



THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Grand Knight's Message

It has been one of the most rewarding four months as a Council, we have achieved not only record donations for our scholarship fund and Respect Life gift to the South Dade Pregnancy Center, but we had record turnouts for our events from September thru December. Our Council Bowling Tournament on September 22nd was enjoyed by both competitive bowlers and many families that had a great day at Bird Bowl. Don DeLeon won the new Championship Belt for high bowler and quickly gave his award to his past teammate Frank Parrella who was battling cancer. Unfortunately, Frank passed away the following month, which has touched many in our Council. His biggest supporter was our Brother SK Paul McCaffrey who spent hundreds of hours helping Frank deal with the severity of his disease. Paul was so involved with our Council and volunteered at just about every event in the past decade. He had been awarded "Knight of the Year" and served on the Council Board as an Officer. He was the epitome of service to others and little did we know that he would pass this last month due to a heart attack, at age 60. Paul was a close friend, I'm proud to have my picture with him on the wall at Duffy's! We had been to the Holy Land together and took a picture wearing our Duffy's shirts in Jerusalem overlooking the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We wanted to thank Duffy's for all their support for the Council over the decades and thought they would get a kick out of two Irish Knights promoting their classic institution. Paul's funeral was attended by hundreds as well as a large contingent of the 4th Degree Color Guard, his family was blown away at the love that poured out for Paul. He will be deeply missed and is surely with Frank in heaven.

We did welcome 9 new Knights to the Council in early October. Our Council stepped up big time with a record Respect Life Brunch on October 20th which raised a record \$15,000. Our Chancellor, SK Jose Juara, and the COTLF Respect Life Chairperson JC Toyos pulled out all the stops for this incredible event attended by hundreds. We can't thank them enough for all their efforts as well as all the Knights that stepped up and supported this signature event. We quickly moved into November and the Down Syndrome Miracle Walk. Our annual Turkey and food drive, attended by over 30 Knights, delivered the most food and Turkeys we had ever done in the past. We had a great celebration afterwards and the Big Cheese for lunch and special thanks to PGK Waldo Toyos for his continued leadership of this event. Our fellow Knight JC Miranda sponsored the U Haul truck for deliveries and made record time moving thru the streets of Miami.

We had a fantastic Posada dinner in support of our Carmelite Sisters at Saint Theresa School and a huge toy drive on December 20th. We capped off the year with an awesome Christmas party at the Hall enjoyed by many Knights and their families. If you saw the feature story of our SK Jorge Alvarez thanking us for his support in becoming a Deacon in the last newsletter; it all came to fruition with his ordination on December 14th. Our Council gave him a beautiful Deacon stole from the Knights of Columbus.

Our Council is in strong financial health and thru the hard work of our esteemed Financial Secretary, Johnny Herrera, we have been able to trim our membership to the highest level of dues paying members in decades. I thank all of you for your continued support, both thru countless donations, as well as the numerous man hours Knights have contributed to our worthy charitable endeavors. Please look at the last page of the newsletter for the list of events for 2020, and as always Vivat Jesu!

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100th Anniversary 4th Degree

By: Ralph Egües, PGK, Faithful Navigator Assembly #153

As each year draws to a close, we have a tendency to reflect on the past, hopefully with gratitude for God's blessings, and to challenge ourselves to make ever greater use of our talents and treasures to build a stronger family and community. For many of us the move from 2019 to 2020, since it marks the beginning of a new decade, may have inspired a ten year look back and consideration of what the next ten years might be like for us and our families. For us Knights in Coral Gables and throughout Greater Miami however, 2020 is an opportunity to take a longer and wider view. We have an opportunity this year to look back not a decade, but a century as Fr. Andrew Brown Assembly celebrates 100 years of promoting Patriotism and Catholic Citizenship in Greater Miami.

During the coming year, our 4th degree assembly will be marking this milestone by spotlighting the significant contributions of Catholics generally and Knights in particular in transforming Miami from a tropical frontier getaway with a population that from 1900 to 1920 grew from less than 2,000 to almost 30,000 to today's Capitol of the Americas with a population of nearly 3 million. More importantly, our intention is to do so in a manner that inspires today's Catholics to consider how collectively we are addressing today's challenges and opportunities.

For 2020, we are planning four major activities to commemorate and celebrate 100 years of our Assembly's founding by honoring the service of all the Sir Knights who have promoted patriotism and Catholic citizenship in Greater Miami for the past 100 years in a manner that is consistent with our core mission and that inspires the service of those yet to join us as Sir Knights. These commemorative events are:

THE IMPACT OF CATHOLIC LAITY ON THE HISTORY OF MIAMI, a historical research and presentation contest for Miami Dade Catholic High School students, that will launch this month, offering a donation of \$5,000 to the scholarship fund of the winning school,

KNIGHTS IN SERVICE OF THE KING, a weekend religious retreat to be led by our Faithful Friar Fr. Omar Huesca, to which all Knights of Columbus in Miami Dade county will be invited.

CENTENIAL 4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION, planning is underway for the largest 4th exemplification to be held in Miami with more than 100 of our brother Knights including many priests achieving the rank of Sir Knight on the 13th of June at the Church of the Little Flower's Comber Hall, and

IN HONOR OF GOD AND COUNTRY, a concert of religious and patriotic music which will take place on September 11 and honor local veterans and feature performances from various Catholic school, church, and community choirs and musicians.

Of course, these special activities are in addition to the regular annual activities undertaken by the Fr. Andrew Brown Assembly including quarterly barbecues for wounded warriors at the retirement home attached to the Miami Veteran's Administration Hospital, our participation in the upcoming Gables Chili Fest which raises funds to support veteran's programs, and our providing Color Corp for the Miami Dade County Special Olympics, the Down Syndrome of Miami Miracle Walk, the Archdiocese of Miami Young Adults Field Day Competition, the opening ceremony of the annual Turkey Bowl Football Game in the fall, the Miami Dade Boy Scout Council ceremony for awarding Catholic medals, and numerous Masses throughout the year. We also award memorial chalices with the names of deceased brother Sir Knights from our Assembly to newly ordained priests. We invite all our brother Knights in Coral Gables Council to plan to take part in these special activities for 2020.

Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin the year of 2020, I want to let you know how encouraged I am and honored to see the way that you minister to the Lord and his people. I know how you selflessly serve the wider community.

My encouragement for you all in this year is to live intentionally and to make sure that we never lose sight of why it is that we do things, it is for the Lord and for the sake of souls. Sometimes it can get very easy to get into the mode being distracted with the idea of doing activities for the sake of doing them, rather than remembering the why. If we keep the Lord front and center in our ministry there is no way that we can ever lose sight of the bigger picture, and it would allow us to serve in an even more effective manner because the foundation of the work would be the Lord Himself.

I also would like to remind you to pray for our Brother Knights who have fallen in the past year, especially Paul McCaffrey and Frank Parella, and for all Knights who have gone to their eternal reward; you may want to consider obtaining a plenary Indulgence for them and for other souls that have passed on in your life, the promises of the church with these indulgences is incredible! (you can look up how to obtain these online!)

Please know that I am keeping you in my prayers, and know that Father Richard Vigoa and Father Manny Alvarez, and the respective communities of St. Augustine and Church of the Little Flower, are also keeping you in prayers, may God richly bless you all in this year 2020!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Phillip H. Tran

Catholic Chaplain for the University of Miami
Archdiocese of Miami

"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:13





Field Agent's Report: The Defensive Coordinator to Help You Win the Super Bowl of Life



Football season will be culminating in a few weeks with the Super Bowl. To quote the hackneyed phrase: "To win the Super Bowl, you not only need a great offense, but you need a great defense."

This phrase also applies to winning, or obtaining, financial success in the "Game of Life" - which, in and of itself, is your own "Personal Super Bowl." If I am not already, I need to be your Defensive Coordinator in your "Game of Life." Let the simple financial advisor, stockbroker, or portfolio manager be your Offensive Coordinator by trying to maximize how much you can make with aggressive investments. But beware: Can they guarantee that you will never lose money with those investments? Well, the Knights of Columbus has the guarantees to protect you from losing money. What if you could comfortably make 3 yards each down without any penalties? Do the math. You would consistently make first downs with successful 4th Down Conversions, and would eventually reach the endzone each time that you had the ball in your possession. That would be comparable to the Knights of Columbus guarantee.

The main reason that I consider myself your Defensive Coordinator, though, is to protect you against T.I.M.E. (Taxes - Inflation - Mistakes [Financial] - Emergencies). These are the superstars of the opposing team that you are playing against. Taxes is the All-Star quarterback, and Inflation and financial Mistakes are his two key receivers. Without executing a solid defensive strategy, Taxes, Inflation, and financial Mistakes will score touchdowns against you over and over again. Each touchdown will erode your wealth. Emergencies is the stud running back that floats into the flat for the short pass when you think that you have Inflation and Mistakes covered downfield. How are you defending yourself against these four nemeses that destroy your financial wealth? Have you even thought about protecting yourself and your family against T.I.M.E.? In addition to T.I.M.E., there are other key players that affect each financial game plan - market risk, political risk, credit risk, longevity risk (living too long), and the possibility of running out of time before you're ready to leave this earthly world (like Paul McCaffrey, J.J. Renta, and Chris Foster). As your Defensive Coordinator, I strive to help you create a plan to meet your goals and dreams while protecting yourself against T.I.M.E. and the other opposing players.

It's important to note that there is no cookie cutter solution. The internet is a great source for information, but sometimes there is misinformation on the internet, especially when it coming to financial planning. The internet cannot feel what you feel and react to those feelings. That's why it is imperative that I meet with you and your spouse (if you're married) to determine what issues are of most concern to you. We'll talk, we'll laugh, and we'll share time together (maybe with a little cafecito, too). By developing a solid relationship, I can better assist you with creating a plan to help you effectively score touchdowns, but more importantly, spare you from being obliterated by the other team's power offense of T.I.M.E., so that you can win your own "Personal Super Bowl".

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you and your families as your Knights of Columbus agent.



Daniel Biggs
Your Defensive Coordinator

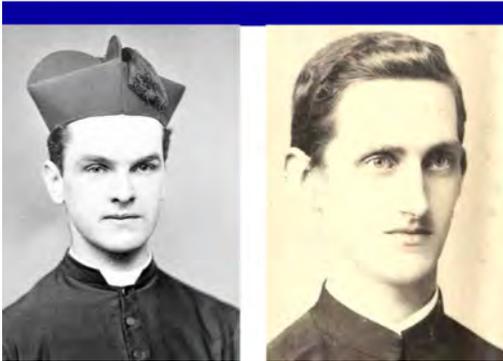


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Knights of Columbus Fr. Andrew Brown Assembly Celebrating 100 years of promoting Patriotism and Catholic Citizenship in Greater Miami.

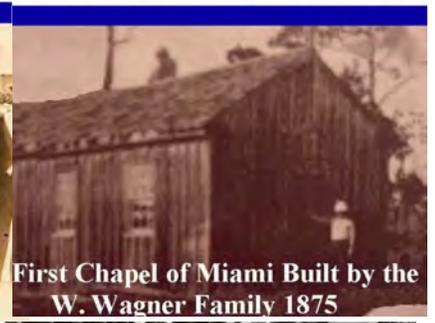
Fr. McGivney and Fr. Brown



Fr. Brown and early FABA Sir Knights



Where Miami Catholics first worshipped



First Chapel of Miami Built by the W. Wagner Family 1875

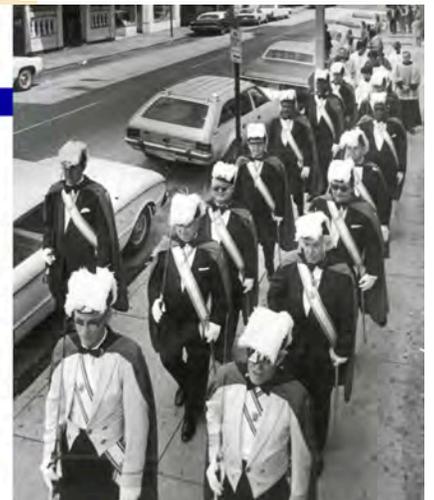


Inside of First Gesù Church
"Holy Name of Jesus"

FABA Color Corp



Late 1960s





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UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS

- January 8th - Council Meeting 7:00 PM - Hall**
- January 15th - Council Social 7:00 PM - Hall**
- January 19th - Gables Chili Fest 12:00 PM - Hall**
- February 5th - Council Meeting 7:00 PM- Hall**
- February 19th - Council Anniversary/Social 6:00 PM - Hall**
- February 22nd - Habitat for Humanity 8:00 AM**
- March 4th - Council Meeting 7:00 PM - Hall**
- March 18th - Council Social 7:00 PM - Hall**
- April 1st - Council Meeting 7:00 PM - Hall**
- Special Olympics - TBD**
- May 6th - Council Meeting 7:00 PM - Hall**
- May 20th - Council Social 7:00 PM - Hall**
- June 3rd - Council Meeting and Elections 7:00 PM - Hall**
- June 6th - Knights Gala**
- June 13th - 4th Degree & 100th Anniversary - Comber Hl.**

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please go online to www.kofc3274.org and pay your dues for the 2019/2020 Knight's year. Our Council won the Columbian Award for Service; thanks to all who made last year one of great service to our community in so many ways!

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*Gloria Patri et filii et spiritui sancto. Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.*



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