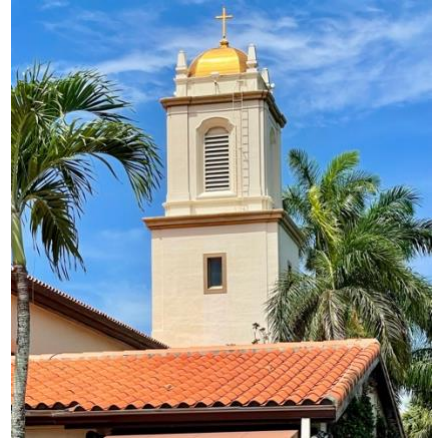


# The Knight Knotables



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**Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism**

Issue February

*From our Grand Knight Bob Hildreth...*

Brothers,

This past month we experienced a sad and yet also wondrous event in our council. Our dear brother Marty Martin passed away from complications of a stroke and a brain tumor in his new home, Colorado.

Before he died, he was able to get word back to us from his hospital bed that he wished to have a brother Knight visit him. Since none of us could be there our Worthy Financial Secretary Dean Busch contacted St. Mary Cathedral Council 14806 in Colorado Springs.

These brothers, none of whom we had ever met, did not hesitate in their charity for a moment and within half a day they were at Marty's bedside extending to him their physical presence, their spiritual reassurance, and their brotherly love. One can only imagine the great comfort he must have felt emanating from those prayers. That these Catholic gentlemen would do this for a total stranger and, yet, a brother is the essence, I feel, of who we are as Knights of Columbus.

May we as individuals and we as a council strive to emulate the actions of these good Samaritans who have exemplified with this act of selflessness the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

May God bless them and may God bless Brother Marty.

Vivat Jesus!!

*Bob*

**Robert Hildreth**

**Grand Knight**

## *Our Field Agent's report...*

### **Council Meeting Message February 2023**

During the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day, we spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones.

We do much more than think about loved ones at Valentine's Day; we give flowers and chocolates and send greeting cards. Why all the fuss? To show our love, of course! But have you ever considered that you should insure your love?

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So go ahead and buy that box of chocolates, get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses and include a card; but then sit down with me and with your wife and let me show you how you can insure your love.

Vivat Jesus!

*Jonathan Knaus*

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## **Helpful Links**

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Knights of Columbus Supreme Council webpage;  
[www.KofC.org](http://www.KofC.org)

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United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
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## *Upcoming Activities List...*

Brothers, listed below are the current Council activities. Please mark the dates and times in your calendars. If it has been a while since you have been able to participate. Please consider joining in. Many of these activities have been scheduled well in advance to make planning and attending easier. Thank you for all you do.

<b>Knights of Columbus, St. Christopher Council #10718</b>			
<b>Upcoming Activities List - Updated &gt;</b>			<b>2/13/2023</b>
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity / Place</b>	<b>Comment/s</b>
	<b>February</b>		
Sat / Sun	4 / 5	Dinner Ticket Sales / Church Doors	All Masses
Tuesday	7	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Sat / Sun	11 / 12	Dinner Ticket Sales / Church Doors	All Masses
Saturday	18	Fundraising Dinner / Parish Hall SVdP 60 for 5:30 (?)	Chicken Picatta
Tuesday	28	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	<b>March</b>		
Thursday	2	Retirement Savings & Planning / Webinar	7:30 PM
Saturday	4	Blood Drive / Parish Hall	9:00 AM to 1:30 PM
Tuesday	7	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Saturday	11	Hockey Challenge / JV Reed Park	10.00 AM to 2.00 PM
Sat / Sun	11 / 12	Dinner Ticket Sales / Church Doors	All Masses
Sat / Sun	18 / 19	Dinner Ticket Sales / Church Doors	All Masses
Saturday	25	Fundraising Dinner / Parish Hall	Roast Pork
Tuesday	28	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	<b>April</b>		
Tuesday	4	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
		Golf Committee Mtg / Parish Hall	6:30 PM
Tuesday	25	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	<b>May</b>		
Tuesday	2	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Friday	26	State Convention / Orlando	All Day
Saturday	27		
Tuesday	30	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM



## Deathwatch from a Catholic viewpoint:

*'Could you not keep watch with Me for one hour?'*

*Vatican Media presents a story by Dale Recinella, a former Wall Street finance lawyer who, along with his wife Susan, assists prisoners in Florida.*

**By Dale S. Recinella**

“Heard your Vatican Radio interview from Rome on English radio,” the person speaking is a friend from church who is not enamored with my volunteer work on death row or our efforts to spread the word on the Catholic Church’s teaching against the use of the death penalty. “So, what’s all the hullabaloo about deathwatch? What the heck is deathwatch, anyway?”

“Actually, you are very familiar with deathwatch; you just do not realize it.” I respond gently, knowing that my friend is going to struggle terribly with this reality. “You read about it every year on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. You have read and listened about it every year as the Passion of Jesus Christ is observed and remembered in our church services.”

“For instance ...?”

“Take the Gospel according to Matthew. Jesus goes with His disciples, after the Last Supper, to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He knows Judas has betrayed Him and has gone to fetch the men that will turn Him over for execution. Scripture tells us:

Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, ‘Sit here while I go over there and pray.’

He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled.

Then He said to them, ‘My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me.’ (Matthew 26:36-38)

“That sorrow to the point of death and the request that someone who cares about Him be there with Him to keep watch with Him, that is Jesus’ deathwatch. That is His request to be accompanied by those who love Him as he prepares to face His execution.

“But deathwatch is hard and Jesus’ disciples passed out. Matthew does not tell us why they passed out, but the disciples fell asleep. Maybe it is because they had just eaten a large meal and were tired or because those who watch with the condemned also experience tremendous emotions of turmoil and anguish. We do not know from Matthew. But we do know Jesus’ response to their failure:

Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. ‘Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?’ he asked Peter. ‘Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.’ (Matthew 26:40-41)

“Then, He went away and prayed again, but His friends were simply not up to the task. He found them asleep, just as before. So, He went aside and prayed a third time by Himself.

Then He returned to the disciples and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near....’ (Matthew 26:45)



“The author of the Gospel of Luke, believed to be a physician, actually records in detail physical suffering that documents the depth of Jesus’ emotional and physical trauma during His deathwatch: And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When He rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ‘Why are you sleeping?’ He asked them. ‘Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.’ (Luke 22:44-46)

“The process of sweating blood, hematohidrosis, is believed to occur under stress so acute that the capillaries rupture and release blood into the sweat glands, thus causing the suffering person to sweat water mingled with blood. That is the depth of Jesus’ suffering on His deathwatch.

“And Luke, who as a physician may have been familiar with the symptoms of this secondary trauma, tells us of the inability of the disciples to keep from passing out. Based on modern medicine, we know that may have been because of their emotional trauma at Jesus’ suffering. That is deathwatch then and now. It has not changed much.”

“How dare you blaspheme Christ by comparing His agony in the Garden with the death house plight of some child rapist, or cop-killer, or a mass murderer...” my church friend is almost apoplectic with rage. “How dare you! Who do you think you are?”

“It is not my idea,” I explain holding up both hands palms open as though surrendering to an inexorable force. “It is not my idea. It is His.”

“Who? Whose idea? The criminal’s idea?”

“No. Jesus. It is Jesus’ idea.”

“What in Heaven’s name are you talking about? Where do you get this stuff?”

“From Jesus. He was very clear that when I am on deathwatch with one of the least of His brothers, I am on deathwatch with Him—just like the disciples were in Gethsemane. He said:

‘I was in prison and you came to visit Me.... I tell you the truth ... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.’ (Matthew 25:36-40)

“No. No. No.” my friend is shaking with rage. “Jesus was only talking about innocent people in prison. He never meant that we should visit guilty people in prison.”

“Check your Bible, my friend. Jesus never qualified His statement to only innocent people in prison. In fact, Pope John Paul I, when he was Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice, made this very point when he described visiting the so-called Monster of Marsala in an Italian prison. In describing his pastoral visit to the hated and despised inmate who had brutally killed three little girls, the Cardinal-future-Pope said:

"If I go to visit him, I cannot call him ‘the Monster,’ but will have to treat him as if he were Christ, even if he is guilty. ‘Every time you visit a prisoner, you come to visit Me!’ Love of my neighbor, however much he hurts me, even though he may be my enemy, does even this. ... This is what it truly means to be Christian and to practice fraternity."

My dear friend is sputtering in response. No words form in his forceful gasp of raw emotion. I feel a need to distance myself from my answer.

“It is not my idea, man.” My hands make a patting motion, as if to assuage my friend’s anger by damping it down. “It is Jesus’ idea. And because I am a Christian, whatever He says goes.”

My friend seems to intuit the enormity of this assignment. We stare at each other sighing with drooped heads as he barely whispers, “Nothing is impossible with God... right?”

“That’s what God’s Word says.”

But I impulsively continue to clarify that this task is not of my making; “Even if it’s not impossible, that doesn’t mean it’s easy.... or that anybody else will think it’s a good idea.” #XXX

### *From the USCCB website on the sacredness of human life...*

Having received an extensive interim report from the Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Catholic Politicians, and looking forward to the full report, we highlight several points from the interim report that suggest some directions for our efforts:

- We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health care and human service ministries.
- We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves.
- Catholics need to act in support of these principles and policies in public life. It is the particular vocation of the laity to transform the world. We have to encourage this vocation and do more to bring all believers to this mission. As bishops, we do not endorse or oppose candidates. Rather, we seek to form the consciences of our people so that they can examine the positions of candidates and make choices based on Catholic moral and social teaching.
- The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.
- We commit ourselves to maintain communication with public officials who make decisions every day that touch issues of human life and dignity.

Brothers, we need to remind ourselves that there are no boundaries to God’s love. Jesus’ love, compassion and inclusiveness is as radical today as it was 2000 years ago. He went into the peripheries and fringes to be sure his message was heard. Let us hope and pray that with the guidance of the holy Spirit we can follow the same steps he placed in front of us as we enter into Lent.

In Christ,

*Deacon Jim*



## *Delivering the fruits of our labors...*



Fr. Nobert, the pastor of St Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, was delivered a check this week to help with the expenses within the parish. The picture on the right shows some of the screens we contributed to last year. These screens will caption the Mass in the other languages offered in the parish. If the Mass is in English the screen will show the translation in Spanish or Creole.



### **Seminarian Visit**

Fr. Daniel, (far right in the photo) our Diocesan Vocations Director, came to visit our February meeting. Joining him were, starting next to Worthy GK, Saul Guerrero, Jedidiah Preble, and Jude Okeke. These are 3 of the 8 men in priestly formation. Melissa Martin attended the meeting who's from Stuart Fl. She is discerning about joining the Sisters of the Most Holy Soul of Christ. Please keep these young people in your prayers!



Other distributions made was to Peter Herrmann, the Finance Director of Catholic Charities. He accepted the check for Pregnancy Care program that part of ASAP at Supreme.

We had two champs of the Free Throw Champions of this year's event. Parker and Mark, Congratulations!