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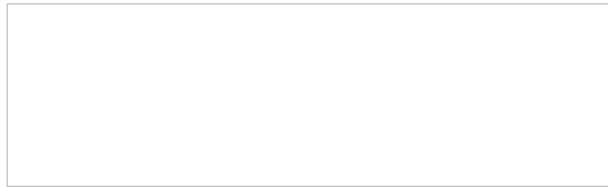


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Grand Knight's Message *By Ron Suriano*

The month of January just seemed to fly by with the flurry of activities relating to completion of our new Church and its corresponding committee meetings. As you can imagine, much is being done to commemorate this historic event.

As I previously reported, our Council has been part of several committees tasked to plan for the Church's opening including the Time Capsule and Dedication Weekend Planning committees. The laying of the Church cornerstone and time capsule took place on January 24th. We were involved with deciding what went into the capsule, actual placement of items in the capsule and purchasing an iPod for the capsule, the cost of which was shared by our Council, the Assembly and the Columbiettes.

On December 22nd, a crew consisting of Brothers Longo, Jablonski, Lewis, Sierra, Francavilla, D'Angelo, Baker, Connery and I moved and set up the nativity manger for the Christmas holidays. Once the manger was no longer needed, a much smaller crew supervised by Brother Francavilla was responsible for its disassembly and disposal.

Please remember that we also have an obligation to support the Hospice Softball Game at the Mets Stadium on February 20th and that Brother Frank Russo and his wife are in charge of the concession stand for the event. Preparations for this annual event are moving along and we are anxious for this year's event to be completed.

Other early activities planned are our annual Tootsie Roll Drive and a Fishing Tournament for the children. Brother Spagno is heading up the Tootsie Roll Drive and Brother Lane is our Youth Director in charge of the latter activity. These Brothers need all of the help that you can spare in order for the events to be successful. Because of time constraints, we will not hold the Free Throw Contest this year but we look forward to holding it next year. We were pleased to participate on January 12th in a First Degree ceremony. Giovanni Iannelli took his degree at Council 4999 in Palm Beach Gardens on Jan 12th. DGK Carmine Guinta, Nicholas DiGiacomo and I participated in the event. Welcome Giovanni!

Our Council meeting for January took place on January 29th and a Corporate Communion was held on Sunday, January 31st with a breakfast held at Perkins. We may have to hold our Council Meeting for March in some other facility because of the move into the new Church and I will provide more information as soon as a decision is made.

God Bless, Ron Suriano, GK

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Please join us! Your name will be printed in all newsletters for the next 12 months. We need your help to keep the monthly issues coming to you. Thank you for your generous support in the past and the present. The "*" is for a donation greater than \$15.00.

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**Lady of Fatima
Assembly #3090 By
Faithful Navigator Thomas
Mollica**

Brother Sir Knights;

I wish to thank Sir Knight Jay Calise for the beautiful narrative on the folds of the American flag at ceremonies. He did a great job on the research and the presentation. Also, I thank the members of the Color Corps for the fine job folding the flag. On Sunday, January 24th, the Color Corps participated in the laying of the Church Corner Stone and Time Capsule. We had 16 members present and they did an excellent job. The Church had Adoration on Wednesday, January 27th and again the Color Corps did a great job. Sir Knight Deacon Ed did a very fine job organizing the Adoration. Lent is almost upon us, a time for fasting and abstinence, but also a time for prayer. Pray for the safe return of our troops to their families and loved ones.

**GOD BLESS,
Tommy Mollica FN**



Color Corps Commander, SK Tony Longo, leads the corps to the front of the new sanctuary.



Father Victor Ulto holding the Time Capsule he received from Columbiettes Eileen Sullivan and Mimi Spagno (behind him), after they passed through an honor guard formed by the two rows of the Color Corps.



The Color Corp of Assembly #3090 leading the procession to the new sanctuary to lay the Corner Stone.

Sir Knights, please mark your Calendar for the upcoming events in February.

**3rd Color Corps Practice 7:00PM
15th President's Day Holiday
27-28th "SUPPORT THE TROOPS" Drive**

**4th Assembly Meeting 7:00PM
17th Ash Wednesday**



Columbiettes

By Ann Guinta

I would like to start by saying to all the ladies who helped out at the Stewardship Fair. THANK YOU ALL. If you were at the Church after the 12:15 Mass, you got to watch

the placement of the Corner Stone and the Time Capsule & then a walk in the Church. It is beautiful.



Columbiettes Eileen Sullivan and Mimi Spagno holding the Time Capsule during the end of Mass.

Our meeting for January was on the 28th at 7 PM. Plans for the year were discussed. Our February meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February the 25th at 7 PM. Because of uncertainties associated with completion of our new sanctuary, in case this date and location needs to be changed, I will let you know of this change. Most likely the Knights will be in a similar situation.

I am trying to get the new hall for our Annual Wine & Cheese Event and also I am looking into having our Brunch again. We will talk more about this at the meeting. We will also be working with Treasure Coast Hospice in

February, at the Mets Field. Mary Ann Russo will discuss it at the meeting.

We, the board, would like to wish all the ladies who will be having a birthday in February a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Also remember that February 17th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. May the GOOD LORD keep us all well and safe.

Congratulations to our new Brother Knight

First Degree Candidate and Officers



DGK
Carmine
Guinta

Giovanni
Iannelli

GK
Ron
Suriano

OS
Nick
DiGiacomo

All of us welcome our new Brother Knight, Giovanni Iannelli, to our Council. Brother Giovanni, took his First Degree at Council 4999 in Palm Beach Gardens on Jan 12th. Three Council Officers and one Assembly Officer, all from St. Bernadette, participated in this event.



**A Word From
Our Chaplain**
By Father Victor Ulto

Dear Friends,

Lent is upon us, and with it the promise of the Lord's presence. He promises to journey with us as we enter the desert of self-denial and conversion. At the same time, he is with us as we pray for those adults among us in our parish for whom this Lent will be a time to make final preparations for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist with us!

Let us pray for one another....for these days will lead from death to life...Easter life!

God Bless you always!
Father Victor Ulto

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pain; and want to bring them some sense of dignity. But how? We do this by reaching into our pockets and donating to organizations that are equipped to handle like situations. We pray to God to give them the dignity that they are entitled to; because after all, we are all God's children. When we share our treasure and our prayers; our works of mercy focus on the physical, material and spiritual needs of other. This is not a short term situation, as the road back will be long and difficult; but with our love, prayers and support, the Haitian people will survive and once again walk with dignity. As Stewardship people let us continue to share our gifts.

May God continue to bless you.       Deacon Ed and Ann Breitfelder

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH~ Nicholas DiGiacomo
Contributed by his wife Anna

Nicholas DiGiacomo was born in Sciara, Sicily on December 1, 1933 where he lived until moving to the United States at the age of 19 years old in 1953.

Nicholas was in the construction business where he worked as a forman of elevator operators and eventually a plumber. He originally lived in New York City and then in Standford, Connecticut. Nicholas and Anna have a total of five children, three of which are from his previous marriage where he took over after

his wife's passing. Nicholas and Anna have been married for 13 years and moved to Port St. Lucie in 2003. They then moved into the house that Nicholas built for them upon his retirement.

Nicholas is very active in both the Third and Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and is a member of the Color Guard. He is also currently an Outer Sentinel in the Fourth Degree Assembly. Nicholas continues to be a very active member of the Order and an exceptional Brother Knight. He is a hard worker and participant in many of K or C activities, always willing to give a helping hand! His great love is the sport of Bocci which he plays with intensity and his other is that of travel. The latest news is that he is now in the process of making home-brewed wine. Nicholas is always sociable and a people person in every respect.



Pro-life Couple
By Ed and Ann Breitfelder
Dear Brothers In Christ;

Hearing of the terrible earthquake in Haiti, our hearts were filled with love and compassion for all those who were involved. It brings to mind one of the theological virtues, Love. As we are all aware, love is a gift from God. This virtue of love compels us to perform Works of Mercy. As we watched the newscast, we experienced the sorrow and hardships that the Haitian people were enduring. It's impossible for us to understand the emotions or frustrations that they felt; the loss of family members either dead or missing, and all their possessions. The difficult task of just trying to provide the simple things of life such as food, clothing or water seems impossible. Most of them are still in shock, frustrated, and don't know what to do and where to go. We too, feel their



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By Jeff Kohuth

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I'm at 772-812-3003 or Jeffrey.Kohuth@kofc.org.
Call me – let's talk.



1500 Club Raffle



We have the results of our seventh and eighth drawings. The winners and their ticket numbers are:

The seventh drawing for December 24th produced the following winners and their ticket numbers:

Robert Giesken	(#139)	\$100.00
Hank Bleggi	(#127)	\$150.00

The eighth (and final) drawing for January 3rd produced the following winners and their ticket numbers:

Ron Suriano	(#366)	\$250.00
James Griffith	(#146)	\$400.00

Our thanks to all who participated in the 1500 Club event!

Annual Tootsie Roll Drive!



The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, to raise money for the Special Olympics and ARC charities, will take place during March 4th-6th. Brother Knight Mike Spagno is in charge and would like those Knights interested in helping this Drive to be a success to contact him (343-8996) or GK Ron Suriano, so the Knight's participation can arranged.

16th Annual Sharing of the Green

Mark your calendars and save the date for February 20, 2010. This is the date for the *Annual Sharing of the Green, a benefit dinner dance for Helping Life*, the night before the “*Run for Life*” ends in St. Augustine. This black tie affair will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church (Jacksonville) in the King Dome, starting at 6:30 pm with cocktails, (including an open bar) followed by dinner, a short program and dancing till midnight with entertainment provided by “Just Friends.” There will also be time during the evening for councils and individuals to make contributions to the cause. Tickets for the evening are just \$100 for you and your significant other. Seating is limited. This is a big fundraiser for the Diocese. All profits will be given to local agencies that assist and protect Women and Children from abuse and help prevent abortion. Contact either GK Suriano or DGK Guinta for more information.

Placement of the Corner Stone

Brother Knights from Council #13042 and Sir Knights from the Assembly #3090, both from St. Bernadette’s Parish, participated in the ceremony of the laying of the Corner Stone and the burying of the Time Capsule.



The beautiful Corner Stone is inlaid in the SW Column of the Portico of the entrance (Ray Battaglia).



Fathers Ulto, Son and Saporito placing the Time Capsule in the site prepared for it.

Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes

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





Editor's Corner

Our readers are reminded that they can contribute short articles to our Brother Knight's Column. The decision to whether or not to include individual contributions is the responsibility of the Editor and our Worthy Grand Knight, as well as space limitations of the newsletter. This contributed content is the responsibility of the Brother Knight who submitted it. Your contribution should be typed single space and lower case and should be received by the middle of each month, to be considered for the next issue. Please send your prepared article to me preferably via email: stevenson@htcplus.net. If not available, then mail the prepared article to me:

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Your Web Master

By Jason Romano

If you have Internet access, you may wish to visit our website where we have additional Knights' material:

www.kofc13042.org.

Brother Knights, this is a reminder to please **NOT wear Shorts** to our Council Meetings; khaki pants or slacks **are** appropriate wear!



St. Valentine's Day February 14th



St. Valentine and his disciples supervising the construction of the basilica in Terni, Italy .

Christian martyrs who were each named Valentine.

The two saints most commonly associated with this day are: St. Valentine of Rome and St. Valentine of Terni. Both St. Valentines are buried on the Via Flaminia in Rome, in different locations. It wasn't until the 14th century that St. Valentine became associated with romance. By that time the distinctions

between the two martyrs was lost so we can say that this day is for both of them.

According to the story, St. Valentine was persecuted and imprisoned by the Emperor Claudius II, because he was a Christian. In the Emperor's interview with (St.) Valentine, Claudius was impressed by Valentine and tried to have him convert to Roman paganism in order to save his life. To the contrary, St. Valentine tried to convert the emperor to Christianity and this resulted in his execution! While in prison St. Valentine performed a miracle by healing the jailer's daughter who was blind. The night before his demise, St. Valentine is said to have written the first "valentine note" when he wrote to the blind daughter whom he had healed and signed this note as "From your Valentine".

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