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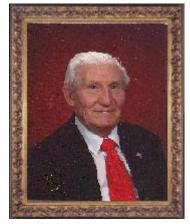
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Please, please do NOT FORGET to inform us before you leave! Thanks.

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#### Grand Knight's Message By Ron Suriano

My Brother Knights, we are nearing the end of 2010 and each of us is involved with the Thanksgiving Day holiday and preparations for the Christmas season. Where has all of the time gone? On top of these activities, I'm sure that at least some of us will also be preparing for an early December cruise, Christmas shopping, decorating, planning for a trip north and partying. In November, I had the honor of presenting a \$200.00 check to Mustard Seed for the purchase of food for the needy this Thanksgiving holiday. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, our Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Moose Lodge and we hope that it is a sell out!

Thanks go to our Chairman, Brother Adriano Krecic and to Hank Bleggi who printed the tickets and invitations for this annual party for Foster Children. It should be a great party and will feature the music of Johnny Monte and singer Anna Fontana.

As I have mentioned in recent Council Meetings, we continue to look into activities that will provide both enjoyment and additional income for our Council's charity goals. These efforts will only be a success if all Brothers support our activities. It is time, once again, to remind all Brother Knights who haven't purchased K of C License Plates that we still have some left. Please contact Brother Nick DiGiacomo to purchase a plate soon! I wish to congratulate our new Brother Knights who made their Second Degree at Council 7514 on October 28<sup>th</sup>. They are Brothers Al Avasso, Jack Carmody, Deacon Steve Dove, Michael Notaro, Terry Roensch, James Santilli, Al Scerri, Joe Smith and Terry Tretola.

I hope that your Thanksgiving Day activities were fruitful and special. As we approach the end of this 2010 calendar year, my wife, Marilyn, and I wish all Brother Knights and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. We look forward to a prosperous and healthy New Year of 2011.

God Bless,

Ron Suriano, GK



Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090

By Faithful Navigator Carmine Guinta

Brother Sir Knights,

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

Hope that we did not eat too much.

Mary Phillips presented a plaque to Father Ulto at the 12:15 Mass on November 7, 2010. The plaque was for the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090, and Project Mother Teresa, St. Bernadette Catholic Church. She also thanked Sir Knight Tony Longo who started this food drive two years ago.



Sir Knights Adriano Krecic and Mike Spagno in front of Bob Evans Restaurant where the restaurant agreed to donate a percentage of every breakfast on certain days and time intervals to our Assembly for the Homeless Veterans.



Color Corps Sir Knights Tony Longo, Al Elslager and Paul Bisaccia passing out special coupons for the event.

We will have our Color Corp practice on Wednesday December 1, 2010, in the Family Life Center at 7 P M. I would like to see all of our Color Corp members to attend this practice.

Father Ulto has asked the Color Corps to be at the 10:45 Mass on December 12th, this Mass will be for Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is a special Mass. John and I would like to have a good showing at this Mass of what we are all about. Thank you in advance.

Our regular meeting is December 2nd at the family life center at 7 P M. Hope to see you all there.

I would like to wish all Sir Knights and their family a Blessed and Healthy Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are traveling anywhere I wish you a safe and happy trip. May the GOOD LORD keep us safe and healthy for the new year. Also remember, you can not spell CHRISTMAS without CHRIST in the word.

I will see you all next year.

Your Faithful Navigator, Sir Knight Carmine Guinta



#### **Columbiettes**

By President Ann Klose

The month of November was another busy month for the Columbiettes. A report on our Pizza Party shows that 92 people attended. A thankful

note to Little Italy Restaurant for the great job they did for us. The Ladies, that were there early to help, turned the room into a beautiful site and the Ladies who donated cakes did a beautiful job; they were so delicious looking and enjoyed by all. A special Thank You to the Knights who took care of the bar. The Ladies were pleased to hear that the Knights at the bar collected \$35.00 in tips for the Veterans.



A happy table enjoying The Pizza Night!

The Columbiettes, along with the Knights of Columbus from Fort Pierce, are proud to support the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Treasure Coast Angels Special Holiday Event. The date is December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They are very special children. A Chapter meeting will take place on

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, in Stuart.** They are very informative meetings so please try and attend. The Columbiettes were happy and proud to support the Mother Theresa Project this year with our collection of Thanksgiving food.

A Dedication to Our Sister Columbiette Mary Ann Russo:

You will be missed.

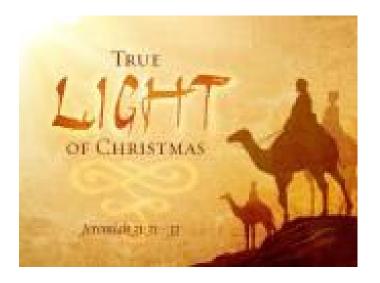
Your energy on all the things that had to be done will be missed.

Your clowning around will be missed.

But we know that you hurt no more and that will help us when we think of you.

Love From Your Sister Columbiettes.....

The Council Board of Columbiettes wishes all a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Delightful Surprises!



God Bless, Ann



BECAME FLESH

#### **Pro-life Couple**

By Ed and Ann Breitfelder

RESPECT LIFE ~ DECEMBER

Brother Knights:

AND THE WORD

The Son of Man, having no place to lay his head, made the blind to see, the crippled to walk and the sinner to love. Just as at the first moment of creation, the Spirit of God dwelt over the dark chaos, so Jesus lived among the poor, the sinners and the broken that he might redeem anew all that is lifeless. That is why Jesus lived among the poor, why he called them blessed and why he said in response to the despair of the rich young man: "How hard it is for those who

have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" (Luke 18:24).

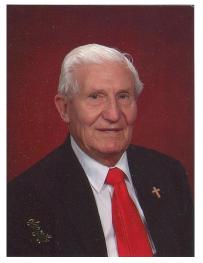
And that's why Jesus gave us the answers to the final exam, the answers we need to get to heaven. For we will be judged not on how often we have prayed, or how well we preached, or how beautifully we wrote about the things of God. No, we will be judged on whether we used this world's goods to love or to be selfish, whether we opened our arms, our hearts, and our lives to the poor or whether we grabbed for all we could get.

#### "THE MEASURE OF LOVE IS TO LOVE WITHOUT MEASURE!"

A Blessed Christmas to all and a very Happy Healthy New Year 2011.

God's Blessings Always.

Deacon Ed & Ann Breitfelder



Knight of the Month Jan Selewoniuk

Jan was born in Poland on July 10, 1923. At the age of 16-1/2 he was arrested in Russia and placed in a Concentration Camp until 1941. After his release he joined the Polish Army under the British Home Office. While serving in the Army in 1944 he was stationed in Italy where he was wounded. Because of his injury he was sent to England and was discharged in 1945. Following his discharge he lived in England until 1951 when he immigrated to the United States.

Jan settled in New Jersey and was employed by General Motors, Linden, NJ, where he worked for 33-1/2 years. During that period of time he married his beautiful wife, Blanche. Their last residence was in Secaucus, NJ. He served as Post Commander of Post 99, of the Polish Army Veterans Association of Americas. The family moved to Florida and settled in Port St. Lucie in October

2002.

Jan joined St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus in 2003 and then became a Sir Knight 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Member in Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090. Everyone who knows Jan recognizes his deep love of the Catholic Faith. His activities beyond the Knights include; he's an active member of St. Bernadette's Parish who attends Daily Mass and served as an Altar Server. He can be seen weekly at the Adoration Service. Currently he is a member of the Polish American Club in Port St. Lucie. Jan holds the record of never missing a monthly meeting of Council #13042. The entire Council wishes Jan heartfelt "Congratulations" on being the Knight of the Month for December, 2010.

#### **Brother Knights Column**

Knights, Faith in Action

Our Parish is a community of Catholic people celebrating together at Mass and Eucharist and sharing their gifts, talents and treasure in thanksgiving to God for all that we have received.

The Knights of Columbus, St. Bernadette Council #13042 is a community of Catholic men dedicated to doing good works for the benefit of the Council, St Bernadette and for those in need of Charity. This is good because the Church teaches us that practicing faith is not enough, that we must also do good works. Being a Knight in our St Bernadette Council #13042 is a double gift from God because we can practice our faith, attend Mass, receive the Eucharist, share our gifts with the Parish community and at the same time enjoy the brotherhood of Catholic Men in the Knights of Columbus.

A number of our Brother Knights participate in the various ministries of the Parish and at the same time work within the council structure to aid those in need through a program of fund raising for children, the helpless unborn, homeless vets and other charities requesting Council help.

On paper we have about 200 members, all of us Catholic Knights and as demonstrated in our 3rd degree structure, loyalty to the Church and Country is demanded. We must to the best of our abilities practice our faith as a Knight of St Bernadette Council # 13042.

As a demonstration of our Faith and Brotherhood, I am requesting that each Knight plan to attend our next Corporate Mass and

Communion on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 Mass with their families. We can arrange car pooling for those who may need transportation to mass or to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Do not let this opportunity, to participate with your Council in this faith in action event, occur without your presence.

Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, Pray for us.

SK Joe Risi, DGK

## Our Knights of Columbus License Plates - Do you have yours yet?



In a Council meeting several months ago, the idea was raised about having Knights of Columbus vanity license plates produced and made available to members of our Council and Assembly. The plates are made of aluminum and overprinted as shown above. The plates have 2 mounting holes near the top for easy mounting. There are also 2 mounting holes at the bottom of the plate. If it is desired to also use the lower holes on the plate, there is a simple pop-out to make these holes apparent. Some modern vehicles may not appear to have mounting holes on the front bumpers but since most cars are sold in all states and many states require front license plates, there are almost always 2 lightly marked spots on the front bumper that are also pop-outs. The plates are available for \$12 and can still be obtained from Brother Knight Nic DiGiacomo, who is in charge of this project. Don't delay since a modest number of plates were produced.



Field Agent's Report
By Jeff Kohuth

**Poll: Success Linked to Ethics** 

A poll of Americans and high-level business leaders

proved what Knights of Columbus insurance agents have known for generations: religious beliefs and values should be an integral guide to business decision making.

Those surveyed also revealed they believe personal and corporate gain drives executives' decisions. Overall, they believe, as do the majority of the executives polled, that the moral compass of corporate America points in the wrong direction.

Only 19 percent of Americans would award corporate America a grade of A or B for its honesty and ethical conduct. Forty percent of these respondents had the banking and financial industry in mind when answering.

The positive side is that 75 percent of Americans surveyed believe that it is possible to be successful

and ethical in business. They also believe that high ethical standards strengthen a company's advantage over its competitors, in both the short-and long-term.

Additionally, more than 90 percent of people strongly consider a company's reputation for honesty and ethical conduct when considering whether or not to invest with them.

Nearly two-thirds of those polled believe corporate leaders should rely on their religious values for guidance in the business arena.

In this tough economic climate, it's of paramount importance that all Knights are reminded of the moral, ethical commitment of the Order to serve its members and their families. Earning just a passing grade is not acceptable to me or the other professional insurance agents of the Knights of Columbus.

I'm at 812-3003 or Jeffrey.Kohuth@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

#### **Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes**

Our thanks to our Brother Knights and our Columbiettes who helped to assemble the November issue of the St. Bernadette Council #13042 Knightly News.





#### Editor's Corner

The Editor wishes to thank our photographers at large for their supply of good photos! A number of them were used in this issue.

Our readers are reminded that they can contribute short articles to our Brother Knight's Column (see page 9). This contributed material is the responsibility of the Brother Knight who submits it. Your contribution should be typed single space and lower case and should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, to be considered for the next issue. The Editor can be contacted by telephone 345-1552 or email: stevenson@htcplus.net.



#### From Our Web Master Steven Talerico

I am pleased to report that our website is catching on and we now have more than 500 visits! The site is being updated with current information about Council events so please keep

visiting us at <a href="www.kofc13042.org">www.kofc13042.org</a>. We are also able to automatically send you invitations and reminders via email to upcoming council events. If you are interested in receiving these notices please send an email to <a href="kofc13042@gmail.com">kofc13042@gmail.com</a> with your name, email address, cell phone number and degree.

Thank you, Steve

**New Brother First and Second Degree Knights** 



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Joseph Smith also made  $2^{nd}$  Degree last evening (not in photo). James Santilli made both his  $1^{st}$  and  $2^{nd}$  Degree last evening.

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