



THE COMPASS

Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus
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St. Francis of Assisi Parish Grove City, Florida

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Letter from our Spiritual Advisor to Council and Assembly Members :

The recent scandals in the Church involving the clergy have certainly tarnished the dignity of the priesthood and left it in shambles.

Where once the priesthood was a symbol of moral and spiritual authority, now a long dark shadow is cast over it as the Church struggles to uphold the necessity of the clergy and its sacramental ministry.

Yet the scandals also point out to the lurking danger of succumbing to the abuse of authority and giving in to ulterior motives and vested interests.

But it must also be said that this is nothing new under the sun, and what had happened is a recurrence of what had already happened in the past.

When religious and spiritual leaders abuse their authority, religion will be seen as ugly, and subsequently the scandals will be many. Even in the gospel, Jesus would point out this danger as He spoke out about how the scribes and Pharisees leaned toward getting attention and status at the expense of the faith of the people.

Yet as the Church and as the people of God, we need to pray for our religious leaders, the Pope, bishops, priests and deacons that they will always be aware of their divine calling and to serve God and His people and not to serve themselves.

Yes, the clergy has to really take heed of the Word of the Lord in Isaiah 1: 16 “Wash, make yourselves clean. Take your wrong-doing out of my sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good.” When the clergy heed the Word of the Lord, the People of God will surely follow suit.

Let us continue to pray for the priests and religious, often, that they will be humble and show us the way of love and service, and bring about healing for the Church.

As expressed by the Holy Father Pope Francis, “Through the baptismal grace the Holy Spirit has placed in the hearts of the faithful, may we grow in the gift of compassion and in justice committed to a culture of care that says ‘never again’ to every form of abuse.

Vivat Jesus
Deacon Bob Godlewsky,
Spiritual Advisor

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Brothers,

Please pray for our Brother Mike Occhiocone. He had very serious surgery earlier this week at our local hospital. Please pray for Mike and his family.

And once again this month we are issuing a “CALL TO PRAYER” to all members of Council 7672, Assembly 2782 and our Ladies Auxiliary. We need your prayers for:

- Our Past Grand Knight and current Faithful Navigator Joe Pizzuto who continues to experience persistent health problems. In spite of his ailments he continues to work tirelessly for the welfare of our order. Please pray for his healing and strength.
- Our, deceased, ailing and ageing brothers, sisters and their families.
- Especially for those who are suffering the challenges of loss or disability.
- And finally, please remember all those who have been mentioned by name over the past many months in this space.



Intercession: Brothers, please pray often for all the deceased members of our Council and Assembly and also remember to keep in your prayers all husbands, wives and family members who are taking care of their sick loved ones.

Meditative Writings on St Francis of Assisi



On his deathbed, Lenin reportedly uttered, “To save our Russia, what we needed . . . was ten Francises of Assisi.” Lenin was right: St. Francis of Assisi is one of the greatest saints in the history of the Church. Almost single-handedly, he helped revive the medieval Church in the 13th century with the foundation of his mendicant Order of Friars Minor, the Franciscans.

He had many preternatural gifts as a mystic, healer, and leader, as well as a special symbiosis with nature. It is not surprising that Dante dedicated a canto in *Paradiso* to St. Francis, calling him a “prince” who “was all Seraphic in his ardour.” More than these great many gifts, however, St. Francis’ success was rooted in his desire, to live a life in imitation of Jesus Christ, particularly the crucified Christ. Many people today erroneously think of St. Francis as a sandal-wearing, milquetoast peacenik whose greatest legacy was in gracing birdbaths everywhere. Rather, St. Francis lived a life of radical conformity and divine union to the sacrificial life of Christ. In retracing the life of St. Francis, we can see how his divine union with Christ grew and developed through successive stages of personal martyrdom. (Look for continued excerpts in future issues of the Compass)

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The PATRIOT

Newsletter of 4th Degree Assembly 2782
Meetings are on the 1st Monday of the month
7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall



★Important upcoming events for our Assembly and Council to be announced for September and November. Watch your email for “Blast” announcements from Brother Steve Aynes.

Labor Day Event Attended by Knights

Sir Knight Hans Picinich reported that this past Labor Day weekend Sunday, September 2nd, at 12:35 P.M. a contingent of our Brother Knights and their families attended the Port Charlotte Stone Crabs “season closer” against the Florida Fire Frogs. A group of twenty plus members had a great time at the game. (If anyone has pictures, please email them to the Compass Staff for next month’ Patriot.

2018 Statewide Florida Respect Life Conference

We encourage all members of the Council and Assembly to sign up to attend this conference coming up September 28-29th. The two-day conference highlighted in last month’s Compass is held in our Diocese once every ten years. If you are able to go, check last month’s Compass or contact the Church Office this coming week. Join a large group of our parishioners who are planning to attend.

8th Annual Veterans Day Mass and Ceremonials

Looking forward to November 11th 2018, the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Venice are organizing and sponsoring the event once again this year at the request of our Bishop, Frank Dewane. The ceremony will be held at the National Cemetery in Sarasota. Watch for additional details from your Council and Assembly. We certainly encourage all members of the order to attend this solemn occasion.

Assembly Officers for the 2018 – 2019 Fraternal year elected

The following Sir Knights were elected to serve as officers for the coming Fraternal year.: Faithful Navigator – Joe Pizzuto, Comptroller – Don Kasson, Captain – Bob Ryan, Admiral – Dave Sants, Purser – Leon Reser, Pilot – Anthony Labay Scribe – Ron Kacprowicz, Inside Century – Jim Powell, One-Year Trustee – John Silver, Two-Year Trustee – Gil Ulrich, and Three-Year Trustee – Don Shirk.

Knights in 2018 Labor Day Parade on Dearborn Street.....

We thank those who participated. A good time was had by all:



The Ladies Auxiliary
Empowered Women of Faith

Dear Ladies,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and was able to spend some time relaxing with friends and family. Now, it is time to get our 2018-2019 Ladies' Auxiliary year started.

Last year was wonderful. This year, many of our favorite traditions, such as Hidden Treasures, Night at the Comedy Club, Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners, and more will continue. The board and I always love to learn about new events and activities. So, please share your ideas with us.

Coming up in September, we have our first Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 9th from 8:00-11:30. Set-up for the breakfasts is always the evening before following the 4:00 mass. This is quicker with many hands, so if you have the time, please come to help. We usually go out for a quick dinner afterwards. We also need help at the pancake breakfast. The first membership meeting is on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm. The social with the Knights will begin at 6:00 pm. Please join us.

It's going to be a great year with Catholic Women Led by The Spirit.

Sincerely,
Virginia Aynes, President

Laurence Altenburg
Joseph Borg
Richard Buszka
Francis Cappello

Joseph Cappello
Matteo Caputo
Christopher Ciccarone
Daniel Dawson

Thomas Dinko
William Doody
Anthony Einhorn
Michael Henry

Richard Hurley
Michael Johnston
Normand Leclerc
James McCorkle

Michael Meehan Jr.
John Morsch
Edward O'Neill
Anthony Palermo

Jerry Price
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Cosimo Serino
James Smith

Cody Stanton
John Stanwix
Nicholas Wadden
John Wilkinson

Brother Knights
September Birthdays 2018



Special Message from Our Knights of Columbus Field Agent:

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With single-premium life insurance, the cash invested builds up quickly because the policy is fully funded. The size of the death benefit depends on the amount invested and the age and health of the insured.

From the insurance company's perspective, a younger person is calculated to have a longer remaining life expectancy, giving the funds paid in the premium more time to grow before the death benefit is expected to be paid out. And, naturally, the larger the amount of capital you initially contribute to your policy, the greater your death benefit will be as well.

For example, a 60-year-old female in good health might use a \$100,000 single premium to provide a \$225,723 of income-tax free death benefits to her beneficiaries.

Single-premium life earns a high, tax-deferred interest rate. Unlike many investments, you can actually borrow money out and put it back, giving you liquidity for up to 90% of the cash values. Should death occur with a loan against the policy, the loan is simply deducted from the death benefit.

Both your policy cash values and death benefits grow because the Knights of Columbus pay some of the highest dividends in the insurance industry. The Order has paid just over \$3 Billion in death benefits over the years and has awarded over \$6 Billion in living benefits (dividends) to our certificate holders. You do not have to die to benefit from insurance.

Our plan has no administrative charges and no surrender charges and there is no annual policy fee. The interest you accumulate in your policy is not taxed unless you withdraw the funds, so you do not get a 1099 as you would with a CD. All death benefits are paid out income-tax free.

This is a terrific policy for the Knight, his spouse and even kids. It's a one-and-done contract, creating an instant estate for the insured.

If you have a favorite charity, this is a great way to fund it. Done correctly, you could even tax deduct the premium you pay in.

Why not give me a call and let's discuss how single-premium life can benefit you and your family. Put those unused investments, high risk stocks and mutual funds and low interest CD's to work today by moving those monies into a single-premium life account.

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September 2018

Knights of Columbus 7672

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1:00 pm - Set up Float for Pioneer Day Parade
2 12:30 pm - Stone Crabs Baseball Game	3 Labor Day - 7:30 am Arrive for Pioneer Day Parade	4	5	6	7	8
9 8:30 am Pancake Breakfast	10 5:30 pm Ladies Aux Off. Meeting 6:00 pm Council Social / Speaker 7:00 pm Council Business Meet.	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 4:00 pm Spaghetti Supper	21	22
23	24 6:00 pm Installation of Officers	25	26	27	28 State-wide Respect for Life Conference 2:00 pm @ Punta Gorda (See Brochure- for session time schedule)	29 Early am State- wide Respect for Life Conference cont. @ Punta Gorda. (See Brochure- for session time schedule) ----- 4:00 pm Mass Dollars for Babies
30 8:00 & 10:00 am Mass - Dollars for Babies Corporate Communion & Blessing of Officers						



Faith in Action

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Holy Hour

Encourage deep personal encounter with God.

The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church's long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today — especially as threats from the world and the devil are so keenly felt. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life or membership status. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate aspects such as: perpetual adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer for particular intentions and more. A Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, prepared for the men of the parish, could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Father McGivney or St. Joseph, and various other aspects as decided by the council.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR
★ Council Meeting & Elections ★
Monday September 10th 2018
at 7:00 P.M.
2019 Membership Card required for Admission.

