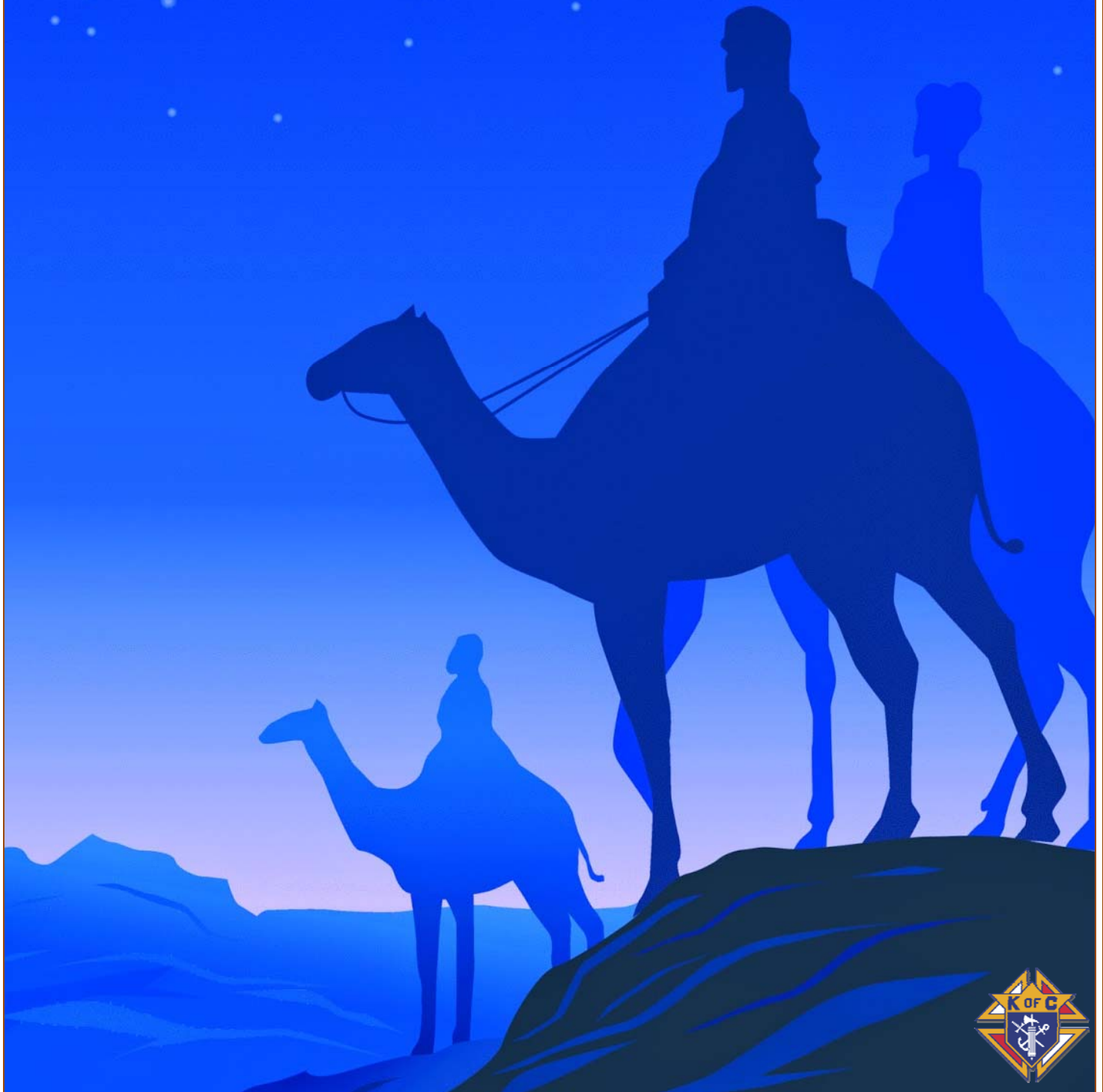


# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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## Grand Knight's Message



Brothers,

I hope that all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas and again were able to spend valuable time with people important in your lives. As always I hope all of you good health and any fellow knight who may have a health issue and needs our prayers please contact myself or PGK Larry Kocen to be included on our prayer list!

The annual Keep Christ in Christmas magnet sale headed up by DGK Ron Balaze and worked on by council volunteers kicked off on December 10 and 17!

Our next Corporate Communion will be held on January 28, 2018 at 9am Mass to replace our December date that fell on New Year's Eve. The optional post-mass brunch will be held at Venetian Golf and River Club, a great venue but reservations are limited to 24 seats and are guaranteed by the council. Please book early with David Tschanz and if you need to cancel please do so 72 hrs in advance or you will be responsible for payment.

Last but not least the Council Financial Secretary Tom McDermitt and myself are working on the annual Form 1728 which shows all the volunteer work done by the Council for Supreme. Please be sure that you fill out the Fraternal Activities book completely upon entering the hall and showing your Council card with any additional volunteer hours for anything involved with helping your parish or fellow man! This report is very important to Supreme as it is one way they prove the character of the Knights of Columbus!

Final note: do not forget raffle ticket sales, it is important.

Vivat Jesus!

**Bruce A. Crisman**

Grand Knight, Council 15821



### Officers

**Grand Knight**

*Bruce A. Crisman*

**Chaplain**

*Fr William O'Malley, O. Carm.*

**Deputy Grand Knight**

*Ron Balaze*

**Chancellor**

*Lawrence Kocen, PGK*

**Recorder**

*Fred Madigan*

**Warden**

*Vacant*

**Treasurer**

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*Thomas McDermitt*

**Advocate**

*David Ceinski, PGK*

**Lecturer**

*Charles Palmeri*

**Inside Guard**

*Tim Downey*

**Outside Guard**

*Dennis Korinek*

**Trustee 1 year**

*Ed Regan*

**Trustee 2 years**

*Stanley Anthony*

**Trustee 3 years**

*David W. Tschanz, PGK*

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Business Meetings held the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday of every month

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**On the cover: Three kings follow the star**

## Spiritual Reflection A Blessing of Calendars for the New Year

*Eternal God, beyond all time: to you alone belong the times and the seasons of our lives.*

*In the circle of the year, the unending wreath of days and weeks and months, of seasons and solstice and Sabbath, in mid-winter bleakness and summertime fullness, in autumnal death and springtime rebirth, in holidays and in holy days, we journey in the mystery of your saving grace: watching for the dawn of your promise, rejoicing in his coming among us, called to die with him and to rise again; watching, ever watching, waiting and yearning for the time when time is no more when what is unseen will be clear as light itself and all will be complete in the embrace of your love. Be with us now, O God, in the gift and power of your Spirit to bless our calendars and to bless our lives in each of their days, that we may give voice to your goodness and praise to your glory in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, our Lord forever and ever unto ages of ages. Amen!*



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*Please add these persons to your daily prayer list*

+Smentkowski, SK Pete	+Hancock, Br. Jim	+Konzelman, Br. Lee	+Jankowski, Dominic
+Hetlinger, Br John	+DelVecchio, Br. Carlo	+Ewing, Br "Ted"	+Schafer, Br. John
+Cuthbert, SK Eddie	+Langhamer, Rodd	+Bauer, Marie	+Lurix, Joanne
+Radzilowski, J. M.	+Skerencak, Josephine	+Tschanz, Alfred	+Crisman, Betty
Ramuno, Br. Peter	Kella, Bill & Mary	Balaze, Patricia	McDermitt, Rose
Augenthaler, Br Warren	Meyer, Br Jim	Marko, Br Tom	Murphy, Paul
Nelson, Jeff	Nichols, Eddie	Pingeton, Pam	O'Callaghan, Dennis
Petersen, Charles	Russo, Diane	SK Tschanz, Karl	Redlin, Carolyn
SK Ed Farrell	All in need of hope	All who are hungry	All Refugees

### Pre-Meeting Rosary



Brothers are invited to attend a corporate rosary beginning at 6:30 PM. Prayer is a "we" thing. "Our Father, who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread," etc. Jesus prayed that we may be one, and one of the ways we can "practice" this and actually DO this is to pray together. This is an opportunity for you to avail yourselves of that experience.

## Volunteer Opportunities

*“You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.”  
~Winston Churchill*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b> January 7 &amp; 21, 2017 All Masses - Clean up and set up Contact Brother <a href="#">Tom McDermitt</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pancake Breakfast</b> January 14, 2017 All Masses – Various Duties Contact Grand Knight <a href="#">Bruce Crisman</a></p>
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## Meeting Schedule for 2017-18 Fraternal Year

The table below shows the key meeting dates for the upcoming 2017-18 Fraternal Year.

Monthly Meetings*	Corp. Communion
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup> **
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	

\*Officer’s Meeting begins at 5:30 PM      \*\*Founders Day Mass

***Save The Date!***

## 6th Annual Gala Slated for March 3, 2018

**5:30 – 10:00 PM**  
**Jacaranda West Country Club**  
**1901 Jacaranda Blvd**  
**Venice, FL**



**\$45 pp.**

Choice of Carved Sirloin or Salmon

*Entertainment by “The Flashbacks”*

**Semi Formal**



## **Knight of the Month & Family of the Month Honorees**

The Knight and Family of the Month are honors awarded for efforts above and beyond the average call of duty. We like to recognize our Brothers, their wives, and families for what they do for all of us in making our council and parish community healthy and strong. These awards are given once a month usually at our Business Meetings. Please don't hesitate to say thanks to these worthy recipients for all their efforts.

### ***Knight of the Month – October 2017***

#### **Phil Wright**



Brother Phil Wright only became a member of the Order in November and already he has shown himself to be one of the council's most reliable workhorses with a firm commitment to charitable outreach and making the council go. In addition he has enlisted his wife of 54 years, Maria in activities including the recent "Tootsie Roll" collection for Citizens with Disabilities. His quiet, inner strength and incisive mind, as well as his commitment to the Knights, is what makes him Knight of the Month.

### ***Family of the Month – October 2017***

#### **John & Nancy Marshall**



John Marshall was born in Fairview, WV and he may have been born a Knight. He and his wife Nancy certainly are sterling examples of everything we expect in a Knight's family and a recent 61 year wedding anniversary is only confirmation of their commitment to each other and family life in general. After John's 39 year teaching career in Ohio and Maryland the Marshalls moved to Florida in 2002 and was an early member of OLMC. Congratulations to this exceptional Family of the Month.

### ***Knight of the Month – November 2017***

#### **Stanley Anthony**



Brother Stanley Anthony is one of the Council's most consistently hard-working, reliable and effective members. Whenever there is a call for help he is there. Need someone to paint Carmel Hall – he's there. Need help with Special Olympics, Brother Stan is there. In fact if you need anything, Stanley Anthony is the person you can depend on. Charity, unity and fraternity are not mere words to him. He lives them and that is why he has been named Knight of the Month. Without him there is little question that Council 15821's success would have been less.

### ***Family of the Month – November 2017***

#### **Steve & Janine Marrone**



Protecting the unborn is one of the key duties of a Roman Catholic and a Knight. In the forefront of our efforts supporting the Pro-Life Program are Stephen and Janine Marrone whose joint contributions go beyond the ordinary. Congratulations to this exemplary Family of the Month



## Peter B. Smentkowski

April 22, 1939 – November 19, 2017

*The following eulogy was delivered on behalf of the Council by PGK Dr. David Tschanz.*

Let me start by saying on behalf of all the Knights of Columbus and our families we offer our sincerest condolences to you, Ken and to your entire family.

I can't speak about Brother Pete as a husband or father - there are others much more familiar with that part of his life, but I will tell you what he was like as a Knight and as our friend.

He became a knight on January 14, 2016 and rapidly advanced through the ranks, achieving full Knighthood on April 23, 2016 and entering the Fourth Degree April 29, 2017. He was elected Inside Guard and later Warden. In June 2017 he was selected as the Council's Knight of the Year. An impressive resume for a man who was a knight for less than two years.

It is impossible to summarize Pete Smentkowski in a few words, or even many thousands of words.

He was special. He was unique. He was a treasure without price.

To know Pete was to know a man who somehow managed to embody the meanings of friend, companion, knight, rascal and pot-stirrer at the same time.

He met life like a tough street kid with a heart of gold. Pete did not live by half-measures. He took big bites out of life and enjoyed them with a gusto that more timid men could only admire.

He was a hard worker. Two Grand Knights said exactly the same thing – give me ten more like him and I can change the world.

He was there whenever help was needed and threw himself into the task with enthusiasm and vigor.

He was the master of pancake batter. He certainly wore enough of it each pancake breakfast. Give him a hard time about it – or anything else for that matter and you could hear him, over any noise no matter how loud, his New Jersey tinged gravelly voice proclaiming “Don't Bust Me!”

As Grand Knight Bruce Crisman put it, “that's almost certainly what he said to Saint Peter at the Pearly Gates.”

And we all know that Pete got away with it -- because of his smile.

Oh that smile. It was infectious. It was endearing.

That smile spoke volumes about a man who loved life and saw it as the great adventure. And his open warmth made all of us feel that he wanted us to join him wherever he went.

And we all wanted to go with him.

That was Brother Pete. And today Pete, we will honor you as you would want; by not mourning you, but by celebrating your life. So I'd like everyone to stand up and celebrate the life of Pete Smentkowski.



## Save the Date Yankees v Red Sox Baseball Trip



Council 15821 is conducting a trip to the March 23, 2018 at 1:05 PM spring training game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa.



### Tentative Details

- Ticket cost is \$60 per person. Price covers game ticket and round trip bus fare to/from Steinbrenner Field. **You do not have a confirmed place until you have paid for the tickets.**
- The bus will board at OLMC parking lot from 9:45 AM with a 10:15 AM departure. Seating on the bus is first come/first serve basis. The bus will not wait for late arrivals.
- Council 15821's group seating is in **Section 216, rows H-K** (a copy of the stadium seating is available at <https://seatgeek.com/venues/george-m-steinbrenner-field/seating-chart>) The seats are in the second tier behind the third base line.



## Corporate Communion January 28, 2018 9 AM Mass

*Breakfast following*

The optional post-mass breakfast/brunch venue will be held at the Venetian Golf and River Club at the east end of Laurel Road. The breakfast is a full buffet with an omelet station and a large selection of other items including sausage & biscuits, blintzes, Danish, etc. Cost is 8.95++ per person. Mimosas and Bloody Marys are available for \$2.00 each.

*Places for breakfast are limited to 24 seats -- so please "book early." If you sign up to attend and do not cancel 72 hours in advance, you will be charged. Please advise SK David Tschanz if you wish to attend. He can be reached at [dwt1121@gmail.com](mailto:dwt1121@gmail.com) or 203-673-9689*



## Complete the Individual Fraternal Year Survey by January 15<sup>th</sup>

*How marvelous would it be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: Today I have performed an act of charity towards others – Pope Francis*

Last year Knights of Columbus at all levels donated more than \$175 million to charitable causes. Members also performed 73 million hours of volunteer service. By completing and submitting the Individual Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (attached to the end of this newsletter) you are contributing and confirming the overwhelming generosity for which the Knights are known.

For our council this survey is important for two reasons: It is a barometer of how the organization is doing AND it shows the International Revenue service that we do a charitable work. This helps justify our being exempt from Federal Income Tax.



When you complete your survey (see last page), keep in mind:

- You don't have to be 100% accurate. Estimates are just fine.
- When an activity could be in multiple categories, just pick one.
- Going to Mass doesn't count, unless you were an usher, lector, choir, altar server, etc.
- Include your name on the form.
- Please email your completed survey to [tommcdermitt@gmail.com](mailto:tommcdermitt@gmail.com) or mail it to Tom McDermitt, FS; 11621 Garessio Ln; Sarasota, FL 34238-2893

Please note that the form consists of an upper and lower half. Council members 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and below only need submit the top or the lower half. Fourth Degree members should submit the additional section to their Faithful Comptroller.

## Keep Christ in Christmas Earns Almost \$600

Council 15821's 2017 Keep Christmas in Christmas campaign served to remind people of the true meaning of Christmas and provide an opportunity for parishioners and others to show their support for this key concept of Catholicism.

The drive collected \$588 in gross receipts, down from last year's over \$700 tally.

Brother Pete Smentkowski organized a team of volunteers for follow-up at Saturday and Sunday masses over two weekends and at the monthly pancake breakfast. Thanks to him and out brother knights for their assistance





## “Tootsie Roll” Drive Scheduled for February Volunteer Now!

No, the Knights of Columbus has not taken to selling candy and has no ties to Tootsie Rolls or any other candy bar, or their Manufacturer! This campaign, often referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive” is really a “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities” The nickname is due to the nature of the fundraiser, in which Knights distribute candy bars, very often specially marked Tootsie Rolls in exchange for donations used to support programs geared to improve the Quality of Life for people with Disabilities, in particular, Special Olympics.



Council 15821’s annual Citizens with Disabilities Campaigns, popularly know as the Tootsie Roll Drive will be held **February 2 & 3** – Publix at Pinebrook and Laurel Road 8AM -6 PM (2 hr shifts); **January 27 & 28** – OLMC after all Masses.

This is probably the Knights of Columbus’ best-known national fund-raiser. Unlike fundraising done by other organizations, every dollar raised goes to help people with disabilities.

Monies raised are split by the Council amongst Sarasota Special Olympics, Dreams Are Free and Challenger Baseball.

Coordination of the program is being conducted by Deputy Grand Knight Sir Knight Ron Balaze. When he calls upon you to be volunteer please be ready to answer the call.



## Building Mission through your Parish Webinar

Important!! The Next Knights Of Columbus Fraternal Officer Training Webinar Will Take Place On Wednesday, -- January 3, 2018 -- 8 Pm Eastern Time

**WE WANT EVERY COUNCIL OFFICER AND MEMBER TO ATTEND, IT'S IMPORTANT!**

Have you ever said, "To be more effective our councils needs more help from our pastor?" Don't just sit around and say "we don't know how to build a stronger council!"

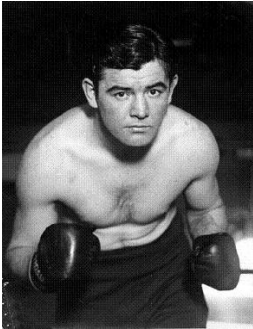
Join your brother knights from across the Order and attend the **Building Mission through your Parish Webinar**. Building a strong strategic alliance with your pastor and pastoral staff will aid your council in charitable outreach and membership strength. Learn how to position your council as the "Go-to Charitable Outreach organization in your parish and community.

Fraternal Training Webinars are presented live and are recorded for later viewing at a convenient time and place. **Join us live at 8 PM on Wednesday, January 3, 2018** Eastern Time and it will be recorded for playback at anytime.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE WEBINAR](#)**

## All of these Knights had Sports in Common

Knights of Columbus, being a cross section of the nation's Catholic gentlemen appear in every walk of life. Knights have been numbered among politicians, writers, actors, artists, military men and of course sports.



One of the better known was James J. Braddock, known in boxing circles as "The Cinderella Man" after winning the heavyweight boxing championship by defeating Max Baer in 1934. Braddock had experienced lean times prior to his ultimate boxing achievement. He and his manager both joined the U. S. Army and served as 1st Lieutenants in World War II. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in West New York, N. J.

James B. Connelly, was the first Olympic champion and first American gold medalist in a "hop, skip and jump" performance in the first modern Olympic Games in Athens on 1896. Later becoming a successful writer and novelist, he was a member the Knights in Boston.

Vince Lombardi, the famous coach of the Green Bay Packers was the winner of the first two Super Bowl titles. A devout Catholic and Fourth Degree Knight, he was known to lead his Packers to Mass when they were on the road. He served in many humanitarian roles.

The legendary owner and manager of the Philadelphia Athletics Connie Mack, formally known as Cornelius McGillicuddy was a devout Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus in Flourtown, Pa. He was known to scold his players when they used profanity.



Floyd Patterson, heavyweight boxing champion in the early 1950s joins Braddock as a knight who was also a boxer. Floyd also had a gift for helping children and spent time in service to troubled youth and shut-ins. A member of the Knights of Columbus, he was also an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist in his church.

And finally there was possibly the most famous of them all, George Herman (Babe Ruth). Little can be said of the Babe that is not already known. Suffice to say he joined the Knights of Columbus in South Boston. He made it his duty to exercise the faith and charity he learned growing up in a Catholic orphanage giving attention to children with disabilities.



The Knights of Columbus, in addition to these and many other members who have achieved fame and success in athletics, have another claim to sports involvement. The order owned the land on which Yankee Stadium was formed more than twenty years starting in the 1950s when they bought it from the Rupert family. They finally sold it to the City of New York in the 1970's.



## Florida State Council Charity Raffle to Fund State and Local Council Charities

The Florida State Council will conduct a raffle to raise funds for Council charities as well as for Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

Raffle book containing 12 raffle tickets will be distributed directly to Councils in September by the FSC. The number of books each Council receives will be based on 75% of the Council’s membership.



Tickets are \$1.00 **donation** each. Council members sell tickets and the Council turns \$6.00 per book to Florida K of C Charities, Inc. while retaining the other \$6.00 designated for the council’s charitable programs.

For example, if a Council sells 300 books over the 8-month period, the Council keeps \$1,800 and sends \$1,800 to K of C Charities. There are no out-of-pocket costs to the Council. The Florida State Council will handle all the marketing and ticket costs, along with the prize money.

In addition to the final drawing, there will be “**Quick Start**” and “**Early Bird**” drawings for book sellers only. To be eligible for these drawings, book sellers must return the back cover, tickets and payments by the dates indicated.

**Councils cannot be named as the seller or purchaser of a ticket.** The Council can purchase tickets in the name of their parish or in the name of a charity. Only an individual’s name can be put on as book cover seller.

The **Early Bird** drawing will take place at the FSC Board meeting on March 10, 2018. One winner in each region will be awarded \$400. Ticket books with backs must be returned February 22, 2018 with payment to be eligible. Quick Start tickets will be included in the Early Bird drawing.

All raffle sales end May 6, 2018. All tickets, payments and raffle tickets must be in by May 12, 2018. Final drawing will be held at Annual Convention Dinner May 26, 2018 in Orlando, FL.

<p><b>Prizes:</b> Total Prizes \$45,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Prize <b>\$25,000</b></li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize <b>\$10,000</b></li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize <b>\$5,000</b></li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Prize <b>\$1,000</b> each</li> </ul>	<p><b>Solicitors/Sellers Prizes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$1000</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winning ticket gets \$750</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winning ticket wins \$500.</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> winning tickets get \$100 each.</li> </ul>
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**Official Rules**

- *Donations made for tickets*
- *Random drawing of tickets received*
- *Need not be present to win*
- *Contributions to the Florida State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Raffle are **not** deductible as a charitable donation for federal income tax purposes*
- *Florida K of C Charities, Inc., office address 829 Groovsmere Loop, Ocoee, FL 34761*
- *All prizes paid by Florida K of C Charities, Inc.*

**Return raffle books and checks to: Mike Gizewski, Vocations Chairman; 9292 Pineville Drive; Lake Worth, FL. 33467**



# Council 15821 Calendar of Events January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 <i>Officers Meeting</i> 5:30 PM <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM	5	6
7 <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i> <i>All Masses</i>	8	9	10 <i>Keep Christ in Christmas</i>	11	12	13 <b>Special Olympics Basketball Tournament</b>
14 <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> <i>All Masses</i>	15	16	17	18 <b>Assembly 1818 Meeting</b> 7 PM	19	20
21 <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i> <i>All Masses</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 <b>Corporate Communion</b> 9 AM	29	30	31			

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS**

**Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.**

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20\_\_.

This worksheet is printed on clip-art ready, reproducible paper. Simply photocopy as many forms as you need, cut along the dotted line and distribute the form at the November meeting. Forward a worksheet to every member on your current roster or include a copy in your next bulletin. Each member can individually identify the number of volunteer hours he expended in community service projects. You only need to collect and tabulate the council/assembly/circle results for completion of the 20\_\_ Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report due at the Supreme Council office by January 31, 20\_\_.

**20\_\_ ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET**

Over the last ten years, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$1.5 billion to charitable and benevolent causes and more than 682 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting.** This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

1. Number of visits you made during 20\_\_ to:
  - Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals .....
  - Bereaved — visits of condolence .....
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 20\_\_.
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 20\_\_:
  - Church Activities — service in all Church related activities .....
  - Community Activities — service in all community related activities .....
  - Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities .....
  - Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects .....
  - Culture of Life Activities — service in all related projects .....
  - VAVS .....
  - Food For Families .....
  - Special Olympics .....
  - Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above .....
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