

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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**McDermitt  
Named Knight of  
the Year**



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David W. Tschanz

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Ron Balaze

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John Marshall

**Trustee 1 year**  
Ed Regan

**Trustee 2 years**  
Charles E. Hall

**Trustee 3 years**  
Steve Marrone

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

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**On the cover:** Tom McDermitt (r)  
receives his Knight of the Year from  
Grand Knight David J Ceinski.

**Grand Knight's Message**

Worthy Brothers,

First let me say how honored and humble I am at being elected Grand Knight for this fraternal year. I have tough acts to follow after the successes of Past Grand Knights Kocen and Ceinski.



As I reflected on this coming year I was reminded of a story from the New Testament:

*Some sailors tried to jump ship -- Paul saw through their guise and told the centurion and his soldiers, "If these sailors don't stay with the ship, we're all going down." Acts 27: 30-31*

Saint Paul was right about his ship's survival prospects. "We're all in the same boat" is a phrase I'm sure you have heard and said more than once. I'd like to share with you what I think it means and how it impacts all of us and the council and our voyage through this coming fraternal year.

It seems that the quality most needed among teammates is collaboration. If we don't work for together for the common good we're crippling our efforts. Developing collaborative efforts requires a change in four areas:

- **Perception:** see teammates as collaborators – not competitors; completing one another is more important than competing with one another.
- **Attitude:** Be supportive, not suspicious, of teammates – if we trust each other, we will have a tendency to treat each other better and be more likely to create collaborative relationships.
- **Focus:** By concentrating on the team and not ourselves, we will be able to "pass the baton" when necessary.
- **Results:** Collaboration has a multiplying effect on everything we do, because it releases and harnesses not only the skills of the individual, but also those skills of everyone else.

Every officer and member of our Council has challenges to consider. Just think of the results that could occur if we sharpened our focus, enhanced our attitude, and changed our collective perceptions so that we were collaborative to the maximum extent. It would be a wonderful thing to behold!

Vivat Jesus!

**David W. Tschanz**  
Grand Knight, Council 15821

**Spiritual Reflection**

**Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – July 16th**

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted wearer. Tradition holds that Mary gave the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock.



The Carmelites see in the Blessed Virgin Mary a perfect model of the interior life of prayer and contemplation to which Carmelites aspire, a model of virtue, as well as the person who was closest in life to Jesus Christ. She is seen as the one who points Christians most surely to Christ, saying to all what she says to the servants at the wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you."

**Prayer to the Blessed Mother of Mount Carmel**

*Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands. Amen.*

**Prayer Requests**

*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    | Hopkins, Jim & Pam  | Jankowski, Dominic    |
| Kella, Bill Br. Knight | Kella, Mary         | Laurant, 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  | Spinnerweber, Bill  | Savranskian, Pat    | Spagnola, Joe & Marie |
| Touhy, James           | Veno, Larry         | Walling, Karen      | Wayman, Theresa       |
| West, Isabelle         | Wielgos, Sara       | Strzelecki, Patrica |                       |

**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 – July 2015

Jacaranda West Country Club  
1901 Jacaranda Blvd.  
Venice, Florida

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**July 9, 2015**  
**11:30AM - 1:30PM**

*Featuring*  
**The Word Among Us**  
Jeff Smith, President  
Orlando Barros, Development

*The Word Among Us* introduced us to Luncheons for Life and is the supplier of the healing booklet *After Abortion*

Please RSVP to Kathie by July 6, 2015 at [sully1van@aol.com](mailto: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.



## McDermitt Named Knight of the Year

Charter member Tom McDermitt was named Council 15821's Knight of the Year at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting by Grand Knight David Ceinski. McDermitt has been an integral part of the council's activities and can always be relied upon to lend a helping hand. "He's just an all around nice guy" said Ceinski in presenting award.



## Volunteer Opportunities

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: - 1 Peter 4:10*

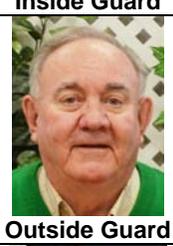
<p><b>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</b>  <b>July 5 &amp; 19, 2015</b>  All Masses - Clean up and set up</p>	<p><b>Pancake Breakfast</b>  <b>July 12, 2015</b>  All Masses – Various Duties</p>
<p><b>Carmel Fest</b>  <b>July 18, 2015</b>  Clean up and set up</p>	<p><b>Special Olympics Bowling</b>  <b>August 29, 2015</b>  Need lane monitors and assistants. All welcome.</p>

*For Pancake Breakfast, please contact Larry Kocen. For other activities please contact David Tschanz or come to a meeting and sign up!*

## Meet Your Officers

A slate of officers for the 2015/16 Fraternal Year was elected at the June 4, 2015 meeting. Here's a brief look at the men who will help guide the Council through the coming year.

	<p>Dave Tschanz was born in Connecticut. After working as an epidemiologist in SC and AZ, he moved to Saudi Arabia and stayed for 23 years working as an epidemiologist and communications/public relations officer for Saudi Aramco. He arrived in Venice in December 2012. He is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight. In addition to being Recorder is also editor of the <i>Knighly News</i>. He has two sons.</p>
<p><b>Grand Knight</b></p>	<p>A charter member of both the parish and the council Bruce Crisman has been one of the mainstays of the community and the Council. Whether it be flipping burgers at a parish picnic, cleaning up a road, heading up the ushers or simply breaking down tables after an event, Bruce is there - ready, willing and able to assist anyone who needs help. After leaving his native Nebraska, Bruce moved to the Venice are and opened several successful businesses.</p>
	
<p><b>Deputy Grand Knight</b></p>	<p>John Lauffer is originally from Ohio but lived the past 40 years in Indiana, most recently in Bloomington. He has 40 years experience as an accountant and started his own business seven years ago. John and his wife Tricia moved permanently to Nokomis about two years ago. "We love the area and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church."</p>
	
<p><b>Treasurer</b></p>	<p>Dennis O'Leary is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and a 25-year member of the Knights. He grew up in South Glens Falls, New York. After finishing law school, he served on the staff of the New York State Assembly, practiced law, and engaged in the music and night club business. He later became a lobbyist for the NYS Society of CPAs in New York City. Dennis and wife Tina retired to Stoneybrook GCC in Sarasota, where he and a fellow retiree formed a musical duo "Reflection." He and Tina have three children and five grandchildren.</p>
	
<p><b>Advocate</b></p>	<p>Jim Meyer retired as a mold maker leadman and designer. He became a Knight in 2001 and completed all four degree. While living in the Bartlett, IL area he was Council 8699's Knight of the Year for 2011-12. Following the death of his wife he moved to Venice in 2014 to be closer to his two daughters and four granddaughters. He is looking forward to being involved and making new friends.</p>
	
<p><b>Warden</b></p>	<p>Fred Madigan and his wife Judy moved to Venice in 1998 after his retirement from Xerox Corporation. During their 55 years of marriage they have lived in California, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. They have 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He has been a Knight for 53 years. He joined Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 2011 and transferred his membership in the Knights to our council.</p>
	
<p><b>Recorder</b></p>	<p>A retired purchasing agent, Steve Marrone has been in Florida for 10 years, 5 as a full time resident. Here he has been an active philanthropist for those most marginalized in society: the preborn, the hungry and the homeless. He and his wife Janine sponsor a pro-life networking luncheon monthly (Luncheons for Life) and a monthly luncheon focusing on homelessness in South County, promoting prayer, education, and networking on these issues. He has been active at OLMC for two years as a Knight of Columbus and as an usher. He is also an avid golfer and fisherman.</p>
	
<p><b>Three Year Trustee</b></p>	

	<p>Charles Hall became a Knight when he was 18. Graduating from the University of Buffalo he spent two years in the Army. He rose to general partner with Doolittle &amp; Co then merged his company to form Advest Company. Retiring after selling the company allowed him and his beautiful wife of 44 years, Kathleen, to travel the world before her death four years ago. He is a Past Grand Knight and Past Faithful Navigator. He is now Five Star Realtor with Medway Realty.</p>
	<p>Ed Regan was born in Milwaukee and has been, married to Peggy O'Shea for 56 years. They have 10 children --5 boys, 5 girls; 27 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ed retired from Western Electric/AT&amp;T after 36 years as an IT District Manager followed by a consulting career for nine years. He has been an OLMC parishioner almost from its inception. He became full time FL resident in 2009 and Condo Association President at Stoneybrook G&amp;CC since 2007.</p>
	<p>Ron Balaze was born and raised in Michigan. He and Patricia (Pat) have been married for 54 years; producing two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He worked for the State of Michigan rising to manager of the states metrology (weights and measures) laboratory. A 4<sup>th</sup> degree knight, he is a charter member of both the Council and OLMC, serving as Eucharistic Minister and Lector. He moved permanently to Osprey in 2012</p>
	<p>John Marshall was born in Fairview, WV. After a 39 year teaching in Ohio and Maryland he moved to Florida in 2002 and was an early member of OLMC. He and his wife Fran have been married for 59 years and have five children, 13 grandchildren and six great-granchildren.</p>
	<p>Charles Palmeri was born in Buffalo NY where he was a 3rd Degree member of the Buffalo Knights of Columbus. After attending Little Seminary, he became an infantry rifleman with the 42nd "Rainbow" Division, earning Silver and Bronze Stars for meritorious front line duty in France and Germany. A graduate of Canisius College, he worked in car rentals business, managed a large millwork company, was a major land developer in NY State. He is now a commercial real estate broker in Sarasota FL. He lectures at OLMC and speaks to local high schools about WWII.</p>
	<p>Father Bill O'Malley became the Council's first chaplain at our first meeting and has been an inspirational and spiritual resource ever since. Coming to Florida after serving as associate pastor of Saint Anastasia's church in Teaneck, NJ he currently serves as an assisting priest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. He was named the Council's first Knight of the Year.</p>

Two Year Trustee

One Year Trustee

Inside Guard

Outside Guard

Lecturer

Chaplain

## Money!



*Now that I have your attention...*

It's time to pay your annual membership dues for the 2015-16 Fraternal Year. We have a board meeting on Wednesday July 8th and a business meeting on Thursday July 9th, both at Carmel Hall. If you are attending either meeting please bring a check for your \$30.00 Membership Dues for 2015-16 made out to

Knights of Columbus Council 15821. Alternatively you can mail your check to **John Lauffer, Treasurer, 1080 Bay Street; Nokomis 34275.**

## District Deputy's Report



Brothers, welcome to the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year! This year, there are some District changes. Our new State Deputy Donnie Goolesby did some redistricting. Last year, District #50 consisted of St. Thomas More Council #7826, St. Michael the Archangel Council #14845, Incarnation Council #15332 and Pius V Council #15781. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, District #50 is now District #52, and it consists of Father John J. Walsh Council #7052 (Venice), St. Thomas More Council #7826 (Sarasota), Incarnation Council #15332 (Sarasota), Pius V Council #15781 (Sarasota) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel #15821 (Osprey). District Warden John Wojtyna and I look forward to working with all the Councils during the fraternal year.

But before we start the new fraternal year, let's celebrate our accomplishments during the 2014-2015 fraternal year. Congratulations to St. Thomas More Council #7826 for achieving the Quadruple Star Council Award; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #15821 for achieving the Double Star Council Award; and Incarnation Council #15332 and Pius V Council #15781 for achieving the Star Council Award. And lastly, District #50 achieved All Star District – one of two Districts in the Florida State Council to achieve this distinction. My Brothers, I congratulate all your Councils for a job well done!

July 1<sup>st</sup>, however, is a new start and new beginning. Once again, each Council's goal should be achieving the Star Council Award. It starts with active Membership Recruitment and Retention Committees. Each Council should be (1) appointing members to these two Committees, (2) developing a 12-month recruiting plan and (3) establishing dates for Church Drives and Open Houses. Shortly, each Council will be given Membership and Insurance goals to achieve during the fraternal year

Your next step is developing a Service Program Plan. With such a plan, you can identify the four activities to conduct in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth. And lastly make sure your Council (1) participates in four First Degree Ceremonies, (2) files its Program Personnel Report (Form 365) with Supreme by August 15th, and (3) files its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728) with Supreme by January 31, 2016. Complete all of the above steps and each Council will be a "Star Council."

On July 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the Florida State Council's (FSC) Orientation Meeting in Tampa. At this meeting, all the District Deputies will be provided with Supremes' and FSCs goals and objectives for the fraternal year. Like last year, Districts 50, 51 and 52 - formerly 48, 49 and 50 – will be working together once again on various projects and events. We will start off the fraternal year with the Tri-District Orientation Meeting on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Council #13307 in Sarasota. The following day – Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – our Tri-District Father Michael J. McGivney Memorial Mass and Breakfast is tentatively scheduled at Incarnation Council #15332 – Mass at 9:00 am and breakfast afterwards. The three Districts will continue holding joint Degree Exemplifications. At a minimum, there will be monthly First Degrees, quarterly Second Degrees and semi-annual Third Degrees. Also, we plan to join forces to conduct a Baby Bottle Culture of Life Event to support the operation and maintenance of the ultrasound machines at the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center and the My Choice Pregnancy Center. Our unity is our strength!!

There are two other dates for your Council calendars. There will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> in Tampa. This is a great opportunity for Third Degree Knights to become a Member of the "Patriotic Degree" in our area. Go to the FSC Website for more information. Also, the FSC Membership Team will be conducting a Regional Seminar in our area on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. The location has not been finalized. All Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Membership Directors are expected to attend.

District Warden John Wojtyna and I are looking forward to working with all the Councils during the next year. Let's have five Star Councils and another All Star District during the 2015-2016 fraternal year!!

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Charlie Culkin*

**District Deputy #52**

## Be a Good of the Order Speaker

At a recent meeting of our council, it was suggested that in addition to the important business session, a short program of topics of general interest could be included by a speaker – an expert in some field.

We have in our membership doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, veterans, contractors, successful retired business managers and others whose personal histories and experiences are very interesting.

Furthermore, we will get to better know each other. Hopefully this program will enhance our membership attendance, and when the world gets around what we are doing, it would help our recruiting efforts as well.

As a trial at our next meeting we will hear the experience of one member's recollection of the concentration camp at Dachau.

If you are willing to spend 10 to 15 minutes telling our membership your business and professional experience, call me at 941-504-8428 or email [cpalm1926@gmail.com](mailto:cpalm1926@gmail.com)

Let's make our business meeting both important and interesting for a robust attendance and to strengthen our fraternal ties



*Charles J. Palmeri, Lecturer*

## Pancake Breakfast Kicks Off July 12<sup>th</sup>



The heavenly aromas of pancakes, eggs, sausage and warm maple syrup combined with the visual delight of melting butter will visit Carmel Hall for the first time following all masses. The scrumptious menu will be lovingly and expertly prepared by your brother knights under the direction of Larry Kocen and kitchen manager Jim Meyer. The cost will be \$5 per person for a plate loaded with breakfast delights and classic beverages.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of duties including cooking, serving, bussing and general duties. To volunteer – and who wouldn't want to – contact Larry Kocen at [lck3037@comcast.net](mailto:lck3037@comcast.net)



**Corporate  
Communion  
August 30, 2015  
9 AM Mass**

**Breakfast following.  
Contact Bob Kelley for details**



# Council 15821 Calendar of Events July 2015



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i> <i>All Masses</i>	6	7	8 <i>Officers Meeting</i> <b>6:30 PM</b>	9 <i>Monthly Meeting</i> <b>7 PM</b>	10	11
12 <i>Pancake Breakfast</i> <i>All Masses</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Carmel Fest</b> <b>4 PM</b>
19 <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i> <i>All Masses</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Should you become a Knight of Columbus?

Unless you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, the Knights of Columbus is not the organization for you. Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. For more information contact the Council 15821 Membership chairman or any Knight.

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