



# U-Knighted News

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## Special Dates:

*Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Doughnut Sunday*

*Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Lincoln's Birthday*

*Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>*

*St. Valentine's Day*

*Wednesday, February, 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Ash Wednesday*

*Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Council Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Presidents Day*

*Monday, February 22*

*Washington's Birthday*



## Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

I hope this communication finds you and your family safe and healthy. This month will start off on a sweet note with our Donuts for a Donation and Superbowl Sunday. Maybe the last indulgence for some of us for a while, as we enter the Holy Season of Lent, the season of sacrifice and repentance. I try to look at Lent not just as giving something up, but rather adding something to my life. Something I can improve myself with. Maybe saying the rosary more during this season or more spiritual reading than I do usually or setting aside a little time that I don't usually to reflect. Try not to do too much as you will not succeed in any of it (been there, done that). Whatever or wherever you heart leads you to this Lenten Season, I pray that you are fulfilled when Easter arrives.

This month is also filled with patriotic holidays as we celebrate the Presidents of our great country. Thomas Jefferson's prayer (listed, as always, below) is as needed today as it was when he composed it over 200 years ago.

There are some things to accomplish this month. A Free-Throw Competition will be held at the Seminole Rec Center, as it was last year. We are still waiting for a date on that. You will be notified when it will take place. I ask that you can give 2 hours of your time to help facilitate this activity.

We will also need some help for the Doughnut Sunday as well. Time donation for this is minimal, just 15-20 minutes after the Mass you attend is all it takes to help make it successful. Maybe one of these or both could be your Lenten Sacrifice. Please search your hearts.

As always, I am grateful for any help, ideas and support that you gentlemen give to the council and the Parish Community at large.

---Mike



## Prayer for Our Country:

*Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.*

*--Thomas Jefferson*

### Birthdays:

<i>Dr. Richard Herrick</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>Michael Meere</i>	<i>2/6</i>
<i>Tom Marrah</i>	<i>2/12</i>
<i>Ed Makatura</i>	<i>2/13</i>
<i>Dave Hendricks</i>	<i>2/14</i>
<i>Emmette Wallis</i>	<i>2/18</i>

### Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>John Urban</i>	<i>2/8/2014</i>
<i>Richard Dunn</i>	<i>2/16/2019</i>
<i>Mark Friederich</i>	<i>2/16/2019</i>
<i>Frank DeLusso</i>	<i>2/29/2020</i>
<i>Ed Raecek</i>	<i>2/29/2020</i>

## Chaplain's Inspiration:

My Dear Brother Knights,

Here we are, a week before the Super Bowl, waiting for Tom Brady and our Buccaneers to face the Kansas City Chiefs. Think of the anticipation in the media coverage and even around our offices and workplaces. It is a lot of fun, and it's exciting.

Our good Lord could've chosen the fun and exciting adventures in life to make Himself known to us, but those times are not very frequent. In fact, our last Super Bowl appearance was something like 2002. That's a lot of time going by waiting for the big day for Tampa Bay.

So, our loving Savior chose another way to be a part of our lives. It wasn't in the rich and the famous, the powerful and who's the best. He chose to reveal himself in those of us who know we were not perfect and far from it.

There's a little bit of Peter in us who sometimes denies the Lord when we could quickly call upon him for help. There's a little bit of James and John, 2 brothers who



were too embarrassed to ask who was the greatest, so mom stepped in to ask Jesus.

If we are too big for our britches, as my mom and dad would sometimes say, we won't have enough room in our hearts when we pray to encounter the Lord. We are too full of ourselves. We won't find enough time in our

schedule to sit down with our wife, our children and just hang out with them, listen to what's important to them, and share difficulties with them.

If we're too big for our britches, and personal hobbies take up too much of our time, there won't be any left to help with an activity in our Council. Our weak human nature can always find an excuse.

Knights, I invite you to step back and look over the past few weeks of your life and happenings in your family. Who needs you the most and why? If you don't know why, spend some time with them and find out.

Finally, brothers, take a good read of the Knight's newsletter and our parish bulletin. Is there something I have the talent and the ability to help someone, a fellow knight who or parishioner? Just do it and find out how good it feels. God always has a way of rewarding us when we love someone and do good for someone just because. It's great to follow Christ and find him in the little things in life that stare me in the face every day. God bless you, and let's pray for each other.

Fr. Rick Pilger, I.C.

## Golf Tournament:

The Golf Tournament Committee has met for the second time. At this meeting, the principal of Blessed Sacrament School, Mrs. Clark and a teacher rep, Ms. Gaul were in attendance. They are very excited and eager to get to work on putting this event together with us. They have offered to contact businesses and people who can donate and contribute to the outing. The school has a multitude of contacts to reach out too (many more than we do). Notices will go out with the students via flyers and email. So, the word will get out. The next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

We, ourselves, need to get sponsors and players as well. Please contact anyone you know that has a business and see if they can make a donation or some kind of small item with a corporate logo to put in "goodie bags".





“To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.”

--Proverbs 21:3

We will also need workers on the day to sell raffle tickets and work the registration table (among other duties). Please make every effort to be able to assist us on April 24<sup>th</sup>. More information is at the end of the newsletter.

### Fundraising:

On Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, our “Doughnut Sunday” brought in \$503. My gratitude to Brothers: Roger Kenneally, Guy Critelli, Keith Smith, William DeSio and Tom Marrah who helped with the sales of the donuts. Their efforts proved to be well worth the time. Thank you, gentlemen. Our next Doughnut Sunday will be on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Since the Pancake Breakfasts are still on hold, activities like these are the only way we can raise funds to help the church and community when they are in need. Again, all that is required is 15-20 minutes after the Mass that you attend on Sunday.

### Roses for Life:

The council ordered 500 rose appliques to be sold at all Masses the weekend of Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> for a donation. The proceeds would be given to the Kimberly Home in Clearwater. This facility is a multi-building center. It gives housing for young women and their children, educates them on how to parent, has an ultrasound machine, helps the girls in job training, referrals and job placement and provides child care for the children up to the age of 3.

Through the generosity of the parish, the council collected \$1200 for the facility. I presented a very gracious and thankful Executive Director Kate Kelly with the check.

A few brothers expressed the desire to visit Kimberly Home last year, but the pandemic struck and plans were postponed. I mentioned this to her and she was very open to the idea of a visit from us.

Again, my heart-filled thanks go out to Brothers Roger Kenneally, Tom Marrah, Guy Critelli, and Keith Smith for the unselfish giving of their time and energy to help out those in need.



I am preparing a “thank you” to the parish to be posted in the bulletin in the next week or so,

### Special Intention:

Our Brother, Francesco Franzese’s father passed away last week. He had been in ill health for some time and God called him home. I ask that you keep Brother Francesco and his family in your prayers and ask Our Lord for healing and consolation during this difficult time.

### Our Banner:

Through the efforts of our Brother Chris Lacata and his wife Lourdes, we finally have our Council Banner. I would like to thank them on behalf of the council for their interest in taking on this project and having it turn out as beautiful as it did. We have, on order, an 8 ft. banner pole to better view it. The banner will be displayed at every function we participate in and will be carried proudly at any procession that we are called to march in.



### Prayer Intentions:

Brothers, if there is a time that you become aware of a brother that needs assistance or is called back to the Lord, please inform me so that the proper action can be taken. We can’t help if we don’t know.

We pray for:

The end to the pandemic



I'm giving up spreadsheets for the next  
40 days

It's gonna be "EXCEL-lent"

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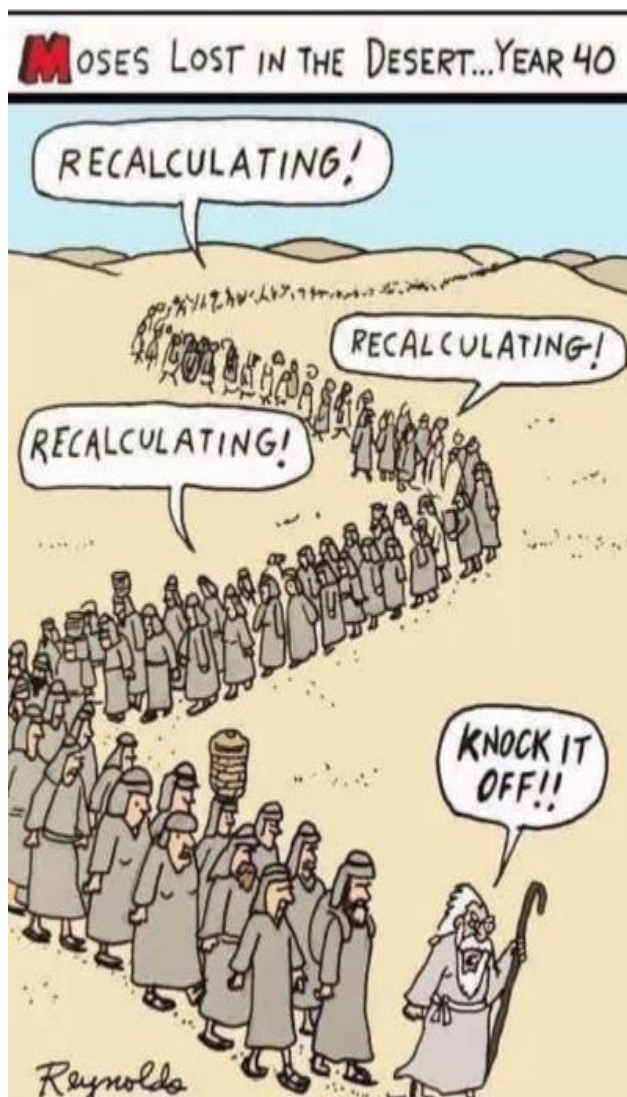
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That the vaccines get to those in most need  
Our first responders  
Our Armed Forces and their families  
The needs of the parish  
The men of our Council and the Order

### And in conclusion:

The following cartoon is humorous but also has a bit of reality to it. How many times have we changed direction in our life? I guess as long as we keep our sights on getting to heaven we can never be that far off course. This can also sum up our Lenten Journey. I wish you all peace, health and a holy Lent.



Vivat Jesus,



Mike P.

## **Needed Donors (Sponsors) for:**

Hole Sponsors --- \$100 per hole

Longest Drive --- \$250 men

--- \$250 women

Closest to the Hole --- \$250 men

--- \$250 women

Putting Contest ---\$250 men

---\$250 women

A donation of Putters???

Donations of \$1500, 2500, 3500 & 5,000 are still being discussed but we won't turn them away

## **Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes**

Hotel stays, Restaurant Cards, Golf Outings, Professional Sport items (packages), etc.

Any small items (with corporate logos):

Hand sanitizer, suntan lotion, key chains, hats, golf balls, tees, divot kits, small flashlights, etc.

## **Entry fee per golfer is \$70**

This enters them in the Longest Drive and Closest to the Hole Competitions and to the banquet.

## **Banquet Menu**

Grilled Italian Sausage, Grilled Chicken, Grilled Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Relish Tray,  
Condiments, Assorted Rolls, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Coffee, Tea and Water