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SOME OF THE EVENTS OF APRIL

Our nation again experience terrorism and catastrophe in April with the horrendous bombing at the Boston Marathon and the explosion at the Texas fertilizer plant. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson issued the following statement: "The thoughts and prayers of the Knights of



Columbus are with all of those killed or injured in the terror attack on the marathon in Boston and in the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas. May God provide eternal rest to the deceased and comfort to all those affected, and may all of us be inspired by the witness and courage of the emergency personnel and bystanders

who rushed to the aid of those who were injured at the risk of their own lives."

Our faith gets tested in such times. How can a loving God permit such evil? God wants us to love Him, but without free will we could not sincerely do so. God permits evil to the extent that He gives us free will. Thanks to us, evil in the world is the result of our choice.

Council 5535 May Newsletter

The past month has been a busy one in the never-ending battle for the sanctity of life. At one pole, the horrors of testimony in the Gosnell trial were juxtaposed with the story heard at the Women's Help Center gala of the young woman counseled by mail and telephone to choose life rather than abortion for her baby.



The "baby," now nineteen years old, and his family met the counselor for the first time at the Gala.

The speaker, Kirk Walden, assured attendees that the battle against Planned Parenthood is being won as community after community close the baby-killing facilities.

On the other end of the sanctity of life spectrum, the Florida legislature demonstrated its insistence on the death penalty by offering legislation to speed up the process and to shorten the tenure on Death Row.

Read more about these issues in Norma and Gordon's column.

Vivat Jesus!





GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Past Grand Knights dinner. I even got to meet a few PGKs that have not been around in a few years. I wish to thank Br. Dewey Marshall, Br. Gene Magat (11069), and Girl Scout Troop 1202 for their hard work making the dinner happen.

May is the month of Mary. During this month, we should set aside time for special devotions to Mary and to our own mothers. I encourage you all to honor Mary each Saturday during May by praying the rosary.



Mother's day is a time for us to thank both our mother and the mother of our children.

The place that a mother holds in a person's life can never ever be taken over by anyone else. She is always

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there to love you, care for you, and even make sacrifices for you. In fact, there is hardly any other person in this world who would be willing to do all those things for you that a mother does.

At the end of May we observe Memorial Day, a time to remember all U.S. men and women killed or missing in action in all wars. During our Memorial Weekend's festivities, let us all pause a moment to remember and thank those who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms we enjoy.

On the Memorial Day note, a Roman Catholic priest recently was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. Chaplain (Capt.) Kapaun was also named 'Servant of God' in 1993 on his way to canonization. If you want to know more just check out our website.

Conservi tui in Christi

Dave Woodruff, GK

Father Murphy Council 5535

Calendar

May 3, 2013

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

May 6, 2013

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

May 11, 2013

Sisters of St. Joseph Barbecue, St. Augustine Convent, 12 Noon

May 20, 2013

Council Officers' Meeting, 7 PM in the Council Hall

May 25, 2013

Penman Road Cleanup, 8:30 AM, Council Hall

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**DISTRICT DEPUTY NOTES
CHUCK BOLL**

Upcoming
Degrees:
First Degrees:
5 May 2013,
Bishop Hurley
Council



11069, at Holy
Spirit on Fort Caroline Rd. CC is
at 8:15 AM; 22 May 2013, Bishop
Kenny Council 1951, 1509
Hendricks Ave. CC 7PM.

Second Degree: 2 May 2013, Saint
Johns River Council 10850, 4152
Loretto Rd. CC 7PM.

FL K of C State Convention will
be held in Orlando. May 24
through 26.

Tom Guggisberg will be the new
District Deputy for District 7 next
Fraternal Year. He is long time
member from Council 4727. I'm
stepping aside as my term is
ending. Please give Tom your
support as it will be a demanding
assignment.

**Past Grand Knight and
Founder's Day Dinner**

Dewey Marshall did his usual
superb job in arranging this year's
Past Grand Knight dinner. A total
of twelve past Grand Knights were
in attendance. Photo in Photo
Page. Father Dan De Pascale
leading us in Grace was a special
treat.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
MARK PARKULO**



No report this month.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY
ED MAXTED**



Our economic health continues to
improve with better attendance at
bingo. The need
for helpers continues to plague
us. If the trend continues, we will
soon be able to resume
our charities. The Columbian
Association has been accruing a
fund for almost three
years in order to repave the
parking lot. It has been done and
looks good. One more
month until dues notices go out
again. Thank you for your work
on our various Committees.

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



During April the Florida House
passed three important pro-life
bills. This legislation will protect
unborn children in instances of
criminal violence, prohibit sex-
selection abortions, and ensure
that infants born alive after
botched abortions receive needed
medical care. At the time of
publication these bills were not yet
law. Keep your eyes and ears
open. Encourage your Florida
Senators and Gov. Scott to sign
these bills into law.

President Obama concluded his
address at the Planned Parenthood
Convention by saying, "Thank
you, Planned Parenthood. God
bless you." Surely, God loves and
blesses the workers at Planned
Parenthood, but their deeds
continue to be a clear repudiation
of His teachings. In contrast to
our president, we pray for, rather
than thank, Planned Parenthood.

B I N G O				
7	25	44	57	62
15	22	40	50	70
11	30	FREE SPACE	46	74
2	28	37	55	68
10	27	39	59	75

Here is an idea when your wife says, "Dear, you never take me out anymore." Try an evening of Bingo every now and then in the Council Hall. Bingo is played every Sunday and Wednesday evening. The cost for five hours of entertainment is negligible, and you might even win!

An added bonus is the great variety of succulent culinary items from Chuck Boll's kitchen (try the BLTs). An evening of Bingo and great food. Your wife will love you!



**LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES
JUDY BLACHE**



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

First Friday Mass and dinner is May 3rd at 7 pm. Our theme for decorating the tables is fresh flowers. If any of you would like to bring statues of the blessed Mother, we will put them on the tables with the fresh flowers.

People with last names beginning with A-F, please bring a dessert; last names beginning with G-S, bring vegetables, and last names beginning with T-Z, bring salads.

After Mass and dinner we will have a short meeting. Hope to see you there.

Thank you.

Thank You from Me



The Council could not have given me a finer gift. Mary has been special to me as long as I can remember from May processions as a kid to mourning with her on the recent Good Friday. She is one of Christ's

greatest gifts to me. The picture is prominently displayed in our entry foyer. Thank you very much!

**THE CLERGY CORNER
THE ST. AUGUSTINE
DIOCESE**



To honor the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pope Benedict XVI announced on Oct. 16, 2011 a Year of Faith.

The Year opened on Oct. 11, 2012 and ends on Nov. 24, 2013 the Solemnity of Christ the King. The goal is to strengthen the faith of Catholics and draw the world to faith by their example.

Bishop Felipe J. Estévez opened the Year of Faith in the Diocese of St. Augustine with Solemn Vespers on Thursday, Oct. 11 at the Cathedral Basilica, in St. Augustine.

“Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, wants people to rediscover the truth of the faith and renew their confidence in the gospel,” said Bishop Estévez. “Let us be open to the Spirit and renew our understanding of our faith so we can proclaim it with greater confidence and clarity to the world.”

Several initiatives are planned for the Year of Faith. Check out the calendar of events on the diocesan web page. Information will be updated throughout the year.

“The door of faith” (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us

into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his church. It is possible to cross the threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through the door is to start out on a journey that lasts a lifetime.”

Pope Benedict XVI in Porta Fidei, in proclaiming a “Year of Faith,” Oct. 16, 2011.

Bishop Felipe Estevez has determined that a plenary indulgence may be gained during this year by, among other devotions, making a pilgrimage of faith to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, the Chapel of the Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine, the parish church of Holy Faith Parish in Gainesville, or the parish church of Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville and fully participate in any celebration of the sacred liturgy, or, at least, remain for a suitable period of time in prayer and meditation. The visit to these sites must also include recitation of the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ or Nicene Creed, and prayers that invoke the intercession of Our Blessed Lady and our diocese’s patron, Saint Augustine of Hippo.

What is an indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is a favor granted by the Church through the merits of Jesus who removes the temporal punishment remaining for sins that have been forgiven in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As minister of Christ’s grace, the Church grants an indulgence to faithful Catholics willing to perform a public act of devotion.

Check out other ways to gain an indulgence on the Diocesan web page.



APRIL PHOTOS



Top row from left: Chris Stern conducts the April Business Meeting. Janis Riendeau prepares First Friday dinner. John and Margaret Manahan celebrate their wedding anniversary. Second row: AnnieMarie and Joe McCarthy at the PGK Dinner. The PGK cake. Third row: Barbara and Joe McCreary; Evelyn and Carl Acker; and Beth and Hugh Patterson. Bottom left: twelve past Grand Knights.



FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - JEFF REGAN

Cover two people with one policy

In this month's article, I want to discuss a type of life insurance product with which you might not be familiar. This product offers a way for you to help your heirs meet estate settlement costs without subtracting from the total value of your estate. After all, you've worked hard to accumulate wealth or build a business over the years and you want to pass along that value to your family, charity or church in its entirety.

To this end, the Knights of Columbus designed a Survivorship Universal Life (SUL) product. SUL is a second to die, or survivorship, life insurance program that covers two people, (usually husband and wife) and the death benefit is paid upon the death of the surviving second

person which is normally when an estate would be taxed. This can be an important part of an estate plan.



Keep in mind, an SUL policy is one policy that covers two people. This has advantages, including a lower cost than two individual life insurance policies. It is a great option for a married couple with children. It can provide funds for the legal guardians chosen to care for children in the event both parents die, which is especially attractive to parents of a special needs child.

If you have a child or children, you need life insurance. If you intend to

May Birthdays

May 4: Nicholas Ferranti

May 7: Charles Berry

May 12: Larry Schmuhl

May 14: William Saelinger

May 19: Joseph Genove

May 20: Frank Tassone

May 31: Edward Strauss

pass on any property or wealth, you need life insurance. A SUL policy is one option that we can discuss when we meet for an insurance review.

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A CLOSING NOTE

You have undoubtedly noticed that the "Clergy Corner" column this month is not authored by Deacon Tom Hughes. Tom's wife of forty-seven years, Susan, died April 19. Father Kelly officiated at the funeral Mass at St. Paul's Church attended by five fellow deacons.



Tom and Susan's daughter, Jane, gave one of the eulogies and attested to the great marriage that Mom and Dad had and to the wonderful mother that Susan had been. She was always available to her children, offered them advice, but taught them to learn how to make their own decisions.

Jane provided a light-hearted example of her mother's strong faith. The family car at one time was a Volkswagen "Beetle," which was dubbed the Rubber Ducky. It had a propensity to stall at the worst times, heavy traffic being one. Instead of being stressed by the crisis, Susan assured Jane that if they just sang to the car, God would see that it

started. So the two of them would sing the "Rubber Ducky" song, and - sure enough - the car always started.

The departure of a loved one from this life is always hard to accept, but few people have lived finer lives than Tom and Susan. So, we know now that she is enjoying the fruits of that effort. Christ has greeted her, "Well done, good and faithful servant."