



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



Officers

**GRAND
KNIGHT'S
MESSAGE**



MAY, 2018

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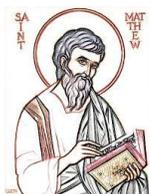
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My Brother Knights,

We have a lot happening this month. But before we get to the upcoming events, we must thank some people.

I would like to thank **Brother Bob Lord** and his wife, **Joanne**, for hosting our Bocce Ball Social. Everyone had a great time; the food was delicious, and the weather was perfect. The biggest surprise of the day was when the women dominated the men by consistently beating them. Those who attended are already looking forward to our next social.

Last month we held our Corporate Communion at the 11:00AM Mass. We will start changing the Mass times so that all the Masses will be represented. With the large number of Brothers who attended, we will need to increase the number of pews reserved. Thank you all who attended.

At our May 7th General Council meeting, we will finalize our Officer Nominations. Officer Elections will take place at our June 4th General Council meeting. Please make every effort to attend the meetings.

Thursday May 3rd is the Day of Prayer at Spectrum Field in Clearwater. This starts at 7:00PM. If you can attend, please wear your Knight's shirt. You may want to contact **Brother Ray Kerker** to see who is going and may want to carpool.

Lastly, our **8th Annual Members Recognition Dinner** will be held on Saturday, May 12th starting at 6:30 PM. This year the food will be catered. That way everyone can enjoy themselves without having to worry about cooking. Please make sure to mark your calendars now!

Please remember in your prayers our sick and disabled Brothers and their loved ones. Please remember our Lady and pray the Rosary daily for our Country, Parish, our Council and our other Brother Knights of Columbus.

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

Your Brother in Christ,

GK SK Jack Hughes
Council 11226

St. Matthew Catholic Church

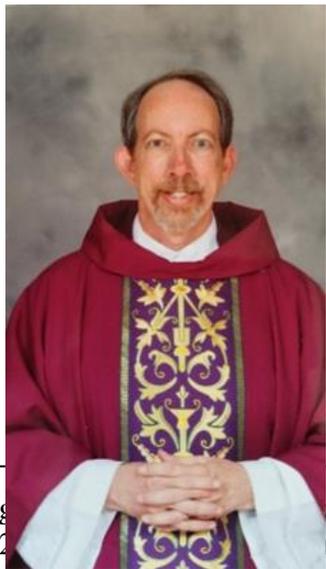
And Jesus said,

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

-Matthew 28:20

Chaplain's Column

May 1, 2018



Dear Brother Knights,

May is a month of celebrations with Mother's Day, Graduations, 1st Holy Communion, Ordinations and in most years, Confirmations. This year I was blessed with the opportunity of celebrating our Confirmations after receiving the faculties to do so from Bishop Parkes, on April 29th.

Another celebration this year will take place on May 6th when the bishop will consecrate the Diocese of St. Petersburg to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during a 3pm Holy Hour at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle.

On the final weekend of the month, we'll have an opportunity to come together for a BBQ dinner and a concert by Tony Melendez. The dinner is only \$ 10.00 per person and kids eat free. The concert is free of charge with a love offering to the charity of Tony Melendez. The dinner will take place at 5pm till 6:45pm on Sunday May 6th beginning at 7pm.

This will be our first weekend of the Summertime Mass schedule. Last year there were a lot of people who were not too happy about the need to sacrifice in order to deal with the reality of the smaller numbers during the summer. I know that people don't like change. I am hopeful that this year there will be less resistance to the change because it is clear this year that this is simply a Summertime Mass schedule change. Our regular schedule will return after Labor Day weekend. One rationale for this change has to do with creating space in a prime location on Sunday Morning for a wide variety of opportunities. Small Christian Communities like those encouraged by our Light of the World Evangelization Ministry comes to mind immediately. Our goal is to move from a maintenance model of doing church to a mission model where we consider the non-practicing Catholics and un-Churched folks and their needs rather than treating our faith like it's a filling station where it's all about us and our needs. We could use two prime time hours between the early and late Mass to invite those who are not yet ready to come to the table but have an experience that touches their heart, invite them into a deeper relationship with God and His Church a la RCIA or a Sunday morning version of Pathfinders. We could offer enrichment opportunities during that time, holy hours, video presentations a la Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series etc. The Knights could offer a presentation at this prime time space to help with new membership. For those who still do not like the Summertime Mass schedule, I would encourage you consider how inspirational Tony Melendez will be on this coming Memorial Day weekend and how our little inconveniences in life could be considered just a sliver of a cross that our Lord has asked us to carry and follow after Him.

Peace in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Fr. Tom J. Anastasia".

Fr. Tom J. Anastasia
Chaplain

Update Your Beneficiaries



Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment. I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.



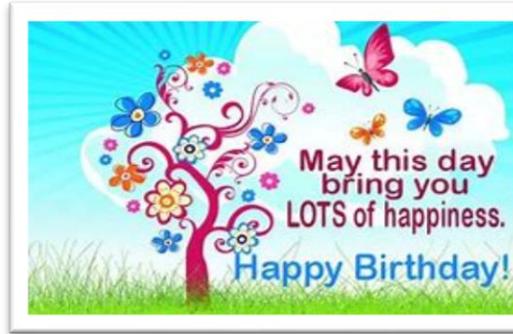
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MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Michael J. Adams	May 4
FR. TOM ANASTASIA	May 4
Bob Lima	May 5
Michael G. Bryan	May 6
Scott R. Ramella	May 6
Michael J. Rose	May 6
Dr. Vincent Camara	May 10
Richard J. Croteau	May 13
James E. Hillegass II	May 18
Roger R. Webb	May 22
Alfred J. Therrien	May 23
John Lo Schiavo	May 25
Barry H. Newsome	May 26
Carl J. Sferrazza	May 30
William T. Swengros	May 30



THE MAY MEETING AND ACTIVITY DATES

May 1	Officers Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.
May 7	Council Meeting @ 7:00 P.M. Program by Fr. Viet
May 10	Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)
May 12	Recognition Dinner @ 6:30 P.M.
May 13	Mother's Day
May 20	Pentecost Sunday
May 21	Officers' Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.

U.S. MAIL NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS

Brothers:

This is the last US postage mailed newsletter. Newsletters will be EMAILED each month, to all council members in a PDF format for quick access and a financial savings to the council. In addition, the time it takes to print, fold, add a stamp and mail will no longer be necessary.

If you are not receiving the newsletter via email, please send your current email address to Bob Safransky at rjjs6296@tampabay.rr.com.

Thank you.

2018-2019 Officer Candidates

POSITION	2019-2019
GRAND KNIGHT	JACK HUGHES
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	MIKE HARRIS
CHANCELOR	ROLAND LAZARO
RECORDER	BOB LORD
TREASURER	ROBERT RODRIGUEZ
ADVOCATE	THADDEUS FREEMAN
WARDEN	BOB THOMPSON
INSIDE GUARD	BILL LOUFMAN
INSIDE GUARD	BILL BARBOSA
OUTSIDE GUARD	DAN FREEMAN
OUTSIDE GUARD	HARRY BOLOGNA
3 YR TRUSTEE	DENNIS HAMEL
2 YR TRUSTEE	CARL SFERRAZZA
1 YR TRUSTEE	ROBERT SMITH

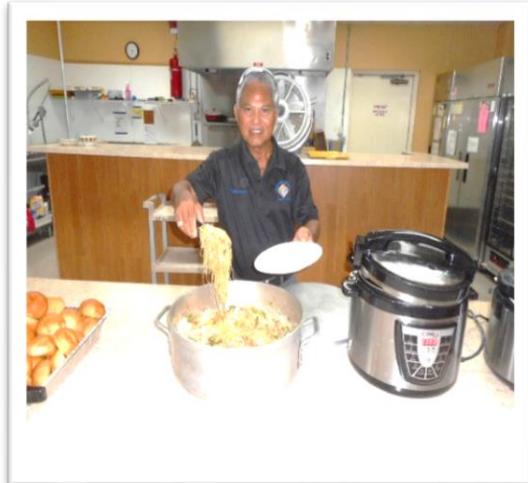
May Photo Collection



L to R: Ron Wahlers Dec. Knight of the month with DGK Mike Harris.



L to R: New 3rd Degree Dan Freeman & DGK Mike Harris



4th Degree Rolando Lazaro serving dinner at meeting.



L to R: State Rep Larry Ahern & Brother Ray Kerker



L to R: New 3rd Degree Bill Loufman & DGK Mike Harris

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