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Blessed Sacrament Seminole Council #17162

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Special Dates:

Saturday, July 4th

Independence Day

Wednesday, July 8th

Officers Meeting 7:00pm

Thursday, July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, July 20th

Business Meeting 7:00pm

Instillation of Officers

Thurs. | Fri., July 23 & 24

Opening Days for Baseball



Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

Welcome to a new Columbian Year!! Thank you for putting your trust in electing the men to serve as Officers for this next year. This will be our second full year as a council and if it is as successful as the first we will be in good shape, however, I would hope that you would want to far exceed last year's progress. The Officers are meeting on July 8th with the intentions of putting together a calendar for the upcoming year. We would love to hear what you have on your minds as far as the council is concerned; projects, donations, acts of charity, etc. We are open to hear what is on your minds. Remember, first and foremost, this is ***your council***.

I will be putting out an email to everyone detailing our 'month by month' activities from this past year. This will serve as a template of what we could plan to do for this new year. This is where you can have your input. Just email me your ideas and we will consider each one. The officers will "finalize" (I mean that in the loosest terms) the calendar by the September meeting.

As for the meetings, ***we will be returning to the virtual meetings***. With the spiking numbers, this would be the responsible thing to do. Again, you will receive an invitation to participate as long as you downloaded the ZOOM application.

A budget committee will be formed to help plan our finances for the next year. It will meet at a later date.

Please remember to *pay your dues* (\$30) as this is the only income we have at the moment. Unfortunately, the Pancake Breakfasts will not be happening any time soon.

I am looking forward to an exciting, productive, and charitable year. You gentlemen have been an extreme pleasure and privilege to work with during this past year. I cannot wait to get started. Thank you, one and all, in what you have helped the council do and may the Good Lord guide us as we move forward.

Vivat Jesus!
Mike P.

Birthdays:

<i>Chris Lacata</i>	<i>7/15</i>
<i>Tony Manatine</i>	<i>7/18</i>
<i>Gerardo Roman</i>	<i>7/28</i>
<i>Victor Burnianek</i>	<i>7/30</i>
<i>Paul Travitcky</i>	<i>7/30</i>

Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>Anthony J. Romano</i>	<i>7/15/1997</i>
<i>Terry Loudermilk</i>	<i>7/9/2018</i>



Prayer for Our Country:

Heavenly Father, you are the real foundation of nations, raising them up to serve and care for the people dwelling in their boundaries. I thank you for making me a citizen of this land of freedom and unlimited opportunity—which are the result of its Christian base. Send forth your Spirit to this country and make it a source of wisdom and strength, order and integrity throughout the world. Amen.

Chaplain's Inspiration:

On Wednesday, July 1, 2020, I celebrated the Holy Mass in honor of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, Founder of the Institute of Charity and the Sisters of Divine Providence. Blessed Rosmini was born in Roberto, Italy in the year 1797.

He was ordained a priest in 1821 and at the encouragement of Cardinals and Pope Pius VII, this young priest devoted his gifts to philosophical studies and writings.

He took our Holy Fathers counsel to heart and spent the rest of his life publishing the works of philosophy, theology, spirituality, pedagogy or the theory and practice of education, politics and ethics. He was a prolific writer, author of 97 books. He also wrote 15 volumes of letters to members of his religious order and many others.

He founded the religious order, Institute of Charity in the year 1828 and it has spread throughout Italy, England, New Zealand, Ireland, France, the United States, Venezuela, Tanzania, and India. Our order, called Rosminians as well, have served in Blessed Sacrament Church for almost 50 years.

Father Founder's "Maxims of Spiritual Perfection" (1830) is probably his greatest spiritual work, and Pope John XXIII referred to it in his "Journey of a Soul." The Maxims are spiritual principles on living a gospel way of life.

During my senior year in high school I was a postulant, one who was considering joining the novitiate to discern more deeply and prayerfully my vocation as a member of the Institute of Charity. While studying the "Maxims of Spiritual Perfection", I noticed that everything I read and everything I studied about Rosmini as well as our community life was already inside of me somehow. It was



"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

---Romans 8:18

like there was nothing new, kind of the way you relate with your own family and their history.

I'll end with the first two paragraphs of the 4th Maxim of Christian Perfection that has been such an influence on my life, indeed all of them have had an influence and strength in my Catholic faith and life.

The Fourth Maxim of Christian Perfection, To Abandoned Holy to the Care of Divine Providence.

There is perhaps no Maxim which helps more than this to obtain the piece of heart and stability of mind proper to the Christian life. This Maxim, if practiced with the simplicity and generosity of heart that it requires, excels perhaps all others in making the follower of Jesus Christ pleasing to his Heavenly Father. For it implies absolute confidence in the Father and in Him alone, together with complete independence of everything on earth that appears to offer gratification, power or fame; it implies a tender love reserved for God alone; it implies a living faith, enabling the Christian to hold without any doubt that all things in the world, great and small, are in the hands of our heavenly Father, and operate only as He disposes for the accomplishment of His wonderful plans. Through this faith the Christian trusts in the infinite goodness, mercy, munificence and generosity of His heavenly Father, who in everything, works for the good of those who trust in Him and whose gifts, favors, graces and care are in proportion to the confidence His beloved children place in Him."

Father Rick Pilger, I.C.

Elected Officers for the Year 2020-2021:

Grand Knight-----	Michael Popovich
Deputy Grand Knight-----	Anthony Romano
Chancellor-----	Emmette "Skip" Wallis
Warden-----	David Hendricks
Recorder-----	Terry Loudermilk II
Treasurer-----	Tony Manatine
Advocate-----	Keith Smith
Inside Guard-----	Geatano Critelli
Outside Guard-----	Roger Kenneally
3 Year Trustee-----	Chris Lacata
2 Year Trustee-----	Frank DeLusso
1 Year Trustee-----	Tom Marrah

Fr. Rick will continue as our Chaplain as well as Nick DiVito our Financial Secretary and Rich Dunn our Lecturer.



Insurance Agent's Report:

"Real Life Stories"

A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I'd like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he "was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot."

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was "Boomer"...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

"Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people



you love," Boomer says. "Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes." That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It's about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer's family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don't know; you don't hear about those men. Because the council didn't have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you'll never know it...because he planned.

Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

Vivat Jesus!



Prayer Intentions:

For the passing of Fr. Henry's mother, may her soul rest in peace.

For Francesco's dad, that the Lord will be at his side through his procedure and restore him to health.

For end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For our police, fire, armed forces and EMT's, that the Good Lord will protect them as they perform their duties.

For peace, compassion and understanding in our country.

For our seminarians, Marc DeSio and Stephen Eschenfelder, that the Lord will guide them in their vocation.

For those who do not have anyone to pray for them and for those who have been forgotten.





Adam blamed Eve for tricking him into eating the apple. Eve blamed the serpent for tricking her into eating the apple. As for the serpent, he didn't have a leg to stand on.

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And in conclusion:

We still have the baseball and golf fund raiser tickets. The deadline for both is at the end of the month. If you still want some or know of someone who wants to participate, please let me know ASAP. I can get them to you. I will put out an email with all the info.

A huge **thank you** to all of the brothers who have helped Fr. in keeping the church a safe and clean place for us to worship on Sundays. Your work does not go unnoticed.

Hopefully this pandemic will recede enough for everyone to "get back to normal" and we can meet in person. More importantly, so that we can take a more active role in our parish and community without the restrictions.

May the Good Lord watch over you and bless you and your families!

Mike



