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## Grand Knights Report

Brothers All,

It is with immense honor and profound gratitude that I write today as our council's newly elected Grand Knight.

As I step into this esteemed role, I am acutely aware of the responsibilities that accompany it. The title of Grand Knight is not merely ceremonial; it signifies leadership, service, and a solemn pledge to uphold the principles of our order.

Allow me to express my heartfelt appreciation to my predecessor, Worthy John T. Kreger IV, whose tireless efforts have paved the way for our council's growth and impact. Your legacy inspires me, and I promise to build upon the strong foundation you have in place.

To my fellow knights, I extend my deepest gratitude. Your camaraderie, resilience, and unwavering faith in our mission have driven our success. Let us continue to stand shoulder to shoulder, supporting one another in all our endeavors.

I have three goals for our upcoming year: to support our Church, grow our council, and strengthen our faith as Catholic Men.

In closing, I invite each brother knight to rekindle the fire within—to be the beacon of hope, the defender of virtue, the embodiment of chivalry, and an example for all. Let us continue to exemplify the spirit of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, and honor the legacy of those who came before us united in our faith.

May God bless Council 12155, its members, and our noble mission. Together, we shall forge ahead, guided by faith, united in purpose, and committed to making a difference in our parish, community, and beyond.

Thank you, and may our journey as knights continue to be one of honor, service, and unwavering dedication.

Vivat Jesus!

peace,

**Ron Merigold, Grand Knight**



## Faithfull Navigator

I would like to thank all Brothers and their families who came out on July 4<sup>th</sup> to participate in our flag waving event at the corners of US 301 and Chin Road. We had over 45

participants from Father Patrick Farrell Assembly, as well as from both Mother Cabrini and Holy Cross Councils. We even had a number of parishioners from both parishes who had no direct affiliation with the Knights of Columbus but wanted to demonstrate their patriotism and support for the Knights. Our next big event will be another flag waving on September 11th, Patriot Day. This is another chance to show your love of our country. The time and location will be announced at a later date.

**Bob Wombacher, Faithful Navigator**  
Father Patrick Farrell Assembly 3322

*(pictures posted to the web site)*





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Life



*Curious about what Amendment 4 means  
and how it will affect tiny unborn lives?*

The November ballot will contain this amendment which could potentially allow unrestricted abortions in Florida. It's imperative the community understands the impact this vote would have on unborn babies and their mothers if passed by voters.



Join us to learn more about the DANGEROUS and RADICAL PRO-ABORTION Amendment on the ballot in November.

We will be recruiting volunteers and sharing information about why all Floridians should be voting NO on Amendment 4!

In Jesus, for Life!

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Father's Corner

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Reflection on the Eucharistic Congress By Fr. Joseph Gates

Thousands followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry. Since his Resurrection, countless Christians have traveled to holy sites in order to connect concretely with places where heaven and earth have touched.

Jesus doesn't want us to walk alone. At the Incarnation, Christ entered directly into our human experience, allowing him to accompany us through life in a more intimate way. But physically walking with Jesus is not a privilege restricted to Christians from the first century!

When Jesus gave us the gift of the Eucharist, he gave us a new way to walk alongside him. Catholicism now has a vibrant history of Eucharistic processions! In this tradition, the Eucharist is carried through the streets, accompanied by the faithful. We walk publicly with Our Lord so that others may encounter him personally, just as they did 2,000 years ago. While pilgrim ages have a long legacy within the Church, this is the first undertaken at such a scale—walking coast-to-coast with Our Eucharistic Lord!

Over the Summer – four routes were taken – city to city – of Eucharistic processions. Carrying our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament from both coasts and the North to the South. All converging in the Middle of the USA where 50,000 people gathered to Adore Our Lord. Americans all coming to Adore the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

But what was the purpose of such an extraordinary event? It was to remind us what happen with Jesus and the Emmaus disciples that Easter Day. Many recall the story, Jesus who had literally made his appearance unrecognizable to two of his disciples, who were probably running away from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus, seven miles away. Jesus questioned them about their down casted hearts and they asked if he was the only one in Jerusalem who had not heard what happened to Jesus of Nazareth (which Jesus knew exactly what happened to him, because he went through it.)





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Faith



## The Silver Rose

In 1960, Columbian Squires from Nuestra Señora de Monterrey Council 2312 in Monterrey, Mexico, ran a rose from the International Bridge in Laredo, Texas, to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sixty years later, the Knights of Columbus again carried a rose across the International Bridge as part of the Order's Silver Rose program.

This year's events look different from that first one held years ago — Knights no longer carry live flowers, but roses cast from silver. Eight silver roses, including one blessed by Pope Francis, now stand in the place of that single flower, and they are shepherded each year by members of the Knights along eight distinct routes that extend from Canada to Mexico. But the intent is the same: to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of life and honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Family

Brothers All,



The Knights have been busy supporting our Parish Family in various ways over the past month.

As always, we have provided security to Father Joe during confession on Saturdays and ushers during all masses. We were extremely busy the first five months of 2024 so we've taken a little break in our activities over the Summer, but it will be full steam ahead in the Fall and Winter!

As always, we plan to introduce new initiatives to continue supporting our Parish Family.

Vivat Jesus, God Bless! **Brother Ray**



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## Community

We completed our 1st 2024 Tootsie Roll fundraising campaign for Special Olympics in July. It was a great success, collecting just under \$2,500 for two 6-hour days of fundraising at the Publix in Parkwood Square (Old Tampa Rd).

A big THANK YOU to all the knights who volunteered their time to help make this such a successful event.

We now have our 2nd event scheduled for August 9th & 10th at the Publix in Silver Leaf Plaza (Chin Rd). We still need some volunteers to step up their time to help out for this great cause. A (2 hour) sign-up sheet has been sent out with times still open to help out for anyone, or any time you can help in the event (the more people, the more opportunity to raise money). Please reach out to Ron Merigold or Phil Latona if you would like to support this great cause to help the Special Olympics.

Again, thanks to all for your support. Thoughts and ideas for future campaigns are always welcome.

Below are Special Olympic events scheduled in our area for the month of August. For more information on all events scheduled in Florida, contact Special Olympics at: [specialolympicsflorida.org](http://specialolympicsflorida.org)

Aug 4

### Area 7 Bowling Competition

8:00 AM

Bowlero, 480 Cortez Rd., Bradenton

Aug 16

### Special Olympics Florida Night at the Bradenton Marauders Game

6:30 PM

LECOM Park, 1611 9<sup>th</sup> ST W, Bradenton

Aug 16 & 17

### State Stand Up Paddle Competition

8:00 AM

Nathan Benderson Park, 5851 Nathans  
Benderson Cir., Sarasota

Aug 18

### Coaches Training School

Pickleball, Flag Football, Softball, Powerlifting  
Cypress Creek High School,  
8701 Old Pasco Rd, Wesley Chapel

Aug 25

### West Coast Region Swimming Competition

7:00 AM

North Shore Aquatic Complex  
901 North Shore Dr. NE  
Saint Petersburg

Peace, **Phil Latona**

Community Director





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## Benefits Advisor

Dear Brothers,



Summer is a time of transition for many people. You may know someone who recently graduated high school or college and is now heading into the workforce. Or you may know a couple who is getting married this summer. These are all joyous occasions that we can celebrate. At the same time, certain stress can come with any life transition. For a graduate, entering the workforce can take some adjustment. And marrying is certainly one of the biggest life adjustments people can experience. Before long, they may be welcoming children or looking to finance a house.

Any transition in your life is a good time to think about your financial situation and your loved ones who depend on you. Though life insurance may be the last thing on a young adult's mind, it may be the perfect life stage to start preparing financially for the future. On that note, for my brother Knights on the younger side, I have two pieces of good news. And I encourage all my brothers here to consider how this may apply to yourself or your adult children, grandchildren, and other family members.

First, the younger you are, the more affordable permanent life insurance can be, and the simpler the underwriting process is. At a younger age, you're less likely to have health or medical problems that could make coverage more expensive.

The second piece of good news is that you have options. Maybe you're not yet sure you want permanent life insurance. In this case, you might choose a term insurance policy, which is an affordable option for temporary needs. If you should decide later that you'd prefer permanent coverage, you may have the option to convert your term insurance.

In today's day and age when so many of us may feel pressure to spend above our means, I have been heartened to talk to young people who are quite financially literate and eager to set up a responsible financial strategy for their future. Many of them grew up seeing economic problems in the world, and they want to make sure they build a strong financial foundation for themselves.

This summer, no matter where you are in your journey through life -- whether you're undergoing a life transition, or you simply feel that now is the time to think about your financial future -- I encourage you to make an appointment with me. I will be happy to discuss your options with you.

**Ron Moliterno** Financial Advisor



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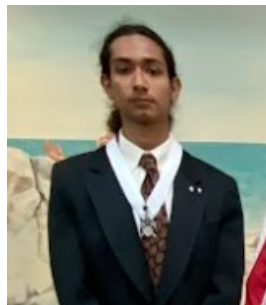
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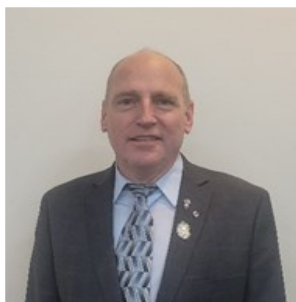
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Brothers of Mother Cabrini Council 12155.

On Saturday July 20th District 49 held its Organizational meeting For the fraternal year 2024-2025. The 4 councils that make up the District were in attendance. I shared important information with regards to the new year. One of the most important topics is Safe Environment training. The councils member ship quota is 9. I know that number will easily be exceeded. I am happy to announce that the council won Triple Star and I look forward to present it to the council. Keep up the good work.



Fraternally

**John Hansen** PGK, PFN, DD49



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There are several upcoming events that we are in need of volunteers. If you have some time and would like to help, please let Ron or Jim know and we will get you on the list!



## Knights News

### Memorial Garden:

The Knights are teaming up with the Young Adults Group to carry out maintenance work on the Memorial Garden to give back to our Parish. We are looking for 4-6 volunteers to join us in this meaningful effort. The date for this event will be finalized later, but we are targeting the last week in August. Join us in honoring our Parish and contributing to the upkeep of this special space.

### Fish Fry Friday!

We plan to do a couple of Fall Fish Fry's again this year. We have been gifted four fryers that need cleaning before converting them to propane. We need 3-4 volunteers to help clean the fryers so we can change them over from natural gas to LP before we can use them. Contact Jim Recupito, DGK

### Golf Outing:

The Charity Golf Outing is slated for the 17th of August. As of publication, we have over 100 golfers signed up for the event. The Event Team would like to thank all those that have helped in the planning, and those who are helping on the 17th. Hope everyone that wanted to play was able to sign up. So far, this looks like it will be a very successful event for the Knights! Thanks again to everyone from the Event Team!



### Notes / Calendar

The 3rd Degree Business Meeting will be retuning to our standard schedule in August. The 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Mother Cabrini Center. Hope to see you there!

The Calendar has been moved to council's web site, you can use the following link to the web site:

[Mother Cabrini Council #12155 \(uknight.org\)](http://MotherCabriniCouncil#12155(uknight.org))

Click on the "Event Calendar" tab on the left side.



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