



# FATHER MURPHY COUNCIL 5535

## Knights of Columbus

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### SEPTEMBER - A GREAT MONTH OF SERVICE

As Grand Knight Dave Woodruff notes in his article on Page 2, the Council had a busy September. The blood drive was very successful with twenty-seven units of blood donated and an additional \$243 collected for the Blood Alliance.



The Council also hosted its second Craft Fair. Again, Ruth Allender, one of our dedicated bingo patrons, deserves considerable thanks for organizing the vendors and arranging the display space.

The three principles of our order displayed in the banner space of this newsletter were certainly on display this past month. Ed Maxted and Pat McLaughlin at the Labor Day Mass and picnic; Jim Blache and Larry Wagner mixing pancake batter; Erin Hutchinson and Reggie Dubay donating blood; Chuck Boll and Larry Wagner supervising the bingo operation - all these represent the essence of charity, unity, fraternity.



### Council 5535 October Newsletter

One in ten American adults raised as Catholic has left the religion. Four out of five did so before the age of 24, according to The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life.

The Catholic hierarchy is not doing enough to address the problem, said Robert J. McCarty, director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.



Getting young adults to explore long-term spirituality is difficult when they “are living more in the moment,” he said. “What we’re dealing with is not particularly a Catholic problem, but a generational problem.”

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke last month to the College Conference of the Knights and emphasized to the young men, “You are not the future of the Church; you are the Church now. If you give God permission to enter into your life and make a difference, you will not be disappointed.”

Why are so many of our youth not finding our faith fulfilling? An NPR poll finds that 53% of Catholics want the church either to adjust its traditional beliefs and practices in light of new circumstances or adopt modern beliefs and practices.

Supreme Knight Anderson issued the challenge to the young Knights. We can help. Our lives can illustrate the worth of traditional Catholic values for our youth. We do make a difference. Let us live our faith!

*Vivat Jesus!*



GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN



Brother Knights:

I would like to thank all who contributed their time and talent to our activities completed in September. There was a lot of work done supporting the Women's Help Center Dinner, Blood Drive, and Craft Show. I am truly blessed to have the support of so many of you. I trust in God that you will continue your support and that some of you will step up to fill positions for activities we enjoy.

Of course we have a few things planned for October as well. We will have a Corporate Communion at St. Paul's 10am Mass on the 13<sup>th</sup>. This is not only to show our fraternity and recruit new members but also to honor our patron Christopher Columbus.

I am happy to announce that we have resumed our charitable giving. Our council recently made significant donations to St. Paul's Catholic School, the Five Star Veteran's Center, and the Beaches Community Kitchen as well as our usual charities. We still have plenty of money to give away thanks to the surge in bingo funds. Of

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course these funds don't come 'free'. It takes many hours of volunteer work from our council members calling, on the floor, behind the register, and in the kitchen to make this happen. Please give a few hours of your own to help out now and then.

Every organization's life blood is its members, and we are no different. If you have any ideas that you think will benefit our members and their families, please tell me about them. I am open to all suggestions.

And finally, we have also been doing well on the recruiting front. We have received several new members as well as transfers over the past few months. Keep up the good work.

Speaking of new members, our next 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm.

Help bring new blood into our council.

*Conservi tui in Christi,*

**Dave Woodruff, GK**

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**Calendar**

**October 4, 2013**  
First Friday Mass and Dinner in the Council Hall. 7 PM Mass, Dinner to follow.

**October 7, 2013**  
General Business Meeting. Light Supper, 6:30 PM with Meeting to follow in the Council Hall.

**October 13, 2013**  
Corporate Mass, St. Paul's Church, 10 AM

**October 14, 2013**  
Columbus Day

**October 21, 2013**  
Council Officers' Meeting, 7 PM in the Council Hall

**October 21, 2013**  
First Degree Exemplification in the Council Hall. Candidate Call 7:30 PM

**October 26, 2013**  
Penman Road Cleanup, 8:30 AM, Council Hall

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**BINGO DIRECTOR NOTES  
CHUCK BOLL**



The month of September has been a fruitful month for Bingo. The attendance has been averaging 160 patrons. I'm still looking for volunteers to come in and assist us for a couple of hours either on Sunday or Wednesday. We have been experiencing a shortage of help. From time to time our regular volunteers have to attend other functions. I'm asking each Brother to find it in your heart to step forward to help out. Remember your Degrees of Unity and Fraternity. We're still looking to form TEAMS at least 2. Come in and see if you would join in; you may like it. Keep in mind that this is OUR Council Fund Raiser.

Larry Wagner is searching for kitchen help so if you get a call please do not turn him down. It's only for a couple of hours and can be rewarding.

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES  
MARK PARKULO**



We plan to have multiple activities this year: Spelling Bee, Essay and Poster contests, and Free-throw Championship. The first upcoming event will be the Free-throw Challenge. We plan to conduct this in conjunction with the St. Paul's Dads' Club Halloween Howl-In in October. Stay tuned for more information. We also plan on a family bowling event in the next few months and possibly a movie night with the St. Paul's Youth Group in the future. If you have any questions or suggestions about youth activities please contact me at [mparkulo@comcast.net](mailto:mparkulo@comcast.net).

**Last Man Standing Competition**

Last Man Standing is a contest in which you pick one winner of an NFL football game per week. Sounds easy, right? The trick is you can only use a team once. In other words you have to pick one team per week, but you can't pick the Patriots or 49ers or Ravens more than once. If you are interested in participating please contact Mark Parkulo at [mparkulo@comcast.net](mailto:mparkulo@comcast.net) for more details.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY  
ED MAXTED**



We continue to benefit from the increased attendance at bingo. We have resumed many of our charitable donations and have funds for further charities and events that were much in doubt just months ago. Pray thanks to the Lord that we are able - and thanks to our faithful helpers at bingo. These are the Brothers that enable us to be the examples of Christianity that we should be. Pray for them and JOIN them. See you there!

**OUR LADY OF LA LECHE  
FEAST DAY MASS**

In 2012 the Holy See granted a petition by Bishop Estevez for a feast in honor of Our Lady of La Leche each year on October 11. Masses will be celebrated by Father James Kaniparampil, formerly parochial vicar at St. Paul's Church, at 7 AM and by Bishop Estevez at 9 AM, both at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

Yes. These are early hours, but let us have a good turnout for our good friend, Father James, and for our Bishop on this special Feast Day.



**PRO-LIFE ISSUES**

The New York Times recently published an article titled “My Abortion, at 23 Weeks.” The author explains that she was pregnant with twins, a boy and a girl, but that the boy was diagnosed with a herniated diaphragm. He would require surgery and life support for a period after birth.



The author and her husband could not bear “the thought of hearing him gasp for air,” so they chose to have their son aborted with a lethal injection into his heart. “He died in a warm and

loving place, inside me,” she writes. It was for his own good, she thought.

Is abortion justified in the case of a fetal disability, “deformity” or “defect”? Is it justified when an unborn child is expected to die during pregnancy, childbirth or soon after? These circumstances though they account for only a tiny fraction of abortions are gut-wrenching. They call for some clear moral thinking.

Two points about the abortion of disabled babies are important. First, ability (or disability) is irrelevant to the worth and dignity of a human being. We do not (or should not) think less of people who have physical and mental handicaps. Parents may not kill their toddler if they learn that she has autism. They may not execute a 10-year-old with spina bifida because they think she would be better off dead.

Since disability itself does not justify killing, the killing of disabled unborn babies could only be justified if the unborn (whether disabled or not) do not have the same value and right to life as human beings at later developmental stages, such as toddlers and 10-year-old children. But this is only a different form of discrimination. Just as ability is irrelevant to human value, so too is age, size and location. All human beings share an equal right to life simply by virtue of their humanity. Killing disabled people, in the womb or out, is morally wrong.

Second, it is deeply mistaken to suppose that the life of a disabled person is not worth living. People with disabilities live meaningful and often happy lives. And caring for them, though difficult, is enriching and rewarding, as parents and caregivers attest.

Organizations that help families deal with adverse prenatal diagnoses include Prenatal Partners for Life and Be Not Afraid.

Caring is always better than killing.

**THE CLERGY CORNER  
POPE FRANCIS I**

During his homily at morning Mass in Domus Sanctae Marthae, Pope Francis emphasized



the importance of carrying within oneself the joy and patience of Christian faith even in difficult and humiliating circumstances.

The question raised in the Gospel of Luke, which recounted Peter’s profession of faith when Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” is also asked to us, the Pope told the faithful.

“It was the Holy Spirit who touched the heart of Peter to say who Jesus was. If he is the Christ, the Son of the living God, it is a mystery, right? Who could explain that [...] but the [Holy Spirit] told him. And if each one of us, in your own prayer, looking at the Tabernacle, and says to the Lord: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God, firstly, they cannot say it on their own, it must be the Holy Spirit who says it in them. And, secondly, prepare yourself, because He will respond saying: “It is true.”

We have everything: we have the Church, we have Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, the Virgin Mary, everything, a nice work for the Kingdom of Heaven, we are good, everyone. Because at least we need to think this, because if we think the contrary, it is sin!

There are two paths that Christians may follow, the Pope concluded. Either a Christian who only cares for their own well-being to assure a place in Heaven or “a Christian close to Jesus, on the path of Jesus.”



# SEPTEMBER PHOTOS



Top row from left: Mila Bruning and granddaughter enjoy the Labor Day picnic dinner. Don Bruning admirably manned the grill all day long! Norma Scott serves a hungry group of Christovich children. Second row: Mark and Marie Parkulo were stalwarts during the pancake breakfast, as Jim Blache discusses the nuances of pancake batter. Pat McLaughlin makes certain his batter has no lumps. Reggie Dubay bares his right arm for the blood bank technician. Third row: Erin Hutchison also shares the gift of life. Winnie and Bill Walsh not only enjoyed the breakfast but also donated blood. Bottom left: The Bloodmobile collected twenty-seven precious units of blood during our drive.



**FIELD AGENT'S REPORT - JEFF REGAN**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
INSURANCE**

**Teach your children well**

Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires wearing more hats than you ever thought possible: cook, chauffeur, nurse, counselor and many more... and that's often in one morning. One of the most important roles you accept as a parent is that of teacher. You will teach your children so much before they begin school. And, before they get out into the world, you'll instill life-long values.

Sometimes these values (respect, compassion, accountability, financial responsibility, etc.) run counter to those that our instant-gratification-driven society values. So, we strive to teach by example.

This is one good reason to carry enough life insurance to protect your family. This simple act can show what you value. You'll show them that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not

around. You'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs, the newest and best home theater system, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.



It will teach them priorities. Sure, it may not sink in at the time, especially if any of the sacrifices made prevent them from filling their immediate "needs" (really things they want, not need, like the newest DVD, video game or article of clothing). In the long run, they will learn from what you do and what you don't do. Only you can choose the lessons you will teach.

Let's meet to review your existing coverage. My needs analysis, provided free, will help teach you where your coverage may be lacking. We can plan today to secure your family's future and set in motion lessons that will last a lifetime. I'm at 904-325-4800 or Jeffrey.regan@kofc.org. Call me let's talk.

Jeff Regan, FIC

**October Birthdays**

- October 7:** Hugh Patterson
- October 9:** Thomas Pekarek
- October 10:** Terry Buczkowski
- October 10:** Dennis Craft
- October 11:** Manton King
- October 11:** Edward Mundy
- October 13:** Bob Bilik
- October 14:** Tom Divita
- October 15:** Anthony Hamaty
- October 15:** Charles Leonard
- October 16:** Jose Ruiz
- October 17:** Raymond Barata
- October 18:** Michael Gleason
- October 20:** Robert Schmitt
- October 21:** Robert Andreyka
- October 27:** Ron Pabian
- October 28:** Francis Lennart
- October 29:** Merrick Mirabella

**Council 5535 Activities  
How to Get Involved**

- **Bingo Service**
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
- **Mission House**
- **Beaches Emergency Area Ministry**
- **Jacksonville Beach Library**
- **Cenacola Homes for Substance-Abuse Youths**
- **Women's Help Center**
- **St. Paul's Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea Ministries**
- **Prison Ministry**
- **St. Paul's Thrift Store**



**Father Murphy Council 5535 Golden Anniversary - March, 2014 Dewey Marshall, Historian**

**EARLY GRAND KNIGHTS**

1964 - 1965 Frank Tassone  
 1967 - 1968 William Howell  
 1971 - 1973 Bob Pickett, Sr.  
 1976 - 1977 Lawrence Dunbar

1965 - 1966 Louis Panza  
 1968 - 1969 Warren Sisson  
 1973 - 1974 Frank Tassone, Jr.  
 1977 - 1978 James Cardin

1966 - 1967 Joseph McCarthy  
 1969 - 1971 Lawrence Dunbar  
 1974 - 1975 Bob Barley  
 1978 - 1980 Stanley Christovich

**May 1965:** Founding Grand Knight Frank Tassone and council sponsored a Knights of Columbus float for the opening of the beaches parade.

**May 1966:** Brother Joseph McCarthy was awarded Knight of the year by Florida State Council.

**May 1976:** Council received Membership Award for Division II from Florida State Council.

**May 1976:** Council received Council Activity Award and Community Activity Award from Supreme Council.

**October 1978:** Initial First Friday Mass and Devotion to the Sacred Heart. Father Kelly celebrated Mass. A dinner donation of \$2 per person was requested.

**November 1978:** Council sponsored a Turkey Shoot on the McCormick property.

**December 1978:** Council sponsored "Christmas as Christ' Birthday" proclamation that was signed by the mayors of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, and Atlantic Beach.

**November 1979:** Council Hall mortgage-burning celebration.

**December 1979:** Council provided Honor Guard for Bishop John Snyder's installation.

**March 1980:** Jacksonville Mayor Jake Godbold proclaimed the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive for March 1st and 2nd.

**New Fourth Degree Assembly Being Formed at the Beaches**

The beaches is long overdue for a 4th degree Assembly. I have initiated a project to form an assembly at Jacksonville Beach, Fl, at Father Murphy Council 5535. The two councils initially involved are Father Murphy Council 5535 and St. Lorenzo Ruiz Council 14866. Brothers from other councils are also welcome to join.

We will require thirty 4th degree members to transfer from other assemblies and ten new 4th degree members. to qualify for a new assembly.

Current 4th degree members will need to submit a form 4 requesting a transfer. New members will be required to submit a new form 4 and attend a 4th degree exemplification. Two such exemplifications currently scheduled are August 17 in Coral Springs, Fl and November 30 in Orlando, Fl.



The slate of officers for the new Assembly will be nominated from the transferring and new members. I have form 4's. Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in joining the newly forming 4th degree assembly.

May God Bless

Dewey Marshall 221-6282



OUR PATRON - CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS



As Grand Knight Dave Woodruff notes, we celebrate Columbus Day, October 14, with a Corporate Mass at St. Paul's Church on Sunday, October 13 at 10 AM.



Father Michael McGivney in 1881 deliberated how best to identify the organization he devised to unite Catholic men and provide for families of deceased members. He chose for a symbol a patron - Christopher Columbus - who aligned allegiance to country with allegiance to the Catholic faith. Thanks to Father McGivney's persistence, the Knights of Columbus elected officers in February, 1882 and officially assumed corporate status on March 29.



Eleven years later the 1893 World Columbian Exposition was held in Chicago, IL. The United States Postal Service chose this event to issue the first ever commemorative stamps that are featured around the perimeter of this article. The Columbian Issue sold then for a total of \$16.34. Depending on quality a set now sells for about \$10,000.



Although the appreciation sounds like a tremendous amount, it actually adds up to an annualized return of 5.5%. You will be wise, instead of investing in postage stamps, to consult with our revered Field Agent, Jeff Regan, regarding the advantages of Knights of Columbus annuities!

