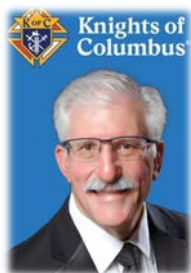




The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brothers and Ladies!

I trust that everyone is having a good summer. I know some of you were gone for many weeks at a time, and I hope you had a great time.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Council 7109 Officer Installation & Banquet Ceremonial on Friday evening, July 12th and supported our newly elected officers as they begin their quest to improve our great council this fraternal year. I would also like to thank our District Deputy, Alan Gauzens, and his lovely wife Joanne, for attending and for the spectacular job WDD Alan did of conducting and installing our council officers with an assist from Joanne in handing out the lovely red roses to our officers' wives. I would also like to thank SK Bill Gallant (and his wife Marie) who substituted for SK Mark Peterman as Outside Guard. I sincerely hope everyone had a great time and enjoyed all the food and beverages. This wonderful event couldn't have been successful without the help of SK Gene Jajuga, Karen Jajuga and Margaret Krivchenia for setting up the Parish Center for this wonderful event. A big THANK YOU to all the Knights and Ladies that helped make this Installation a success. Without the help of these generous people, we could not have experienced such a fulfilling event:

Ed Amador	Rita Wolanin	Wally Vazquez
Matt Sunski	Gene Wolanin	George Inderwies
Kay Strehle	Jack Strehle	Robin LaChance
Ann Harkins	Tom Harkins	Mike Furman

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, August 08 @ **7:00 pm**
in the Parish Center

View the Newsletter online at:
www.safetyharborkofc.org

Visit the State Website at:
www.floridakofc.org
Visit the Supreme Website at:
www.kofc.org

July has been a busy time for finalizing our events calendar and working on finalizing our budget for the new fraternal year. Like other years, this year, the Barney Gonyea Council can be proud of the fine lineup of Council Officers and Service Program Directors. We have a great roster of retuning Council Officers along with some new Council Officers that have had previous experience in other councils or assemblies.

Our new Deputy Grand Knight has been working hard to fill all the Service Program Directors positions which include Faith Director, Community Director, Family Director and Life Director. Amaro Lionheart has accepted the position of Public Relations Director. Again, with a good balance of new directors and returning directors, we will make an awesome team. Congratulations to all of you on your positions and appointments, and I look forward to working with you as we continue the success of our council.

Any new Knight that joined this past year who has not received their third-degree certificate, please come to our Council Business Meeting on Thursday Aug 8th at 7:00 PM so you can receive your certificate.

There are many of you who have not paid your annual dues. Please come to the meeting and pay your dues or send a check to Tom Harkins. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pay at the meeting as it will save the cost of mailing your dues notice to you.

August Events 2024

- . Council Officers Meeting – Thursday, Aug 1st, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- . Rosary – Thursday, August 8th, at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- . Council Business Meeting – Thursday, August 8th, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- . Council Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, August 11th, 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the St John Bosco Center
- . The Saint Joseph Icon arrives Tuesday, August 13th.
- . Pinellas Hope - Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery - Thursday, August 15th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Parish Center kitchen
- . Saint Joseph Icon Mass & Prayer Service – Friday, August 16th, 6:00 PM in the Main Church
- . Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, August 17th, 8:00AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater
- . Membership Drive – Frozen Fruit Bars to be given to the Religious Education Students on Sunday, August 18th, 2:00 PM in the Parish Center
- . Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, 22nd, 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- . The Silver Rose Icon – Sunday Sept 1st, 10:30 AM Mass
- . Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, Sept 5th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- . Council Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Sept 8th, 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- . Rosary – Thursday, Sept 12th, 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- . Council Business Meeting - Thursday Sept 12th, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- . Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday Sept 12th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Assembly 2474 | Gary Sinise Golf Tournament

Our Assembly is holding their annual golf tournament on Sunday October 20th, 2024 at the Ardea Country Club in Eastlake Woodlands. The tournament is raising money for John "JT" Doody, who is a decorated veteran and has survived a whole leg amputation and serious infections that lead to many strokes and in-depth comas. Through the money we raise from this golf tournament, the Gary Sinise Foundation will be able to build him a house that he can live in on his own. We are looking for golfers to play in the tournament and hole sponsors. We are also looking for volunteers to work at the check-in table and other spots throughout the course. The tournament is a 9:00 AM shot gun start with lunch and various contests throughout the course.

The Silver Rose Icon

We will be getting the Silver Rose Icon on September 1st for the 10:30 Mass only. If you are interested in seeing the Icon or paying homage to the Icon, please plan on attending the Mass and come early if you want to spend

some extra time with the Rose. The Silver Rose Program demonstrates the unity between the Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Vivat Jesus,

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PWGK Gene Jajuga recognizes Mario Zaccaria as April 2024 Knight of the Month



PWGK Gene Jajuga recognizes Paul Harvey as June 2024 Knight of the Month



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Council 7109 Holy Moments

Embracing Holy Moments in Recruitment and Community Engagement

Dear Brother Knights,

Reflecting on Our Mission and Recommitting to Growth

As we step into August, it's a time for reflection, renewal, and recommitment to our mission as Knights of Columbus. This past month, we hosted an open house and a ceremony with the hope of welcoming new members into our council. Unfortunately, we did not see any new additions to our ranks. This outcome serves as a reminder of the importance of our recruitment efforts and the need for every Knight to actively engage in inviting new members.

Holy Moments: The Foundation of Our Recruitment Efforts

Matthew Kelly's concept of "Holy Moments" teaches us that every moment holds the potential for extraordinary acts of grace. In the context of our recruitment efforts, every interaction with a potential member is an opportunity to create a Holy Moment. These moments are about sharing our faith, our mission, and the profound impact that being a Knight of Columbus can have on one's life and the community.

Best Practices for Inviting Catholic Men into the Order

To reinforce our recruitment efforts, here are some best practices inspired by Matthew Kelly's principles:

- **Personal Invitations:** Reach out personally to Catholic men in your life. Share your own experiences and the fulfillment you've found as a Knight. A personal story can be a powerful tool in inspiring others.
- **Highlight the Impact:** Emphasize the positive impact our programs have on the community. Explain how membership contributes to initiatives that support families, parishes, and those in need.
- **Create a Holy Moment:** Use every conversation as a Holy Moment. Offer genuine kindness, share your faith, and invite them to experience the joy and purpose that comes from serving others as a Knight.

- **Leverage Events:** Encourage potential members to attend our events, service projects, and meetings. Seeing our brotherhood in action can be a compelling reason to join.

The Importance of Membership

Membership is crucial for the sustainability and growth of our council. It enables us to expand our programs, reach more people in need, and strengthen our community. Each new member brings fresh energy, ideas, and a commitment to our shared mission. The communities that depend on us rely on our collective strength, and growing our membership ensures we can continue to meet these needs effectively.

A Call to Action

I urge each of you to act. Reach out to someone new this month. Share with them the joy and purpose that comes from being a Knight of Columbus. Let's not wait for the next open house or ceremony to think about recruitment—let's make it a continuous effort.

As we move forward, let's recommit to our mission with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Together, we can achieve great things and continue to build a strong, vibrant council that makes a meaningful impact in our community.

Fraternally,

SK Edward J. Amador
Chancellor
Director of Membership



Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2024: Sep 17 | Nov 19
2025: Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 17

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2024: Sep 19 | Nov 20
2025: Feb 20 | Apr 17 | Jun 19

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	336
Insurance Membership	137
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	08
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/15
2023-2024 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	134
Honorary Life Members	16
Honorary Members	01
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/06



Council Officers 2024-2025

Grand Knight	Tom Krivchenia, PFN	727.366.5422
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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Thomas Bergevin, John Bruns, Sal Burriesci, Daniel Capozzelli, Michael Cooper, Aldred Fares, Charles Friesema, Edward Fucillo, Lawrence Harkins, Shawn Jajuga, Richard Kembell-Cook, Matthew Killeen, Dan Kistel, Christian Kuczej, John Kurpinski, Stanley Kwiatkowski, John Liu, Joseph Magaddino, Albert Masselli, Frank McEwen, John Morgan, Robert Papariella, Daniel Peterson, Frank Piro, Edward Riley, Fr Richard Rosin, Christopher Russell, Joseph Ruyonga, Jason Seguin, Gregory Sohn, Lawrence Steinhardt

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Bob Justiana, Jewel Allen (d), Ed Mandichak (d), David deWolfe (d), Joseph Raponi (d), Mac Sinise (d), Stanley Gdula (d), J. Nick Martin (d), Linda Cooper (d), Edward Mandichak (d), Katherine Krajieski, Frank Pensebene, Mary Clare Rose (d), Bob Ehrman, Felipe Hernandez (d), Max Kostioukovski, Angela DiMattei, Tony McClure (d), Maria Palazzo (d), Joyce Ayrall, Burke Taylor, Mike Taylor, Bill Kasak, Karen Loparo, Marijon Reed, Katherine Lima, Nelson Amador, Carlos Usera, Richard Roberto, Harry Hill (d), Antonia Rosin, John Hamm, James Bonvicino, Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Katie Griffin, Mary Branham (d), Judith Rodnite, Joseph Genalo, Mary Williams (d), Theresa Kier, Frank Schuster II (d), Kathy Papa-Zinko, Sal Mazzara, Kennedie McFadden, Sal Burriesci, George Smith (d), Bill Kasak,

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 is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Benjamin Harris is from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski 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 Borbath, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Sal Burriesci, Mario and Katie Camario, Patrick Carroll, JJ Coyne, Joseph and Betty D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol De Wolfe, Jerome Dewberry, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Sean Donahoo, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Philip and Jane Farney, Walter Feble, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles and Raquel Friesema, Michael and Lisa Furman, John and Peggy Gohman, Robert and Catherine Gwinner, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, James Hayes, David and Donna Heezen, Irving Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hochehl, George and Claire Inderwies, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Michael and Katherine King, Dan and Donna Kistel, William and Katherine Krajewski, Jack Kuczej, Frank and Deborah Laffey, Stephen and Ellen Leger, Mark Lewalski, Patrick Mackin, Michael McCarthy, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Stuart Miller, John and Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris Nesci, Donald Palacheck, John Papa, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, Daniel Peterson, Glen Pettersen, Robert and Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, Juan and Rosemary Romero, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Peter and Susan Saleses, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer, Massimo and Valeria Simeoni, James and Karin Smith, Thomas and J. L. Stanko, John and Kay Strehle, Jugdes and Sucheta Sujanani, Steven and Jaclyn Verba, Mario and Judy Zaccaria, Edward and Violet Amador, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayril, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, James and Jean Burris, John and Betsy Clarke, Gerald and Cynthia Custin, Peter Demzak, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Frederick and Suzanne Di Masi, Terry and Shirley Drake, Joseph Favia, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Dominic and Vickie Friscia, Michael Gutknecht, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart, James and Janetze Hart, Timothy and Ann Hartle, Jarret and Lesley Ann Honahan, Steven Ippolito, Robert and M. A. Justiana, Brian and Christine Kearns, Robert Kelly, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, Thomas Kukulski, James and Maria Lankford, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Stanley Lipiarz, Kevin McMullen, Anthony Metty, James and Patricia Nolf, Brian and Lisa O'Connor, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Miguel Perez, Brian and Erin Riley, William and Mary Scott, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin, Kenneth Seguin, Jim and Nancy Shirer, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Sean Swaiger, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Peggy Watson

Total Collected to Date: \$1258.31



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

"A WOUNDED HERO"

At several gatherings of Knights and at a Sunday Mass in the last three weeks I have mentioned that Father Bob Schneider, the pastor at St. Cecilia and formerly our pastor, is on a leave of absence. Here is what he said in St. Cecilia's Sunday Bulletin several weeks ago: I am currently on a recommended medical leave of absence from the parish as I address issues involving prescription medications, sobriety, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle." Some first reactions have said "isn't that terrible." I would suggest just the opposite. Father Bob's stepping back is a very good thing to deal with some human issues in his life. He is not hiding anything but rather wants to share with his parishioners and friends what is going on in his life these days. He looks for your love and support during this time.

Maybe Bob's situation reminds us that being a priest today can be both stressful and challenging. A number of us also face stressful and challenging situations in our human journeys. I know that he has been very important in the lives of a number of us. He is a "wounded healer" like Jesus and will be even better at his ministry, when he comes back in a couple of months. Father Bob's experience also reminds us that the "shame and blame game" is over in dealing with ours or others' human situations. We are called to love and support one another on the Journey. Moreover, if anyone of us have issues we need to deal with, now is the time. As Chaplain, I am always ready to see you. My cell is 727-655-5544.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain



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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

First of all, I want to thank everyone who came to the Officers Installation Ceremony. It was great seeing everyone enjoying themselves and supporting the newly elected officers as well as the outgoing officers. I want to thank our District Deputy Alan Gauzens and his wife Joanne for performing the Installation. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this a very special event.

We will have the St Joseph Icon displayed in our church from Aug 13th through Aug 19th. We will have Knights at the church to receive the Icon. On Aug 16th at 6:00 pm we will have a Mass followed by the Rosary. Fr Cooper will preside over the Mass assisted by other Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Other events happening this month will be Religious Education reception & lunch on August 18th from 1:00p pm to 3:00 pm. Wally Vazquez and I will be going over to St Michaels to set up an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament meeting that will happen later this month. It will be on a Wednesday morning. Once we have the date, I will send out a sign-up sheet. St Michaels holds an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday after the 8:00 am Mass. Coffee & Donuts will be on the 11th of August and a 4th Degree Exemplification will be on August 24th at San Juan del Rion Catholic Church in St John, FL from 9:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

St Lawrence Feast Day August 10,2024

Lawrence was chief among the seven deacons who served the Roman Church during the mid-third century. The young cleric held a position of great trust, caring for the goods of the Church and distributing its alms among the poor. He was arrested under the Emperor Valerian in 258, laid upon a gridiron and slowly roasted to death. Lawrence rejoiced in his awful martyrdom and died praying for the conversion of the city of Rome, in the hope that from it the faith of Christ might spread throughout the world.

August Liturgical Calendar

- Aug 1 St Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)
- Aug 2 St Eusebius of Vercelli & St Peter Julian Eymard
- Aug 5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary

- Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)
- Aug 7 St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs: St Cajetan, Priest
- Aug 8 St Dominic, Priest (Memorial)
- Aug 9 St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Aug 10 St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr (Feast)
- Aug 12 St Jane Frances de Chantal
- Aug 14 St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr (Memorial)
- Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
- Aug 16 St Stephen of Hungary
- Aug 19 St John Eudes, Priest
- Aug 20 St Bernard, Abbot
- Aug 21 St Pius X, Pope (Memorial)
- Aug 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
- Aug 23 St Rose of Lima
- Aug 24 St Bartholomew, Apostle (Feast)
- Aug 27 St Monica (Memorial)
- Aug 28 St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (Memorial)
- Aug 29 Passion of St John the Baptist (Memorial)

Faith In Action



FAITH COMMUNITY FAMILY LIFE



We are still in need of a Family Program Director. If you are interested, please let us know. Thank you in advance.

Vivat Jesus,

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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Brothers,

This is an exciting time of year for two reasons.

First, our 142nd Annual Supreme Convention is taking place in Quebec, August 6-8. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will lead us in celebrating the successes of our Order over the last Fraternal Year.

He will announce the number of volunteer hours completed, the amount of charitable donations made, and more. That impact is only possible through our work right here on the local level. I hope that you take as much joy in being a Knight and making a difference as I do.

I encourage you to watch the livestream of the Supreme Convention at kofc.org/convention. Or, if you're unable to watch live, you will be able to find news articles and videos on the website during and after the convention.

Second, I am excited as we begin a new Fraternal Year. There's much work to be done in our community as always. I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate August 13, will watch over our efforts this year and that we will continue to grow in charity, unity, and fraternity. If you've benefitted over the past year from any aspect of your experience with the Knights – whether through faith-based activities, volunteer work with your brothers, getting a handle on financial matters or something else – I encourage you to invite a friend or family member into that experience with you. Let's share that brotherhood with others.

I pray, too, that through the intercession of our founder, God will bless our families abundantly this year.

As always, I am available to discuss how Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family financially. I hope you will avail yourself of this important benefit of being a member of our Order.

Vivat Jesus!

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johnruckart.10to8.com

Learn about our investments:
<https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/meet-john-ruckart>

Blessed Father Michael McGivney

*Apostle to the Young
Protector of Christian Family Life
and
Founder of the Knights of Columbus*



August 13th Feast Day



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Faithful Navigator's Log

Since our installation, I have pondered the relationship of our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and taken these to prayer asking for the grace of insight as to how we live these today in our present time. The metaphor for me is a journey, which presents many choices. Each choice we make on our journey will take us off in a different direction, but if taken together will lead to a new place, a place of tolerance and civility. The **whole** of these principles, taken together, is greater than the sum of all of them. My reflection helped gain the insight that there is a moral basis for civility. As Catholic Gentlemen, I think this is the point.

We can fall into a niceness, kindness, and politeness trap. These are external manifestations of a deeper character, but these can also be used to manipulate. As I reflected, I realized how important it is to be civil. You might be wondering why I bring up temperament at this juncture. Temperaments are a part of each of us and our behaviors. Civility is best considered a temperament which we cultivate. Taking this into account, what are the results of our temperament, which is another way of inquiring about our character and how is it influenced by our Catholic faith and principles.

David Brooks, in his book, The Road to Character observes --

"I've been thinking about the difference between the résumé virtues and the eulogy virtues. The résumé virtues are the ones you list on your résumé, the skills that you bring to the job market and that contribute to external success. The eulogy virtues are deeper. They're the virtues that get talked about at your funeral, the ones that exist at the core of your being—whether you are kind, brave, honest or faithful; what kind of relationships you formed."

It is his comments at the end of this quote that strikes home. Are we kind, brave, honest or faithful, what kind of relationships each of us formed *and was I civil*. *Civility comes from within and each of us is asked by virtue of our faith to cultivate civility*. We display civility because we have made an act of the will be civil.

A little further in his Book, David Brooks refers to a book entitled Lonely Man of Faith (1965) by Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik. Brooks shares:

"Modernizing Soloveitchik's categories a bit, we could say that Adam I is the career-oriented, ambitious side of our nature. Adam I is the external, résumé Adam. Adam I wants to build, create, produce, and discover things. He wants to have high status and win victories. Adam II is the internal Adam. Adam II wants to embody certain moral qualities. Adam II wants to have a serene inner character, a quiet but solid sense of right and wrong—not only to do good, but to be good. Adam II wants to love intimately, to sacrifice self in the service of others, to live in obedience to some transcendent truth, to have a cohesive inner soul that honors creation and one's own possibilities."

So, what do each of us do with this information. We must reflect and determine if our interactions with friends, family, neighbors and even strangers are motivated by a deep respect for one another which helps us listen deeply and learn from each other. One wise sage once said, "Life is a journey, enjoy the ride."

Wishing you the best journey!

Also, for our 3rd Degree brothers who might be reading this article and are challenged to grow deeper in faith as a Knight, I invite you to attend the upcoming **4th Degree Exemplification August 24th at San Juan del Rio – 9:30-1:30 PM (1718 State Road 13, St John FL 32259) a 4-hour drive just south of Jacksonville; or November 30 in Orlando at 9:30 AM-1:30 PM**. If you are interested, please reach out to me directly.

Vivat Jesus!

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PGK, PFN
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Family vacations with family are: Extraordinary, Silly & Fun, Spontaneous, Memory Making, Joyful, Noisy & Happy! I'm writing this in New Hampshire; there are 11 of us sharing a VRBO.

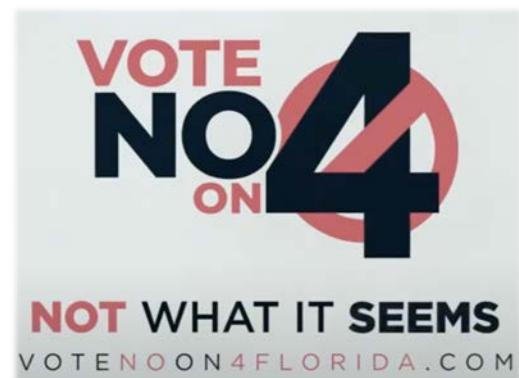
I'm glad I missed the Opening Ceremony of the Olympics. Maybe you saw it as shown. From various news sources, it featured a drag-queen show of the Last Supper. Per LifeSite News, the opening ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games featured drag queens and demonic-looking figures that carried out a grotesque parody of the Last Supper. Three weeks ago, I saw on live TV the assassination attempt on Former President Trump in Pennsylvania. By now, I bet you have all seen the replays many times. And now we have a live drag-queen show on television! Wow!

Another pro-life American faces federal prison time for protesting abortion. Bevelyn Beatty Williams (pictured) is a 33-year-old mom of a 2-year-old daughter and received a sentence of three years in prison. Williams was charged with violating the FACE Act, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. Williams faces an additional charge of violating the FACE Act through force, which carries up to 10 years. For the nearly three decades since FACE was enacted in 1994, it has rarely been used to prosecute life advocates. Yet in 2022 alone, under the Biden/Garland DOJ, there have been at least 22 peaceful pro-life activists indicted under the act. Please pray for Bevelyn and others like her being prosecuted for standing for Life.

Volunteers are needed for 40 Days for Life, which starts mid-September, and for other public efforts to influence fellow voters to Vote NO to #4 in the November general election. Nearby is a photo of a baby at 35 weeks in utero. Do you want Florida to allow this baby to be aborted? Isn't adoption a better option? Then pray for Life, and Vote NO to #4!



Bevelyn Beatty Williams was sentenced to 41 months for violation of the FACE Act – interfering with patients and staff entering a Health Center



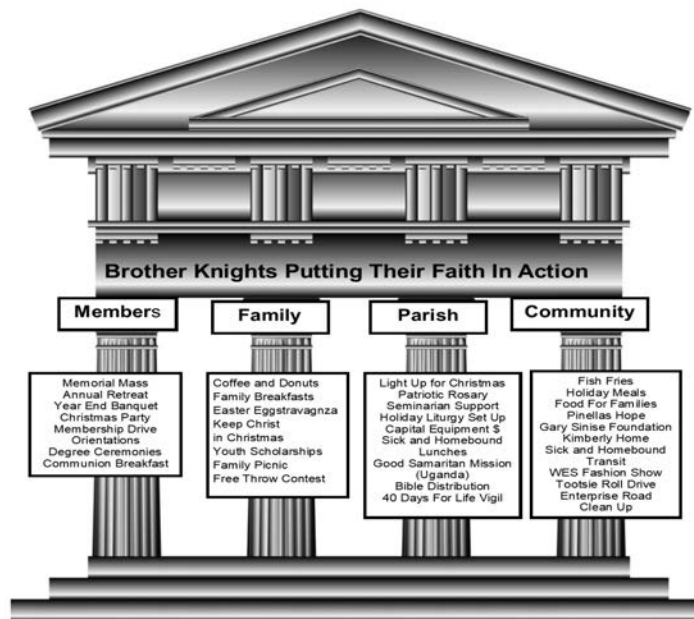


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A Family of Families

In this Psalm we praise the awesomeness of God and that His name resounds over all the earth. But importantly, we recognize the great gifts which God has given us, His children. We marvel that He has made man little less than a god in his own right. We wonder and question why God is so mindful of us and our children. How can that be when we marvel at the infinite nature of the heavens, the moon and the stars. The message? God has indeed blessed man, given him many gifts and influence over all His earthly creations. With those gifts, comes responsibilities to use them wisely and follow His example of love in the manner we treat our families and manage our interactions with His creations.



Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! I will sing of your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants. You have established a bulwark against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place—What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet: All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

Golf Tournament



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Photo Gallery



Our Past WGK Gene Jajuga was presenting recognitions and checks during his final month in office (clockwise starting in top left corner) - Brian & Chris Kearns are recognized as March 2024 Family of the Month; Jack & Kay Strehle are recognized as June 2024 Family of the Month; Fr Len is presented with a \$2500 check for the Catholic Ministry Appeal; Fr Frank is presented with a \$1000 check for his Good Samaritan Mission of Uganda; Kimberly Home Executive Director Maria McCaffrey is presented with a \$500 donation; ESCS Principal Veronica Slain is presented with three \$500 scholarship checks



Letter to the Editor

Ready To Step Up To The Plate?

We find ourselves in some tough and divisive times in both our church and country. Probably some of the most contentious in our memories or perhaps our lifetime. The question is what is our calling as Catholic men and Knights? We have taken oaths to support our pillars of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism. What spiritual guidance does Scripture provide?

In the readings of the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Scripture provides us the answer based on the experiences of Ezekiel, Paul and Christ himself.

In Ezekiel 2:2-5, the Lord spoke to Ezekiel and sent him to preach to the Israelites. He warned him that they were rebellious, and their ancestors have been revolting to this very day. He added that they were obstinate and hard of heart. But, nonetheless, Ezekiel was sent with this guidance. **"But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist - for they are a rebellious house - they shall know that a prophet has been among them."**

Lesson One. We are disciples and our role is to live and speak the word of the Lord whether we are listened to or not. Our role is to stay grounded in the truth of the Word.

Paul, on the other hand, complained of a thorn in his side (II Corinthians 12:7-10). He added that because he was blessed with an abundance of revelations about the Divinity and mission of Christ, an angel of Satan was sent to beat him and keep him from being too elated. He asked God for relief three times and was given this advice, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."** Paul's lesson? **Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."**

Lesson Two. Like Paul, we have taken the mission of being soldiers of Christ and defenders of the faith. I'm sure we all have thorns we can identify which detract us

from that mission in our families, work and communities. But we also know that God's grace is sufficient despite our frailties and the challenges we face.

In the Gospel of Mark 6:1-6, we learn that those in attendance at the Synagogue listening to Christ's teachings were very impressed with His knowledge and wisdom as it related to the Torah and Jewish faith. However, they questioned the basis of this knowledge since Jesus was a nobody in their view. He was simply the son of a carpenter from some hick town. And they took offense at him. Jesus, knowing this, responded, **"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."** So, he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them." This passage concludes that Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith.

Lesson Three. The truth is often hard to discern and may even be hard to take if we don't like the lesson it teaches. Yet we are called to utilize what limited knowledge and wisdom we may have to advance the truth of the word.

We must have the faith to step up to the plate. As we know, in the end, "These three remain: faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love.



From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

The Reality of Christ's Presence

Jesus invites us to encounter him and to be transformed through prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist

On Memorial Day weekend, I visited New York City with my family to join in a Eucharistic procession from St. Patrick's Cathedral in Midtown to St. Peter's Church in Lower Manhattan. The procession was part of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route of the 65-day National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which originated at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, and will end at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis later this month.

It was a truly amazing experience to walk with our Eucharistic Lord through the streets of New York. As the monstrance passed, residents and tourists knelt on the sidewalk and took videos. Waiters came out of restaurants and crossed themselves. Onlookers broke out in spontaneous applause. And all the while, hundreds of pilgrims sang hymns expressing their love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

These responses bear witness to Christ's true presence in the Eucharist — body, blood, soul and divinity. And yet, it's one thing to say we believe; it's quite another to let that belief really sink in and change everything — our thoughts, our actions, our relationships. The challenge for us as Catholics and as Knights is to make the profound truth of Jesus' presence a profound *reality* in our lives. Christ himself helps us do this, for the Eucharist is not a something, but a *someone*, who is living and active in our world and who desires a relationship with us.

The way we come to know Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, is the same way we come to know any other person — learning about him, listening to him, and spending time with him.

In the Gospels, we learn how Jesus acts, how he thinks, what he says. Through personal prayer, we engage in conversation with him. We can speak to the Lord from our depths of our heart, just as we would talk to a close friend or loved one. Nothing will surprise him, for he knows us better than we know ourselves (Ps 139:1-4). And as with any conversation, we must also listen.

In his desire to teach, heal and transform us, Jesus has also given us the sacraments, through which he remains present. We become spiritually and physically united with him when we receive him in holy Communion in the Mass. He is always waiting for us to spend time with him in Eucharistic adoration. And when there is rupture in our relationship, due to our sin, we go to him in confession to offer a heartfelt apology and receive forgiveness.

But if we truly want Christ to transform us, we must actively surrender our entire will to him. Indeed, his words to the Father must become our own: "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk 22:42). A solid help here is the Surrender Novena, a powerful prayer written by Servant of God Don Dolindo Ruotolo. The novena stresses letting go of our own will and placing our complete trust in Jesus, with its refrain, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!"

Likewise, through a morning offering and brief prayers throughout the day, we can foster awareness of Christ's presence, offering our every action and every moment to God.

The question, then, is this: Are we simply going through the motions of faith, or do we have a personal, living relationship with Jesus Christ? Pope Benedict XVI put it this way: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 1).

Jesus has given us the gift of the Eucharist so we can stay close to him. And he seeks not only to transform us, but to touch all those whom we, in turn, encounter each day.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

We Are Facing a Grave Issue

This past Fraternal Year has been one of achievement and growth by Councils. While Start Council Awards will not be announced until later this month, we could have 130 Star Councils or more this year. About half the Councils in the Florida Jurisdiction achieved or exceeded their membership goals.

Charitable fundraising continues to increase after recovering from the pandemic, and the Cor program is taking off across the Jurisdiction. Every member should be proud of the accomplishments of the Knights of Columbus this past Fraternal Year. Let us all resolve to continue to carry out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney in this new Fraternal Year. Now is the time to plan out your programs, fraternal benefits events, open houses, and Degree Exemplifications to ensure we have the facilities and logistics in place to carry out our mission.

As always, membership growth should be ever-present in our activities. If we believe in the Knights of Columbus as an organization, we have a moral obligation to offer every Catholic man the opportunity to become a Knight. The membership goals that each Council has are relatively modest, but it does take an effort by all members to reach out to their family, acquaintances, and fellow parishioners to offer the gift of membership. Please take these membership goals seriously and plan your open houses and church drives now – the future of our Order depends on it!

As I write this, the 10th National Eucharistic Congress is about to convene, the first in over 80 years. This much-anticipated event is a time for the Church in the United States to be united in prayer, to reflect and reinvigorate our beliefs in the Eucharist, and to prepare for a new phase of evangelization in our communities. I hope that you get a chance to view some of the proceedings online or via broadcast.

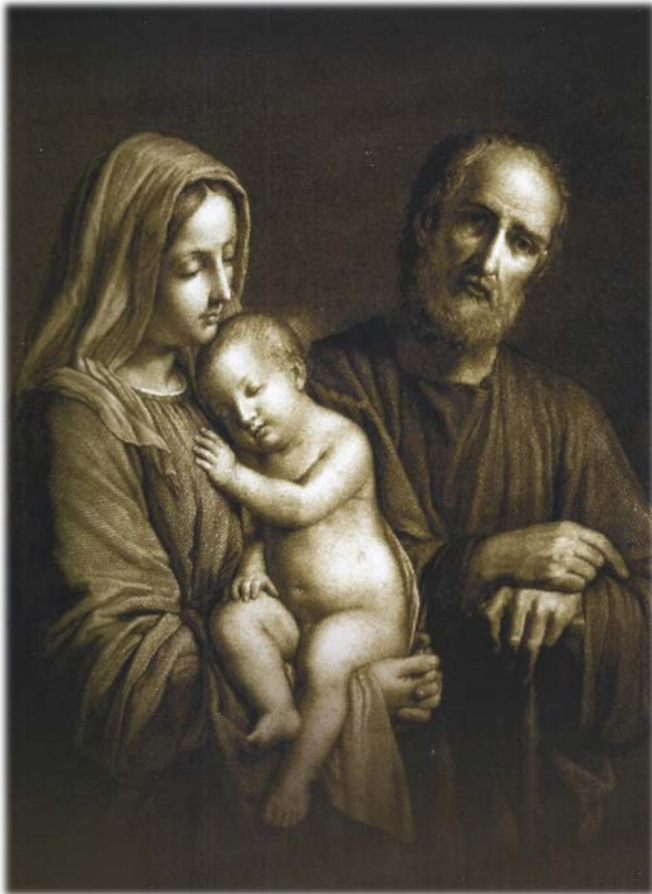
As I have written previously, we face an election year with a grave issue on the ballot in November—namely, the proposed Amendment 4 to the Constitution of the State of Florida, which will essentially remove almost all restrictions on abortion. In particular, it would allow second and third-trimester abortions; create broad “health loopholes to justify abortions, including temporary medical conditions; allow “healthcare providers” – not just physicians – to determine if an abortion is “necessary” to protect the mother’s “health”; invalidate current law requiring parental consent for a minor to have an abortion; and jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that protect the health and safety of women.

All of the Bishops of Florida have strongly condemned this proposed amendment, and the Florida State Council passed a resolution at the 2024 State Convention to condemn this amendment as well. All Knights are strongly encouraged to vote “No” on this amendment in November and to get involved with their Diocesan Life Ministry efforts.

Vivat Jesus!

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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.

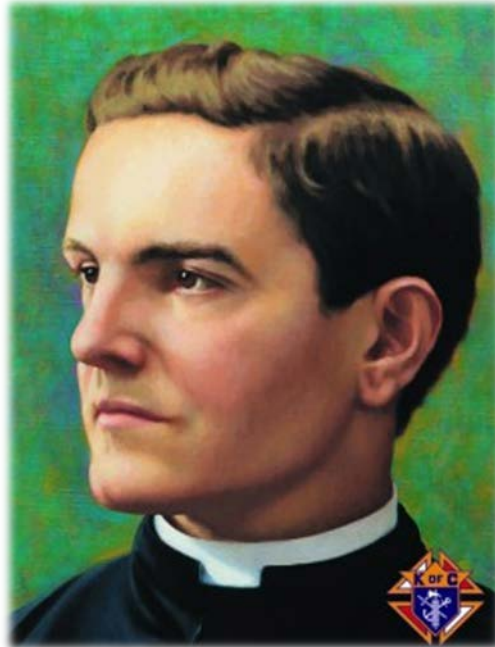
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

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...

August 2024

- 08/11 | Thu 6:15p Rosary
- 08/11 | Thu 7:00p Council Membership Meeting
- 08/11 | Sun 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 08/13 | Tue TBD St Joseph Icon Arrives ESCC
- 08/15 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- 08/16 | Fri 6:00p St Joseph Icon Mass & Prayer Service
- 08/17 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home Work Day
- 08/18 | Sun 2:00p Membership Drive – Frozen Treats for RE Students
- 09/01 | Sun 10:30a Silver Rose Icon Honored at 10:30 Mass



Assembly Calendar of Events...

August 2024

- 08/22 | Thu 7:00p Assembly Membership Meeting
- 08/24 | Sat 9:30a 4th Degree Exemplification
 - San Juan del Rio CC in St John, FL

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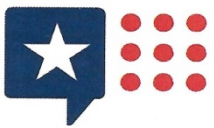
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Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

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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.

