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Grand Knight's Message, March 10, 2012 by Joe Risi

The month of February for me, was a month of reflection and decision. After much reflection, prayer and consultation with my wife, Philomena, I announced at our last General meeting that I will not seek a 2nd year as the Grand Knight of this Council. I most sincerely ask each Brother Knight to participate in the election process, attend the general meetings in which nominations are recorded and voting takes place.

Congratulations to Thomas Mollica and his 1st degree team for the many successful exemplifications held this year. Most recently Peter Perry and Radme (Rod) Montalvo received the honors of the first degree on March 8.

Last month we held our first pre-meeting fun/social community meal involving the Council and the Columbiettes. Our general meetings followed as usual. All Brother Knights and Columbiettes of Council 13042 are invited to break bread together prior to our next business meeting on March 22.

Congratulations to The brother Knights and Columbiettes who supported our fun/social/fund raising bus trip to the Isle Casino and the many who came home with full wallets. Happily the net proceeds of the bus trip will be shared by the Council, the Assembly, the Columbiettes and the Parish. Our next trip is in May

On Sunday, April 29 at 9:00, a corporate mass is schedule. That day is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I encourage all knights to attend this Mass. A light breakfast will be available in the family life center. I am asking the Chancellor, Ron Caccippio, and the Deputy Grand Knight, Ray Sierra, to coordinate the mass and the breakfast. Additionally we will review with Fr Ulto what we can do to promote vocations on that day.

Our council is sponsoring a substance drug/alcohol abuse awareness poster contest. Boys and Girls, ages 8 thru 14, are eligible to enter. Tim McGraw and Bill Howard are chair persons. They will need judges and volunteers to organize the event.

An Easter egg hunt sponsored jointly with the Columbiettes will be held Holy Saturday, April 7, on the Church grounds. I and Mary Paglione are co-chairs. Details will be announced at our General meeting on March 22.

The Council is sponsoring a 7 day cruise to the Eastern Caribbean on Jan 26th, 2013. Port stops at San Juan, St Kitts and St Maarten will be made. This will be a fund raising event for the council. We will cruise on the New Celebrity Cruise ship, The Reflection.

Pray for our Priests, our troops, and emergency service personnel and especially our Council Members and for the mother who today may be considering an abortion.

See you at our next meeting, March 22, 2012 at 6:00 Pm

SK Joe Risi

Columbiettes: By Mary Paglione, President



We have been very busy since the last Knightly News. The Wine and Cheese Party on February 17th, was delightful. An afternoon of Mardi Gras frivolity was enjoyed by all in attendance. Some felt that we did not serve enough food, we tried to serve it in stages to take care of latecomers. A Wine and Cheese Party usually is as it says, "Wine & Cheese," but this committee added other dips, spreads and other amenities to make it more tasteful. You should realize that it was not planned to be your Evening Dinner, but to have light snacks and camaraderie in advance of preparing for the Lenten Season. I congratulate Vilma Stevenson and her hard working Committee for a job well done. Many hours of planning and running around making purchases for the basic supplies and coordinating the offers of what members planned to make and bring to the party took a lot of their time and effort. All in all, it was a financial and social success; Vilma and her Committee deserve a big, "Thank You," for all they accomplished.

We now have five new members; Joanne Banville, Marilyn Milloway, Grace Parisi, Katherine Romaniello and Angela Spinelli, who traveled to West Palm Beach Council #2075, for the exemplification of the First Degree on March 7th. Accompanying them was President Mary Paglione, Vice President Vilma Stevenson, Treasurer Julia Mollica and Financial Secretary Marilyn Surino, Anna Ferraro, plus SK Sam Paglione, DW, SK Tom Mollica, PFN, SK Dick Banville, SK Merritt Stevenson and SK Ron Suriano, PGK. (See photo below). We are anticipating three more new members; then we will hold a First Degree in late March or early April.



New Columbiette's sitting l-r. Angela Spineli, Katherine Romaniello, Grace Parisi, Marilyn Milloway & Joanne Banville. Standing are Julia Mollica, Treasurer, Vilma

Stevenson, Vice President, Marilyn Suriano, Financial Secretary, Anna Ferraro and Mary Paglione, President

I understand the Casino Trip this past week to the Isle was very profitable for some of our members. Remember that GK Joe Risi is scheduling the Casino Trips as a fund raiser for the K of C, inclusive of the 4th Degree Assembly and the Columbiettes, so keeping that in mind when you get a notice from Grand Knight Joe Risi regarding future trips, please sign up.

There is an organizational meeting planned for the Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by K of C and Columbiettes on Saturday, April 7th, for the children of St. Bernadette's Parish, scheduled for March 13th, the place to be announced. I will be away for the Holiday but I have two competent members who have agreed to co-chair. I, along with them, will attend the meeting on the 13th. If they call upon you for help please say yes. Remember many hands make light work. I am sure that as usual everyone will cooperate.

Also, remember our Catholic Action activities include Non Perishable food items and clothing for St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Bring Food to the monthly meetings, but please take any clothing or other items to the store. Also, if you know of any members who are ill, or is in need, please call Sunshine Chair, Carla McGraw at 951-200-9522.

**Let us work toward continued growth, friendship and unity.
God Bless and I wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.**



**Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090
By Faithful Navigator
Tony Longo**

Input not available at this time



By Deacon Ed & Ann Breitfelder- RESPECT LIFE~ Pro-life Couple

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Why is there such a rabid support for the killing of innocent children? Do people not know that it is the taking of a human life? Of course, they do. Anyone who has taken Biology 101 knows including the pro-aborts!

We are living in a “Culture of Death”, where preborns are seen as disposable, and tens of thousands of men and women make a living from their deaths. It’s hard to comprehend, but that’s the reality of it.

Many no longer fear God and are living in the present moment with no fear of hell. The sad reality is that they are in the minority, yet they control the media and Hollywood. We the believers, who are the majority, have allowed them to set public policy, pervert our youth, and kill generations of children through abortions. This is a total breakdown of our society.

Abortion is not just a “private sin”, one which the world calls “choice” or a “right.” Abortion affects everyone alive today. Just as one prayer affects an entire community, the grave sin of abortion affects not just the parents of that innocent child, nor the abortionists and clinic staff, but our communities, nation and world.

We are indeed complicit if we allow it to continue. We must speak out by letting our voices be heard. As Catholics we must contact all our Representatives, and Senators in Washington, DC, and let them know what we believe and profess as “Catholics.” We must demand that they STOP GOVERNMENT FUNDING for Planned Parenthood, and boycott all the restaurants and businesses that support Planned Parenthood. Please write or email today!

Remember one day we will all have to answer to our all-knowing, and loving God when He confronts us with this question. What were you doing when they were killing my innocent “LITTLE ONES! *What will you say?*

Remember the 40 days of prayer for life! Hope to see you at the Pregnancy Center in Fort Pierce, Wednesdays, any time from 9AM to 1PM during Lent, to pray the Rosary. If you can’t be there, then pray wherever you are, for the dignity of life for all from conception to natural death.

God Bless you,

Deacon Ed Breitfelder



Field Agent's Report

By Jeff Kohuth

Dear Brother Knights,

Four parts of retirement: Phase two

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more.

Call me and we can talk.

Jeff Kohuth

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Knights' spot

Leadership And Community Building

by Capt. Bill Howard

We are all called to lead. Whether at your job or your home, in your community or in your church, one day you will need to step up and take control. As members of the Knights and the Columbiettes, we are called to build communities, and the essence of community building is leadership.

So with that in mind, how are your leadership skills? When I was first asked that question I felt pretty darn confident that I was a born leader. Then I was reminded of the definition of leadership.

"Influence"

So again I was asked, who was I influencing, and how? Great question! I had influence over my family; or was that positional authority? So the difference between positional authority and true leadership was explained to me. Your boss always thought he or she was a leader, but that wasn't necessarily the case. They had leverage over you to assign you tasks complimented by their ability to provide you a paycheck. So would I have done as they asked if there wasn't a paycheck involved? Not likely! You might begin to see how important leadership is in a charitable organization. There are no paychecks! We have to develop our leadership skills to "influence" people to follow us while we support charitable acts. This is how we build large communities of people working toward like minded goals. We use the "laws of attraction."

Now as I close this first installment, let me remind us that we are all like the fruit on the tree. If we stop growing and become ripe, the next step is to rot. Personal development is exactly the same way, we must keep growing. Leadership is a learned skill, one that's acquired by mentorship from those with "fruit on the tree," (pun intended). The first step in honing your leadership qualities is to work on your people skills. Might I suggest a reading program, or audio books to sharpen your skills and attract people to our community so that we may all serve others more effectively? Some suggested reading is listed below....

"How To Win Friends and Influence People"- Dale Carnegie

"Personality Plus"- Florence Littauer

"The Five Love Languages"- Gary Chapman

"How To Have Confidence And Power In Dealing With People"-Les Giblin

"Launching The Leadership Revolution"-Chris Brady and Orrin Woodward

Enjoy and God Bless!

Capt Bill

A Note on Council Membership / Participation Opportunities

Membership in our council requires members to be Parishioners of St Bernadette. Currently we have over 190 members, a phenomenal number of Catholic Men in a great Catholic Organization. Please invite a non knight sitting next to you in the pews to be a knight. They may say why should I be a Knight and you should be ready to respond beginning with why you are a Knight.

Our goal is charitable giving. Our method is to organize and execute fund raising events. We are currently achieving our Goal with only about 25% of our Members participating. We have designed our programs at three levels, **Spiritual, Social, and Fund Raising**.

Participation in our **Corporate Mass/ Communion on April 29** is a spiritual event that will cost nothing but time and commitment.

The upcoming **Spring Council Picnic**, date TBD, is a social event at a nominal cost. Call Tony Longo @ 878-1941 to work on this committee

The casino bus trip on March 9th and another in May is a social and fund raising event (net proceeds are shared with the Columbiettes & the 4th Degree Assembly and our parish).

We will have a **council sponsored Poster Contest** for our elementary and junior high school kids. Any retired English / Art teachers out there; we can use you in this program. Call Tim McGraw at 801-7067.

On Easter Saturday we will have **an Easter egg hunt** for the parish children sponsored jointly by the Columbiettes and the Council. Call Joe Risi or Mary Paglione for to help.

Earlier this fraternal year, we played **a softball game** with the Local Temple Team. We lost but played courageously. Our Coach now believes we have rested long enough and another game is possible. Stay tuned and begin oiling your gloves.

My point is Knights can participate at any financial level, and at any physical ability level. Jesus exists in every one of us. All we have to do is look into a mirror to see him in us and we can recognize him in others by participating in our programs.

Joe Risi
GK

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Director –Tommy Mollica

Jeff Kohuth -812-3003	Ray Sierra-871-6954	Gino Modesti-460-6040	Ron Suriano-878-2623
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Brother Knights I would like to again thank the Degree Team for their dedication to the 1st degree ceremonials.. As always we are looking for Brother Knights to back up the current Team Members by agreeing to learn one of the parts in the degree ceremony. Please call Thomas Mollica to inquire about this opportunity to serve the council.

In order for us to continue to do good works of charity, we have to recruit new members. We should be able to get 2 new members each month. You will be surprised as how many people would say yes if they were asked to join the Knights of Columbus. All you have to do is" ASK ". Each of us should have a form 100 in our wallet. Check and see if you have a new form, because they have changed.

Degree Team Members: Thomas Mollica, Jay Calise Edmund Doyle, Kenneth Klose, Adriano Krecic, Robert Ferschke, Michael Spagno and Joseph Risi.

Schedule of Degrees

March 8, 2012	1 st	ST Bernadette	6:30 PM (2 new members)
Mar. 15th 2012	1st & 2nd	St. Lucie 7514	7:00 PM
March 25, 2012	3rd	Martin Council	Noon
Apr. 11th 2012	1st	Martin Council	7:00 PM
May 14th 2012	1st & 2nd	Martin Council	7:00 PM
Jun. 21st 2012	1st & 2nd	St. Lucie 7514	7:00 PM

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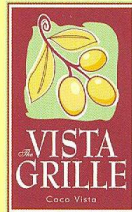
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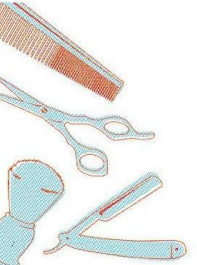
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