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**UP – Coming Council Events:**

**Bible on Parade December 3<sup>rd</sup>; Dale needs your help on this; he's done a lot for this Council so please offer your assistance. Call him to help 727-1937. Great opportunity for the Council to get visibility!!!!**

**Next Meeting December 6<sup>th</sup>; there will be some important info and items to discuss**

**Holiday with the Grand Knight December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the picnic facility in Satellite Beach along A1A**

**\*\*\*\*\*See Calendar for other events\*\*\*\*\***

**Committee on Room Space Availability VOTE MAY BE NEEDED**

As you are aware we have put together an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of using some of the building funds to try to get a commitment from HNJ for space within the new build out. This will be reported on and may need a vote at the next meeting. There also may be some spending items to vote on that are above the \$100 limit so be prepared to discuss.

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# *HNJ Knights of Columbus*

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Serving the parish of Holy Name of Jesus

## ***From Your Grand Knight:***

### **Frank Montelione**

The fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day, ushers in the "official" start of the Christmas season in our modern day world. It features parades, huge family meals, wall-to-wall football, and the appearance of Santa throughout malls and stores, the festival has become a commercial event in which the origins and meaning of the day are almost totally obscured. The modern day Thanksgiving is a far different occasion than the original.

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the *Mayflower* were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. The Pilgrims established a colony at Plymouth Plantation on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was bountiful. The remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast, including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.

The first feast wasn't repeated, so it wasn't the beginning of a tradition. In fact, the Pilgrims didn't even call the day Thanksgiving. To them, a thanksgiving was a religious holiday in which they would go to church and thank God for a specific event. On such a religious day, the types of recreational activities that the pilgrims and Indians participated in during the 1621 harvest feast-dancing, singing secular songs, playing games-wouldn't have been allowed.

Beginning around 1837 Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, wrote many editorials took up the cause to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. After a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last* Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress as a legal holiday, as the *fourth* Thursday in November.

While the "holiday season" brings stress to some, joy to most and commercials and holiday ads we have to remember the real meaning of the season. As we trudge through the advertisements think of the Star at the top of the tree that will soon be a part of your living room. Remember the Wise Men, the Three Kings, mingling with the shepherds. Remember that His birth is what we are thankful for.

As for me I look at the ocean every morning and I am thankful. I cross the causeway and see the river, and I am thankful. I see the motions of the sea birds and the dolphin in their graceful movements, and I am thankful. I have a partner for more than 34 years, a son and a daughter and have been blessed over the years with a home, not just a house and I am thankful. I have you, my friends and brother Knights, and I am thankful.

There is no price that I could put on any of that, it was a gift from God, and I am thankful.

**This is the beginning of the season and Ruthie and I want to wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with friends, family and blessings.**

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**Special Thanks to Don Winterich for his help putting the Tree Lot Schedule together. Don, all of us involved really appreciate the excellent work and help. Many thanks to everyone that showed up to help set the tree lot up--- It's beginning to look a Lot like Christmas!!!**

## **Spotlight on Ed Baranowski - Outside Guard**

### **All Around Great Guy, Multitalented, Energetic, Bright and Just Downright Nice!!!**

Born in Milwaukee WI, Ed was part of the Polish community. He was baptized in St. Josepha's Basilica. This replica of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome was completed in 1901 by Polish immigrants who hauled the materials from Chicago demolition sites. Ed attended Blessed Sacrament Grade School—was an altar boy and sang in the Bishop's Choir. Off to Casmir Pulaski High School in 1951, and then to the University of Wisconsin in 1955. He earned a degree in Business and Education. Later, he completed his Masters in Distributive and Marketing Education.

Off to Wausau WI in 1959, Ed taught accounting, business law, economic geography, and business principles. It was there he met his wife Marlowe of over 45 years, who was teaching Home Economics. After a short courtship, they married in 1960; had a son Michael and a daughter Debra. With Mom carrying for the children, Ed took the job as

Treasurer of the Teachers Credit Union to supplement his teaching income.

In 1965, the family moved to Madison WI where Ed took a full-time credit union management position. He served as President of the University of Wisconsin Credit Union for 18 years; and moved to Orlando FL to serve as President of the Navy Orlando (now Fairwinds CU) Federal Credit Union. He retired from Fairwinds in 2003 and moved to Melbourne FL. During his time at the University, he taught in the Department of Business Outreach and started his own company TOPICS UNLIMITED. Today, he conducts management seminars, serves as a consultant with the Baron Management Group (his company), and develops strategic plans for clients.

Ed has served on numerous trade and industry Boards, community Boards, and continues his involvement in many new activities in the Melbourne area. Some people have commented "he has sat on more boards than an active termite." Currently, Ed is the President of Eastwind Condominium Association at Satellite Beach; he is the Executive Officer of the Captain's Table of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club; he is a Docent at the Brevard Museum of Art, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Indialantic.

Involvement in the Knights of Columbus started in 1988 when he joined Our Lady of Space Council in Titusville FL. He served as an officer in the Fourth Degree Assembly.

He is the Past Faithful Navigator. Ed's father was very active in the Holy Name Society and did not hold the "caped and sword-bearing" Knights in high regard. They competed with the HNS for members. Ed has served as a CCD instructor and currently is in the Lector ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Among Ed's current hobbies and interests are art, sailing, traveling, and volunteering. He paints, chalks (was at the Disney Masters of the Arts November 11-13, at Art Works in Eau Gallie November 19-20); and has paintings hanging at the Henegar Center for the Arts in Downtown Melbourne. Ed and his wife are Rolling Readers

(help in the reading program at Creel School). Ed's son is a truck driver for FedEx Ground in Madison WI; his daughter is a commercial artist and part-time real estate loan processor/auditor in Orlando FL. She is often a featured artist at Disney doing chalkings.

Ed and Marlowe have 5 granddaughters: one in the Navy, 3 at the University of Wisconsin; and one in grade school in Orlando.

Ed is also one of the brightest and friendliest knights and always makes you feel good just talking with him. It's a real pleasure to have the honor to serve with him on the Knights. If you haven't gotten the chance to talk with him, take it!!! You will come away feeling good (although maybe a bit dumb as he is well read). He seems to be having the life and attitude all of us strive to have while we fill our time here on this earth.

### **Ed Thanks and just keep the walking pace swift and the chalkings creative!! You're blessed and special for sharing that blessing!!!!!!**

#### **Potpourri from the Deputy Grand Knight— November 20, 2005**

To All: Christmas Tree Sales Lot opens for business the weekend after Thanksgiving. The bulk of the trees are expected to be unloaded at 8:00 AM Saturday, November 26 and anyone physically able to help in the process will be appreciated. Everyone should have the manpower schedule, if for some reason you don't a copy is enclosed in the newsletter. PLEASE, PLEASE remember the specific times you have committed to sell. Obviously you can show up for additional times, but we will be running short unless you arrange for someone to cover a specific time you have committed to cover. Do what you have to in order not to forget your scheduled time!

Its easy to take the lot for granted, when we arrive, its up and running and when the last tree is gone, the event is over and we may leave without thinking how all those plywood panels, lighting screening and signage arrive/depart. Thanks again this year to Brother Will Kamholz for using his time, equipment and men to load and transport the panels and other material from HNJ to the Bishop Inn location. When the event is over, he reverses the process and our job would be much tougher without his generosity! Thanks for a job well done.

Four of our newest members Bob Inbornone, Hank Kornmeyer, Alan Szydowski and Joe Viani were also part of the 13-15 man workforce to erect the lot panels. The point of this is going forward, more "new blood" now knows how, what and when regarding this valuable fund raiser in the future! Anyone not reached for a manpower shift commitment while the lot is in business, look over the schedule and show up for a shift or two, but remember we will probably be finished after two weeks so make it sooner rather than later!

Also remember our participation with Holy Name of Jesus in the Melbourne Bible on Parade Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. We will be forming and decorating our float including costume garb to the theme of "The Golden Calf" from Exodus, beginning at 10:30-11:00AM at the Melbourne Auditorium. We still have need for more revelers and proclaimers and may need more banner carriers. These people would not need to be at the event location before noon. **Call Dale Saunders 727-1937 (or Sue)** for information or to participate. This is our first effort in this moving Bible Drama with costumed characters and we are looking forward to showing off our costumed golden calf! Obviously we would like this KC participation to be a successful addition to this 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Christmas procession that is the only event of its kind held in the United States. Why a Bible Parade? Because Jesus is The Reason for the Season!

Speaking of the "season" get the Grand Knights Christmas Party on your holiday wish list early! The date is Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the picnic facility ('A' Frame) in Satellite Beach along A1A. Frank & Ruthie Montelione will host the event and you can be sure, Frank's culinary skills will be evidenced once again. All of you who have been attending any or all of the "Knights" Night Out dinners will not want to miss this one! All others, this is a great time to renew or make new KC acquaintances and enjoy this social event! Please call reservations to **Ron Stinton 726-6530 or Dale Saunders 727-1937.**

Business Meeting: **Tuesday December 6th @ 7:30 PM.** Planning/Social Meeting: **Tuesday December 20th @ 7:30 PM. Hope to see you at one or both!**

Peace and God Bless, I invite each of you to please come along and get involved.

Dale Saunders

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## Fraternal Activity

Pro-Life and Just Caring!!!!

Don't get caught up in the debate about pro-life or pro-abortion, as there really isn't a debate or shouldn't be there should just be your position and belief. Support that position through your actions. Abortions wouldn't be needed if we took the time to help educate and love our own children and the teens of today. They are a lot smarter than we sometimes give them credit and they're the ones that need to understand that there are consequences to their actions. I believe through education and discussion we can show many of these kids that may be unsure, that life does begin at conception and we all deserve the opportunity to try to make a difference in this world. We also need to be sure that we don't set up double standards and put too much of the pressure on the women/girls and make sure the men/boys understand that they need to control their hormones and think before they act or put pressure on their girlfriends. Back to emphasizing the importance of marriage and the joys of sharing that moment with the man/woman you love and want to spend the rest of your life with.

My opinion is to simply ask if there is even a chance the pro-lifers are right (which is my belief), would you ever want to face God and have to say "I didn't know", or "I sorry I didn't mean to kill my son or daughter". If the pro-lifers are wrong and it isn't a life, well they're just wrong, but if the pro-abortionists are wrong it's taking a life. Yea these are tough words and some will take exception using women's rights as their answer, but if it is a life---

Also we should really concentrate on the convenience abortions, these are the ones that there is no rational reason for and I referring to the ones that people say I just am not ready at this time of my life, or I really need to get my career on track, etc. Education and love of our own families and trying to show them what is right and wrong will help here. Kids today are very well read and absorb anything put in front of them. Don't let the media or other outside influences raise your children and then wonder why they're the way they are. Talk to them about this and other subjects that may be hard to start but they'll listen and you'll find some strong supporters down the road.

Keep on point and don't let the strong willed on the other side get you down. Remember showing love and keeping the discussion going gives you a better chance to convince someone to rethink their position. Arguing or yelling only gives the other side a chance to point a finger or shut down the discussion. Keep remembering the phrase: "But if it is a life???"

**Any ideas to make next year's chain grow will be appreciated, bring them to the next meeting!!!**

Rick Broderick

## PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

For those that don't believe abortion should be considered an important if not the most important pro-life issue, consider the following:

Number of victims - abortion has killed more than (40-50 million in US alone) all the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

There are two countries that first legalized abortion; Russia in 1912 and Germany in 1933. Look where it took them and can't we learn from history???

Finally, when a developing human is destroyed or aborted he or she is denied the opportunity to receive God's grace, God's life. This is the greatest gift we can give another, one we receive through baptism and the other sacraments and one to be shared not denied out of selfishness. Reach into your hearts and tell others of this precious gift as it is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus said "Amen I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit (John 3:5) Obviously and tragically, abortion not only prevents one from being born but also of being "born again".

Brother Ernie Muro

## Calendar

Dec	3rd	Bible on Parade
	6 <sup>th</sup>	KOC Meeting 7:30pm HNJ
	17 <sup>th</sup>	GK's Christmas Party
	20 <sup>th</sup>	KOC Social Mtg 7:30pm HNJ
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tree Sales End