



**NEWSLETTER  
OF  
ST. MATTHEW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL # 11226**



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**GRAND  
KNIGHT'S  
MESSAGE**



**APRIL, 2018**

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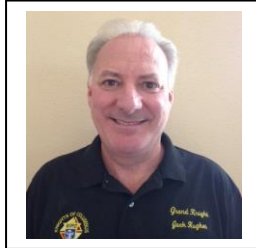
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Happy April to my fellow Knights of Columbus brothers,

Lent is a unique time of year. Lent offers us a time of reflection before our Lord rises from the dead for our sins.

In my reflections, I think about all the good works our Brothers do for our Parish. Most of you go quietly and humbly along not asking for any thanks from anyone. Our Knights of Columbus are Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers to the Homebound, Ushers, Lectors and even Alter Servers. You help at Parish functions and are involved in most of the Ministries at St Matthew's. Other than the Women's Ministries, most of the Knights are involved in our Parish life. Some Knights help monetarily through donations while others can be seen planting plants and gluing plaques on sticks thanking a Ministry for taking care of a spot around Church Grounds. I know that **Brother Fr. Tom Anastasia** appreciates your support. I was very proud to see so many Knights attending his worthwhile cause of FAST for the youth of our County.

Last month we had a Fish Fry on a Friday and a Pancake Breakfast on that Sunday. We averaged about 30 Knights helping on both days. Other Knights who could not work came to support those who did. Both events were a success. Proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will be given to a member of our Parish that needs some help right now.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Next month we finalize election positions for May when elections will be held.

I look forward to seeing all of you on **Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>** for our Social at **Brother Bob Lord's** house. This is a great way for our families to meet and get to better know each other. We will have a **Corporate Communion on Sunday, April 15, at the 11:00 AM Mass**. Hope to see you there in your black shirts.

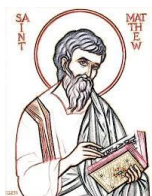
Please remember in your prayers our sick and disabled Brothers and their loved ones. Please remember our recently deceased **Brother Edwin Maisonete's** father, Eduardo. went to our Lord's side on Monday, March 26, with a number of brothers at the funeral Mass. **Brother Joel Martinez's** lost his youngest brother, Fred. May they rest in peace.

Lastly, please remember our Lady and pray the Rosary daily for our Country and our Council.

Again, **THANK YOU ALL** for the good that you do for our Parish, our Community and your fellow Brothers.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Jack Hughes*  
GK SK Jack Hughes  
Council 11226



## St. Matthew Catholic Church

*And Jesus said,*

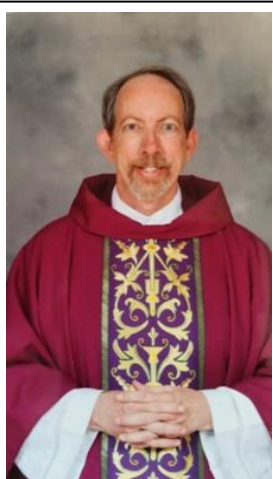
*“Know that I am with you always, until the end of time.”*

*Matthew 28:20*

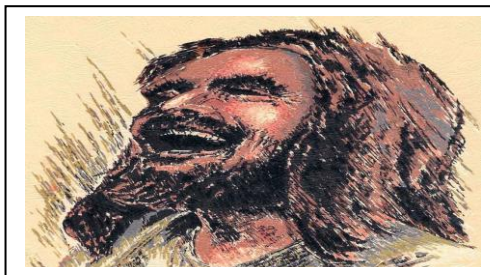
### Chaplain's Column

Dear Brother Knights,

4/1/18



As I mentioned in this column two months ago, Easter falls on April fool's day this year. The photo of the laughing Jesus comes to mind when I think of the Resurrection happening on April fool's day. It's like the Lord is laughing at the evil one after the victory is won.



To help you brother Knights, not to mention all of our

parishioners celebrate Easter and grow in their faith; we will be offering another Light of the World Retreat Program on Divine Mercy Sunday Weekend April 6-9. It's a major time commitment for the team and the participants but it truly is worth it. I can tell you from personal experience that an encounter weekend can make all the difference in the world to your Spiritual Life. It's like a lot of things in our journey, the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it. The sheer intensity of time and quality of witness talks that are shared on the weekend truly pack a punch. I am hopeful that those who may need a booster shot of Easter encouragement will take the plunge and that those who sign up too late to make it for this retreat will be able to come to the next one in the Fall.

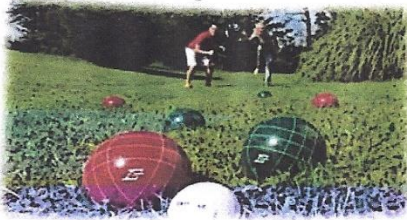
In my research on the laughing Jesus print I was surprised to learn that the artwork was originally titled *Christ the Liberator*. Discovering that in the same month when Archbishop Oscar Romero is named to the list of those who will soon be canonized saints puts a smile on my face.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Fr. Tom J. Anastasia".

Fr. Tom J. Anastasia  
Chaplain

# Come to the Bocce Spring Fling!

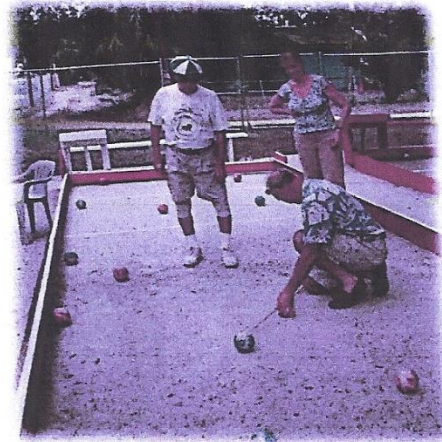


Hang out with your  
fellow brothers  
and their families.

**Hosted by:** Bob & Joanne Lord  
**When:** Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 2 - 6 pm  
**Where:** 10088 133rd St.  
Seminole, FL 33776

## ITEMS TO Bring

- Soccer type chair
- A pot luck dish to share
- Optional - Bring a swim suit and towel.



Please RSVP by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Text Bob at (727) 565.5210 or email [bob.lord.success@gmail.com](mailto:bob.lord.success@gmail.com)



## THE APRIL MEETING AND ACTIVITY DATES

APRIL 2 Council Meeting with dinner by Roland Lazaro  
Rep. Larry Ahern will be the speaker.  
April 8 Bocce Ball Social @ Bob Lord's Home  
April 15 Corporate Communion @ 11:00 AM Mass  
May 1 Officers Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!

James R. Pucillo	April 1
J. Craig Everson	April 8
James D. Walker	April 12
Justin R. Dudas	April 13

## U.S. MAIL NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS

Brothers:

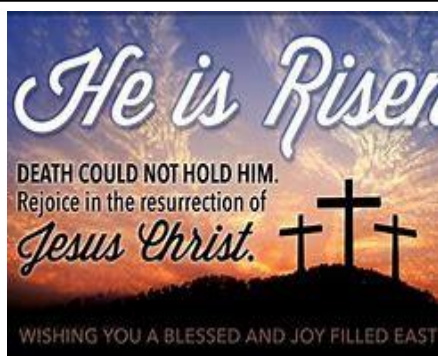
If you have not paid your annual dues, this is your last mailed newsletter that you will receive.

If you have an email address, please send it Bob Safransky @

[rjjs6296@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rjjs6296@tampabay.rr.com)

You will receive it in your inbox.

Thank you.



Brother Bob Lima received Family of the Month from Gk. Jack Hughes



Brother Dan Freeman received Knight of the Month Award from Gk. Jack Hughes





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