

Columbus Crusader

Newsletter of Our Lady of Light Council 10498 in Estero, FL
Roman Catholic Brothers in Christ, Chartered in 1990



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

February 2008

Charity

Fraternity

Unity

Patriotism

Grand Knight: Al Delago (267-0532)
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Advocate: Sean James (992-1143)
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Fin. Secretary: Pat Becker (948-7534)
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Officers for 2007-2008 Fraternal Year

Outside Guard: Art Habighorst (992-1710)
Chaplain: Fr. Hugh McGuigan (267-7088)
Trustee 3 yrs.: Jay Sauerwald (495-8010)
Trustee 2 yrs.: Scott Klare (267-1753)
Trustee 1 yr.: Tim Freeland (267-9899)
Lecturer: Tony Cilluffo (390-2897)
Field Agent: John Uzidilla (267-3444)
District Deputy : Dave Erickson (267-1418)

General Membership Meetings:

1st Thursday of each month 7:30
PM Business, 8:30 PM Social at the
Hopkins Center of Our Lady of
Light Catholic Community.

From the Grand Knight:

Brother Knights.

We are now in the meat of our year.
We have many various events going
on, and we need help from all
Knights and families to make this
year a success. Our Council is very
involved in the "Run For Life"
which will take place the weekend of
Jan 12-13. We have our "Doo Wop
Daze" dinner dance on Jan 19th at
OLOL. We will have a live band
and food of the era. We also have
coming up our "Handicapped Drive"
to raise funds for handicapped citi-
zens. This is one of our most impor-
tant events of the year, and we need
help from all brothers and families.
Dedicate a few hours to make this
our best event ever.

Our last pancake breakfast caught us
a bit off guard as it went over very
well and members had to struggle to

"catch up" to the demand for
breakfasts. Congratulations to
those that were there to help out.
You all did a great job.

On a bad note, last report has
Patty Stathopoulos not doing well.
Patty and Jim are major players in
our organization. Jim has sup-
ported this group probably more
than any single Knight in the
Council, and his wife Patty has
always been at his side. Brothers,
Knights, families, please, pray for
the Stathopoulos family. That is
probably all we can do, but
prayers can help in many ways.
Show your faith, show your be-
liefs. Help our brother and his
family through this crisis.

Brothers, we have a lot coming up
in the next few months. We all
joined to help out the Catholic
religion and Our Lady of Light
Church specifically. We can't do
that by sitting at home. We all
need to come out and help at vari-
ous functions. Help your Council,
help your Parish, help your faith.
Come out and join us and be a

"productive member" of the
Knights of Columbus.

Al Delago

From the Deputy Grand Knight:

My Brothers,

As mentioned by the grand knight,
we have a great deal going on! The
committees are in full swing. We
are working on another one to put
together an "open house" with all
of the groups of the parish taking a
part. We need you and your exper-
tise for this very important event,
coming up in the not too distant
future. It will be our "blitz" for
new membership!

Please call or e-mail me to become
involved with this "great event." it
will be a lot of fun and fraternity!
Many of you are missed at our
planning and business meetings.
Remember the business meeting is
the first Thursday of the month at
7:30 p.m. and the planning meeting
is the last Thursday of the month,
also at 7:30 p.m. in the Hopkins
building.

If you do not take part, you cannot possibly know all that is planned, or have a say in what is being done. We definitely need you! Be a "true knight!"

Bob Bonza

From the Field Agent:

Tax Time Again

This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the age old cliché about two things we must do.... although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

This season in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process someone will ask (probably you) "Where did all our money go?" Surely, all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere.... the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills. Folks usually save what's left-over... and for most folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue... food, shelter, clothing... even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this... it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate... when you consider that your family will be without any income should you die. With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guaran-

tees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

Call me today for an appointment.

I want to hear from you.

John Uzdilla (267-3444)

Message from Handicap Drive Chairman

Brother Knights

Our Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign for the Mentally and Physically Challenged has been set for Friday, February 22, Saturday February 23 and Sunday February 24, 2008.

We need all of you to answer the call to assist with this annual work of charity by volunteering to work as a store captain or store collection worker. We are asking that each Knight commit to at least one two hour shift during the weekend.

Store Captains who have already committed are:

Sean James 992-1143
sean@sjamesconsult.com Publix
41 (Corkscrew & US41)

Gary Kroeger 992-1165
gkroeger@comcast.net Ace Hardware
US 41 in San Carlos Park

Jim Stathopoulos 267-0786 Our
Lady of Light

We need store captains for the following locations:

Albertson's US 41 in Estero
Publix US 41 in San Carlos Park
Publix Corkscrew Road and Ben
Hill Griffin

Sweetbay Three Oaks Parkway
Estero Post Office (Friday only)

We need to staff all retail locations

each day from 9am to 5pm with two hour shifts beginning at 9am, 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

The church needs to be staffed on Sat from 230pm - 430pm and 430pm - 630pm and on Sunday from 630am - 800am, 800am - 1000am, 1000am - noon and 430pm - 630pm.

The post office staffing is Friday 8am - 10am, 10am - 12pm, 12pm - 2pm and 2pm - 4pm.

Please call one of the store captains or Kevin Powers 498-8718 or Tom Owens 454-1564 to volunteer..

A schedule of volunteers will be maintained in the ushers' room at church - feel free to go in and fill in the time and location you can volunteer.

This is a mandatory event that all must participate - please help our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters in Christ and make this the most successful campaign ever.

Kevin M. Powers
kpowers1013@hotmail.com
239.340.4877

Web Site Links of Interest:

The Inconvenient Conscience by George Cardinal Pell
http://www.firstthings.com/article.php3?id_article=195

The Revenge of Conscience by J. Budziszewski
http://www.firstthings.com/article.php3?id_article=3541

Read about Catholic Voting Guide by Catholic Answers Action
http://www.caaction.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

Florida Voters sign Petition at:
<http://www.florida4marriage.org/signpetition.html>

Council News

Family of the Month Dec:

TBA

Knight of the Month Dec:

TBA

Membership Status

None

Happy Birthday!

Alvin J. McCarthy	2/1
Cam E. Aucremanne Sr	2/2
Joseph L. Perkowski	2/5
Tulio G. Suarez	2/6
Jeffery T. Maas	2/7
Rev Leon V. Bonikowski	2/11
Derrick J. Kahl	2/13
Glenn A. Sabatka	2/16
Thomas H. Owens	2/21
Robert E. Ott	2/25
Daniel H. Beiter	2/28
Edward C. Weil, III	2/28

Upcoming Events

Corporate Communion	2/10
First degree exemplification	2/19
Handicap Drive	2/22 - 2/24
Pancake Breakfast	2/24
Officers Meeting	2/28
St. Patrick's Dinner Dance	3/15
4th degree exemplification	
Cape Canaveral	4/26

How Many Heisman Winners Has Abortion Killed?

The sports world recently greeted the news that this year's Heisman Trophy Winner, Tim Tebow from the University of Florida, was almost a casualty of abortion. Twenty-some years ago he was not the strapping 6'3", 235 lb. beloved sports hero that he is today. At that time he was a one-inch-long unborn child whose existence, because of an amoebic infection, was defined as threat to his mother's health. Pam Tebow, his mother, was told by a doctor that it would be in her best interests to abort this baby, and she refused. Her husband backed her up on that generous decision, and seven months later they gave birth to a perfectly healthy boy. Little did they know that twenty years later they would be standing on a national

stage with a Heisman Trophy winner giving that magnificent witness to life. The world thanks you, Mr. and Mrs. Tebow! There cannot be a more touching Advent story than this.

I wonder if anyone has ever asked how many potential Heisman Trophy winners abortion has actually killed. The answer is, *twelve*. Reflect on that a bit as you read further because there is a larger lesson in the Tebows' witness.

Dr. Brian Clowes, HLI researcher, has examined the data from the 2007 *Statistical Abstract of the United States* (most recent census data) and extrapolated the numbers of the various professions and categories of Americans who have been eliminated in the wake of nearly 49 million legalized abortions, one third of all Americans conceived since 1973. The following numbers are based on the actual government estimates of the professions represented in America. So then, who have we lost to abortion?

- 2 US Presidents
- 7 Supreme Court Justices
- 102 US Senators and 589 Congressmen
- 8,123 Federal, district and local court judges
- 31 Nobel Prize laureates
- 328 Olympic medalists including 123 Gold medalists
- 6,092 professional athletes
- 134,841 physicians and surgeons
- 392,500 registered nurses
- 70,669 priests, ministers, rabbis and imams including
- 6,852 priests and 11,010 nuns (vocations "shortage"?)
- 1,102,443 teachers (K-12)
- 553,821 truck drivers
- 224,518 maids and housekeepers
- 336,939 janitors
- 134,028 farmers and ranchers
- 109,984 police officers and sheriff's deputies
- 39,477 firefighters
- 17,221 barbers, and
- 24,450,000... women (the gender of roughly half of all children aborted

These numbers of course are only the tip of the iceberg. Keep in mind that we get our statistics about abortion from the abortion industry itself which has a vested interest in under-reporting the numbers. Likewise, these categories are only a few of the professions that Americans actually work in and are by no means a full portrayal of the total American workforce. What they represent, however, is the immense *human toll* that abortion takes on a society. Abortion-promoters present abortion as an exclusively private choice, but thirty-five years of abortion exposes the perniciousness of that lie. There is a social toll that comes from abortion which cannot easily be corrected.

For three and a half decades the feminists have reveled in a misleading "freedom to choose," and on the basis of that false "right" have eliminated their children and done immense damage to the family as the basic unit of society. Those who respect these sacred realities, on the other hand, have their wives and husbands to grow old with, their children to enjoy and their grandkids to play with and spoil. The love of life, marriage and family never leaves its adherents penniless, lonely or abandoned, and every now and then God throws in a Heisman Trophy just to show the rest of us that it's all worth it.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer,
President, Human Life International
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Note from the Editor

We are still seeking brothers to switch from U.S. Post Office delivery of the newsletter to email. My request from last month brought zero response. Please help your council save money by accepting your newsletter copy via email. Call 239-992-1165 or email me at gkroeger@comcast.net.

Thank you.....

In Case of Death

At the death of a Brother Knight, notify the Grand Knight or the next in charge, who will then contact the family and offer sympathy and help from the Council. The Council member contacting the family should ask whether a wake will be held and if so, whether the family would like the Council to do a rosary service. If a Mass will be offered the family should be asked if they would like a resolution of condolence to be presented. Any ceremonial presentation requested should be done only with permission of the clergy. If the deceased Brother is a 4th Degree member, the Grand Knight will notify the Insurance Field Agent and the Faithful Navigator of the Assembly.

Our Newsletter Boosters

Don Abberger, James Angers, Cam Aucremanne, Larry Augustyn, Bill Baker, John Baker, William Bannon, Les Barnett, Pat Becker, Daniel Beiter, Joseph Bell, Denis Benoit, John Benoit, Jack Berg, Bob Bonza, Joe Boss III, Skip Boyd, Joe Buch, John Bradford, Thomas Brewer, Glenn Bright, John Brown, George Brush, Steve Burmeister, Michael Bursztyn, Dennis Cantwell, Lawrence Cantwell, Bruce Carr, Tony Cilluffo, Norm Colby, Robert Collins, Michael Conley, Ron Cormier, James Corneillie, John Costa, James Culley, Steve Cunningham, Peter D'Elia, Al Delago, John Dinneen, Joseph Drago, Peter Dresch, Roy Eidem, Peter Ennis, Dave Erickson, Jeffrey Estler, Paul Farr, Brian Farrar, Pat Fortuna, Everett Foster, Lou Fratterelli, Timothy Freeland, Merle Giallonardo, Joe Grohal, Art Habighorst, Joe Haley, Jim Hanley, Don Hansen, Bob Haug, James Hawkins, Dean Hinderman, William Hoogland, James Howell, Ralph Hutchins, Nat Ippolito, Sean James, Gordon Jirak, Donald Joerger, Roland Jolie, Derrick Kahl, Dan Kerinuk, Bill Kienle, Thomas Kinsella, Kenneth Kirgin, Todd Klare, Scott Klare, Joe Klempka, Gary Kroeger, Gary Krueger, Brent Labreche, Bruce Labreche, Ralph Lacivita, Tony Leonardi, William Lewis, John Liprie, Ronald LoFranco, Robert Lyons, Jeffery Maas, Pat Malley, Richard Malone, Jack Mancini, Jerry Martin, McClure Mathews, Alvin McCarthy, John McGrellis, Jim McDonagh, Gerald McManus, Edward McQuillan, Edward Mikovich, Alexander Miller, Wyman Miller, Angel Monge, Matt Mullen, Richard Nuckols, Bob Oshinsky, Wayne Ostergren, Robert Ott, Thomas Owens, Charles Paternoster, Greg Pearl, Vince Perfetto, Joe Perkowski, Anthony Pietroniro, Ted Pizza, Ray Pothier, Kevin Powers, Leon Quesnette, Frank Ragonese, Edward Riley, Edward Roggemann, Fritz Roka, Raymond Ross, John Ruehl, Glenn Sabatka, James Sauerwald, Jocko Scavelli, Ron Schilke, Kent Schmitt, Syd Schofield, Lloyd Schultenover, Vince Scola, Ed Sedillo, Tom Sendewicz, James Seymour, Steve Shaw, David Siler, William Stanley, Michael Stanton, James Stathopoulos, Tullio Suarez, John Sullivan, Jerry Tant, Peter Thompson, Mark Trenkamp, Edward Trimner, Javier Ubarri, George Van Nest, Ed Weil, James Welling, Ronald Willing, Chuck Yelle, Alan Young, Thomas Zettler II, Skip Zornow

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