

# KNIGHTLY NEWS LIMITED

## Knights of Columbus News Highlights

## Council 15821

### 2019-2020 Officers

#### **Grand Knight**

Ron Balaze

#### **Deputy Grand Knight**

Anthony Hopfinger

#### **Chancellor**

Larry Kocen

#### **Recorder**

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#### **Treasurer**

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#### **Inside Guard**

Dennis Korinek

#### **Outside Guard**

Mike Sellner

#### **Lecturer**

Charles Palmeri

#### **Trustees**

David Tschanz

Dennis O'Leary

Bruce Crisman

### Launch Publication

Welcome to the first issue of the *Knighly News Limited (Limited)*. As reported last month, David Tschanz stepped down as the editor and publisher of the *KnighlyNews*. Under Brother David's leadership the *Knighly News* achieved numerous awards from the Florida State Council. To Brother David, we all salute and say, "Thanks".



The *Limited* is being offered to the Council on a **temporary** basis awaiting a new editor and publisher. The *Limited* will be issued quarterly and its purpose is to keep the membership updated on the Council's activities. Topics addressed in this issue include the Grand Knight's Message, Budget/Strategic Plan, Faith In Action (FIA), Council Functions, Fraternal and Social Activities, Spiritual Reflection, and a Call to Lend a Helping Hand.

### Grand Knight's Message



Our new year is off to a smooth start! We had a successful Food for Immokalee Drive in July. We had lots of help loading the food before all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday morning Brother Bruce and I took the church van full of food to the Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee. Our brothers donated 147 pounds of food in addition to their labor. We will be helping out again at the Masses on the second weekend of August.

The Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Feast Day celebration on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July was a success. Fr. Fred was pleased with our Council's help

## Calendar of Events

### August - October

#### Council Meetings

First Thursday of the Month at  
7:00pm at the Hall

#### Officer Meetings

Last Tuesday of the month at  
4:00pm at the Hall

#### Coffee & Doughnuts

1st & 3rd Sundays of the Month  
After Sunday Masses

#### Monthly Food Drive

August 10-11  
Sept 7-8  
Oct 12 - 13  
Before and After All Masses

#### Pancake Breakfast

August 11  
Sept 8  
Oct 13  
After Sunday Masses

#### Special Olympics Bowling

August 17  
AMF Lanes - Venice

#### First Friday Mass & Rosary

September 6  
October 4  
Meet at 7:30 am, Mass to follow

#### Special Olympics Softball & Flag Football

September 28

#### Fraternal Communion Mass

September 29  
8:30 am Mass

#### Recruitment Drive

October 12-13  
After all Masses

#### Fall Reunion

Fall 2019  
TBA

with the serving of the meal and cleanup afterwards.

We will be doing something a little different for the Good of the Order this evening. After the prayers for our brothers and others in need, will sill sing the closing ode and close the business meeting. Refreshments will then be provided and while you are enjoying them I will give a short talk and show a short DVD about my last paying job before retirement.

At the officers meeting last week it was decided to change the name of our Corporate Communion Masses to Fraternal Communion Masses. These will still be held during the 8:30 AM Mass on the last Sunday of any month that has five (5) Sundays. The next scheduled Fraternal Communion Mass will be held on September 29<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to come together and worship as a Council family and to get to know more of your brothers, their wives and their families. Over the past couple of years, Brother David Tschanz has made arrangements for a breakfast buffet following our Fraternal Communion Mass. Given that the past two breakfasts haven't been well attended and that Brother Dave is in poor health, he is unable to host these events any longer. We need to know if there is any interest in continuing this tradition. Please let an officer know if you are interested. I would like to thank Brother Dave for providing the Council with the opportunity to partake in the grand breakfast buffet at his community clubhouse.

One of my goals for the coming year is to host a parish fish fry on the Fridays during Lent next year. PGK Bruce is going to check with Sharky's to see if they have the capability of cooking for us as well as cooking for Epiphany Council 7052. I am also checking with the manager of Metro Diner to see if they are putting on a mobile kitchen this summer. If so, they might be able to cook for us. I am looking for a caterer that can provide the fish, french fries and coleslaw, cook the fish, plate the meals for us to serve and do their own cleanup. We would do the dining room setup, collect the money, serve the meals and do the dining room cleanup. If anyone knows of a restaurant/caterer that might provide this service for us, please let me know. Remember this is only for the Fridays during Lent next year.

Let me leave you with a friendly reminder: Dues are due.

### Budget/Strategic Plan

Our 2019-2020 Fraternal Year budget was ratified during the July Council meeting. The format is similar to the previous budget, however, it has been expanded to better reflect a strategic plan that will guide us throughout the year. This broader approach

## Looking Ahead at Some of Our Future Events

### **Giving Tree**

November-December 2019  
TBA

### **Keep Christ in Christmas**

December 2019  
TBA

### **Tootsie Roll Drive**

February 2020  
TBA

### **Recruitment Drive**

March 2020  
TBA

### **Spring Golf Tournament**

April 2020  
TBA

### **Baseball Trip**

Spring 2019  
TBA

### **Mother's Day Flowers**

May 9 & 10, 2020  
After All Masses

incorporates staffing requirements and assigns leads to coordinate activities and events. As we proceed through the year, specific line items within the plan will be addressed both in the financial aspect as well as staffing support needed to ensure resources are balanced.

## Faith In Action

Faith In Action (FIA) is a relatively new program that Supreme adopted to replace the *Surge with Service* program of five decades. FIA consists of four categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life. Tying Council activities with support of our parish is an essential element of FIA. Our Budget/Strategic Plan contains details of the areas of focus in FY2019-2020 for each of these categories and their associated activities. Here is a brief summary of FIA:

**Faith** Deacon Tom Grant, Lead. Planned activities include a Spiritual Retreat, Masses for departed brothers, Sacramental Gifts, and First Friday Mass and Rosary.

**Family** Brother Stan Anthony, Lead. Activities include the Knight/Family of the Month/Year, Keep Christ in Christmas, and the Food for Families Program.

**Community** Brother Dennis O'Leary, Lead. Activities include Habitat for Humanity, Giving Tree, Sugar Bowl, Citizens with Disabilities, Meals on Wheels, Bethesda House, and TBA Donations.

**Life** TBA, Lead. Activities include Ultrasound, Pregnancy Support, Culture of Life, and Novena for Life.

## Additional Council Functions

In addition to the FIA categories listed above our Council undertakes other functions that are reflected in our Strategic Plan.

**Parish Support** This year our Council is making an increased effort to better support the Parish. Activities such as Pancake Breakfast, Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Mass, and Mother's Day Flowers are familiar ones. New activities will be added as the year progresses.

**Membership** Larry Kocen as Chancellor leads this effort.

**Retention** The Deputy Grand Knight will be leading this effort and will be relying on the support of the Chancellor and the Trustees.

## Fraternal & Social Activities

We have several events planned for the brotherhood as well as our spouses. Beginning in September, we will meet on the first Friday of the month to attend Mass and the Rosary. This is a great first step to becoming more active in our parish. There's no signup sheet, just please plan to join us at 7:30 before Mass. Get your social calendars ready! PGK Bruce Crisman is planning a Fall Reunion. We thought it would be fun to have an informal get-together to catch up with the snowbirds as they return. Brother Dennis Korinek has agreed to take the lead once again to host a Spring Golf Tournament. Brother Dennis O'Leary has taken the lead to coordinate a Spring Baseball Trip.

## Spiritual Reflection

Summer is a wonderful time to be renewed and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Let's use these times as a way to spend more time in prayer and reflection on the things of God. May you walk with God this summer. In whatever you do and wherever you go. Walk with God in honesty and with courage, with love, respect and concern for the feelings of others. May you talk with God this summer; praying words of praise for the beauty of creation. Saying prayers of thanks for good friends and good times. Ask for God's help in all your decisions, expressing sorrow when you have failed. Stop and say a simple prayer; thank God for life's little blessings. Feel His love deep in your soul and thank Him for all His lessons. Ask Him for more strength and help you not to fail. And thank Him for walking with you and showing you the way. May you talk with God every day.



## Call to Lend a Helping Hand

Edmund Burke once said, "Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little." Our Council leadership is committed to the FIA program and Parish activities that we believe the membership can embrace and staff. That said, there are many areas where you can find a place to belong and to help.

For the short term, staffing for two Special Olympics activities are right around the corner.: August 17th for Bowling and September 28th for Softball and Flag Football. We need a hand. You can sign up at the monthly meeting or email David Tschantz at [dtw1121@gmail.com](mailto:dtw1121@gmail.com).

A Calendar of Activities for the Fraternal Year is being developed and will be available to the membership soon. In the meantime, please consider helping with the Monthly Pancake Breakfast, After Mass Coffee and Doughnuts, Monthly Food Drive, Recruitment Drive, Giving Tree, and Keeping Christ in Christmas. Having the staffing on hand really comes down to all of us pitching in and giving a hand. Here's an example: we sponsor the *Keep Christ in Christmas* program. This event covers two weekends in December and requires staffing before and after the Masses. We need 20 volunteers (five at each Mass) to staff for 30 minutes. Can you find 30 minutes of your time to support our Parish for this activity?

As Knights we are what we do. Our membership commitment is a reflection of us as Knights both collectively and individually.

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