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## Grand Knights Report

Greetings,

Brothers, I want to take a moment to extend a warm welcome to the five new brothers who joined our council at our last meeting. It is always uplifting to see our fraternity grow, and I encourage each of you to reach out and help integrate them into our council.

I must express my gratitude to the best exemplification team in Florida for their efforts in making the ceremony truly memorable. Their dedication ensures that the values we cherish are passed on to the next generation of Knights.

As we look ahead, our upcoming Golf Tournament is quickly filling up, and I encourage all of you to register your teams before it's too late. This is a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie, so contact our Deputy Grand Knight to secure your spot.

In addition, we are looking for advertisers for our newsletter and webpage. If you or someone you know owns a business that would like to support our initiatives, please reach out to me. It's a great way to promote their business while contributing to our cause.

This spring, we will also be hosting a First Aid, CPR, and AED training class. If you're interested in becoming certified, please let me know. For brothers who were certified two years ago, a refresher course will be required, and I will provide more information soon.

Mark your calendars for February, as we have the Hockey and Basketball challenge coming up. If you're interested in volunteering, please see Brother Gerry Hayes for details. Also, don't forget that the big red bus will be onsite on February 23rd for our blood drive. Let's come together to give the gift of life—please consider donating.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Vivat Jesus!  
peace, Ron



## Faithfull Navigator



On February 17, 2025, the local Boys Scouts of Parrish will be conducting a 45 minute US Flag Retirement Ceremony on St Frances Cabrini grounds near the Memorial Garden starting at 9:30 am. All are invited. This is a Federal Holiday, so please inform the Faith Formation students of this opportunity if you have any family members participating. Please bring a chair.

Holy Cross Brothers have also been invited to this initiative!





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## Community

**Volunteers Needed for Prison/Jail Outreach** - Join the team of Diocese of Venice volunteers who serve at the Manatee County Jail and Hardee Correctional Institution to do pastoral outreach, distribute the Eucharist and facilitate programs. Volunteers will first participate in an orientation before entering the facility and will “shadow” experienced volunteers until they feel comfortable. Service day is Thursday afternoon at both the jail and the prison. Please contact Bob Hiniker 863-558-0407 to learn how you can fit into this joyful opportunity. Joe Traeger, Phil Pace and Steve Horn, members of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Parish presently serve at Hardee Correctional Institution.

They will be at the February 25th 3rd Degree meeting to provide additional information about the ministry and to answer any questions that you may have .

### 2025 Parrish Heritage Parade

The Knights of Columbus has participated in this parade since 2010. The 4th Degree wore the Color Corps uniform. Followed by the Council and family. Sometimes we carry the US Flag and the yard signs about our Fish Fry. Brother Tom Bradley will chair this event. Please let him know if you are interested in participating.

Thank you Tom Bradley

### BIG RED BUS—Blood Mobile:

The next one will be on February 23rd, from 8am to 1 pm. All Donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift Card, Insulated Tote Bag, and Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. (appointments are encouraged, please visit: [Donate Blood or Platelets | Save a Life \(oneblood.org\)](http://oneblood.org) and use sponsor code #14358 )



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Life

## Defenders of Life

We were **blessed with our first Save of the Year, Praise God!** More on this in a minute.

Our Spring Kickoff will be Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 in the CPCI parking lot. In addition to our guest speaker, 40DFL CEO Shawn Carney, we will be honoring Jeanne Berdeaux on her retirement from the Respect Life Office at the Diocese of Venice. Under Jeanne's leadership, Sarasota was one of the first cities to register for the first national 40DFL campaign in the Fall of 2007. Jeanne was there at the beginning of the national campaigns with Shawn. This will be an event not to miss.

**The Save:** Sandy, the sidewalk advocate reports, "We had a lovely young couple approach on the sidewalk. The young woman looked sad. I told them that there was help and that they didn't need to do this alone. Honestly, I can't quite remember my exact words. They went into PP. But Praise God within 5 minutes they came out and came over to me. I told them about CPCI and I walked them over! As we were walking over, I spoke to them about many things. I am praying that they will choose life."

Sandy is being modest. The woman came out of PP crying. The man looked like a deer in headlights. Sandy knew the right things to say to this couple. As Sandy is walking them over to CPCI, the three of them started hugging, and I suspect all three were crying. To me a good sign. Patty at CPCI reported that the couple chose life!!!

We have multiple opportunities to attend a fund-raising dinner in February for our local centers.

SOLVE Maternity Homes – Saturday February 15th

[Solve 2025 Gala Registration Link](#)

Community Pregnancy Clinic – Saturday February 22nd

<https://supportcpci.com/sarasota-2025-dinner-event/>

Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center – Thursday/Friday February 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.sarasotapregnancy.com/lib/>

It would be great if you could make it to one of these dinners. They are special and we get to see first-hand some of the lives that are impacted due to our prayers, our time and our financial contributions.



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District Deputy John Hansen held the annual District meeting on January 18th at the Mother Cabrini Center. The meeting was open to all brothers of the councils in the district. There was a presentation from the benefits rep and also covered the Star Council Review for each council. He covered the upcoming Florida State Council Convention, and the requirements for the election of delegates to the state convention. Each council needs to elect two Delegates and two Alternates. This year the State Convention will be held in Jacksonville FL over the Memorial Day weekend. If any brother is interested please let Ron know.



## January Family of the Month:

In recognition of their commitment to serving our Church, Paul and Lisa Weott have been named the Knights of Columbus January Family of the Month. Both are active members of our parish and serve as Eucharistic Ministers, embodying a spirit of devotion and dedication to their faith.

Paul extends his service as an usher, ensuring parishioners and visitors feel at ease as they enter the church. His friendly demeanor and readiness to assist make a positive impact during services, reinforcing the welcoming nature of our parish family.

Lisa dedicates her time to the Cabrini Thrift Store, where she contributes her efforts to support those within our community. Through her volunteer work, Lisa shows her

compassion and commitment to helping others.

The Weotts exemplify the mission of the Knights of Columbus, demonstrating how faith and community service can intersect beautifully. Their dedication not only uplifts the lives of those they directly serve but also inspires fellow parishioners to engage in acts of kindness and service. The Knights of Columbus celebrate Paul and Lisa for their exemplary contributions, honoring them as a beacon of family values in



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Exciting news brothers! As part of our latest newsletter, we're hiding a special dogbone for you to find. This fun challenge gives you a chance to win a \$50 gift card. To participate, simply send an email to the GK reporting where you've found the dogbone hidden in the newsletter. The 10th and 30th brothers to correctly identify its location will be the lucky winners! Don't miss out on this opportunity—check the newsletter carefully and start searching. Happy hunting, and good luck to everyone!





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This month, we proudly recognize Jeff Suhr as our Knight of the Month. Jeff has consistently demonstrated a spirit of service and dedication within our Council and Church, making a significant impact through his various roles. As the lead usher for the 9 AM mass, Jeff is a familiar face welcoming parishioners with a warm smile and guidance. His commitment to ensuring that our worship services run smoothly speaks volumes about his character and dedication to fostering a welcoming environment for everyone. Beyond his work at the church, Jeff is an active steering committee member for our golf tournaments. His organizational skills and collaborative spirit help bring this council event to life, allowing members to come together for fun and fellowship while raising funds for important initiatives. Moreover, Jeff extends his kindness to families with the meals for Faith Formation Families. He understands the importance of community support and is always ready to lend a helping hand. His tireless efforts and commitment to serving others are an inspiration to us all. Thank you, Jeff, for embodying the values of our faith and fraternity and for being a shining example of what it means to be a Knight. Your contributions enrich our community, and we are grateful for everything you do!



On January 28th, our council celebrated with an exemplification ceremony welcoming five new brothers into our ranks. We are thrilled to introduce Dave Fingado, Dan Cervello, Todd Chike, Connor Wright, and Lawrence Kircher as our latest members. Their commitment to our values and mission is already evident, as they quickly jumped into action, volunteering for various events.

The ceremony was a heartwarming display of camaraderie and fellowship as

45 existing members gathered to honor the new inductees. Each new brother brings unique talents and perspectives that will undoubtedly enrich our council. Their enthusiasm and willingness to serve have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate their immediate engagement with our council initiatives.

Since their induction, the new brothers have eagerly taken on roles as ushers and are participating in our upcoming golf tournament, showcasing their dedication to our collective efforts. Their proactive involvement exemplifies the spirit of brotherhood that we strive to foster within our organization.

As we look ahead, we are excited to see how Dave, Dan, Todd, Connor, and Lawrence will contribute to our ongoing projects and activities. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact, supporting our council and our parish. Welcome aboard, brothers!



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## Benefits Advisor

Dear Brothers...

Going into my fifth year as your Financial Advisor, I thought I would share some observations, I believe to be true.



- 1) Clients /members are pleasantly surprised when they see the amount of work, detail and expertise that goes into our Financial Profiles. They believe they understand their financial situation, but it becomes a reality when they look at the numbers. They realize that insurance is not just for covering the mortgage. That it is total protection for your spouse and family now and in the future if anything happens to you. Reviewing your current budget and cash flow also usually opens up eyes. It is also enlightening to see who will take care of whom if health issues arise.
- 2) Clients/members are often surprised when they realize their investments (savings, IRAs, 401ks) aren't exactly what they thought they would be. Sometimes clients admit advisors don't even ask them what their risk tolerance is. That is a must when recommending an investment strategy. Together, we determine what is best for them and we do it with care. 🦴
- 3) Clients/members usually do not know what their retirement is invested in. I always explain to them that the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors will never invest in a company stock if their products and services go against our Catholic faith. The American Council of Bishops observes our investments on a regular basis to ensure this practice is followed to a tee.
- 4) The last observation I will make in the article is about working with the surviving spouse. The spouse is always surprised that I am there to do everything possible to work through this difficult time. Together, we take care of everything. That includes the Knights accounts and anything and everything else...pensions, Social Security, changing beneficiaries. ANYTHING to lighten the burden on the surviving spouse. It is my most cherished responsibility.

Brothers, these are just a few of the incredible benefits available to you and your family...just because you're a Knight. That is why Fr. McGivney founded the Knights nearly 150 years ago.

Please consider opening up your home for me to visit with you.



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## Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings has been moved to the Council's web site. Here is the URL for the web site. For the "Members Only" section you need to login for access, the login ID is your membership number (located on you membership card), and your password is your birthdate in the format of "mmddyyyy".

[Mother Cabrini Council #12155 \(uknight.org\)](http://MotherCabriniCouncil#12155(uknight.org)) or <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155>

### Activity / Events for next Month:

TMIY— Every Saturday, 8-9am in the Mother Cabrini Center. Coffee and donut at 7:30 am.

Star Gazing—February 7th 6:30 PM, behind the garage. Corner of 69th and 121st

Free Throw and Hockey Challenge for Mother Cabrini and Holy Cross at Mother Cabrini, 12:30 to 1:30. District area challenge will follow the council challenge, 1:30 to 3:00.

Faith Formation Meal—February 19th, we will start the cooking around 4:30. Any Brother wishing to help please contact Ron or Jim and we will get you on the list.

Golf Outing—February 22nd River Wilderness Golf and Country Club. Spots are filling up so get your team together. See the event team for registration forms.

Wishing our fellow Brothers Happy  
Birthday for February

EDWARD	GRUWELL	1
RAYMOND	ROBINSON	1
LES	STOTLER	4
JOSEPH	GATES	9
MICHAEL	SCARAMUZZO	10
DAVID	COVINO	12
JOSEPH	D ARCO	14
JOHN	JOHNSON	14
ANTHONY	LESTER	16
BENJAMIN	HOPKINS	19
RICHARD	POPLSTEIN	21
ROBERT	KUCERA	23
JOSEPH	PREZZAMA	24
BEN	BITTNER	27

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**CHARITY**

**GOLF OUTING**

**February 22, 2025**

**\$150 PER GOLFER**

**River Wilderness Golf & Country Club, Parrish, FL**

  

**FOR REGISTRATION, DETAILS, QUESTIONS**  
KofC Golf 765-210-6019 jrr.fl615@gmail.com





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Player / Players  
Registration  
Form

## 2025 Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Outing

February 22nd 2025

River Wilderness Golf & Country Club

2250 Wilderness Blvd. Parrish, FL

Team Scramble format

Registration at 7:00am / 7:30am Instructions / 8:00am tee off

4 Hole-In-One prizes (currently being evaluated)



Registration for 1 to 4 players (*teams of 4 will be made up with other players*)

(team contact)

*Please print necessary information below*

Player #1 Name\* : \_\_\_\_\_ Email\* : \_\_\_\_\_

Address\* : \_\_\_\_\_

City\* : \_\_\_\_\_ State\* : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\* : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #\* : \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Email : \_\_\_\_\_

**\$150.00 per player**

**Includes: Golf, Cart, Range Balls, Breakfast Sandwich, Award Luncheon, & Drink**

For additional information see: <https://www.uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155>

Please make payment to Knights of Columbus #12155, in the memo write "golf outing".  
Please send completed form and payment to KofC Golf, 11742 Little River Way, Parrish,  
FL. 34219.

**Payment, and form must be received by February 10, 2025.**

For questions please email to [jrr.fl615@gmail.com](mailto:jrr.fl615@gmail.com) or 765-210-6019