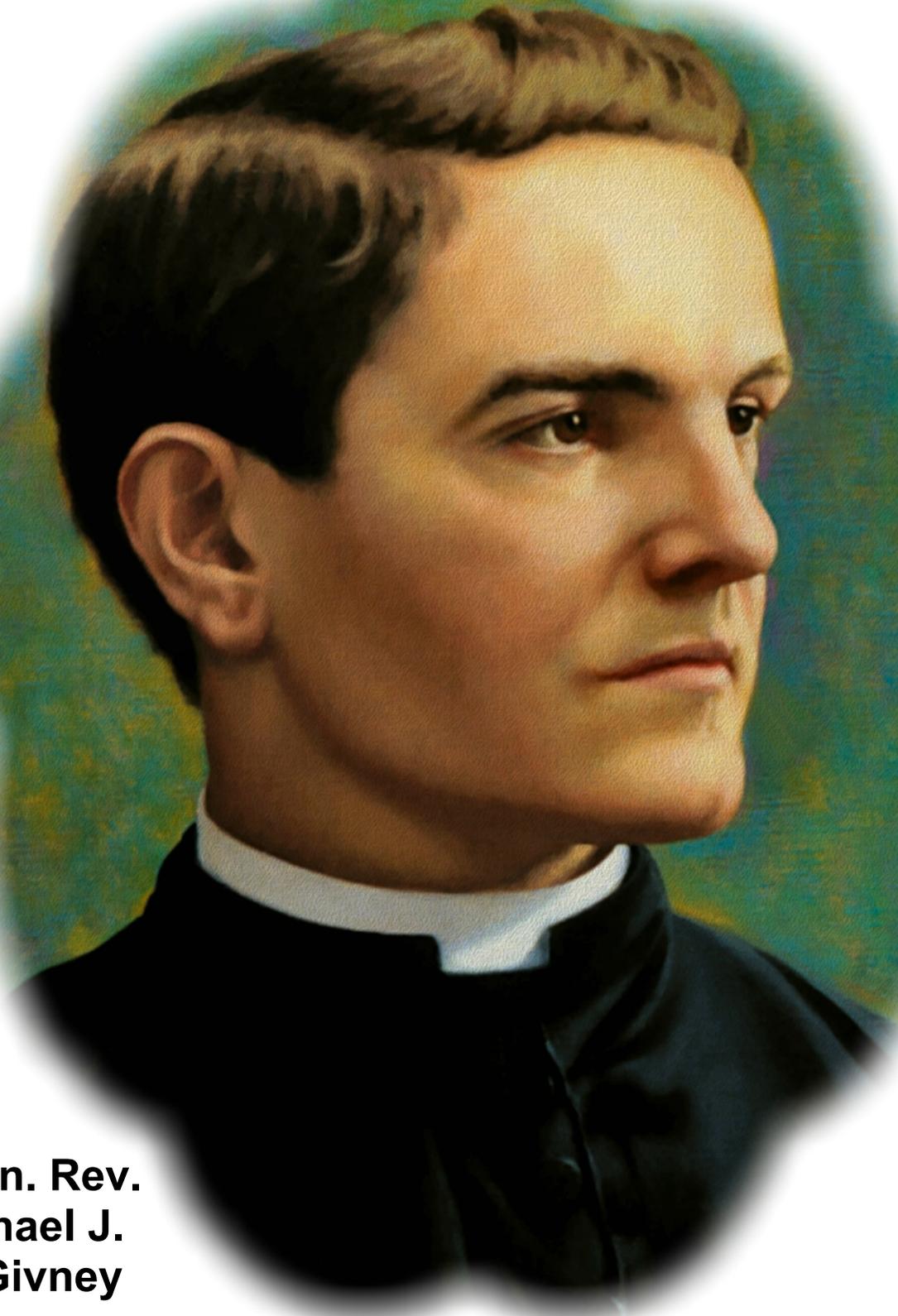


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Business Meetings held the 1st
Thursday of every month

On the cover: Venerable Rev. Michael
J. McGivney.



Brothers,

Happy March that brings with it the height of "Snowbird Season" and it truly is in full swing! Hoping this monthly newsletter finds all and family in good health enjoying all life's treasures on the Suncoast of Florida!

Many thanks to all who helped with the Tootsie Roll drive which pulled in close to \$3400 this year. It may not be the most glamorous event in the calendar but the assistance we are able to render those suffering from intellectual disabilities makes it all worthwhile.

I wish to offer hearty congratulations to Brother Anthony Hopfinger on making his Knighthood 3rd Degree on February 16 at Incarnation in Sarasota. Not only has Tony completed his journey to Knighthood but he will be exemplified into the 4th Degree on March 23rd in Bradenton. Congratulations Brother Tony on taking advantage of the "fast track" to both full Knighthood and receiving the Patriotic degree.

We have an upcoming Corporate Communion and optional Communion Breakfast event Sunday March 31st. Just a reminder that if you plan to come for breakfast you need to contact SK David Tschanz (nleditor15821@gmail.com) at least five days before as seating is limited for this wonderful and filling breakfast omelet station and buffet complete with \$2 Mimosa and Bloody Mary at Venice Golf & River Club.

The Shark Tooth Festival will run from April 12-14th this year. As usual we are looking for dedicated and committed person to drive the parking lot shuttle for this event. This is a great time for all and helps Sarasota County Special Olympics operate their principal fundraiser.

The committee headed by Brother Dennis Korinek and SK Dennis O'Leary are hard at work planning our next golf tournament planned for Saturday April 13 at Waterford Country Club. Format is a 9 hole, 4 person Scramble with Happy Hour and dinner served at the Mt. Carmel Hall afterward. Flyers and signup sheets will be made available at the March 6 general meeting! Help will be needed in several areas to make this event a "hole in one" success. Please contact Brother Dennis Korinek or SK Dennis O'Leary to put your name in to help and a foursome to play.

Last but not least this issue represents the 5th anniversary of publication of the *Knighly News*, which has been edited by SK David Tschanz since its beginning. In the four years it has been eligible your council newsletter has earned three first place and one second place award as the best newsletter in the state of Florida.

Vivat Jesus!

Bruce A. Crisman

Grand Knight, Council 15821

Spiritual Reflection Walk With God at Your Side



Ash Wednesday is March 6th this year. As we begin our journey of 40 days we should remember, everything is grace; and that precisely is the message of the season of Lent. All is God’s grace, that is, his gift to us. It is by this grace that we have been saved and made God’s children and part of the very life of God. It is by this grace also that we are called to manifest what God has done to our life.

This is the story of our own relationship with God. Although we have been undeserving before God because of what we have done, God continues to show us His loving mercy. He has sent us his only Son Jesus, not to condemn us of our sins, but to free us . Although we have turned away from the light and preferred to live in darkness, He has sought us and brought us to the light of his truth.

God initiates the way to bring us back to himself even if we lack any desire to be united to Him. All of this flows from His great love, His abounding mercy and immeasurable kindness . All of this is God’s grace.

We should reflect on and appreciate the wonderful mystery of God’s grace and what it has accomplished in our life. Yet the real task in front of us during this season is how we can respond adequately to the invitation of grace asking us to live out truly the new life God has imparted to us. This season challenges us to make living and effective what God has begun in us by making ourselves faithful to our vocation as God’s children. “We are His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance”.

As we approach this Lenten journey, may our lives reflect more the wonderful things accomplished in us by the grace that comes from God through our Lord Jesus Christ.. - *Deacon Tom Grant*



Please add these persons to your daily prayer list

+Smentkowski, SK Pete	+Hancock, Br. Jim	+Konzelman, Br. Lee	+Jankowski, Br. Dominic
+Hetlinger, Br John	+DelVecchio, Br. Carlo	+Ewing, Br “Ted”	+Schafer, Br. John
+Ramuno, Br. Peter	+Rev. Wm .O’Malley	+Kella, Br. William	McMullen, Br. Tom
+Radzilowski, J. M.	+Skerencak, Josephine	+Tschanz, Alfred	+Crisman, Betty
+Lurix, Joanne	+Bauer, Marie	Balaze, Patricia	McDermitt, Rose
Nelson, Jeff	Meyer, Br Jim	+McMahon, Keith	+Wills, Sheila
+Langhamer, Rodd	Farrell, SK Ed	Meyer, Br. Jim	Marrone, Br. Steve
All in need of hope	All who are hungry	All Refugees	

Pre-Meeting Rosary



Brothers are invited to attend a corporate rosary beginning at 6:30 PM. Prayer is a "we" thing. "Our Father, who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread," etc. Jesus prayed that we may be one, and one of the ways we can "practice" this and actually DO this is to pray together. This is an opportunity for you to avail yourselves of that experience.

Knights of the Month & Family of the Month Honorees

The Knight and Family of the Month are honors awarded for efforts above and beyond the average call of duty. These awards are given once a month usually at our Business Meetings. Please don't hesitate to say thanks to these worthy recipients for all their efforts.

Knights of the Month – January 2019 Ed McManus



Brother McManus is currently the Council Advocate. He is being honored for his work on researching the question of the council officer's need for supplementary insurance.

Family of the Month – January 2019 Ron & Carla Silva



Brother Ron Silva personifies the word “gentleman.” This kind, soft spoken brilliant member is greatly admired by his brother knights.

Brother Ron was a charter member of the council and served as Guard for two years. In the parish he can be found as a key player in the Immokalee Food Drive and the council's liaison to this important ministry.

It doesn't take long to realize that Carla, his wife of 60 years, plays a critical part in his work for the council and provides enduring support.

Congratulations to this exceptional Family of the Month

First Year Knight? Earn the Shining Armor Award

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the “Shining Armor Award” is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

To qualify for the “Shining Armor Award” new Knights must do the following during their first year of membership:



- Be involved in at least three council service programs
- Attend at least three council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with their council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

Currently recipients receive Certificates of Recognition along with special "Shining Armor" Lapel Pins in recognition of their achievement.

Hopfinger Receives Third (Knighthood) Degree



On February 16th Brother Anthony Hopfinger completed his journey to full knighthood at a Third Degree exemplification sponsored by Council 15332 in Sarasota.

There are three degrees of the order, each corresponding to a separate virtue: charity (Admission/First Degree), unity (Formation/Second Degree), and fraternity (Knighthood/Third Degree). The final (optional) Patriotic/Fourth Degree focuses on the virtue of patriotism.

Upon taking the Third Degree, a member receives full honors of Knighthood and is "Knighted." Privileges of Third Degree membership include the ability to serve as a local council officer, and admission to state and Supreme Council business meetings. Third Degree members and their immediate family members can have 4th Degree Honor Guards be present at their wake. They are also eligible to earn their Fourth Degree, the final degree of the Knights of Columbus. Most importantly as a Third Degree member they have learned the lessons of the third degree, which is Fraternity.

Attending in support were SK Ron Balaze, DGK; SK Bruce Crisman, GK and SK David Tschanz, PGK.

Volunteer Opportunities

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." ~Winston Churchill

Coffee & Doughnuts

March 3 & 17, 2019

All Masses - Clean up and set up

Contact Brother [Tom McDermitt](#)

Pancake Breakfast

March 10, 2019

All Masses – Various Duties

Contact Grand Knight [Bruce Crisman](#)

Special Olympics Shark Tooth Festival Shuttle Drivers

April 13-15, 2018

Volunteers are needed for shuttle driving duties at the Annual Shark's Tooth Festival

If you are able to help, please contact Past Grand Knight [David Tschanz](#)

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

Join a team of volunteers who share God's love and mercy with those incarcerated in any of the 21 jails/prisons throughout the Diocese. No previous experience required; newcomers are paired with experienced volunteers.

Contact Robert Hiniker at 863-558-0407, hinbob5@hotmail.com

Council Collects \$\$\$ for Citizens with Disabilities

Our annual Citizens for Disabilities campaign collected over \$3400 for three local charities in February. After processing the Knights of Columbus Charities, checks will be presented to Sarasota Special Olympics; Dreams are Free and Venice Challenger Baseball.

Collections were made at the Publix at Casey Key (February 1-3) and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel after all Masses on January 26-27.

This is probably the Knights of Columbus' best-known national fund-raiser. Unlike fundraising done by other organizations, every dollar raised goes to help people with disabilities.

Coordination of the program was conducted by Deputy Grand Knight Ron Balaze who enlisted the help of 20 knight and their families.

Special thanks to the following brothers who worked one or more two hour shifts in front of our local Publix: Stanley Anthony, Dan Anulare, Warren Augenthaler, Don Crandell, Bruce Crisman, Clarence Elek, Dave Erb, Tom Hall, Tony Hopfinger, Walter Kupchonos, John Lauffer, Fred Madigan, Tom Marko, Tom McDermitt, Dennis O'Leary, Ed Regan, Benjamin Rusco, and Dave Tschanz.



Field Agent Notes

A Primer on Permanent Life Insurance



For this month's column, I thought a little primer on permanent life insurance might be helpful. Whole life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection, and it calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. This coverage guarantees lasting coverage long after group and term insurance coverage ends and premiums that will never rise as you age.

You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers four permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life. "Ten Pay Life" and "Twenty Pay Life" are exactly as the names suggest: permanent plans with premiums payable for 10 or 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 10 or 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike their term counterparts, however, the plans stay in force, the death benefits remain intact, and the guaranteed cash values continue to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force. Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying a one-time single premium. It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

You can reach me at (941) 923-7912 or via E-mail at Frank.Burns@kofc.org.

Fraternally,
Frank Burns



Founders Day Communion

March 31, 2019

8:30 AM Mass

Breakfast following

The optional post-mass breakfast/brunch venue will be held at the Venetian Golf and River Club at the east end of Laurel Road. The breakfast is a full buffet with an omelet station and a

large selection of other items including sausage & biscuits, blintzes, Danish, etc. Cost is 9.95++ per person.

Places for breakfast are limited to 20 seats -- so please "book early." If you sign up to attend and do not cancel 72 hours in advance, you will be charged. Please advise SK David Tschanz if you wish to attend. He can be reached at dwt1121@gmail.com or 941-488-4794

Meeting Schedule for 2018-19 Fraternal Year

The table below shows the key meeting dates for the upcoming 2018-19 Fraternal Year.

Officers Meeting	Monthly Meeting	Corp. Communion
February 26 th	March 7 st	March 31 th **
March 26 th	April 4 th	
April 23 rd	May 2 nd	
May 28 th	June 6 th	June 30 th

**Officer's Meeting begins at 4:00 PM*

***Founders Day Mass*

Council 15821 Patio Loan Repayments Fraternal Year 2018-19

Description	Liability	Payment	Notes
Original Loan Amount/ Opening Balance	\$60,000		
Payments July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2017		\$11,600	<i>Directed Donations & Council Funds</i>
Balance July 1, 2017	\$48,400		
Payments July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018		\$3,000	<i>Directed Donations & Council Funds</i>
Payments July 1, 2018– present		\$1,000	<i>Directed Donation</i>
Current Balance*	\$44,400		

**As of September 6, 2018*

Prayer for Canonization of Fr. Michel J. McGivney

Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, was given the title “Venerable Servant of God” by the Holy See in March 2008. The bestowal of the title “Venerable” marks another important step on the journey to beatification and canonization. It signals that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has carefully considered the position on Father McGivney’s life and virtue, and after consulting with historical experts and theologians, has judged it to be valid and convincing. Recognition of Father McGivney’s religious life and his spiritual influence through the process of canonization is something all Knight of Columbus pray for. The below prayer was first spoken by the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori:

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Famous Knights: James J. Braddock



James Walter "Cinderella Man" Braddock was an American boxer who was the world heavyweight champion from 1935 to 1937. Fighting under the name James J. Braddock, he was known for his powerful right hand, solid chin and comeback from a floundering career. He had lost several bouts due to chronic hand injuries and was forced to work on the docks and collect social assistance to feed his family during the Great Depression.

Braddock pursued boxing, turning pro at the age of 21, fighting as a light heavyweight. His first fight in a ring occurred on November 27, 1923. After three years, Braddock's record was 44–2–2 (.938), with 21 knockouts.

In 1928, Braddock pulled off a major upset by knocking out highly regarded Tuffy Griffiths. The following year he earned a chance to fight for the title, but he narrowly lost to Tommy Loughran in a 15-round decision. Braddock was greatly depressed by the loss and badly fractured his right hand in several places in the process.

His next 33 fights were significantly less successful, with a 11–20–2 (.364) record. With his family in poverty during the Great Depression, Braddock had to give up boxing for a little while and worked as a longshoreman. Due to frequent injuries to his right hand, Braddock compensated by using his left hand during his longshoreman work, and it gradually became stronger than his right. He always remembered the humiliation of having to accept government relief money, but was inspired by the Catholic Worker Movement, a Christian social justice organization founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933 to help the homeless and hungry. After his boxing comeback, Braddock returned the welfare money he had received and made frequent donations to various Catholic Worker Houses, including feeding homeless guests with his family

In 1935 he fought Max Baer for the Heavyweight title and won. For this unlikely feat he was given the nickname "Cinderella Man" by Damon Runyon.

After his death in 1974 at the age of 69, James J. Braddock was interred in the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Tenafly, New Jersey. He was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2001.

The Oregon Knights of Columbus vs. the Ku Klux Klan, 1922-1925

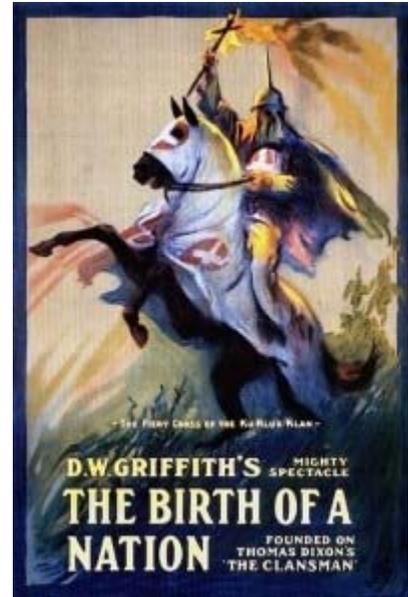
In the early 1920s, Oregon, with a population of only 700,000 and an agriculture- and timber-based economy, seemed far removed from the unrest that buffeted other parts of the United States in the wake of the First World War. But the state's isolation also made it a fertile ground for a movement largely spawned by D.W. Griffin's epic 1915 film, *Birth of a Nation*. The film, originally titled "The Clansman," presented an idealized view of the Ku Klux Klan as crusading knights, representing a "reborn" Americanism. The impact of the film was still strong when Ku Klux Klan recruiters began work in Medford in early 1921, offering hood, robe, and membership for \$18.50. Within a short time, the Oregon Klan, often referred to as "The Invisible Empire," grew to 15,000 members and was backing a candidate for governor.

The Oregon Catholic community had its own crusaders in the form of Knights of Columbus. Much smaller than the Klan, the organization numbered less than 2000 members organized into 21 councils. At the time, the Knights of Columbus was viewed by the public as a national philanthropic organization that that provided recreation and educational opportunities to the military during World War I. Accustomed to neutrality in political matters, the Catholic knights in Oregon were slow to recognize the threat posed by the Klan. In June 1921, the Catholic knights the sponsored a flower-covered float at the Portland Rose Festival while on nearby Mount Scott thousands of white-robed Klan members in burned a cross. The Knights of Columbus were not the only unaware of the threat. "We woke up one morning and found that the Klan had about gained control of the state," a leading politician later recalled. "Practically not a word had been raised against them."

The threat posed by the Klan and other anti-Catholic groups became more evident when copies of a spurious Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree oath began circulating throughout the state. The flyer, showing pictures of the Spanish Inquisition, queried: "Is the Knights of Columbus an Un-American Society Bound to the Pope By Pledges of Treason and Murder." Preoccupied with the bogus oath, the knights were unprepared for the attack against the Catholic parochial school system that soon followed.

During the previous three decades the Catholic community had created an impressive network of 46 parochial schools serving over 4000 students. By April of 1922, it became the Klan had co-opted a compulsory education measure originally developed by the Scottish Rite Freemasons, designed to assure that all Oregon elementary school children receive an "American education." The bill required all Oregon school children from the first to eighth grade to be enrolled in public schools and imposed severe financial penalties and incarceration of parents who failed to observe its petitions. Although the measure applied to a number of institutions, its primary target was the Catholic parochial school system.

While the Catholic community remained relatively quiet in the media and focused on a parish-level get-out-the-vote campaign, the Klan played a far rougher hand. In Pendleton, the Klan succeeded in firing a teacher from her job in a public school because she sent her own children to a parish school. Anti-Catholic rhetoric in private gatherings was extreme. An Oregon Klan leader proclaimed in reference to Catholic school children: "Somehow these mongrel hordes must be Americanized; failing that, deportation is the only remedy [in the] best interests of America." Other promoters argued the need to protect the public schools from the "Roman monopoly" and the "catechized monstrosities [that] would destroy all of our public schools." To make an all-American nation," the Klan insisted, "we must have all-American instruction for our children." For many Oregonians, the message resonated. On Nov. 7, 1922 the Compulsory Education measure passed into law by a 10,000-vote majority out of some 210,000 votes cast.





In 1922 the virulently anti-Catholic Ku Klux Klan was a powerful force in the Pacific Northwest as seen here in this photo of Klan members parading in the Southern Oregon town of Ashland.

The success of the initiative galvanized the national leadership of the Knights of Columbus. Barely a month after the election, January 1923 edition of *Columbia Magazine*, Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty characterized the Oregon law as part of a “national movement to abolish the Catholic school” and urged knights to “unite to protect our rights.” Money was pledged to assist the Archdiocese of Portland in challenging the act, collections were taken up in Councils throughout the country, and when the first briefs were presented in Federal Circuit court in June of 1924, lawyer fees had been paid for with Knights of Columbus dollars. Somewhat belatedly the newly reinstated National Catholic Welfare Committee (NCWC), the administrative arm of American bishops, also took up a fund raising campaign on behalf of the Oregon Holy Names Sisters legal challenge to the law. Not wishing to be upstaged by the knights, the bishop’s requested the knights to withhold further contribution, and the knights acquiesced. The Oregon Knights, undoubtedly with the connivance of their national leadership, thereupon directed another \$10,000 of their own money to support a suit filed on behalf of Hills Military Academy of Portland, a prestigious private institution. As Oregon Supreme Knight P.J. Hanley later wrote, “because the Hill Academy [was] a non-sectarian institution” the funding provided by the knights served as a powerful argument “that the fight was not solely a Catholic one.”

In March 1924 the law was declared unconstitutional by the Oregon Circuit Court. Soon thereafter, Oregon’s newly-elected, pro-Klan, Governor Walter M. Pierce appealed to the US Supreme Court. Oregon remained remarkably calm. “Should need arise the knights could always be counted on...in upholding the orderly process of the law.” The Oregon State Deputy declared on more than one occasion.

But elsewhere in the nation, pressure for action was building. Following the passage of the Oregon Compulsory Education Act, shadowy groups of young Catholics, known as the *Knights of the Flaming Circle*, formed in the East and Midwest. Using the symbol of a burning circle to contrast with the burning crosses of the “Invisible Empire,” these groups adopted rough-shod tactics of the Klan.

In 1923 thousands of masked Klansmen descended upon South Bend, Indiana and were met by even larger numbers of University Notre Dame students that drove them from the city. On Aug. 15, 1923, a Klan banquet at a hotel in Steubenville Ohio was broken up with bricks, bottles, and clubs, in a brawl involving over 2000 people. Anti-Klan riots led by Catholics took place in Northern Ohio, and Massachusetts. In the Boston area such melees became a standard feature of large Klan rallies. Anti-Catholic bills proliferated in state legislatures. In 1927 a Pennsylvania legislator unsuccessfully promoted a bill that included a penitentiary term of up to ten years for being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Slates of Klan candidates for public office became

common. Historian Stephen Jenkins notes that in Pennsylvania “Klan electioneering...appears to have done more good than harm...as Catholics were apparently galvanized to register and vote in unprecedented numbers.”

Violence by some Catholics had placed Klan on the front page of the nation’s newspapers, but it was the discipline and organizational strength of the Knights of Columbus that produced the more lasting results. In a landmark ruling of June 1, 1925, *Pierce v. Society of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary* (268 U.S. 510), the US Supreme Court affirmed:

The fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments in this Union repose excludes any general power of the State to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only. The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right coupled with the high duty, to recognize, and prepare him for additional duties.

The Supreme Court ruling in *Pierce vs. the Holy Names Sisters* has been cited as a precedent in more than 100 Supreme Court cases, and in more than 70 cases in the courts of appeals. In 1929, Pope Pius XI, cited the text of the Supreme Court case in his encyclical *Divini Illius Magistri*, a classic document which provided direction to Catholic schools for the next several decades and became a foundations stone of Vatican Council II’s *Declaration on Christian Education*.

As for the Klan, it soon became a victim of its own excesses. In Oregon, issues of embezzlement and sexual improprieties on the part of Klan leaders led to the demise of the movement within two years of the passage of the Compulsory School Act. Similar scandals rocked the Klan in other states, and when the US economy boomed in the late twenties concern over immigrants and Catholics lost appeal. By 1930, the Klan as a significant national movement had become a spent force.



In the twisted symbology of the Klan the drop of blood at the center of the emblem worn on their robes stood for the blood shed by Christ to redeem men and women of the white race only. Such were the foes faced by the Kights of Columbus in the 1920s.

Lent lasts 40 days
(excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are:
prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting
(one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.



Couples Celebrating Marriage - All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 2 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 16 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Information packages will be mailed to Parishes in January.

Catholic Days at the Capitol - Registration is now open for the 3-day trip to Tallahassee from March 26 - 28. Join others from around the state in making a difference while visiting our state legislators. Activities include:

- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers led by team leaders
- A luncheon for participants, Florida's Bishops and legislators
- Group photo with our Bishop
- Tours of the current and historic capitol buildings
- Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by the Bishops of Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government.

Free bus transportation is provided. For registration and hotel information, contact Jeanne Berdeaux at 941-374-1068 or Berdeaux@dioceseofvenice.org. The registration deadline is February 26.

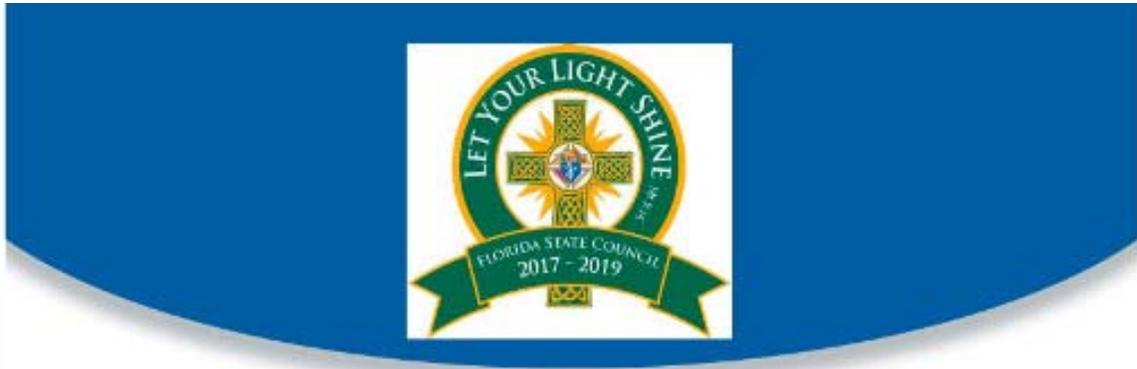
40 Days for Life - You are invited to join other Christians from March 6 through April 14, for the spring 40 Days for Life campaign - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood in Naples, Fort Myers or Sarasota or the abortion facility in Port Charlotte. For more information, go to www.40daysforlife.com and click on the location nearest you. (Contact your 40 Days for Life Church Coordinator for specific information about your parish's commitment days.)

Intercessions for Migrant Children - "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." (Mk 9:37). As Our Lord Jesus protects the young and innocent so should we pray for their safety. Intercessions for the safety of the children at the border should be included in parish bulletins.

Featured Respect Life Video of the Month - This month's video from the recent 32nd annual Florida Respect Life Conference features Stephanie Gray, an international speaker from Vancouver and author of Love Unleashes Life (loveunleasheslife.com). Listen to her presentation, Sacred Life, Pro-Life: Making a Beautiful Choice, and you will see why she received a standing ovation. To view the video, please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/respectlife

Catholic Charities Tours - Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. is offering tours of their programs and services in Sarasota County. Departing from the Catholic Charities district office in Sarasota, the tour may include visits to St. Martha's Early Learning Center, Bethesda House, Our Mother's House, and the Catholic Charities Family Haven. To participate, please contact Monica Mattioli at 941-355-4680 ext 302 or mmattioli@ccdis1.org. Groups and individuals are welcome.

The Second Annual Walk to Our Lady is Saturday, May 4, starting at 8:00 a.m. from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1301 Center Road, Venice. Please join Bishop Frank J. Dewane, who along with other participants, will process while praying the rosary 6.6 miles to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3989 South Moon Drive. A May Crowning will conclude the walk, which will be followed by lunch. The event is free. Registration details will be available soon.



2018/2019
Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus

\$45,000 **Charity Raffle**

1st Prize - \$25,000

2nd Prize: \$10,000

3rd Prize: \$5,000

(5) \$1,000 Prizes

Donation \$1.00-

Donor need not be present to win.

**2019 Drawing will be held on
Saturday May 25, 2019 at
the Hyatt Hotel, Orlando, Florida**

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All Prizes Paid by Florida K of C Charities, Inc.



Council 15821 Calendar of Events March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 2 8th Annual KOFC Gala
3 <i>Coffee & Donuts All Masses</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Monthly Meeting 7 PM</i>	8	9
10 <i>Pancake Breakfast All Masses</i>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Coffee & Donuts All Masses</i>	18	19	20	21 Assembly 1818 Meeting 7 PM	22	23 4th Degree Exemp- lication
24	25	26 <i>Officers Meeting 4:00 PM</i>	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Founder's Day Mass and Corporate Communion 8:30 AM</i>						

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