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S.K. RAY SIERRA GRAND KNIGHT

Greeting Brother Knights,

This Sunday June 29th 2014, we will have Corporate Communion at the 9 a.m. Mass when all our organizations come together to celebrate the Mass and Holy Communion.

As most of you already know, Father Son will be leaving us. He is going to St. Elizabeth Seton parish. This may take place in August. On August 24th after the 10:45 Mass there will be a Mass of thanksgiving and a reception directly after Mass for Father. On Saturday June 28th at 10:00 a.m. there will be a planning meeting for Father Son's sendoff to his new parish. Come help us plan a great event for him. Check with Ray, Mike, or Dick for details.

We are considering having a rummage (garage, tag sale, etc). This will be on a Saturday behind the Church. Please give us your feedback. You can talk to me, or Richard Banville, or Mike Rice, too. Let's hear from you!

We had a very successful Installation Ceremony at Church, and Dinner at PGA. Country Club. This was run very well by Richard Banville. Thank you Richard!

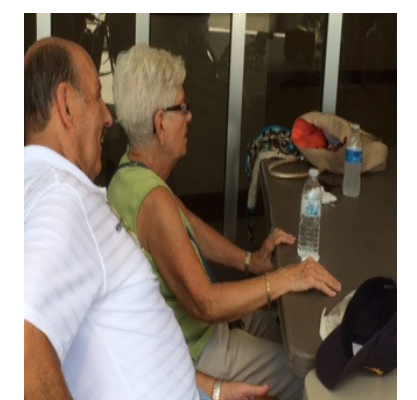
The Pig Roast was a rousing success. The event had around 300 persons. This was due to team work from all who participated. Tent built by Tony Longo. The roasted pigs by Tim McGraw, and kitchen run by Dick Banville with Peter Perry, and refreshments by Mike Rice, and a group of Knights that handled the chair and tent set-up, and clean-up as well. As you can see it is not one person that makes the event a success. It is a team that does it. Thanks again to all who made this a success and keep up the good work!

In closing, I ask Lord make us an instrument of your peace

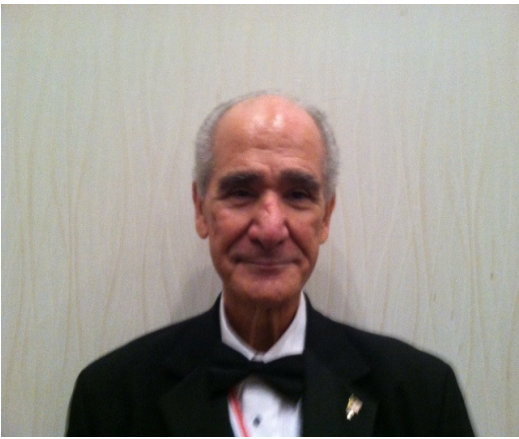
Your Grand Knight Ray Sierra

PREP CREW MOVES INTO ACTION FOR THE PIG ROAST ON MEMORIAL DAY









Faithful Navigator Larry D'Angelo
Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090

The fundraising events held at Bob Evans restaurant were a great success. We managed to raise over \$800.00 for our homeless veterans. The money will go to a worthy cause. The food drive held recently raised over 1500 pounds of food, another way we can help the homeless veterans.

As you know S.K. Edmond Doyle passed away on May 19th . Ed Doyle was the founding Faithful Navigator of the Lady of Fatima Assembly # 3090 at St.Bernadette Church. His obituary follows:

Edmond Doyle age 89 passed away May 19th 2014, of Port St. Lucie, Fl. A Memorial Mass 10:00AM, June 14, 2014 at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, St. Lucie West, FL. Inurnment will follow at Forest Hills Memorial Park in Palm City, FL. Contribution: St. Bernadette Building Funds, 305 California Blvd, St. Lucie, FL 34986.

A reception was held after the memorial Mass in the Church Family Life Center at St.Bernadette Church. Friends and brother Knights enjoyed refreshments, and remembered brother Ed Doyle.

Yours in Christ, Larry D'Angelo

NEW FOURTH DEGREE BROTHER JUNE 14, 2014

SIR KNIGHT JOHN PLACKO



Left to right: Sir Knights Tony Frasca, John Placko, and Joe Lisboa

On Saturday June 14, 2014 John Placko became a Fourth Degree Knight at the State Supreme event at the Marriott Hotel in West Palm.



KAREN FRASCA, PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBIETTES,

Our last meeting before we break for the summer will be held on June 26th at 7 p.m. at the Church Family Life Center.

Martha's hands ministry was very grateful for all the baked goods you brought in, and the help you gave them in hosting the reception for Brother Ed Doyle's Memorial Mass. It was truly a parish team effort

The Installation Ceremony at Church on June 8th and the dinner following at the P.G.A. Country Club was a beautiful affair.

We will be voting on charitable donations at our June 26th meeting. We will also discuss fund raising.

When we meet again in September, I hope many of you will attend. We need everyone to participate in our fund raising. We also need your ideas for new ways to raise more funds for charity. Remember, the more money we raise, the more money we can give to charity!

I wish everyone a healthy, safe summer, and look forward to seeing you in September.

God Bless

Sincerely,

Karen

APPRECIATION AWARDS TO PHIL AND JOE RISI

THANK YOU



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FUNRAISING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND COLUMBIETTES ORGANIZATIONS



INSURANCE COVERAGE

Growth is our duty

I am a dedicated Knight, as are all of you who read this column. As the insurance agent for your council, my role as a Knight is somewhat different than yours. My goal is to meet with each of my assigned members at least once a year to make sure their insurance needs are covered. In addition to this, I have a number of smaller goals that help me accomplish my main one. Among these is the need to recruit new members.

I want to help this council achieve the coveted Star Council Award. I want all the eligible Catholic males in the area to become Knights so they and their families can be part of this great Order. To that end, I am here to help this council with its recruiting efforts.

Remember, most men who could join but haven't yet are merely waiting to be asked. They likely do not know about the many good deeds done by the Order and its members on an annual basis. It is our job to ask them and tell them that with minimal commitment, they too could be Knights.

I make my living and support my family by talking about the Order and the benefits of membership. I would be more than happy to speak with any potential candidates, especially those who may be right under your nose. Is your father, brother, cousin or neighbor a member? How about the man sitting in the next pew at Mass? Strike up a conversation and see where it goes.

To fulfill Father McGivney's vision is our goal. Growing the Order and educating all members about the benefits of being an insured member is the way to do it.

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SEMINARIAN PROFILE



by Blake Britton
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Wisman Simeon is a man with a quiet and pensive demeanor. But, beneath that reflective façade, he is perhaps one of the most interesting seminarians one could meet. Born and raised on the island of Haiti as the second of two children, he was introduced to the faith from the very beginning of his life.

"My mother was a seriously devout Catholic," Simeon recalled with a smile, "she loved her faith and made sure to share it with her children." Every week, Wisman's mother would wake him up to altar serve at the 4am Mass and although he would fuss about going at such an early hour, his dissatisfaction would quickly fade at the site of the pastries

waiting for him outside the front door of the church after the liturgy.

Wisman was 11 years old when he first started thinking about the priesthood. He would organize pretend church services in his room and soon got the nickname "Ti- Pe" or "Little Priest" from the other children. It was around this time that he became a Boy Scout and, later as a teenager, joined the *Kairo* youth movement, a Catholic retreat program dedicated to deepening the spirituality of teens and young adults.

As a young man, Wisman chose to enter medical school. However, the calling he felt on his heart for the priesthood continued to grow more intense. Overall, he kept his priestly aspirations to himself until, at the age of twenty-one, he decided to share the idea with his mother. It was not as well received as he expected.

"You are too young to make that decision," she said with motherly jest, "it would be better for you to finish medical school so that, if you decide to leave seminary, you will have a career to support you." It was a difficult decision, but Wisman stayed in medical school out of obedience to his mother's wishes. He pensively explained how such a decision challenged him, "It was very tough. I had trouble focusing on studies because I was constantly thinking about the priesthood. I often thought of dropping out."

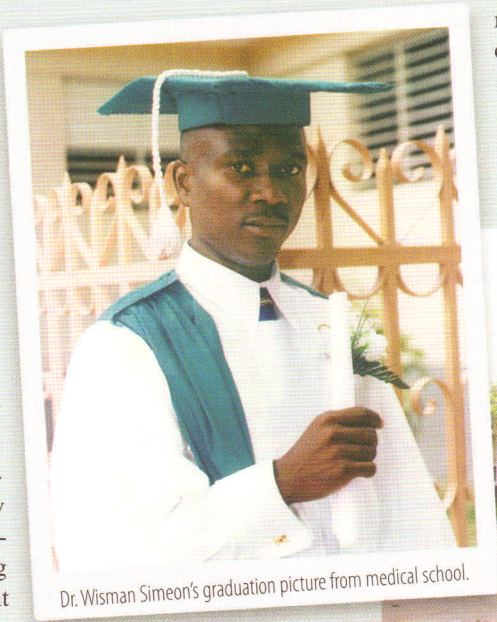
Wisman eventually graduated medical school in 2002 and became a licensed practitioner of medicine in Gonaives, Haiti. He got a job in social services with the government of Haiti before being employed as a resident physician for an Anglican mission hospital. Simultaneously, Wisman began working at a Catholic pharmaceutical dispensary run by the Little Brothers of St. Therese of Lisieux. When asked to share his favorite part of practicing medicine, Wisman immediately replied, "Delivering children! There is nothing like holding a crying child in your arms and hearing them take their first breaths. You know God has brought new life into the world."

However, despite all his beautiful experiences as a doctor and the lucrative revenue he received, Wisman felt he was not fulfilling the vocation to which God had called him.

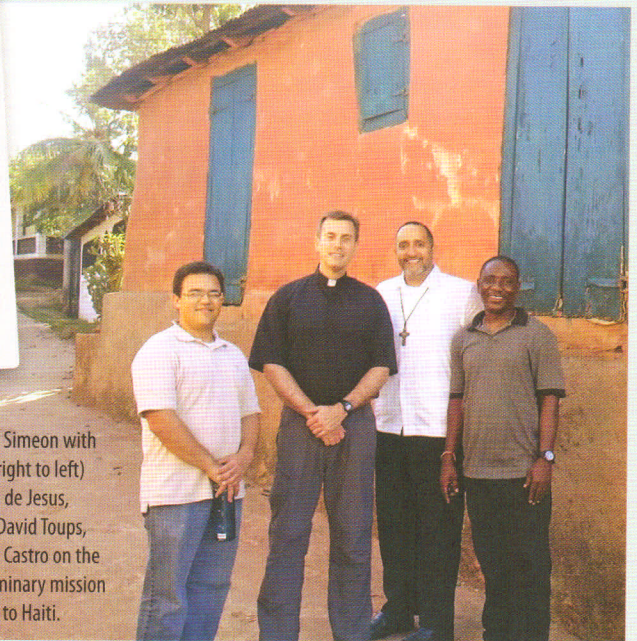
"I felt as if I had a hole in my heart," Wisman stated, "I knew that I had to become a priest."

Finally, on August 18th 2009, he decided to leave Haiti and join the seminary in the United States. Many people wondered why he left Haiti in the first place, not understanding that, in the Haitian Church, there is no concept of a "late" priestly vocation. Since Wisman was older than most men entering seminary in Haiti, he chose to come to America. Thus, he began applying to become a seminarian for the Diocese of Palm Beach. In November of the same year, he visited St. John Vianney College-Seminary in Miami for a weekend of retreat and discernment, an experience which solidified his decision to stay in the United States and serve the Catholic Church in the state of Florida.

On March 17th 2010, he was formally accepted as a seminarian by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito and immediately started taking classes to learn English at Barry University, entering the minor seminary shortly thereafter. In May of 2012, Wisman Simeon received his Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from St. John Vianney College-Seminary and in August of the same year was accepted for further priestly formation in his home Diocese of Palm Beach at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, where he currently resides as a theologian in his second year of study. He hopes to be ordained in three years' time.



Dr. Wisman Simeon's graduation picture from medical school.



Wisman Simeon with (from right to left) Julio de Jesus, Msgr. David Toups, Elixavier Castro on the recent seminary mission trip to Haiti.

Before the close of his interview for this article, Wisman had this to say: "To all of the people who are reading this article, I would like to say that it is never too late to embrace your vocation and when you do find it, you will be filled with joy," and to those who are parents to potential priests, "when you have a child who chooses to do something in the Church, do not try to block them. Give freedom to your children to serve and love God's people." □

1500 CLUB WINNERS

Week of May 15th

- 1- Craig Gillard \$25.00**
- 2- Jack O'Malley**
- 3- Jim Pesch**
- 4- Ron Suriano**

Week of May 22nd

- 1-Ken Guntkowski \$24.00**
- 2-Ken Lorick**
- 3-Donald Miller**
- 4-James Santilli**

Week of June 5th TW0 Drawings \$25.00

- 1-Joanne Iacona**
- 2-John Klosterman**
- 3-Charles Lomonaco**
- 4-Jack O'Malley**
- 5-Vince Marano**
- 6-Jim Pesch**
- 7-Carl Smith**
- 8-Robert Crerand**

Week of June 19th \$ 25.00 Winners

- 1-Pat Carosa**
- 2-Robert Prindle**
- 3-Jack Polizzi**
- 4-Bill Cyr**

Week of June 19th \$ 50.00 Winners

- 1-Joanne Iacona**
- 2-Vincent Marano**



Editor's Corner

I had the chance to return to New England to see some relatives, and an old saying comes to mind. **YOU CAN'T GO HOME!** Oh boy! The winter just ended and fair weather prevailed. It was still chilly at night to me, but they were happy summer had finally come. It was still dusty and dirty, and the pot holes seem to have no bottom (like a cavern). I think we forget that we live in a tropical climate and it is truly a paradise. Let us all remember to thank God for what we have. We are truly blessed. It's warm, clean, and nary a cave-like pothole to be found here. I think I have truly become a Floridian.

Another of our charities is supporting future Priests as seminarians as they study for their vocation. I have included a write-up for Wisman Simeon for whom we provide some support for his studies. This article was published in "Seeds of Hope" spring of 2014. It is from the Students of St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fl. Good people who will do good works in the future.

Please enjoy your summer. Be careful, and kind to one another, and come back refreshed so that we can again serve our fellow man.

This will be the last newsletter for the summer, and we will resume in September before the meeting.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Tony Frasca

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