



Knights of Columbus

Council 4726

Assembly 1500

Winter Haven, Florida

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Meeting Nights

Council 1st & 3rd Tues 7:30pm

Assembly 2nd Mon 7:30pm

Bldg Assoc 1st Thurs 7:30pm

Columbiettes 2nd Thurs 6:00pm

From the Grand Knight

Rod Mullen

Brothers and Sisters

With the 4th of July fast approaching I have been advised by John Richards the decision to have the picnic is up to me. After consulting with the Council we have reached a answer No Picnics this year. The CDC and the Governors office have presented the facts that the virus is still proceeding at the rate of 38-40 extra per day. Your life and that of those around you is not worth the risk. We will in the future find ways to get together to celebrate the Birth of our country.

Along another line we have recently lost a dear brother Knight. Sir Knight Bob Barczynski passed away. Bob is the Knight who led us in the saying of the Living Rosary to the Blessed Virgin. He also was the Knight who answered the call for the Tootsie roll campaign.

Always filling in when another could not be there. "Christ in Christmas" was another of his callings. Bob will be missed but his presence will be with us.

As I was writing this I received a message from John Richards informing me of another loss Sir Knight Martin Kleebank has also passed on. Martin as you will remember was a staple at the 4:30 Mass. He sat on the right side 15 pews from the front. He also greeted us when we entered the hall on meeting days and was a big help with the Bingo. RIP to both our Brother Knights.

God Bless....Rod

Faith in Action Program Model

Four areas have defined our brand from the Beginning and are the core reason for our success:

Faith

Family

Community

Life



July

4th Independence Day

7th Planning Council (Officers Only) 7pm

9th Building Assoc. 7 pm

13th 4th Degree 7pm

21st Business Meeting 7 pm

August

1st Installation of

Officers..Knights and Columbiettes,Knights Hall 3pm

4th Social meeting 7 pm

5th Helping hands (Church of the Nazarene) 4:30 pm



*.Lord Jesus,
You became Man in order by your Passion and
Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross,
might prove to us how much You, our God, love us.
Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from
the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human
wills so that we will not only not run away from the
cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our
blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so
that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with
You in Eternity. Amen*

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood

The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood

Prayers for Healing

Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."
"Dear Lord, I pray for those who are sick, suffering, physically uncomfortable and for our loved ones.

Our continued prayers for all military personnel, Christians who are persecuted, children around the world, spiritual leaders, public officials and for those who are in need of prayer.



Paul Wells, Kayla Berdis, Bob & Jane Thibodeau, Jesi Bruchey, Bob Nelson,, Joe Hydoski, Kevin Truex, Kathy Thompson, John McNabb, Lynne Richards, Rod Mullen, Larry Cardarelli, Jim Sirera, Martin Kleebank, Doug Murray, Tony Garcia, Bob Braczyniski (deceased), Martin Kleebank (deceased)

This time of social distancing provides a unique opportunity to sit back with a good book. Why not enrich yourself spiritually and add these classics to your library? This list is by no means comprehensive, but it serves as a good starting point for all Catholics.



Books Every Catholic Should Read During Quarantine

By Andrew Butler - KOC

Spiritual Reading	
<i>The Story of a Soul</i> by St. Thérèse of Lisieux	St. Thérèse of Lisieux, born in France in 1873, became a Carmelite nun at age 15. She sought to do everything with great love in service to the Lord. This book is her spiritual memoir. St. Thérèse died at age 24
<i>Confessions</i> by St. Augustine	Those struggling in the spiritual life will appreciate this autobiography from St. Augustine. Augustine was born in the 4th century A.D. and as a young man went astray, seeking out fleeting passions. He would become a great priest and bishop.
<i>St. Thomas Aquinas: The Dumb Ox</i> by G.K. Chesterton	G.K. Chesterton, an English convert to Catholicism in the early 20th century, wrote this biography of St. Thomas Aquinas, a 13th century priest and early member of the Order of Preachers who is considered one of the most important theologians and philosophers of all time.
<i>The Imitation of Christ</i> by Thomas à Kempis	This classic devotional for daily reading has enriched the spiritual lives of the faithful since its publication in the 15th century.
Fiction	
<i>Brideshead Revisited</i> by Evelyn Waugh	This classic novel by Waugh, a Catholic convert, is a story of sinners and God's grace, and is a great read for all Catholics.
<i>Lord of the Rings series</i> by J.R.R. Tolkien	Maybe you've seen the films, but nothing quite compares to reading the books that started it all. This classic series by J.R.R. Tolkien, whose Catholic faith is evident throughout his writing, is well worth reading.
<i>The Power and the Glory</i> by Graham Greene	This novel brings to life Mexico's persecution of Catholics in the early 20th century. A fictional account of actual historical events, the novel vividly highlights the struggles that many Catholics, including members of the Knights of Columbus, endured.



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Leave No Neighbor Behind

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to "deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity."

Knights of Columbus Order wide are encouraged to serve and sacrifice for those around us. Many, including in our own councils and parishes, are isolated and alone in quarantine. Food banks, blood centers, and other essential services have been depleted of their vital supplies. There are many people and places that require urgent help.

Knights are encouraged to engage in five types of service activities:

1. Support your Brother Nights
2. Support your Parish
3. Support the Community
4. Feed the Hungry
5. Participate in Blood Drives

Guidance on Safety

While engaging in activities as part of the Leave No Neighbor Behind program, participants are encouraged to always be mindful of guidelines and suggested procedures from national and local health experts. Abide by social distancing, self-quarantine and shelter-in-place orders, where applicable. **Do not put yourself or others at risk of infection.**

For your sake, that of your family, and the entire community, you need to consider your own safety first. Leave your home only when necessary. Those who are at higher risk or who live with people at higher risk (such as people over 60 years old, who are ill, who have pre-existing conditions, etc.) should avoid going out in public for any reason. Additionally, participants should strive to limit direct contact with other members, as much as possible (i.e. Do not offer to drive a member to the store but, rather, complete the errand on his behalf).

Safe environment rules for the protection of children should be strictly followed.



Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Support Your Brother Knights

No council should leave a Brother Knight behind. You are encouraged to create a “phone tree” to make personal contact with every man in your council to ensure that members are safe, healthy and cared for. Consider enacting a “Buddy System” in which two Brother Knights check in with each other daily, fostering socialization and gauging health concerns for themselves and their families. As members of your council face challenges, ensure they have the support and resources they need.

Action Steps

1. Assemble a Coronavirus Committee to plan your efforts, such as:

- Assign as many phone tree callers as possible to check on Brother Knights.
- Identify potential buddies.
- Assign a member to manage phone and email list updates.
- Assign members to receive incoming phone calls.
- Assign a member to find contacts for local support organizations.
- Develop a plan to contact widows of deceased brothers.

2. Determine support. Consider what assistance your council can realistically provide in the immediate future, and what services might be available through further planning. Some suggestions include:

- Start a “Buddy System” – Assign willing members as buddies, to make daily contact with “at risk” members and their families.
- Offer to drive to the grocery store or pharmacy to pick up food, medicine, etc.
- Coordinate online ordering.

3. Develop a list of local support organizations and hotlines. Try to anticipate the needs of members and identify local resources. Below are some contacts that you may want to collect:

- Local Food Pantries
- State and Local Coronavirus Hotlines
- Hospitals
- Urgent Care Centers

4. Assemble your council contact information.

- Use the *Knights of Columbus Email Tool*: The Member Management and Member Billing applications, available to Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries through Officers Online, have a tool that will send messages to all members with an email address on file.

- Use the *Knights of Columbus Data Extract Tool*: The Member Management and Member Billing applications also have a Data Extract Tool that creates an Excel document with all members phone numbers on file. For those Financial Secretaries that have entered spouse information, include each member’s wife’s first name in the extract.

5. Regularly communicate to members.

- Your Brother Knights will be counting on you to provide them with updates, offer support and identify opportunities to serve your parish and community. Touch base frequently to ensure that all members are safe and healthy.
- Hold council meetings and events via tele-conference or other remote means.



Past Grand Knights

Harlan L. Newton*	1958-59
Michael Trabulsy*	1959-60
Omer R. McDuff*	1960-61
Paul D. Wells	1961-62
Raymond R.	1962-63
Joseph W. Higgins*	1963-64
Steve N. Votowich*	1964-65
Yance G. Layton*	1965-66
Charles E. Langbein,	1966-67
Norman J. Lenahan*	1967-68
Eddie Smythe*	1968-69
James J. Waters*	1969-70
Ralph Diaz*	1970-71
William McLin*	1971-72
Matthew McEnaney*	1972-73
Joseph Whitehurst,	1973-75
Charles E. Langbein,	1975-77
James Nallan*	1977-78
Gerald Roach	1978-80
Ralph Hanick	1980-81
Joseph Dobbs, Sr.*	1981-82
Edwin Maddex*	1982-83
Albert Openshaw,	1983-84
Frank Lerza*	1984-85
Dante Batilla	1985-86
Ralph Diaz*	1986-87
Neal W. Oliver*	1987-88
Glen Wynne	1988-89
Conrad Plante*	1989-90
Raymond McKenzie*	1990-91
John Gabrick	1991-92
Tom Norton	1992-94
Mark Smurr*	1994-95
Mitchell Blackwelder	1995-96
Peter Noor*	1996-97
Len Vinget*	1997-99
Cranston Montcalm	1999-01
Doug Clinger	2002-03
Aaron Corkum	2003-04
Ron Feschak	2004-05
Thomas D. Nantz	2005-07
James H. Read	2007-09
Everett Evans	2009-10
Charles Proctor	2010-11
Russ Moulton*	2011-12
Mike Lopez	2012-13
Bob Gillispie	2013-14
Mike Carter*	2014-15
Tom Berdis, Jr.	2015-16
Brian Hartpence	2016-18
John Richards	2018-20
*Deceased	

'Name the Newsletter' Contest

We are looking for a new name for the newsletter for the 2020-2021 Year. Please email suggestions to tberdis@gmail.com or text/call 863-224-2906

Here are a few guidelines for submissions:

- The name should be relatively short – two to three words.
- It should express a relationship to the Knights of Columbus (it doesn't need to have "Knight" in the name) .
- It should be unique
- If you have a design in mind for the name (e.g., a certain font), submit that as well, but it is not required.
- Be creative!
- Deadline for entries is July 20th**

Winning Entry will receive a copy of the book:
[Knights to Christ, Daily Devotions for Knights Seeking Christ](#)

Knights to Christ is a contemporary scripture-based meditation book designed by Knights of Columbus, for Knights of Columbus. It is important to realize it is not a prayer book, but the "Word of God" - a scripture-based daily meditation book connecting the "Word of God" to the principles of the Knights of Columbus. It is a tool to enhance spirituality in individual members as well as councils and assemblies as a whole. When read each day, the reader will establish a closer relationship with Christ. It is a proven resource for members in recruitment by encouraging spirituality and it enhances the image of the Knights of Columbus Order to priests, bishops and Catholics in general.



Qualities of Knight of the Month

~continues to exemplify the traits of a solid Catholic man
~Stands above the rest in promotion of the principles of our Church and our Order
~best be called the "model" man for all in the parish to follow, In every aspect of service to the Church, community and council, as well as to each other

Charles E. (Chuck) Langbein, Jr.

Chuck became a member in 1948 (72 years ago). He was on the first Knight of Columbus Council of which Paul Wells and Dr. Spanner were also members. At that time, the Council had no money so they decided to purchase a small color TV and auctioned it off, making a few bucks. Then they started the Sailors Circus with high schoolers performing. They even sold an ad book. Along with \$10,000 and loans from members, they purchased the land the Council now sits on for \$23,000. The money was paid back in a year and a half. Chuck formed the first Building Association and met with the attorney and contractors to build the building we currently reside.

To become a member in the Knights at that time, you had to buy insurance and be under 23 years old. Dues were \$3!

- Chuck had held every office except Secretary for the Third Degree. For Fourth Degree, he has held every office.
- In two other degrees, he served as the Secretary to the Master.
- He has been Grand Knight twice (1966-1967 and 1975-1977) and Navigator twice.
- He has been District Deputy under three State Deputies.
- He was a delegate to the Supreme Council at the Indianapolis convention in the late 70s which was a huge honor. In two degrees he was the Chairman (4th degree) held at the Norma May Hall and the banquet at the Orange Dome.

Chuck has received many awards and even has some named after him.

He went to College after he joined the Knights of Columbus, and then went into the Navy. He has two daughters and multiple grandchildren.

Such is the legacy and dedication of just one of our exalted Knights. We are honored to make Chuck the Knight of the Month for July as he certainly embodies Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and is a shining example of a true Knight of Columbus.

Congratulations, Chuck, on being Knight of the Month for July.

SPACE AVAILABLE

Have something to submit for the newsletter, please email Tom Berdis Tberdis@gmail.com by the 20th of the month

Bulletin Supporters

Larry & Bernadette Feit

Bob & Jane Thibodeau

Memorial Committee Chuck Langbein (863) 324-6403

Charles Proctor (863) 984-6446

Franciscan Missions Stamp Program

The Franciscan Friars have asked us to help with their stamp program by sending them cancelled stamps. They use these stamps in their mission work to help the hungry and needy people.

When you get a letter with a stamp on it, please cut it off, put in an envelope and bring to the Council. There is a box just inside the Council's lounge door where it can be deposited. This is especially important toward the end of the year when people get stamps on Christmas cards. I have asked my community to save them for us. maybe you could do the same. When we get a box full Jim Riley will send to the Franciscan Friars in Wisconsin.

Medical Equipment

Dear Brother Knights, If you have a walker, cane, crutches, wheel chair or other items you no longer need, and you would like to donate them to the Council, please contact Mike Wadsworth at 863-224-6490 Email mikey.1952@gmail.com Mike will pick the items up and make them available to brother Knights that can use them.

Pictures in the newsletter are contributed by Carlos Ayunta as well as many members of the Knights! We appreciate everyone's contributions! We also welcome submissions for events. Send to Tom Berdis tberdis@gmail.com or 863-224-2906



Knights of Columbus Insurance Update

Knights Of Columbus Launches New Life Insurance Product

Protector Universal Life-Guaranteed Product Offers
Affordability And Flexibility

NEW HAVEN, Conn (1/21/20). Knights of Columbus (K of C), a Best's Review Top 50 U.S. Life/Health Insurer, today announced the launch of its Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product. This product provides affordable guaranteed lifetime coverage*, flexible premium payment options and a low-cost guaranteed death benefit* that will ensure future obligations are met. The benefit protection includes a Lapse Protection Rider, as well.

While guaranteeing death benefit coverage*, the Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product features flexibility in premium payment ability: from allowing shorter payment periods; the stopping and re-starting of premium payments; to the ability to lower premiums by paying up to age 100. A Lapse Protection Rider is automatically attached at issue and can ensure lifetime death benefit protection as long as this rider is active.

Ron Franzluebbbers, senior vice president and chief actuary of K of C, said, "Protector NLG Universal Life is a niche product designed for those approaching or above retirement age, who do not need a traditional whole life contract with cash value accumulation but want to ensure that they have affordable death benefit coverage for their entire lifetime."

Protector NLG Universal Life is available for purchase in the United States and Canada for individuals between 50 and 80 years old.

For additional information, contact Tom Shaver



Sir Knight Funeral Wishes

Name: _____ Wife's Name: _____ Rosary Here? ___ Yes, ___ No.

Funeral Mass Here? ___ Yes. ___ No

Do you wish to be buried in your Tuxedo? ___ Yes, ___ No.

With Your Sword? ___ Yes, ___ No. Do you prefer Perpetual Masses? ___ Yes, ___ No

(or) The Memorial Fund to go toward a Chalice? ___ Yes ___ No or a Ciborium? ___ Yes, ___ No

If you choose a Chalice or Ciborium, do you have a desired recipient to receive it? ___ Yes, ___ No

If Yes, name of desired recipient _____.

Do you want an Honor Guard at your Rosary? ___ Yes, ___ No

At your funeral Mass? ___ Yes ___ No. At the Grave Site? ___ Yes, ___ No

If you are a Veteran, would you like a flag on your coffin? ___ Yes, ___ No

Note: Do you desire additional information now? ___ Yes, ___ No.

(Please fill this out and give it or send it to the Faithful Comptroller of Assembly 1500)



Pray the Rosary Daily

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