



March 2009

# Annunciation Newsletter

## Knights of Columbus

### Council 12761

Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays at 7:30 PM  
Family Life Center Fireplace Room  
Annunciation Catholic Church  
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#### Grand Knight's Report



March Events: Mar 3 – business meeting at cultural center, 7pm, Mar 6, 13, 20 and 27 Lenten Dinners, Mar 14 – ST PATRICKS Dance – FLC, Mar 17 – Knights Night – Cultural Center – 7pm, Mar 26 – O & D Meeting, FLC, Rm A, Mar 28 – Channel 2 BB Game – Brother John Scala for details, Mar 29 – Communion Breakfast – SWCC after 9am Mass, No date for Tootsie Roll Drive – Brother Ken Kiesel.  
April Events: April 7<sup>th</sup> – Business meeting, at CC 7pm, April 19 – Blood Drive after all Masses, April 21 – Knights Night at CC; 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification afterwards, April 30 – O & D Meeting Rm A at FLC

#### Chaplain's Report



As we approach the greatest feast of the liturgical year, preceded by the solemnity of Holy Week, we give thanks to God for the gift of our salvation. Each of us is a "pearl of great price" to the Lord, and precious in His eyes. He suffered and died for us. The passion accounts which will be heard in the liturgies for Palm Sunday and Good Friday, ask a fundamental question: "Who is Jesus for me; who is He for you?" This question was posed three times in the passion story – first by the onlookers in Jerusalem as Our Lord was processing on the donkey, the second time by Caiphas at the religious trial, and the third time by Pontius

Pilate. The first time, those traveling with Jesus answered nominally: "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." Certainly, this was a true statement, but falls far short of the answer of a true believer. The second and third times, Jesus replies to the high priest and to Pilate: "You have said so." Essentially, Jesus told them that they had answered their own question. It was not until Good Friday afternoon when the definitive answer to Jesus' true identity was given – and then by a Roman centurion, who declared: "Surely, this was the Son of God." As we continue our Lenten journey of meditation, prayer, and practical penances, we would do well to ponder that identity question as it applies to our own lives of faith. There will be many for whom Jesus is merely a prophet or perhaps an historical figure, but largely irrelevant to their life. They would give a "nominal" answer, as did those who accompanied Jesus into Jerusalem. If Jesus

truly is God, and the center of our lives, then He is our Messiah and guide, giving purpose and meaning to every decision we make. Our journey as knights and ladies is through this life to our eternal destiny. There is no time to lose, and each day is a fresh opportunity with our timeless God. The worst thing that could happen to us would be the loss of God's friendship, either through serious sin or neglect. We would dread to hear Him say to us, when we arrive for judgment: "I'm sorry, but I don't know you!" In these final weeks of Lent and Holy Week, we should try to make ourselves more present to Jesus and to one another in His and our sufferings, so that we may enjoy Him for all eternity. May God bless and guide you.

Sincerely In Christ,  
 Father Steve Baumann  
 Chaplain

Field Agent's Report



Brothers, we have a new Insurance Agent for our council, Matt Waligura. He is currently working with other councils and has agreed to help out with ours. Please join me in welcoming him. Also, I would like to express our appreciation to Dennis LaCour

for his years of service to the council and the district. He has been much more than just our insurance agent. He has been our friend and an inspiration to all newly exemplified Knights. He has delivered many inspirational speeches about the honor of being a Knight and has helped with a lot of activities. We will miss him and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Thanks, Dennis!

Dick Crowe

**Pro-life Views**



As Catholics all of us are required, not asked, to do the will of God. No ifs, buts or maybes. All have been granted a free will so we do have a choice to do otherwise but, in order to be Catholic, we must do the will of God, not what we think is the will of God. Christ, as man, had the choice of not being crucified but he accepted His Father's will and suffered a hideous death in order to give us everlasting life. Doing God's will is not limited to Catholics. However as Catholics we are also called to spread the word of God to all. As knights we are called to be soldiers of the

Catholic Church so it is imperative that we spread the word of God. How can we do this? One way is to protect the life of the unborn. What can we do? We must protest the actions/words of many of our legislators, especially those who claim to be Catholic. We must point out to other Catholics and non-Catholics that these people are not Catholic but only call themselves Catholic. Many legislators actually take money from tainted sources such as Planned Parenthood, NARAL and Emily's List. The following is a partial list of so-called Catholic legislators and the amount of money each took from these organizations: Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi - \$244,031 Sen. John Kerry - \$204,768 Sen. Ted Kennedy - \$211,643 Sen. Bob Casey - \$327,914 (many in Pennsylvania think he is pro-life) Sen. Patty Murray - \$1.04 million (wow!) and Kathleen Sebelius, Gov. of Kansas and nominated for head of Health and Human Services, has taken money from and entertained at her home George Tiller ("Tiller the killer"), the most notorious abortionist in the country. Let all of us become true soldiers of the Catholic Church. Let us become true defenders of life. During Lent join other Catholics who pray the Rosary at one of the local abortion facilities. Also, tell others of the funding of the above legislators.

## Knights of Columbus 12761 – General Meeting March 3, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM by our Grand Knight, Dr. Joe Smyth. Prayers and the pledge were recited and Brother Carl led with God Bless America.

**ATTENDANCE:** All Present – less those excused below.  
Excused – Chaplain, Lecturer, 2<sup>nd</sup> outside guard and Dep Grand Knight.  
Absent – None.

**MINUTES:** The past month minutes were distributed by email and accepted.

**ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE:** John Scala

- (7) New members were added in January/February and 7 others are on standby; some are reinstatements and others are transfers: Congratulations to all of our recruiters during the BLITZ months!

**TREASURER REPORT:** –George Vrabel. The report was presented at the meeting and is available on request.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT:** Joel Kling – Many members still owe membership fees for a total of \$4,900.00. “Lets get out accounts up to date” from our GK

- **Pro-Life Report: Paul Guyet**
  - No Report

**FIELD AGENT REPORT: Matthew J. Waligura – new temporary field agent**

- Was introduced by our GK and after a brief personal background, he then reported on new items, such as Discoverer and 700/800 Series.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY:** Joe DiSalvo

- Provided data on other councils degree exemplifications such as: April 8<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification by Council 2112 and on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification also at 2112.
- **CHURCH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR:** Bob Nettles – No Report

**OLD BUSINESS: provided by GK**

- Thank you letters received FOCUS, JMJ and Sharing Center
- Discussion and voting on changing our meeting days from Tuesdays to Mondays (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month) starting in July 2009. The change was accepted by majority vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- It was brought to our attention that Ms Linda Denis, the chairperson of Stewardship Committee desires 5 minutes at each of our FISH FRYs to market her ministry; after much discussion it was decided that if we did it for her we would have to do it for all ministries that wanted more exposure. It was decided that it was not a good idea. The parish has a Recruiting Time, later on in the year, when all ministries have a booth in the FLC where they present fliers and information on their respective ministries.

- **REPORT OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE: FN Carmine Bravo**

- Flag Day – flags are available to be purchased by all ...there is an email that is being disseminated with all of the pertinent information: size of flags and prices and information relating to the Retirement of Old Flags that you might want to turn in; we have the VFW and the Boy Scouts who do the honors in the proper manner.

**CHAPLAIN SUMMATION:** Bob Burns/Excused

- No report.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:** We are asked to pray for-

- Chuck Henry – Dementia – Head Injury
- Kevin Madden – son of Brother Art Madden – born with genetic syndrome and now has Esophageal Cancer
- Monsignor Caverly – and his many health problems
- Our GK, Joe Smyth – in stable condition
- Bob Burns – radiation therapy
- Tom Crowley -
- J. French -
- Jim McGowan
- John Ploehn – prostrate removal
- Jim Commurford – heart problems
- Daughter in law – Kerry Banaghan – full hysterectomy;
- Walsh – triple bypass
- Lynn Sienkiewicz – recovering from brain tumor
- Tom Murphy – prostrate cancer
- Bonnie Donihi – ovarian and colon cancer
- Don Lyons – Gall Bladder Surgery
- Don McCourt – Cancer Treatment
- George Vrabel – Bladder lesions, Chemotherapy – pending surgery
- Michael McLaughlin – Colon Cancer
- Mary Martin –
- Carl's wife Marilyn on crutches after fall
- Steve – ear surgery next Monday
- Mary Korinek -
- Bob Felice -
- G. Foster
- J. Topercer -

**CLOSING:**

- Closing prayer, followed by America the Beautiful and meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

## Upcoming Events

Mar	Day	Time	Event	Place	Comments
03/01/09	SUN	MASS	Tables	Church	
TBD	SAT	Various	Tootsie Roll Drive	Outside	Date not set
03/03/09	TUE	7:00 PM	Council 12761 Business Meeting	Cultural Center	
03/06/09	FRI	Various	Lenten Dinners	Family Life Center	Skylight Room
03/09/09	MON	7:30 PM	St. Patrick Assembly 2883 Business Mtg	Fireplace Room	
03/13/09	FRI	Various	Lenten Dinners	Family Life Center	Skylight Room
03/14/09	SAT	7:00 PM	St Pat's Dance	Family Life Center	Skylight Room
03/17/09	TUE	7:00 PM	Council 12761 Knights Night	Cultural Center	
03/20/09	FRI	Various	Lenten Dinners	Family Life Center	Skylight Room
03/26/09	THU	7:00 PM	Council 12761 Officers & Director's Meeting	Family Life Center	Room A
03/27/09	FRI	Various	Lenten Dinners	Family Life Center	Skylight Room
03/29/09	SUN	9:00 AM	Communion Breakfast	Sweetwater CC	
Apr	Day	Time	Event	Place	Comments
04/07/09	TUE	7:00 PM	Council 12761 Business Meeting	Cultural Center	
TBD	SAT	Various	Tootsie Roll Drive	Outside	Date not set
04/13/09	MON	7:30 PM	St. Patrick Assembly 2883 Business Mtg	Fireplace Room	
04/18/09	SAT	MASS	Tables	Church	
04/18/09	SAT	MASS	Food Drive (Moved to May)	Outside	Moved to May
04/19/09	SAT	MASS	Tables	Church	
04/19/09	SAT	MASS	Food Drive (Moved to May)	Outside	Moved to May
04/21/09	TUE	7:00 PM	Council 12761 1st Degree Exemplification	Cultural Center	
04/25/09	SAT	7:00 PM	Channel 2 Basketball	ACA	
04/30/09	THU	7:00 PM	Council 12761 Officers & Director's Meeting	Family Life Center	Room A

## March and April Birthday's

Cannizzaro	Marc	03	01	Fairley	Carl	04	02
Kondor	Chris	03	02	Diroff	Jim	04	05
Madden	Arthur	03	02	Petracca			
Smyth	Joe	03	02	Carmino	Frank	04	06
Odoh	Elias	03	03	Flammia	Wayne	04	08
Vergara	Marco	03	07	Buckles	Randal	04	09
Pryor	Joe	03	11	Putz	Dave	04	09
Bravo	LT Anthony	03	12	Roose	Michael M	04	10
Christian	William	03	13	Barrese	Paul	04	14
Coakley	Chuck	03	13	Gaboury	Lawrence	04	16
Cutlip	Mark	03	13	Loffredo	Vince	04	17
Farah	Jeff	03	14	Freeman	Colin	04	20
Padilla	Antonio	03	20	Crenshaw	Doug	04	25
Ferris	Joe	03	21	Crowe	Richard	04	25
Roberto	Paul	03	25	Corkum	Mark	04	26
Arbelius	Ross	03	26	Gaynor	Dennis	04	26
Gibney	John	03	26	Hyer	Bill	04	27
Larbig	Gert	03	26	Lemus	Tony	04	28
Varitek	Joe	03	26	Marconi	Frank	04	28
Zucks	John T	03	28	Kling	Joel	04	29
Sterner	Steve	03	29				
Till	Larry	03	29				
Behal	Tim	03	30				
Lane, Jr.	Ron	03	31				

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Grand Knight:	Dr. Joe Smyth	407-774-7487	Trustee 1 Year:	John Lampe	407-788-1469
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Chancellor:	John Scala	407-804-0518	Trustee 3 Year:	Dick Crowe	407-786-5539
Recorder:	Jonas Pomales	407-492-9578	Treasurer:	George Vrabel	407-767-9678
Advocate:	Carmine Bravo	407-332-7286	Financial Secretary:	Joel Kling	407-804-0155
Warden:	Ray Bowser	407-889-8841	Lecturer:	Bob Burns	407-771-4447
Outside Guard:	Larry Hackett	407-346-6233	District Deputy:	Joe DiSalvo	407-829-2030
Outside Guard:	John Gibney	407-304-9340	Supreme Insurance Rep:	Dennis LaCour	407-323-8438
Inside Guard:	Mike DeBella	407-774-1646	Chaplain:	Fr. Stephen Baumann	407-788-6086
Inside Guard:	Jack Cash	407-242-5225			

Directors					
Program Director	Shawn Jiles	407-814-8904	Council Director	Jim Maher	407-375-1777
Church Director	Bob Nettles	407-297-1852	Youth Director	Mike Duffy	407-682-0354
Membership Director	John Scala	407-804-0518	Family Director:	Vacant	TBD
Community Director	John Scala	407-804-0518			

Chairmen					
Admissions:	John Scala	407-804-0518	Golf Tournament:	John Scala	407-804-0518
Adult Spirituality	Carl Fairley	407-332-7738	Health Services	Vacant	TBD
Athletics	Mike Duffy	407-682-0354	Human Needs:	Dick Crowe	407-786-5539
Basketball Free Throw	John Scala	407-804-0518	Human Needs:	Dick Ashby	407-862-9944
Blood Donor:	Dick Ashby	407-862-9944	Human Needs:	Ron Dager	407-869-9088
Blood Donor:	Chuck Coakley	407-880-1359	Human Needs:	Don Lyons	407-682-0057
Channel 2 Basketball	Greg Fox	407-788-2835	Insurance Promotions:	Dennis LaCour	407-323-8438
Christ in Christmas	Shawn Jiles	407-814-8904	Knight of Month/Year	Dr Joe Smyth	407-774-7487
Christmas Party	Frank Zelesnik	407-880-2989	Lay Apostolate:	Tony Padilla	407-788-1537
Civic Involvement	Vacant	TBD	Lenten Dinners	Vacant	TBD
Communications	Dick Crowe	407-786-5539	Mentally Challenged:	Ken Kiesel	407-862-8931
Communications	Pedro Colon	407-869-6256	Pro-Life	Paul Guyet	407-774-4509
Communion Breakfast	Dr Joe Smyth	407-774-7487	Public Relations	Vacant	TBD
Communion Breakfast	George Vrabel	407-767-9678	Recreations/Picnic:	Mike Duffy	407-682-0354
Communion Breakfast	Carmine Bravo	407-332-7286	Recruitment:	John Scala	407-804-0518
Coupon Books:	Lee Witte	407-682-9613	Recruitment:	Dick Crowe	407-786-5539
Cultural:	Vacant	TBD	Recruitment:	Carmine Bravo	407-332-7286
Education Scholarship:	John Lampe	407-788-1469	Religious Devotions:	Vacant	TBD
Evangelization:	Vacant	TBD	Retention:	John Lampe	407-788-1469
Fall Festival	Jim Maher	407-375-1777	Roller Skating:	Ed Egan	407-869-7218
Fall Festival	Pedro Colon	407-869-6256	Roller Skating:	Jeff Swiatek	407-320-1975
Family of the Month/Year:	Vacant	TBD	Social:	Carl Fairley	407-332-7738
Food Drives:	Dick Crowe	407-786-5539	Social:	Jock Sterling	407-523-9718
Food Drives:	Steve Sterner	407-772-2497	Spelling Bee:	Vacant	TBD
Food Drives:	Mike DeBella	407-774-1646	St Patrick's Dance	Jim Maher	407-375-1777
Fraternalism:	Vacant	TBD	Survivor Assistance:	Vacant	TBD
Fr. Michael McGivney	Vacant	TBD	Vocations:	John Woods	407-862-5682
Golf Tournament:	George Vrabel	407-767-9678	Youth Groups:	Mike Duffy	407-682-0354



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**Please pray for all our Brothers and their families who are sick or in distress. Especially:  
- ALL Mentioned For the Good Of The Order at the Monthly Business Meeting.**

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