



# HOLY WEEK



## THE COMPASS

Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Michael Cottrell Council 7672  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Grove City, Florida

**March - April 2019**

### *Easter Thoughts from our Spiritual Advisor - Deacon Bob Godlewsky*

Do we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Of course we do! Jesus came out from the tomb a new person. Our sins and the results of sin which he took on were gone. Mary Magdalene had a hard time recognizing him, his apostles couldn't believe it was he when they saw him; did Thomas really have to touch Jesus before he believed? Why did He look so different? It was because the glory and goodness of God in him was uncovered and released so that it affected him even physically.

Shouldn't that be happening to us? When we really mean the baptismal promises we make, when we in actual practice reject the lure and glamour of evil, when we do our best to be like Christ in thought, word, and deed, the divine goodness in us, the likeness to Christ in us spreads and grows throughout our souls. And as it does we take on a new look spiritually which will show externally.

Now let's believe we also have risen with him, and that right now, this Easter, and always, we share in his power and together we can change and bless the world. The resurrection of Jesus reported by the women seemed like nonsense to the apostles; "they refused to believe." The story of our being buried and rising with Christ as new people might seem like nonsense too, but believe it!

If we believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, if we accept our baptism, all we have to do is ask him every day to live and work in us. When we do that, when we mean it, we're born again. We're given another chance to do again, and do better, the things we've done before. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and the world was reborn. So are we, if we want it. Let's show our desire for rebirth by joining together when we renew our baptismal promises?

Through water and words, we've another Christ. And when we leave church, let's show it by our deeds. Let's live and love for the rest of our lives in the spirit of the Risen Christ.

## Grand Knight's Report:

### Notable KOC Events in March 2019

- 3/23/19 Saturday 9:00am – 5:30pm Assembly 2782 celebrated the exemplification of 7 of our Knights to 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knights. The exemplification was held St. Joseph Parish Center in Bradenton. Congratulations to our newest members. (See Article Pg. 8)
- 03/31/19 Sunday 11:30am - 1:00pm Knights Corporate Communion Breakfast – Hill's Golf Club

### Upcoming Knights Activities in April 2019

- 04/01/19 Monday 6:00pm – 7:00pm Knights Officers meeting  
7:30pm – 8:15pm 4th degree Officers Assembly meeting
- 04/08/19 Monday 5:30pm – 6:00pm Ladies Auxiliary officers meeting  
6:00pm – 7:00pm Knights Social/speaker  
7:00pm – 8:15pm Knights Business meeting
- 04/13/19 Saturday 11:00am – 1:00pm A Special Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. This Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Dewane of our Diocese at St. Francis Xavier Church in Fort Myers on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11AM. Following the Mass, a meal will be served in Xavier Hall at the parish.
- 04/14/19 Sunday 8:00am – 12:00 PM Pancake breakfast
- 04/25/19 Thursday 4:00pm – 7:00 PM Spaghetti supper

Note: At the February 14<sup>th</sup> spaghetti dinner we served 322 customers. And at our March 12<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti dinner, the Knights served a total of 308 adults and 8 children for a total of 316 in attendance with one hour less to serve. At both dinners we saw a broad cross section of our parish in attendance.

### For future consideration

The **Annual Postal Carriers Food Drive to “Stamp Out Hunger** will be conducted on May 11, 2019. Although this is a church sponsored event, our Knights and Ladies have always provided hundreds of volunteer hours to the event. Planning will begin soon seeking volunteers for truck drivers with runners, sorters and support persons. Lunch & drinks are provided by the Knights of Council 7672. Please circle the date on your calendar, and watch the church bulletin for how to volunteer as this is another wonderful opportunity for our Knight's Family to provide assistance to our church, parish and community.

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## Supreme Chaplain : Archbishop Willian E. Lori: Monthly Challenge - April 2019

“And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Gospel for April 21, Lk. 24:30-32)

A “fire in the belly,” passion, a drive: these are some of the ways we talk about others who can summon a deep, inner motivation and who make a difference. My brothers, can we say the same about our inner drive to go deeper in our Church’s teaching? Do our hearts “burn within us” and cause us to daily familiarize ourselves with the riches of our faith? Do we have a fire in the belly to be the kind of men who don’t stand silent at the water cooler when we hear our Church’s teaching denigrated by colleagues? In order to lead with faith we need to know our faith. We can’t give what we don’t have. By God’s grace, may we each become disciples whose “hearts burn within us.”

### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to deepen your desire to have a heart ‘burning within you’ for new knowledge of the Church’s teaching and doctrine. Invest five to ten minutes a day reading the *Catechism* or other resource, watching a Catholic talk online, or taking advantage of a local formation opportunity. Secondly I challenge you to talk with a brother in Christ about what you’re learning.

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### *April Birthdays 2019 - Brother Knights, Council 7672/Assembly 2782*

Gerry Barone  
George Burfeind  
Leonard Burmeister  
Paul Castiglione  
Robert Craig  
Frank D’Alessandro  
Kenneth Davis  
George Doherty  
Daniel Donovan  
William Doyle

Jeremy Frost  
Brian Gibbons  
Robert Kinnie  
Mario Mazarella  
Donald Mc Carthy  
John Meehan  
Carlo Milillo  
John Murphy  
Gerard O’Rourke

Hans Picinich  
Thomas Schoonmaker  
Domenic Scolaro  
Vernon Spiker  
Donald Striplin  
Robert Surprenant  
Ronald Symusiak  
Scott Tingley  
Raymond Tirelli  
Charles Woodbury



***Meditative Writings on  
St. Francis of Assisi:***

The Burning Passion of St. Francis of Assisi  
By Brian Kranick (Excerpt No. 7)

In 1224, St. Francis climbed a remote mountain La Verna for a forty-day fast and spiritual retreat for the feast of St. Michael. On the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, September 14<sup>th</sup>, while contemplating the passion and death of Christ, St. Francis had a vision of a six-winged Seraphim fixed on a cross and flying towards him. As it came closer, he recognized that it was Jesus with his hands and feet nailed to the cross. St. Francis understood the vision to mean that he himself would be transformed by his seraphic love of God into a perfect image of the crucified Christ. Waking from the vision, St. Francis found he had received Christ's wounds into his very own body, holes in his hands and feet, and a wound in his side. He had received the sacred *stigmata* as a testament to the oneness of spirit he had with Christ, recalling the words of St. Paul, perhaps the Church's first stigmatist, "For I bear on my body the marks of Jesus." (Gal. 6:17) For the next two years until his death, St. Francis bore the stigmata as a sign for all, enduring this painful martyrdom supernaturally manifested in perfect unity with Christ's passion.



St. Francis embraced his sufferings out of love for God and his neighbor. St. Bonaventure quotes him as saying, "Nothing would make me more happy than to have you afflict me with pain and not spare me. Doing your will is consolation enough, and more than enough, for me." It was at this point that the saint composed his "Canticle of Brother Sun," including the line "May thou be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for the sake of They love and endure infirmity and tribulation."

Having trouble walking from the wounds in his feet, and his eyes now nearly blind, the little poor man of Assisi approached death on the evening of October 3, 1226.

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In recollection of his initial conversion, and in perfect imitation with the poverty and death of the Lord, he asked to be placed naked on the ground in anticipation of his own death. With his dying breaths, St. Francis implored his followers to hold fast to the Gospel and the faith of the Church. With that, he entered into his eternal reward.

Watch the April - May Compass for the final Excerpt No. 8

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See the entire article in "Catholic Exchange October 4, 2016 go to <https://catholicexchange.com/burning-passion-st-francis-assisi>



## *Knights Notes: From our Brothers. . .*



### *An Open Letter to You .*

How much do you want to volunteer? . . . Good question? Always, most times, sometimes, not much, never? Where do you fall in the range?

As a member of the Knights of Columbus we should be in the top two or three, but realistically probably the "most times, sometimes" range. Are you in this range?

Hopefully we all take pride in being a Knight. That means we sincerely want to follow our goals of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Most K of C volunteer efforts are acts of *charity* in the funds we raise and the acts that we perform in *unity* with each other for the benefit of the parish and the community. The strength we gain to continue these good works comes from the *fraternity* created by supporting each other in achieving our goals.

We need our brother Knights to support our brother Knights. When we volunteer we are telling our brother Knights that we support their effort and want to lessen the load for them. You can't do everything, *but you can do something*. You will benefit the most and feel like a worthy Knight when you serve others. Choose your project, your time, your interest. There is always a need for your contribution. To volunteer doesn't mean "always". It can mean "sometimes", even "not much", **but "never" is not an option for a Knight of Columbus.**

, , , Now, how much do you want to volunteer?

*Brother Joseph Gallagher*

### *A Note from our Deputy Grand Knight.*

I want to thank all who participated in any way for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive that supports Autism Speaks and Special Olympics. Representatives from both of these worthy organizations will be at our April meeting to receive checks from our Council.

The Sugar Bowl is progressing and planning to select the talent for our annual November 10th show. We are always grateful to the Council and Assembly for all your support.

I enjoyed seeing all those who attended the Corporate Communion Sunday on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

*Sir Gil Ulrich, Your Deputy Grand Knight*

### *Editorial Offerings.*

Behold the beauty of God's artistic genius. "The Gift of a Florida Dawn" . (iPhone picture)



### *Volunteer Opportunity –*

The Compass, your Council 7672 Newsletter which is published every month is seeking Brother Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary to agree to spend a couple of hours of your time once a month to assist the Editorial Staff to obtain stories of interest to our readership. i.e. interviewing a fellow Knight or Lady, taking a candid photo at an event of the organization or writing down a brief report of that event. We need your eyes and ears to make the Compass the best publication possible. Please contact Tom Costello at (607) 331-4112 to learn more about this opportunity.



*For the Good of the Order - March-April 2019*

*This Easter season we ask for your prayers for all of our families and friends, living and dead for whom we have prayed during this past year, that Our Risen Lord will pour out blessings and peace upon them and continue to watch over them. O Lord we ask that your perpetual light shine upon them and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and happiness for all eternity in Your Divine Presence. Amen.*



### *A Look Ahead to Upcoming Council Events :*

- **Florida State Council 115<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held this coming May 24-26, 2019 in Orlando. Our council delegates were chosen at the April meeting. We look forward to their report in June.**
- **2019 Awards dinner is planned for our June Meeting date.**
- **Annual Knights and Families invited to a Stone Crabs Game on Sat. 6/23/19 at 12:30 pm. Contact Sir Hans Picinich for tickets 209-484-8004.**
- **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Council 7672 coming in 2021 This momentous occasion will require that the assistance of our Knights and Ladies will be needed to begin planning a series of events for this occasion.**



## *The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2782 Patriot Report*

Seven New Sir Knights were welcomed into our Assembly at the recent Exemplification held in Bradenton Florida. Left to Right they are:

*Sir Knight Patrick A. Canning*

*Sir Knight Chuck De Ninno*

*Sir Knight Stephen R. Aynes*

*Sir Knight James A. Parent*

*Sir Knight William T. Doyle*

*Sir Knight Nicholas A. Gizzi*

*Sir Knight Albert A. Losacano Jr.*



Our sincere congratulations from all your fellow Sir Knights of the Assembly and from your Brother Knights of the Council as well as your leadership. This is an amazing accomplishment.

***Welcome Sir Knights and Congratulations.***

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## ***The “FAMILY of the MONTH” Program***

***The Knights of Columbus support strong, vibrant, faithful families in our Parish***



Under the coordination of the Knights of Columbus, on the second and fourth weeks of each month, a selected family is entrusted with a beautiful Holy Family statue along with a Prayer Book. The family is asked to place the Holy Family Statue in a prominent place in their home and to pray together daily as a family during the next two weeks. The Statue is then returned for presentation to a new Family.

We are seeking Catholic families who are recognized for honoring Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and who put their faith into practice. The presentation of the Statue takes place at either the 10:00am Mass, on the fourth Sunday of the month or at the Knight’s Council Meeting on the second Monday of each month. All parish families are invited to participate in this prayer program.

We thank the following participating couples and families who have taken part in the program during this past year:

- ❖ Peggy and Gil Ulrich ❖ The Istafaneous Family ❖ Beverly and Tom Costello
- ❖ The Johnson Family ❖ Cloris and Joe Valley ❖ The Fec Family
- ❖ Virginia and Steve Aynes ❖ The Mazza Family ❖ Karen and Ron Kacprowicz
- ❖ The McCarthy Family ❖ The Micallef Family ❖ The Donhauser Family  
and ❖ The Gizzi Family

We thank them for their participation in this Spiritual Enrichment program. If your family is interested in participating, please contact Jim Brantner, the Director of Religious Education for St. Francis of Assisi Church and the Family Life Director for Council 7672 Knights of Columbus He can be reached at 941-697-4899.

The “Family of the Month” Ministry is intended to increase greater awareness of the many good families in our Parish.





*Knights of Columbus - Council 7672 and Assembly 2782*  
*A Special Request to all Members*

Past Grand Knight and Current Faithful Navigator Joe Pizzuto is in need of our thoughts and prayers. Joe is dealing with very serious health problems and his wife Mary along with Grand Knight Don Kasson ask each of our Brother and Sir Knights to intercede for Joe and. . .

- **Say a daily prayer** for Joe that Our Savior will give him strength and healing in abundance as he deals with his very serious health issues.
- **Write a note or send a card** to Joe at 10105 Edmonton Ave Englewood FL 34224-8162 to let him know he is always in our hearts and daily prayers.
- **Call a Brother Knight . . .** and ask him to do the same as you have done.
- **Reroute any Knights Business Calls** to Don Kasson GN @ (513) 604-4334 Don is working with Mary to filter messages to Joe at this time.

**God Bless you Brother Knights for your help and support.**