

# KNIGHTS NEWSLINE

February 2025






















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**Knights of Columbus**  
**Our Lady Queen of Martyrs**  
**Council #13639**  
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**Sarasota, FL 34243**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## February Happenings

Every Monday	Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday	4 Officers meeting (rm 10 / 7pm)
Friday	7 Fish Fry! (Flynn Hall / 4pm-7pm)
Saturday	8 Trivia Night. (Flynn Hall / 5:45pm) <b>Doors open at 5pm</b>
Sunday	9 Super Bowl! Chicken & Ribs (Flynn Hall 2pm)
Thursday	13 Business / Council Meeting (Flynn Hall / 6:30pm)
Saturday	15 Tootsie Roll Drive (Publix rt 70 / 8am - 4pm)
Saturday	15 CCW Fashion Show! (Flynn Hall / 11am - 2pm)
Sunday	16 Tootsie Roll Drive (Publix rt 70 / 8am - 4pm)
Saturday	22 BASEBALL!! (Ed Smith Stadium / 1:05pm)
Monday	24 BASEBALL!! (Ed Smith Stadium / 1:05pm)
Tuesday	25 BASEBALL!! (Ed Smith Stadium / 1:05pm)
Tuesday	25 Rosary for the Unborn (Fountain / 6pm)
Thursday	27 BASEBALL!! (Ed Smith Stadium / 1:05pm)
Thursday	27 4th Degree Meeting (TDB / 6:15pm)

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# Grand Knight's Corner

Worthy Brother Knights,

First, let me say that it is an honor to be appointed Grand Knight for the remainder of the 2024-2025 term! I will do my best to continue the success that PGK Pat Thielen has brought to the council.

We have several events ahead of us in the upcoming weeks. Friday, February 7th is our First Friday Fish Fry. Fish Fry will be every Friday during Lent, which starts Ash Wednesday, March 5th. Then Sunday, February 9th, is Super Bowl Sunday. The Knights will be cooking Chicken & Ribs in Flynn Hall.

Baseball starts towards the end of the month. Our council has a concession stand at Ed Smith stadium, where the Orioles play. Our first game is Saturday, February 22nd. Please let me know if you can help out for any one of these events.



Vivat Jesus!

Sal Antonicelli

Grand Knight

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## Coast Guard holds memorial to honor fallen crew members of Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. – Coast Guard crew members from local units held a memorial service honoring the fallen crew members from Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn, Tuesday, at the Blackthorn Memorial site in St. Petersburg.

The memorial ceremony marked the 45th anniversary of the 23 lives lost during the collision between Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn and the motor vessel Capricorn near the Sunshine Skyway Bridge on Jan. 28, 1980. The ship had a crew complement of 50.

"The Coast Guard is honored to continue to recognize all those who made the ultimate sacrifice 45 years ago during the tragic Cutter Blackthorn event," said retired Master Chief Petty Officer John L. Chassereau, Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn memorial committee president. "We continue to learn from our past to positively develop our service in the future."



The Blackthorn collision forever changed the Coast Guard and provided lessons on risk management and training. After this tragedy, the Coast Guard made critical improvements to service readiness, training, and safety. It provided the impetus for the establishment of the Command and Operations School at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. The school offers courses to prepare command-level officers and senior enlisted members for command duty afloat.

The ceremony included a fly over by Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater, wreath laying, an honor platoon representing each Blackthorn victim, laying of roses and presiding official comments from Rear Adm. Douglas M. Schofield, Coast Guard District Seven commander.



**Pictured: Above:** US Coast Guard **Left:** Padre Louis DeSoto Faithful Navigator, Chris Maffettone with Color Corp Members. **Top of Page:** Bell from the USCGC Blackthorn that was saved from the wreckage.



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## Spaghetti Dinner

The year started off with a bang! The parish held it's annual Spaghetti Dinner. Over 100 in attendance for the event. Fun and fellowship were had by all!

That OLQM Parish groups came together to pull off the event with ease! The Parish raffle tickets were drawn and winner was announced! Jim Mruk was the Grand Prize winner!



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## Tootsie Roll Drive

Each year, our council will do a "Tootsie Roll Drive". Our brother Knights will volunteer to hang out in front of a building and collect money for Citizens with Disabilities. This January, the drive was stationed at Publix on University. Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26, from 8am to 4pm, these men weathered the grueling Florida 'Winter Weather' to do their duty and collect for those that are in need.

For their efforts, these worthy men raised a wonderful \$1827.00! Thank you for all your hard work men, it's greatly appreciated!!

There will be another Tootsie Roll Drive, Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16 at the Publix on rt. 70. All the slots for this drive are full. However, if you're interested in participating in future Tootsie Roll Drives, please see Grand Knight, Sal Antonicelli.



## Good of the Order

Bob Petrelli	Jack Mc Neeley
Steve Dardinski	Julia Barker
Levi Vingelli	Terry Fusco
John Marabella	Dolly Gallo

## February Birthdays

Hayden Palino	2	Jose Roca	18
Joseph Pezzino	2	Gerry Smith	19
Ken Fowler	9	Joe Smith	19
William Burke	12	Michael Rizzo	20
Raymond Celentano	15	Daniel Pelletier	23
Mike Ross		24	

If you have a story, article, event or other notes of interest that you think would be good for our council newsletter, please contact:

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