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## *Knight of the Month*



**Jack Polizzi**  
**October 2009**

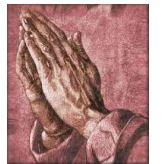
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**Grand Knight’s Message** *By Ron Suriano*

My Brother Knights. On Sep 13<sup>th</sup>, an Installation of Officers was Conducted at our Church with refreshments following the installation ceremony. I was disappointed in the attendance at this special event that was administered by our District Deputy Mike Fisk. A special effort to attend was expected of all incoming Officers and other Knights of our Council to show both respect and solidarity with our fellow Officers. I do want to send a special thank you to the Columbiettes for providing refreshments after the installation ceremony. It was certainly appreciated by all who attended.

We completed sales of our raffle tickets for a \$500 1<sup>st</sup> prize, an RCA 32” LCD/HD TV 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and a Golf Foursome at Panther Woods CC and the winners were chosen at our Officers’ Meeting on September 17th. I again want to express my appreciation for those Brother Knights who sold, bought and helped with the sales of tickets at our Church and at Publix. Now that the Raffle has been completed, we will be starting the 1500 Club ticket sales early this month. This has been a good source of revenue for our Council and helps to support our charity goals.

Don’t forget that we always need new members! Each of us should be active in the promotion of Council activities and in increasing our membership. Please do your best to meet potential new members and bring them into our Council. Our Officers are seeking ways to expand our membership and to raise funds to support our activities.

During the last week in September, we moved into a new storage facility on NE University Blvd, the Pak It Inn mini-warehouse. The move brings our stored items closer to the Church and also saves us some money, as the monthly rental fee will be less than we are currently paying. Thanks to those Brother Knights who assisted in the move. I certainly appreciate the help of all Brother Knights in our fund-raising efforts. Please continue to make every effort to become truly active in Council activities.

God Bless.

**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 Thomas Mollica*

Brother Sir Knights,

On September 13<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church, there was a Blue Mass.

Over 30 Sir Knights from different Assemblies attended. We gave honor to all Police Officers and Fire Fighters. I thank our Color Corps for a job well done.



SK's Mistler and Mollica are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Knights on the left column and Stevenson is at the end.

Sunday September 27th District Master Gary Mc Lain installed the 2009-2010 Board of Officers. We then had a dinner at Nino's Restaurant. Over 50 guests made this dinner a success. The Master wishes to extend his good wishes to all the members of our Assembly.

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

**October**

1<sup>st</sup> Assembly Meeting 7:30PM  
At the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, Deacon Ed will do a 'Blessing of the Swords.' Remember to bring your sword to the meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> Faithful Navigator Steve Cannata of the Saint Francis of Assisi Assembly invites us all to the Feast day of St. Francis. A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Barbarito at 9:30 am.

11<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Mass 9:00AM  
A Corporate Communion Mass is planned for Columbus Day celebration on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Church. Breakfast is to follow.

12<sup>th</sup> Christopher Columbus Holiday

**November**

1<sup>st</sup> Fourth Degree Picnic

3<sup>rd</sup> Election Day

4<sup>th</sup> Color Corps practice 7:00 PM



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

Dear Brother Knights

October is here, and with it the promise of cooler days, brighter colors and the Lord's unconditional love!

May each of you continue to know the great gifts that God has given you, both individually and as a Council. And may you continue to respond generously to those gifts by sharing them, knowing God's shovel is so much greater than our own when it comes to blessing us even more. Good stewards of St. Bernadette Council, may October be for you a time of grace!

FATHER VICTOR ULTO



## **Columbiettes**

*By Ann Guinta*

We are going to start this year with a PIZZA PARTY on Friday October 9, 2009. It will be held at St. Bernadette

Church, at 6 PM. The tickets will be \$10.00 per person. We will have pizza, salad and coffee and cake. So please get your tickets early so we know how many pizza pies to order. Also please bring a friend or two or three or even more. This should be a great social night for all. We hope to see you all there.

At the October meeting we will discuss our plans for the year. The meeting will be on October 22, 2009, at St. Bernadette Church.

The Board and I would like to wish all the ladies who will be having a birthday in October a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Hope to see you all at the Pizza Party and October meeting.

I would like to THANK YOU ALL for your prayers for my husband.

May the GOOD LORD BLESS US ALL

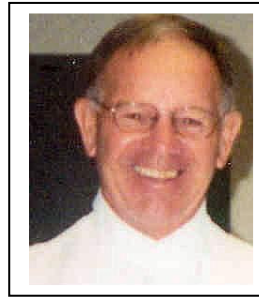
## **Council 13042 participates in Buddy Walk**



A donation of \$50 was made to the National Down Syndrome Buddy Walk, held on July 5, 2009. The donation was made in memory of Baby Isabella Lopez. Brother Jason Romano represented Brother Knights during this Buddy Walk. Our name is also included as a Contributor on their local website. Anyone wishing to donate can go online to:

[www.active.com/donate/2009buddywalk/isbellalopez](http://www.active.com/donate/2009buddywalk/isbellalopez)

*Material contributed by Jayson Romano.*



## **Pro-life**

*By Deacon Ed Breitfelder*

My dear brothers in Christ.

A lot of new things have happened at St. Bernadette's

this summer. The greatest of these is that our church and family life center is getting closer to completion. This is a major change in our parish. This is proof that all things are possible. However abortions continue through the world, executions still occur, and euthanasia is still a way of life for some people. We as Christian are still as shocked today as we were thirty years ago. We feel as if our hands are tied and no matter how hard we try, no one seems to listen to our cry. We at times can become frustrated and are not sure of which way to turn. But don't lose faith our God is all powerful and He does hear our prayers. Continue to Pray for a quality of life for all and when possible speak up in defense of all life and support any and all movements that speak for and defend the rights of all mankind. This is our responsibility as true followers of Christ; now is the time to pick up your cross and follow Him.

God bless you and your families. Deacon Ed.



## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH~ Jack Polizzi**

*Contributed by Jack's wife, Gloria*

Jack was born in Brooklyn, NY, during the Great Depression. He joined the US Naval Reserves at the age of 18 and served on the destroyer radar picket ship USS Newman K. Perry DDR 883, at the start of the Korean War. Jack was a radar man aboard the ship and enjoyed his 6 months in the Mediterranean with our NATO occupying forces. After his Honorable Discharge 1954, he attended

NYC Community College where he majored in hotel management and graduated in 1957. Jack and I met and married in 1955.

Jack's first full time job was at the Pierre hotel (NYC). He started in the Banquet Department and was promoted to Asst. Banquet Mgr and remained for 11 years. Jack then moved on to Tammy Brook Country Club in Cresskill, New Jersey as General Manager. He returned to NYC at the request of the St. Regis Hotel management and worked 18 years in sales there. Finally he moved into Real Estate sales! Sales are in his blood; he loves it.

He started with the General Development Corp and was 3 years in NYC and 15 years in Port St Lucie, FL. He also worked for Lennar Homes. We moved to Port St Lucie (PSL) in 1973. For the past 35 years Jack worked only in real estate sales in PSL and retired as a Realtor last year.

Jack joined the Knights of Columbus in 1954 and is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree honorary Life member. He transferred to St. Bernadette Council # 13042 from St Lucie Council #7514, 2 years ago. During these 2 years he has worked with Paul Bisaccia and Michael Spagno on the Tootsie Roll Drive and also sold Raffle tickets for our Annual Raffle.

Jack is a volunteer worker for the St Vincent DePaul Society, St Bernadette Conference. They help the poor and the needy in paying the electric, water and rental bills. Jack was recruited as a case worker by Brother Ray Battaglia about 4 years ago. The job is rewarding and gives him a good feeling in helping the less fortunate among us.

Jack also helped the St Bernadette Building Fund over the past 2 years by volunteering his time, during the Spring Training of the NY Mets at the Concession stand along with other volunteers, including Fr. Ulto, Msgr. Saporito and Fr. Son. He served the beer and loved it. He learned how to pour beer without making a large head by Fr. Son and he became a master at it.

Jack is also a member of the American Legion, Post 318, in PSL. He has been a Legionnaire for many years.



## Field Agent's Report

By Jim Collins

### The grass is rarely greener

We all know the old adage, "the grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence." When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to *the other side of the fence* might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet – in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying, "Read the fine print."

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. There are two major potential pitfalls of replacing coverage. Be sure that any agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener covers these key factors.

First, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

Second, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period (typically

two years) after the contract is issued. Chances are this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

If someone encourages you to replace – or worse, drop - your existing coverage with any insurer, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

Fraternally yours,

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



## Your Web Master

By Jason Romano

If you have Internet access, I am requesting at this time that you email me with the following information. In the subject line include "Knight Email Update" and in the body of the email please list your full name, wife's name, primary contact phone number, and your address with city, state and zip code (if you are a snowbird, list both addresses). Also include your date of birth and your spouse's, as well as your anniversary date.

### 3 Winners for the Knights' Raffle!

The drawing of the 3 winning tickets was made at the end of the Council's Officers' meeting on September 17.



Knights John Bonica and Paul Bisaccia turn the drum for worthy Grand Knight Ron Suriano.



GK Suriano draws the first lucky ticket for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize, One Round of Golf for Four at Panther Woods Country Club; Nick Di'giacomo tele: (772) 621-9630.

### Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes

Brother Knights and Columbiettes work together to assemble the September issue of the St. Bernadette Council 13042 Knightly News.



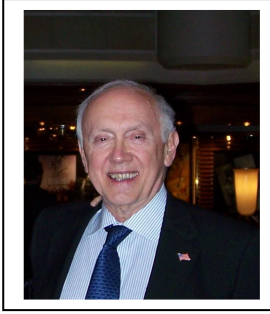
Knight John Bonica draws the lucky ticket for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, a 32" RCA HD Flat Screen TV; Mike Ruppel tele: (772) 340-5071.



Paul Bisaccia draws the lucky ticket for the First Prize Winner, \$500 cash; Sandi Coleman tele: (772) 871-0730. Winners are contacted by telephone to make arrangements to pick up their Prizes.







## *Editor's Corner*

As the new Editor of our newsletter, I am committed to trying to constantly improve it and I'll use this column to make observations and possibly suggestions as they relate to it. One of my ideas is to invite our Brother Knights to contribute positive suggestions or new ideas they feel will improve the newsletter and more generally our Council. This material will usually appear in the Brother Knights' 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. Contributions should be typed single space and lower case.

## **Brother Knights' Column**

Brother Knights,

This is the year of the volunteer and also the year of the priest. While I don't know very much about being a priest, I consider myself an expert on being a volunteer.

I have been a member of the East Rockaway Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years, when I was elected Chief of the Department. I had to address the members of the Department, I would like to quote part of that speech.

"Today I am very proud to stand before you as Chief of the Department. However, that feeling of pride is not because of anything I have done, rather, it is due to the inspiration, admiration and respect that I have for those men who came before me.

We are called upon to do God's work. Let me explain, when some one's house is on fire or they are in a severe car crash, the first thing they say is, 'God help me!' The alarm goes off and God sends us. Jesus gave us an Eleventh Commandment: Love thy neighbor. When you respond that is what you are doing, showing love for your neighbor, you are the Good Samaritan."

Now we as members of the Knights of Columbus are also volunteers, and again I have been inspired by those of you who have come before me. The past Grand Knights and those of you who have served long and hard also show love for your neighbor. God expects us to do his work. We need to try and feed the hungry, the homeless, the poor, help those who can not help themselves. To do this we must try to raise funds, not to build a building but to do God's work. Charity is our mission, doing our best is our goal. No, I will not ask you to run into a burning building, sane people run out.

Now I know many of our members are at an advanced age, many have worked long and hard as a Knight, but God's work is not finished, and neither is ours. There is nothing in the Bible about age limits on being a Good Samaritan, so I ask you to come to our meetings, become a chairman or member of a committee, and help our Worthy Grand Knight complete the goals he sets for us. God expects no less.

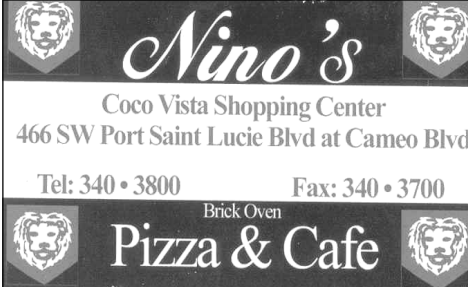
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