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**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 11421
BOCA RATON, FL.**

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Dear Worthy Brothers,

We have entered the sacred season of Lent, a time of renewal, reflection, and deepening our faith. It is a season that calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—not merely as acts of discipline, but as a means of drawing closer to Christ and His sacrifice for us. May this Lenten journey bear much fruit in our lives, strengthening our hearts and spirits as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

In January, we kicked off our seasonal events with the first pancake breakfast of the fraternal year, followed this month by the first Lenten Fish Bake of the season. These events are more than meals—they strengthen fraternity and service within our parish family. Thank you to all who contributed to their success.

Father Dominic has arranged a three-night Lenten Mission, March 24–26 at 7:00 p.m., focusing on The Holy Spirit. Monsignor Stephen Bosso, who served 37 years at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, will lead this spiritual renewal. Msgr. Bosso is a gifted teacher and preacher, known for his deep theological insight and inspiring message. I encourage you to mark your calendars and make this mission a priority—it promises to be a time of grace and transformation.

We also continue to grow as a council, having recently welcomed four new brothers: George Conwell, Manuel Ortiz, Richard Lacker, and John Mader. Brothers, I ask you to seek them out, introduce yourselves, and ensure they feel welcome. With one more prospect completing his requirements this month, we are just two members away from Star Council. Let's keep the momentum going, growing our brotherhood and strengthening our Church through action.

As we journey through Lent together, I leave you with these words from the Prophet Joel:

"Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." — Joel 2:13

May we take these words to heart, allowing this season to transform us from within. Let us grow in faith, serve with joy, and uplift one another as true Brothers in Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother David, GK

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Those who are in need our help and prayers:

Please keep these people and their families in your prayers:

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| • Deacon Bill and Dorothy Ferguson | • Brother Richard Crawford |
| • Brother Paul Puleo | • DGK Michael Verga |
| • Brother Mark Cancalosi | • Brother Edward Gronachan |

It is with deep sadness to report the passing of our beloved Brother Bruce Kendall on Saturday January 11th. Bruce has been a faithful and dedicated member of the Knights of Columbus for 45 years and served as our Council Treasurer from 2011 to 2017 and later as Trustee from 2018 to 2024. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to his wife Betsy and family. May God give Bruce eternal rest in Heaven.

Also, with deep sadness to report the passing of Sir Worthy Knight Joseph DiGangi on Friday, December 20th, 2024. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayer to his wife Dolores and family. May God give Joseph external rest in Heaven.

We are saddened to report the passing of Brother Edward Gronachan on March 7th. Brother Ed was with our Council for a few years after his transfer into our Council. He had participated in setting up for many of our events. We extend our deepest sympathies and prayer to his wife Ann and family. May God give Edward eternal rest in Heaven.

MEMBERSHIP:

Currently, the Council has a total of 114 members which includes 5 Honorary members, 22 Honorary Life members and 1 Exempt member. This year the council's quota is 7 new members and currently we gain 5 new members. Let's work together to meet this goal and attain Star Council this year.

The membership dues of \$38 for 2024/2025 Fraternal Year are currently due.



If you know of a practicing Catholic man 18 years of age or older, who would like to join the Knights. Please have them scan this QR code which will bring them to the website to join or contact **Membership Director Nick Morrone Sr.** email nickmorroneSr@gmail.com cell 954.830.5625

ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH & APRIL

MARCH

Saturday, Mar. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
Pray the Rosary @ 9:30am
Prayer Garden

Sunday, Mar. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
Coffee & Donuts 8am & 9:30am Masses

Monday, Mar. 3rd
Officer's Meeting @ 6:30pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Wednesday, Mar. 5th
Ash Wednesday
8:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm Mass

Friday, Mar. 7th, 21st & 28th
Fish Bake
Parish Hall 5:00pm

Monday, Mar. 10th
Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Wednesday, Mar. 12th & 26th
Boca Helping Hands 1:00 – 3:00pm

Friday, Mar. 14th
St. Patrick's Dinner Setup
9:00am

Saturday, Mar. 15th
St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance
300 Club Raffle Drawing
Parish Hall 5:30pm

Tuesday/Wednesday Mar. 18th & 19th
Shirt Relief Drive
4:00 – 6:00pm
Outside of Parish Office

APRIL

Friday,
Friday, Apr. 4th & 11th
Fish Bake
5:00pm

Saturday, Apr. 5th & 12th
Pray the Rosary @ 9:30am
Prayer Garden

Sunday, Apr. 6th & 27th
Coffee & Donuts 8am & 9:30am Masses

Monday, Apr. 7th
Officer's Meeting @ 6:30pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Wednesday, Apr. 9th & 23rd
Boca Helping Hands 1:00 – 3:00pm

Monday, Apr. 14th
Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Tuesday, Apr. 15th
Semi-Annual All Brothers Phone Calls

Thursday, Apr. 17th
Holy Thursday
Mass 7:00pm

Friday, Apr. 18th
Good Friday
Mass 3:00pm

Sunday, Apr. 20th
Easter
Mass Sunrise 6:30, 8:00am, 9:30am &
11:00am

Pray The Rosary:

The Supporting Life Ministries will be hosting Pray the Rosary on Saturday mornings at 9:30am at the Prayer Garden from January thru April. Take time out of your schedule and spend an hour in pray. Everyone is invited, and bring a friend.

Boca Helping Hands (BHH):

The Supporting Life group volunteers at BHH Remillard Family Resource Center every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month for 2 hours between 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Boca Helping Hands is located at 1500 at S.E. 1st Street Boca Raton. If you are interested in volunteering and giving back to the community contact PGK Ron Sawchuk at 561.699.7391.

Fish Bake:

The Lenten Fish Bake will be held 5 Fridays this year starting on Friday March 7th at 5:00pm in the parish hall. There will be no event on Good Friday, April 18th and no event on March 14th because of the St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance event.

The Fish Bake is the Council's largest fund-raising event each year and team captain Tom Agostino is in need of volunteers to help during this event with the following listed below:

1. Music Coordinator
 - Provide soft, easy-listening background music to create a warm ambiance that enhances conversation.
2. Special Menu Features - We plan to introduce an "unadvertised" special feature at each event. We need one or more Knights to manage the planning, purchasing, and delivery for the following dates:
 - March 7: Flavored coffee after dinner
 - March 21: A featured before-dinner cocktail
 - March 28: Ice cream sundaes for dessert
 - April 4: Special feature to be determined (we welcome your creative suggestions!)
 - April 11: \$1 wine donation – a special event for which we invite a Brother to own the event by generously donating the wine.
3. French Fry Specialist
 - At each event, one Brother will be responsible for baking a delicious batch of French fries to complement our dinner.
4. Dishwashing Duty
 - We also need one Knight at each event to assist with washing dishes after dinner service.

Please reply to our Team Captain Tom at his email address tmagostino@gmail.com with the role(s) you'd like to assume or to GK David Herbert at his email address boocaherb@aol.com if you have any questions or ideas.

Let's work together to make this event one of our biggest ever. Thank you for your dedication and service. Let's come together to share our creativity and love, making this Lent a truly special time for our Church family.

Long Sleeve Shirt Relief Drive:

Americans are all integrally connected to the farmworkers every time they eat. These men and women do some of the most important work in this country – feeding a nation – and deserve support. Caring about farmworkers reveals a care for the inherent dignity and humanity of the people in these communities.

Knights of Columbus Council 11421 will be conducting a Long Sleeve Shirt Relief Drive on Tuesday & Wednesday March 18th & 19th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm outside the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to help with collecting the shirts outside the Parish Office. Contact GK David Herbert at 561.702.3402 or email: bocaherb@aol.com.

Light-colored, button-down long sleeve shirts (men & women S, M & L sizes) are needed and 100 percent cotton is preferred but not necessary.

St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance and 300 Club Drawing:

The St. Patrick's Dinner/Dance will be held on March 15th at the Parish Hall at 5:30pm. Check the church bulletin for details. The winner of the St. John's 300 Club grand prize will be announced that same night. 300 Club tickets are available at the Parish Office. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Cost of each ticket is \$50. Be part of a great dinner with dancing and maybe you will be a Winner!

Volunteers are needed to help set up the Parish Hall for the Dinner/Dance on Friday March 14th at 9:00am. Also bartending duties as well during the dinner. Consider helping this year by fulfilling your commitment to our oath of unity, charity and fraternally, Contact GK David Herbert at 561.702.3402 or email: bocaherb@aol.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

MARCH

1 – Nick Morrone	25 – Joshua Guevara
8 – Michael Welch	25 – Michael McLoughlin
10 – Joseph Ender	25 – Tom Sova
12 – William Guarino	26 – Kevin Lazarus
13 – Tom Smith	27 – James Melvin
19 – Robert Heck	29 – Leonard Bizzaro
23 – Juan Hernandez	29 – Rich Russell

APRIL

7 – Rev Ronald Schulz	22 – Anthony Guiliano
10 – Frank Marcello	25 – Luis Martinez Sr
13 – Larry Bower	28 – James Moore
16 – Thomas Traino	29 – Michael Schenk
20 – Alejandro Ayala	29 – John Simmons
21 – Martin Kocal	

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

New Members:

(left to right) Richard Lacker George Cornwell, Don DiPasquale and John Mader



Meet our newest members who received their exemplification in the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 2 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Boca Raton.

Richard (Rich) Lacker who joined our Council last month through the online QR code website. Richard and his wife have been parishioners of St. John's for many years and they live in the West Boca area. Rich stated he wanted to volunteer more of his time and give back to the community which led him to joining the Knights of Columbus.

George Cornwell also joined the Council through the online QR code last Fall 2024. Brother George is a retired library director. Now that he is retired, he has more time helping at our social events and usher duties on Sunday mornings.

Don DiPasquale has been a First Degree Knight for many years and wanted to fulfilled his dream of becoming a Third Degree Knight. Don and his wife Dale have been parishioners for many years. Don can be seen as an usher at the 9:30 Mass or as a Lecturer at Mass.

John Mader received his full exemplification into the Knights on Saturday at St. Joan of Arc. John and his wife Linda are parishioners of St. John's. Linda is the St. John's Director of Faith Formation & Religious Education and John is her biggest supporter. John can be seen at the 9:30 Mass as an usher.



Manuel Ortiz joined our Council through the online QR code website. After retiring, Brother Manuel moved here recently with his family from Houston. His youngest son was his influence for joining the Knights of Columbus. Brother Manuel can be seen at the 11:00am Mass.

When you see Rich, George, Don, John and Manuel introduce yourself and welcome them into our Council.

Supporting Life Ministry:

The Supporting Life Ministries delivered the Giving Tree items with the help of brother Ron Sawchuk, brother Larry Bower and his wife Marilyn, Johanna Petro, Richard and brother Charles Coward. to the Birthline/Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Boynton Beach in January. This year the parishioners were very generous and the group collected approximately 1,010 items valued at approximately \$19,000.00.



Special thanks to brother Ron Sawchuk for his time and effort in leading the Supporting Life Group. Brother Ron has spent many years in serving the needs of the community for Birthline/Lifeline and Boca Helping Hands.



Pancake Breakfast:

Brother Larry Bower would like to thank all the brother knights and their family members who helped with our Pancake Breakfast that was held on January 26th in the Parish Hall after the Sunday morning Masses.

The breakfast was very successful with our largest attendance of about 190 guests making a nice profit.

The Kitchen Crew consisted of brother Tony Guiliano, Katia and Angelo Andrade, brother Tom and Karen Agustino who did an excellent job in preparing the scramble eggs and pancakes, also brother Tom Clements who baked the sausage patties and links. Brother Tom Sova and his wife Susan tended the juice and fruit table and brother Charles Coward sat up the coffee table and this year he added hot chocolate. Thanks to our servers, brothers Al Daniello, Kevin Lazarus and his wife Debbie, Mark Cancalosi, Carl Trigona, Scott Spencer and Terry Condon who welcomed our guests. Big thanks to brother Jim Melvin who was our marketing manager along with the help of Angelo Andrade who catered to the parishioners with sample breakfast plates.

Special thanks to Hailee Sova for her great work in making signs for our breakfast. Also, a thank you to our Pastor Father Dominic for getting the message to our Parishioners and to GK David who gave a wonderful membership message after all masses that Sunday.

AED (Automated External Defibrillator):



The Council recently purchased two AEDs from the net proceeds of the 30th Anniversary Party. One AED is mounted on the wall on the left side of the church's vestibule and the other in the Parish Hall on the wall next to the kitchen.

Training was held on Saturday February 22nd with about 20 people attending from the Parish community and council members. The trainer was from the American Red Cross and everyone got to practice CPR and watched videos on how to use the AED. After the training, everyone received a certificate of training for CPR/AED from the Red Cross,

AED can save lives by restoring a normal heart rhythm after cardiac arrest. It's estimate that 474 lives are saved each year. If the Parish ever has an event, it's good to know we have AEDs and people trained

for an event.



LIX Super Bowl Party:

For the first time the Social Committee hosted a Super Bowl Party on Sunday night February 9th for brother knights, family members and for any prospective members. After a few technical problems with the internet connection the game was viewed on the large TVs in the Parish Hall. Lots of super bowl party dishes were had and a Supe Bowl Pool was played with multiple winners including the Council receiving a prize.

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

Mark 12:30 – 31

“And you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Let us say a Hail Mary

Brother Marty Knecht, Advocate for the Diocese of Palm Beach:

Here are some definitions for the different types of annulment cases used in the Tribunal.
Declarations of Nullity also referred to as annulments.

A Declaration of Nullity is defined as an official declaration of the Church that a particular marriage entered into in good faith was invalid from its beginning.

Informal cases:

1. Lack of Form: for Catholics and Orthodox)

When the form is altogether lacking, one must prove it by documentation

- a. Marriage license
- b. Divorce decree
- c. Baptismal certificate
- d. Completed Lack of Form petition

2. Defect of Form (Catholics)

When it appears that the form was followed but some essential element was missing, it but be proved by documentation and the intervention of the Defender of the Bond.

- a. Marriage license
- b. Divorce decree
- c. Baptismal certificate
- d. Defender's brief
- e. Other proofs and testimony
- f. Sentence by the judge

3. Ligamen: (Prior bond)

This refers to the previous bond of marriage, or previous marriages of a person. It must be handled like a defect of form case and each marriage must be considered in chronological order, beginning with the first in the case of multiple marriages.

If you or a friend of yours have any questions or concerns about marriage or a possible annulment, please do not hesitate to contact me for a completely confidential conversation.

Vivat Jesus,
Marty

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Supporting Life Ministries:

Mission Statement:

Supported by the St. John's parish family, Ladies of St. John's and Knights of Columbus Council 11421.

Jesus taught us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself”. As members of St. John's Supporting Life Ministries our mission and our faith in God compels us to action. There is no better way to experience our love and compassion to God than helping others in need.

The Supporting Life Ministries membership is open to all women, men and children of the St. John's parish family.

The Supporting Life Ministries will be involved in programs to help families in need, newborns and the homeless.

Current activities include:

- The **Rosary** on Saturday mornings will end the Saturday before Good Friday and will resume in October.
- **Boca Helping Hands (BHH)** provides food, medical and financial assistance to meet basic human needs as well as education, job training and guidance to create self-sufficiency.
- **Birthline / Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center** a program under Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Palm Beach respects life in all stages of life. We will support their need for items for infants and small children by providing donated items from parishioners through the Giving Tree program
- **Right to Life** is to protect and defend the most fundamental right of humankind, the right to life of every human being from the beginning of life to natural death. On the first weekend of each month, at each Mass, we say a prayer for life as a reminder of our Christian commitment to respect the gift of human life.

We are seeking new members to join our charity driven group. We meet the fourth Monday monthly at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall Classroom 3. If you are interested, please contact PGK Ron Sawchuk at 561-699-73

Prayer for Life

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent Your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception until natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. May we be especially sensitive to the life of the handicapped and incarcerated. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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