Toys for Immokalee
Grand Knight’s Message

Worthy Brothers,

Our Christmas season has been a busy one, and we have accomplished a lot. We kept busy last month with coffee & donuts, Op Preymore, the toy drive to Immokalee (Thank you Br & Mrs Kelley), Keep Christ in Christmas magnet campaign, recruiting campaign, made our first payment towards the patio fund, and very importantly you significantly helped out a brother Knight and his family. You men continue to impress me with your stamina, drive, commitment, generosity, and acts of charity. I appreciate it, and I am sure our parish is grateful for your accomplishments and contributions.

A subtle reminder that our Christmas season continues. Legend has it that the bright star over Bethlehem stayed shining for several days after the baby Jesus birth. It was this star that guided the three wise men, or kings, to Jesus. It is a common misconception they arrived on the eve of his birth; rather, they are said to have reached their destination 12 days later. It is on this day, January 6th that many cultures celebrate the day of the three wise men, when they brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. For this reason many leave their Christmas tree up until after the celebration of Tres Reyes Magos.

We have many things to look forward to in January. More Coffee and Donuts; our business and general meeting(s), Trivia Night, our council golf scramble, and an invitation from Council 7997 to their Celebrate Life Luncheon. Remember Brothers: Charity, Unity, Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus

Dave
Spiritual Reflection

A Blessing of Calendars for the New Year

Eternal God, beyond all time: to you alone belong the times and the seasons of our lives.
In the circle of the year, the unending wreath of days and weeks and months, of seasons and solstice and Sabbath, in mid-winter bleakness and summertime fullness, in autumnal death and springtime rebirth, in holidays and in holy days, we journey in the mystery of your saving grace: watching for the dawn of your promise, rejoicing in his coming among us, called to die with him and to rise again; watching, ever watching, waiting and yearning for the time when time is no more when what is unseen will be clear as light itself and all will be complete in the embrace of your love. Be with us now, O God, in the gift and power of your Spirit to bless our calendars and to bless our lives in each of their days, that we may give voice to your goodness and praise to your glory in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, our Lord forever and ever unto ages of ages. Amen! - © Msgr. Andrew G. Varga, 2012

Prayer Requests

Please add these persons to your daily prayer list

+Albion, Melissa
Barette, Rozetta
Broyard, Michele
Burfeind Jr., George
Costanza, Family
+DelVecchio, Carlo
Fontaine, Andre
Gula, Carol
The Hetlingers
King, Kathleen
LeClaire, Faye
McDermitt, Rose
Miller, Suzanne
O’Callaghan, Dennis
Petersen, Vincent
Russo, Diane
Sierocuk, Marion
Savranskian, Pat
Walling, Karen
Flores, Tony
Grant, George
Allocca Family
Bassler, Ray
Budwitz, Jack
Campbell, Andrea
Cruz, Anita
Dietzel, Myrtle
Gasteen, Bill
Hancock, James Br.
Hopkins, Jim & Pam
Kotzin, Carl & Mary
Lissner, Eileen
McWha, Bill & Millie
Moore, Dick
Pagano, Sam
Preville, Claire
Ryan, Pat
+Skerencak, Josephine
Spagnola Family
West, Isabelle
Kella, Mary
Laurent, Jim
Aubuchon, James
Bauer, Mrs. Theodore
Bull, Judie
Carboneau, John
Cunningham, Don
Downey, Mary Ann
Goldstein, Karen
Haviland Family
Kella, Bill Br. Knight
+Langhamer, Rodd
Lubrano, Mike
Menna, Antoinette
Murphy, Paul
Pegg, Tom
Rios, Libertad
Sants, Cathy
Spinnerweber, Bill
Touhy, James
Wielgos, Sara
Michetti, Jeannie
Nieskes, Sandy
Arpino, Frank
Belsley, Roger
Bump, Marvin
Coakley, Michael
Dackal, Ed
Petersen, Mathew
Rossi, Joe
Schmidt, Jodi
Szanyi, Father Mark
Veno, Larry
Strzelecki, Patrica
Lusk, Dick
Hayes, Annie

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 and actually pray in unison the same prayers. This is an opportunity for you to avail yourselves of that experience.
Trio Receive Second Degree

Three council members, John Connelly, Leo Morrell and Peter Ramuno, entered the second degree on December 17th at an exemplification hosted by Council 7052.

The second degree highlights the principle of unity. Members of the Knights of Columbus are united in the body of Christ, ritualized and embodied in their full participation in the Catholic Church. Their loyalty to Christ and the unity which He encompasses, is realized through their commitment to one another and their local, regional, and global church. The Second Degree helps Knights realize their true potential as Christian brothers and the sacred power of unity.

Morrell and Ramuno also received the First Degree that same evening at an earlier exemplification.

Charity is the foremost principle of the Knights of Columbus and is the primary focus of the 1st degree exemplification. There are three degrees of the order, each corresponding to a separate virtue: charity (1st degree), unity (2nd degree), and fraternity (3rd degree). The final (optional) degree, or 4th degree, focuses on the virtue of patriotism.

Please take a few moments to welcome our newest second degree members and encourage them along their journey to full knighthood.

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

To help members keep track of their progress toward attaining the award, special qualification cards are available from the Grand Knight. As an achievement is accomplished, the Grand Knight will sign off on it. Currently recipients receive Certificates of Recognition along with special "Shining Armor" Lapel Pins in recognition of their achievement.
January 21, 2015
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Hall
(New Building)
6:30 PM
Teams of 2-8
$5/person

Advance Reservation Suggested
but Drop-Ins welcome

Contact editor.koc15821@gmail.com for more information and to reserve your place
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 15821

Volunteer Opportunities

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: - 1 Peter 4:10

Coffee & Donuts Breakfast – January 4 & 18, 2015
Set up, Service, Clean up
All Masses
Knights of Columbus Council 15821  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Nine Holes & Happy Hour  
“4-Person Scramble”

Monday, January 12, 2015  
Tee Times begin at 1:30PM  
Happy Hour with Hors d’oeuvres begins at 4:00PM

CALUSA LAKES GOLF CLUB,  
1995 Calusa Lakes Blvd,  
Nokomis, FL

$39 per golfer*  
$10 for non-golfers at Happy Hour  
Cash Bar

You must register in advance as a single or a group of four for Golf, or as a Happy Hour guest/non-golfer. Men and Women are welcomed for Golf & Happy Hour. Singles for Golf will be assigned to a Foursome.

Format: Scramble with double PAR being the maximum score on each hole i.e. for a Par 5, the maximum score for the hole is 10.

Reservations: must be made by January 4th and paid in full. Cancellations prior to January 5th will be refunded. Rain Date for this event will be Monday, January 19th.

Payment: Make Checks payable to KofC Council 15821, and drop off Checks at the Reception Desk at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. If you have any questions or require additional information contact KoC Brother Dennis O’Leary: 941-966-1826 or dennisoleary3@yahoo.com

*Includes: Golf & Happy Hour; Gratuity and Tax; Green Fee & Cart; Practice Facility & Balls; $10 Prize Money for Closest to the Pin on Par 3’s and $60 Prize Money for First Place Foursome in Scramble (lowest gross score)

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Immokalee Toy Drive

Members of the Council and their wives participated in the annual Toy Drive for families in Immokalee. The program, administered by Catholic Charities, transports toys, clothing and other items to persons less fortunate. Chancellor Bob Kelley estimated the value of this year’s donation at about $18,000 in cash and physical items, including 22 new bicycles.

Additional photos at http://tinyurl.com/kctoys2014
Preymore Road Cleanup

As part of the ongoing maintenance of our “adopted” Preymore Road, a group of knights, including Tom McDermitt, Dennis Pavlock, Dave Ceinski, John Connelly, Bruce Crisman and John Lauffer cleared away the brush and overhangs.
Knights of Columbus District 51

5th Annual District Gala

February 21, 2015

Pelican Pointe Country Club
Venice, Florida

Tickets $35 Menu includes choice of salmon or prime rib.
To purchase contact the Grand Knight.

Attire: Semi-Formal; Tuxedo for 4th Degree

Corporate Communion
March 29, 2015
9 AM Mass

Breakfast following
Contact Bob Kelley for details

Happy Birthday!

Fred Madigan
(January 4)

Charles Hall
(January 11)

Bruce Crisman
(January 15)

Tom McDermitt
(January 18)
## Council 15821 Calendar of Events
### January 2015

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**Coffee & Donuts**

*All Masses*

**Board Meeting**

6:30 PM

**Monthly Meeting**

7 PM

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**Should you become a Knight of Columbus?**

Unless you’re interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, the Knights of Columbus is not the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. For more information contact the Council 15821 Membership chairman or any Knight.