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Many Knights are Good Stewards of Many Ministries at St Bernadette.. Photo at right, Tony Longo, Sam Paglione, Faithful Friar Fr. Son; middle photo, Mike Rice; Right photo are Ken Stewart and Richard Clark. Almost every Ministry table had a Knight and or a Columbiette. We are good Stewards of and for our Parish. Congratulations

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Grand Knight's Message *by Joe Risi*

January was a very busy and rewarding month.

We hosted a second degree in the family Life center and our Council filled the room with supporters and observers as 10 knights made the 2nd degree. Our council was congratulated on such a large turnout. On Feb. 9 three new knights completed their First degree. Welcome them at our general meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Council Members who manned our table at the Parish Ministry Fair, were responsible for 15 men expressing interest in learning about becoming knights, three of our third degree knights also signed up to receive their 4th degree on Feb 4, three filled out form 100 applications and 3 more will transfer into our council. Our Fraternity Benefits director Jeff Kohuth actively supported this effort. The theme of "Fishers of Men" was expressed vividly with fishing apparatus provided by our Faithful Navigator, Tony Longo.

Fifty Four Knights, their families and friends and our Faithful Friar, Fr Son, returned home on Saturday, February 4 after spending 6 nights at sea cruising in the western Caribbean. This was a fun, fund raising event which netted \$1350 for the council. Another cruise has been suggested. We are looking at a 7 day thanksgiving cruise or an 11 day southern Caribbean cruise or ????

Committees have been formed to run the Easter egg hunt and sponsor an addiction awareness poster contest. More details will be discussed at our next meeting. Both of these are recruiting opportunities, focusing on younger family men.

Our next General meeting is scheduled for February 23. We will, for the first time, have a community meal involving the Knights and the Columbiettes prior to our business meeting. All Knights and Columbiettes of Council # 13042 are invited to attend and break bread together. This event will begin at 6:00 PM. A current membership card is required to attend.

Many members and their families participated in our 9:00AM Corporate Mass on Jan 29. Our next corporate mass is scheduled for April 29.

The Parish Seafood Festival is scheduled for March 23, 5PM -10 PM; March 24, 11AM - 10 PM and March 25, 12:00 -5PM. All Knights are being asked to participate actively or passively to make this a resounding success. Specifically we have committed to prepare a parish pancake breakfast on Sunday between 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Ron Caccippio is coordinating this event.

Keep Tuesday, February 21st open for a Bus Trip to the Isle Casino. Cost \$25.00 with a return of \$20., Match Play and \$4., toward the Buffet Lunch. Call Phil Risi for reservations, at 343-7492. Remember the proceeds aid all Knights and the Columbiettes, too. Let's have a great turnout for a fun day.

Remember to keep your Brother Knights , our Priests, our troops and emergency service personnel in our Prayers.

SK Joe Risi, Grand Knight
St Bernadette Council #13042
"Looking Forward, Ever upward"

Columbiettes

By Mary Paglione, President

The completion of the past year has shown much success in all our endeavors. Now we start the new year of 2012 with gusto in formulating many ideas and projects.

On January 14th the First and Major Degrees were exemplified at St. Thomas More Church, Boynton Beach. Three new members, Ann Brietfelder, Norma Larsen and Shirley Neise received their First Degree; next they were joined by Jackie Clarke, Kristina Paglione, Karen Frasca and Janyce Caccippio to receive their Major Degree. The beautiful ceremony was witnessed by President Mary Paglione, Vice President Vilma Stevenson, Financial Secretary, Marilyn Suriano, Carla McGraw, Merritt Stevenson and Deacon Ed Brietfelder. Vilma and Carla served as members of the Degree Team and Deacon Ed honored us with the Blessing before Lunch. It was a spectacular day.

Next we spent the weekend of January 21st and 22nd at the Parish Family Life Center representing our Columbiette Council at the Ministry Fair. Greetings were offered to numerous Parishioners and Friends. There was lots of interest shown and I have sent invitations to several ladies to join us at our February 23rd Meeting. Hopefully they will complete applications and then we will hold a First Degree in the near future to induct them into our Council.

Our Wine and Cheese Party is scheduled for Friday, February 17th, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the PSL Botanical Gardens, Westmoreland Blvd, Port St. Lucie. The theme is Mardi Gras, so we are looking forward to being with all of you to celebrate before Lent. There will be lots of delicious cheeses, dips and spreads, good wine and music to make the evening complete.

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Look to the future for an Easter Egg Hunt for the Parish Children sponsored by the Knights and the Columbiettes. More information will follow.

Happy Valentine's Day wishes to all and God bless each and everyone.



Pro-life Couple

By Ed and Ann Breitfelder

RESPECT LIFE~

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, February 22nd, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Each year at this time, we struggle with the thought, of what I can sacrifice in order to grow closer to Our Lord; and we normally, “look to giving up something”, well this year, instead of giving up something - why not do something special?

The start of Lent will be the first anniversary of our “Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration,” which has been a success due to the dedication of many stewards; however, we are still in need of additional adorers, especially during the wee hours of the morning, in our Monsignor Saporito Blessed Sacrament Chapel?

Why not make a commitment to spend “One hour with the Lord!”

Secondly Lent is the start of “40 days of Prayer for life”, St. Bernadette’s will be assigned a time for us to pray at the Pregnancy Center, which is across the street from the Abortion Clinic. The Respect Life Ministry of St. Bernadette’s will be looking for people to sign up. Last year we did Wednesday morning from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you have the time to do this, you will find it very rewarding. If you can’t participate in this way, then spend time in Adoration. Pray for your needs and also pray for an end to all the injustices dealing with all human life, “From conception to natural death.”

Christ made a tremendous sacrifice for us; can’t we do the same in return for Him?

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

God bless you,

Deacon Ed Breitfelder



Field Agent's Report
By Jeff Kohuth

Dear Brother Knights,

Four parts of retirement: Phase One

In the next four months, I would like to discuss a goal that's on many workers' radar: retirement. To some, retirement is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow or the reward after a long career. It's a time to relax, take up a hobby and enjoy life. Whether retirement is just around the next corner or if you have another 30 years to go, it's never too soon or too late to start planning or revise that plan.

Some experts suggest that there are four phases of retirement: protection, accumulation, income de-accumulation and care. In this article, I will tackle protection.

Protection is the base element of any well-founded financial plan; the base of the pyramid, for example. Without basic protection against premature death or the inability to earn income due to disability, the remainder of the pyramid collapses. If you own mutual funds and die without life insurance, those funds will be needed to pay final expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (after a market correction). If you own mutual funds and lose your ability to earn income due to disability and are without paycheck protection, those funds will be needed in order to pay living expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (is there ever an opportune time?).

So, basic protection is a must. The good thing is that this protection is offered by the Knights of Columbus. Our whole life products and disability income insurance are designed with this goal in mind. For example, our Life Paid Up at 65 Plan is perfect for this purpose because premier payments end right when retirement is upon you. There are many other options that I can discuss with you that will fit your needs and your budget.

A newer addition to our product portfolio, disability income insurance protects your most valuable asset: your ability to work and earn money. Plans can be customized and are available to cover many professions, from farmers to lawyers.

Once you've established the proper protection, the next phase is accumulation of cash, which I will discuss next month.

Call me and we can talk.
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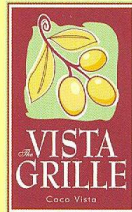
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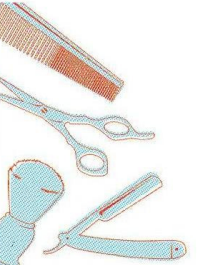
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