

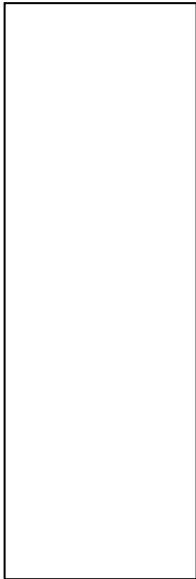


Saint David Men's Club

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September 2005 Newsletter

St. David Men's Club
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Club Officers

Your officers for the 2004-2005 club year are:

President	Vinnie Marino	954-382-9179
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Board Member	Tim Stead	954-424-8559
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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 additional information.

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.

Humor

Three buddies die in a car crash, and they go to heaven.

There, they are all asked, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man."

The second guy says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

The last guy replies, "I would like to hear them say, 'Look! He's moving'".

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to God to ask, "God, what is a million years to you?"

God replies, "My son, a million years to you is like a second to me."

The man asks, "God, what is a million dollars to you?" God replies, "My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me."

The man asks, "So God, can I have a million dollars?"

And God replies, "In a second."

- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.
- It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Who was St. David ?

Some of you may have thought that St. David was the formal name of the founder of Davie, but you're not quite right.

David of Wales is probably one of the most famous British saints. It is known that he became a priest, engaged in missionary work and founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey in southwestern Wales. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. Their austerity was extreme. They worked in silence without the help of animals to till the soil. Their food was limited to bread, vegetables and water.

In about the year 550, David attended a synod where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. The episcopal see was moved to Mynyw, where he had his monastery (now called St. David's). He ruled his diocese until he had reached a very old age. His last words to his monks and subjects were: "Be joyful, brothers and sisters. Keep your faith, and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me."

St. David is pictured standing on a mound with a dove on his shoulder. The legend is that once while he was preaching a dove descended to his shoulder and the earth rose to lift him high above the people so that he could be heard. Over 50 churches in South Wales were dedicated to him in pre-Reformation days.

When the people were restricted to hard manual labor and a diet of bread, vegetables and water, most of us would find little reason to rejoice. Yet joy is what David urged on his brothers as he lay dying.

Perhaps he could say that to them—and to us—because he lived in and nurtured a constant awareness of God's nearness. For, as someone once said, "Joy is the infallible sign of God's presence." May his intercession bless us with the same awareness!

November Calendar Sales

The annual sale of November Calendars has begun. For those who are new to the Men's Club, the November Calendar sales are our #2 money making project that we participate in each year (and probably our easiest money-maker too!). The calendars are sold for \$10 each. Each day of the month has an amount of money specified (from \$50-\$500 on Thanksgiving Day). One ticket is drawn for each day of the month (winners need not be present to collect). The winning ticket is then placed back into the pot, so your customer can win more than once!

Each member is requested to try and sell 10 calendars, if the member does sell 10 calendars, he is awarded one free calendar in his name. History has shown this free calendar to be a winner on more than one occasion, so sell your 10 and join the list of past winners.

Please contact Doug Blau (954-423-1397) or Carter Clough (954-693-9890) to obtain your calendars. All calendars and/or money must be turned in no later than Sunday October 30.

Communion Breakfast

Our annual Communion Breakfast will be held Sunday October 16th. At this event we attend the 8:45 a.m. Mass and sit together with our families in pews reserved for the Men's Club. After Mass, we will drive over to Pine Island Country Club where an outstanding breakfast buffet is held including an omelet station that will prepare your eggs just the way you like them.

Please plan to attend with your family. This event is a wonderful opportunity to represent our club to the entire parish.

Club Calendar of Events

Sep 22	Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
Oct 06	General Meeting at 8:00 pm
Oct 07-09	Fishing Trip to Everglades City
Oct 20	Board Meeting at 7:30 pm
Oct 20-23	Fall Carnival
Nov 03	General Meeting at 8:00 pm

Prayer to St. Joseph for Protection

(from CatholicOnline.org)

Gracious St. Joseph, protect me and my family from all evil as you did the Holy Family. Kindly keep us ever united in the love of Christ, ever fervent in imitation of the virtue of our Blessed Lady, your sinless spouse, and always faithful in devotion to you. Amen.

Fishing Trip

The next St. David Men's Club Fishing trip to Everglades City will be October 7th, 8th, and 9th. The cost for the weekend is \$175 and includes two nights in the hotel, Friday night BBQ, fishing Saturday, Dinner Saturday night and Sunday breakfast. A great bargain for the money and a great opportunity to relax and socialize with your fellow Men's Club members.

Please contact Bob Grampa at 954-370-3467 to schedule your place in this great event.

Christmas Tree Sales

Our annual Christmas tree sale will be held again this year. Plans are already underway with each board member responsible for one night at the tree stand. The set-up of the lot will occur the weekend before Thanksgiving. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next general meeting (October 6). Please provide whatever help you can and register to work on the day of your preference.

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?

Coffee is probably the only food discovered by a monk and officially approved by a pope. According to legend, coffee was discovered more than a thousand years ago when a friar in an Arabian convent noticed his goats prancing on their hind legs after eating berries from a wild coffee plant. He tried the beans himself; soon afterwards a new medicine was born.

Drinking coffee for the sheer pleasure of it didn't come until years later ... and it didn't come without a fight. Sold in popular coffeehouses known as "penny universities" and "seminars of sedition," coffee was denounced by devout Christians as "the devil's brew" and outlawed by secular authorities who saw it as an intoxicating beverage that led to "discussions of rebellion and slander of those in power."

Church opposition finally ended in 1594 when Pope Clement VIII tried a cup and liked it so much that he baptized it. "We will not let coffee remain the property of Satan," he announced. "As Christians, our power is greater than Satan's; we shall make coffee our own." (Thank God).

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.