

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Agnes Council 14202

Naples, Florida
January 2025







I hope all of you celebrated a blessed Christmas with family and friends. I was able to spend time with all of my daughters and most of my grandchildren. It's difficult getting the whole family together at the same time now that they're older.

The coming year is going to have some challenges. Like the turtle, we're going to have to stick our necks out a little if we want to get ahead. We are blessed with several wonderful volunteers who help out regularly at the major events. We could not succeed without them. However, like many organizations, we have a small percentage of the total membership doing most of the work. What's more, it is difficult to find people who actually want to take full responsibility for putting on events. I know what it's like, I've often said to myself and others, "I don't want to be chief, I just want to be a good Indian."

We are very fortunate to have DGK Joe Manhart who runs almost all of our food events. He does a great job and we would be hard pressed to replace him. However, Joe isn't getting any younger (imagine that) and he's not going to be able to continue running it all by himself. We will have to break Joe's job down into smaller chunks and get some lieutenants to take on portions of his responsibilities. This means people will have to step forward and "belly up to the bar" as they say. We can slice it and dice it in lots of different ways but the bottom line is, we have to start taking on Joe's responsibilities. And frankly, we can't rely on a bunch of 75, 80 and 85 year old guys to do it. It's got to be some of the younger Knights.

What's more, if we look at the bigger picture, we've got to keep in mind that almost all of the officers will have been in their positions for two years or more at the end of the year. I'm quite sure we will have multiple "retirements" to deal with as we begin to consider next year's slate. Again, the younger Knights have to come forward to assume these

positions. Moreover, we have to recruit younger guys and they have to participate actively or the Council will diminish and whither away. Mark my words, it will happen sooner than we think!

So, I am going to ask you guys to "pray on this." We have to get going pretty soon. We can't just keep putting it off. We will talk more about this issue in the early part of the coming year. God bless all of you. Pray hard!

GK Jerry McGrath





IMAGING ULTRASOUND VAN























During our February 2024 Council meeting, the process began with a motion made by Brother John Kaspar resulting in a unanimous decision to raise the necessary \$200,000 to purchase a mobile clinic for CPCI. Grand Knight Russ Scott appointed John as Project Manager who immediately initiated the formal application process and advanced same through our local Council, Diocesan and Supreme agencies, as well as Florida State Charities. Following a relatively quick and seamless proceeding, Supreme Council granted permission to transfer the 200K funds directly to CPCI who purchased the specialized vehicle. Supreme then sent a \$45,000 check to CPCI for their purchase of a specifically sized new ultrasound machine, thus completing the mobile clinic. This new fully equipped mobile clinic represents an investment of \$250,000 and is the first of its kind in the state of Florida. On November 22, 2024, our Chaplain, Father Robert Kantor, blessed the new life-saving mobile clinic in a beautiful ceremony after which CPCI sponsored a lovely reception.

During the Knights annual Florida state convention, Florida K of C Charities, Inc. presented our Council with a 2023-2024 Ultrasound Platinum Award, and all attendees at the convention gave our Council a standing ovation for our efforts. Scott and his entire CPCI staff are most grateful to our Council and Columbiettes and our Supreme Council for this tremendously vital gift.

Our first degree is charity. This gift was one of brotherhood and was given in solidarity with humankind as we promote our Knights of Columbus pro-life belief in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Jesus told us to love Him and to love one another. We know that to love is to act. And act, we did, Brother Knights and Sister Columbiettes. Please pray that our endeavor will help save the lives of our good God's little children for years to come!

Brother John Kasper

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND COAT DONATION















3nd MONTHLY BREAKFAST





Santa and Mrs. Claus with young children and the Columbiettes





Check for \$1600 presented to John Goddard of Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

















The St. Agnes Color Corp was also represented by Jeff Vespo, John Shelton, Joe Russo and myself along with several other Color Corp members from various Assemblies at the Naples Christmas Parade to walk along with the St. Elil zabeth Seton KofC Council float.

LIVE NATIVITY 2024

Yearly event supported by Volunteers from St. Agnes, John Neumann HS and St. Elizabeth













BAKE SALE







Who	Month	Date	Time	Event	Contact			
JANUARY								
K	Jan	10	6:00PM	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath			
В	Jan	12	After 7:30 and 9:00 Masses	Monthly Breakfast	Joe Manhart			
К	Jan	13	7:00 PM	Council meeting	Jerry McGrath			
K	Jan	17	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo			
В	Jan	19	12-5 PM	International Festival	Joe Manhart			
В	Jan	25	10:30 AM Mass	Blue Mass	Monte Hilmoe			
К	Jan	25 - 26	After Masses	Recruiting Weekend	Jerry McGrath			
К	Jan	27	6:00 PM	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath			
В	Jan	31	5-7 PM	Bingo & Pizza	Peter Dresch			
	FEBRUARY							
K	Feb	3	7:00 PM	Council meeting	Jerry McGrath			
В	Feb	9	After 7:30 and 9:00 Masses	Monthly Breakfast	Joe Manhart			
K	Feb	13-15	TBD	TR Drive -Grocery Stores	Guillermo Perez-Lopez			
К	Feb	17	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo			
К	Feb	24	10:30 AM Mass	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath			
				MARCH				
K	March	1 & 2	After all Masses	TD Drive - Church	Guillermo Perez-Lopez			
K	March	3	7:00 PM	Council meeting	Jerry McGrath			
K	March	7	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry	Joe Manhart			
В	March	9	After 7:30 and 9:00 Masses	Monthly Breakfast	Joe Manhart			
K	March	14	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry	Joe Manhart			
K	March	15	TBA	St Patricks / St Joseph event	TBA			
K	March	21	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry	Joe Manhart			
K	March	21	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo			
K	March	28	4:30 - 6:30 PM	Lenten Fish Fry	Joe Manhart			
K	April	18	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo			
K	May	16	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo			
K	Junr	20	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel) Greg				





K of C Council 2025 Golf Outing

Plans are underway for the 2025 golf outing. We currently have a date of May 4^{th} at Vanderbilt CC.

As you know, this is the biggest single fund raiser of the year. Last year's outing was a great success and we want to improve on that in 2025.

In order to do that, we need the support of our Council members.

There are many details in the coordination of this event, but some of the important <u>work items</u> are:

- Solicitation of Sponsorships (Signs; hole sponsors; restaurant gift cards; golf foursomes). 2-3 Knights needed.
- Organization of activities on day of event (Sign -in; Silent auction; 50/50; Mulligans) – 2 people needed.

As you can see this is an event that will require a lot of member support. 4- 5 volunteers are needed to ensure success.

Peter Dresch is in charge of this outing and is asking for volunteers now so we can set up a golf committee well in advance of the event. If you would like to help on this event, please contact;

Peter Dresch

pdresch@yahoo.com

203-984-2933 Cell



Dear fellow Knights, I hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. We have had a successful 2024 and now we need to focus on 2025!

In the month of January, we will hold a Recruitment Drive. We expect to have a Knight speak at each of the Masses on the weekend of January 25 and 26th., giving folks an idea of who we are. We will have a table with written information to give to prospects as well, but we need a few Knights (with their nameplates on) to talk to the men who show an interest. This shouldn't take any longer than 15 minutes but it is vital to actually talk to prospects face to face.

Secondly, we need to start putting together the list of volunteers to work our signature Tootsie Roll Drive. We plan to do three stores (Winn Dixie, Publix Pebblebrook and Publix NaplesWalk) on February 13th, 14th and 15th-please note this is the week after Superbowl. We will do 4 shifts, 2 hours per shift, per store per day. We prefer 2 people per shift but that doesn't always work out. I also need 3 volunteers, one for each store, to oversee the operations and to serve as a contact if anything comes up.

An officer will periodically stop by and pick up the money during the day.

Lastly, we will do our Tootsie Roll collection at St Agnes on Saturday and Sunday, March 1st and 2nd, after all Masses. We need a few people for each Mass since we have 4 doors to cover. Once again, 15 or 20 minutes is all you'll need to do. We will also need at least one volunteer to commit to help gathering the receipts to be given to our Financial Secretary after every Mass.

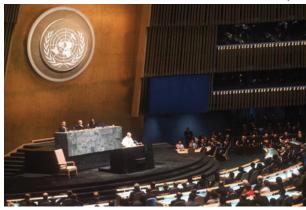
I will have sign-up sheets for each event at our meeting in January. Even if you don't know the date, sign without date/time and leave your contact information-I'll be sure to contact you.

Wow, this seems like a lot but we will be in Season when most of the brothers are in town. When you volunteer, you have time to interact with fellow Knights(and spouses, maybe even kids!) and further solidify our special bonds! Vivat Jesus!

Guillermo

SUPREME NEWS

Ban Ki-moon, then secretary general of the United Nations, greeted Pope Francis before the Holy Father addressed world leaders gathered for the U.N.'s annual General Assembly in New York City on Sept. 25, 2015. "Your Holiness," he said, "welcome to the pulpit of the world."



It was the fifth time a pope had spoken from that unique pulpit since the Holy See attained permanent observer status at the United Nations in 1964. For the past 60 years, the Holy See Mission to the United Nations has worked diligently and creatively to give global resonance to the Church's teachings and perspective.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly noted the 60th anniversary in his <u>annual report</u> in August, saying, "To celebrate this milestone, we're strengthening our long history of support for the Mission, as it brings the Church's prophetic voice to the world stage."

COUNCIL NEWS

Council 14202 Financial Secretary Report December 4, 2024

Membership

- 260 Council members
 - o 170 Associate, 83 Insurance, 7 Inactive
 - o 2 Hon, 47 HL, 6 Exempt
- Four new members in Nov- Bruno Bouffier, Oscar Suarez Orjuela, George Pope, Jackson Pope,
- Candidates in the Prospect/ New candidate tabs- none
- Member Transfer in/out- Peter Crociata (transfer out), Joel K. Csotty (State Affiliate transfer)
- Member Death- none
- Gain 6 <u>new</u> members FY to date for 15 quota
- 246 members current on dues (are HL members or qualified for Disability Exemption) all Council membership cards have been mailed to members who are up to date on dues.
- 14 members still owe 2024-25 dues (as of 12/3/24)
- Safe Environment Compliance (11/26 report)- All four roles and 14202 is compliant
- Balance \$0 with Supreme

For the Good of the Order



If you now are a 1st or 2nd degree Knight and need to attain the 3rd degree before you can become a 4th Degree, please contact the 14202 Membership Director and Chancellor Brother Guillermo Lopez-Perez at guillerph03@gmail.com and ask him to help you get this done as soon as possible. Please contact me with any questions.

God bless and vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

SK Jeffrey T. Vespo, PGK, PFN

DISTRICT DEPUTY #60





State Treasurer Richard Dahn...Newly Inducted Sir Knight Rocco Perlino & Fisthful Controller Jerry Burgos

The 4th Degree is considered the highest order of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights were originally incorporated on **March 29, 1882**. As early as <u>1886</u>, the concept of a 4th degree was discussed and the 4th degree was added with the first exemplification on Feb. 22, 1900.

Yes, the 125th Birthday of the 4th Degree Assemblies is right around the corner. Also around the corner is the Patriotic Ball so mark your calendars for April 12th, 2025. This is one of two annual fundraising fellowships held by the Assembly and our focus on the 4th Degree (PATRIOTISM).

While the Assembly was initially discussed as way to recognize senior members, changes over the years allow newer members to join and I hope all 3rd degree Knights consider joining the Assembly in the future. Being part of the council is important to us all, but being a Sir Knight and ideally joining the ranks of the Color Corps is hopefully an interest to all regardless of age.

On a personal note, I joined the Assembly for two reasons. One for the Patriotic aspect. I am not a veteran, but am so appreciative of those who have served. The other reason was to join the Color Corp and have found being at various events to be uplifting. A recent occasion was the Naples Christmas Parade in conjunction with St. Elizabeth Seton council and Sir Knights representing several Assemblies in the area. While a nice way to evangelize, being present at funerals of our fellow brothers or their spouse/family members is greatly appreciated and I have come to appreciate this opportunity to take this time to reflect on my own faith as well. (see picture)

If you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree, please contact Monte Hilmoe at 240-423-0985 or via email at mlhimoe@gmail.com



SK Monte Hilmoe, FN St. Agnes Assembly #3094



KNIGHTS & FAMILY IN NEED

Father, we come before You with hearts burdened by urgent needs. Please intervene in the lives of those who are battling severe illness, bringing healing and restoration.

Candy Woodwood Family	Lew Blanco
George Pesco	Rose Jurik
Jerry Varina	Steve Kapish
Louise Mylott	Wayne Jurik
Bob Mylott	John Cavallaro
Theresa Mylott	Juan Pacheco

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



KNIGHTS & FAMILY IN PASSING

David Gehring		Robert Burkhardt
Domonic Regan		Ronald Sulewski
Frank Dobos		Stephen Depursis
Gerald Kelley		Tom Beljan
Allie Dusek		William S. Gianino

Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men

The men of Knights of Columbus Council No. 14202 are excited to share the implementation of Cor, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Agnes' parish. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Attendees need not be members of the Knights; all men are welcome.

The first Cor meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 22nd in the Parish Center. Come join your brother parishioners for pizza, prayer and fraternity. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

A question to ask yourself "how do I want to grow as a Catholic man?"

These are the dates...

1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, 7/1,7/15

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Bobby Drouin at 412.853.4406 or bobby drouin@yahoo.com.

God Bless







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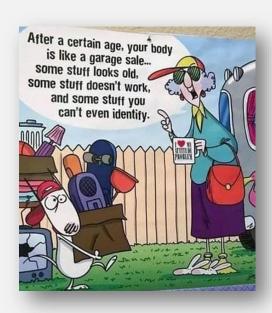
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
Anthony V Previte	Chris Osterhaus	Dominick Cavuoto
Daniel A Dunbar	Christopher Osterhaus	Thomas L Kleck
David D Nelson	Douglas J Pope	Michael A Gigliello
Dean Redmond	John A Pinna	Francisco C Calderon
George A Capone	Anthony M Germana	Mr. Thomas J Vezina
George N Terzick	Ben Weber	Richard T Russano
Guillermo A Perez-Lopez	Ronald J Sulewski	James M Byers
Jason V Calabrese	Raymond G Sollitto	Russell A Scott
John J Derby	James J Gauthier	Joe Avella
John W Griffin	Salvatore Bordieri	Roger D Brady
Joseph Allocca	Gerald (Jerry) Mcgrath	Frank J Migliarese
Lawrence Dellafave Sr	Patrick J Newton	Dr Joseph V Pergolizzi Jr
Lawrence W Parks	Mark M Russello	Michael Middendorf
Michael Blanchette	Eric M Graham	Stephen C Graham
Michael F Gilmore	Jose V Manzo	F John Kaspar
Monte L Hilmoe	William F Preissel Jr	Dominick Bello
Paul T Lagergren		
Raymond A Barone		
Silvestro Rocchio		
Terrance A Madura		
Walter S Wright		
Wilfredo S Joaquin		













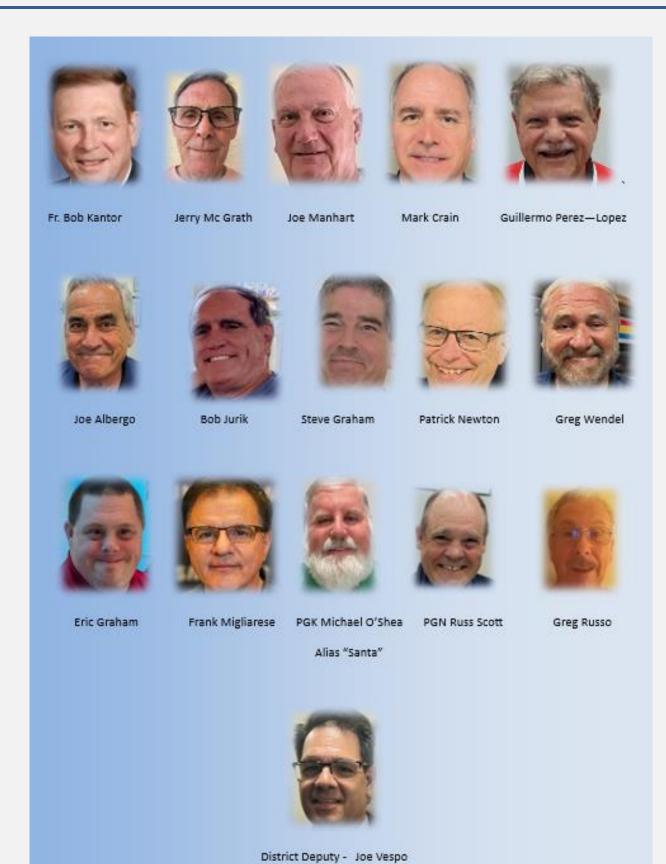
Years of Service

David	Grenon	66	Rocco	Perlino	34	Brian	McNamar	22	Robert	Foreman	17	Α	ndrew	Buckley	13
John	Fitzgerald	64	Liam	Whyte	33	Thomas	O'Brien	22	John	Griffin	17	R	ichard	Dahn	13
Robert	Wilson	63	John	Morey	32	Dario	Aviles	21	Robert	Jurik	17	T	homas	Kleck	13
Terrance	Madura	61	Joseph	Carlucci	31	Stephe	n Cronin	21	Brad	Kovach	17	Z	enon	Kurzyna	13
Robert	Beiles	56	John	Deprisco	31	Peter	Kania	21	Salvator	Lampiasi	17	D	avid	Lopez	13
Donald	Berry	55	James	Devine	31	James	O'Grady	21	Lawrence	Mudd	17	P	aul	Yetter	13
John	Calcitrai	55	Michae	Fader	31	Michae	l Pascale	21	Douglas	Pope	17	R	aymond	Barone	12
Michael	Orsi	54	Alfred	Pappalard	30	Raymo	nd Cabral	20	Jeffrey	Schmidt	17	D	ouglas	Dagata	12
Russell	Valentine	54	John	Richards	29	James	Goodman	20	Jeffrey	Vespo	17	M	1ichael	Kantor	12
Dominick	Cavuoto	53	Arthur	Brodeur	28	Christo	pher Osterhaus	20	William	Wegman	17	G	erard	O'Neil	12
Joseph	Manhart	53	Anthon	Marini	28	Lawren	ce Parks	20	Joseph	Albergo	16	F	rancis	Pignone	12
Mark	Russello	48	John	Doran	27	Gregory	Russo	20	David	Cepero	16	N	loel	Silang	12
James	Gauthier	46	Robert	Kantor	27	Thomas	Dibernard	19	Joseph	Holmes	16	Ja	ames	Spano	12
Dominick	Bello	45	Thomas	Kurowski	27	Edward	Ferreira	19	George	Lavelle	16	Α	lan	Striebel	12
Robert	Drouin	45	Anthon	Behe	26	Edmun	d Hayes	19	William	Preissel	16	R	odger	Tobey	12
Robert	Balas	44	Joseph	Marino	26	Monte	Hilmoe	19	Frank	Dobos	15	M	1ichael	Viechec	12
Roger	Brady	43	Ben	Rizzo	26	Dan	Longton	19	John	Foley	15	Jo	oseph	Di Sabanto	11
Stephen	Depersis	43	Denis	St John	26	Jose	Manzo	19	Robert	Genovese	15	P	aul	Lagergren	11
Walter	Wilkerson	43	Jerry	Burgos	25	Wilfred	o Joaquin	18	Ralph	Gomez	15	R	oberto	Landron	11
Michael	Gigliello	42	Cosme	Perez	25	Robert	Lendrim	18	Dennis	Hall	15	E	rnest	Rivera	11
Brian	Lowe	42	Joseph	Russo	25	Mark	Marzucco	18	Rene	Letournear	15	G	erald	Vezina	11
Lawrence	Dellafave	41	Anthon	Fravola	24	Gerald	Massa	18	Hugh	Muller	15	S	ergio	Bermudez	10
Michael	Gilmore	41	F	Kaspar	24	John	Shelton	18	George	Stanford	15	K	im	Borselli	10
Patrick	Newton	41	Michae	O'Shea	23	Steven	Stasiuk	18	Paul	Unsworth	15	M	1atthew	Dahn	10
Charles	Sanfilippo	40	Mark	Osterhaus	23	Robert	Bartlett	17	John	Vendlinski	15	R	ovvy	Jaikaran	10
Francisco	Calderon	39	Nichola	s Pasquarel	23	Anthon	y Cernuto	17	John	Garofalo	14	D	ennis	Kinney	10
James	Dougher	38	Raymo	nd Sollitto	23	Robert	Clausen	17	Alan	Juliano	14	D	aniel	Kniola	10
Peter	Adamik	36	Thomas	Vezina	23	Robert	Coll	17	Peter	Rady-Pent	14	D	avid	Nelson	10
William	Diamond	36	Robert	Gillis	22	Stephe	n Csotty	17	Silvestro	Rocchio	14	В	ryon	Nesbitt	10
Richard	Jaeger	36	Phillip	Massimin	22	Rudolp	h Drechsler	17	John	Shelton	14	Jo	ohn	Schomme	10
												M	1artinn	Winters	10

2024 St. Agnes Parish - KofC Officers Council 14202



Office	r's	Luminaries				
Chaplain	Very Rev. Robert Kantor Pastor KofC State Chaplain	Operations Manager	Deacon Roberto Landron			
Grand Knight	Jerry McGrath	District Deputy 60	Jeff Vespo			
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe Manhart	Vice Marshall 4 th District	John Shelton			
Financial Secretary	Mark Crain	Faithful Navigator	Monte Hilmoe			
Chancellor	Guillermo Perez-Lopez	Insurance - Field Agent	Phil Fischer			
Recorder	Bob Jurik	Columbiettes	Gerry Albergo			
Treasurer	Steve Graham	Florida KoC Charities	Richard Dahn			
Advocate	Patrick J Newton	Culture for Life	Bill Keating			
Warden	Greg Wendel	Presiding Officer Degree Exemplifications	Greg Russo			
Lecturer	Joe Albergo	415				
Inside Guard	Eric Graham					
Outside Guard	Frank Migliarese	K OF G				
One Year Trustee	Russ Scott					
Two Year Trustee	Mike O'Shea					
Three Year Trustee	Greg Russo	7				







Parish

Priestly Support
Alter Server Awards
Blue Mass
Catholic Faith Appeal
Faith Formation
Family & Rosary Programs
International Festival
Mass Ushers/Collections
Parish Picnic
Youth Programs & Bible Camp

Community

Catholic Charities
Coats for Kids
Culture of Life
Diocese Seminar Grants
Boy Scout Pinewood Derby
Special Olympics (Tootsie Roll Drive)
St. John Neuman Center
St. Mathews House Food For Families
Equestrian Center
Disaster Release
Many More....

Main website of the Knights of Columbus. It provides information about the organization, its history, its mission and programs	www.kofc.org
Florida State Council	https://www.floridakofc.org/
Provides resources such as insurance, investment, and charitable giving programs.	www.kofc.org/en/for- members/resources/index.html
News and information about the Knights of Columbus	https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html
Information about how to join the Knights of Columbus.	www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html
Lists of other Knights of Columbus councils near us	www.kofc.org/en/find-a-council/index.html
Public Relations handdbook	https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for- members/2235-public-relations-and-publicity- guide.pdf
Social Communication hanbook	https://www.kofc.org/au/apps/oo/cm/en/od r/resources/member social communications _policy.pdf

Note from the Editor

This is OUR newsleter and your help is always needed and appreciated. Our goals...

- Ensure all our coucil brothers are constantly informed and updated
- Provides a way for our members to engage in evrything our council offers
- Provide the avenue for all member to communcate to each other
- Illustrate our past activities via pictures
- Make it fun!
- Please notify me if....
 - o If there are any corrections or additions need to be made
 - o If you have any events, pictures, awards, etc. that you feel would be of interest to all
 - o If you have any ideas or notes for the Good Of the Order

Fratrnally yours;

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Brother Rocco Perlino Assistant Editor