



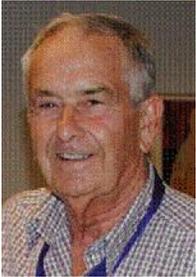
KNIGHTS LETTER OCTOBER 2013

Fr. Stanley S. Kromer, O. Carm.
Council 11553 * St. Raphael Parish * Englewood, FL



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings From The Grand Knight



Up North the leaves are beginning to fall and that means we can expect the arrival of our wonderful Snowbird members. It will be great to have them all back, and we wish them a safe journey.

On Labor Day the Knights participated in the **Pioneer Day Parade**. I would like to thank those Knights who volunteered to be part of this event, especially Leo Szafranski who marched the entire parade route carrying our flag.

On September 7, 2013 District Deputy, Mike Costanza, sponsored an informational meeting for all council officers. Mike and five state chair people gave talks on current and future events. Each Grand Knight was provided with **Fraternal Leader Success Planner Manuals** and **Leadership Guide for Membership Recruitment**. It was a great meeting!

Much thanks to all those who donated and supported our September 15, 2013 **Blood Drive**. More than a dozen units were collected.

The Board is working diligently in planning for our **Friday, October 18, 2013 Pasta Dinner at the Parish Center**. I would like to thank all those members of the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary who assist in making these dinners such a huge success.

Also in the planning is a monthly **Sunday Breakfast** at the Parish Center after Mass. More info will be forthcoming.

Please set aside **Sunday, October 27, 2013** for the **Sugar Bowl Show of Shows**. It is always a sell-out; so get your tickets early. Most importantly, all the proceeds of this event will be used to help local families in need. It's a delightful afternoon of excellent entertainment and it benefits our neighbors who are suffering hardships. Tickets for **the Show of Shows** are available through our **Deputy Grand Knight, Dave Sants**.

We are looking forward to hearing from our October guest speaker, **Steve Varga**. Steve is the Facilities Manager at Saint Raphael.

Vivat Jesus
Peter Pesa
Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHTS

My Fellow Knights,



The summer months are behind us and autumn (my favorite season!!!) is holding sway. Battles are being waged on all fronts: on diamonds,

on gridirons, on tennis courts, on hockey rinks, etc.,etc. But there is another battle that I would like to call your attention to and which affects each and everyone of us (not just sports fans), and that is the **spiritual battle** we are called to wage day in and day out.

Ever since the first days of the Church, scripture and the saints have described the christian life in terms of a spiritual battle. They talk about good versus evil, right versus wrong, God versus Satan, and heaven versus hell.

Rather than attempt a long discourse on the topic I will just share with you a few quotes from some of the saints on the spiritual battle. One or another may resonate with you. (the quotes, by the way, were compiled by the editor of "The Word Among Us," a magazine that contains daily meditations.)

* **Prayer is more powerful than all the devils. He who is attacked by the spirits of darkness needs only to apply himself vigorously to prayer, and he will beat them back with great success.**

--- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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* **In company guard your tongue
In your family guard your temper
When alone guard your thoughts**
--- **Matt Talbot**

* **The devil's snare doesn't catch you
unless you're already nibbling on the
devil's bait**
--- **St. Ambrose**

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District Deputy Message



To My Brothers All,

I want to first start by saying thanking you to all of you for the great year we have started. Your Council is doing a great job in the

name of charity, keeping the dream alive of Father McGivney. We now have to get busy making this fraternal year just as rewarding as the last. As you know, the big push should be membership. Tell your friends and neighbors about the Knights and all we are doing in the name of charity.

Brothers, we have the right to brag about what we do. It is the great men who are inspired by this great organization who carry out the deeds and the results show all the good we do. None of these things can be done without all of you. Let's pray that we will rise together and grow together.

We are about to open up Our Lady of Mt Carmel Council which will be part of this great District #51. I am very inspired by the warm things you all do to make everything work at its best. Your talents are much needed and always greatly appreciated. That being said, keep up the good work. I look forward to being with you at as many things as I can be.

Vivat Jesus

Michael J. Costanza Sr
District Deputy #50

K of C Insurance

By Thomas P. Smith Jr., Chief Insurance Officer

The Knights of Columbus is truly a remarkable, one-of-a-kind organization, and our insurance program continues to show its strength and stability in spite of economic turmoil. In fact, 2012 marked the twelfth consecutive year of growth in many categories, chief among them the volume of coverage issued. This accomplishment illustrates the faith our members have in the products and services we offer to protect their families.

Allow me to share a few of the Order's 2012 achievements with you.

During 2012, the Order issued more life insurance than ever before in our history: \$8.1 billion.

Our total insurance in force surpassed \$88 billion. To put this remarkable number in perspective, consider that at the end of 2001 we stood at \$42.9 billion.

The Order introduced a Graded Premium Whole Life plan, which makes whole life coverage more "budget-friendly" than ever before. We also made improvements to the Systematic Withdrawal Options on our annuity products. Ask your agent how these additions to our portfolio can benefit you and your family.

We finished the year with more field agents serving our members than ever before. Still, as our membership continues to grow, new agent candidates are always in demand across the U.S. and Canada. The ultimate goal is to have all of our members served by a dedicated, full-time agent. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming an agent, please contact me.

During 2012, we celebrated four exceptional months that were in the "best ever" category. Records were set in February, May, August and November.

More than 13,000 new retirement annuities were issued to our members and their families in 2012, and members continued to fund their current annuities in record numbers.

Our A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best was reaffirmed and there continues to be no more highly rated life insurer in North America.

Associate members continued to become insured members, extending our shield of protection to themselves and their families. They purchased more long-term care policies from the Knights of Columbus than in the past five years. As other companies discontinued this vitally important product, the value and strength of our long-term care Members average remains solid. This trend is especially important to every agent, manager and member of the staff in New Haven. After all, this is the founding goal of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney.

My purpose in sharing these statistics with you is twofold. First, take pride in the success your organization is having in fulfilling the vision of Father McGivney by caring for the financial security of our members and their families. Second, I want to remind you that today is a great day to meet with your professional agent to discuss coverage or review your current policies. If you don't know who he is, please visit kofc.org/findagent. You'll be glad you did.

LADIES' AUXILIARY OFFICERS		
	Chaplain	
Judy Henry	President	941-698-9825
Suzanne Walsh	Vice President	941-697-9686
Cathy Sants	Secretary	941-475-6956
Alyce Brunner (Otto)	Treasurer	941-475-8379
Dr. Diane Vitalis (Robert)	Trustee 1yr.	941-475-2771
Faye LeClaire (Jim)	Trustee 2yr.	941-475-2155

Hi Everyone,



Would just like to welcome everyone back. Sure hope you all had a great summer as we get back and start a new year. We have so much to do. I can't wait.

I'm up north right now helping my

sister as she is undergoing surgery in her eye which is cancerous. We are praying that all goes well with her.

We'll be working on our first project which is the Annual Basket Auction which will be November 9th.

Love to all of you.....

Judy Henry
President

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*** Always and everywhere, a person should aim to live as if God were visibly present. Such alertness requires that we turn our minds fully and decisively to the Lord.**

--- St. Bonaventure

*** The soul that is united with God is feared by the devil as though it were God himself**

--- St. John of the Cross

Father Niles
Chaplain
Council 11553



Knights of Columbus Council 11553 Presents

A Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, October 6, 2013, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
At the Parish Center

Cost is \$5.00 per person per plate. Children 12 and under eat free

Tickets may be purchased outside the church entrance before and after the following Masses:

- 4:00 pm, Saturday, September 28th
- 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, Sunday, September 29th
- Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office during regular business hours.
- Tickets will be available at the door of the Parish Center on Sunday October 6

MENU:

- Buttermilk Pancakes
- Syrup (regular and sugar free)
- Sausage Pattie
- Scrambled eggs
- Prepared Potatoes
- Coffee / Tea
- Orange Juice

All proceeds to benefit the charitable organizations supported by the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Council 11553 - St. Raphael Church.



2013 - 2014 COUNCIL OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN	Fr Niles Gillen	941-485-3673
GRAND KNIGHT	Peter Pesa (Joanne)	941-475-3770
DEPUTY GK	David Sants (Cathy)	941-475-6956
CHANCELLOR	Steve West (Joan)	941-473-4987
FIN SECRETARY	Jim Hefton (Dolly)	941-473-9584
TREASURER	Chris Garlasco (Marsha)	941-681-2122
RECORDER	Ian Coull (Dee)	941-416-8776
WARDEN	Bob Foley (Mary)	941-474-5831
ADVOCATE	Jack Seiler (Sue)	941-493-2542
LECTURER	Jack Maddigan (Mary)	941-473-2038
INSIDE GUARD	Harold Barette (Rozetta)	231-238-8325 ^c
OUTSIDE GUARD	Bill Dundon	941-525-3116
TRUSTEE (3 YEAR)	Bill O'Connell (Kathleen)	941-475-7653
TRUSTEE (2 YEAR)	Bob Walsh (Suzanne)	941-697-9686
TRUSTEE (1 YEAR)	Bob Kelley (Sue)	941-488-2149

District Deputy	Mike Costanza (Kelly)	941-400-7416
Faithful Navigator	Leo Szafranski	941-468-7945 ^c

DIRECTORS

Church	St Raphael	941-474-9595
Community	Jim Powell (Terri)	941-474-3520
Co-Respect Life	Dick Lusk (Grace)	941-475-1621
Co-Respect Life	Jack Seiler (Sue)	941-493-2542
Council/Pasta Din	David Sants (Cathy)	941-475-6956
Council/Pasta Din	Jim Hefton (Dolly)	941-473-9584
Historian	Tom Blanding (Kathy)	941-474-3083
Membership		
Newsletter	Jack Hardman (Jackie)	941-474-7828
Tootsie Roll Drive	John Knapke (Barbara)	941-493-2542

^c = cell phone

Blood Drive Schedule 2013

Oct 20 St Francis
Nov 17 St Raphael
Dec 15 St Francis



Knights of Columbus
FATHER STANLEY S. KROMER, O. C.A.R.M.
COUNCIL 11551, ST. RAPHAEL,
ENGLEWOOD, FL



PASTA DINNER

Donation \$8.00
\$9 at the Door
** Children Under 12 half price **
** Under 6 free **

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18 **50/50**
4:00 - 7:00 PM **3 for \$2**
ST. RAPHAEL **10 for \$5**
PARISH CENTER



Tickets are sold after masses
on the weekend before,
at the office, and may be
limited at the door.

Call Jim LeClaire 475-2155 or
Jim Hefton 473-9584 for tickets

CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date Time Day

October

03	6:00 P.M.	Thu	Officers/Directors Meeting @ 6:00 P.M. Business Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.
06	10:00 A.M.	Sun	K of C Breakfast in the PAC
06	1:00 P.M.	Sun	Blessing of the Animals in church parking lot
12-13	All Masses		Sell tickets for Pasta Dinner which is Oct 18
14		Mon	Columbus Day
18	4-7:00 P.M.	Fri	K of C Pasta Dinner @ the PAC
20	2-3:00 P.M.	Sun	K of C Officers/Ladies Aux Installation @ the PAC



Note With Show of Shows:

“Every year The Knights of Columbus in South Sarasota County and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, sponsors a “Show of Shows” to fill up their Sugar Bowl to give to low income, working families in the area, who are experiencing a onetime financial crisis, a one-time assistance to get them over their crisis. The show is an annual event and has thousands of dollars for this very worthy cause. This year's show will be on October 27 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Venice Community Center. Save the date!

“Happy Birthday” to Our Brother Knights for the Month of October.

- Robert Godlewski** Oct 02
- Thomas Gokey** Oct 04
- Richard August** Oct 05
- Richard Guy** Oct 09
- John Knapke** Oct 20
- Thomas Blanding** Oct 22
- Marion Sierocuk** Oct 26
- Christopher Burke** Oct 28
- Kenneth Kleinlein** Oct 29
- Kenneth Corl** Oct 31

Sugar Bowl Committee and Friends of the Sugar Bowl Fund Report:

As you know, the Sugar Bowl Show of Shows is our largest fundraiser. All money raised is used to help low income, working families who are experiencing a one-time financial crisis. The more money we can raise, the more families we can help.

This year the Show of Shows will feature Brian Gurl who is an energetic performer who appeals to audiences of all ages. He is sure to please all who attend this year’s show.

We would like to break all Show of Shows records and fill the house. I am attaching the poster for the show and asking everyone to send a “Save the Date” email, with the attached poster, to everyone on their email list who live in the South Sarasota County area and encourage them to attend.

The Sugar Bowl Committee

Post Office Notice

If you are going north be sure to request forwarding for 6 months. If you don't you will get only 3 months of forwarding. You may miss our Newsletters after 3 months time has elapsed. This notice is for those who get the Newsletter mailed through the Post Office. Thanks for your cooperation.

Reminder
Our First Pasta Dinner
Will Be This October 18th
See Flyer On Page 4

Pasta Dinners Are Back

The first Pasta Dinner of the season will be held on **Friday, October 18 at the Father Niles Gillen Parish Activity Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Dave Sants and Jim Hefton are chairmen of the dinners this year and will be heading up the kitchen. John Brower and Chuck Sapiano will be in charge of the salad crew. The Gokey brothers, John and Tom, head up the cleanup crew.

Brother Marion Sierocuk is head man at the 50/50 group.

Jim LeClaire will be in charge of pre-ticket sales. As always, we need volunteers to sell tickets at all Masses the weekend of October 12 and 13.

The Ladies Auxiliary, under Judy Henry, are a big help serving the food. We also have the delicious dessert table, thanks to Faye LeClaire.

Dave Sants-Jim Hefton
Co-Chairmen



Here we see Dave Sants (L) and Jim Hefton serving guests at a function earlier this summer. Dave and Jim will be in charge of all the Pasta Dinners this year for Council 11553.

K of C Council 11553/Ladies Auxiliary Officers Installation

The annual instillation of officers for the K of C Council 11553 and Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Sunday, October 20 in the Council meeting room in the Father Niles Parish Activity Center at 2:00 P.M. Grand Knight, Peter Pesa, will be leading the Council Officers and Ladies Auxiliary President, Judy Henry, will be heading the Ladies Auxiliary Officers.

Following the installation there will be a dinner at a local restaurant.

Annual Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals will take place on Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the church parking lot in front of the Parish Activity Center. Father Mark will do the honors of blessing the animals. In the photo below you can see the different pets parading around after the blessing last year. Bring your furry, feathered or other pets. There should be a treat to hand out to everyone afterwards. Our K of C 11553 will be there to help out. Come and have your photo taken with your pet!



Father Mark leads the animal parade around the parking lot last year at the Blessing of the Animals

K of C 11553 Road Cleanup Day

On Sep 21 our K of C 11553 had their street cleanup near St Raphael Church. Thanks to all who volunteered to help out.



The cleanup crew from L. Jack Seiler, Chris Garlasco, Bob Foley, Marsha Garlasco, Jim Powell, chairman, Tom Kelly, Jerry Godfrey, John Reynolds and John Trush. They can be seen on the next page relaxing at breakfast at Wink's Restaurant.

Newsletter Boosters-2013-14

Aubuchon, James
 August, Richard
 Bandy Sr, Leon
 Barette, Harold
 Blanding, Thomas
 Boyle, Hugh
 Bozcar, Shirley
 Brodeur, Leonard
 Brower, John
 Brown, Thomas
 Bush, Gregory
 Caron, Paul
 Caulder, Bruce
 Charleson, James
 Coakly, John
 Conlon, James
 Connary, Larry (L)
 Coull, Ian
 Cousineau, Wilford (L)
 Crook, Richard (L)
 Deshaies, Albert
 Dundon, William
 Englehart, George
 Ewles, Howard

Faro, Thomas
 Farrell, Ed
 Fortunato, Stephen
 Fry, Michael
 Garlasco III, Christopher
 Gerovac, Joseph
 Giel, John
 Giroux Jr, Arthur (L)
 Godlewski, Robert (L)
 Gokey, John
 Gregory, John
 Hanson, Harrison
 Hanyak, James
 Hardman, John (L)
 Hefton, Jim
 Heissenbuttel, Eugene(L)
 Horgan, Timothy
 Houston, William
 Kelley, Robert
 Kelly, Thomas
 Keough, Thomas
 Kleinlein, Kenneth
 Knapke, John
 Krum, David

LeClaire, James (L)
 LeClerc, Leon (L)
 Lusk, Richard
 Maddigan Jr, John
 McDonald, Bruce
 McGinnis, Donald
 McWha, Bill
 Melideo, Thomas
 Mignemi, Albert
 Miller, Margaret
 O'Connell, C. William
 Mroczkowski, Gerald
 Neumann, Henry
 Newton, Earl
 Ouellette, Raymond
 Parker, Stanley
 Patterson, William
 Pesa Peter
 Planeta, Edward
 Powell, James
 Powell, Terri
 Reynolds, John
 Roaen, Leonard (L)
 Saje, Norbert

Sampson, Donald
 Sapiano, Charles
 Scott, Eileen
 Seiler, Jack (L)
 Sierocuk, Marion
 Simone, Martin
 Spagnolo, Joseph (L)
 Stroer, Dennis
 Toenjes, Karl
 Turnock, James
 Vendetta, John
 Vitalis Sr, Robert
 Wallace, Florence
 Walsh, Robert
 Weatherhead, Edward
 Webber, Stretch
 Wendlandt, Ronald
 Wenner, Emil
 Wilson, Leslie
 Zor, Frank (L)
 Zuk, Kenneth

 L=Life Member



This is the same cleanup crew as the preceding page relaxing at Wink's Restaurant after working hard to clean up the streets. Janet joined us with Jerry Godfrey on the rear right side.

57th Annual Englewood Labor Day Parade



Leo Szafranski of Council 11553 is leading the parade carrying the American flag the whole 2 miles.



These three Knights are from Council 11553 from L. Jim Powell, Grand Knight Peter Pesa and Dave Sants.



Jean Berlin was chosen as this year's Grand Marshall for the annual Englewood Pioneer Day Parade. As she rode down Old Englewood Rd and then down Dearborn St, it was like "Memory Lane" thinking of her husband and how things were during the last 50 years. An unforgettable Labor Day, September 2, 2013!