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CHRISTMAS EDITION

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This Issue

The Christmas Edition is being published to capture and share a few of the 2019 highlights, relay some thoughts on our upcoming year, and offer a heartfelt Christmas message for all.

Grand Knight's Message



Greetings Brothers,

Let me first wish you and your families a joyous Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. This is a time for reflection on family relationships and for some, possibly an opportunity to bring the family unit either closer or back together. Every family has problems either great or small and through prayer and forgiving, over time, most can be resolved.

Our council has had a very busy and productive few months. We have much more to do and with everyone working together success is guaranteed. We are looking forward to more social activities. Having refreshments after the monthly meeting has worked well for giving us a chance to just sit around and get to know each other better. Korinek's and Hopfinger's social gatherings were fun. If you missed them, please plan on attending the next one.

Merry Christmas and have a Great Holiday Season!

Grand Knight Ron Balaze

Calendar of Events December & January

Fraternal Communion

Mass

SUNDAY 12/29
@ 8:30 am Mass

First Friday Mass & Rosary

FRIDAY 1/3 @ 7:30 am Rosary
Mass to follow

Coffee & Doughnuts

SUNDAY 1/5
After Sunday Masses

Officer Meeting

CHANGE: TUESDAY 1/7
@ 4:00pm at the Hall

Council Meeting

CHANGE: THURSDAY 1/9
@ 7:00pm at the Hall

Pancake Breakfast

FRIDAY 1/10 Set up @ 8:30am
SUNDAY 1/12
After Sunday Masses

Immokalee Food Drive

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 1/11&12

Coffee & Doughnuts

SUNDAY 1/19
After Sunday Masses

Novena for Life

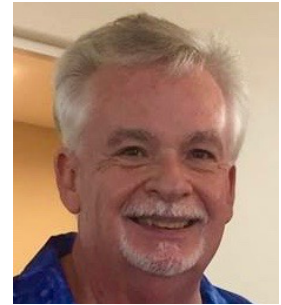
JANUARY 21 - 29

Tootsie Roll Drive

SUNDAY 1/31
SATURDAY 2/1
SUNDAY 2/2
@ Publix US41 & Old Venice Rd
Times: TBD

Spiritual Director's Message

The giving of gifts is not something man invented. God started the giving spree when He gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son! And thus it began: The magic of Christmas isn't within the presents, however in His presence. Our council has made great strides with our Faith in Action commitment. Join me in not only keeping CHRIST in Christmas, but keeping CHRIST in everything we do all year long!
Merry Christmas, Deacon Tom



A Message from our Membership Chair

In 2019, eight new or transferred Brothers joined our council. We welcome:

Joseph DeSantis
Michael La Vecchia
Raymond Qaida
Thomas Patricoski

Dennis Izzo
Gerald Lynn
Jim Smith
Steven Sellner



"I see it now starting to happen slowly, new members, and members having fun. Seeing membership participation at meetings and joining in projects— what a Christmas present."

Merry Christmas, Chancellor Larry Kocen

In Memoriam

Let us pause to remember our Council Brothers who completed their journey of life in 2019:

Bill Kella
 Ralph Travis
 John Marshall
 Fred Lockenmeyer
 Tom McMullen

They are forever in our prayers.

Knights of the Month

Congratulations to David Erb, our Knight of the Month for October and Larry Kocen, our Knight of the Month for November!



2019 Activities in Review

The new Faith In Action program is fully underway. The four part program has Deacon Tom leading *Faith*, Brother Stan Anthony leading *Family*, Brother Dennis O'Leary leading *Community*, and Brother Tom Mako leading *Life*.

Our January 2019 *Tootsie Roll Drive* was successful. The Council undertook the "grilling of the dogs" for the parish's *Joe-Pat Dinner* in March. The *Spring Golf Outing and Dinner* was a huge success.

We continue to support the Guadalupe Social Services monthly food drive which provides services for Immokalee. Our Council members were very generous in their donations.

The Giving Tree Ministry provides our parish an opportunity to share their blessings at Christmas time. Once again our Council provided support in loading gifts, which included

more than 40 Pack n' Plays, 20 strollers, and lots of fun bicycles, to be delivered to the families of Immokalee.

As a Christmas gift to our parish, our Council provided a free Pancake Breakfast after the Masses on December 8. Our parishioners were delighted and responded with a good turnout and very generous donations.

Our *Keep Christ in Christmas* program was a big success this year in providing magnets and beautiful wooden Christmas ornaments. Donations received exceeded our collections last year.



Heads up! Calendar Changes

Our January Officer meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, January 7. Our Council meeting is now set for Thursday, January 9. Same time, same place. As we've done in the past few months, food will be served following our business meeting. This has been well received and we are finding that new ideas for the council are being aired and discussed. Keep your ideas coming!

Looking Ahead to 2020

As you see in the Calendar, we are kicking off 2020 with our tried and true Pancake Breakfasts.



Coffee and Donuts after Mass provides support for our parish. Get ready to rock & roll at our *Tootsie Roll Drive* in January and February. Signup sheets will be available at our upcoming Council meeting.

As part of our *Faith In Action* activities, we are committed individually to the *Novena for Life* on January 21-29. This is a multi-faceted novena for respect and protection of human life. Each day a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions and related information. You can order this program on the Knights of Columbus website and

complete it on your own. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting in January.

Also planned is an opportunity to participate in a *Spiritual Retreat* in early 2020. Our *Recruitment Drive* is coming up in March.

Something new! Our Council will be sponsoring and staffing a *Lenten Friday Fish Fry* this year—more to come.

Switching to social activities: a baseball outing is in the planning stage in the Spring as well as our golf tournament.

This is just a start. There's a lot more coming in 2020!

From the Officers

As 2019 comes to a close, we the Officers want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

