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St. Joseph - Council 7408

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This Month's Highlights

January 8th

Council Business Meeting

January 22nd

Social Meeting

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otherwise

If you had been at December's events...



***Council 7408
Marched in the
Palm Bay
Christmas Parade***



***Annual Christmas
Tree Lighting***



***Bingo at the
K of C Hall
Monday.***

***Doors open @ 5pm
Games start @ 6pm***

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Grand Knight's Message



Worthy Brother Knights and Sisters

Welcome to the New Year, Here's what we did during December,

On **December 2**, Council 7408 proudly held its annual **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, joining councils around the world in this beautiful, synchronized tradition. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, and green beans, prepared under the watchful eyes of Jerry, Mike Lacey, and Rich. Our talented **Rich DiCicco** kept the music going throughout the evening, creating a warm and festive atmosphere. It was a wonderful night of fellowship, with many of us reconnecting with friends we hadn't seen in some time.

On **December 6**, our council participated in the **Palm Bay Christmas Parade**, drawing one of the largest crowds we've ever seen. Once again, Rich DiCicco skillfully pulled the mighty ship float through the packed parade route. Robert followed behind with several of his children, handing out candy generously donated by Jerry Morris and others. The group distributed about **\$200 worth of candy** and easily could have given out triple that amount. The turnout was tremendous, and our presence was warmly received by the community.

Many of our Knights also attended the **St. Joseph Christmas Dinner** on **December 13**, where Council 7408 provided bartending service for the event. The catered meal offered a variety of proteins and side dishes, complemented by lively music from a DJ and a beautiful performance by the church choir. It was a joyful evening filled with fellowship, celebration, and the spirit of the season.

Throughout the **2025 fiscal year**, Council 7408 has continued its support of the **COR group**, led by Past Grand Knight **Brad Hood**. This faith-focused group studies various parts of the Bible and shares thoughtful discussions that deepen understanding and strengthen spiritual growth. As we close out the year, we ask that you keep in your prayers the many council members who have been ill. May they continue to heal and regain their strength.

Have a Blessed Month,

Joseph A. Giesler

Grand Knight

Knights of Columbus Council 7408





Navigator's Log



Worthies,

As we enter the season of Epiphany, it is fitting for us as Fourth Degree Knights to reflect on both the rich history of this ancient Christian feast and the patriotic mission at the heart of our degree. The **Epiphany**, traditionally celebrated on **January 6**, is one of the oldest feast days of the Church. Its name comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning “manifestation” or “appearance,” referring to Christ being revealed to the world. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates the visit of the Magi—the first recognition of Jesus by the Gentiles—while in Eastern traditions it focuses on the Baptism of the Lord, celebrating Christ’s divine revelation at the Jordan River. By the fourth century, the Church had established Epiphany as a major feast, marking the close of the Christmas season and reminding the faithful of Christ’s mission to all nations.

Just as the Epiphany celebrates Christ revealed to the world, the **Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus** calls its members to be visible witnesses of faith and patriotism. The Fourth Degree was first exemplified on **February 22, 1900**, in New York City, adding the principle of **Patriotism** to the Order’s foundational virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity. Its purpose is to foster a spirit of responsible citizenship and love of country, encouraging members to serve both Church and nation with devotion. Over the decades, Fourth Degree Knights have stood out through their participation in civic ceremonies, religious events, and public acts of respect for our nation’s heritage. The Honor Guard and Color Corps became the most visible expression of this mission, symbolizing the Knights’ commitment to faith, duty, and country.

Today, Assemblies like ours continue this proud tradition. Whether supporting parish life, honoring veterans, participating in community events, or standing in regalia at liturgical celebrations, Fourth Degree Knights embody the belief that **faithful Catholics are faithful citizens**. As we celebrate the Epiphany and reflect on Christ’s light revealed to the world, may we also renew our dedication to shining that light through patriotic service, unity, and unwavering commitment to our principles.

Have a blessed month,

Joseph Giesler
Grand Knight Council 7408
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2932



HONOR GUARD: If you are interested in helping with Honor Guard duties, please contact SK Mike Deschaine at (321) 698-2136. For those Sir Knights who do not have regalia, we do have some donated to us that would help alleviate the cost for those interested, until you are able to purchase your own. Ladies and Sir Knights if you have regalia that you are not using or have no longer need of and would like to donate or sell for the nominal price, please call one of the above Knights.



Deputy Grand Knight's Message



Deputy Grand Knight
Kevin Freedman will be back next month.





District Deputy Message



Worthy District Deputy Eddy Merlet has nothing to report at this time.





Pro-Life Corner



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Each New Year brings so much hope and potential. Plans are made for the year ahead. Pro-Life is ready to hit the ground running. In January is our Annual 9 Days for Life Novena. It runs from January 16th to the 24th. Here is a

link. <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

At the same time we are holding our Annual Sock Drive for the Homeless of South Brevard from January 17th to the 25th. You can drop socks off at the marked bins at the church entrances. For many homeless, they look forward to getting new socks.

Mark & Patty Zarraonandia: Life Director – Pro-Life Couple
PFOY

For where
two or three
are gathered in
my name,
there am I
among them.
Matthew 18:20





Ladies Auxiliary News



Dear Ladies and Knights,

And so, it begins...2026. Prayers go out to all our ladies and their families if they are ill or suffering, especially for Carol Colon and for Hector. And a huge prayer that 2026 will bring happiness and fulfilment for all.

The Ladies will be working on the Fashion Show and hope to find a vendor soon. Plans are tentative for a late April show. In the meantime, we will hold our usual luncheon meetings starting with January's soup and salad. Then in February we'll have a tea party luncheon. We're hoping to see everyone there. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 11:30. Come on down and we'll welcome you there.

God Bless you and Give you Peace,

Susan Burgess

President



Spiritual Notes - Deacon Frank



Deacon Frank will be back Next Month.



Insurance Guy



New Year – Increased dividends

Happy New Year!

The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026!

Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. ¹

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium. ²
- Reduce an existing loan.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

1 Dividends are not guaranteed.

2 This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.

Vivat Jesus!

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Columbus Club Corner



Hello Brothers and Welcome to our New Year!

Our next Columbus Club meeting is January 8th at 6:30 pm

Please join us for this 1st meeting of the New Year to plan the upcoming Hall and grounds needed repairs and fixes.

Frank

540-429-2626



Community Activities Director

Bingo - Chairman Ron Hoenig and Brother Ben Adamo

The doors open at 5:00 pm for Monday Night Bingo. The Jackpot for the big game this week, Jan 5 will be **around \$800**. Some of our games have payouts around \$150.00. Food and Drinks are being served. We have Hamburgers and Fries on the Monday night menu. Our Chicken salad sandwiches, and Hot Dogs are also popular items. Take a break from the mundane routine and get out Monday Night to hone your Bingo skills. Each attendee is given a blue 50/50 ticket that is entered in the end of month drawing which awards the winner with a cash prize totaling around \$200 on some months. Because it was the end of the year Ron gave out added gifts thru the pulling of the blue tickets, including Bingo packages of 20 dollar value, 10 dollar value, and coupons good for a hamburger and fries at the snack counter. (I think this was a great idea.)

You can have a light dinner and pick up an ice cream treat at the mid-way break. Our attendance has been increasing recently but there is still plenty of room for new players. Look forward to seeing all of you on Monday evenings.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Was on Dec 2nd. The turkeys were cooked and prepared by Mike Lacy and his volunteers, Mike also made delicious gravy to go with the Turkeys. The accompanying mash potatoes, corn, and stuffing, and all the usual trimmings were prepared by Jerry Morris and a small group of 7408 volunteers, including Dan, Rick and myself, I probably missed some folks, I apologize for this. Father Tim did the blessings and performed the Tree Lighting Service. We had a nice turnout . I forgot to thank the ladies for the beautiful decorated tree and the hall.

Palm Bay Holiday Parade

On Dec 6th we attended the parade. Rick and Joe had the float in position at 4pm as required, we were in position 17 out of 100 some entries. Robert had his truck and crew immediately behind us. A small group of teenagers were assisting Robert by walking the parade route and handing out candy. I understand that we gave out 250 dollars worth of candy. On the float we had, Harry and Sandy, Ken, Pat and Ben, Elin and Tony. The parade was well attended , at times along the route there were 6 rows of spectators. the night got cool and threatened to rain but we were finished with the parade before it got serious.

K of C Night at Buffalo Wild Wings

On Dec 10th Mike Wahlburg arranged for us to have K of C night at Buffalo Wild Wings located in the Hammock Landing shopping area. The 10 percent of the profits of the night would be going to the Coats for Kids collection. Mike said they had between 30 to 40 attendees from our Council, the school and our church, great job Mike.

Saint Joseph Christmas Dinner

Was held on Dec 13th, and a few of us performed bartending duties, including Harry and Sandy, Joe and myself, and probably others who I have forgotten, however, once again the food was great, the people at our table were great company. The dinner was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Saint Lukes Pot Luck Dinner

On Dec 16 some of us met at St Lukes at 5pm to drop off our plate of food for the potluck dinner which was held immediately after the 5:30pm Mass. I understand there was plenty of delicious food as usual, unfortunately I was ill and could not attend. Saint Lukes always does a great job at their events, if you have not gone, please attend in the future, you will enjoy them.

Upcoming Events/happenings

Jan 12th Basketball Shootout at Saint Joes school

Jan 21 FIT spaghetti dinner.

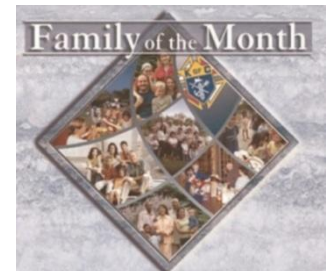
Show at Saint Lukes, the Rat Pack, date to be determined.

Tony Krzeminski - Community Coordinator



2025-26 Knight of the Month & Family of the Month Awardees

July: Knight of the Month: Jean Gellin Family of the Month: Ethen and Elizabeth Devoe	January: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
August: Knight of the Month: Anthony Krezminski Family of the Month: Frank and Ann Altro	February: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
September: Knight of the Month: Daniel J. Cochran Family of the Month: Zachery and Krystal Franciosi	March: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
October: Knight of the Month: Jerry Morris Family of the Month:	April: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
November: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:	May: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
December: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:	June: Knight of the Month: Family of the Month:
Knight of the Year: Family of the Year:	





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Calendar of Events Happening in January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Assembly Meeting 4 th Degree 7:30PM	2	3
4	5 Bingo Doors Open at 5PM	6 Ladies Aux. Meeting 11AM O & D Meeting 7:30PM	7	8 Council Business Meeting 7:30PM	9	10
11	12 Bingo Doors Open at 5PM	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Bingo Doors Open at 5PM	20	21 FIT Spaghetti Dinner	22	23	24
25	26 Bingo Doors Open at 5PM	27	28	29	30	31



Information

Meetings

*(All meetings are at the Council Hall
unless otherwise announced)*

Fourth Degree

First Thursday at 7:30 PM

General Council (Business)

Second Thursday at 7:30 PM

Columbus Club

Second Thursday at 6:30 PM

General Council (Social)

Fourth Thursday at 7:30 PM

First Degree

TBA by Grand Knight

Assembly

Boosters Club

Get Listed in our

Boosters Club

Rick DiCicco, PGK

Kenneth Friedel Family

Ted Krus

Anthony Krzeminski

**See the Faithful Comptroller for
payment.**

Boosters Club

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Boosters Club

Rick DiCicco, PGK

Daniel Cochran

Joe and Denise Giesler

Ron and Judy Hoenig

Frank and Anne Altro

Kenneth and Mary Friedel

Kenny Friedel

Tony Krzeminski

Anthony Selario

Jerry Morris

Lorraine Callagy

Bradley and Suzanne Hood

Joe and Teresa Widmayer

James Krempasky and

Shirley Hollink

Robert Tumbiolo

Kevin and Paige Freeman

Joseph Gould

Michael Wahlberg

Stephen and Kathy Whitney

Ethen and Elizabeth Devoe

Catherine Imbriano

Sue Burgess

**Cost to be a Booster is \$5 per
name or \$10 a couple. See the
Financial Secretary for
payment.**

Happy Birthday!

Robert L. Allaire PGK, PFN

Michael J. Bogan

Robert J. Courtemanche

Michael J. Deangelo

Richard Di Cicco PGK

Guy R. Falcioni

Kevin L. Friel

Edward W. Hamilton

Joseph G. Jeppi

Jason King

Robert F. Kriksciun

Michael R. Lacey

Thomas M. Lacey

Ronald L. Padavano

Jeffrey T. Philpott

Anthony J. Selario

James P. Sheridan

Harry E. Weaver

David M. White



Information Continued

List of Brothers & Sister who Rest in Peace

Eugene Callagy, Thomas Pernice, Peter Cote, John Pordon, Michael Finn, Robert Lannon, Fred Marano, Patrick Steffens, Robert Meehan, Fred Mercier, Leonard Miller, Edward Parsley, Tim Chasey, Joseph Rinando, William Bloemen, Robert, Goldbach, Nannette Apel, Tony Colandrea, Kenneth Jaques, Doug Kalcik, Kevin Roberts, Frank Ferrante, Tim Holcomb, Fred Weinert, Nicholas Fiasconaro, Alrico Eric Macrorenhas, Juan Ferras, Gene Janutolo, Michael Uhaul, Rene Laimont, Mel Broom, James Duffy, Kenny Derenthal, Msgr. Cleo Schmenk, Linda Boland, Antoinette Kaye, Dorothy Mulligan, Irene Ryan, Bernard Seman, Fr. Edward Hamilton, Albert Sorrentino, Chester Milza, James Grossman, Pete Hoffman, Tom Boland, Ann Coyne, Bob Goldback, Thomas Opalewski, John Landry, Bill Holmes, Marcia Falotico, Pablo Molina, Bob Calarco, Joseph Fliss, Dirk Kraus, John Malys, Leonard Hill, John Davis, Thomas Gourley, Russell Baxter, Edward J. Dudek, Walter Carper, Thomas Good, Mary Farrelly, Claudia Benifeito, Robert Rossman, Norman Measel, John Reddy, Beryl Kruempel, Dennis Yangco, Dennis Vukson, Mark Schiro, Henry Gartner, Peter Arbona, Gary Von Dross, PGK, PFN, FDW Bob Burgess, Gerald Burdick, Harry Vadney, William Hawk, Joseph Skoskie, Mike Brown, Paul Gallant, Tom Lipton, Robert Zerkowski, Carol Desmaris, Phil Rosaci, Jeanine Lembcke, Bill Stearly, Thomas E. Smith, Marietta Janutolo, Deacon John Dunlop, Sidney Durham, Bert Kaiser, Paul E. Phenix, Jr., Richard Wendt PFN, Fr. Robert "Bob" Hoeffner, Alain Fradette, Lu Berardi, Catherine Quinn,

May they rest in peace and in the care of our Lord. Please pray for these brothers and sisters who have gone to their eternal reward.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<https://council7408.wixsite.com/website>

Baptism Cross Sponsors

Month	Sponsor
July	Robert Tumbiolo
August	Kevin Freedman
September	Joe Giesler
October	Kenneth N C Friedel
November	Ron Hoenig
December	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	



Prayers for Sick and Grieving

Please pray for the following:

The Friedel Family
The Colon Family
Jean Gellin
Pat Farrelly
Deacon Gary and his wife Charo
And anyone not listed who is in need of healing



God of goodness and compassion,

I place in Your hands all those who suffer from illness. Grant relief to their pain, strength in their weakness, and hope in their journey. May they feel Your presence and the tenderness of those around them. If it is Your will, grant them total healing and, above all, peace of soul.

Amen.



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Pictures from December



More Pictures from December





Rent Our Hall



1. Security deposit - \$450.00 on all rentals (refundable)
2. Whole Building - \$150.00 per hour
3. Kitchen (East) Hall - \$125.00 per hour
4. No Kitchen (West) Hall - \$75.00 per hour





St. Joseph Council 7408

40th Anniversary Polo Shirt Order Form

Date	_____	PAID CASH CHECK DATE
Name	_____	
Phone	_____	
Email	_____	
Address	_____	

	Description	Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Mens	Polo Shirt Small	Small		33.00	
Mens	Polo Shirt Medium	Medium		33.00	
Mens	Polo Shirt Large	Large		33.00	
Mens	Polo Shirt Extra Large	XL		33.00	
Mens	Polo Shirt XXL	XXL		35.00	
Mens	Polo Shirt XXXL	XXXL		36.00	
Mens	Polo Shirt XXXXL	XXXXL		37.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt Small	Small		33.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt Medium	Medium		33.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt Large	Large		33.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt Extra Large	XL		33.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt XXL	XXL		35.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt XXXL	XXXL		36.00	
Ladies	Polo Shirt XXXXL	XXXXL		37.00	
				TOTAL	

Order will be submitted after payment received.

_____ signature

Order taker, rec'd payment



SAINT JOHN PAUL II Assembly 2932 Polo Shirt Order Form

Date

Name

Phone

Email

Address

PAID

CASH

CHECK

DATE

	Description	Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt Small	Small		38.00	
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt Medium	Medium		38.00	
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt Large	Large		38.00	
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt Extra Large	XL		38.00	
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt XXL	XXL		40.00	
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt XXXL	XXXL		42.00	
Mens – no pocket	Polo Shirt XXXXL	XXXXL		43.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt Small	Small		42.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt Medium	Medium		42.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt Large	Large		42.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt Extra Large	XL		42.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt XXL	XXL		43.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt XXXL	XXXL		45.00	
Mens - pocket	Polo Shirt XXXXL	XXXXL		46.00	
ADD:	\$6.00 for Name			NAMES	
The order will be submitted after payment received.				TOTAL	

signature

Order taker, rec'd payment

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 16-24



Pray to protect human life!

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message.



9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

Sock Drive

January 17th – 25th

Our parish will be collecting socks for the homeless of Brevard County.



Please donate NEW adult socks in the bins by the exit doors.

Thank you for your generosity!