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#### **GRAND KNIGHT TOM MOLLICA**

#### **Brother Knights,**

We had a busy summer that began with "Bingo and Ballentrae" on June 27th. We had a large group of our brothers and sisters come to Ballentrae Community to play bingo, enjoy the buffet, and raise money for a few of our charities. It was a great success as you can see in the pictures in this newsletter. Thank you to all for your generosity. The donated gift baskets and products donated for the silent auction were a big hit.

On July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10th, we inducted 2 new brothers into the admissions degree in the Family Life Center. Please see the pictures of the new Knights on the following pages. When you see B. J. Johnson, and James Durante, welcome them to our Council.

Last week we received an urgent request from the American Legion, for donations to help the folks in Florida Keys that were devastated by hurricane Irma. They were going down to the Keys with all the help they could gather. Our brothers and sisters responded with clothing, food, toiletries, and money for gas. Charity is our principle and they need help. I'm very proud of the outpouring of help that our group gave to the people who needed it most.

TOMORROW NIGHT (THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29Th) WE HAVE A COUNCIL MEETING AT 7 P.M. AT CHURCH.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> we have a Corporate Communion, where all the Knights, Columbiettes and Fourth Degree come together at the 9 a.m. Mass to give thanks. After the Mass we can enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by "Chef Jason Russo".

The September ceremony for the First Degree (Admissions Degree) was cancelled due to the storm. We will have our next ceremony on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, we won't see another storm like hurricane "Irma". I pray that all our friends and parishioners were safe during the storm.

God Bless You. Tom Mollica, Grand Knight

#### CEREMONY FOR NEW BROTHER JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### MEET NEW BROTHER WILLIAM (B.J.) JOHNSON



#### **WELCOME!!!!**

**AND** 

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!**

## NEW BROTHER CEREMONY AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER MEET NEW BROTHER JIM DURANTE



### **WELCOME !!!**

**AND** 

**CONGRATULATIONS !!!** 

## EVENING AT BALLENTRAE CLUB HOUSE FOR BUFFET AND BINGO JUNE $27^{\text{TH}}$

















### **MORE PICTURES OF BINGO AND BALLENTRE**



















GRAND KNIGHT TOM MOLLICA PRESENTS PAST.G.K WITH CERTIFICATE OF THANKS FOR HIS SERVICE

PAST GRAND KNIGHT MIKE RICE

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!



#### **FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR, S.K. TONY FRASCA**

SIR KNIGHT TOM RUGGIRELLO AND SIR KNIGHT MIKE RIOS WANTED TO ACCOMPANY SIR KNIGHT SETH SPECTOR TO THE LOCAL ST. LUCIE METS BASEBALL GAME ON WEDNESDAY JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>. IT WAS A GREAT IDEA AS SOME OF THE BROTHERS BROUGHT THEIR WIVES AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. WE ENJOYED THE GAME, BUT IT WAS HOT. WE CHEERED FOR THE HOME TEAM AND FOR TIM TEBOW IN PARTICULAR. SEE THE PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.

THAT IS WHY WE ARE KNIGHTS. OUR PRINCIPLES OF UNITY, AND FRATERNITY, BIND US TOGETHER. WE ALWAYS TRY TO ENJOY THE COMPANY OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THAT IS WHY WE HAD SUCH A GREAT SHOWING (OVER 40 BROTHERS AND SISTERS) AT THE AMERICAN LEGION IMPROMTU SUPPER ON AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>. WE WANTED TO CATCH UP WITH OUR FRIENDS THAT WE HADN'T SEEN ALL SUMMER.

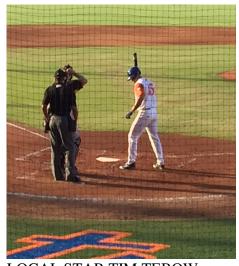
WHILE I WAS AWAY, WE RECEIVED AN URGENT REQUEST TO HELP THE DEVASTATED FLORIDA KEYS AND THE FOLKS THAT LIVED THROUGH THE HURRICANE, FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 318 PSL. THEY NEEDED HELP FOR THE FOLKS IN THE KEYS. THANKS TO OUR GRAND KNIGHT TOM MOLLICA, AND FOURTH DEGREE PILOT TOM RUGGIRELLO, FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN GETTING THE WORD OUT, AS WELL AS ALL OUR BRTHERS AND SISTERS WHO RESPONDED WITH GREAT GENEROSITY. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT GENEROSITY!!!!! OUR FIRST PRINCIPLE IS "CHARITY", AND THAT IS WHAT WE DO!!!

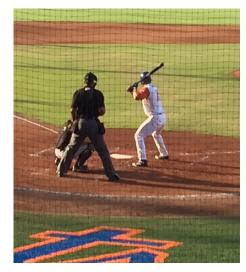
WE HAVE A FOURTH DEGRE MEETING AT 7 P.M. ON NEXT THURSDAY OCTOBER  $5^{\text{TH}}$ , and we will be giving our new "Sir Knights" their name badges and certificates. We have a lot to cover because we were cancelled due to the storm this past month.

OCTOBER  $8^{\text{TH}}$  IS OUR CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DINNER DANCE. GOOD FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AND FRIENDS: THAT IS A GREAT COMBINATION!! TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$22.00 PP WITH A GREAT ITALIAN DINNER (OR HALF CHICKEN) ON THE MENU

GOD BLESS YOU, AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!!
TONY FRASCA, FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR

## METS BALLGAME AT FIRST DATE FIELD JULY $26^{TH}$ (HOT!!!!) THE FOLKS TAKE IN A GAME WITH BROTHER SETH SPECTOR







LOCAL STAR TIM TEBOW







THESE PHOTOS COURTESY BROTHER MIKE RIOS









#### MARILYN SURIANO, PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes 2017-2018 year is starting up and the general meeting will be in the Family Life Center at Church at 7PM on Thursday September 28. Come and meet our newest Columbiettes Donna Annuziata, Luisa Rios and Stacey Perona. The Columbiette Officers will be providing the refreshments for after the meeting.

I am very proud of the Columbiettes and 2 Knights that volunteered for a Special Olympics Paddle Boarding Competition on a hot summer day in July at Round Island State Park (river side). Special Olympics is a state project for the Columbiettes and this is the first time that we have actually volunteered at a competition. We helped with registration, marking numbers on the participants, giving awards and handing out lunch to the coaches and participants. It was such a rewarding experience and getting to know the participants. The participants ranged from elementary school age to young adults. Ask any of these volunteers about their experience; Mary Paglione, Joanne and Tom Timmons, Anna Di Giacomo, Julia and Tom Mollica, Judy Symins and myself! We need to do this again!

Our first fund raiser is the annual Brunch at Pietro's on the River on Sunday, November 12 from 11AM – 2:30PM and tickets are \$26 per person. There will be various breakfast foods, salads, dinner foods (roast beef, chicken, fish and fresh seasonal vegetables) with desert, tea, coffee and 1 glass of champagne. It is always a pleasurable time to get together and chat. There will be entertainment. Contact Mary Paglione 772-343-0093 or Mary Koenig for your tickets or bring your ticket money to the September meeting!

Lastly I want to say that I hope you and your families made it through the hurricane and had only small inconveniences. We were very fortunate that that it was not as bad as predicted. God blessed us! My heart and prayers go out to everyone that has been affected by the destruction of Harvey and Irma. Please pray for them that they keep their faith strong and are able to rebuild their lives. Thank you to those that have donated money or items to those in need from the hurricanes.

Our sister Matty Lucarelli, a snow bird, sent us the message below.

Dear Columbiette Sisters.

Just a quick note to let you know that my mind and heart is with each of YOU and your family. Please know that I am praying for your safety and wellbeing as Irma passes our home, Florida. Yours in Christ Jesus.

Matty

Blessings, Marilyn Suriano



L-R: Donna Annuziata, Luis Rios, Stacey Perona, Helen Case (St Elizabeth Ann Seton)

## MEET THE NEW COLUMBIETTES

AUGUST 10TH, 2017

## DINNER AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST WED. AUGUST 23 $^{\rm RD}$ 2017





















#### SIR KNIGHT TONY FRASCA, EDITOR

#### BROTHERS ANS SISTERS,

Past faithful navigator Dick Banville suggested that we mention a dinner get together to all our friends, to be held at the American Legion Post. We wanted to thank the post veterans for distributing food and other items to the homeless veterans of the St. Lucie County. The Post recently conducted a count of these homeless veterans and found out there were approximately 60 homeless veterans in the woods of St. Lucie County! WOW!!!

The dinner is our way of saying thanks to them, and to enjoy a quiet, delicious meal, and we didn't have to clean up. BUT, when the word got out and we invited all to come, we had over 40 attendees to the "small, quiet dinner". I'm glad we had such a great showing. We caught up with our friends that we hadn't see all summer. God Bless you all for coming. It was nice seeing you!!!!!

The Legion members gather the goods, sort them and bag an assortment that they bring into the woods once weekly. They work tirelessly for their unfortunate brethren. God bless these folks for the good that they do. The next food and goods collection at St. Bernadette Church will be on the last weekend of October. I hope to concentrate on not just food, but tents, batteries, tarps, small flashlights. If we can get bikes that will be great! The bike can be transportation for a person to get to a small job to keep body and soul together. We were able to bring some supplies to them before the storm, so that the homeless veterans could be prepared. The Post Veterans were urging the homeless to seek shelter. They provided them with the addresses of nearby shelters for the storm. Hopefully, they were protected.

As I look at the photos of the destruction of the Texas and Florida hurricanes, I'm struck with the immense power of these storms. We were fortunate! I prayed the prayer to deter storms, and we seemed to be spared. I hope that all of our friends and parishioners were spared great destruction and flooding, also. The shutters worked fine. THANK GOD!!!!!!!!

Yours in Christ,

S.K.TONY FRASCA, EDITOR