I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Now we march towards Christmas and all that that brings.

Since we are in the season of Advent try to find some quiet time for yourself and don’t get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season.

Our 5th Anniversary dance last month was a big hit and a lot of fun. It was too bad more of the Council couldn’t make it. The food was great and the music had everyone dancing from the first tune till the last, Dancing with the Stars has nothing on us. They say a picture is worth a thousand words so don’t let some of the pictures of the dance give you any wrong impressions.

I’d like to thank all those Brother’s and family members that helped set up, decorate and clean up especially Phil and Nancy for arranging the food and Dale for the music man. The next dance will be even better.

Since it is the “Season” our Council activities are light for the month of December, we will have Bingo on Dec. 2nd and our Communion Mass and Christmas Party on Dec. 17th. We hope our Council members can make these events. Please check

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this newsletter for more details. We will not have Trivia in December.

Our membership quota for the year is 7 and I believe we have 3 new members along with a Form 100 signed at the dance, whom we hope to bring in ASAP. We also have a Form 100 pending on a new Brother Knight who we can’t bring in till he becomes a Catholic at Easter. He is presently in our RCIA class. I believe with our continued efforts and visibility we will make our quota for the year. We have such a good Council that we need to continue ask others to come join us.

Please check over the newsletter for all the good news we have to share so you don’t miss something that you want to help with. Our next Business Meeting is December 13th with a meal at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. Please try to attend.

Please rest up over the holidays because we will need your help in the New Year. We will be entering our busy season and will be calling for your assistance. If you haven’t been able to help in the past but have some free time in 2017, consider helping with one of our events, even for an hour or two. Many hands make light work.

JoaAnne and I wish you a most blessed Christmas and may Christ shine on you and your families now and forever. May the birth of Christ bring you joy and peace.

**In the peace of Christ!**

Deacon John Crescitelli
Grand Knight

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**Wellness Section**

If you are aware of a Brother or their family member who are ill or in need of support, please contact Health Services Director Michael J. Gangi at 323-8345 or Grand Knight John Crescitelli at 921-6631.

Current list of sick or ailing who are in need of prayer is as follows:

- Art & Lou LaChiusa
- Ann Hayes (Mrs. Jerry Hayes)
- Frank Thomas
- Richard Hamilton
- Dominick Locascio
- Gabe Febbraio
- Bob Fernandez
- John Pollard
- Joshua Vanderbol
- Noel Vanderbol
- Mike and Dee Gangi
- Tom Polit
- Dorothy Coombs
- Sally Roland
THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

Traditionally, it has been read on Christmas Eve, before the celebration of Midnight Mass. With the promulgation of the Novus Ordo Mass (the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite) in 1969, however, the Proclamation was dropped.

Then, in the 1980’s, Pope John Paul II restored the Proclamation of the Birth of Christ to the papal celebration of Midnight Mass. Since that time, many parishes have followed the Holy Father’s lead, though the reading of the Proclamation is still optional.

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah.

Thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges:

...one thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace.

Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father; desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming.

Being conceived by the Holy Spirit; and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Field Agent Report
Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. “How morbid,” they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you’re alive.... Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse’s quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It’s a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully...
protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Vivat Jesus!

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Activities and Special Events

INCARNATION SPELLING BEE IS A SUCCESS

Thirty-two students from Incarnation Catholic School participated in our Council’s Sixth Annual Spelling Bee on Wednesday afternoon, November 9th. They were supported by nearly 50 parents, brothers, sisters and friends. The competition was divided into two classes – 5th and 6th graders and 7th and 8th graders. After intense competition, ribbons were awarded in each class to the following first, second and third place winners.

5th and 6th Grade Class
- 1st Place – Zachary Redgrave
- 2nd Place – Annalise Love
- 3rd Place – Alex Clenithan

7th and 8th Grade Class
- 1st Place – Catherine Dowell
- 2nd Place – Faith Holliday
- 3rd Place – Ryan O’Sullivan

The first place winners received a $25.00 certificate – the second and third place winners received $15.00 gift certificates. The first place winners advance to the Regional competition because there was no District competition. While only the first place winners move on to the Regional, all the participating students were winners in this year’s competition. The Regionals will be on Sunday, January 17, 2016, 1:00 pm at St. Patrick Council #13307. We thank Incarnation School Principal, Mrs. Coleen Corlett, and the 5th–8th grade school teachers for supporting the Spelling Bee and preparing the students for the competition. Also, special thanks to Father Mike for attending the competition.

And a big thanks goes out to Spelling Bee Director Steve Wyer and his committee for the success of this year’s competition. Assisting Steve were Grand Knight Deacon John Crescitelli, PGK PFN Steve Christie, PGK FN FDD Charlie Culkin, Deputy Grand Knight Dale Haas, PFN, Inside Guard Pete Gordon, and Cindi Culkin.
On November 20th, our Council held its monthly Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Many people enjoyed pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, oatmeal, juice and coffee. Thanks to Pancake Committee Chair Steve Weyer for preparing a delicious meal. If you can help, please call Brother Steven at 924-4954 or email him at steven.m.weyer@gmail.com.

The net proceeds of the pancake breakfast were used to purchase 20 wreaths for Sarasota Military Academy’s Wreaths Across America Program. The wreaths will be placed on many, if not all, the 10,700 gravestones at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

If you would like to participate in the wreath-laying ceremony on Saturday, December 17th, attendees may arrive any time after 7:15 am. The ceremony will be at 9:30 am.
Mark Saturday, December 17th on your calendar for our Second Quarterly Corporate Communion and Annual Christmas Dinner Party.

At 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 17th, Incarnation Council will hold the second of four Corporate Communion Masses during the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year. A Corporate Communion Mass is when we come together as a “Council Family” and attend Mass as a group. We will sit in assigned pews in the front of the Church. Our Chaplain/Pastor Matt Grady will celebrate the Mass.

After Mass, we motor over to the Café Baci Restaurant (4001 S. Tamiami Trail) for our “Annual Christmas Dinner Party.” Chair Phil Riordan and his wife Nancy have planned a wonderful evening for us. We will sit in assigned pews in the front of the Church. Our Chaplain/Pastor Matt Grady will celebrate the Mass.

Mixed Greens Salad, Focaccia Bread and the following entree choices: Flounder Francese (egg-battered with lemon and white wine, topped with capers), Veal Piccatta (sauteed with lemon and wine sauce), Chicken Marsala (sauteed chicken in a marsala mushroom sauce) and Eggplant Rollatina (eggplant filled with ricotta cheese and spinach topped with tomato sauce). And for dessert, we will have Tiramisu. Coffee and tea will be available. The cost for the delicious meal is $36.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity.

After dinner, we will hold a Scottish Gift Exchange. Each couple or an individual should bring a wrapped gift valued no more than $20.00. Also, we will conduct a 50/50 Raffle.

We hope that our Council Brothers and their spouses will support this very special evening. It is a great opportunity to get together during the Christmas Season. To make reservations, please email Phil Riordan (phil@riordanhome.com) or call him at 924-5906. You can bring your check – payable to Incarnation Council 15332 – to our December 13th Business Meeting. Let’s have a great turnout for this Corporate Communion and Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday, December 17th.

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, February 12th at the 9:00 am Mass. After Mass, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast in “The Signature Room” of Geckos Grill (5585 Palmer Crossing Circle).

Mark Sunday, February 12th on your calendar for our Third Quarterly Corporate Communion and Breakfast.

SUGAR BOWL “SHOW OF SHOWS” HELPS SUPPORT LOCAL FAMILIES

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. and the Knights of Columbus in Sarasota and Bradenton have partnered in a worthy cause called the Sugar Bowl Fund.

The Sugar Bowl Fund helps local families that suffer an economic hardship because of emergency medical, housing or transportation expenses. The program’s premise is based on the idea of when generations past used to salt away a little money from their weekly pay and used the sugar bowl as their home-based bank for emergency cash. Needy families are given one-time assistance to overcome their crisis and avoid the risk of becoming
homeless. The Knights of Columbus raises money for the fund and Catholic Charities administers the grants to the struggling families.

As a fundraiser for this important program, the Knights of Columbus will host the Sugar Bowl Show of Shows, An Evening with Sinatra on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Neel Performing Arts Center at State College of Florida in Bradenton. The concert will feature Don Juceam and the Don Juceam Orchestra known as “Florida’s Very Own Frank Sinatra.” Tickets are $25.00 per person, and they are available on: www.catholiccharitiesdov.org

If you have any questions, please contact Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin at cinandchas@verizon.net or 941-922-8726.

OTHER COUNCIL ACTIVITIES KEEP BROTHER KNIGHTS BUSY

During November, Council Brothers were involved in a number of other activities. On Friday, November 11th – Veterans Day – Incarnation Council Brothers participated in Bishop Dewane’s Seventh Annual Veterans Day Mass at the Sarasota National Cemetery. Council Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin was the Event Co-Chair and PGK Art Reilly was the Contract Services Chair as well as part of the team handling traffic control and parking.

During the weekend of November 12-13, various Brother Knights helped the St. Vincent DePaul Society load a truck with clothes, furniture and food for St. Michael’s Parish in Wauchula.

On November 29th, the Council’s Monthly Trivia Night was held in the Parish. Trivia Night will take a break during Christmas. It will return on January 24th. Come join us. The cost is $6.00 per player, which includes entry fee, food, drink and prizes!

Also during the month, our Council Youth Programs were in full swing. The Spelling Bee was conducted on November 9th. Deputy Grand Knight/Director Dale Haas got the Annual Essay Contest underway, while Past Grand Knight/Director Art Donivan was planning the Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition, which is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th.

As you can see, our Council had a busy month. We will be even busier during January through March.

Come to our next Council Business Meeting on December 13th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center and find out what program activity you would like to participate.

Sir Knight is More Than A Title “It’s An Honor”

Fourth Degree Knights glorify God by serving our communities and nation as though Christ were the one being served. We foster Patriotism by teaching personal responsibility in civic affairs, working to honor and protect symbols of National pride, honoring veterans for their service and sacrifice, and facilitating voter turnout on election days. Finally, Fourth Degree Knights maintain a leadership role on important moral issues, recognizing that what a man stands for, defines him.

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried a sword to defend their God, their Church, their Country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry a sword to honor Christ and His Apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.
Local units, called Assemblies, draw their Members from Knights of Columbus Councils. The qualifications for membership in the Fourth Degree are that a Knight be a Third Degree Knight in good standing with your Council and the Order. Once you have bestowed the honor of Knighthood, you will continue your journey in learning the lesson of patriotism. The primary purpose of your Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of patriotism in Members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.

Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 is the local Assembly in our area. Its Members come from Incarnation Council 15332 as well as St. Thomas More Council 7826, St. Patrick Council 13307, Blessed Carlos Manual Council 14391, St. Michael the Archangel Council 14845 and Pius V Council 15781. Assembly 3089 is very active. For the past seven years, the Assembly has chaired / co-chaired the Annual Veterans Day Mass and Ceremonials. In 2010, the Assembly started the Indigent Veterans Program. Sir Knights attend funerals of veterans who are homeless or have no families. On November 9th, the Assembly attended its 300th Indigent Funeral. In 2011, Assembly received Supreme’s “International To Be A Patriot Award” for the Indigent Veterans Program. At the Fourth Degree Exemplification Banquet on November 26th, Faithful Navigator Charlie Culkin PGK FDD, Incarnation Council’s Financial Secretary, accepted Supreme’s “International To Be A Patriot Award” for the 2015 Veterans Day Mass and Ceremonials, which Charlie Co-Chaired.

If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree, please see Faithful Navigator Charlie Culkin at the next Incarnation Council Business Meeting. This is an excellent time to join the Fourth Degree, as the next exemplification will be held in Sarasota on Saturday, April 29th. It is the first time a Fourth Degree Exemplification has been held in Sarasota / Bradenton area in 25 years.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES START SPRING TRAINING GAMES IN FEBRUARY

On February 26th, our Council will begin its sixth year operating a concession stand at Ed Smith Stadium during the Baltimore Orioles 2017 Spring Training Baseball Season – this will be the O’s eighth season in Sarasota. They will play 17 home games.

For the third year, we will operate a traditional “Hot Dog/Hamburger Concession Stand.” The stand will serve hot dogs, foot-long hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, bacon cheeseburgers, bratwurst, sweet potato fries, French fries and Cole Slaw. In addition, the concession stand will serve ball park fare such as peanuts, pretzels, cracker jacks, candy, soda, and bottled water. Also, the stand will serve beer and wine.

For the sixth year, our Council will join forces with St. Thomas More Council 7826 to operate the concession stand. It requires over 50 Brother Knights and their Ladies from both Councils to staff the concession stand. This is an excellent example of Knights working together for the greater good.

Like last year, we will share commissions and tips based upon the number of Council Brothers and their Ladies who work the stand during the 17-game schedule. With this partnership, both Councils will earn revenues to help support their respective activities and charities.

Help us achieve another successful season. At the December and January Council Business Meetings, Ball Park Director Charlie Culkin will be distributing 2017 Spring Training Baseball Sign-Up Sheet. Please review it and check off the games that you would like to work. You can email your response to Charlie (cinandchas@verizon.net), mail it to him (5351 Fox Run Road, Sarasota 34231) or you can return the form to him at the December 13th or January 10th Council Business Meetings.

The pictures below show what our “Hamburger/Hot Dog Stand” looks like.
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Club in painting a home somewhere in Sarasota. At the last Men’s Club meeting the representatives from Habitat for Humanity were present and indicated their desire for volunteers to do the same this year on December 17th. While the home painting project has been an activity led by the Mens’ Club, we have solicited Knights to help the past few years to ensure that we had enough people.

The specifics are as follows:

Date: Saturday, December 17th
Time: Gather at Incarnation at 7:00 am and carpool to the work site to be there at 7:30 am
Site: Location of home to be provided to Dawn by Habitat staff a day or so before the 17th.
Clothing: Wear clothes on which you would not mind getting paint.
Equipment: Everything that you might need will be provided at the site, e.g. paint, brushes, refreshments. However, if someone has a favorite paint brush that they prefer to use, they could bring it, but that is not necessary.

If you are interested, Brother Ted Kreger has the sign up list for the Men’s Club and could possibly add your name as a volunteer.

We will discuss this in our December meeting and provide contact information.

COUNCIL DINNER AND DANCE
A HUGE SUCCESS

On Friday November 18th our Council celebrated it’s Fifth Anniversary – the Council was established on July 1, 2011 – in celebration, a catered dinner and dance was held in the Parish Center. We had a delicious catered meal and a full cash bar. After dinner, everyone enjoyed dancing the night away.

A big thank you goes out to Brother Phil Riordan and his wife Nancy Riordan who made this a great success.

We hope that all our Council Brothers and their spouses had a wonderful celebration, and from the looks of the pictures, we believe they did.
MEMBER RECOGNITION

At the November Council Business Meeting, Grand Knight Deacon John Crescitelli recognized Brother Dale Haas as the Knight of the Month and Brother Charlie Culkin and his wife, Cindi, as the Family of the Month for October. Congratulations Dale, Charlie and Cindi.
INCARNATION COUNCIL #15332

WEBSITE

Don’t forget to check out our website for more information on Incarnation Council #15332.

We have a great picture gallery and a News section with plenty of information.

You can also get a copy of this newsletter there under the membership tab at the top of the home page.

The website can be located at:

www.kofccouncil15332.org

Well, that’s it for this edition of the NEWS and VIEWS!

So, until next month,

VIVAT
JESUS!!!