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General Meetings held the 1st
Thursday of every month

On the cover: Special Olympics
bowlers knock down pins and win
hearts.

Grand Knight's Message

Worthy Brothers,



I am gratified and delighted to tell you that after a harrowing two and one-half months my health issues, have been resolved. I know that without your prayers this would not have happened and I feel blessed to have such a group of friends and well-wishers as you have proven.

The first six months of this fraternal year were reasonably successful. We were able to achieve many of our goals and are well on the way to earning Star Council status for this year.

The second half is going to be activity-packed as well.

In February we have the annual "Tootsie Roll campaign" scheduled for the third week in February under the steady hand of Ron Balaze. Make sure to volunteer for a shift as many hands make light work.

We will also be hosting the District's First Degree exemplification on the 17th. After this we will be forming our own First Degree Team – so please help us organize the ceremonies that welcome men into the Knights. An additional task will be electing delegates and alternates to the State Convention in May.

Looking a bit further ahead March brings a recruitment push and we will be having a Founder's Day mass on April 4th.

Vivat Jesus!

David W. Tschanz

Grand Knight, Council 15821



Spiritual Reflection A Prayer for Lent



Ash Wednesday falls on February 10th and marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Now we are invited to reflect upon the meaning of Jesus' life, ministry and to re-appreciate the purpose of his coming, his death and eventual resurrection. We are reminded in this prayer of the nature of sin and its reason for being and how it can be conquered through the Jesus.

Your Word reveals to us a simple truth, that sin entered this world through human folly in believing we could be like you, and permeated history through envy, selfishness and greed. Yet sin, which holds us tight within its grasp, cannot resist a heart that is touched by your grace through Jesus Christ, cannot contend with Living Water pouring into hearts and souls. Your Word reveals to us a simple truth -- that sin is defeated and we can become the people we were always meant to be, by your grace through Jesus Christ.



Please add these persons to your daily prayer list

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| +Albin, Melissa | Allocca Family | Arpino, Frank | Balaze, Mrs. Ron |
| Barette, Rozetta | Bassler, Ray | The Bauers | Belsley, Roger |
| Broyard, Michele | Bull, Judie | Bump, Marvin | Burfeind Jr., George |
| Campbell, Andrea | Carboneau, John | Caron, Paul SK | Cavanaugh, Julie |
| Cicchitto, Jane | Coakley, Mike | Cruz, Anita | Dackal, Ed |
| +Del Vecchio, Carlo | Dietsel, Myrtle | Farell, Larry | Flores, Tony |
| Foley, Walter | Folsom, Darsie | Fontaine, Andre | Gasteen, Bill |
| Goldstein, Karen | Grant, George | Gregorchik, Roberta | Gula, Carol |
| Hayes, Annie | Hetlinger Family | Iovine, Br. Tony | Jankowski, Dominic |
| Kella, Bill Br. Knight | Kella, Mary | Laurtent, Jim | LaRoche, Philip |
| Lissner, Eileen | Lubrano, Mike | McDermitt, Rose | McMullen, Kathi |
| McWha, Bill & Millie | Meehan, Lee | Menna, Antoinette | Miller, Suzanne |
| Moore, Dick | Murphy, Paul | Nelson, Jim | Nichols, Eddie |
| Nieskes, Sandy | O'Callaghan, Dennis | Pagano, Sam | Pegg, Tom |
| Petersen, Mathew | Petersen, Vincent | Preville, Claire | Rossi, Joe |
| Russo, Diane | Ryan, Pat | Riehle, Albert | Schmidt, Jodi |
| +Skerencak, Josephine | Silva, Br Ron | Savranskian, Pat | Spagnola, Joe & Marie |
| Tschanz, David | Veno, Larry | Walling, Karen | Wayman, Theresa |
| West, Isabelle | Wielgos, Sara | Strzelecki. Patrica | + Ewing, Ted |

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.

Luncheons for Life – February 2016



Our Mother's House

Jacaranda West Country Club
1901 Jacaranda Blvd.
Venice, Florida

**February 11, 2016
11:30AM to 1:30PM**

Featuring

All You Need is Love

**Joyce Scott, Executive Director
Our Mother's House**

Please bring size 4-5-6 Diapers

Please RSVP to Kathie by February 5, 2016 at sully1van@aol.com or 941-421-9859

First Year Knight?

Earn the Shining Armor Award

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the "Shining Armor Award" is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award" new Knights must do the following during their first year of membership:



- Be involved in at least three council service programs
- Attend at least three council business meetings
- Receive their Second and Third degrees
- Meet with their council's insurance representative
- Recruit at least one new member

To help members keep track of their progress toward attaining the award, special qualification cards are available from the Grand Knight. As an achievement is accomplished, the Grand Knight will sign off on it.

Currently recipients receive Certificates of Recognition along with special "Shining Armor" Lapel Pins in recognition of their achievement.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Strive for Star Council Status



I am very pleased to announce that the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has appointed me as the Field Agent for your Council. I am very enthusiastic about the prospect of serving as your Field Agent, and I look forward to working with you. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish by the end of the Fraternal Year in June, building upon the success of previous years. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

Among these many goals is the attainment of the Star Council award, the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. So far, your council is doing extremely well in recruiting new members to join, but unfortunately we are far from meeting our insurance goals for the year. With your help, I will be working very hard to turn this around and make sure you qualify for the Star Council award. That alone is not a sufficiently good reason for anyone to participate in our insurance programme. However, the fraternal benefits the Knights of Columbus have to offer are outstanding, and if you just give me a chance, I'm sure we can find something that will fit your needs and offer your family valuable protection.



As you know, the Knights of Columbus was founded for the primary purpose of protecting Catholic families in an unstable environment. In keeping with the Order's tradition of protection, I will offer to conduct a free Family Needs Analysis to help you determine whether your current program is meeting your financial goals. Thank you in advance for allowing me to be of service to you and your family.

You can reach me at (941) 923-7912 or via E-mail at Frank.Burns@kofc.org.

Frank Burns, Field Agent for Council 15821



**Founder's Day Mass
& Corporate
Communion
April 3, 2016
9 AM Mass**

**Breakfast following Saltwater
Café**

Contact Bruce Crisman for details

Election of Delegates, Alternates to State Convention

Election of delegates to the 2016 State Convention being held May 27-29, 2016 in Orlando will be held at the February 4th General Meeting. One delegate is the Grand Knight, the other a Past Grand Knight of the Council. Alternates may be any Third Degree member. In the event the Grand Knight and/or Past Grand Knight are unable to serve as delegates, the Council may elect another Third Degree Knight in good standing.

Knights of Columbus 6th Annual Gala



**February 27, 2016
5PM – 10PM**

**Jacaranda West Country Club
Venice, Florida**

Tickets \$35

Music by Valerie & Neale

Tickets available from the Bruce Crisman

*Attire: Semi-Formal; Tuxedo for 4th Degree
Jacket & Tie Required*

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign

Council 15821 will conduct the annual Citizens with Disabilities Campaigns, popularly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, during the third weekend in February. The effort is being coordinated by Worthy Chancellor Ron Balaze who has successfully conducted the campaign since the Council’s formation.



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. In the past the Council has directed the funds to, among others, the Sarasota County Special Olympics, Dreams are Free and Challenger Baseball programs.

Contact [Ron Balaze](#) to help support this important cause

Volunteer Opportunities

<p>Coffee & Doughnuts February 7 & 21, 2016 All Masses - Clean up and set up Contact Tom McDermitt</p>	<p>Pancake Breakfast February 14, 2016 All Masses – Various Duties Contact Larry Kocen</p>
<p>“Tootsie Roll” Campaign Volunteers are needed for the third weekend in February to support the Citizens with Disabilities Campaign. Contact Ron Balaze to help support this important cause</p>	

Council to Host February 17th Exemplification

Council 15821 will act as host to the February 17th First Degree exemplification for the District. The exemplification ceremony will be conducted by St. Thomas More Council 7826's Degree Team.

A First Degree exemplification ceremony, by which a man joins the Order, explicates the virtue of charity. He is then said to be a First Degree Knight of Columbus; after participating the subsequent degrees, each of which focuses on another virtue, he rises to that status. Upon reaching the Third Degree, a gentleman is a full member. Priests do not participate directly in Degree exemplifications as laymen do, but rather take the degree by observation.



All officers must attend and all members are strongly encouraged to support the council and incoming members into the order. The honoree, a member of Council 15821 will be announced at the meeting.

Candidates should arrive at our Lady of Mount Carmel Hall; 241 Burney Road; Osprey, FL no later than 6:15 PM. The ceremony starts promptly at 7 PM. Jacket and tie is required of candidates and the preferred dress for all.

District Deputy's Report



Congratulations to the four Brother Knights in District #52 who completed their Admission Degree (1st Degree) on January 14th and the seven Brother Knights who completed their Formation Degree (2nd Degree) on January 21st. The Degree Teams conducted outstanding Exemplifications.

Congratulations to District #52 for achieving **113** percent of its membership quota as of January 31st. Our quota for the fraternal year was a net 30 New Members, but we have achieved a net 34 New Members. Three of the five Councils have attained their membership quota – and the other two Councils are not far behind. Congratulations again on a job well done!!

However, let's keep the recruitment momentum moving forward. The next few weeks will be an excellent opportunity to recruit New Brother Knights. On Wednesday, February 17th, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #15821 will host an Admission Degree Exemplification. It will begin at 7:00 p.m., but Candidates should report at 6:15 p.m.

In early January, each Grand Knight received a letter from Florida State Council (FSC) State Deputy Donnie Goolesby about the election of Council Delegates to the 111th Annual Convention in Orlando on May 27 – 29, 2016. Please review the instructions carefully for electing your Council Delegates and having your Financial Secretary filing the information with the State. If you have any questions, please contact me, as I am the 2016 State Convention Chair of the Registration and Credentials Committee.

Vivat Jesus,
Charlie Culkin
District Deputy #52



**WE ARE
CALLED**
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Council 15821 Calendar of Events February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Officers Meeting</i> 6:30 PM	4 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> 7 PM	5	
7 <i>Coffee & Donuts</i> <i>All Masses</i>	8	9	10 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> <i>All Masses</i>	15	16	17 <i>1st Degree Exemption</i> 7 PM	18	19	20
21 <i>Coffee & Donuts</i> <i>All Masses</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					



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