

# Knights Newsletter



## December 2020

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## Grand Knight's Report

Bro. Knights I am happy to write this report on behalf of Council #14727, Our Lady of Grace. Hopefully, this will be a monthly occurrence and for starters this has been quite an eventful year with the advent of a virus that took the world by surprise. For sure it has altered lifestyles, impacted businesses, people's lives and even Our participation in community and church activities. As a Council the virus has curtailed activities and made it oft times difficult to set our agenda, plan activities and be a functioning entity.

I am ever grateful for those members who have stuck with the council meetings since September, to Father Ronnie for his input and support and for all members who are involved in community and parish tasks. I am sitting here thinking that this report is going to go out for the month of Dec. with a New Year just around the corner - hard to believe but we have all been focused on the virus and its potential effects and it continues to impact our lives. There is good news on the horizon with news suggesting that a vaccine, maybe vaccines are close at hand.

I am thankful for our slate of officers, for the Knight sponsored monthly rosary's, and the efforts put forth by the Knights whether it be ushering, serving on the alter, volunteering in the community, attending council meetings, Gentleman you deserve a big pat on the back. Further we have Bro Knights with illness, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers: pray for one another, pray for the success of the council going forward - there is much to be done but at this point it depends on corralling the pandemic. We trust in the "Good Lord that He guide us through the pandemic keep Bro Knights and families as well as Parish safe and healthy.

Also one more bit of information please pray for our Founder Rev. Michael McGivney. His beautification celebrated in Hartford, Conn Oct. 31st is an historic moment for the Knights of Columbus and the Church. I am positive He is praying for us, his church, and all Councils world-wide as we continue to practice charity, unity and fraternity.

Have a safe and productive Advent and holiday season

Sincerely

Stephen J. Ashley, WGK - Vivat Jesus

Spotlighting our founder, Father McGivney, and his reasons for founding the Our Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program? I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary's he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him. I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It's been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical, considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!



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## VETERAN'S ACTIVITIES

Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 has come and gone. The Avon Park Parade was well attended and the veterans who attended received their lunch FREE. If you were unable to attend this year, the activity is an annual event so... Consider attending it on November 11, 2021.

The Highlands County Veterans Council will sponsor a Golf Tournament at River Green Country Club on January 16, 2021. The entry fee is \$50.00. Contact Ambrose Brooker 863-273-6891 for additional information.

## Color Corp Report

Brother Knights, the first principle of the Knights of Columbus is Charity. Charity is not just giving money to support a cause, it's giving of your time and talent, also. Council 14717 could not succeed, without the council members help. Until recently we have been extremely fortunate to have volunteers for our many programs, programs. They are all designed to help the needy through raising funds or providing physical support. Unfortunately, we are now experiencing corona virus issues and most of our programs are on hold. With that in mind, our Sunday Breakfast Activity and most other fund-raising activities are on hold. Unfortunately, that does not eliminate the need to provide support to the needy. With that in mind, we will be developing new programs and hope we get the entire membership behind our "going forward" fund raising activities. When we are able to reactivate our "before-the-virus" activities we will be asking for hands-on-support from our membership so.. be ready. For the immediate future, please get behind programs we activate and plan to come to our monthly meeting. Who knows, you might learn something you didn't know.

## The Immaculate Conception, December 8<sup>th</sup>

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings. When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word kecharitomene. It therefore expresses a characteristic quality of Mary. Source: Internet, Catholic Answers

### SICK CALL

Mike Basile

Gary Ingalls

Bob Mack

Michael Padron

Donald Sliwicki

Fr Leo Frechette

## Council 14717 Board 2020 – 2021

### **Grand Knight**

Steve Ashley – 863-414-4169

### **Deputy Grand Knight**

Joe Hamilton

### **Chancellor**

Eric Quiel

### **Recorder**

Gary Ingalls

### **Treasurer**

John Harrison

### **Advocate**

John McLaughlin

### **Warden**

John Coleman

### **Inside Gard**

George Eschenbach

### **Outside Guard**

Mesa

### **One Year Trustee**

Robert Mack

### **Two Year Trustee**

William Schmits

### **Three Year Trustee**

Amedeo Schiappa

### **Chaplain**

Fr. Ronnie Sison

### **Lecturer**

Ambrose Brooker

### BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Borowski 12-21

Philip Nica 12-1

Michael Hill 12-5

James Watson 12-21

Claude Ruel 12-27

Christopher Van Der Kaay 12-28



**Knight of the Month - David Rosendale**

Member of OLOG Council # 14717 he has served his Council effectively over the past couple of years, heading up kitchen responsibilities for various functions. He assumed the responsibilities of Financial Secretary for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. He also has been a key player with the Hands for Homeless Ministry in Avon Park along with assisting neighbors in need with his time and talents. He further Ushers here at Our Lady of Grace, and he serves on the Degree Team. David and his wife Eileen, jointly volunteer and provide support to numerous activities here in the community.

**Thank You for doing the work of the Lord David**

**Why should I become a Knight**

If you are 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, then....the Knights of Columbus is 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. These are just a few reasons to become a Knight.

We are a Band of Brothers, a Network of Men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. **If you are interested in joining,** please contact.....Steve Ashley 863-414-4169 or Steve Feldman at 863-414-2677

**Upcoming Events**

- Dec 08 Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
Education Building
- Dec 18 Boys & Girls Club Christmas Activity
- Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Jan 12 Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
Education Building
- Jan 26 Potluck-Members & Guests 6:00  
Grogan Ctr
- Feb 07 Parish Breakfast 8 am-12:00 noon  
Grogan Ctr.
- Feb 09 Council Meeting 7:00 pm  
Education Building
- Feb 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Feb 19 Lenten Fish Dinner 5:30 pm  
Grogan Center
- Feb 23 Potluck Social 6:00 pm  
Grogan Center
- Feb 26 Lenten Fish Dinner 5:30 pm



**Family Knight of the Month - Bob Mack**

One of the founding members of Council #14717. He has filled various roles in the Council including heading up kitchen responsibilities, breakfasts, and fish bakes. Past Faithful Navigator for the 4th Degree here at our Lady of Grace Council. Currently, he serves as one of three trustees to our council. He, along with wife Joan volunteers in community most notably at the Church Service Center. Both help with neighbors, those sick and in distress. Both can be seen often at 4 pm mass serving as ushers. In the remarks of Our Lord " well done thy good and faithful servants.