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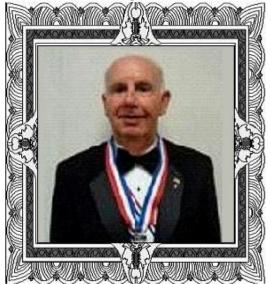


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Grand Knight's Message By Ron Suriano

My Brother Knights. Our Council members participated in a Corporate communion on Sunday, August 30th followed by a breakfast at Perkins on U.S. Highway 1. Our formal Installation of Officers took place at our Church on September 13th, 2:00 pm with refreshments after the installation.

On Sep 13th, an Installation of Officers was conducted at our Church with refreshments following the installation ceremony. On Sep 15th, we conducted a First Degree Exemplification at our Church. Our Council has continued be represented on the Church Golf Tournament Committee and, along with the Columbiettes, are participating as Gold Sponsors again this year.

We have completed sales of our raffle tickets for a \$500 1st prize, an RCA 32" LCD/HD TV 2nd prize and a Golf Foursome at Panther Woods CC. 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 sales have been completed, we will be starting the 1500 Club ticket sales early next 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, an important operation.

I again 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.

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Please join us! Your name will be printed in all newsletters from this issue to September, 2010. 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

I thank the Color Corps for helping with the Eucharistic Adoration last month.

The Knight of the Year 20 08-2009 is S.K. Anthony Longo. Thank you, Tony, for all you have done, a job well done.

The new Color Corps Commander is S.K. Roger Mistler and the Social Director is S.K. Paul Bisaccia. September 27th will be the installation of the new Officers. S.K. Paul is planning a Black Tie Dinner after the installation.

Practice for our Color Corps will be on September 2nd, at 7:00 PM at the Church. Our next meeting will be on September 3rd at 7:30 PM. The next Exemplification will take place in Orlando on November 27-29. Call S.K. Carmine Guinta for details.

Pray for the safe return of all our troops to their families and love ones.

The Knightly News Wants you!

Volunteers are needed!

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A WORD FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

By Father Victor Ulto

DEAR BROTHER KNIGHTS,

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP. HOW TRUE THESE WORDS ARE FOR US PERSONALLY, FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, FOR OUR ST. BERNADETTE PARISH AND FOR OUR CHURCH. LET US USE THESE REMAINING **DAYS SUMMERTIME RECOUP** TO **OUR** ENERGIES AND OUR ENTHUSIASM. MUCH WORK AWAITS US AS THE WEATHER **TURNS** COOLER. TRANSITIONS FOR OUR **KNIGHTS** WITH **NEW** LEADERSHIP, TRANSITIONS FOR OUR PARISH AS WE PREPARE TO DEDICATE OUR NEW CHURCH, TRANSITIONS IN OUR LIVES THAT HOPEFULLY WILL LEAD US TO A DEEPER SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP AND A DEEPER AWARENESS GRATITUDE IN OUR HEARTS FOR ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US. AND LET US NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY THE ENORMITY OF WHAT AWAITS US. START BY BABY STEPS...START BY CRAWLING...BUT START, FOR THE PRIZE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD AWAITS US.

FATHER VICTOR ULTO



Columbiettes *By Ann Guinta*

This will be a short newsletter to let you all know that at September meeting we will have an open meeting. This is for

every one of the ladies who want to join us, can do so at this meeting. You must be ready to sign up that night due to the fact that there will be a Major Degree on October 3, 2009. It will take place at St. Jude's Auxiliary in Boca Raton. Please let us know so we can give your name to the Financial Secretary.

For any of the ladies who have taken their Major Degree in March can come and watch or take part in the Major Degree team. It would be nice to watch your friends take their Major Degree.

Please remember the date is SEPTEMBER 24, 2009, at the Church. The time is 7 PM.

Ladies please come up with some good ideas for the year, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

Due to the fact that we do not meet in July and August, if you have any question please call me (Ann Guinta) at 878-8020.

Again have a safe and healthy summer. May the GOOD LORD Bless us all.



Pro-life Article 7-11-09
By Deacon Ed Breitfelder

Do we take our Catholic beliefs and teachings as Christ taught them, or do we pick and choose?

We Catholics have a divine obligation to protect all forms of life. We must protect life from the womb to the grave. The Catholic Catechism, (article 2319) states that every human life, from the moment of conception until death, is sacred because the human person has been willed for its own sake in the image and likeness of the living God. The problem that exists is that 50% of Catholics do not agree or support this belief, or they place financial and other materialistic things above their Faith.

If Catholics would stand together in all that we believe, these situations would not exist. We, Catholics, must bravely witness against supporting pro-choice or pro-abortion candidates and we should pray for their conversion. This is a great time for all Catholics to stand up for our beliefs, and witness for the sanctity of all life. Are we Catholic in practice or in name only? Our actions and our lifestyles must reflect our beliefs in our Faith. May God continue to bless you in all your endeavors?

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The older we get, the more we truly realize how precious and how short life can be. In the last six months, we have lost several members of our family; making us aware of that old saying, "Do not put off to tomorrow, what you should do today!" We must live our life to the fullest as now our time is very limited; therefore we must strive everyday to be of service to God and one another; and aware that all life - born or unborn – young or old - healthy or ill- is valuable. While we are unable to do the things that we used to do: we must now, do what is very important; and take the time in making the effort to protect all forms of life. There is no excuse to do nothing. We all have time to pray for the quality of life for all, knowing that God hears all our prayers, and in His time will answer them. Your Brother in Christ.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH AUGUST Written by Maria Bonica

John Bonica was born in Newton Center, Mass on a

snowy stormy day. He is the second child in a Family of five, 2 boys and 3 girls. At about the age of four the family moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. for a better life. John got his education in Brooklyn and his accounting degree by going to night college at Pace University in New York, Post College and Farmingdale University in Long Island, N.Y. His Career was interrupted when Uncle Sam called him to serve his country in Korea. When he came home from the army, he dated and fell in love with the girl next door, Maria. They dated for about 2 years and then they were married. While he was in the army he was stationed in California and fell in love with that state. Because of it, after his marriage to Maria, they moved there with the intention of making their new life in California, But Maria, being an only child, got home sick and so they came back to Long Island, N.Y.

John got a job with Wechsler Instrument company and in 2002 retired. After one year, he had enough of retirement and went to work as a security guard for GEICO Insurance company. He retired again after 10 years. At this time point John and Maria decided they needed a big change in the lives and decided to move to Port St. Lucie. where Maria had a cousin and John has a sister living there.

Its been four years and John's life is busier then ever. When not driving Maria and her mother around Port St. Lucie, he helps at St Bernadette cleaning the church on Saturday mornings, with Mother Teresa food collections, and the Variety show. He is a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge where he helps in the Kitchen and other chores.

John has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1961 and has helped with different chores and committees. This past August he became a fourth degree member and a member of the color corp. He has been a hard worker and assisted the Council in several officer positions and has been a key man in the current raffle ticket committee and sales.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER Written by Ron Suriano

Steve is one of the newer members of our Council and has made an impact during the

relatively short time he's been with us. Steve and his wife of 31 years, Michelle, live in Tradition. They have two daughters and one granddaughter with another on the way. We know him to be a "part-timer" only because he has two different careers — a mariner and artist. Steve is in the Merchant Marines where he works aboard the 1,004-foot Edwin H. Gott ore carrier months at a time and his art business called "Ocean of Art" where is work is on display in a handful of museums and for sale in several dozen gift shops in the Great Lakes.

When Steve transferred to our Council, he immediately began to participate by taking photographs of our activities and producing CDs and a DVD relating to the construction of our new Church. He asked if there was anything that he could do to help our Council during his limited time that he would be in the SLW area while not on ship. When our Council hosted a Dinner for our Priests, Steve

volunteered his services to etch three glass plates for Monsignor Saportito, Father Ulto and Father Son. This year, in preparation for the Church Golf Tournament, Steve has etched several glass mugs to be awarded as prizes depicting golf themes.

Steve has sailed the Great Lakes for over 31 years, most recently as a wheelsman on the Great Lakes Fleet's Edwin H. Gott. Evidence of Steve's passion abounds on the Gott. The vessel bears his paintings of other boats and maritime scenes. Steve is the type of member who always is thinking of more and better ways to use his talents to promote our Council and it's activities. We can hardly wait until he retires from his maritime duties and is a more permanent resident.



Field Agent's Report By Jim Collins

September is Life Benefit Awareness Month. To help educate consumers

about the need for and value of adequate life benefit protection, the Life Benefit Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1. Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life benefit is the best way to protect against the death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2. Twenty-four million households have no life benefit protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life benefit protection.

Fact 3. Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life benefit and believe they should, or own life benefit and believe they need more. Among those that already own

some life benefit, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4. One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5. People would like to discuss life benefit with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life benefit is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision.

I'm at 772-546-9910. Call me- let's talk. Fraternally yours, Jim Collins



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By Jason Romano

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