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### Grand Knight's Message By Ron Suriano

Once again, the month has flown by fast and our activities relating to the opening of our new Church have continued. Like all of the other Church organizations, we are anxious to begin anew. We have representatives on many of the committees including the Bernadette's Banquet Ministry and Dedication Weekend Planning committee. Part of the Dedication Weekend schedule will include a Parish Picnic on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

from 1-4 pm and our Council will be supporting Brother Tony Longo for this event.

The Hospice Softball Game at the Mets Stadium on February 20<sup>th</sup> was a success again this year. Brother Frank Russo and his wife were in charge of the concession stand for the event and we appreciate all of their hard work. We even had outside help from our past member and Brother Tony Meli who came in with his brother from Colorado to help out and keep track of money at the concession stand.

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. This year, we are only allowed to do our Tootsie Roll soliciting at Publix. However, we are placing some canisters at other locations in Port St. Lucie West to offset the loss anticipated by losing Wal-Mart as a location.

One of the privileges of being your Grand Knight was to do an act of kindness and Stewardship on your behalf. During the burial of our Time Capsule at the new Church, Brother Bleggi told me that Father Maurice mentioned to Hank's wife Bea that he was about to head back to Montreal on his "thread-bare" tires. I was able to contact Glenn Parent at Bayshore Tire and Service Center to see if he could help. We also collected about \$250.00 at our meeting and at our Corporate Communion breakfast. As a result, Glenn Parent donated the full set of tires, complete with a front end alignment. Father Maurice was very pleased and thanked us for our efforts.

Our Council meeting for February took place on February 25th. We will have to hold our Council Meeting for March at Council 7514 because of the move into the new Church. If there is a change, information will be in the Church Bulletin the week prior to the scheduled meeting. This only pertains to the Council Meeting and not the Officer's Meeting.

God Bless,

Ron Suriano, GK

#### **Knightly News Boosters**

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;

The cruise that members attended in January was a success. We received a donation and shared it with our third degree brothers. On February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> there was a food drive with Project Mother Teresa for the Homeless Veterans. Once again the parishioners generously gave donations for the Homeless Veterans. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Church Dedication Mass blessed Bishop Barbarito. Our Color Corps will be in attendance for the dedication of our new Sanctuary. The next Exemplification will be April 16th to the 18th in Jacksonville; please contact Sir Knight John Bonica. Election for the 2010-2011 Officers will take place at the April Meeting. Anyone interested becoming an Officer, please contact Sir Knight Tom Traverse.

GOD BLESS, Tommy Mollica FN



Sir Knights in Color Corps present Sacramental Wine to Father Ulto during Corporate Communion Mass.



Color Corps salutes Father Ulto during Recessional of the Mass.

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

$3^{\text{rd}}$	Color Corps Practice	7:00 PM	$4^{th}$	Fourth Degree Meeting	7:00 PM
19 <sup>th</sup>	Church Dedication	6:00 PM	$20^{th}$	Gala Dinner	7:00 PM
$21^{st}$	Church Picnic	1:00 PM			



# **Columbiettes** *By Ann Guinta*

Let me start by saying that this should be our last meeting in the old Church. As you all know that the new Church will be opening in March on the 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We are all

working on different committees and all helping to get the Church up and running smooth. I am thinking that our March meeting will be in the new Church. I will let you know as soon as I know.

I would like to see all the ladies at this meeting so we can discuss our plans for the rest of year. As you all know, the convention is coming soon (April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>). Any one can come for a day, or for the weekend. If you come for the weekend, you have to pay your and your husband's way. It is very nice to go and see one. We learn a lot from other chapters.

We will have to have our Wine & Cheese event in April, due to the Church opening in March and Easter is the beginning of April.

We received a lot of names from the Stewardship Fair. I am trying to find a chapter that will be having a First Degree, and maybe a Major at the same time soon.

We, the Board, would like to wish all of the ladies that are having birthdays in March, a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Hope to see you all at this meeting February 25, 2010 at 7 PM at the Church. May the Mother of the GOOD LORD take care of us all. Let us all say a pray for the men and women over seas.

## **Brother Knights' Column**

February 20, 2010

To Our Third Degree Members,4

You made your

1st Degree (Charity-The Gift of Time and Energies)

2nd Degree (Unity-The Good of the Church)

3rd Degree (Fraternity-Esprit de Corps)

You worked hard to become a 3rd Degree, why not one more step?

It is time to make your 4th Degree (Patriotic-For God and Country).

We have a 4th Degree Exemplification twice a year. It is a beautiful week-end away to be with your fellow Knights (wives are invited).

You do not have to join the Color Corps but it is an Honor and extension of the 4th Degree.

Plan on becoming a Sir Knight in 2010.

Sincerely,

Sir Knight Tony Longo Our Lady of Fatima Port St Lucie, Fl Assembly 3090 (772) 878-1941



A Word From Our Chaplain

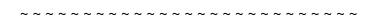
By Father Victor Ulto

Dear Brother Knights,

Please know that during this Lenten Season, I am praying for you in a very special way. May the Lord, whose love for us is celebrated this Lent by remembering his life, sufferings and death, show you as a Council His ways of uniting your sufferings with His. And at the same time, may we together have the hope that comes from knowing that ultimately, Easter follows, life follows, joy follows.

God bless you all!

Father Victor Ulto





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

RESPECT LIFE MARCH 2010

The present standoff over abortion funding in health care,

pits two sets of Catholics against each other. The Bishops, supported by pro-life leaders, zealously oppose any type of abortion funding, while prominent Catholic members of Congress just as zealously promote it.

There is one ban before Congress called the Stupak Ban, which would effectively prohibit any coverage of abortion in the new "exchange," or market place, established by health reform, and would apply to both the proposed public option and to private plans. This ban draws support from the Bishop and pro-life leaders. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and other Catholic members of Congress are opposed to it and are trying to add amendments to it that would water it down so it would be ineffective. The more you read and try to understand the more confusing it becomes, that is why the power of prayer is so important, to discern God's will in protecting the unborn.

It's hard to believe that we can be so horrified over the loss of so many lives due to the earthquake in Haiti and yet the killing of over fifty million unborn babies doesn't matter. How can you call yourself Catholic and support abortion or any other type of killing? We Catholics, who are Pro-lifers, must pray hard for all those who place human choices

above God's power, to give or take life. May God continue to bless you and may you always pray for the dignity of all human life.

God bless Deacon Ed and Ann Breitfelder



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH~Ken Klose Contributed by his wife Ann

Ken is known by many names... he is known as Kenny by very old friends, Dad by his four children and Grandpa by his 6 grandchildren. He has had many hats in his working career: he retired as an Assistant Postmaster from the East Rockaway Post Office, President of his own Real Estate Appraisal company and a Real Estate Agent in Florida. His volunteer career is a long list: he held many positions as a volunteer fireman and finalized as Ex-Chief of the East Rockaway Fire Department. As his children grew up the list included the Dads' Club, the Village Board and the Hewlett Point Yacht Club. Ken and Ann just celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary and feel very blessed for all the wonderful friends they have made as a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Bernadette Parrish.



Field Agent's Report
By Jeff Kohuth

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I'm at 772-812-3003 or <u>Jeffrey.Kohuth@KofC.org</u>. Call me – let's talk.



#### **Annual Tootsie Roll Drive!**



The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, to raise money for the Special Olympics and ARC charities, will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. 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 volunteering Knight's participation can be arranged.

# St. Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup>



Saint Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. There are many legends and stories about the life and works of Saint Patrick. The following is one of them.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably at or near Kilpatrick. His parent's names

were Calpurnius and Conchessa. They were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of sixteen, he was captured during a raid and taken to Ireland, a land of Druids and pagans, as a slave to herd and tend sheep. For six years, he lived in slavery, tending sheep alone on the hills. During his captivity he learned the language and practices of the Irish people.

Though not raised as a Christian, and probably quite ignorant of the Christian faith, during his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty-two. At that time, he was instructed in a dream, 'your ship is ready'. From this he understood that he was to walk to the coast and return home to Scotland. He walked 200 miles to the coast, where he found a ship preparing to sail. After some reluctance from the sailors, he was permitted to board and he sailed to Britain where he reunited with his family.

The journey was long and difficult; at one point he and his traveling companions had no food. They mocked his Christianity and asked why does your God not help you, if He is so great and powerful? Patrick replied with confidence that the Lord would help them all. Soon after, they came across a herd of wild pigs and had a feast which lasted for two days. Some time after he finally returned to the arms of his family, he had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

Convinced that he was not ready to take on such a task, he began to prepare himself for it. He began studies for the priesthood, and was ordained by Saint Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Pope Celestine I had originally assigned Palladius to the task, but he, through fear or death (accounts vary on this point), was unable to carry out his instructions. St Germanus then recommended his student Patrick, to the Pope. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He defeated all who were sent against him, overthrew or banished the priests of pagan religions, survived many persecutions and fearlessly and joyfully went wherever he was needed to spread God's Word. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and built churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He would stay in an area just long enough to plant the seeds of a church and then move on. By the end of his life, Ireland was almost completely Christian. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and (enduring much suffering) he died March 17, 461.

(Excerpted from the internet Domestic-Church)

## **Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes**

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





#### Editor's Corner

The Editor and Brother Knights offer their most sincere condolences to GK Ron Suriano and his family on the recent death of his mother, Mildred.

Our readers are reminded that they can contribute short articles to our Brother Knight's Column. This contributed material 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: <a href="mailto:stevenson@htcplus.net">stevenson@htcplus.net</a>. If not available, then mail the prepared article to me:

Merritt Stevenson 10864 SW Stephanie Way Port Saint Lucie, FL 34987

#### 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!

## Surprise going away presents given to Father Maurice Dionne



At the end of the departing Mass celebrated by Father Dionne, Glenn Parent, Manager of the Bayshore Tire & Service Center gave 4 new GoodYear tires, their balancing and a complete front end alignment, to Father Dionne to assure a safe and smooth return auto trip to Canada. Brother Knights, represented by GK Ron Suriano, also gave him \$250 cash for his return trip.

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