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Answering the Call to Service

The Knights of Columbus has grown to new heights in its charitable giving and volunteer hours during 2014, once again answering Pope Francis' call to reach out to those in need, and state. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson told the state deputies deputy-elects in his address at the of State Deputies in New Haven.

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. The number of service hours contributed by members rose in 2014 by more than a million hours over the 2013 total, with each member donating nearly a full workweek on average.

According to the K of C's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2014, donations grew by more than \$3.4 million over 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year.

"These numbers show that the Knights of Columbus has the courage to make a witness to charity and to practice fraternal outreach to those in need," Supreme Knight Anderson said.

Among its major donations in 2014, the Knights of Columbus made a gift of \$1.4 million in support of athletes who will take part in this summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. The funds will cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals for the athletes as they travel to the games, stay there during the competition, and return home. Supreme Knight Anderson also asked state jurisdictions to step up their already strong support for Special Olympics athletes.

Another unique initiative in 2014 was the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance to those suffering persecution and dislocation in Iraq and the surrounding region.

"It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia — simply for their faith," said Mr. Anderson at the program's inception in August. "It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them."

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each were also made to the Byzantine and Latin Rite Catholic communities of war-torn Ukraine for humanitarian relief, supporting projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2014 through such programs as the Black Friday Coats for Kids event, Food for Families and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to such organizations as Habitat for Humanity and the American Wheelchair Mission.

During the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.55 billion to charity and 691 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

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**MOTHER SETON COUNCIL
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2015-16**

Chaplin: Open

Grand Knight: Herb Swoope

Deputy Grand Knight: Chris McManus

Chancellor: Dean Jacobson

Warden: Neil Wade

Financial Secretary: Sam Miller

Treasurer: Mark Nebolsky

Advocate: Howard Baum

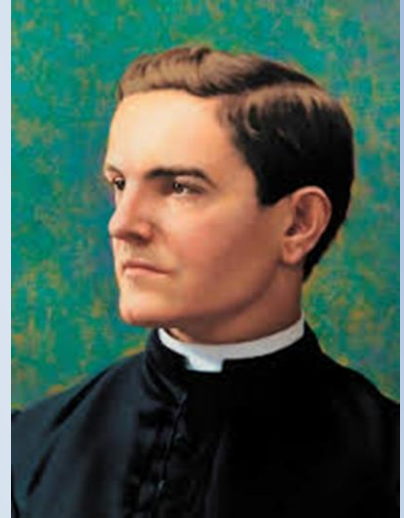
Lecturer: Don Clark

Guard: George Giragosian

Guard: Richard Silver

Advocate: Howard Baum,

**Trustee Marc Andersen
Trustees John Houseman,
Trustees Michael Goscinski.**



As a department, Council Growth is charged with guiding the growth and expansion of the Order. In this department, the dream of Father Michael J. McGivney to have a council presence in every parish is our daily focus. To better incorporate the various Catholic populations, we have also expanded this dream to include colleges and universities, cultural parishes and Eastern Rite churches.

Staff members of Council Growth periodically take to the field, traveling around the various territories of the Order to better facilitate the development, reactivation, and retention of Knights of Columbus councils. A council presence in every parish and on every college and university campus is our goal; that is our commitment.



Council Challenge - If the council recruits 12 new or former members and reports the results on the form, the council receives VIP points to be used at the council's discretion. The points can be used to purchase merchandise for the Knights of Columbus gift catalog. Remember there are two steps: first, recruit the new members and second, complete the form. Guidelines are as follows:

Recruit 12 by September 30, 2014 and receive 60,000 V.I.P. Points.
Recruit 12 by December 30, 2014 and receive 40,000 V.I.P. Points.
Recruit 12 by June 30, 2015 and receive 20,000 V.I.P. Points.

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Human Trafficking

Wednesday, June 24 7pm St. Francis Room

Sr. Renetta Graff, Featured Speaker

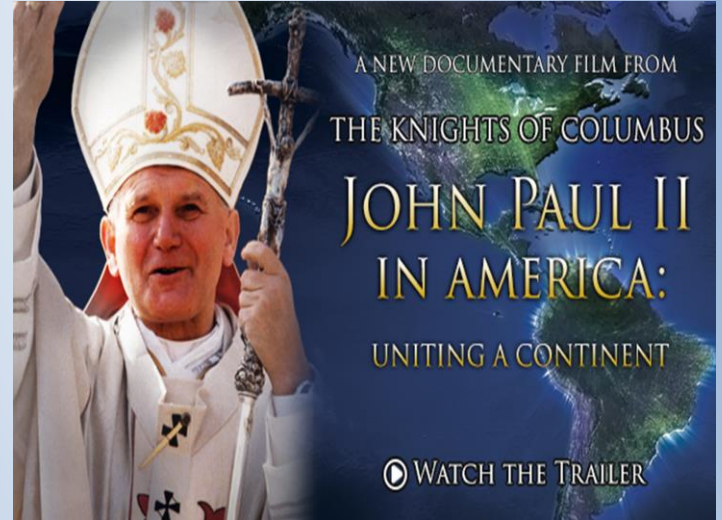
Human trafficking has become a multi-billion dollars global crime impacting nations - and neighborhoods around the world.

Florida is one of the highest destination states for women and children trafficked into the United States. In the past 5 years, law enforcement and social service providers have identified multiple cases of human trafficking in the Clearwater, Pinellas County and the Tampa Bay area.

“Human Trafficking is a horrific crime against the basic dignity and rights of the human person. All efforts must be expended to end it. In the end, we must work together – Church, state community – to eliminate the root

causes and markets that permit traffickers to flourish; to make whole the survivors of this crime; and to ensure that, one day soon, trafficking in human persons vanishes from the face of the earth.”
[from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops]

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NATIVITY FAITH FORMATION, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AND THE WOMEN’S GUILD



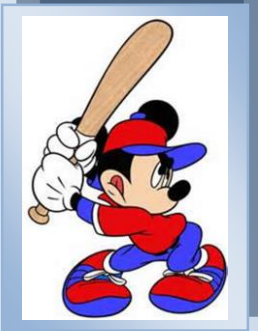
A new K of C-produced documentary on St. John Paul II and his relationship with North and South America will screen soon on national television networks.

John Paul II in America: Uniting a Continent explores how the papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on the American continent. Driven by his singular conviction of a “United American Continent” under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, John Paul II’s papal travels from Argentina to Alaska generated massive crowds, shaped an entire generation and ultimately changed the course of history.

Narrated by actor Andy Garcia, the film features rare archival footage and insightful analysis from leading figures, including Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley of Boston, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, John Paul II biographer George Weigel and former Vatican spokesman Joaquín Navarro-Valls. Viewers will be both intrigued and moved by the documentary’s unprecedented framework for understanding one of the giant figures of our times.

“John Paul II brought a great renewal of confidence, excitement and joy to Christian life that was manifested in such events as the canonization of St. Juan Diego in Mexico City and the World Youth Days in Buenos Aires, Denver and Toronto. He also issued a renewed call for human dignity, the gospel of life, respect for indigenous people, and a commitment to the poor throughout Latin America and North America.” ---Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

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This is an inquiry to all who may be interested in going to the RAYS vs METS baseball game on Sunday, August 9th.

Game time is 1:40, we leave after the 10:30 mass.

Depending on where we sit, the price will be between \$13 and \$17 per person. If we can get 45-50 people, we might either charter the church bus or other transportation.

Spread the word and Rays Up!

I would like a reply asap so we can get the wheels in motion.

Please reply and copy
mikewernicki@yahoo.com

Tom Cowan

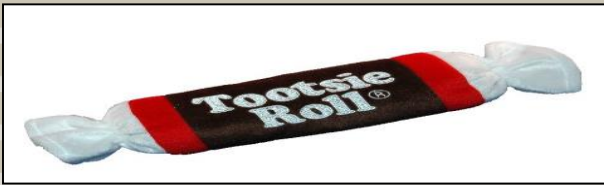
**TAKEME OUT TO THE
BALLGAME**



Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

**Bob Yelton
Linda Boes
Gene Bilso
Irma Barrett
Joan Miller
Jay McCabe
Ed Kochik
Bonnie Cummings
Barbara A. Babiarz
Ron Watford:
Ruth Waid
Dick Hardesty**



"Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities"

Tootsie Roll Drive

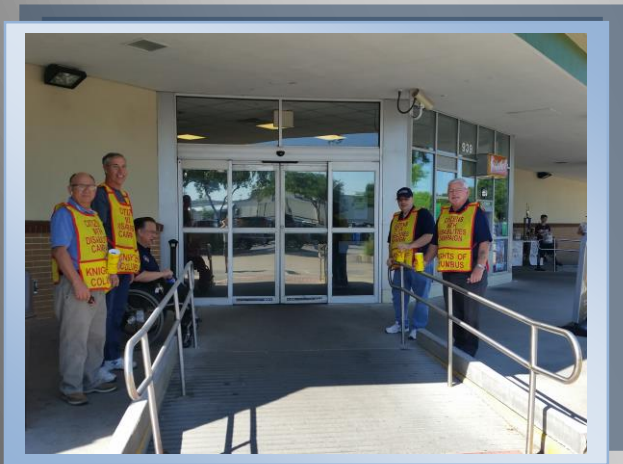
The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive is upon us!

So far the dates we have secured are:

Sunday May 17th

When: 9 AM - 7PM

**Where: Publix State Road 60 (at Kings Rd
(next to Burlington Coat Factory)**



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This month the delivery to our homeless vets also included four cases of water to Haley Cove Nursing Home. We must know that the VA has no allowance for water. To us this seems to be an over sight, however we must try to do what we can to mend the shortfall. We want to thank all Knights supporting our donations. You are what makes this all possible. Our deliveries range in the 4 to \$500 area. Please continue to be mindful of bringing in donations to your business meetings. On a note of promise: district 42 is the leader of the state for hours and goods to our worthy heroes. Only if the dedication you have shown continues, will our district continue to serve in this outstanding manner. "WELL DONE" brother Knights.

The Sock Hop is being planned for Saturday Oct 10, 2015 at the Brandon Eagles club. Tickets are \$15.00, contact Jim Piotrowski for more information (813) 731-4306. The VAVS picnic at Haley's Cove took place on April 10, 2015 with many Veterans and Knights from multiple Councils in attendance. The next planned event at Haley's Cove will be the Christmas Pizza party in December

Fourth Degree

The exemplification for the Florida District, Fourth Degree will be held Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the Doubletree by Hilton, 4500 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607.

The room rate is - \$100 plus tax per night

For reservation call (813) 879-4800 (Must mention you are with the Knights of Columbus to receive this negotiated rate)
Cut Off Date for room reservations is July 20, 2015

Candidates' registration begins at 9:00AM with the exemplification beginning at 11:00AM.

All candidates Form 4's and Candidates, Sir Knights, Spouse and Guest order form MUST be submitted to the Master no later than August 5, 2015. See Form 4 sample and insure all necessary information is completed.

Candidates and Sir Knights dress for the Exemplification is to be: black tuxedo, plain white pleated tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black shoes, and black cummerbund. Members of the Armed Forces may wear their full military dress uniform in place of the tuxedo.

Dress for the Banquet will be, Formal wear for Sir Knights and the Ladies, suitable dress for the occasion.

No Banquet tickets will be sold at the exemplification. All meal reservation must be made prior to arrival.

Recruitment

Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights are encouraged to visit local councils and inform potential candidates about the Fourth Degree. Solicit the assistance of Area Section Leaders, Diocesan Vice Marshals, and other Sir Knights in our recruitment efforts.



Emblem of the Patriotic Degree

Fourth Degree Emblem

The triad emblem of the Fourth Degree features the dove, the cross and the globe. The dove, classic symbol of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the orb of the Earth (globe). Both are mounted on a variation of the Crusader's cross, which was found on the tunics and capes of the Crusading knights who battled to regain the Holy Land from the pagans.

Spiritually, the sacred symbols on the emblem typify the union of the Three Divine Persons in one Godhead, the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe – God the Father, Creator of the Universe.

The Cross – God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind.

The Dove – God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity.

The colors of the symbols are:

A blue globe with the land of the Western Hemisphere in white.

A red cross with gold borders and gold knobs at the end of the points forming the ends of the arms of the cross, also known as the Isabella cross.

A white dove.

Red, white and blue are the colors of the flag of the country in which the Knights originated. They are used to stress patriotism, the basic principle of the Fourth Degree.

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Why Choose Us?

We are strong

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright.

Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus. A.M. Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 37 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2012, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$155 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

We are secure

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured members. In 2012, we paid well over \$487 million in death claims and other benefits, and more than \$349 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.4 billion in dividends to insured members.

We are stable

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

2ND ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY GOLF CLASSIC

The biggest fund raiser of the year is the Annual Father's Day Gold Outing. Last year drew almost 80 Golfers and raised almost \$10,000. The Golf tournament is a lot of work, not only for the day of the tournament (which takes 20-30 Knights), but the bulk of the work is in the preparation, securing sponsors, selling ads, hole sponsorships, securing door prizes and donations. The Golf Tournament is an all hands on deck event and right now is one of the most important time periods to secure sponsors. As we said there is plenty of need and many jobs to involve everyone.

We had a great turn out of Knights and of course our lady Knights. At this point in time we Don't know the final results. As Members of the Knights of Columbus we all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community. Thank each and every one of you for your support and effort.

God Bless
Herbert Swoope
Grand Knight 6724





June 2015

Sun	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 P.M. ADULT ED BUILDING	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 INSTALATION OF NEW OFFICERS EAGLE CLUB
14	15	16	17 ASSEMBLY MEETING 6:30PM - 9:30PM ADULT ED	18	19	20 2nd Annual Father's Day Golf Classic
21	22	23	24	25 ALL REPORTS ARE DUE	26	27
28	29 COLUMBIAN AWARD DUE	30 OFFICERS MEETING 7:00 p.m.9:00 p.m. ADULT ED				