

# Knights of Columbus Incarnation Council #15332



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**News & Views**  
Our Monthly Newsletter

## A note from the Editor

*“The kingdom of Heaven is within you... Seek ye first the kingdom of Heaven and all things will be added unto you.”*

- Jesus Christ

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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, March 19th.

## Grand Knights Report



March is a special month for us as members of the Church of the Incarnation family, and as Knights.

March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrates the achievement of the great mystery of the Incarnation. The Archangel Gabriel asked the most holy Virgin to consent to be the Mother of Jesus.

March 19th marks the Feast of St. Joseph, the person on this earth closest to Jesus and the Virgin Mary. St. Joseph is an exemplar for all fathers and an inspiration to us as Knights as the patron saint and the Protector of the Catholic Church.

Once again this year our Council will help to fund the Novena of Masses for Life that begins with the Annunciation Mass and continues with a Mass every 25th of the month through the Mass on Christmas Day. Please plan to attend the Novena Masses for as many months as possible and pray that all aspects of life be respected.

While we have the Hail Mary, the Hail Holy Queen, and many other prayers to honor Mary and request her intercession, prayers to St Joseph

## CALENDAR

### March 2015



- Mar 07** Car Ticket Sales for Parish (All Masses)
- Mar 08** Car Ticket Sales for Parish (All Masses)
- Mar 10** Business Meeting (7:30pm) (CH)
- Mar 16** First Degree Exemplification (7:00 pm) (Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Council #13639)
- Mar 17** ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Mar 19** Eucharistic Adoration (5:30 pm) (CL)
- Mar 21** Car Ticket Sales for Parish (All Masses)
- Mar 22** Car Ticket Sales for Parish (All Masses) Pancake Breakfast (8:00 – 11:00am)(PC)
- Mar 24** 1st Degree Team practice (7:00 pm) (CH)

C=Church CL=Chapel CH=Church Hall  
PC=Parish Center

## BIRTHDAYS

- Mar 04** Joseph J. Dirocco
- Mar 04** Phillip E. Riordan
- Mar 09** Thomas L. Polit



## Spring forward

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday.



**Sunday March 8th**

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**“In service to One, In service to All.”**

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are not nearly as widely known. As Knights and defenders of the Catholic Church on earth, we might reflect upon the following:

*O Blessed Saint Joseph, faithful guardian and protector, to whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary, I implore you, by the love which you did bear them, to preserve me from every misdeed of soul and body, so that I may always serve them in holiness and purity of love. Amen.*

May St. Joseph's example guide us in our roles as husbands, fathers, and protectors of all around us.

With this in mind, please pray for our parish clergy and religious as well as all of our Brothers who have health issues, especially Dom Locascio, who just learned that he will need additional medical treatment, and Ted Kreger, who is recuperating and plans to be back in action soon.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our Brothers who assisted in our very successful "Citizens with Disabilities" Drive this year. The almost \$3800 collected will help those with intellectual disabilities locally through contributions to the outstanding efforts of the Sarasota Special Olympics, the Dreams are Free School and Community Haven. Our contributions exemplify a respect for life in all aspects and our role as

champions for others.

PS – With a name like "Reilly", I would be remiss if I did not also wish everyone a "Happy St Patrick's Day" this month and.....

"May God grant you always...  
A sunbeam to warm you,  
A moonbeam to charm you,  
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you."

An Irish Blessing

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Art Reilly  
Grand Knight**

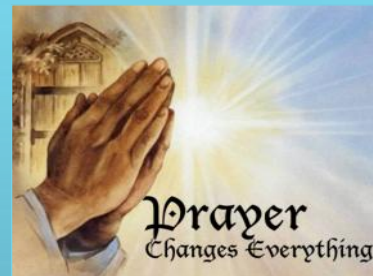
**District Deputy Report**



**Congratulations to our New First and Second Degree Members.**

At the combined First and Second Degree Exemplifications on February 26, 2015 at St. Thomas More Council #7826, five Brothers in District #50 took their first step to Knighthood by completing the First Degree, and sixteen District #50 Brothers completed their Second Degree. Congratulations Brothers!!

The District #50 is on track to have a great membership year. During the



**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 Bill Huber at 921-1514 or Grand Knight Art Reilly at 388-8647.

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

- John Pollard
- Ann Hayes (Mrs. Jerry Hayes)
- Hilton Grier
- Frank Thomas
- Richard Hamilton
- Steve Anderson
- Ted Kreger
- Dominick Locascio
- Richard Dowd

**Knights of Columbus Incarnation Council #15332 2014-2015 Officers**

<b>Chaplain</b>	Father Matt Grady	921-6631	<b>Lecturer</b>	Stephen J. Malecki	527-9477
<b>Grand Knight</b>	Art Reilly	388-8647	<b>Inside Guard</b>	Gabriel M. Febbraio	925-3038
<b>Deputy Grand Knight</b>	Deacon John Crescitelli, PGK	921-6631	<b>Outside Guard</b>	Giovanni Giannini	371-2932
<b>Chancellor</b>	Joseph R. DeStefano, PGK	342-3401	<b>3-Year Trustee</b>	Michael F. Clayton	371-6087
<b>Warden</b>	Phil Riordan	924-5906	<b>2-Year Trustee</b>	Stephen Christie, PGK	924-3447
<b>Recorder</b>	James E. Reynolds	371-6967	<b>1-Year Trustee</b>	Anthony Tambini	924-7049
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Charlie Culkin, PGK	922-8726	<b>District Deputy</b>	Charlie Culkin, PGK	922-8726
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jason Peters	378-5958	<b>District Warden</b>	John Wojtyna, PGK	923-0516
<b>Advocate</b>	Louis Kolupa	922-8268	<b>Field Agent</b>	Jerry Hayes	921-2161





first eight months of the fraternal year, District #50 has recruited 40 New Members, or 286% of its fraternal year goal. Also, all the Councils in District #50 are in a great position to achieve Star Council or better for the second consecutive year.

March is traditionally the time Councils have their second Church Membership Drive of the fraternal year. The season of Lent is always a great time to get good Catholic men to consider joining the Knights. You have many tools in your hands to support your Membership Drives and recruitment efforts, including the State Membership Team, your Field Agents and your Fourth Degree Color Corps. Use them!

Knights and their families are asked to pray, fast and work every day to restore respect and protection for unborn children, but especially on Tuesday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation. It is on this day that the Order observes the International Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for Unborn Children. Please take the time to attend Mass and/or say a Rosary for Unborn Children.

God Bless to you all.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Charlie Culkin**  
District Deputy #50

## Field Agent Report

### Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international levels are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our

insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Call me today.

**Vivat Jesus!**

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## Activities and Special Events

### CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES DRIVE IS A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN

From late January to late February, Incarnation Council conducted its "Fourth Annual Citizens with Disabilities Drive." As the result of the efforts of Brother Knights, who "shook the can" during three weekends, the Council collected \$3,730.00.

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The annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" started on Super Bowl Weekend (January 30 – February 1) at the Sarasota Village Plaza Publix, where we collected \$1,580.00. The following weekend (February 6 – 8), we collected \$1,195.00 at the Publix at Bay Street and the Trail. We concluded this year's drive on February 21 – 22 after all the Parish Masses, where we collected \$955.00. After all collections are received, and the Florida State Council and Tootsie Roll costs deducted, the remaining funds will be donated to Special Olympics of Sarasota, Dreams Are Free School and the Community Haven for Adults and children with disabilities.

The success of this most worthwhile effort was dependent on the leadership of Grand Knight Art Reilly, this year's Chair, and the participation of many Brother Knights and Ladies – John Albrecht, Mike Clayton, Steve Christie, Deacon John Crescitelli, Cindi and Charlie Culkin, Gabe Febbraio, Bob Fernander, Norm Gibertini, Ed Goddard, Jim Duggan, Mike Gangi, Ed Goddard, Terry and Trevis Hamilton, Glenn Kelley, Jerry Lagace, Dom Locascio, Steve Malecki, Tom McCarthy, Jason Peters, Tom Polit, Art Reilly, Jim Reynolds, Phil Riordan, Bob Roland, Mark Simat and Rusty Wainwright.

Special thanks go out to Brothers Terry and Trevis Hamilton, who worked eight two-hour shifts at the two Publix Stores. May Almighty God bestow extra grace on each of you who worked in order that help could be provided to some of His disadvantaged.



Grand Knight Art Reilly with Brothers Trevis and Trevor Hamilton at the Sarasota Village Plaza Publix

**CULKIN PARTICIPATES IN INDIGENT VETERAN FUNERAL**

During the past few years, District Deputy/Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin PGK has participated in various Indigent Veteran Funerals at Sarasota National Cemetery. As a Member of Our Lady of Charity Assembly #3089, Sir Knight Culkin is part of a group that attends funerals of deceased veterans who are indigent. On February 11th, Sir

Knight Charlie and Sir Knight Ron Kosey PGK PFN of St. Patrick Council #13307 accepted flags for two recently deceased veterans – Sgt. Bruce Reedy, USAF and SP-5 Stephen Mason, USA. Sir Knights Charlie and Ron are the Co-Chairs, 2015 Veteran's Day Mass on November 11th at the Sarasota National Cemetery.







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**INCARNATION STUDENTS  
ADVANCE TO STATE  
BASKETBALL FREE THROW  
FINALS**

At the Council Basketball Free Throw Championship on December 11th, 75 Incarnation School students participated in the event. After a spirited competition, the following students won: Hannah Farley (9-Year Old Girls), Francis Hurl (9-Year Old Boys), Brigid Rowan (10-Year Old Girls), Keller Waldrip (10-Year Old Boys), Kimberlynn Duran (11-Year Old Girls), Jackson Hays (11-Year Old Boys), Anne Dickinson (12-Year Old Girls), Thomas Levitt (12-Year Old Boys), Taylor Carpenter (13-Year Old Girls), Timothy Bein (13-Year Old Boys), Sophia Hebda (14-Year Old Girls) and Jack Nash (14-Year Old Boys). Since no other Councils in the District conducted a Basketball Free Throw Championship, all the Incarnation Council winners were automatically the District winners.

On February 21st, they competed with other District winners in the Regional Championship at Cardinal Mooney High School. After intense competition, three Incarnation School Students won in their age groups – Hannah Farley (9-Year Old Girls),

Francis Hurl (9-Year Old Boys) and Jack Nash (14-Year Old Boys). They will compete in the Florida State Council State Finals on Saturday, March 14th at Haines City High School in Haines City. Congratulations Hannah, Francis and Jake and good luck in the finals!



**Grand Knight Art Reilly with the Incarnation School Students Proudly Holding Their First Place Trophies**



**All the Diocese of Venice Regional Basketball Free Throw Winners**

A big thank you goes to Past Grand Knight Steve Christie, and Principal of Cardinal Mooney High School, for making the school's gymnasium available for the completion. Also,

thanks to Grand Knight Art Reilly, District Deputy/Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin and Chancellor Joe DeStefano for assisting as scorers and ball retrievers. And thanks to Dr. Ann Davis, Incarnation School Principal, for supporting her students at the regionals.

**COUNCIL RECOGNIZES  
PARISH ALTAR SERVERS**

On Wednesday, February 11th, Incarnation Council recognized the Incarnation Parish Altar Servers. This year's event was jointly sponsored by the Council and the Incarnation Men's Club. Like last year, the event was held at Evie's Golf Center on Bee Ridge Road. The evening started off with Father Jacek, Father Mike and Chancellor Joe DeStefano captaining teams of Altar Servers in a highly competitive game of putt-putt golf. It was never determined which team won, but everyone had a great time.

When golf was done, everyone enjoyed pizza, soda and ice cream. After dinner, Deputy Grand Knight/Deacon John Crescitelli presented each Altar Servers with a Certificate of Recognition.

Thanks to Deacon John, Brothers Charlie and Joe and Evie's Golf Center for making the event a success.

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Father Jacek and his Altar Server Team



Fathers Jacek and Mike with some of the Altar Servers



Deputy Grand Knight John Crescitelli and January Family of the Month Jerry and Ann Hayes (unavailable for picture)



Father Mike and his Altar Server Team

MEMBER RECOGNITION

At the February Council Business Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight John Crescitelli recognized Brothers Ed Goddard and Glenn Kelley as the Knights of the Month and Jerry and Ann Hayes as the Family of the Month for January. Congratulations Ed, Glenn, Jerry and Ann!



Brother Joe and his Altar Server Team



Deputy Grand Knight John Crescitelli and January Knight's of the Month Edward R. Goddard and Glenn A. Kelley (unavailable for picture)



Deputy Grand Knight John Crescitelli and 3rd Degree Certificate Recipient Michael J. Gangi

On February 26th, our Council welcomed a new Brother Knight – Gerald Lagace. Gerald completed his First and Second Degree Exemplifications at St. Thomas More

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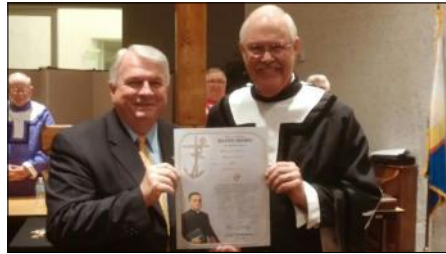
Council #7826. Gerald is well known among our Council Brothers, as he is the President of the Incarnation Men's Club. He got involved with the Council even before he took his Degrees. He helped out with Citizens with Disabilities Drive by working at one of the Publix Stores and after one of the weekend Masses. Congratulations Gerald and welcome to our Council!



Grand Knight Art Reilly and District Deputy/Financial Secretary Charlie Culkin with New Brother Knight Gerald Lagace after he completed his First and Second Degrees.

At every Degree Exemplification, there is a Degree Honoree. The Grand Knight of the Host Council chooses the First Degree Honoree, while the District Deputy of the Host District chooses the Second Degree Honoree. At the February 26th Second Degree Exemplification, District #50 was the Host District, and thus District Deputy Charlie Culkin chose the Honoree. Charlie chose Incarnation Council Grand Knight Art Reilly for his many contributions in growing the Council during its nearly

4-year existence. Congratulations Art for a job well done!



Grand Knight Art Reilly receiving his Second Degree Honoree Certificate from District Deputy #50 Charlie Culkin at the February 26th Exemplification

**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](http://www.kofccouncil15332.org)

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

So, until next month,

**VIVAT  
JESUS!!!**

