St. James Council 12402

Division III - State Council of the Year (2015 – 2016)

Serving the Chancery and St. James Cathedral

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Grand Knight's Report



Everything comes from love, all is ordained for the salvation of man, God does nothing without this goal in mind.

Saint Catherine of Siena

Brother Knights,

As we move forward let us strive to always keep in mind the four virtues of our Order – CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, & PATRIOTISM and to live our lives by making those a part of our daily lives.

A special congratulations to our newest Brothers who attained full Knighthood in the 3rd degree, Brothers Patrick Alessandri & David D'Amato. Reaching full Knighthood should be the goal of all of our members and we have several opportunities coming up to do so as highlighted in our Upcoming Events.

I am very pleased to report that as of this date we are 1 of 4 councils in the State of Florida that have met all of the requirements of STAR Council for this fraternal year. There will be others to follow, but we have already met the requirements. I thank each and every one of you for helping to make that happen. I now challenge you to help us meet the DOUBLE STAR Council objectives which means bringing in 4 new members by 30 Jun 2017.

Thanks to Brothers Les Castro, Thomas Jensen, and Raul Rodriguez for participating in the Habitat for Humanity event of April 1st. It is such a thrill to be part of this as we help to build homes for those in need, many whom are disabled veterans returning from the Middle East. I would like to see more Brothers out there in the future as this touches all of our Order virtues.

The numbers are still rolling up on Laps for Life and we currently have raised enough money to buy 4 ultrasound machines and it is quite possible that St. James Council will again be asked to sponsor one of those ultrasound machines at a local pregnancy center. This is quite an honor and it is because of our council's tremendous involvement. We had close to 30 Brothers and family members participate at Bishop Moore HS in some capacity and through council donations and fund raising we contributed \$4390. Nine participants from St. James Cathedral were recognized with ribbons for the number of laps they walked. Of special note was the 51 laps (12.75 miles) walked by Pauline Brennan. DGK Patrick Schmidt walked 33 laps and SOAR lead, Nancy Webb, walked 24.

We have several key activities coming up that need your help. The JMJ Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign the weekend of Mother's Day, the annual council planning meeting, and our 2nd Tootsie Roll Drive at the Southside Publix. Also, we will be conducting our annual officer elections at the May 11th business meeting that you may want to be part of. Even though I will not be running for a 3rd term I have lots of ideas as to the

Congratulations

Knight of the Month - Apr Raul Rodriguez



Brother Raul participated in the 1st fish fry on Friday, Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, and Fed the Homeless on Monday – all over 72 hours. Brother Raul joined our council in Sep 2016 as a 1st degree and made his 2nd, 3rd, and 4th degrees by Nov 2016. Congrats on this well deserved award.

Family of the Month - Apr Mark Zeitler & Family



Brother Mark and family have been engaged in a number of activities over the past month starting with the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Laps for Life, and our 1st fish fry. Brother Mark & Liz participated in Cursillo and Mark did a stellar job as the lead for That Man Is You. All are also very active at St. James School. Thanks to the Zeitler family for the tremendous example that they are setting and congrats on this well deserved award.

direction I would like to see the council go. The annual planning meeting is the perfect opportunity to share your thoughts on what you would like to see done differently moving forward.

Finally, as my tenure as Grand Knight comes to an end I have taken on a new challenge, bringing Catholic Radio to Central Florida. I am now 1 of 4 board members, along with Brother Paul Mylod, striving to make this happen and we are very close to closing a deal on a radio station. I will keep you up-to-date moving forward because I believe that this is a big step towards bringing Catholics back to the faith and growing our membership. We have the blessing of Bishop Noonan and Fr. Miguel Gonzalez and large donations are starting to come in. As of this moment, there are zero Catholic Radio stations in the Orlando Metro area and we aim to fix that.

May the Good Lord continue to bless you and your families on your post-Lenten journey. As we face life's challenges let us accept the fact that these challenges are ordained by God and that we have the faith to believe that God would never lead us to the brink of a difficult situation and then abandon us. His intervention may not be according to our schedule, but he always acts and it is our duty to stand still and trust Him to see us through to victory.

Fraternally Yours, George Olson

Chaplain Message



My Brother Knights and esteemed Ladies,

Happy Easter to you and yours!

I want to begin this message on a note of gratitude. We had such a busy Lent with the St. Patrick's Day Dinner, the Lap for Life, the Fish Fry, and so many social initiatives of which the Council has been a part. Thank you for your continued dedication and the amazing work you have been doing for our parish and beyond. In particular, I am grateful to Sir Grand Knight George Olson and his officers for their wonderful leadership. I was very pleased to read the report of what we were able to achieve.

So, Lent is over. What's next?

As the work of evangelization is ongoing, so is our call to be witnesses. I pray that, in the midst of the day-to-day living, what you and I do and how you interact with others continue becoming a source of Christian witness of Gospel charity.

As food for thought, I want to quote some beautiful words from our Holy Father Francis who calls us to a revolution – a Revolution of Tenderness, "Tenderness means to use our eyes to see the other, our ears to hear the other, to listen to the children, the poor, those who are afraid of the future. To listen also to the silent cry of the common home, of our sick and polluted earth. Tenderness means to use our hands and our heart to comfort the other, to take care of those in need."

May the Peace of Christ, the Risen Lord be with you always! Fr. Martin H.M. Nguyen

Congratulations

New 3rd Degrees

David D'Amato & Patrick Alessandri



Brothers David D'Amato & Patrick Alessandri attained full KNIGHTHOOD on April 1st. They are accompanied by GK George Olson. Congratulations gentlemen on this tremendous milestone.

Recent Events

Habitat for Humanity





Brothers Raul Rodriguez, GK George Olson, Thomas Jensen, and Les Castro teamed up with St. Thomas a' Becket #16236 (Incarnation) at Butler Preserve where they erected the walls and roof trusses of a new home for the less fortunate.

Feeding the Homeless Christian Service Center



Tremendous turnout for Feeding the Homeless this past month. Brother Jonathan & Marinette Glancy, Steven Gertel, Raul Rodriguez, Camille & Les Castro, David Bessette, Ralph Briscoe, GK George Olson, and Shannon Faith. Thanks for your outstanding support as always.

Field Agent Update



A Founding Notion: Protecting the Breadwinner's Income

While jobs may be safer in 2017, accidents, injuries, and illnesses that can impact your ability to work still happen. Most, in fact, do not happen on the jobsite or place of employment. Did you know that a 2011 study revealed that more than 95 percent of the long-term disability claims on file were not work related?

The Knights have always sought to protect members' families from the "loss" of a breadwinner. I'm sure you know all about Father McGivney's vision for our insurance program. But you may not know that Father McGivney also wanted to find a way to help members who couldn't work because of an illness. After all, the "loss" of the breadwinner does not have to mean that person's death; it can also mean the loss of the breadwinner's income.

Consider that loss for a moment. How would your family fare if a source of income suddenly stopped? Could a dual-income family manage on one income? What about young families with a working father and a mother who cares for the children? What if his income halted due to an accident or illness?

I've heard some people say they have coverage at work, but too many aren't sure what this coverage entails, how much income it would provide or for how long. Having this protection counts for something, certainly, but it isn't "yours"; it's provided by the company for which you work at their discretion. It could be eliminated tomorrow.

That's where a personally-owned disability income insurance product, like Income Armor, comes into play. It can offer valuable income replacement in the event of an injury or illness. If you have a job, you must know about this coverage.

Special Subjects

Baby Bottle Campaign – Sat, May 13th & Sun, May 14th
We will need Brother Knights and family members to help hand
out baby bottles after each mass this weekend as we strive to
collect money for the JMJ Pregnancy Center. Bottles will need
to be returned to the church office by Sun, Jun 18th. Last year we
collected just shy of \$5200.

Planning Meeting - Sat, May 20th

One of the most important council meetings of the year as we get inputs on activities to pursue over the upcoming fraternal year. This meeting also helps to set the budget for the 2017 – 2018 fraternal year. If you have an activity or charity that you want taken into consideration this is the time to speak up.

Citizens with Disabilities Campaian—Sat, Jun 3rd & Sun, Jun 4th
This is our largest tootsie roll fund raiser of the year as we hand out tootsie rolls in front of the Southside Publix, a rather large Publix store. We typically bring in over \$1150 over a 16 hour period of time, but help is desperately needed. Please sign-up via the Volunteer Spot website or at the next business meeting.

Recent Events

SOAR Youth BBQ



Brothers Michael Schwartz, Patrick Hayes, GK George Olson, Steven Gertel, and Dr. Gil Lavoie served BBQ at the SOAR Youth fund raiser. The food was great and quite a few folks came out to enjoy a meal.

Upcoming Events

- Wed, May 10th 2nd Degree (Monsignor Bishop, 5727 Cornelia Ave.) – 7:30 pm
- Thurs, May 11th Business meeting/Election of Officers (East Wing) – 7:00pm
- Sun, May 14th Mother's Day & Hand-out Baby Bottles for JMJ Pregnancy Center
- Thurs, May 18th 1st Degree (Blessed Sacrament, 720 12th St., Clermont) 6:30 pm
- Sat, May 20th Planning Meeting (Social Hall 9AM)
- Sun, May 21st Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods (Social Hall) – recipient → Vocations
- Tues, May 23rd 1st Degree (Bishop Thomas Grady, 1020 Montgomery Rd., Altamonte Springs) – 7:00 pm
- > Fri, May 26th Ordination Dinner (Chancery)
- > Sat, May 27th Ordination Breakfast (Social Hall)
- Fri, Jun 2nd Build Props for VBS (Social Hall Time TBD)
- Sat, Jun 3rd Citizens with Disabilities Campaign, Publix 2873 S. Orange Ave., Orlando (8:30 am – 6:00 pm)
- Sat, Jun 3rd 3rd Degree (Good Shepard, 5900 Oleander Dr., Orlando) – 1:00 pm
- Sun, Jun 4th Citizens with Disabilities Campaign, Publix 2873 S. Orange Ave., Orlando (Noon – 6:00 pm)
- Mon, Jun 5th Feeding the Homeless (816 W. Central Blvd) – 11:30am – 12:45 pm
- ➤ Thurs, Jun 8th Business meeting (East Wing) 7:00pm
- \triangleright Sat, Jun 10th 1st Degree (St. James) 8:30am
- Thurs, Jun 22nd Officer Induction Ceremony (Social Hall) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Tentative)
- ➤ Sun, Jun 25th Pancake Breakfast (Social Hall)
- > Thurs, Jul 13th Business meeting (East Wing) 7:00pm
- > Sun, Jul 23rd Pancake Breakfast (Social Hall)

Special Subjects

Officer Induction Ceremony – Thurs, Jun 22nd

This ceremony is open to all council members and their spouses. The new officer slate will be inducted for the upcoming fraternal year. If not an outgoing or incoming officer please join us and provide moral support for the new team of officers.

Membership Dues – Starting May 2017

It is that time of year again and I am pleased to let you know that the new website Paypal link www.kofc12402.org is up and running. To a 40% of our members pay their dues via Paypal and no problems reported last year. Dues notices will go out in mid-May and all we ask is that you do your best to pay your dues in a timely manner. We would like to avoid repeat due notices if at all possible.

Prayers

- For the full recovery of Tony Pinard, brother of Brother Gary Gagnon, who is recovering from a stroke and brain aneurism.
- For Wyatt Dannenfelser, grandson of GK Bob Dannenfelser, who is undergoing leukemia treatment.
- Ongoing prayers for Alexis, dear friend of Brother Michael Schwartz, as she deals with bulimia.
- Continued prayers for the mother and brother (David) of Brother Michael Schwartz who has been diagnosed with anti-social personality disorder and agoraphobia.
- Prayers for those dealing with mental disorders.
- For Brother Michael Schwartz on his start-up company, WEAR Lab, which seeks to improve quality of life for the blind. He is presenting a demo at the Dr. Phillips Center on May 10th.
- Deacon Pat asks for prayers for a family in Georgia who has a 5 year old little girl with a brain disorder/disease that is 95% fatal. They flew to Boston this past weekend for confirmation of the diagnosis (first test in Georgia was a positive) and the diagnosis was confirmed.
- For Lynn Sams who is in ICU with stage 4 colon cancer.
- For retired Dr. Joe Mure, cousin of Joanne Olson, who has an inoperable brain tumor and is on life support.
- For a parishioner whose mom is in ICU with Legionnaires disease.
- For the younger sister of Brother John Charles, Suzanne Prusnek, who is battling full body paralysis after a weight lifting accident.
- Prayers for the family of Brother Gerrit Lemmen as they seek to find housing in the Blankner school zone.
- Prayers for the new high school and college graduates.
- Prayers for special intentions for one of our Brother Knights.

Officer Slate (2016 – 2017)

Grand Knight – Patrick Schmidt Dep Grand Knight – Steven Gertel Chancellor – John Rice

Warden – Ralph Briscoe

Treasurer – Patrick Hayes

Recorder – Michael Pascuzzi

Advocate – Kraig Johnson

1st Year Trustee – PGK George Olson

2nd Year Trustee – Rick Brennan

3rd Year Trustee – Bill Simpson

Inside Guard – Michael Schwartz

Outside Guard – Raul Rodriguez

Birthdays - Members

1 May – John Rice	11 May – John Forestor
4 May – Michael Barillas	12 May – Brandon Kelley
5 May – Dr. Greg Coffman	14 May – Patrick Alessandri
6 May – Michael Ciappetta	18 May – Michael Berger
6 May – Steven Gertel	18 May – Mark Kinchla
8 May – George Myers	23 May – Zachary Hallock
11 May – Rev Scott Circe	29 May – Tim Galvin

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

Birthdays - Spouses

2 May – Celena Brown	12 May – Sherry Herring
7 May – Nalini Alessandri	14 May – Lokelani Vasse
9 May – Yaritsa Santana (Bajana)	19 May – Kim del Campo
9 May – Carol Tisdell	22 May – Laura Kornbrek
10 May – Carolyn Yonfa	27 May – Susan Starrine
11 May – Kelli D'Amato	

Happy Birthday Young Ladies!

Anniversaries

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3 May – Les & Camille Castro (43 years)
4 May – Brian and Kat Soto Cannon (4 years)
13 May – Tim & Marsha Norton (28 years)
15 May – Dan & Angela Coombs
18 May – Mike & Lei Lee Ciappetta (14 years)
20 May – Lynn & Evelyn Hinson (50 years)
20 May – Patrick & Nalini Alessandri (22 years)
21 May – GK George & Joanne Olson (39 years)
22 May – Mike & Irene Lane (46 years)
23 May – Martin & Peg Cone
26 May – Leonard & Teresa Romano (27 years)
27 May – Carlos & Maria Marchante (11 years)
28 May – Joshua & Jennifer Evans (11 years)
30 May – Ed & Becky Gold (18 years)
31 May – David & Lisa Larocque
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A Happy Anniversary to all of these Fine Couples, especially Lynn & Evelyn Hinson on their 50th.

Ordination

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29 May – Rev Andrzej Wojtan (34 years)
30 May – Rev Vilaire Philius (8 years)
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Congratulations on your very special day.

Service Anniversaries (1Q/2Q17)

1 Mar – GK George Olson (30 years)
1 Apr – James Fields (30 years)
5 Mar – Giovanni Vianello (20 years)
27 May – DD George del Campo (20 years)
27 May – Carlos Marchante (20 years)
27 Apr – Rev Jorge Torres (15 years)
21 May –Gregory Ehrbar (15 years)
21 May – Gary Herring (15 years)
21 May – Leonard Romano Jr (15 years)

18 Apr – Michael Leo (10 years)

23 Jun – Drew Belani (5 years) 23 Jun – Michael Berger (5 years) 24 Jun – Dr. Luis Alicea (5 years)

24 Jun – John Meehan (5 years)

24 Jun – Russell Morefield (5 years)

Congratulations on your milestone anniversaries.

Sponsors

\$5 per person / month

Sign-up to be a sponsor for the next 6 months; 50/50 drawing will be held during the Jun Business Meeting. The 50/50 split as of today is \$45.

Jan 2017 - Dan Wallace, Dr. Randy Judd

Feb 2017 - Dan Wallace, Dr. Randy Judd

Mar 2017 - Dan Wallace, Dr. Randy Judd, Les Castro

Apr 2017 - Dan Wallace, Dr. Randy Judd, Les Castro

May 2017 - Dr. Randy Judd, Les Castro, PGK Bob Wilson, Dan

Jun 2017 - Dr. Randy Judd, Les Castro, PGK Bob Wilson, Dan

Jul 2017 - Les Castro, PGK Bob Wilson, Dan Wallace

Aug 2017 - Les Castro, PGK Bob Wilson, Dan Wallace

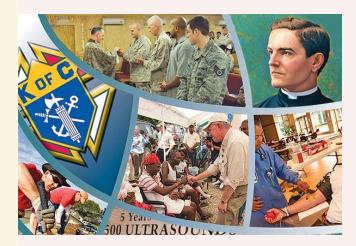
Sep 2017 - Dan Wallace

Oct 2017 - Dan Wallace

Nov 2017 - Dan Wallace

Dec 2017 - Dan Wallace (+4)

If interested, please notify Brother Yebrail Brennan or GK George Olson.



Thank You Letter Food for the Poor



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"As often as you did it to one of the least of My brothers and sisters, you did it to Me." Matt. 25:40

www.FoodForThePoor.org

Dear Friends

Thank you for what you have done for the poor. Your kind gift is a testament to your compassion and a beautiful example of what it means to have a Christ-like love for the less

Because of your generosity, desperate prayers have been answered. Whether it's shelter, food, water or helping in another meaningful way, you have brought hope and life to someone in need.

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Thank you for your loving gift to help the poor. Your generosity provides an opportunity for someone in need to have hope for the future. May God bless you always.

A servant of the poor,

Rolin J. Menfol.

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign The Russell Home / Epilepsy of CF



Knights of Columbus St. James Cathedral #12402 PO Box 2227 Orlando, FL 32802

Dear Knights of Columbus.

Your donation is a blessing to the Russell Home! Our family, staff and residents would like to thank you for your gift of \$150.00, check number 5808 and \$100.00, check number 2698 from your annual "Citizens with Disabilities Fundraiser."

The Russell Home could not help the families in our community if we did not have supporters like you! Your support and prayers have allowed us to continue our Grandmother's mission and for this, we are very thankful.

Spring is in the air and our household is excited. We hope everyone had a very Happy Easter!

Sincerely,

Vantrease Blair

Vantrease Blair Executive Director

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510 Holden Avenue, Orlando, FL 32839 Phone: 407-855-8063 Visit us on the Web @ www.RussellHome.org

EpilepsyAssociation of Central Florida

April 13, 2017

Mr. George Olson, Grand Knight Florida K of C Charities, Inc. Knight of Columbus St. James Cathedral Council #12402 P.O. Box 2227 Orlando, FL 32802

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Volunteers, Staff, and the hundreds we serve each year I write to thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness with your recent gift of \$101 through the Knights of Columbus Council #12402. Your continued support is deeply appreciated.

1 in 26 people will receive a diagnosis of epilepsy during their lifetime and more will die from it then breast cancer this year. Epilepsy can happen to anyone, at any age and at any time. It can change a person's life not just medically but with serious social consequences such as loss of one's driving privileges for a while and one's independence, loss of a job, family financial stress, broken homes, a 38% higher chance of dropping out of school, and even a 32% higher risk of suicide. This is why your gift means so much to us.

We are very proud to share say that our 2016 audit shows that 92% of the funds entrusted to us go directly to program services such as diagnostics (MRIs and EEGs), laboratory testing, neurologists care, medications, patient social crisis support, scholarships, and research grants. We are also happy to share that we have again, in 2016, been chosen by the nation's two top non-profit research organizations, GuideStar* and Charity Navigator*, to receive their highest awards, the "Gold Seal" and "Top Non-ProfitG".

Again, thank you so much. This letter will also serve as acknowledgement for the IRS of your gift.

Sincerely,

Charles "Chuck" Carmen, Executive Director





Thank You Letters

Habitat for Humanity Catholic Charities Morgan Mylod



April 5, 2017

Mr. George Olson Knights of Columbus St. James Cathedral Council #12402 P.O. Box 2227 Orlando, FL 32802

Dear Mr. Olson,

The Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando family is comprised of volunteers and supporters like you who provide the opportunity of homeownership to families right here in our community. Your generous gift of \$150.00 allows our homeowners to create a better future for themselves and for their family.

When reflecting on favorite memories in your home, it could take you to a time when you and your family looked through photo albums together laughing on the living room floor. Remember the countless times you have gathered around the dining room table for family meals? Our future homeowners look forward to making similar memories with their family in a place that they can finally call their own. We have been able to impact the lives of over 295 families since 1986 and the memories that have been created in these homes are simply immeasurable.

It certainly takes hands to build a house, but only hearts can build a home. Thank you for finding a place in your heart for our mission of providing strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter for our homeowners while making our community a better place to live.

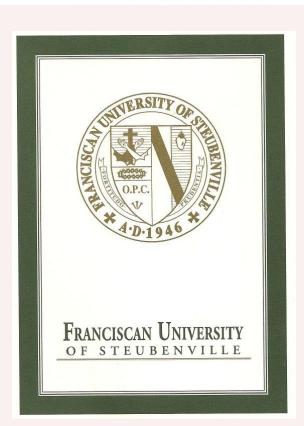
Sincerely,

Catherine Steck McManus President and CEO

This is an official receipt and no goods or services were provided in exchange for this gift.

(Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando Area is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Federal EIN# 59-2789167).

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April 4, 2017

Grand Knight George Olsen Knights of Columbus #12402 - St. James PO Box 2227 Orlando, FL 32802

Dear Grand Knight Olsen and Fellow Knights:

Thank you for your generosity as you embrace the people of God through your donation in the amount of \$250.00 (Ck# 2699) from your bake sale. Your generous contribution is a grace-filled gift offering direct assistance to those seeking our help when experiencing crisis in their lives.

We are dedicated to meeting our mission to "provide vital social services to people in need, regardless of their religious, social or economic background, to improve the lives of individuals, families and the community." The earing and generosity of others, such as you, enables us to continue in our mission to serve those in need. God bless you for extending Christ's gentle touch to our brothers and sisters in need. We pray with you for them.

If you have any questions about your gift to Catholic Charities, please contact our Development Office at (407) 658-1818 ext. 1110. May the Word of God be in our hearts and on our lips today and always.

Sincerely,

YOUR EFFORTS ARE A BLESSING TO OUR
MINISTRIOS GOOD BLESS YOU!

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Gary Q. Tester Executive Director

Dear Knight of Columbus,

Thank you so much for

your amazing financial

gift to Arizona Mission. Your

gift allowed me to go and

share my gifts with the

people of Douglas, AZ. The

mission trip went very well,

and (know in my haut, the

ford was using us to change

lives. I also want to make

you for your prayers, because

this was the Ford's mission

this and your prayers really

aid help it along. Good bless

you all, and I am praying for

you. Inchnist, morgan Mylod

Habitat for Humanity *Building Homes for Those in Need*



Castro reporting for duty. Thomas Jensen was also in attendance.

















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