



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



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MAY 2012

FATHER CHARLES SPELLMAN COUNCIL #6125

The Grand Knights Message

Brother Knights,

Your overwhelming support of our Council does not cease to amaze me. Time after time, you have not failed to step up to the plate when we needed help, especially when helping out with fund raising events such as our recent "Tootsie Roll" events. Our final tally is not done yet but I know there has been a lot of hard work and dedication to make this program successful. Your response in other activities has also been exceptional.

One instance, in which our Council brothers have not stepped up to the plate however, is in regard to volunteering for leadership positions. Frankly, we have had a hard time in filling officer positions in this Council. I know sometimes there are circumstances which make it difficult if not impossible for many of us to assume certain roles in the Council. Family and career considerations take precedence over Council commitments. But I feel that there are some Council brothers who can and should take on more responsibility. With more brothers agreeing to help out in this regard, the overall effort will be much easier for the current group of officers. Some of you may not feel qualified for some of these positions but I can assure you that if anyone is interested, we can prepare and train anyone who volunteers. We are not talking about Rocket Science here. And a wealth of literature and other resources have been provided by Supreme to facilitate executing of officers' duties.

Ideally a brother interested in serving as an officer would start as an Inside or Outside Guard and then progress upward "through the ranks" assuming greater positions of responsibility as he gains more experience. But I know there are circumstances beyond our control which do not allow this. So we do the best we can and ask that you support our Council with your talent and effort. The United States Marines need a few good men and so does our Council. Please pray on this and if the spirit is willing, contact me as soon as possible so we can discuss opportunities that will be available in next fraternal year. Thank you and God bless and I wish you all a Happy Mother's Day.

Fraternally,

Grand Knight

Attendance Drawing for APRIL

Brother Pete Bergmann was **not** in attendance for the \$60 attendance drawing.

The May drawing increases to \$70.

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Congratulations to: **Bro. Lou Harlow**

for winning & donating \$52 on the 50/50 drawing!

Remember - you have to **be there** to win the \$\$\$!

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- Mark Blackledge James Bower Robert Carey*
- Joseph Daniszeski Richard Fahringer Harry Fantozzi*
- Donald Fuda John Hoodock Bob Link Harold Lyons*
- John McCabe Jim Mellone Anthony Mendillo*
- Amado Jose Mendoza Nickolas Otranto Rick Phelps*
- Roger Seaton Daniel Shorten Robert Thomas*
- Andy Tridnivka Rodney Whelan*

Receive many Blessings
Volunteer for BINGO!

Wednesdays, 6:30, Doors open 5:15pm

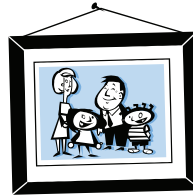


May Family of the Month

John & Joella Prokopowicz

For outstanding participation
in our K of C activities!

Thank you all !!!



BISHOPS ISSUE CALL TO ACTION TO DEFEND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

A Fortnight for Freedom June 21 to July 4

The U.S. bishops have issued a call to action to defend religious liberty and urged laity to work to protect the First Freedom of the Bill of Rights. They outlined their position in "Our First, Most Cherished Freedom." "We have been staunch defenders of religious liberty in the past. We have a solemn duty to discharge that duty today," the bishops said in the document, "... for religious liberty is under attack, both at home and abroad."

The document lists concerns that prompt the bishops to act now. Among concerns are: The Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate forcing all employers, including religious organizations, to provide and pay for coverage of employees' contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs even when they have moral objections to them. Another concern is HHS's defining which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit protection of their religious liberty,

Driving Catholic foster care and adoption services out of business. Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities adoption or foster care services out of business by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.

Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services. Despite years of excellent performance by the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require USCCB to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.

The statement lists other examples such as laws punishing charity to undocumented immigrants; a proposal to restructure Catholic parish corporations to limit the bishop's role; and a state university's excluding a religious student group because it limits leadership positions to those who share the group's religion.

Other topics include: the recent tactic of reducing freedom of religion to freedom of worship, the distinction between conscientious objection to a just law, and civil disobedience of an unjust law, the primacy of religious freedom among civil liberties, the need for active vigilance in protecting that freedom, and concern for religious liberty among interfaith and ecumenical groups and across partisan lines.

The bishops decry limiting religious freedom to the sanctuary.

"Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans," they said. "Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith?"

"This is not a Catholic issue. This is not a Jewish issue. This is not an Orthodox, Mormon, or Muslim issue. It is an American issue," they said.

The document ends with a call to action. "What we ask is nothing more than that our God-given right to religious liberty be respected. We ask nothing less than that the Constitution and laws of the United States, which recognize that right, be respected." They specifically addressed several groups: the laity, those in public office, heads of Catholic charitable agencies, priests, experts in communication, and urged each to employ the gifts and talents of its members for religious liberty.

The bishops called for "A Fortnight for Freedom," the two-week period from June 21 to July 4—beginning with the feasts of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher and ending with Independence Day—to focus "all the energies the Catholic community can muster" for religious liberty.

God Bless the USA Deacon Mike

News of the Fourth



Worthy Sirs,

although I will not be in attendance at the May meeting I urge ALL members of the 4th Degree to be in attendance. At this month's meeting the advance officer slate for the upcoming fraternal year (2012-2013) will be posted and will be voted on at the June meeting. Our Faithful Captain, Jim Wald, will be conducting the meeting in my absence. A special wish to all the wives of all our members on their special upcoming day HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY and many thanks for your active support of our Order.

**Very Respectfully
FN Ron Harrington**



*Thank You to All our Parishes
For your participation in our
Tootie Roll Drive*

*Your financial support for our Charities
Is most graciously appreciated
And means so much to our community.*

Bless You & Thank You

Kentucky Derby / Cinco de Mayo

Dinner Party, Sat., May 5th

Starts at 5PM, 50/50 Race

Dinner at 7PM, Piñatas and Dance Music

\$15 per person

Call John Prokopowicz for tickets 633-0380



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - MAY



**Brother Tom Kelly
Congratulations!!!**

MAY 2012 CALENDAR

- 2 BINGO, 6:30pm, Doors open 5:15pm
- 3 4th Degree meeting, 7:30 pm, KC Chm
- 4 No Friday Dinner - Please attend weekend events
- 5 **Kentucky Derby/Cinco de Mayo Dinner Party**
Events start at 5 PM, KC Hall
- 8 Officers Mtg., 7 pm / C. Spellman Mtg., 8 pm
- 8 LA Bd Mtg., 7pm, St Johns
- 9 BINGO, 6:30pm, Doors open 5:15pm
- 10 **May Crowning, KC Hall, before meetings**
- 10 General Membership Mtg., 7:30pm, KC Chm
- 10 Ladies Auxiliary Mtg., 7:30pm, KC Hall
- 11 Friday Dinner - TBA
- 13 Happy Mother's Day
- 16 BINGO, 6:30pm, Doors open 5:15pm
- 17 Holy Day, The Ascension of the Lord
- 17 LA Lunch Bunch - Brano's - 12pm
- 18 Friday Steak Night Dinner - 6pm, \$10
- 23 BINGO, 6:30pm, Doors open 5:15pm
- 24 CoveredDish, TBA - Social Night
- 27 Pentecost Sunday
- 28 Memorial Day
- 30 BINGO, 6:30pm, Doors open 5:15pm

Slate of Officer's 2012-2013

GK - Stephen Lowry Recorder - Rick Muething

DGK - Bob Duerr Advocate - Barry Schmoyer

Chancellor - Ed Rizzotti Guard - Bob Klinko

Warden - Tom Kelly Guard - John Golob *

Treasurer - Stephen O'Conor 3rd Year -

Nominees from the floor will be graciously accepted .

* w/ required Transfer

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LADIES AUXILIARY

Presidents Message

Dear Ladies,

First of all I want to thank each and everyone of the ladies that participated in making our Bunco a success. I can't thank you enough. I feel so very blessed for all the help setting up, working the evening, and the clean up. Thanks also to Dan Del Torre, Steve Lowry, Walter Crostic and Joe Maugeri for all their help.

What lovely raffle baskets we gave away. The winners really loved the baskets they won. Rachael's door prizes went over very well also. Extra thanks and hugs to Rachel Heidt, Kathy O'Connor, Kay Crostic. and Camille Link for their wonderful work. I am really looking forward to our next Bunco in October.

May is a special month with the May Crowning of Mary. Another big happening in May is Mother's Day, I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Mother's Day.

Blessings to all; Kay Harrington President

May Birthdays

Fanny Adams, Linda Bergman,
Elizabeth Brenyo, Kay Howkins, Patricia Link,
Irene MacDougal, Gertrude Ray, Andrea Wilson

Prayers

Please remember in your ongoing prayers Barbara Patton, Angela Cannici, Vivian DeCarlo.

Deepest Sympathy to the family of Pat Kolar. May our Sister in Christ rest in peace.

BUNCO RESULTS

With almost all receipts accounted for it looks like we cleared a profit of \$3,765 from our Bunco fundraiser. The proceeds from your wonderful theme baskets was \$1301, Grand raffle proceeds was \$676 and Pot of Gold proceeds was \$416.

None of this would be possible without your continued support and generosity. God has truly blessed our endeavors and may he continue to bless all our Ladies.

Lunch Bunch

The Ladies are off to lunch at Brano's, 3680 N Atlantic Ave, Cocoa Beach on May 17th. They will be meeting at 12pm. RSVP Liz Brenyo @ 255-5225 or sign-up at our upcoming mtg.

MAY CROWNING

Join us at 7:30pm at our Auxiliary meeting on May 10th as we come together to pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. There will be a short service with the crowning of Mary at the K of C prayer garden in front of the K of C hall. The Knights will be joining us.

Upcoming

May 8th, Tuesday, Bd Mtg. St John's 7pm
May 10th, Thursday, Aux. Mtg/ May Crowning
7:30pm K of C Hall
May 17th- Lunch Bunch. Brano's 12pm