



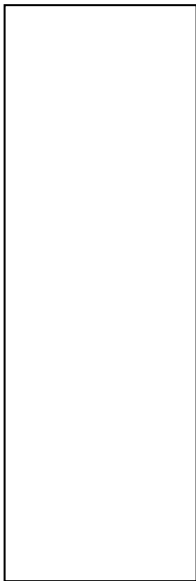
# Saint David Men's Club

Web Site

<http://saintdavidmensclub.org>

## February 2006 Newsletter

St. David Men's Club  
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### **Club Officers**

Your officers for the 2005-2006 club year are:

President	Vinnie Marino	954-382-9179
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Board Member	Fran Lixie	954-434-0466
Board Member	Tim Stead	954-424-8559
Past President	George Caffrey	954-680-0733

Please feel free to contact any board member with any questions or comments. Please meet at the monthly board meeting to ensure your issues are added to the agenda. Note: all board meetings are held two weeks prior to the general meeting at 7:30pm in the parish hall. Board meetings are open to all members.

### **Sunshine Committee**

Remember if any club member or member's family is ill or hospitalized please contact Ray Wyman (954-473-2147) or Tom Vinceguerra (954-227-9940).

### **Men's Club Shirts**

Men's Club shirts are a great way to identify yourself as a member of the Men's Club at all functions. Shirts are available in either Green or White with our club Logo and embroidered with your first name. Shirts cost \$20 each. Contact Fran Lixie at 954-434-0466 for info.

### **Thank You BB & T !!!**

BB&T (Branch Banking & Trust) donates mailing services for the St. David Men's Club and significantly reduces our newsletter expenses. A heart-felt thanks to the Plantation branch offices and especially to Thom Bambenek for all their assistance.

### **Hope Outreach Pantry**

The Hope Outreach center is serving the needs of many victims from Hurricane Katrina who have relocated to our area. Please make a donation of non-perishable goods to help feed those who have suffered much already.

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### **Humor**

Two doctors and an HMO manager died and lined up at the pearly gates for admission to heaven. St. Peter asked them to identify themselves.

One doctor stepped forward and said, "I was a pediatric spine surgeon and helped kids overcome their deformities." St. Peter said, "You can enter."

The second doctor said, "I was a psychiatrist. I helped people rehabilitate themselves." St. Peter also invited him in. The third applicant stepped forward and said, "I was an HMO manager. I helped people get cost-effective health care." St. Peter said, "You can come in, too."

But as the HMO manager walked by, St. Peter added, "You can stay three days. After that, you can go to Hell."

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When Mozart passed away, he was buried in a churchyard. A couple days later, the town drunk was walking through the cemetery and heard some strange noise coming from the area where Mozart was buried.

Terrified, the drunk ran and got the magistrate to come and listen to it. The magistrate bent close to the grave and heard some faint, unrecognizable music coming from the grave. Frightened, the magistrate ran and got the parish priest.

When the priest arrived, he bent his ear to the grave, listened for a moment, and said, "Ah, yes, that's Mozart's Ninth Symphony, being played backwards."

He listened a while longer, and said, "There's the Eighth Symphony, and it's backwards, too. Most puzzling." So the priest kept listening; "There's the Seventh... the Sixth... the Fifth..."

Suddenly the realization of what was happening dawned on the priest; he stood up and announced to the crowd that had gathered in the cemetery, "My fellow citizens, there's nothing to worry about. It's just Mozart decomposing."

## **2006 Men's Club Retreat**

Our annual retreat will be held April 21-23, 2006 at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center in North Palm Beach. Passionist priest Fr. Francis Finnigan leads the retreat. The theme for the retreat program this year is "**On Being a Christian in the World Today**".

What does it mean to be a Christian in the world today? One modern theologian indicates that what is essential to the Christian life is love of neighbor (Jesus emphasized this in the Great Commandment: Love God), humility, peacemaking, not being vengeful and offering forgiveness. During the retreat time is spent exploring what it means to be Christian today. We will consider our personal commitment to God, the call to a life of conversion, the love we must bring to the world, our need to celebrate our faith and how to find God in everyday life. The retreat weekend will inspire and encourage us all to be more faithful to our call by Christ to follow him ever more closely.

The retreat offers you a rewarding weekend and an opportunity to relax in a quiet, peaceful, and prayerful atmosphere. It's a time to forget your business problems, home and family worries, a time to get a fresh slant on your career, your family, your friends and your God.

The cost of the retreat is \$170 per person and dress is casual all weekend. Fees include a private room, meals and snacks. The check-in time is from 5:00pm to 7:45 pm Friday evening and the retreat ends Sunday at noon.

For additional information contact Tom Zavertnik or Rick Clawson or visit [www.ourladyofflorida.org](http://www.ourladyofflorida.org)

Copies of the registration form will be available at the February meeting and are also available on-line.

## **Christmas Tree Sales**

Another year of hard work has brought about another successful year of fundraising for our parish. We sold over 800 trees again this year. Special acknowledgements go out to each board member and especially to Doug Blau and Al Wieczorek for all of their efforts in coordinating, organizing and wrapping up the efforts of our tree sales.

Last but certainly not least a very, very big thank you to Bill and Cheryl Cull for hosting the worker Thank You party. It means a lot to everyone involved with the tree sales.

## **Christmas Party**

Our annual Christmas party was held at the parish hall on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 70 people attended and think all enjoyed the food, drinks and dancing. The entertainment was led by Wayne L and a few brave Karaoke singers.

The food was top notch again this year and what Men's Club event is not complete until a Fitzgerald wins a door prize or two or three.



Tony & Tom load up their plates at the Christmas Party

## **Club Calendar of Events**

Feb 02	General Meeting at 8:00 pm
Feb 16	Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
Mar 02	General Meeting at 8:00 pm
Mar 16-19	Spring Carnival
Mar 23	Board Meeting at 7:30 pm

## **Prayer for Priests**

(from CatholicOnline.org)

Lord Jesus, You have chosen Your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim Your word and to act in Your name. For so great a gift to Your Church, we give You praise and thanksgiving. We ask You to fill them with the fire of Your love, that their ministry may reveal Your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that Your power shine out through their weakness. In their affliction let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned.

Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of Your dying and rising. In time of weakness send them Your Spirit, and help them to praise Your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy Spirit, put Your word on their lips and Your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, Your mother, to the disciple whom You loved, be Your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed You in her human image, may form them in Your divine image, by the power of Your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to you. Amen

## **Basketball Game**

Tim Stead invites all members to join him at the Activity Center every Tuesday at 7:00 pm for a weekly pick-up game of basketball. Come on out, have a little fun and get a little exercise against your fellow club members.

## **Did you know?**

The Swiss Guard as part of the Military of the Vatican City is an exception to the Swiss rulings of 1874 and 1927. It is a small force responsible for the security of the Apostolic Palace, the entrances to the Vatican City and the safety of the Pope. Its official language is German.

Pope Julius II in 1505 asked the Swiss Diet to provide him with a constant corps of 200 Swiss mercenaries. The first contingent of soldiers entered the Vatican on January 22, 1506, today given as the official date of the Guard's foundation.

The force has varied greatly in size over the years and has even been disbanded. Its first, and most significant, hostile engagement was on May 6, 1527 when 147 of the 189 Guards, including their commander, died fighting the forces of Charles V during the Sack of Rome in order to allow Clement VII to escape through the Passeto di Borgo.

Today the Swiss Guard is the army of the sovereign state of the Vatican. The force is specifically limited to one hundred soldiers and consists of four officers, 23 NCOs, 70 halberdiers, 2 drummers, and a chaplain, all with an equivalent Italian army rank. Not only are the guards fully trained and equipped in modern weaponry and tactics, they also receive instructions in using the sword and halberd.

The guards must be Catholic males with Swiss citizenship who have completed basic training with the Swiss military and can obtain certificates of good conduct. Recruits must be between 19 and 30 and at least 174 cm (5ft 9in) tall.