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Council 13341**

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# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS

*The Men's Faith Sharing continues to be a success, even during the summer months while the snow birds have gone north. We have 15, plus or minus attending. There are a lot of men at OLA Parish so we should invite them to the meeting. Even if you don't think you need it, come on out. It is great and you learn something new each time. Men's Faith Sharing is held 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. every Friday morning.*

*The installation of new officers was held Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at OLA Church with refreshments afterwards. We had a great year last year and we hope to perform as well the upcoming year.*

*Admissions Degree Exemplification was held at OLA and our seminarian Kevin Rico was the degree recipient. Congratulations Kevin. The Admissions Degree is led by Carmine Maida and his Admission Degree team. For the upcoming year we need 18 new members so support Brothers Bob Cestaro, Membership Director and Jeff Conforte, Admissions Director. In addition, six new insurance members are needed, please see Bob Taraska, the Insurance Man.*

*The Council 13341 finalized the council organization chart that includes the Officers, Directors and Chairmen. Thanks to Brothers John Joly for organizing the chart, Frank Shea for posting on the Council website and thanks for all the chairmen who volunteered to serve. Additional Brothers are encouraged to participate by becoming a Chairman or Deputy Chairman.*

*The Council 13341 finalized 2017-2018 calendar was published and is posted on the website. Thanks to Brothers Ed Christie and Jim Coon for creating calendar and Frank Shea for posting on the website.*

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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S NEWS (cont.)**

*The Knights will participate in the Special Olympics Day Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12 p.m. at Benderson Park, Sarasota. Stand-Up Paddle Board State Championship. 27 Brother Knights, wives and family members are signed up to support the event! Brothers John Joly and Chris Treston are leading this event.*

*Habitat for Humanity is having another additional phase of Habitat's Depot in Palmetto. July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am to noon. For more details see Brother John Joly.*

*Council 13341 is joining Habitat Faith Build 2018 to build a house. There are many faith communities involved. We will join with St Joseph Parish and St Peter and Paul Parish for support. Brother John Joly has information on the build. Mark your calendar for January 2018.*

*The Blood Drive had another successful outing on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-six units were collected. The collection was led by Brothers Bill Rempe, Steve Balazic, Dave Rondeau, Frank Grezelak, and OLA parishioner Laura Mancione.*

*Thank you for your service.*

*Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli*

## **COUNCIL 13341 ON FACEBOOK**

*View the Council's new FaceBook Page  
[www.facebook.com/knights13341](http://www.facebook.com/knights13341)*

*Don't forget to click 'LIKE' after reading!!*

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*We pray for: Donna Reed and daughter Darcie, Jerry and Mary Healy, Pete Galvez, Warren Glasow, Daniel Kegg, Peter – friend of Bill Camastro, Richard Bohan, hurting and struggling K of C Members, Carol Alesi, Jeff Jarr, Deacon Rick Zandy, Donna Makovec, Deacon Hugh Muller, Dan Multon, Dennis O'Connor, Joe Stachniak, Pat Kuehn, Ginger Swihura, Jack Warble, Ed Mazurek, Annie Hayes, Ralph Rossi, Fr. Bob Unger, all elected officials, unborn children, Rinaldo Baez, Jim Malley, Jordan Peak, John Manfra, Jim Mazurek. Carol Brazas, Renee Harrison, Louis Justen, Connie Graves, Lena Salvadore, and Sheila McLaughlin.*

## **PATRIOTIC ROSARY**

*The Patriotic Rosary, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, continues every Wednesday from 6:15 pm to 7 pm. The Patriotic Rosary is being prayed in response to the Bishops call for prayer for Religious Freedom including the overturn of the mandate and for the Christians being persecuted and even killed in the Middle East. It is a very powerful Rosary. If the brother Knights can attend a couple or three times a month it would make a difference, because there is power in Prayer.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Grand Knight Sam Bastianelli*

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS OUR HELP**

*Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that builds simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Join your fellow Knights by volunteering your time in helping to build these homes for families in need, thereby bringing and keeping families together with a life of dignity.*

*Please contact Brother John Joly  
[jojoly@earthlink.net](mailto:jojoly@earthlink.net)*

## **COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

***Need Brother Knight Volunteers for Our 7<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity Assignment of Our Council This Year!! We will be helping with an additional phase of Habitat's Depot in Palmetto. If you haven't participated this year, this is a great opportunity to do so. It's fun and very rewarding. No specialized skills required!***

***Volunteers Required: 6 Knights***

***When: Saturday, July 29th, 7:30 AM to Noon***

***Where: 1005 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West, Palmetto, 34221***

***Activity: Assisting James with various tasks at the Habitat Depot in Palmetto where they store their vehicles and building materials. An opportunity to be part of the Habitat infrastructure!***

***Materials: Supplied by Habitat***

***If you are available to volunteer on this date, please quickly do the following:***

- 1. Send John Joly an email at [jojoly@earthlink.net](mailto:jojoly@earthlink.net) confirming that you can commit and will be onsite.***
- 2. If you have not already done so, go to Habitat's website at [www.manateehabitat.org](http://www.manateehabitat.org) and:***
  - A. Follow the tabs for "Volunteer" to create a profile.***
  - B. Click on the link for the waiver that must be filled out and is required prior to you working onsite. Print the waiver and complete it. Bring your signed waiver with you to the project site.***

***Be a part of our growing team and join your Brother Knights! This is another opportunity to experience the feeling of giving back and volunteering your time and talent to those in need!***

***In addition, Grand Knight Bastianelli and Community Director John Joly attended a meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> at Habitat's offices to discuss an exciting Faith Build 2018 program initiative our Council will be participating in. Council 13341 is joining Habitat Faith Build 2018 to build a house. There are many faith communities involved. We will join with St Joseph Parish and St Peter and Paul Parish for support.***

***Mark your calendar for January 2018!***

***Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you and God Bless! John***

***Brother John Joly  
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## **BLOOD DRIVE**

*The Blood Drive had another successful outing on July 20th. Twenty-six units were collected. A big thank you to all Brothers who helped sign up donors the previous weekend at Masses.*

*The collection was led by Brothers Bill Rempe, Steve Balazic, Dave Rondeau, Frank Grezelak, and OLA parishioner Laura Mancione.*

*Thank you again for your valuable assistance!*

## **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

*27 volunteers from our Council (Knights, Knights & Wives or Knight family members) have signed up for the Special Olympics Stand-Up Paddle statewide competition on August 26<sup>th</sup> at Nathan Benderson Park in Sarasota. We are very pleased with the response and are confident of the impact we will make and exposure we will have working in support of this worthy cause and community event.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Activities planned for the future include: Sugar Bowl venue in February, the Veterans Day Mass Ceremony, the Habitat Faith Build 2018, and other community programs.*

## **OLA COMMUNITY LIFE**

*Our Lady of the Angels Community Life Committee has an event planned for this fall: A cruise out of Tampa is planned for November with limited rooms available. Please contact Brother John Joly for further information. [jojoly@earthlink.net](mailto:jojoly@earthlink.net)*

## **OLA CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED**

*Brothers are needed to help clean the Church after the 8 a.m. Mass on Thursday mornings. Ample supply of brooms and mops are available.*

*If you can spare half an hour or so, please contact:*

*GK Sam Bastianelli [sambastianelli@gmail.com](mailto:sambastianelli@gmail.com)*

## ***FOURTH DEGREE***

### ***FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI***

***Our Lady of the Angels celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 18, after the 5 pm Mass with a Liturgical Ceremony and a Procession to celebrate the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Over 100 people attended this first annual elevation of the Blessed Sacrament. Due to the weather, the procession was held indoors but the rain did not dampen the beauty of this solemn event. The Procession also marked the debut of our new Liturgical Canopy, which was held over the Blessed Sacrament as altar servers, clergy, First Communicants, and members of the Knights of Columbus solemnly walked through the church to beautiful music provided by the Praise Band Chorus. These pictures will give you some Insight as to the beauty of the occasion. Next year we hope to process through our new Church!***



***Father Mike and altar servers.***

***FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (cont.)***



***Father Mike with Blessed Sacrament. Sir Knights Matt Cangemi, Vince Cipriano, Chris Treston, Carmine Maida, and Bob Hellner carried Liturgical Canopy and led procession through Church.***



***Altar Servers included Brothers Nick Kloefer and Jack Milholland.***



***(l-r) Brother Ed Sousa, GK Bastianelli, Program Director Jim Coon, Community Director John Joly.***

## ***GUARDIANS OF GUADALUPE***



# **Guardians of Guadalupe Spreading The Word**

We would like you to join us as a member of the Guardians of Guadalupe. The mission of the Guardians is to,

- 1.** Spread the word that Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and is also the Patroness of the Unborn
- 2.** To Pray for our Members and their intentions.

As a member of the Guardians of Guadalupe you will receive a very Special 8" X 10" Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe (no cost)

You will receive a Request twice a month to enter the names of those folks who are "In Need of Our Prayers" who will be Prayed for by all Guardians

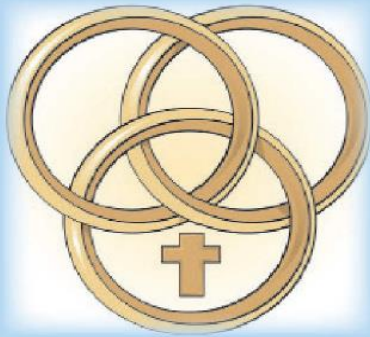
In the event of an emergency such as, Surgery, Serious Illness, Auto Accident, Childbirth or End of Life. You may visit Our Lady's web site and click on "Special Prayer Requests". When we receive your Request we will forward it to all Guardians immediately or as soon as possible asking for their Prayers.

Please visit Our Lady's web site to learn more about the Guardians and how you may join us. There is no cost and no obligations

**Guardians of Guadalupe**  
**[www.olg-usa.org](http://www.olg-usa.org)**

***If there are any questions from members on the Guardians' I would be happy to attempt to answer them.***

***Church Director Ed Christie***  
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## 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Congratulations to  
MaryAnn & Tom Werner  
Karen & Jim Hodgkinson  
MaryJane & Ed Souza



All three couples were married in separate locations on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1961 and they now celebrate their anniversaries together each year here at Our Lady of the Angels!



## **WE STAND STRONG ON ETHICAL GROUND**

*Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies.*

*At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.*

*As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.*

*More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.*

*"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."*

*In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.*

*But don't just take our word for it. In 2017 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute for the fourth year in a row. We were one of only two life insurance companies to earn the honor.*

*"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."*

*Contact me today to learn more about our products.*

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## **CASEYS AT THE BAT**

*by Jim Leeke*

**MAJOR LEAGUE KNIGHTS DELIVERED THE NATIONAL PASTIME TO AMERICAN DOUGHBOYS “OVER THERE” DURING WORLD WAR I**



*Hall of Fame second baseman Johnny Evers, a member of Troy (N.Y.) Council 176, poses for a portrait before a game in New York City July 1913.*

*Photo by Universal History Archive/UIG via Getty Images*

*The United States had been at war with Imperial Germany for more than a year by summer 1918, but momentous battles lay ahead. One-half million U.S. troops were overseas, with more regiments reaching France every day. By the armistice in November, the American Expeditionary Forces would total nearly 2 million men.*

*The Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities raised more than \$14 million to fund recreational centers, called huts, for doughboys at home and abroad. The committee also enrolled more than 2,000 Knights from many professions as uniformed officers — called secretaries — to supervise these huts and sent half of them overseas. Secretaries wore army officers' uniforms affixed with a "KC" insignia, prompting the soldiers to call them "Caseys."*

*When the doughboys in France weren't training or fighting, they wanted recreation and reminders of home. Among other things, that meant baseball — which the Order delivered.*

*The Knights soon "realized the necessity of sending a man to France who had played the game and knew how to teach it," read a comment in The New York Times, Aug. 28, 1919. "That man was Johnny Evers."*

*Evers ranks among the game's greatest stars — the second baseman in the Chicago Cubs' fabled Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance double-play combination.*

*A number of other baseball men followed him into K of C uniform, including Detroit Tigers manager Hughie Jennings; St. Louis Cardinals manager Jack Hendricks; and Bill Coughlin, former third baseman for the Tigers and Washington Senators.*

### **DOING GREAT WORK**

*John Joseph Evers was born July 21, 1881, in Troy, N.Y. After playing 12 seasons for the Cubs, he was part of the 1914 "miracle Braves" of Boston. The team had come from last place in late July and swept the World Series against the Philadelphia Athletics, who were led by legendary manager Connie Mack, also a K of C member. Evers won the Chalmers Award the same year as the National League's most valuable player.*

*His career, which later earned him a place in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1946, came to a sudden halt in 1918. He had gone to spring training with the Boston Red Sox, rooming with 23-year-old pitcher Babe Ruth, who would join the Knights the following year. Evers, then 36, expected to sign with Boston, only to find himself sitting in the stands on opening day.*

*Nicknamed "the Trojan" for his hometown and "the Crab" for his disposition on the field, Evers was eager to join the war effort, but an arm ailment prevented him from enlisting.*

*A member of Troy (N.Y.) Council 176, he pitched the Knights the idea of sending him "over there" as an athletic director.*

*"Believe me, I'm mighty glad the Knights of Columbus have accepted my offer," Evers said in the Watertown (N.Y.) Daily News, June 5, 1918. "I feel as though I can do great work in France."*

*Evers reached Paris Sept. 15, hours before a German bombing raid, and quickly got down to work.*

*"We are making a tour, riding in big motor vans or in anything going our way, from camp to camp, hospital base to hospital base," Evers wrote in the Troy Times, Oct. 15, 1918. "And we have discovered that the fellows want to see us, to talk baseball, and to talk about back home, and so every morning I get up early and go visiting the boys in the hospitals."*

*When Evers wasn't visiting wounded doughboys, he arranged and umpired games between units.*

*"Evers is organizing ball teams in the different sectors, and in every way the Knights of Columbus work is meeting with grand success," reported the November 1918 issue of The Columbiad, quoting an army chaplain in France.*

*The former second baseman even taught the game of baseball to French troops, known as les poilus (the unshaven). A French general named Paul Vidal, who was married to an American woman, admired how accurately baseball-loving doughboys could throw grenades and asked for Evers to teach at a military school at Besançon.*

*"I shall never have any other experiences as interesting as my work in France when I undertook to teach the poilus how to play baseball," Evers later wrote in the March 1919 issue of Baseball Magazine.*

*On two separate occasions, totaling 23 days, Evers also spent time serving troops on the front lines. In a letter reprinted Nov. 21, 1918, in the Troy Times, a K of C secretary wrote, "I have seen Evers working under the heaviest of shellfire to supply cigarettes and other comforts to the boys at the front, and neither danger nor fatigue meant anything to him when there was work to be done for the fighting men."*

### **'ON THE OTHER SIDE'**

*Future Hall of Famer (1945) Hughie Jennings, a Knight from Pennsylvania, enrolled as a K of C secretary in 1918. One of the major league's great shortstops, Jennings had managed the Detroit Tigers since 1907 and would later become a trial lawyer in Scranton.*

*"There is no man in the national game who is better known or more popular than Jennings, and he will be a valuable addition to the Knights of Columbus staff abroad," The New York Times reported Oct. 3.*

*Since fans had dubbed him "Ee-Yah" Jennings for his earsplitting yells on the diamond, sports artist Robert Ripley sketched enemy soldiers raising their hands in surrender as a shattering E-E-E-E YAH! rose from the opposite trench.*

*However, Jennings never left America. The war ended before his passport arrived. With baseball set to resume in 1919, he lacked enough time to sail to France and still return to the Tigers for spring training.*

*A fellow Pennsylvania native, who had played third base for the Tigers (1904-08) and previously for the Washington Senators (1901-04), did make it over to serve as a Casey. "I've arrived here safe and sound," wrote Bill Coughlin from Paris, in a letter printed in the December 1918 issue of The Columbiad. "There is a feeling everywhere you go that the war will be over soon, which makes a fellow feel more like working than ever."*

*A member of Scranton (Pa.) Council 280, Coughlin later worked in Germany, in charge of baseball for the Third Army. According to an article in the army newspaper Stars and Stripes, June 13, 1919, "It was his pet idea to start the umpire school, which provided efficient umps for the many leagues in the Army of Occupation."*

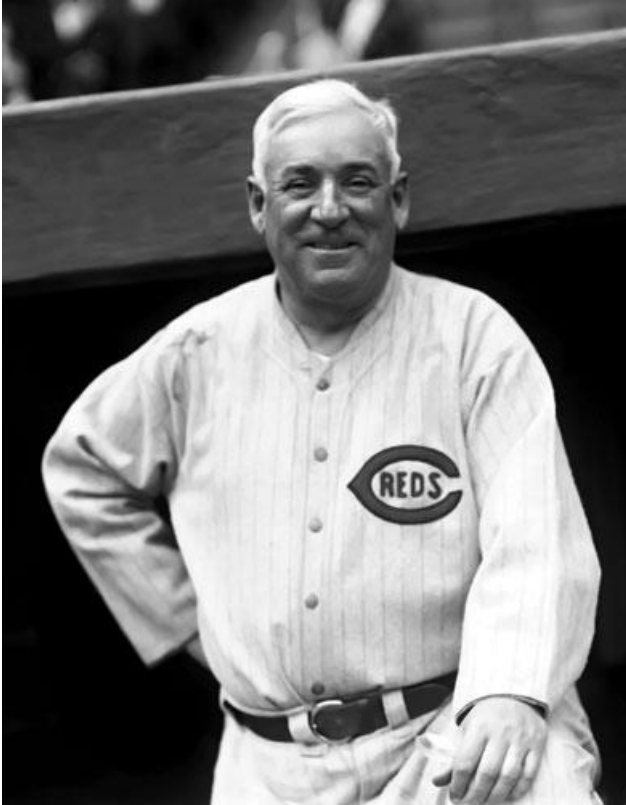
*Jack Hendricks, a former MLB outfielder and manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, also arrived in France shortly after the armistice Nov. 11, 1918. He had enrolled later than Jennings but met no delays.*

*"I have been anxious for some time to do my bit on the other side," Hendricks said in The New York Times, Nov. 5, 1918. "I feel like a youngster, although I have a son now in an officers' training camp."*

*The Knights still had valuable work to do, keeping up the morale of servicemen waiting to go home. Hendricks visited Chateau Thierry and met thousands of doughboys, among them a minor leaguer who had lost an eye and a leg to enemy shelling just hours before the armistice.*

*"I ran into boys from every town in which I used to manage a club," he said in the Utica Herald-Dispatch, Dec. 21, 1918. "I was with Evers part of the time, and believe me, John was certainly popular abroad."*

*Hendricks went on to manage the Cincinnati Reds from 1924-29 and, like Jennings, practiced law.*



*Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds; and Hall of Fame shortstop Hughie Jennings, best known for playing for the Baltimore Orioles and managing the Tigers. Photo by Sporting News/Sporting News via Getty Images*

#### ***AFTER THE ARMISTICE***

*After returning home shortly before Christmas, Evers was joined by Hughie Jennings in addressing a K of C Board of Directors meeting in New York City Jan. 5, 1919.*

*Evers gave an account of his work to Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty, Supreme Chaplain P.J. McGivney — brother of the Order's venerable founder — and others. He also recounted how a fellow secretary, Joseph P. Crowe of Binghamton, N.Y., lost his leg after being hit by an artillery shell while serving on the front.*

*By that time, Hendricks had returned to the United States as well, but several former big league ballplayers joined Coughlin in continuing the unglamorous work of Caseys in France and occupied Germany. Their hardy corps included Tommy Dowd, who had played for six teams from 1891-1901; Jack "Shad" Barry, who had played for seven teams (1899-1908); Pete Noonan, an infielder for the Athletics, Cubs and Cardinals; and Bill Friel, who played for the Milwaukee Brewers and St. Louis Browns. American League umpire Jack Kerin also was a Casey.*

*Dowd reached Europe Jan. 11, 1919, becoming director of baseball for the Army of Occupation. By that time, immense quantities of baseball paraphernalia were being shipped weekly from K of C overseas headquarters in New York, and it is estimated that doughboys across Europe played some 5,000 ball games a day with outfits supplied by the Knights.*

*Barry arrived after a year in charge of K of C athletics at Camp Kearny, Calif. He and other Caseys supported the Inter-Allied Games in Paris the summer of 1919. Meanwhile, Noonan developed a strong ball team in Esch, Luxembourg.*

*Most of baseball's Caseys came home with the last of the doughboys later in the year. Noonan was in Ireland when he learned that a late relative had bequeathed him half a million dollars. "So Pete, who went across to help the Doughboys, is coming back wealthy," the Brooklyn Standard Union reported Aug. 14, 1919.*

*Friel stayed in France several months longer than the others, teaching baseball in schools and colleges. He also "apparently has found a little time to provide for his own happiness," reported The Harrisburg Telegraph, Sept. 5, 1919. The Casey married a young Italian woman in Paris Aug. 7. He returned to America with his bride in January 1920, no doubt feeling richer than Noonan.*

*Moreover, the success that these men had on the ball field did not mean as much to them as did their service as Caseys.*

*Reflecting on his decision to serve as a K of C field secretary, Evers stated, "I was never more enthusiastic about anything in my life."*

*It was with great pride that he later received a medal from the Order "in recognition of patriotic service as a secretary for the Knights of Columbus in their war activities."*

*JIM LEEKE is a member of the Society of American Baseball Research (SABR) and a writer and editor in Columbus, Ohio. His latest book is *From the Dugouts to the Trenches: Baseball During the Great War* (University of Nebraska Press, 2017).*

***Sts. Cosmas and Damian Council #13341  
2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities***

***JULY***

- 6 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.***
- 9 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification.***
- 15-16 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.***
- 20 Social Meeting, OLA.***
- 27 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.***

***AUGUST***

- 3 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.***
- 17 Social Meeting***
- 17 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification***
- 19-20 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.***
- 24 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.***

***SEPTEMBER***

- 7 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.***
- 9 Corporate Mass, 4 p.m., OLA.***
- 12 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council # 15821.***
- 16-17 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.***
- 21 Social Meeting, OLA.***
- 28 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.***
- 28 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Thomas Moore Council # 7826.***
- 29 Social Meeting.***

***OCTOBER***

- 5 General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.***
- 9 Social Event, Annual Columbus Day Pasta Dinner, OLA.***
- 14 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, Incarnation Council #15332.***
- 14-15 Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.***
- 19 Social Meeting, OLA.***
- 24 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, OLA, 7 p.m.***
- 26 Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.***
- 26 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification.***
- 28 Sign up for Blood Drive after weekend Masses.***
- 28 All Saints Day (Halloween Party), St. Michael's Parish, Wauchula.***

## **2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 2**      *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 11**     *Veterans Day Mass, Bishop Dewayne, Sarasota National Cemetery.*
- 13**     *Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers.*
- 16**     *Social Meeting, OLA.*
- 18-19** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 21**     *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*

### **DECEMBER**

- 7**      *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 7**      *National Night of Prayer for Life, Liberty, and Faith, 1030 p.m., OLA.*
- 9**      *Breakfast with St. Nick, 8 – 1230 p.m., OLA.*
- 10**     *Corporate Mass, 8 a.m., OLA.*
- 11**     *Council Christmas Party, Tara Golf and Country Club.*
- 12**     *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification.*
- 14**     *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, 7 p.m., Our Lady Queen of Martyrs.*
- 16-17** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 17**     *Distribute Coats for Kids for Sr. Gema, St. Michael's Church, Wauchula.*
- 20**     *Decorate church for Christmas, 9 a.m., OLA.*
- 28**     *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*

### **JANUARY**

- 4**      *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 6-7**    *Sign up blood donors after weekend Masses.*
- 11**     *Blood Drive, OLA.*
- 11**     *Assembly Meeting – Renewal of vows, 630 p.m., OLA.*
- 16**     *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification.*
- 18**     *Cross Deployment along SR 70 for "Right to Life" support, 830 a.m.*
- 18**     *Social Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 20-21** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 22**     *Remove crosses along SR 70 for "Right to Life" support.*
- 25**     *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 28**     *2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Joseph Council # 5604, 7 p.m.*



## **2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 1** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 13** *Shrove Tuesday dinner, 630 p.m., OLA.*
- 15** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 16** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 17** *Sugar Bowl to help Brother Knights, Neel Performing Arts Center, 530 p.m.*
- 22** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 22** *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Patrick Council # 13307.*
- 23** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 24-25** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*

### **MARCH**

- 1** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 2** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 3-4** *Collection for Veterans after weekend Masses for Patriotic Ball Fundraiser.*
- 8** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 9** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 11** *Assembly Patriotic Ball for 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Tara Golf & Country Club, 5 p.m.*
- 15** *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Thomas Moore Council # 7826, 7 p.m.*
- 16** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 17-18** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 22** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 23** *Fish Fry/Baked Ziti Salad fundraiser, 4 – 7 p.m., OLA.*

### **APRIL**

- 5** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 14-15** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 19** *Social Meeting*
- 21** *3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Joseph Council # 5604, 11 a.m.*
- 26** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 26** *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, Our Lady of the Angels, 7 p.m.*

**2017 – 2018 Fraternal Year Activities (cont.)**

**MAY**

- 3** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 5** *Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser, OLA, 5 p.m.*
- 12-13** *Blood Drive sign up after all Masses.*
- 17** *Social Meeting, 7 p.m.*
- 18** *Blood Drive, OLA.*
- 19-20** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 24** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA.*
- 27** *2018 Tribute to Heroes Block Party and Parade, 7 p.m.*

**JUNE**

- 7** *General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m., OLA.*
- 10** *Corporate Mass for the Council, 1230 p.m. Mass, OLA.*
- 14** *1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification, Incarnation Council # 15332.*
- 16-17** *Membership Drive, OLA, after weekend Masses.*
- 21** *Social Meeting, OLA.*
- 20** *Officer's and Director's Meeting, OLA, 7 p.m.*
- 28** *2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification, St. Thomas Moore Council # 7826.*
- 29** *Social Meeting.*