



# Sword & Shield



**Council 4726**

**Assembly 1500**

**Winter Haven, Florida**

**July 2021 Vol 53:1**

## Meeting Nights

**Council** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:00 pm  
**Assembly** 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7:00 pm  
**Bldg Assoc** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs 7:00 pm  
**Columbiettes** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 6:00pm



**June 30<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Participation notice to Jim Borkowski**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day**

**July 5<sup>th</sup> – Picnic at KOC pavilion -11am – 1 pm**

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers and Dinner**

### From the Grand Knight

**Rod Mullen**



Does every month have to be more exciting than the last? Well May into June certainly was. We started out by having one of memorable back yard picnics. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Waffles fries along with Culinary delights from the Columbiettes. Guaranteed to expand your waistline. Over 50 attended and we were treated to a visit by our favorite priests. Father Jimson blessed the food with Father Hank and Father Caputo. We all did justice to the food put in front of us. From there we jumped into removing the Flags at Glen Abbey. Cudos go out to Brian Hartpence, Tony Corrente, Mike Tanner, Ray Taylor, Jim Borkowski, Chris Mason and his son Cade along with myself. We picked all of the Flags. Over 1000. They went into new containers because the cardboard ones were falling apart. Each container hold 200 flags. They were taken to the Hall where they were laid out to dry, then placed in the containers and stored by John Richards. Once again brothers come together to fulfill the job.

Tom Shaver pulled together a Dinner for the Priests who are leaving. Father Jimson, and Father Hank. They have led us as Knights, with the fact they are both Knights they have helped us and the Parish by being the Men that they are. Truly we were Blessed to

have the privilege of their presence. They shall not be forgotten by us. They are going to be stationed at Mount Dora, Fl. A 1 hour and 15 minutes away, that is not too far to go to attend a Mass. Father Hank came back on the 19<sup>th</sup> to receive 4th Degree honors.

A side note and an attia girl for a Columbiette, most know Brian and Tracy Hartpence have taken a well-deserved break for a week to visit their Son in Chicago. That left us at the Hall short 2 experienced leaders. Then our own Beloved Cranston Montcalm suffered a chest pain and was transported to the Winter Haven Hospital. I was left with the enormous process of putting together the figures for the Bingo. This is a involved procedure which I am a novice at. However, Lynne Richards came to my rescue. Besides her other duties and a very sick dog that required Veterinary procedures she helped me through the Bingo Bookkeeping Thanks Lynne.

This last month at the Council Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> we split the meeting with the Bldg Committee. So that they might elect Officers for the coming year.

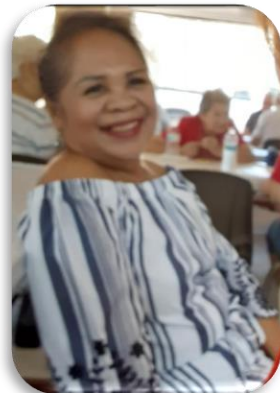
An award was presented to Tom Habina the Knight of the Month for June. A presentation was made to Lamar and Lori Edwards at the 4:30 Mass as the Family of the Month. Well-deserved I might add. A few other items of interest were the St. Joseph Consecration at Church where the Honor Guard of the Knights once again made their presence known. Followed by the 4thDegree Exemplification at the Knights Hall for a virtual presentation.

This Month the Knight of the Month is Elvis Tirado. Talk about dedication, Elvis is an EMT who completed a 48-hour run and then drove to Orlando to sit in on the 117th State Convention that John Richards, Tom Berdis and I were attending. Look for the article on Elvis in this edition of the Sword and Shield. Speaking of the Convention, do not trust Tom Berdis as to distance. The decision was made to go to dinner at Millers Ale House I was told it was a block or two I think it ended a mile each way in the heat of Orlando. At least that is what I was told. The Family of the Month is Ron and Cathy Balansky, there will be a write up in this edition of the Newsletter.

Keep the faith and attend Church, we are needed more than ever now. Wear your Knights Shirt you have every reason<sup>1</sup> to be proud. God Bless...Rod

**Fourth of July  
Picnic  
July 5<sup>th</sup>  
11am-1pm  
Knights Hall**





# MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC







**May  
31<sup>st</sup>  
2021**







**We thank the Boy Scouts  
and Leaders for their  
dedication to retiring our  
Flags with Honor at the  
Memorial Day Picnic!**







**Farewell to  
our Beloved  
Priests  
Fr. Jimson  
and Fr. Hank  
We will miss  
them!**



## Assembly College Scholarship Program

Requests for applications should be sent to Brian Hartpence  
863-860-4509 [bhartpence@gmail.com](mailto:bhartpence@gmail.com) by July 15th

Scholarships awarded are based on the participants 1500 word essay on a provided topic and the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight activity in the Assembly.



## Council Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus believes that Catholic Education is essential for a positive future of our community.

Brother Knights - Council 4726 is hosting a scholarship contest for the 2021-2022 school year. Requirements are:

- 1) **Member is an active good standing Knight in Council 4726.**
- 2) The students are a dependent of the member, as classified to the IRS.
- 3) The student participates in the contest.
- 4) The student attends any Catholic School grades K to 12.
- 5) Sends acknowledgement of participation to [jimborkows@aol.com](mailto:jimborkows@aol.com) by June 30, 2021. Include school attending and grade.
- 6) Completes his/her paper/drawing by July 31, 2021
- 7) Decisions by the judges are final. Results will be published in August.

### Turn in

Students should write paper describing three or more different religions, such as Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu... Or the different Christian religions.... **Keep the paper positive and respectful**, talk about the different religion's beliefs, symbols, events/sacraments, holy days... Younger children can draw different symbols such as the cross, star of David, Crescent and Star, ...

<http://religious-symbols.net/hindu-symbols.html>

The paper should be 500 to 750 words. The contents are more important than paper's length. Younger grades (K to 3<sup>rd</sup>) may draw a picture or collage...

Jim Borkowski  
Scholarship Chairman

Our Worthy State Deputy Scott O'Connor with keynote speaker Governor Ron Desantis at the FSC 117th Annual Convention.



Enjoyable time at the  
Florida State Council Convention





## KNIGHT of the MONTH

### Elvis Tirado

Makes you want to sing, doesn't it? Well, he does not have the credentials that Elvis Presley had but he is held in high regard anyway. Originally from the Bronx, N.Y. Elvis ( his real first name ) served his country as a U.S. Marine for 16 years. He then became a Volunteer Firefighter/EMT in North Carolina. He was a Eucharistic Minister at Infant of Prague in Jacksonville, N.C. Elvis became a Knight in 1998 and a Sir Knight in May of 1999. He moved to Winter Haven, Florida in February of 2000 and became a parishioner of St. Joseph's Church. He was a Volunteer Chief for 13 years of the Polk County Fire and Rescue. Currently he is a full time Emergency Medical Technician for the Polk County Fire Rescue. Where he has been for 16 years.

Elvis is an Active member in both the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars & Patriot Guard. He also has status as a Fire Service & Basic Life Support Instructor teaching CPR, AED, First Aid Emergency Vehicle Operations. Elvis is a single Father of 3 Children, Andrew, Alexis, and Alexander. His first Grandchild is due in November. He enjoys participating in Honor Guard Ceremonies with the VFW, Fire Department Honor Guards as well as the Knights and Patriot Guard. Because as he says "Our duty is to never forget ". A special enjoyment is to ride his Motorcycle in various Charity events to raise money and awareness for noteworthy causes. Elvis's family is in NYC and here in Florida and Oregon. We consider Elvis a "Hero" of the highest standards. He is a Knight and an example to all who would become a Knight.

## FAMILY of the MONTH

### RON & CATHY BRLANSKY



We would like to introduce you to the Brlansky's – Ron and Cathy. They have been members of St. Joseph since 1979 and have been very active since then. Ron began his volunteer work in the Youth ministry at St. Joseph and as a chaperone for youth trips. When Father Sean Heslin was pastor, Ron served as a member of the Parish Council that is when St. Joseph was building the Family Life Center and doing upgrades to the church and school. He is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Sacristan and Usher. Ron is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Cathy is a retired teacher of Polk County schools. Her volunteer activities are impressive: Lake Alfred Elementary, Girl Scout leader, Woman's Club, and Parks & Recreation Board in Lake Alfred. As is her Church activities: Angel Tree, Seder Meal planner, member of the Ladies St. Joseph Stitchery Group, Eucharistic Minister, Sacristan, and Usher.

Both Ron and Cathy have been involved in Christ Renews His Parish, youth group chaperones, RCIA, and Cursillo Retreat Weekend. Ron and Cathy have two children and four grandchildren. Recently, the children/grandchildren visited so if they seem a little tired it is because they have been enjoying all the beautiful love, activities and tiredness that flows with family visits! They are truly a long-standing example of doing God's work and Community work

Congratulations on being Family of the Month!



Our recent additions to the Assembly. Welcome Sir Knights!



Welcome to our 8 new Knights joining us from the Vietnamese community.







Mike Wadsworth, on behalf of the Knights, presents a check to The Haley Center



Tom Fedderly presents a check for \$500 on behalf of the Knights to Santa Fe Catholic High School



Chris Erich helping others out representing the Knights outreach and serving others in need!



Color Corp members, on behalf of the Knights, present Judy Hamann a check for the Consecration of St. Joseph



## Past Grand Knights

Harlan L. Newton*	1958-59
Michael Trabulsy*	1959-60
Omer R. McDuff*	1960-61
Paul D. Wells	1961-62
Raymond R. McKenna*	1962-63
Joseph W. Higgins*	1963-64
Steve N. Voytowich*	1964-65
Vance G. Layton*	1965-66
Charles E. Langbein, Jr.	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, Sr.	1973-75
Charles E. Langbein, Jr.	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, Sr.*	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 Winget*	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	

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

**Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Chuck Langbein, Maureen Loughlin, Cindy Walter, Paul Wells, Kayla Berdis, Bob & Jane Thibodeau, Bob Nelson, Joe Hydoski, Kevin Truex, Kathy Thompson, John McNabb, Mike Lopez, Lynne Richards, Rod Mullen, Jim Sirera, Doug Murray, Tony Garcia, Trish Ochoa, Jim Zentgraft, Paul Wells, Everett Evans, Mike Wadsworth, Ed Hunter, Ron Feschak, Doris Fry(deceased)

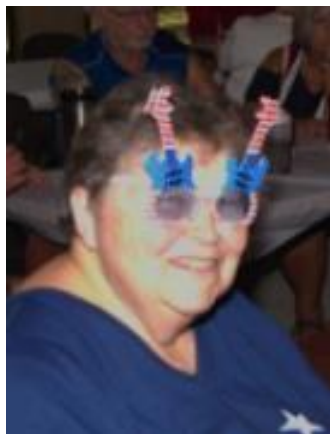
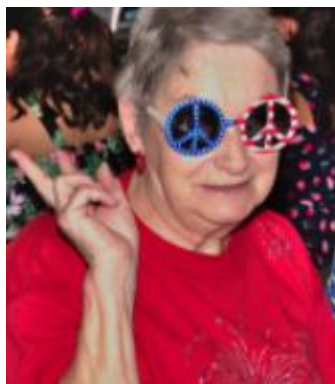
Our continued prayers for all military personnel, Christians who are persecuted, children around the world, spiritual leaders, public officials and for those who need prayer.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who have been infected with the virus (COVID-19). Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones. We especially prayer for all people close to us that have experienced illness related to the virus. May the Lord heal all!



Color Corp in action at St. Joseph's for Consecration of St. Joseph's





## Blast from the Past. July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic Pictures from 2019.



You're Invited to the  
4<sup>th</sup> of July **Picnic on**

**JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> at the Council from  
11-1 pm.** Please bring a side dish to  
share. Hamburgers, hotdogs and all the  
fixings will be provided by the Knights!



### Bulletin Supporters

Larry & Bernadette Feit  
Bob & Jane Thibodeau

### Memorial Committee

Chuck Langbein  
Charles Proctor

**Note from Editor:** It's been about 8  
years of publishing the newsletter and  
time to move on to other adventures. A  
new editor will be named soon.

### 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, wheelchair  
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](mailto: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 (editor TBD)







*Pray the Rosary Daily*

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**For Brothers Knights by Brother Knights**

## Officers, Directors, and Program Chairmen 2021-2022

### Officers for Council 4726

Chaplain		
Grand Knight	Rod Mullen	324-6850
D Grand Knight	Tim Jackman	307-9209
Chancellor	Tony Corrente	206-0775
Warden	Ray Taylor	604-7068
Financial Sec.	Jim Borkowski	602-6651
Treasurer	Carlos Ayunta	407-508-0071
Recorder	Tom Fedderly	
District Deputy		
Advocate	Mike Wadsworth	224-6490
Inside Guard	Jorge Lacer	
Outside Guard	Ricky Lopez	293-2962
Trustee (1)	John Richards	221-5499
Trustee (2)	Tom Berdis	224-2906
Trustee (3)	Brian Hartpence	967-8062
Lector		

### Officers for Assembly 1500

Friar		
Navigator	John Richards	967-1600
Captain	Rod Mullen	324-6580
Admiral	Tom Habina	324-0581
Pilot	Tim Jackman	307-9209
Comptroller	Brian Hartpence	967-8062
Purser	Carlos Ayunta	407-508-0071
Faithful Scribe	Ken Nesbitt	221-6477
Inner Sentinel	Raymond Taylor	604-7068
Outer Sentinel	Tony Corrente	206-0775
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Trustee	Mike Wadsworth	224-6490
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Trustee	Tom Berdis	224-2906
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Trustee	Chris Erich	207-2638
Color Guard Cmdr	Tom Shaver	813-418-1307

### Officers Auxiliary 4726 Columbiettes

President	Sonia Ayunta
Vice-President	Gloria Garrett
Past President	Joanne Barczynski
Secretary	Klendy Molteni
Financial Sec	Sylvia Moulton
Treasurer	Sue Running
Sentinel	

### Committeemen

Bingo Chairman	Brian Hartpence	967-8062
Bingo Co-Chair	Jim Sierra	604-7647
Bowling Chairman	Tom Berdis	293-5528
Cemetery of Innocence	Ray Taylor	604-7068
Ceremonial Chairman	Jim Riley	289-8030
Charity Chairman	Brian Hartpence	967-8062
Degree Team Chairman	Tom Shaver	813-418-1307
Corp Comm Bfast	Tony Corrente	206-0775
Family Director	Mike Tanner	651-9555
Field Agent		
Food Chairman	Tony Corrente	206-0775
Free Throw, Soccer	Charles Proctor	984-6446
Golf Chairman	John Jennings	281-408-6443
Historian	Ed Zamana	293-6763
Keep Christ in Christmas	Jim Riley	289-8030
Medical Equipment	Mike Wadsworth	224-6490
Membership Director	Jim Sierra	604-7647
Memorial Chairman	Tom Berdis	224-2906
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Retention Chairman	Tim Jackman	307-9209
Scholarship Chairman	Jim Borkowski	602-6651
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Spelling Bee	Charles Proctor	984-6446
Stamps Chairman	Jim Riley	289-8030
Tootsie Roll	Ray Taylor	604-7068
Youth Director	Mike Tanner	651-9555

### Newsletter Contributions

