

# 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.

March 2008

Charity Fraternity Unity Patriotism

Grand Knight: Bob Bonza (948-3381)  
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**Officers for  
2007-2008  
Fraternal  
Year**

Outside Guard: Art Habighorst (992-1710)  
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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:



As the newly appointed grand knight, know that I am not a sage on the stage, but merely a guide on the side. I cannot change the policies or what has been already written. I can only change myself and begin with unsure hands to write a new chapter in our council.

I pledge to work with your prayers and help to make ours the top council in our district!

I ask each one of you to stand by me as my brothers, and to work together

as one body, one mind, and one Council for the benefit of all of us, for our pastor, for our parish and for the community!

There are several loose ends that we need to tie up.

**Everything must go through the committees, to the officers and the Grand Knight before** any action takes place. There cannot be any "second hand news" after the fact.

To make decisions or to complete **any action** without first letting us know about the plans can cause misunderstandings and a great deal of confusion for everyone.

This is only **common sense**. We are all working together for the same thing.

Do project your ideas and suggestions and keep your enthusiasm, but let's do it in the right way! Help me, help you!

Bob Bonza

## From the Field Agent:



Most commodities can be bought provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller, and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments --- real estate, stock, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts --- require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may prevent you from qualifying; occupation, and even old age. What would happen if you suddenly wake up and decided to buy life insurance but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that? The ability to secure additional insurance depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis --- without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

John Uzdilla (267-3444)

### **Council News**

Family of the Month Dec:  
**Gordy & Eileen Jirak**

Knight of the Month Dec:  
**Vince Scola**

Family of the Month Jan:  
**Tom Owens & Family**

Knight of the Month Dec:  
**Al Delago**

**Lady Patricia Stathopoulos** passed away on Feb 6th and the service before interment at OLOL was well attended by 4th degree knights and many from our and other councils. She and the family are in our prayers.

### **Happy Birthday!**

Frank Ragonese	3/1
John Bradford	3/10
Joseph Boss II	3/10
Edward Riley	3/13
Patrick Fortuna	3/18
Joe Haley	3/19
Richard Nuckols Jr	3/19
William Kienle	3/19
Gerard Zornow	3/21
Phil Simonsen	3/21
Daniel DelDuco Jr	3/24
Steve Shaw	3/24
Thomas Sendewicz	3/29
Vince Perfetto	3/30

### **Upcoming Events**

Pancake Breakfast	3/02
Business meeting	3/06
Membership drive open House	3/09
St. Patrick's Dinner Dance	3/15
1st degree exemplification	3/18
Easter Egg Hunt	3/22
4th degree meeting	3/25
Officers planning meeting	3/27
4th degree exemplification	3/27
Cape Canaveral	4/26

**Many thanks to our Chancellor, Kevin Powers**, who helped organize a special prayer service to honor Our Lady of Charity. Deacon Frank Comacho led the prayer service which was held in the chapel immediately prior to our regular membership meeting on Thursday, February 7. 19 Knights were in attendance as well as several other parish members. More information on this devotion is available on the web at <http://www.viarosa.com/VR/Cobre/OurLadyCharity.html>.

### **Web Site Links of Interest:**

Dissident Catholics More Worried than Atheists  
[http://www.hli.org/article\\_bertone\\_dissident\\_catholics\\_atheists.html](http://www.hli.org/article_bertone_dissident_catholics_atheists.html)

### **THIS WE BELIEVE**

[http://www.hli.org/this\\_we\\_believe.pdf](http://www.hli.org/this_we_believe.pdf)

### **Supreme Court Out of Touch with the Mainstream on Abortion**

By Deirdre A. McQuade

January 25, 2008

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court said in Roe v. Wade that abortion cannot be prohibited before viability for any reason – or after viability, if performed for reasons of maternal health. The same day, Roe's less famous companion case Doe v. Bolton defined "health" as "all factors – physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age – relevant to the well-being of the patient." Together, Roe and Doe created a right to abortion for virtually any reason, through all nine months of pregnancy.

It is that policy, not support for life, which is a "fringe" position. A June 2007 poll by the New York Times, CBS News and MTV found that 62% of young adults disagree with abortion on demand – and this mirrors the views of all adults.

In October, a CBS poll asked Americans about their "personal feeling" on abortion. Two out of three supported greater restrictions on abortion (with 50 percent saying it should be permitted only in cases such as rape, incest, or to save the mother's life). A mere 26 percent said it "should be permitted in all cases" – the current state of law under Roe. In short, Americans (most notably young Americans) do not accept what Roe v. Wade created.

The Supreme Court may finally be starting to see just how far out of the mainstream it has been on abortion. Gonzales v. Carhart, issued last April, upheld the federal partial-birth abortion ban. Though narrow in its short-term impact, there are several heartening developments that bode well for future efforts to protect human life in law.

Since Roe v. Wade, the Court has bloodlessly described “choice,” “procedures” and “potential life.” Gonzales v. Carhart sets aside these evasions about not knowing “when human life begins.” The majority now acknowledges that, “by common understanding and scientific terminology, a fetus is a living organism while within the womb, whether or not it is viable outside the womb.” The Court now calls the victim of abortion an unborn child, and clearly recognizes abortion as a form of killing. Remarkably, the Court has also recognized that women can suffer following abortion, citing the grief, sorrow and depression reported by 180 women who filed a “friend of the court” brief in the case.

We have reason to hope the Supreme Court has begun to take off its blinders regarding abortion, recognizing its harm to children, women, the medical profession, and all of society. While advocates for the sanctity of human life should be encouraged by this clearer vision, we must not rest until Roe v. Wade is a distant memory, our laws protect human life from conception to natural death, parents welcome both planned and unplanned children, and the intergenerational wounds of abortion have begun to heal.

For more information on Roe v. Wade, visit [www.SecondLookProject.org](http://www.SecondLookProject.org).

A longer and modified version of this column appeared in the Washington Times on January 22, 2008, the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

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### **From the Florida State K of C Council Web-site**

St. Augustine March For Life  
The second annual March For Life in St. Augustine is now a memory. We

want to thank God for the glorious weather and all the Knights and their families who supported this powerful witness to LIFE. There were over 1000 marchers, a dramatic increase over last year, which can be attributed to the presence of the Florida State Council Knights of Columbus. The large number of 4th Degree Color Corps members set the tone as they surrounded and led the Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Silver Rose through the streets of the Old Spanish Quarter. This awe inspiring procession brought many tourists from all over the world to a stand still. The strong turnout from our State Deputy, State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen was encouraging to us as well as all the other Knights who participated.

**CATHOLICS AND THE UNBORN**  
Why do we as Catholics feel so strongly about the unborn? The Bible teaches that unborn children are equal in status to born children, most clearly in the following passages:  
w29; Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. (Jer 1:5)  
w29; He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother’s womb. (Lk 1:15)

w29; God knows every person who has ever existed or ever will exist, whether yet conceived or not. The Bible condemns murder: the wrongful, immoral taking of a human life. Since the unborn child is regarded as a person in Scripture he or she is included in this prohibition. Therefore, the Bible clearly condemns abortion as murder. Catholics believe that the moment a child is conceived he or she receives a soul directly created by God and that everything is present from the beginning (DNA and the genetic capabilities) that will allow the child to develop to adulthood. This is a scientific fact. All that is needed is time and nutrition. The presence of a soul cannot be proven in a laboratory, but the fact that a human person is present

from the moment of conception is undeniable. Catholics hold that the life of all human beings is precious and sacred because people ultimately come from God the Creator and are made in his image. (Gn 1:27).

w29; Excerpts taken from the Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

### **CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITAL**

Catholic Days at the Capital will be held this year on Tuesday and Wednesday, 3/11 & 3/12/08 in Tallahassee. These days are hosted by the Florida Catholic Conference. This is a chance for you to voice your Pro-Life opinions to your local Florida legislators. If you are interested in attending and want more information contact your Diocesan Respect Life Director. A list of the Directors can be found in the Pro-Life information listed in this web-site.



Stare at the four dots in the middle of the image for about 30 seconds, then close your eyes and lean your head back. What do you see?

### **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](mailto: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 Maley, 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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