A note from the Editor

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

- Matthew 5:6

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He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?

On the third Tuesday of each month, our Council participates in the Eucharistic Adoration at the Church Chapel. We are assigned the 5:30 to 6:00 pm time period. The Council’s next Eucharistic Adoration will be on Tuesday, June 20th.

Grand Knights Report

As they say, parting is sweet sorrow...This is my last article as Grand Knight.

I would like to thank all of my Officers and Council Members for their cooperation and support these last two years. As a Council, we have achieved a lot and have been able to help our parish, school and community. This has been made possible not only because of the funds we have been able to generate, but also, by the love that you have for our Catholic Faith and the Knights of Columbus. Your commitment to both of these pillars of love has enabled us to be true examples of what God calls us to be. Lord when did I feed you, or give you something to drink? When did I clothe you or visit you?

We did these things through the many programs that we accomplished as a Council. Our commitment to the unborn and all life is foremost in all that we do. The way we try to live our lives as Catholic Gentlemen and to be a good example of how we should not only treat the stranger, but each other, is woven into all that we do. Charity and unity are our watch words and our call to action. As a Council this past year, we lived up to that call.

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I just returned from the K of C State Convention, and I am happy to report to you that we received three awards. We received first place in the state for the best 8th grade Essay, which was written by Faith Holiday. We received “runner up” for our newsletter, thanks Brother Phil. We also received First place for our Culture of Life program. This is the one I am most proud of. We received this for our Pro-Life project of erecting our Monument to the Unborn and creating a peaceful Prayer Garden to Mary at Incarnation. This along with our funding to help Sarasota Pregnancy Center were outstanding and noted by the State Council. I would like to thank Brothers Dale and Art for their hard work and dedication to these projects along with all the Council members who worked hard to make this happen. This award was truly earned not only by your sweat, but, through your love of God. Congratulations to all.

I will be handing over the gavel on June 17 to Brother Dale at our Installation Ceremony and Dinner. This year, due to a conflict which has caused us to join in with St.Thomas More Council, we will be holding this at their church. Please read more about the plans in this months newsletter. Please try to attend and support your new officers.

Our next Officer’s Meeting is on June 7th with our Business Meeting on June 13th.

I am also happy to report that we brought in another new Knight in May thanks to Brother Wyer. This is Brother Steve’s 2nd new member, all because he “asked” them to join. They both entered the Catholic Church at Easter. We still have time Brothers. If you have someone who wants to join our Council, we will host an Admission Degree on June 14th.

In closing, I again want to say Thank You. Thank you for your support, but more importantly, thank you for your example of how Catholic Gentlemen should treat one another by loving God and our neighbors. God bless you and your families and thank your wives for all their support and help to our Council.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon John Crescitelli
Grand Knight
Greetings from our State Deputy Donnie Goolsby. District 52 is now at 166% of Membership with a net gain of 53 new Knights. Insurance members are now at 100% of our goal with a net gain of 14 new members. Our District goal for the year is 32 New Knights and 14 New Insurance Members. That is GREAT, however not every Council has met their insurance goal yet. We still have a month to go to accomplish our goal. One of the best ways we can do this for ourselves, our families, Brother Knights, and the millions of people that are helped by the Knights of Columbus, is to avail yourself of the fraternal benefit of our insurance and financial programs.

District Warden Joe DeStefano and myself have just returned from the State Convention. We now have a new elect State Officers, they are:

State Deputy: Donald J. Kahrer
State Secretary: Scott O’Connor
State Treasurer: Raphael Lopez
State Advocate: Robert Urrita
State Warden: Mark Wayne Lynn

The above officers officially take office on July 1, 2017

While at the State Convention, I was informed that my District Number has changed from 52 to 50. What this means as far as which Councils that I will have is unknown. I am hoping to still be working with all of you for the next Fraternal Year.

Our District did receive recognition from the State for what we have accomplished during the past Fraternal year.

The District received the following awards:

1st Place Pro Life - Incarnation
2nd Place Newsletter - Incarnation
8th Grade Essay Contest - Incarnation Excellence in Membership - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
1st Place Public Relations Activities - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
1st Place Newsletter - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Council of the Year Division II - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Excellence in Membership - St. Thomas More

The recognition of what was accomplished is very important. However, every Council in District 52 deserves an award. What you Knights have accomplished has been nothing short of amazing.

When the final results are in I am confident that you will all be Star Councils.

Remember, everything YOU have done has changed lives and saved lives.

Vivat Jesus!
John Wojtyna
District Deputy #52

Field Agent Report
The Urgency of Buying Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who do not have a long term care experience somewhere in their family – a loved one in a nursing home facility, a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age, or a disability. If you have heard of or undergone this situation, you know firsthand the catastrophic effects these events can have on a family, crossing all generations.

What you may not know about is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long term care insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, waiting until next year, or otherwise dragging your feet can be problematic. You never know when your health could change and make you ineligible for coverage. In addition, the required premium commitment increases every year with your age.

When you make the decision to talk about long term care, come right to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed annuities to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long term care product. Since entering this market in 2000,
nearly 35,000 long term care policies have been sold to Knights of Columbus members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty or have stopped selling the product altogether, our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I can help you select the plan that’s right for you and meets your budget. I can show you several different options – facility only coverage, home care, or a combination of both. Let’s talk today.

Vivat Jesus!

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COUNCIL ELECTS 2017-2018 OFFICERS

At the May 9th Business Meeting, Council Officers were elected for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year, which begins July 1, 2017. Next year’s Officers are: Grand Knight – Dale A. Haas, PFN; Deputy Grand Knight – Steven M. Wyer; Chancellor – Stephen J. Malecki; Warden – Louis B. Kolupa; Treasurer – Thomas A. Belleman; Recorder – James E. Reynolds; 3-Year Trustee – Deacon John A. Crescitelli, PGK; 2-Year Trustee – Phillip E. Riordan; 1-Year Trustee – Arthur K. Reilly, PGK; Advocate – Bobbie B. Fernander; Inside Guard – Peter F. Gordon and Outside Guard – John T. (Ted) Kreger. The Grand Knight appoints the Lecturer, who will be Dominick P. Locascio. The Supreme Council appoints the Financial Secretary. For the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year, Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin will serve the first year of his third 3-year appointment.

The new 2017-2018 Officers will be installed at an Officer Installation Ceremony on June 17th. This will be a joint installation with the new Officers at St. Thomas More Council #7826. Before the ceremony, the two Councils incoming officers will attend together the 4:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas More Church. After Mass, the Council Officers will be installed in a ceremony at the Church’s Spirit Center. District Deputy #52 John C. Wojtyna, PGK PFN will officiate the ceremony.

Following the officer installation, everyone will enjoy cocktails (cash bar) and dinner in the Church’s Chelsea Center. The menu will consist of a tossed salad, chicken piccata, mashed potatoes and green beans. They will also have stuffed pasta shells with ricotta and spinach in a tomato and mushroom sauce with garlic bread. The cost of the dinner will be $30.00 per person. RSVP to Dale Haas at 914-6228 by June 13th.

The evening will close with Incarnation Grand Knight Deacon John Crescitelli and St. Thomas More Council Grand Knight Dan Belinski presenting their year-end Council awards. All Brothers, Spouses and Friends are invited to attend the joint Mass, Officer Installation and Awards Dinner. Come support your new Officers on June 17th.

COUNCIL PRESENTS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

On Thursday, May 25th, Incarnation Council #15332 presented its “Annual Scholarship Award” to Incarnation Catholic School (ICS) graduating 8th Grader Marisol Andrade. Grand Knight Deacon John Crescitelli, PGK and Deputy Grand Knight Dale Haas, PFN made the presentation to Marisol at the 53rd ICS Graduation Ceremony in the Parish Church.

The $1,000.00 scholarship is available to eighth grade students graduating from ICS and attending Cardinal Mooney High School the following
school year. To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants submitted an application which was evaluated by the Incarnation Scholarship Review Committee – Past Grand Knight Steve Christie, Past Grand Knight Art Reilly and Deputy Grand Knight Dale Haas – using the following criteria: academic merit, extra-curricular activities and community service and two letters of recommendation.

Congratulations Marisol!! Good Luck at Cardinal Mooney High School. Have fun, but study hard.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEED OUR HELP FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

For over 40 years, the Knights of Columbus has been actively involved with Special Olympics. It has raised and donated over $400 million to support their programs and activities. Moreover, Councils have provided thousands of volunteer hours for local Special Olympics events.

In the Sarasota area, local Knights of Columbus Councils have supported the Sarasota County Special Olympics (SCSO) with financial and volunteer support for many years. During the past four years, Incarnation Council #15332 has been involved with the Sarasota County Special Olympics. Each year, the Council has donated a portion of the net proceeds from the Council’s “Annual Tootsie Roll Drive” to SCSO. In addition, we have provided volunteers for various sporting events and their “Annual Sharks Tooth Festival” fundraiser.

As we did last year, our Council will be taking an active role this year. Here are the upcoming Sarasota County Special Olympics sporting events that need volunteers:

**County Aquatics Competition** – Saturday, July 22, 2017, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Evalyn Sadler Jones YMCA, 8301 Potter Park Drive, Sarasota. They need Timers, Starters, Ribbon Writers, Escorts and Ribbon Presenters

**County Bowling Competition** – Sunday, September 16, 2017, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Venice AMF Lanes, 1100 U.S. 41 By-Pass, Venice.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please call Sarasota County Special Olympics Office at 941-412-0402 or email them at sosarasota@verizon.net.

In October, our Council will be helping the Manatee County Special Olympics operate their “Children’s Games” during the “Annual Hunsader Farm Pumpkin Festival.” More information will be available shortly from Former District Deputy Chris Treston, who runs the booth.

Working a Special Olympics event is a fun and rewarding experience. It is also a great opportunity to get your wife involved in a Council activity. If you have any questions, please contact Council Special Olympics Chair Brother Charlie Culkin at cinandchas@verizon.net or 922-8726 (Home) or 504-5490 (Cell).

COUNCIL RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Grand Knight Deacon John Crescitelli, PGK: Deputy Grand Knight Dale Haas, PGK: Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin, FDD PGK FN; Trustee Art Reilly, PGK and Brother Joseph De Stefano represented Incarnation Council at the 113th Convention of the Florida State Council, which was held in Orlando. Each Council sends two delegates to the convention. Brothers John and Dale were elected by the Council to attend the convention as the delegates. Brother Charlie was attending in his capacity as the Chair and Brother Art as a Member of the State Convention Registration and Credentials Committee. Brother Joe

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was attending in his capacity as the Diocese of Venice Vice-Chair, Regional Membership Team and Regional Retention Coordinator as well as a Member of the State Convention Registration and Credentials Committee.

At the convention, various reports were presented on the activities of the Florida State Council during the 2016 – 2017 Fraternal Year. However, the highlight of every convention is the presentation of awards to deserving Councils for their accomplishments during the past year. As a sixth-year Council, we had a very successful year, but we had no idea how we would compete with other Councils in the State. Well, Incarnation Council #15332 was surprised once again as we received recognition for our accomplishments. Our Council competed in Division 2, which are Councils with 76-150 Members.

Pro-Life Award – 1st Place Trophy.

Newsletter – 2nd Place Trophy.

In addition, Faith Holiday of Incarnation School was the 8th Grade Winner of the Essay Contest. This is the third consecutive year that an Incarnation Student has won this award.

At a Recognition Breakfast held on Friday, May 26th before the State Convention began, Brother Joe De Stefano received beautiful figurines from State Deputy Donnie Goolesby for serving as the Diocese of Venice Regional Membership Vice-Chair Team Member of the State Convention Registration and Credentials Committee.

Our Council is very proud of being recognized by the Florida State Council for its hard work during this past year.

SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL ENDS SEASON WITH A THANK YOU PARTY

As was reported in the April newsletter, Incarnation Council #15332 and St. Thomas More Council #7826 continued for the sixth consecutive year the “March Tradition” of operating a concession stand at Ed Smith Stadium during the Baltimore Orioles Spring Training Baseball Season. This year, the two Councils operated a larger concession stand on the first level of the stadium near home plate. For 17 Baltimore Orioles games, Brother Knights and their Ladies spent many long hours cooking, serving and ringing up sales.

So how did we do? For the first year at the new concession stand, the two Councils had total sales of $147,418. This was more than $10,000 that the stand generated the previous season. The Councils receive a 10% commission of net sales – gross sales minus Florida sales tax. From this amount, the costs of concession stand shirts and other expenses are deducted. The two Councils share commissions and tips based upon the number of Council Brothers and their Ladies who worked the stand during the Spring Training Baseball Season.

On Friday, May 12th, a “Spring Training Baseball Worker Thank You Party” was held at the Spirit Center at St. Thomas More Parish. After enjoying some hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwursts, cole slaw, potato salad, dessert, beer and wine, Ball Park Director Charlie Culkin reported the results of this year’s concession stand operations and presented commission checks to each Council. St. Thomas More Council received a check for $7,713 and Incarnation Council’s check was $7,646.

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ideas he feels will help attract more people to this fun event. When you see him, congratulate him on a job well done and let him know he and his teams efforts do not go unnoticed.

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, June 25th. Please come and enjoy breakfast and conversation with your Brothers, their family, and Incarnation Parishioners.

The Incarnation Council and St. Thomas More Council partnership to operate the Spring Training Concession Stand is an excellent example of Knights working together for the greater good. All the Brothers and Ladies are looking forward to working together for the 2018 Spring Training Season.

GREAT TURNOUT FOR MAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

For our May Pancake Breakfast, the Council had a great turnout. A delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit was enjoyed by everyone. The scrambled eggs are a big hit. The instant oatmeal has also become very popular with the kids.

There were a large number of breakfasts served. A HUGE thanks to Brother Steve Wyer and his Team which made this the success it was. Brother Steve works very hard at keeping this a success, and is always experimenting with items and
COUNCIL HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TRIVIA NIGHT

On Tuesday, May 23rd, the Council hosted another “Trivia Night.” We have had very good success with our Trivia Nights and would encourage all to attend. It is not just open to the Knights, but to all members of Incarnation Parish and their families and friends.

Many Individuals enjoyed good food and comradery as they tried to answer Grand Knight Deacon John Criscitelli’s various trivia questions.

Please watch the Church Bulletin to find out when the Council will host it’s next “Trivia Night”. They are usually held the fourth Tuesday of the month. And if you can, join us for another fun filled evening. It is open to the Knights as well as members of the Parish. The cost is $6.00 per person and includes entry, beverage and food.

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

Brother Art Reilly has been working with Father Matt and Renee Stoeckle to have a "Step Up for Student" table at this year’s State Convention and to build a foundation for the future. Renee works for the non-for-profit "Step Up" which will give scholarships worth $100 million in the 2016-17 school year to 16,000 students in
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Florida Catholic Schools. Renee heads the Step Up department that coordinates with the 205 Catholic Schools in the state.

The Convention was a great place to try to increase awareness of this program given the Convention delegates and attendees are leaders in their parishes across the whole state.

**PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

On Sunday, June 25th the fourth Mass of the 2017 “Novena for Life” for which the Council co-funds Mass stipends will be celebrated at the 9 am Mass. Please plan, if possible, to attend the Incarnation Mass on that day. These Novena Masses continue to occur on the 25th of each subsequent month concluding on Christmas Day.

On June 10th from 10 am to 2:30 pm, the Diocese will hold its 2017 Coalition for Life Leaders” meeting. This annual meeting brings together Parish representatives with a passion for life from the ten counties that comprise the Diocese of Venice to network and share ideas and best practices. Please let Art Reilly know if you are interested at (908) 902-0980 or areilly73@yahoo.com.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Two of the five committees under Community Activities remain ongoing throughout the year. They are Food for Families, chaired by Peter Gordon, and Health Services, Vacant Chair.

Health Services: The Health Services committee needs a chairman. The main goal is the welfare of Brother Knights and their Families. Not only

are many of our Brothers in need of prayer, but perhaps a friendly call to see how they are, or maybe an offer to carpool to some of the Knights meetings or special events. Perhaps the family of a Brother Knight needs help with a household repair. Many of us Brother Knights have special skills and talents that could possibly help a family or brother in distress. But how would we know unless we call. If all of our currently active Brother Knights could call at least 5 Brothers who have not been active for a while, it could make a difference. Don’t wait for someone to ask you to call a Brother Knight, or wait until you get on a committee to call. Do what your heart is telling you to do.

Food For Families Committee: Canned and boxed food and non-perishables like toilet paper, toothpaste, denture cleaner, etc. could be donated year round, either by bringing them to a Knights Business Meeting and get $3 off your meal, or call Pete Gordon and you could set a time and date to donate.

Other committees that will need help during the upcoming year are:

Special Olympics, St Vincent De Paul and Citizens With Disabilities

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FIX UP, CLEAN UP, PAINT UP

Brother Dale Haas has lined up some interesting and fun projects for the month of June. We will start on Saturday, June 3rd and end on Wednesday, June 28th. That will be 8 work sessions on Saturdays and Wednesdays thru the month of June. They are as follows; Saturdays and Wednesdays will be the days we have work sessions on these projects. Each work session will be a 4 hour session starting at 8 am.

Session #1: We will be going through the 9 storage areas around the Parrish campus...Danny will be working with us to guide us in what goes and what stays. If something is too large for the dumpster, it will be set aside for a Wednesday demolish team to break it down to a size that will fit into the dumpster.

Session #2: We need to clean the gutters at the duplex use for the guest house and Sr Monica's residence.

Session #3: We will pressure wash the duplex exterior along with the carport and driveway.

Session #4: We will organize the painting of two bedrooms and two bathrooms in Sr Monica's residence.

The Brothers can respond to Dale Haas either by email at flengsrq@gmail.com, or by phone at (941) 914-6228.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

At the May Council Business Meeting, Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin – on behalf of Grand Knight John Crescitelli, who was attending his son’s wedding – recognized Brother Steve Malecki as the Knight of the Month and Brother Conrad Constantineau and his wife, Ann, as the Family of the Month for April. Congratulations Steve, Conrad, and Ann!!

Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin and April Family of the Month Conrad and Ann Constantineau

Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin and April Knight of the Month Steve Malecki

Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin, Brother Steve Wyer present Admission Degree Certificate to Brother John Crabtree

Also, congratulations to Brother John Crabtree for receiving his Admission Degree Certificate.
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ONE MEMBER, PER COUNCIL, PER MONTH

Membership growth is essential to the success of the Knights of Columbus. With the addition of each new member, the Order can better serve the Church, local communities and particularly those in need. But it isn’t just the Order that benefits from a new member. Each new Knight benefits also.

Since its beginnings the organization has promoted the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Knights contribute to the welfare of their parishes and communities, and seek to help the needy through financial and volunteer support. In addition to the fellowship and faith development that Knights enjoy through their affiliation, the Knights offer a top-rated and competitively priced insurance program for the security of member families.

Please do your part as a member of Incarnation Council #15332 to recruit a new Knight.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Grand Knight’s thought to live by:

Wisdom is knowing what to ignore.

“The less you respond to negative people, the more peaceful your life will be”.

~ Bishop Dale C. Bronzer

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!