8 and 9 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville. This is a wonderful event with great spirituality and provocative speakers. Try to find time here to strengthen your Lenten growth.

Council 5535 March Newsletter

Last month, Grand Knight Dave Woodruff appealed to us to get involved in Council activities. He suggested that we each pray and ask God what He wants of us.

Many of our brethren identify the Council as promoting nothing but Bingo, and they equate bingo work with root canals and colonoscopies (I promise you; that is incorrect!)

So, we will attempt with the newsletter to illustrate some of the many spiritual and charitable activities that our Brother Knights have found to assist Christ in His mission. Last month, Tom Divita showed us how participation in the Cursillo movement helps to give meaning to our lives.

This month we feature a wonderful couple who have found a great way to serve the needy among us.

Our Council has many strengths. As Dave pointed out, we can make a difference. Check out Page Six and see how Sam and Ethel, indeed, are making a difference in the lives of others.

Vivat Jesus!





GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Brothers, Lent is upon us. This is a time that offers us a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need. Lent is a time of examining one's own thoughts and feelings (I know I have). For many, Lent is time for the spiritual equivalent of New Year's resolutions. (We made those last month. How many have you kept?)

May we resolve as Brothers of this Council to continue to uphold the principles of our Order, united through our charitable deeds as a fraternity in our patriotic duty.

Finally a sincere thank you to those few who worked so diligently on setting up our 3rd Degree Exemplification. Also thanks to all who attended from our council as well as others. There were over forty candidates who advanced!

Conservi tui in Christi
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Father Murphy Council 5535

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Happy Birthday To The Knights Of Columbus

The Order will celebrate its 131st anniversary on March 29, 2013. On this date in 1882 through the efforts of Father McGivney the Knights of Columbus was chartered by the State of Connecticut.

For The Golfing Knights

Here is an opportunity to help one of our brother councils raise funds for charity. Council 11069 will host a golf tournament at Hidden Hills Country Club March 24th, Palm Sunday, starting at noon. Contact Don Zehnder at 316-1168.

Another upcoming event is the Annual Golf Tournament for Bishop Larkin Council 4727 to be held at Deerfield Lakes Golf Course, May 5th, 2013. Contact Jim Bonitatibus 669-0307 or John Klinkenberg 726-5446.

Calendar

March 1, 2013

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

March 4, 2013

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

March 8 and 9, 2013

Eucharistic Congress, Prime Osborn Convention Center, Jacksonville

March 18, 2013

Council Officers' Meeting, 7 PM in the Council Hall.

March 23, 2013

Penman Road Cleanup, 8:30 AM, Council Hall

Every Friday in March, 2013

Stations of the Cross, 1:30 PM in front of the Powers Avenue abortion facility

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**DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTES
CHUCK BOLL**

February has been a busy month for me as to the different Degrees.



The District held four Degrees total starting with First Degrees at Council 5535 and Council 4727. Each degree netted one new member.

On the 20th of the month a Second Degree was held at Council 4727; 32 candidates advanced to the Second Degree.

On the 23rd of the month Council 5535 hosted a Third Degree Exemplification. There were 42 candidates seeking the Third Degree. This included one Priest, Fr. Lum, from the Burmese community here in Jacksonville. Candidates also came from GA and Lake City areas.

There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Mar 2nd at the Marriott at South Point. Registration is at 8:30 am.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



MARK PARKULO

No youth activities have been reported for March.

NOTE FROM THE BINGO CHAIRMAN

We need volunteers from within our council to help. I am asking you to step forward and lend a hand in helping those who have been doing this charitable fund raiser for many years. If you can find the time to give the council two or three hours of your time on either Sunday or Wednesday it would be appreciated. We are a SMOKE-FREE facility. You can contact me at 708-5434 or just come in on Bingo Nights. Thank You and God Bless.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY
ED MAXTED**



Financially we are showing a modest improvement, which is very significant after almost two years of decline. If we can maintain the trend, in a few months we can resume some of our charitable contributions.

Our primary source of income has long been bingo. Dues and occasional hall rentals would not sustain the building and our various assessments. Attendance at bingo has trended upward, so we are slightly above the "break-even" line. If this continues we will soon be in a recovery mode. NOW our biggest problem is staffing the bingo operation. With 216 members, it is a shame that so few participate in our effort to support local charities. Where is our purpose as Knights of Columbus?



FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE COUPLE - NORMA AND GORDON SCOTT

Reminder to all, the Eucharistic Congress Convention is being held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center on 8 and 9 March.

We always need Knights to help when we pray Stations of the Cross 1-2 pm on Fridays during the 40 days for Life.

There will be a Eucharistic Procession on March 16th starting at Woody's Bar-B-Q on Powers Ave, just off University Blvd. Knights will line up at 10:30 to escort our Bishop as he leads the procession for this 40 days of Life.



LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES
JUDY BLACHE



Happy St. Patrick's Day.

First Friday will be on March 1st at 7:00. The theme for our decorations is, of course, St. Patrick's Day. We will meet at the hall at 6:30 to decorate.

We will hold a meeting after Mass and dinner to discuss Easter and the Past Grand Knights dinner, which will be held on April 6th.

I want to thank the ladies of the auxiliary who brought cupcakes for the spaghetti dinner that was held as a fundraiser for The Women's Help Center. Thanks again. The dinner was a big success.

People with names beginning A-E, please bring desserts, F-J, salads and K-Z, vegetables for First Friday's meal.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Council is indebted to Judy and Jim Blache for their leadership with the spaghetti dinner last month. Through their efforts \$458 were raised for Women's Help Center.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this worthwhile venture. We had fun, ate well, and helped others. Great combination!

THE CLERGY CORNER
DEACON TOM HUGHES

Surely it was one of the most lucrative used-car deals in history. A 21-year-old German man sold his 1999 Volkswagen Golf with 47,000 miles on it. He had paid just over \$10,000 for the car. He sold it on eBay for a quarter of a million to an American, who would have to travel all the way to Germany to claim it. Now why, you may be wondering, would anybody pay a quarter of a million dollars for a used Volkswagen Golf, parked halfway around the world? It had nothing to do with the car itself, which was rather ordinary. It had everything to do with the papers that went along with it. The young man who had purchased the car realized, as he did some research into the title, that the former owner had just left Germany to take a new job: in the Vatican. That humble Volkswagen Golf had belonged to one Josef Kardinal Ratzinger, the new pope!

People will travel a long way in hopes of encountering the holy. That's the reason behind the venerable old tradition of pilgrimage. Whether it's Muslims making the once-in-a-lifetime hajj, or journey to Mecca, or Jews going to pray at the Wailing Wall, or Catholics traveling to Lourdes or Medjugorje, or Santiago de Compostela, holiness exerts a potent attraction.

Sometimes, though, believers don't need to travel in search of holiness. Sometimes holiness comes and finds them, right where they are. We can travel the Via Dolorosa right here in our churches every Friday during Lent.

We call it the Stations of the Cross.

In the Gospel we see Jesus calling Peter and three other disciples, James, John and Andrew. Jesus had given these men an example of who he was by his preaching, by his curing of Peter's mother-in-law, and by his very demeanor of goodness, mercy, and forgiveness.

The apostles listened to Jesus and they took in his words when he preached. And gradually the apostles nurtured in their hearts a desire to be like Jesus, to carry on his mission, to do exactly as he did. And so they became apostles. That was the definition of an apostle in the early church: One, who had lived with the Lord, walked with him and knew him first hand.

Many of us may think that we are not like the Apostles. Why would God want to speak to us we're not that deserving. Many people who were undeserving became good. St. Paul was one of them. He once went around killing Christians. But he was converted. God knocked him off his high horse as he was on the road to Damascus where he was on his way to kill more Christians. Paul trusted in Jesus and accepted all the hardships that he subsequently had to endure in bringing the message of Jesus to the Gentiles.

We are called by Jesus to do the same today. Our primary vocation is not to be a plumber, or a shop owner, or even a retired person. Our primary vocation is to live the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must model ourselves on Jesus by reading about him in the scriptures. We must have the desire to live what we read. If we do, that will mean we will go out, become involved, join a charitable organization like the Knights.



MARCH PHOTOS



Top row from left: Friday Stations of the Cross before the abortion facility. Danny Parkulo accepts sister Wendy's Spelling Bee award from DD Chuck Boll. Marie Parkulo helps serve as Joe Sganga samples the cuisine. Second row from left Reggie Dubay discusses the differential diagnosis of elevated liver enzymes with the Doctors Parkulo. Chris Stern, Mark Parkulo, and Gordon Scott work the spaghetti dinner line. Third row from left: two beautiful ladies, Joan Sapia and Judy Blache enjoy not having to cook dinner. Shannon and Ceili Collins with Hannah Woodruff. Bottom left: our inimitable pasta chef, Jim Blache.



FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - JEFF REGAN

Renew what's important to you

Spring is a time for renewal. Trees and plants will soon be blooming, and many animals will shake off the cold and become active again. As the winter doldrums end, you'll be ready to get outside with your family, too, and be part of this renewal.

It is also a perfect opportunity to take a few moments to consider your goals and what's important to you and your loved ones. Are you planning to welcome a new child or to send one to college? Are you looking forward to retirement? Will you have enough money to accomplish these goals? What would happen if something happened to you?

Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and examine how you can meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.),

chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. Maybe an annuity or long-term care plan appeals to your situation. Whatever the case, I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.



When we meet, you'll discover that the time we spend together will be a commitment to your future and your family's well-being. Let's get together soon to renew your financial goals with the stable backing of the Knights of Columbus.

I'm at 904-325-4800 or Jeffrey.regan@kofc.org. Call me let's talk.

March Birthdays

- March 4:** Michael Faulk
- March 10:** Michael Mirabella
- March 12:** William Johnson, Jr.
- March 13:** Eduard David
- March 14:** Bill Reno
- March 15:** Rogelio DeLaRosa
- March 17:** Peter Cagle
- March 23:** William Kornmayer
- March 25:** Reggie Dubay
- March 26:** Daniel Plourde
- March 28:** William Borgilt
- March 30:** Don Bruning
- March 31:** Kevin McCullagh



A CLOSING NOTE

Sam Consoli has been a Knight of Columbus for many years. A little more than ten years ago, Sam and his lovely wife, Ethel, traded the cold of Lyndhurst, NJ for the more temperate climes of Ponte Vedra, FL.



Sam investigated the local K of C and transferred his membership to the Father Murphy Council. He and Ethel first experienced our Council at a First Friday Mass and dinner. Following Mass as they proceeded through the dinner line, Sam and Ethel realized they knew no one. Sitting a few tables away were Ned and Mary Jardine and their family. Ned rose to greet the new members and insisted they sit with him and his group.

Knowing Ned, one can be certain that the conversation soon gravitated to BEAM and Mission House. Sam and Ethel were recruited. Ever since, they have been regulars volunteering at Mission House, now serving lunch each Tuesday. Sam specializes in the best salads on earth and Ethel dishes up fantastic desserts.

When we wonder how each of us may serve, just look around at our brethren. There are many stories such as Sam's and Ethel's. We will try to highlight similar wonderful examples of giving of self each month. Come. Get involved. Thanks Sam and Ethel for being wonderful models!

