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Roman Catholic Brothers in Christ, Chartered in 1990



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

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Charity Fraternity Unity Patriotism

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General Membership Meetings:

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

From the Grand Knight:



It is a good time now to take a deep breath, rest, and consider all that the council has done for the past year. We have made great strides, and have added many Knights to the council, both new men and several transfers. Credit is due in too many places to name names, but we want you all to know that we appreciate the fine work that made all this possible!

We have our Business Meeting on the 8th because of New Year's, and note that we have three spaghetti dinners on Saturday the 10th. Offer

your help! Our Social Evening, January 16th will be at the Villagio Club House (if available). We are "Roasting all the Past Grand Knights". You'll want to be there for that one with the family.

The pancake breakfast has been moved to the 18th because the parish center is being used at our usual time. Committee planning is on the 26th, more on that later. The First Degree this month is as usual on the 20th.

The Tootsie Roll Drive is on the 31st and the 1st of February. All Knights are expected to take part. Sign up as soon as possible ! Put any changes on your calendars!
Bob Bonza Grand Knight

From the Deputy Grand Knight



Here we are at the beginning of the New Year and as you know, we have a busy calendar . We need your help to MAKE these programs work. We just had a very successful Breakfast with Santa. Thanks to the brother Knight that helped and the youth groups from the parish. The kids did a great job. No, A super job. Our youth are stepping up to the plate. A letter will be sent to the groups with our thanks for making this program a success. Again I would like to hear from you to let us know of a brother Knight in need so we can give him and his family a hand in this tough economy . Just a helping hand may be all he will need . Like to see you all at the next business meeting 8th of January.

Brother Leon DGK.

Member dues are past due. If you have not yet paid your 2008/2009 dues, please send check immediately to; Financial Secr. 9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL. 33928

From the Chancellor



For those of you who didn't make our day of recollection, you missed a magnificent experience with Deacon Frank Camacho presiding. Those of us attending received an excellent explanation on why we, as Knights should become "Fishers of Men".

Again, check the schedule for projects in January where we need your help. We'll be having spaghetti dinners, a pancake breakfast, Tootsie Roll fund raiser, etc. We need your help!

Our first degree exemplification will be on Tuesday, January 20th. Please come and renew your first degree principle of Charity.

All Knights and their families are invited to attend a Fourth Degree pig roast at St. John's Church in North Naples on Sunday, January 11th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. For tickets, call Bob Bonza at 948-3381 or me at 267-3774.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our general meeting on January 8th in the parish center.

I hope you've had a Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year.

Fraternally,
John Dinneen (Spike)
Chancellor

Committees Reports

Committee #1

Admissions, Retention, Membership, Insurance Promotion, Recruitment

20 Brothers remain delinquent in their dues. Efforts are continuing to keep these brothers in good standing. One new member received their 1st and 2nd degree exemplification on Dec. 18th. Returns to date of the annual member survey are very meager. The survey was included in last month's newsletter. All brothers are asked to complete the questionnaire and return it to Gary Kroeger - Financial Secretary at 9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL. 33928 or Fax 239-494-4873. The form may also be emailed to gtkroeger@comcast.net, if you have a scanner. If you need a copy of the form, please contact Gary Kroeger at the above email or phone number.

Committee #2

Communications, Public Relations, Youth Information

"Three of the youth of OLOL helped with the 'Breakfast with Santa' on the 21st. This is a first and we hope that it continues!..

The K of C received national recognition for our work with the "Giving Tree" with Brent and Erin Labreche. Almost 5000 gifts were collected and distributed to our nursing homes.

Committee #3

Pro Life, Family, Vocations, Health

FIGHT FOCA CAMPAIGN

FOCA, the Freedom of Choice Act, is the most pro-abortion legis-

lation to be proposed since Roe v Wade was enacted into law 35 years ago. Since that time, nearly 50 million babies have been aborted in the USA. While this law is still in effect there have also been a number of limiting amendments passed at the federal and state level, including restrictions on federal funding, and a restriction on federal funding of abortions in other countries. In addition, over 40 states have passed legislation requiring parental consent for their children under 18, restricting late term abortions and protecting the right of conscience for medical care providers and 27 states protect the right of conscience for institutions. In addition over 30 states have banned partial birth abortions or require counseling before an abortion.

FOCA would eliminate all of these restrictions because it would define abortion as a "FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT" and as such it would invalidate all laws in existence which might restrict abortion, would require federal funding, and would define as discrimination any medical practitioner or medical institution that would offer child birth services but not abortions.

The American bishops, at their recent meeting in Baltimore, have condemned this proposed legislation and are advocating that the dioceses and parishes mount an aggressive campaign against FOCA. Bishop Dewane of the Dioceses of Venice has endorsed this campaign and is actively promoting it within his dioceses. Fr. Hugh has asked that the Pro Life Committee of the Our Lady

of Light Council take the leadership role in this campaign. The committee has agreed to take on this role and they have also decided to enlist the help of Our Lady's Society, in this effort.

A brief outline of the program is as follows:

1) A supply of 3,000 sets of literature consisting of 3,000 educational fliers and 3,000 sets of 3 postcards; have already been ordered.

2) The educational fliers provide an outline of FOCA and its implications. These fliers will be distributed at all Masses on the weekend of January 17 & 18

3) The 3 card packs, one for each senator and one for our local congressman, will be distributed at all Masses on January 24 & 25

4) There will also be announcements in the bulletins and at all Masses

5) We will need 14 volunteers for each Mass for each weekend. You can volunteer for the Mass you normally attend but you will have to arrive 30 minutes earlier on the 17 & 18 and stay a little later on the 24 & 25

6) We will collect the signed cards at the church in 3 boxes at each entrance, validate that the cards have been placed in the correct container, count, band and label the cards

7) The respect life committee will consolidate, label and count all the cards. The cards will be delivered to the dioceses for consolidation with other parishes and the dioceses will deliver all cards for consolidation at the state level

8) The combined cards will be delivered in bulk to the two senators and various congressional representatives from Florida.

This is a very important campaign and we need volunteers. We are not asking for a significant portion of your time.....but we do need your commitment.

Please contact Sean James, preferably by email at, seanolol@yahoo.com

If you don't have email, please call 239-992-1143. I will need to know your Mass preference and if you can serve on one or both Sundays

Committee #4

Program Directing, Council Activities & Events.

The price for the spaghetti dinners was discussed and set at \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and up. The menu was also discussed and made up.

The Christmas party plans were solidified and set for 50 people.

Our day of recollection breakfast and lunch was served by the Lady's Society, who generously accepted our plea. It consisted of a continental breakfast and sandwich lunch.

The "Breakfast with Santa" plan was for 150 people @ \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

The next council meeting was discussed and the plan is to meet in the parish center and discuss where we will have future meetings. The vote was 60/40 to go elsewhere due to the alcohol situation.

The Villagio club house will be rented, if available, for the "Roast of all past Grand Knights" get together at our January 16th Social Evening. Invitation cards will be made up and mailed to all past Grand Knights.

The "run for Life dinner for the runners and supporters will be \$8.00 per person.

Discussion will still have to be made at the council business meeting in January, to see if we ought to have it where alcohol can be served.

The "Golf Tournament" will be held on March 28th at Plantation Golf. The fee is \$100.00 per person.

Tom Owens, Dave Erickson
Chairmen

Upcoming Events

Business meeting	7:30PM	1/08
Spaghetti Dinner		1/10
Social Evening		1/16
Pancake Breakfast		1/18
1st Degree Exemplification		1/20
Committee Meetings		1/29
Tootsie Roll Drive Start		1/31

Council News

Knight of the Month Nov

Bob Haug

Family of the Month Nov:

Tony and Pat Cilluffo

New Member Receiving 1st & 2nd Degree:

Sidney Havenstein 12/18

Happy Birthday!

Thomas E. Morton	01/01
Roderick J. Stanley	01/01
Ronald F. Schilke	01/05
John J. Dinneen	01/05
James A. Corneillie	01/05
Lawrence E. Augustyn	01/07
Patrick J. Becker	01/08
Lloyd J. Schultenover	01/11
Rev Hugh J. McGuigan	01/11

Happy Birthday! (cont)

		James O. Wahlig	01/18	Michael T. Gederberg	01/22
Scott R. Caycedo	01/13	James P. Seymour	01/19	Thomas C. Brewer	01/23
James E. Howell	01/15	Robert E. Haug	01/21	Robert A. Collins Jr	01/23

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.

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