



The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, January 11 @ 7:30 pm
In the Parish Center

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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From my home to yours, wishing everyone a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! I hope that my report finds my extended Council family and all of our dear friends doing well this month and that everyone had a most blessed and wonderful Christmas Season! We all have much to be so grateful for in our awesome country, community and parish.

We had a VERY BUSY month in December with all kinds of terrific activities going on and we will have another busy month ahead in January to start the calendar year off for 2024 in our Council. We have a full schedule that I have outlined below for January with the taking down of the Christmas trees and decorations in the church and Christmas lights around the parish campus which the dates for have not been finalized yet so I will be sending out signup sheets for these.

While I'm thinking of it, everyone please mark your calendars for our "**Parish New Year's Celebration Dinner Dance**" to be held on Friday, January 19th, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, in the Parish Center. After a number of years, Father Eric and his Funky R & B Band makes his return to Espiritu Santo for our listening enjoyment. So, please mark the date and come on out and have a great time!

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, January 4th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Thursday, January 11th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, January 11th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, January 11th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Coffee, Donuts & More - Sunday, January 14th, 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Program Directors Meeting – Tuesday January 16th, 7:00 AM, in the Gathering Room
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery – Thursday, January 18th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen
- Parish New Year's Celebration Dinner Dance – Friday, January 19th, 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, January 20th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street,
- Council Cooking for Religious Education – Sunday, January 21st, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Parish Center
- Assembly Meeting – Thursday, January 25th, 7:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Cooking for Religious Education – Sunday, January 28th, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Parish Center
- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, February 1st, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Thursday, February 8th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, February 8th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, February 8th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room

COFFEE, DONUTS & MORE

We had our monthly Coffee, Donuts & More on Sunday, December 17th, after all morning Masses in the Saint John Bosco Center again with some terrific results. This was one of our tie-in dates with the Religious Education Family Session being held in the Parish Center so Sue Sferra, Director of RE for our parish, sent all of the students and their parents over to us for Coffee, Donuts and More and the results were that we sold out completely not just once but twice after we went out to buy some more! I would like to thank and recognize all of our Brother Knights and Sisters who volunteered their time and made this event a great success for our Council.

Tom Stanko	Gene Jajuga	Tom Krivchenia
Betty D'Amelio	Joe D'Amelio	Peter Salesses
Ed Amador	John Clarke	Susan Salesses
Amaro Lionheart		

If I have missed anyone, I sincerely apologize.

COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Council had its annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 15th, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM, in the Parish Center. As in past years, we have this party catered for the enjoyment of all Council and Ladies Auxiliary Members and as in recent years, we had Felice Italian Deli cater our party. From everything that I heard from those that attended they thought that the food was awesome and that they all had a wonderful time which I was very happy to hear!

If I had to point out one unfortunate situation that occurred it would be that out of the 105 people that signed up to attend our Christmas Party, which I thought was an awesome response, we only had 85 actually attend. That's nearly a 20% miss. I hate to be negative at this time of year but I ordered enough food for 105 and we had way too much left over which our Council paid for. This will need to be considered for next year as we could have saved nearly \$500 by not ordering so much food. Even though the food was catered in by Felice Italian Deli, it still takes a cast of many to make all the preparations, decorations, and cleanup for the enjoyment of all. I would like to thank all our Brother Knights and Ladies for all of their volunteer assistance with taking this on and to pull it off with terrific reviews from all attending!

Roe Resler	Richie Resler	Robin LaChance
Joe D'Amelio	Betty D'Amelio	Sue Engelmann
John Clarke	Ed Amador	Mike Engelmann
Rita Wolanin	Tom Harkins	Anne Harkins
Tom Stanko	Tom Wozniak	Jean Wozniak
Doug deWolfe	Dave Behrle	Tom Krivchenia
Karen Jajuga	Gene Jajuga	Tom Fitzpatrick
JJ Coyne	Addy Coyne	Matt Sunski

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PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Also, on Sunday, December 10th, we had our Parish Breakfast with Santa! How absolutely amazing and incredible did this turn out! From our dedicated set up crew with decorations to our fantastic cooks, servers, runners and replenishment team! Now, that's what I'm talking about! Incredible job everyone!

We had some very exciting entertainment as well. Our own in-house Santa, (Richie Resler) Mrs. Claus, (Roe Resler) and their best helper ever, (Robin LaChance). Very well done and a great big thank you! Candy canes all around!

Another huge hit at the Parish Breakfast with Santa was all of the pictures that were taken by again, our very own, Sir Knight John Ruckart and his wonderful daughter Allison, assisting with all the pictures that were taken of all the kids and parents with Santa. Even our pastor, Father Len, got his picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus.

This year, we also welcomed a wonderful new addition to our entertainment. The Miller Sisters! Both Reagan and Rowan did another beautiful job of singing a great many Christmas carols and songs for our enjoyment. All I can say is WOW! What incredible voices and how blessed and talented these young ladies are. They are truly blessed! Thank you!

I would like to thank and recognize all of our Brother Knights and Sisters who volunteered their time and made this event a great success for our Council.

Joe D'Amelio	Betty D'Amelio	Frank McEwen
John Clarke	Rob Pickard	Adel Nammour
Ed Amador	Matt Sunski	George Inderwies
Miguel Perez	Paul Harvey	Mario Zaccaria
Pat Nocerino	Peter Demzak	Paul Cooper
Brian Kearns	Rita Wolanin	Gene Wolanin
Tom Harkins	Anne Harkins	Mark Feldman
Karen Jajuga	Gene Jajuga	Tom Krivchenia
Ethan Reed	Zachary Reed	Dominica Reed

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CHRISTMAS CARDS & ORNAMENT SALES

A great big THANK YOU this year goes to our TEAM of Mike Engelmann, Gene Wolanin and JJ Coyne for spending three consecutive weekends after all Masses selling Knights of Columbus Cards, magnets and Nativity Scenes for our Council. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!! for all your time spent for the success of our Council.

CHRISTMAS TREE INSTALLATION & DECORATIONS

Once again, this year our Knights of Columbus Council has been asked by our Parish to help assist with the installation of the Christmas trees and decorations in the church and around the Parish campus. Thank you to the following for answering the call and assisting to help make our Parish look so beautiful for the Christmas Season!

John Clarke	Rob Pickard	Bill Krajewski
Ed Amador	JJ Coyne	Mike Engelmann
Gene Jajuga	Mark Feldman	Eileen Feldman
Matt Sunski	Tom Krivchenia	

If I have missed anyone, I sincerely apologize.

BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Vivat Jesus!

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Council 7109 Holy Moments

Dear Brother Knights,

As we bid farewell to the Christmas season and welcome the dawn of a new year, I extend heartfelt greetings to each one of you. May the joy of the season linger in your hearts, and the blessings of the New Year unfold abundant opportunities for growth, unity, and grace.

Reflecting on the past month, it's important to acknowledge the lessons learned from our experiences. While December brought moments of celebration and fellowship, it also presented challenges. Our commitment to recruiting faced a setback as potential candidates, despite our efforts, did not join us for the exemplification ceremony. However, setbacks are not failures but steppingstones towards growth.

Matthew Kelly's wisdom on "Holy Moments" resonates in times like these. Every interaction, every attempt at recruitment is an opportunity to create something sacred. Let's draw from our own experiences, understanding that the fulfillment of our calling lies not just in achieving numbers but in sharing the transformative journey with others. With that in mind I would like to thank via this forum Brothers Tom Stanko, JJ Coyne, and Amaro Lionheart for helping at the recruiting tables during the recent events with membership.

As we continue our journey, I encourage each of you to explore the Coats for Kids program, where sponsorships are open until January 31st, 2024. Visit our website at www.safetyharborkofc.org for details. This initiative aligns with our calling to be of service, creating holy moments for those in need.

In our pursuit of excellence, let's aim for the Star Council designation, a recognition from Supreme KOC leaders for outstanding achievement. It signifies our commitment to the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, echoing the spirit of our order.

Moreover, the holiday season offers a unique opportunity for reflection and reconciliation. The Bible emphasizes the importance of resolving conflicts before offering gifts to

God (Matthew 5:23-24). It reminds us to seek wisdom and submit to God for conflict resolution (James 1:5, James 4:7-10).

I share a personal experience where, during our recent Holiday/Christmas Dinner, a conflict that stemmed back from October between myself and a brother Knight. Inspired by the teachings we hold dear; I stepped forward to resolve the misunderstanding. It's a testament to the transformative power of reconciliation and the creation of holy moments even in challenging times.

As we embrace the New Year, let's renew our commitment to our calling, invite others to share in the fulfillment of our purpose, and collectively strive for the Star Council distinction. Wishing you all a blessed and purposeful New Year.

In unity and service,



Edward J. Amador
Membership Director
Barney Gonyea Council 7109



December Coffee & Donuts was a big success!

Unity - Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2024: February 13 | April 16 | June 18

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2024: February 15 | April 18 | June 20

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	334
Insurance Membership	137
Honorary Life Members	68
Honorary Members	07
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	11/15
2023-2024 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	134
Honorary Life Members	17
Honorary Members	01
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	03/06



Council Officers 2023-2024

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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Maroun Aoun, Paul Barry, David Behrle, Domenic Berenato, John Cathcart, Richard Ciardullo, Ricardo Colina, Hoyt Decker, Robert Ehrman, Ward Griffin, William Griffin, Gerald Grubba, James Hayes, Derek Jones, Brian Lawandus, Gerald Lubig, Francis Mahoney, Daniel Manella, James Montali, Francis Mutesaasira, Javier Ortega, Gerald Pappa, Christopher Purcell, Donald Reed, Kenneth Ruckart, Keith Taylor, Steven Verba

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Mario Zaccario, Ken Seguin, Ron Lexa (d), Susanne Papa (d), Andrea Coe (d), Maggie Cappabianca, Lillian Custin (d), David Flori (d), Kathy Kukulski (d), Peter Iaffaldano (d), Ward Griffin, Jim Watson, Richard Caridi (d), Jim Jessup (d), Sandy (Gouin), Elizabeth Inderwies, Bill McFadden, Kennedie McFadden, Leonard Gogola, Bob Justiana, Dorothy Alogozzina (d), Gabe Seguin, Jewel Allen (d), Ed Mandichak, Steven Cote, SamAmador, Ellen Graham (d), David deWolfe (d), Joseph Raponi (d)

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727. 286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support Our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



John Paul Grabowski

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. All three of our seminarians are located at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana. Austin Smith, junior year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Benjamin Harris, junior year from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski, in his sophomore year, is from Catholic Student Center, USF – Tampa.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, Donald and Linda Motika Borbath, James Burris, John and Sharon Cathcart, John and Betsy Clarke, John Coyne, William Cullen, Joseph and Betty D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol De Wolfe, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Philip and Jane Farney, Robert Faw, Thomas Fitzpatrick, John and Peggy Gohman, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas and Jean Hart, Timothy and Ann Hartle, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, James and Angy Hayes, David and Donna Heezen.,Kevin and Gidget Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hoherl, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Timothy Kielich, William and Katherine Krajieski, Frank and Deborah Laffey, Milton Levine, Santo and Karen Loparo, Patrick Mackin, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, John Morgan, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Donald Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas Penders, Daniel Peterson, Robert and Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, James and Drema Servoss Rooney, Daniel and Paula Saracki, William and Mary Scott, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheafer, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Thomas and TP Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Steven Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria, Patrick and Joan Alix, Edward and Violet Amador, Victor and Susanne Berggren, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Kevin Cordaro, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Frederick and Christi Elfein, Zach Faraone, Charles and Raquel Friesema, Michael and Lisa Furman, Ward and Kathleen Griffin, Mark and Patricia Gurley, Kenton and Sue Heuertz, Jarret Honahan, George and Claire Inderwies, Brian and Christine Kearns, Matthew Killeen, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, James and Karen Kurzdorfer, Stephen and Ellen Leger, John Lenehan, Stanley Lipiarz, Clifford and Michelle Merz, James and Phyllis Montali, Adel Nammour, William Nies, James and Patricia Nolf, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Donald and Alexis Reed, Juan and Rosemary Romero, Kurt Salac, Peter and Susanne Salesses, Jim and Nancy Shirer, James and Karin Smith, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Roy and Linda Motika Vanderveer, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayril, Vincent Baldwin, Fred and Caroline Bennett, Thomas Bergevin, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, Tim and Stacey Bruggeman, Patrick Carroll, Joseph and Ellen Cortese, Gerald Custin, Austin Davis, Peter Demzak, Terry and Shirley Drake, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Gerald and Lorraine Grubba, Joseph Guazzerotti, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, James and Janetze Hart, David and Paula Harvey, Irving Hernandez, James Jessup, Christopher Jones, Mark and Maryann Kapinos, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Richard and Cecilia Kemball-Cook, Dan and Donna Kistel, James and Patricia Kleinsorge, Thomas and Kathy Kukulski, James and Maria Lankford, Brian and Christina Lapointe, Brian Lawandus, Mark Lewalski, Viktor Lewalski, Christian Lyon, Edward Martinenko, Christopher Mazzone, Michael McCarthy, Darryl Miller, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, David Neal, Chris Nesci, Todd and Margaret Owers, Edmund and Diane Pagnott, Robert Papariella, Frank Pensabene, Miguel Perez, Mark and Christine Peterman, James and Suzanne Preston, Christopher and Carol Purcell, Richard and Rosalie Resler, Edward and Sandra Riley, Brian Riley, Jeffrey and Roxann Rogers, Kenneth Ruckart, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin, Massimo Simeoni, James and Darlene Stanley, Lawrence and Corinne Rose Steinhardt, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujanani, Keith and Griselda Taylor, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, Jacob and Mary Burnett, Joseph Celic, Jerome Dewberry, Timothy and Marcy Dolan, Eric and Bernadette Flores, Jared Kirsten, Michael Lyons, Javier and Xiomara Ortega, Christopher and Teresanne Russell, Mario Russica, Hugh and Katie Siegel, Thomas Smith, Francis Cayer, Frank and Patricia Piro, Robert Shafer, Margaret Watson, Derek Jones, Robert and M.A. Justiana, John J Liu, John T Liu

Total Collected to Date: \$1,841.27



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Who Am I To Judge?

Pope Francis

On December 18 the Vatican's Doctrinal Office issued a declaration that priests can bless same-sex couples as long as the blessing does not resemble a marriage or coincide with a civil union ceremony. Earlier this Fall Pope Francis said that civil marriages of same sex-couples are allowed. In this later case a legal/civil marriage guarantees that one partner can receive insurance and health benefits of their partner, be in the hospital room when the partner is dying or undergoing a serious medical treatment when access is limited to someone who has a legal or blood relationship.

The blessing is a blessing - nothing more and nothing less. The blessing affirms God's presence for them. Some may find this latest declaration a blessing and a freedom, while others may find this shocking. These declarations are meant to be signs of welcome and inclusivity of LGBT Catholics, who have often felt ostracized or excluded from a recognized membership in the Catholic Community of Faith.

"But the condemnation of homosexuality is in the Bible." Yes, but those texts in the Hebrew Scriptures are over a 1000 years old, when the cultural perception was that all gays are perverts. The perspective became part of the religious condemnation. Today pastoral theologians and psychologists affirm that people do not choose their sexual orientation. They discover it as the way they are made by our Creator God. Homosexuals are also "made

in God's image and likeness." [Genesis 1] Many of us in the Knights have brothers or sisters, sons and daughters, and good friends who are gay. It is the way they are made. Pope Francis and many other religious men and women have taken the prophetic stand to recognize the goodness of gay men and women before God and the Community of Faith.

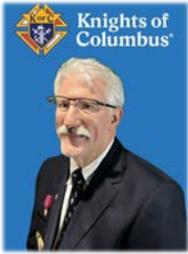
I realize for some this perspective may be very challenging and even threatening to your Catholic point of view and change may be difficult, but necessary for the sake of a welcoming and healing Church. Affirming the goodness of homosexuals is no longer just an individual perspective that one can take or leave. It is the perspective of the Roman Catholic Church. If you have gay relatives or friends, you might have a conversation with them about their sexual orientation and how they came/discovered that. Yes, there are homosexuals who are over the top, but there are just as many straights who are over the top! Please do not judge by one or two examples.

I have been the Chaplain of the Tampa Bay Catholic Gay and Lesbian Community for over 20 years. Until recently we have had Mass every Sunday at the Franciscan Center for over 42 years. I welcome your personal conversations and questions with me at any time.

Michael Cooper, S.J.

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

Happy New Year!!! To all my Brother Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas spending time with family and friends. Let me be one of the first to wish you a Happy New Year. May you have a better year than last year. I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for decorating the Parish Center for the Christmas Party and making those wonderful gift baskets. A most heartfelt Thank You to all those that helped with the serving of food and setting up and working the bar. A special thank you to John Ruckart for taking the time to make sure that everyone who wanted a picture had one at no cost. It was awesome to see all the Grand Knights in attendance in a single picture. Thank you for all the people who helped set up the trees and put up the garland around the church. We will be offering coffee and donuts again this month. On January 28th we will be having our Basketball Free Throw Contest in the school gym from 9-12pm. Bring your children, grandchildren, and neighbors. All are welcome! Boys and girls from 9 to 14 years old are eligible. We will be holding our quarterly Program Director's Meeting on Tuesday January 16th at 7pm in the Gathering Room. Please be prepared to discuss your plans for the rest of the year.

Faith In Action



FAITH

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From the Faith Director's Desk

We will be getting together to plan the rolling out of the new COR program which is a program that helps men become closer to the Lord which they can share with their family. We will try it out with our brother Knights first before rolling it out to the men of the Parish. We will have our monthly Rosary on Thursday January 11th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Room. The Rosary is open to everyone in the parish. We will start planning the Retreat which will be on May 4th. Our Corporate Communion Mass will be

on June 2nd. We will also be hosting the St. Joseph Icon in early August.

From the Community Director's Desk

Brothers, as we move into 2024, there will be several opportunities to serve our greater community. First, on Sunday, January 28th, we will conduct the annual Free Throw Championship at the school gymnasium. We will also be conducting the Coats for Kids program. We will be doing this in conjunction with St Vincent de Paul. Stay tuned for further details. We will be hosting the Hockey Shootout Challenge in February. This will be open to boys and girls from 9-14 years old. This will also be in the school gym. Finally, we will be conducting our quarterly road cleanup. Thanks to the guys who took part in this early in December. This was another success and we picked up quite a bit of trash on Enterprise Rd and made a tangible contribution to the lives of our neighbors that use that road regularly. We will establish the date for the first quarter very soon and give everyone plenty of notice.

From the Family Director's Desk

Happy New Year to you all! This is the time for us to start fresh with new goals and plans for 2024 as well as a time to reassess our purpose as husbands, fathers, and grandfathers. May we follow the lead of Our Heavenly Father as we shepherd our families to the ultimate destination of Heaven. Now that our renovated church is open, we have more use of the Parish Center which will allow us to plan activities for our families to enjoy. We wish you all a happy and prosperous new year. Thank you to Gene Wolanin, Mike Engelmann and JJ Coyne for all the work you did for the sale of the Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales.

From the Life Director's Desk

We will be doing our monthly workday at the Kimberly Home on January 20th from 8am to 10am. All are welcome. We are still collecting money for the Kimberly Home with the baby bottles. Last year we raised \$1200. If anyone would like to take a baby bottle home for all your loose change or excess bills, please let me know. We will also be providing opportunities for donations at each of our Fish Fry dinners during Lent.

Saint Andre Bessette – January 6 - Memorial

Saint Andre Bessette was born of a poor family near Montreal, Canada. He entered the Congregation of the Holy Cross in 1872, taking the name Andre. As a brother, he was assigned to be porter at the College of Notre Dame in Montreal. Brother Andre was known for his humility and kindness. More and more people were drawn to him as his humble prayers to St. Joseph, whom he had a great devotion to, obtained physical healings and conversions in the hearts of many who came to seek his assistance. "It is St. Joseph who cures," he said. "I am only a little dog." Desiring to provide a fitting shrine for his patron, Andre raised funds by doing simple haircuts for students at five cents apiece. Soon, money was raised from wealthier visitors as well as from the common people. His reputation for healing and holiness was recognized far and wide. A chapel was constructed in honor of St. Joseph and Brother Andre was assigned as its caretaker. It soon became too small for the many pilgrims who were flocking to the little church. The Oratory of St. Joseph on the top of Mount Royal was eventually built. The construction of the basilica began in May 1915 and was finally consecrated on August 9, 1943. The Basilica as it stands today was completed after the Second World War. The Oratory Dome is the third largest of its kind in the world after St. Peter's in Rome. Saint Andre died in 1937 and was canonized in 2010.

January Liturgical Calendar

- Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)
- Jan 2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen (Memorial)
- Jan 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Jan 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (Memorial)
- Jan 5 Saint John Neumann (Memorial)
- Jan 6 St. Andre Bessette
- Jan 7 The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)
- Jan 8 The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)
- Jan 13 St. Hilary, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Jan 17 Saint Anthony (Memorial)
- Jan 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Jan 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope
- Jan 24 Saint Francis de Sales (Memorial)
- Jan 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle (Feast)
- Jan 26 Saints Timothy and Titus (Memorial)
- Jan 27 St. Angela Merici, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Jan 31 Saint John Bosco (Memorial)

Vivat Jesus,
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YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 OF ESPIRITU SANTO CHURCH & SCHOOL
 PRESENTS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP
 Open to Boys and Girls, Ages 9-14

Scan: **Date: January 27th, 2024**
OR **Time: 9AM - 12PM**
Visit: **Location:**
 ESPIRITU SANTO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 2405 Phillippe Pkwy, Safety Harbor

www.safetyharborkofc.org to Pre-Register, Print your Score sheet, and Read more information about the event.

Faith in Action Please note: Entrants may compete in only one local competition. Community



WGK Gene Jajuga recognizes Tom Stanko as September Knight of the Month



John Ruckart
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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and Merry Christmas.

All of us start the new year afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year. Some years I do better than others.

But here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me.

First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable.

The same is true of all those other resolutions we make.

I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day...but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction.

I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step.

You get the idea. The resolution should be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm

charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can take a look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family appropriately protected.

I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus!

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Our current and several past Grand Knights pose together at the KofC Christmas Party





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Faithful Navigator's Log

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Knights of Columbus and their families and friends. May God continue to bless this country and protect us all.

The next Assembly meeting will be on January 25, 2024 where the Renewal of Obligation will take place. I urge all 4th Degree Knights to attend this ceremony and renew your obligations.

There are several Exemplifications scheduled for 2024, as follows:

- February 17, 2024 – Spanish Virtual Degree
- March 9, 2024 – St. Francis X Cabrini Catholic Church Parrish, Florida
- May 11, 2024 – Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Naples, Florida
- June 15, 2024- Church of the Little Flower Coral Gables, Florida
- August 25, 2024 – San Juan del Rio Catholic Church Saint John, Florida

Pass this information to any Knight that wishes to advance to the 4th Degree. Refer all interested to me and I will start the process for them.

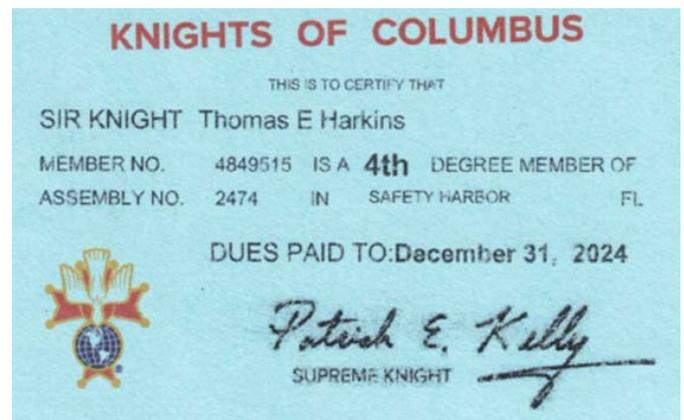
One proposed change for Exemplifications effective January 2024 is a fee increase to \$90.00; the fee has not changed for over 20 years. Other changes will be the Exemplification will be open to wives and family members, and, the removal of the requirement for secrecy.

Remember to invite a friend, a fellow parishioner or member of your family to our KofC Open House. We would like to welcome all future Knights interested in doing service for our community and church.

Future events will include, Lenten Fish Fries, Altar Servers Party, and KofC Retreat.

*“So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
Isaiah 41 10*

From the Desk of the Faithful Comptroller



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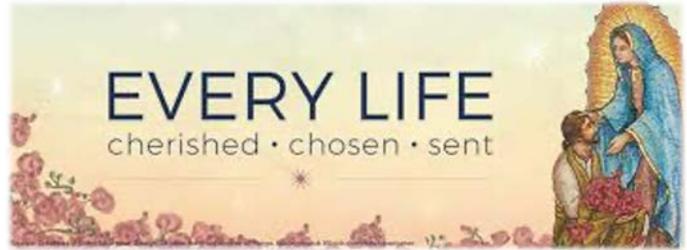
Assembly 2474 membership cards for paid up regular and honorary members will be available for pick-up either at the January 25 or February 22 Assembly meetings in the John Bosco Center.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS – even though you have a permanent plastic membership card, Supreme still requires the Financial Comptroller to issue a paper membership card (AKA Traveling card) to all Life members. These cards will also be available for distribution at the meetings.

If you are unable to attend both meetings and you would like your card mailed to you, please send an email to our Financial Comptroller teharkins@gmail.com. We want to minimize postage expenses, so please pick your card up in person if possible.



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Happy New Year! May God continue to bless us, our families, and friends, with good health and grace to persevere in times of trial and tribulation, and renewed commitment to love God with all our might, in thoughts and deeds, & to love our neighbor as our self.

Do you have a family member or friend needing help to break an addiction? Or do you know someone needing healing from emotional pain? Then, please look into the wonderful ministry of Comunita Cenacolo. Google that for more information; also see www.hopereborn.org. These websites have testimonials from people that have been helped. Learn about their Servants of Hope, who assist those looking for help. They take men aged 18-40, and women 18-30, who are physically able to work and willing to pray. The daily schedule includes Mass, prayer, three rosaries a day minimum, Eucharistic adoration, and devotion to St. Joseph. Sounds like good advice to all who seek to repent of sin and turn their lives around. Once accepted, there is a 3-year commitment to living in community and working to support the house. There are 3 community houses in FL and one in AL, plus another 67 in 19 other countries. This ministry was founded in 1983. The Cenacolo Community has been recognized by the Catholic Church, at the Pontifical Council for the Laity, as an International Private Association of the Faithful. My source for this ministry is the Magnificat, Dec 2023 edition, Daily Meditation, page 263. (ps: The Magnificat is a wonderful monthly booklet for your consideration. It will assist your prayer life and help lead you closer to God.

The 4th Annual March for Life – St Petersburg will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024, 9 - 11 am. Arrive 9a, march starts 9:30a, event ends 11a. Route is 0.6 mile, from Pioneer Park, 50 Bayshore Dr, to City Hall, St. Petersburg. Give me a call or text to carpool or with any Qs. 727-743-9885.

Also, a promotion of the upcoming Tampa Bay Men's Conference, to be held Sat, Feb 25, at Higgins Halls, St Lawrence Catholic Church, 5225 N Himes Ave, Tampa. Go to www.SunCoastCatholicMinistries.com for more information and to register. CU there.



WGK Gene Jajuga recognizes Mike Engelmann as November Knight of the Month



Proud WGK Gene and Lady Karen attend grandson Jack's Navy Supply Corps School graduation

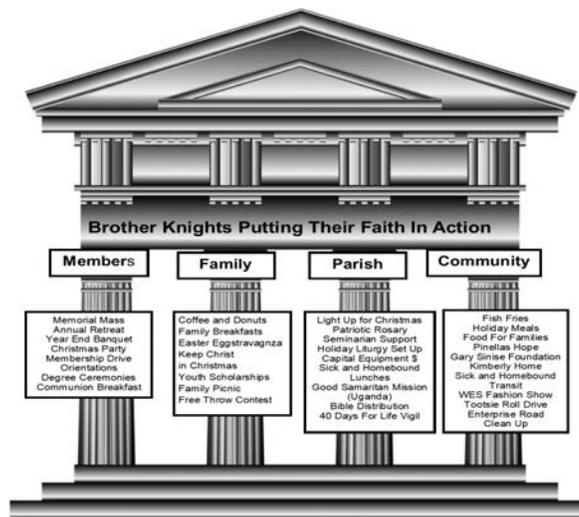


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Heal Family Wounds

Psalm 51 is a lamentation of David and perfect reading for the theme of healing family wounds. It reveals something that I never recall hearing about David. I recall him being chosen by God, a handsome and ruddy youth. However, among his lamentations he is very thorough in recognizing his own guilt and pleading for forgiveness. However, he also reveals that he was born in guilt, and, in sin, his mother conceived him. Psalm 69 develops this further in terms of his rejection by his family throughout his youth. Thus, the need not only for personal healing but family healing. As we know, many families suffer in some way because of a variance from God's word, the breaking of a vow or the betrayal of trust. This month actively pray for healing and work on it as needed.



Psalm 51

For the leader. A psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him after he had gone into Bathsheba. Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love; in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions. Thoroughly wash away my guilt; and from my sin cleanse me. For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your eyes So that you are just in your word, and without reproach in your judgment. Behold, I was born in guilt, in sin my mother conceived me. Behold, you desire true sincerity; and secretly you teach me wisdom. Cleanse me with hyssop,² that I may be pure; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. OYou will let me hear gladness and joy; the bones you have crushed will rejoice. Turn away your face from my sins; blot out all my iniquities. A clean heart create for me, God; renew within me a steadfast spirit. Do not drive me from before your face, nor take from me your holy spirit. Restore to me the gladness of your salvation; uphold me with a willing spirit. I will teach the wicked your ways, that sinners may return to you. Rescue me from violent bloodshed, God, my saving God, and my tongue will sing joyfully of your justice. Lord, you will open my lips; and my mouth will proclaim your praise. For you do not desire sacrifice³ or I would give it; a burnt offering you would not accept. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn. ⁴Treat Zion kindly according to your good will; build up the walls of Jerusalem. Then you will desire the sacrifices of the just, burnt offering and whole offerings; then they will offer up young bulls on your altar.

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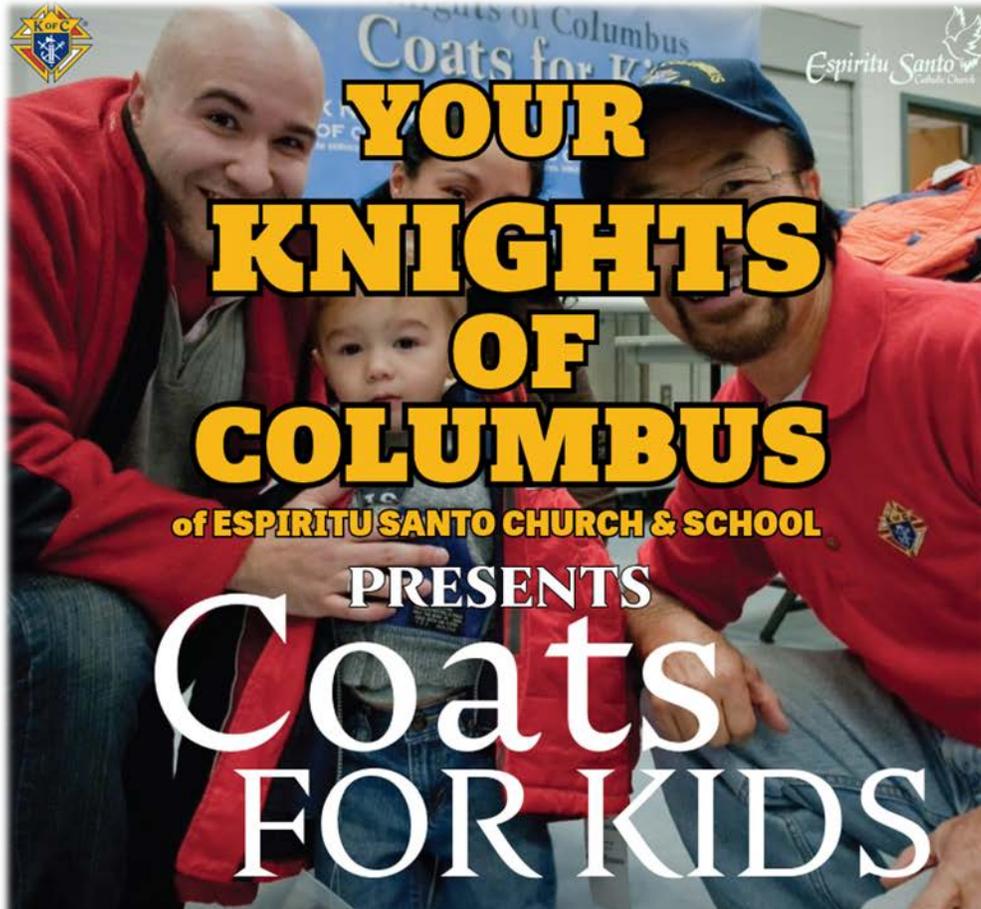
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GK Appeal - Coats For Kids



Dear Worthy Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we leave behind the holiday season, and begin a New Year, let us reflect on the true essence of charity and giving. Our duty as Knights calls us to be the light and warmth in the lives of those in need. This is a **rallying** call to come together as a **brotherhood** to spread warmth and **hope** to those who **need** it most. Our Coats for Kids program is a beacon of **kindness**, and your **compassionate heart** can make a world of **difference**.

Why Your Support Matters: Imagine a child braving the winter chill without a coat, or a fellow brother or sister facing life's challenges without the comfort they deserve. This is where we step in, not just as Knights but as caring individuals with the power to make a positive impact. If you are still not convinced it gets cold enough to warrant a jacket in Clearwater, FL. Just check out the Pinellas County ER Service for cold temperature alerts. To sign up for that service - It's easy and FREE [Sign up here!](#)

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In the spirit of charity and warmth,

Gene Jajuga, Grand Knight
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Letter to the Editor



Are You Worthy

The Season of Advent is arguably the most important in our liturgical year and as Catholics. For without the birth of Christ there would be no salvation and maybe no liturgical year for that matter. The Advent Season is marked by many important events. As we know three of the four Sunday's purple vestments are worn as the world is in darkness. However, on the third Sunday we are told to "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration.

I found the Gospel for Gaudete Sunday interesting. John the Baptist is doing his work in the Jordan and getting peppered with questions on who he is, is he the Savior, and where does he get his authority. He defers the answers until some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Good answer. None of us are worthy. That is why this is such a joyous season and one that brings us God's unconditional forgiveness and love.

One the octave of Christmas we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. Without her yes, we would not have Christ's birth. The feast continues through the twelfth night or the feast of the epiphany.

Epiphany, also called Theophany, is a celebration of God manifesting as the baby Jesus and revealing Himself to the world. The holiday also marks the day the Magi, or the three kings, visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus' baptism is also celebrated during Epiphany. The holiday is also sometimes known as Three Kings Day.

Given these feasts I don't think it's too hard a reach to say they cover three of the four traits of our Church as One, Holy and Catholic (or universal). Given that it also covers three of the four pillars of the Knights of Columbus – Unity, Charity and the Fraternity of our Magi brothers.

Happy New Year!

God's Blessings wished to all and your families in this new year. May you have peace, health, and happiness in this new year. Once again, our Toys for Tots collection event was extraordinary. With the donated gift cards and the auxiliary's donations, we were able to give over \$1300 of toys to this special charity. Over the years, we have continued many contributions to needy children. Thank you, Katie Gonsch, for orchestrating the gifting tree and Santa's Elves shopping for the toys.

We will start our new year out January 11 with our first auxiliary meeting of 2024. We will be planning ahead for the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday falling early this year - February 14th - and our Knights of Columbus first Fish Fry on February 16!

Remember, all ladies are welcome who are wanting to help the Knights of Columbus, especially those who had late Knights who we miss from our group. Keep each other in your thoughts and prayers, for our ladies who are in need of healing and support. In His Love.



From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

'Far Beyond Pearls'

*Spousal love and support, epitomized by the late Ann Dechant,
make our work as Knights of Columbus possible*

Last month, on the feast of All Souls, I had the great honor to deliver the eulogy at the funeral of Ann L. Dechant, wife of the Order's 12th and longest-serving supreme knight, Virgil C. Dechant. For nearly seven decades, Ann supported Virgil as he rose through the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. And for 23 years, she was at his side as he led the Order. In their relationship, every Knight — and every wife of a Knight — saw a Christian marriage *par excellence*. Virgil and Ann shaped the Knights of Columbus for the better — and always as a team.

Ann Dechant had a servant's heart — and sacrificed for her family and the Order without complaint. Raised on a farm in Kansas, she left her home state to move to far-off Connecticut when Virgil was appointed supreme secretary in 1967. She cared for her young children and raised them to know and love Christ, all the while assisting her husband as he led a growing, global organization. And even as she kept the home fires burning, she was often expected to be with Virgil as he traversed the globe.

In many ways, Ann had an impossible task, yet her example reminds us that with God all things are possible (Mt 19:26). She was held in high esteem by presidents and popes. St. John Paul II appointed her to the Pontifical Council for the Family. But while she moved in high circles, she never lost the common touch or her Kansas kindness. She juggled the competing demands of her life with grace and prayer — and with a trusting devotion to our Blessed Mother. In doing this, she set an example for future generations of Knights and their wives.

Ann's sacrifice typifies the sacrifice that so many of our wives make for us as Knights and for the Order. So much of what we do as Knights would not be possible without the support and dedication of our wives. Speaking for myself, I can honestly say that I couldn't do what I do without my wife, Vanessa. Her steadfast love and support — for me and for our children — allow me to carry out my responsibilities to the Order and the Church.

The same is true for so many Knights Order-wide. The Knights of Columbus is and always will be a fraternal organization of men, but the reason we exist, the reason Blessed Michael McGivney established the Knights, is to serve the family. Our membership in the Order should make us better husbands and fathers, and many K of C activities involve the entire family. At the same time, our volunteer service can take us away from home on many weeknights and weekends, inevitably leaving our wives to adjust family schedules and juggle competing priorities. More often than not, our wives are called upon to go the extra mile to meet family obligations, while also serving as both trusted advisors and indispensable supports to us. In short, being the wife of an active, engaged Knight takes patience, teamwork, sacrifice and an understanding heart. It isn't easy, but it is worthwhile because our mission is worthy.

The Book of Proverbs affirms: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. ... Her children rise up and praise her; her husband, too, extols her: 'Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all'" (31:10-11, 28-29).

The wife of a Knight is truly a "woman of worth." This Christmas season, we should all have gratitude in our hearts and — importantly — on our lips for all that our wives do for us, for the Order and for the Church. May the Holy Family, whose feast we celebrate Dec. 31, be a model and guide for us.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

Member Engagement

Ron Ciampi, State Member Engagement Chairman

Membership Engagement

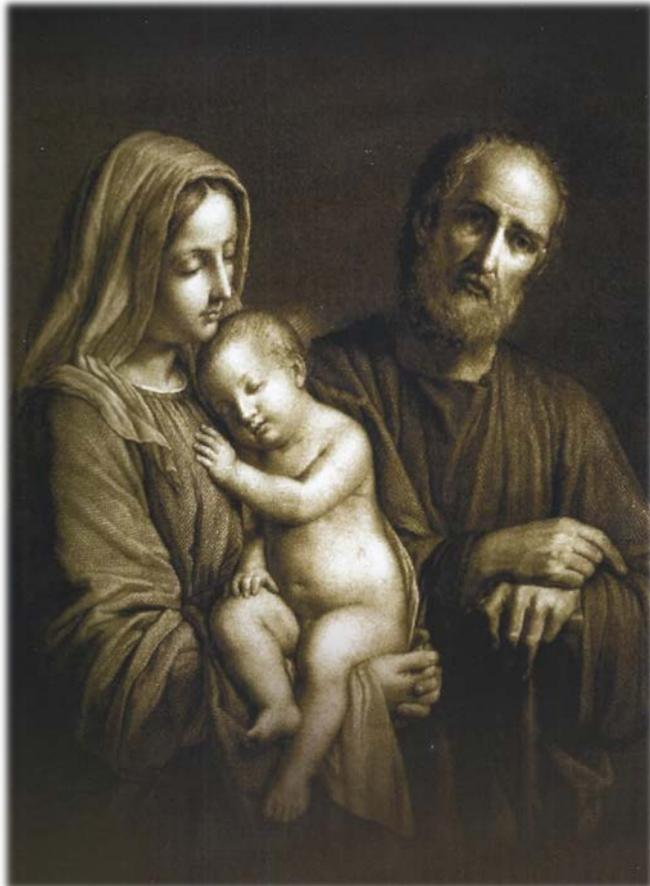
- Meet members where they want to be met
 - We are all on a different path/schedule
- Provide multiple opportunities for members to engage in Council activities
- Communication is key
- Provide ample lead time when announcing project opportunities
- Provide clear vision of why activity is sponsored
- Define available roles for men to assist
- Have ‘jobs’ available for different skills and abilities
- Ask men to bring a friend
- Offer training for volunteers
 - 1 on 1 shadowing
 - Quick pre-event meeting
- Keep men rotating to avoid burnout
- Work as “teams”
- Be open to new ideas men bring forward
 - There will be more passion as men see new ideas being implanted
- Understand members’ motivation •
 - Why did they join?
 - Match volunteer opportunities to their skills and passion
- Thank volunteers – Show gratitude
 - Knight of the Month award
 - Family of the Month award
 - Special awards for specific events
 - Acknowledge their contribution at meetings and in Council communications
 - Include them in articles/photos the council submits to the “Invocation”

Why Recruit?

- We are here to build the Body of Christ, which is His Church
- Encourage Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism
- Form Members in the Catholic faith
- Promote programs to serve the parish, community, and membership

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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

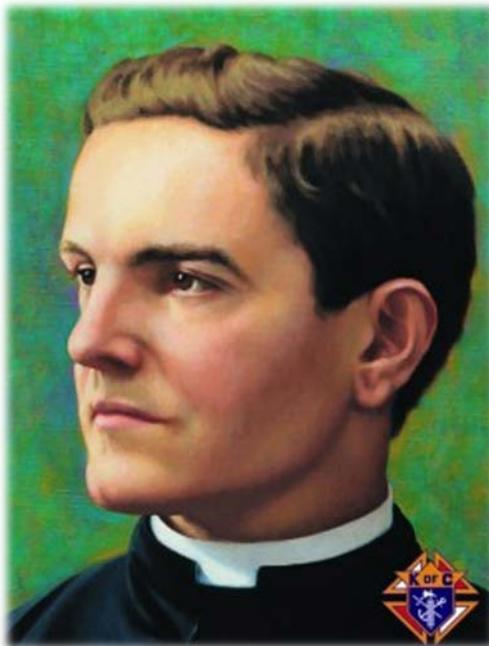
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



*Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

January 2024

- 01/11 | Thu 6:30p Rosary
- 01/11 | Thu 7:30p Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 01/14 | Sun 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 01/16 | Tue 7:00p Program Directors Meeting
- 01/18 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Lunch Prep & Delivery
- 01/19 | Fri 7:00p Parish New Year's Celebration Dinner Dance
- 01/20 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay
- 01/21 | Sun 11:00a Burgers & Dogs RE First Holy Communion Students
- 01/28 | Sun 11:00a Burgers & Dogs RE Confirmation Students



Assembly Calendar of Events...

January 2024

- 01/25 | Thu 7:30p Assembly Meeting (Renewal of Obligation)

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Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities
that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing
Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

