

Merry Christmas

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Grand Knight's Report

By George Mountford

Brothers,

I would like to welcome Father Paul to our parish family. I wish to thank him for his support that helped make our recent events so successful.



I wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, Happy New Year.

God's Blessings to all!

In a recent newsletter, Father Joe reminded us of our duties and responsibilities as good Knights by doing charitable works. I am saddened that we are choosing to let some of our council's traditions go by the wayside. Many worthwhile organizations depend on the support that we have given to them in past years. Our contributions have always made a difference in someone's life.

Our council will never fail if we keep our beliefs close to our hearts.

We will be sponsoring some great ways to share the holidays. We have our dinner/dance, breakfast with Santa and the Christmas Lights river cruise coming up. I hope everyone will come have some fun and enjoy good fellowship.

This is the season for celebration and remembering the things in our lives that we value the most - our love of church and family. May you always be blessed with both.

Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 13th

5:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

See members for tickets

Chaplain's Message

By Father Joseph A. Pastick



The beginning of the CHURCH YEAR starts with the first Sunday of Advent. We start the cycle of the celebration of the Lord Jesus' life, death and resurrection, and growth of his Kingdom at the same point each year (this year on Sunday, November 30th, 2008).

But we are not in the same place, because each "year" we are higher in a spiral which ascends upward in the final and eternal meeting with Christ Jesus at his "Last Coming."

Advent means "coming", and the Catholic Church celebrates in her Liturgy (public services of worship - Mass, Sacraments and Divine Office) three comings of the Christ. 1. The 4000 years of preparation before His birth. 2. The birth in the flesh of the Son of God (Nativity) and 3. The 'Second Coming' of Christ as judge at the end of this world of time and space. The spiritual theme is: BE PREPARED!

One personal element of our individual spiritual preparation is the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance, Confession in pre-Vatican days). In your parish bulletin you'll find the Communal Reconciliation Services listed for the five parishes of West Pasco. Each service will make twelve to sixteen priest confessions available for your selection to give absolution following the "Service of the Word." The service will begin at 4:00 pm. in each church.

As you know, the worthy reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is absolutely necessary in order to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (For spiritual growth in grace and holiness, weekly confession is administered to seminarians and some Religious). You, for spiritual health (and holiness) should receive the great Sacrament twice a year, even though not in mortal sin.

As you were instructed in faith, you know that there are five steps in making a good confession.

1. EXAMINE your conscience. Begin by praying the Holy Spirit for the light of understanding to know the (serious) sin(s) committed by you since your last "good" confession. Have the sin(s) in order according to kind, number of times and any circumstances that bear on their seriousness. Do not make excuses - tell only sins. Do not confess other's sins. Do not go into details, but identify kind of sin.

2. MAKE an Act of Contrition. Pray your sorrow to God by the formula or in your own words.

3. MAKE a firm resolve not to commit sin again. Be specific and concrete in what you are going to do in order to amend (repair) your life. Be honest and sincere.

4. CONFESS. A. Your sin(s). B. Your sorrow. Ex. say "I am sorry for these and all the sins in my life." God Himself cannot forgive any sins unless we are TRULY sorry; therefore, never confess any sin or sins for which you are not REALLY SORRY with a good "purpose of amendment".

5. ACCEPT the penance which the priest gives. Try to do the penance as soon as feasible.

SUGGESTION: After you leave with absolution, spend a few minutes to thank Jesus, Mary, your guardian angel and you patron saints for helping you with the grace of this good confession.

Give thanks for the love, joy and peace.

Yours in Christ,
Father Joe Pastick
Chaplain

Knight of the Month

By George Mountford



Knight of the month – Tony Nalli

Tony has been a very busy man. Tony is our 2 year Trustee and our Membership Director. This year he has re-activated our 1st degree team. Due to his hard work we hosted our first degree this month. Tony always contributes at our breakfasts each month along with selling tickets for all our events. Thank you for all that you do to make our council a success. Congratulations!

Family of the Month

Bill and Theresa Fuhrmann

Bill and Theresa are very active in our council and our parish. Both work very hard in our bingo kitchen and at our dinners. From selling tickets to cooking and serving the food, they are always helping. Theresa is a member of the Stepping Stones ministry and Bill works the SHARE program. You can always find these two volunteering their time to make our council and parish strong. Thank you and congratulations!

JANUARY DEADLINE

All copy for the January Newsletter must be received by December 23rd, any copy received after that date will appear in the next edition unless it is time sensitive (event promotion has past).

Send to Tom Cleary at clearytb@yahoo.com

NOTICE

This is the sixth edition of our electronic format. If you have any trouble with it, either opening or reading, please contact Tom Cleary at 727-846-0392 or email me at clearytb@yahoo.com

SOMETHING NEW FOR YOU

In case you didn't know it there is a new Form 100. It's a new and improved recruitment tool and every Knight should make sure he has one in pocket, one in his car, and several in his briefcase. You get the idea.

As I was getting familiar with the new format, which includes the interview portion of pre-First Degree, several memories came to my mind. Sometime during my Cub Scout years a group of us young lads was taken for a visit to the local K of C club, an old two story Victorian style home which had been converted into the home of Council 1055. I vividly remember a lot of old men (or so they seemed to a nine-year-old kid) enjoying their surroundings and the company of one another.

Right after I turned 21 my uncle sponsored me into that council which had a new home at the other end of town. My main reason at that time for desiring K of C membership was the fellowship, to be around Catholic men. Our small west Kentucky city had a Catholic population of 5%. That was in 1962. Since then I have held membership in five different councils around the country.

I've heard more stories of personal faith than I can possibly remember. When I came back from basic training at Fort Knox one older Knight told me that a man should do two things. Serve Mass at the altar of God and serve in the armed forces. And one man told of how he had gone through a rough time in his life and it was affecting his faith. He attributed his surviving that ordeal to being a member of the Knights of Columbus. I'll always remember that testimonial.

I've seen several really fine councils and a few mediocre ones. And for the past six years I'm been fortunate to be among some of the best Catholic men and Knights I've ever met. Belonging to 11680 has let me see a lot of talent among our officers and membership.

Now, let's spread the word and go get some of those new Form 100s filled out.



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DECEMBER, 2008

DECEMBER 1ST

Officer's meeting, 7:30pm

DECEMBER 4TH

3rd degree meeting, 7:30pm

DECEMBER 7TH

Quarterly Corporate Communion

10:30 a.m. Mass

Coffee & Donuts in the Hall following Mass

DECEMBER 11TH

4th degree meeting 7:30pm

1st degree – St. Francis Cabrini

Council 13209, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 13TH

Christmas dinner/dance

doors open 5pm

dinner at 6pm

dancing, 7pm to 10 pm

DECEMBER 14TH

Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 15TH

2nd degree – Fr. Felix Ullrich

Council 5869, 7:00p.m.

DECEMBER 18TH

Christmas Lights River Cruise, 7:00pm

JANUARY 5TH

Officer's meeting 7:30pm

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dick Bourgeois

Vincent Dougherty

Bob Fagan

William Fuhrmann

Keith Gosnell

Angel Jusino

Jack Petrosky

Lawrence Scarpace

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Debra Huber

Ralph & Eleanor June

Ken & Vanessa Schalk

News Around the Council

Our 1st degree team held their first degree last month and did a fine job. Thanks to all who participated and especially to Brother Tony Nalli for spearheading the return of our team.

We have a new field agent. His name is Pierre LaMonde Jr. He can be reached by phone at (727)278-7799. E mail: plamonde@tampabay.rr.com We hope to have Mr. LaMonde come to a meeting soon to get acquainted with us.

Many thanks to our District Deputy, Joe LaGuardia, for collecting and delivering our contribution for VAVS. Our combined councils donation was for more than 5,000 items which was distributed at James A. Haley hospital in Tampa. We continue to ask for contributions for our veterans. Please bring your donations to any meeting or function. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Reminder to all Brother Knights, Sunday December 7th is the Quarterly Corporate Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, with Coffee and Donuts following in the Parish Hall. Open to all members and prospective members.

Thanks to Brother Keith Gosnell for coordinating our Blood Drive at our November breakfast. Florida Blood Services collected 25 units to share. Thanks to all who donated.

Again our thanks to Brother Lee Witt and all our Brothers who participated in the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. This provided a wonderful meal and a pleasant day for all those who attended. ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE!

Our Christmas dinner/dance will be held on December 13th. The doors will open at 5pm with a roast beef dinner following at 6pm. Music will be provided by Bill Castner. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be on sale after masses or by asking any Knight. Hope to see everyone come out for a fun evening and catch some Christmas spirit!

On December 14th, we will be hosting Breakfast with Santa. Children accompanied by their parents will receive a free breakfast and a complimentary photo with Santa.

Our social meeting for this month will be our Christmas Lights River Cruise on December 18th. Please see Brother Joe Menicola to sign up. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Please meet at East Side of the river at Sims Park for boarding at the floating pier. Parking will be at the adjoining lot in Sims Park at 7pm. The lights and fellowship of friends make this a fun celebration of the season!

Please remember Brother Nim Goering in your prayers. Nim is having some health difficulties and in need of our support.

Our Lady Queen of Peace
Knights of Columbus Council
#11680

Presents for Everyone...

All You Can Eat
All American Breakfast
Sunday, December 14th, 2008

Breakfast with Santa
Children accompanied by their parents
will receive a FREE breakfast
and a complimentary photo

Stop at the Parish Center after each Mass
and enjoy a hearty breakfast
Served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Enjoy the company of your
friends and fellow parishioners

Adults \$3.50 per person
Children (10 & under) \$2.50

Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 13th

Music by Bill Castner

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m., Dinner Served at 6:00 p.m.

Salad
Roast Beef
Potatoes
Green Beans with Almonds
Dessert
Coffee and Tea
BYOB – set-ups available

Tickets \$15.00 per person

**Contact George 727-847-5945 or Joe 352-686-0058
or any Knight**

Tickets will be on sale after Masses