



**Knights of
Columbus®**
Council 11226

July 2025 Newsletter

Grand Knight's Column



Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!

I am looking forward to another great year. This past year we rose to meet the challenges placed before us with the strength, compassion and determination

We served so many. From the homeless with our support at Pinellas Hope both with meals and helping them rebuild following the storms in the fall. The parish following the same storms. To brothers' families we supported following the loss of several long time and influential Knights. To the Special Olympians, the wheelchair bound, our veterans.

We served our parish further with fellowship with our Pancake Breakfasts and assisting the Women's Ministry with the Chilifest and Trivia Night, we stepped up each time with a smile on our faces and the knowledge that our contributions mattered.

We served our parish again spiritually with the many Holy Hours, The prayer services for the St. Joseph Icon and the Silver Rose. Additionally, we served the order by praying for all Knights, both present and deceased on each First Friday of the year.

Along with the gains in membership, the order has honored us again this year by recognizing our Council with Star Council!

We are embarking on another great year in supporting the parish, the community, the order and each other. I am excited to get this year going just like the last with the same fervor and determination!

**God Bless,
GK Greg**

Vivat Jesus!

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

Officers

Chaplain

Reverend Father
Jonathan Emery

Grand Knight

Greg Knupke-Coe

Deputy Grand Knight

Jeff McDonald

Warden

Adrian LaTrace

Chancellor

Jim Grback

Financial Secretary

Ed Denta

Treasurer

Robert Rodriquez

Recorder

Laszlo Varga

Advocate

Jim Dodson

Inside Guards

Louis Miranda
David Sharp

Outside Guards

Bill Barbosa
Tommy Miranda

1-Year Trustee

Dennis Hamel

2-Year Trustee

Ben Kristoff

3-Year Trustee

Bob Smith

Field Agent

Tony Crevello



FAMILY OF THE MONTH



July Family of the Month: Ed & Diane Denta

Congratulations to Diane and Ed Denta as July's Family of the Month. The longtime parishioners and 11 am Mass attendees are active at our parish in many ways. Ed is a Brother and officer with the Knights of Columbus, member of the Finance Council and a money counter. Diane is a member of the Women's Ministry. Both are dedicated greeters and ushers and help with Pinellas Hope. Thanks for your dedication and service.



BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Loving God, you created all the people of the world and you know each of us by name. Thank you for the gift of our brothers who celebrate their birthdays this month.

Nick Bellezza
Tom Christy
Ed Denta
Mike Hux
Adrian La Trace
Jeff McDonald
Bob Smith
Michael Willey



Happy Anniversary!

Thank you for your ongoing dedication! We celebrate you.

Christopher Nichols – 14 Years
Harry Bologna – 9 Years
Bob Thompson – 9 Years
Joe Moorhouse – 8 Years
Jim Papaliosas – 1 Year



JULY COUNCIL MEETING





HOLY HOUR





EXEMPLIFICATION

Welcome Brother Tom Aydelott!

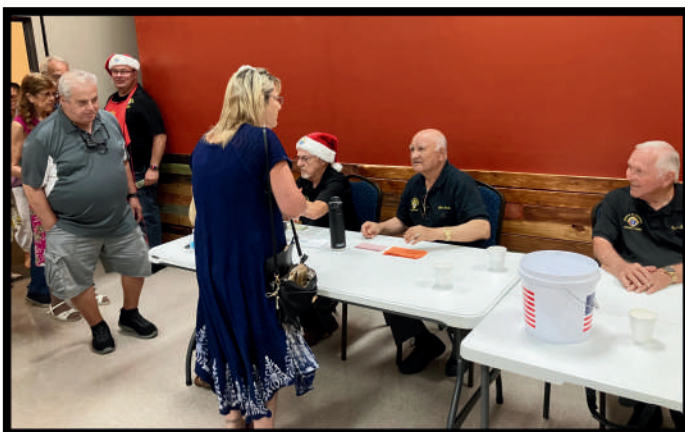




PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Raffle Winner!





RECOGNITION DINNER

Thank YOU For An Amazing Year!



**David Limberger
Knight of the Year**



**Laszlo & Sarah Varga
Family of the Year**



**Deacon Tony
Service to Pinellas
Hope & Holy Hours**



**Lumberjacks
Service to Beautify
Parish Grounds**



**District Deputy
Ben for Service to
Council**



RECOGNITION DINNER



Ray for Untiring Service to the Community & Council



Thank You 2024-25 Officers!



Thank You 2024-25 Program Directors!



50/50 Winner!



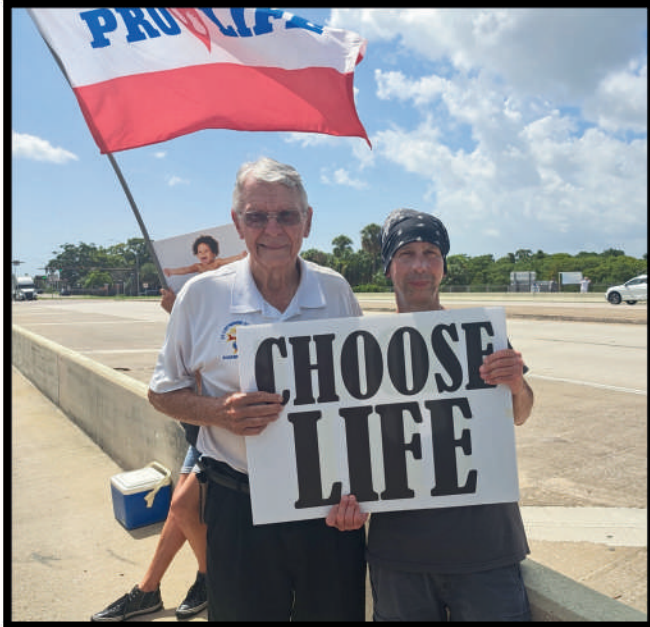


RECOGNITION DINNER





KNIGHTS IN ACTION



**Overpass for Life
Demonstration**



**Altar Server of Year
Samantha "Ethan" Clark**



More than 2,000 Pounds of Food Collected and more than \$1,000 raised through Laptop Raffle donated to Community Food Bank!



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Dressed Up For Mass



Helping at VBS



Pienkos' on Vacation



**Grandpa at
VBS Family Day**



Wards on Vacation



Mark Your Calendars!

COUNCIL 11226 CALENDAR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
AUGUST		
Friday, August 1, 2025	8:30 AM	First Friday Mass / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Tuesday, August 5, 2025	7:00 PM, 6:00 PM Dinner	August Council Meeting
Saturday, August 9, 2025	9:00 AM-Noon	Handyman Items @ Church TBD
Saturday, August 9, 2025	5:30 PM	Exemplification
Sunday, August 10, 2025	TBD	Present Family of the Month
Tuesday, August 12, 2025	All Day	Birthday Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney
Wednesday, August 13, 2025	All Day	Feast Day Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney
Sunday, August 17, 2025	12:30 PM	Officer Installation Ceremony (Wear Coats + Tie) St. Matthew Church
Tuesday, August 19, 2025	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting

SEPTEMBER		
Monday, September 1, 2025	All Day	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 2, 2025	7:00 PM, 6:00 PM Dinner	September Council Meeting
Friday, September 5, 2025	8:30 AM	First Friday Mass / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sunday, September 14, 2025	All Masses	Pancake Breakfast
Saturday/Sunday, September 13/14, 2025	TBD	Present Family of the Month
Monday, September 15, 2025	7:00 PM	Rosary/Holy Hour (Team Hamel)
Tuesday, September 16, 2025	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting
TBD		Youth Soccer Challenge?

Share Your Story Ideas and Photos

Contribute to our newsletter by sharing your ideas for stories or photos showing our Brothers in action - at the parish, in the community or around the world!

Email your photos with a short description or your story ideas to: KOC11226.News@gmail.com and we may use them in an upcoming issue.

Know Someone Interested in Joining Our Council?

Learn more about joining our council or transferring a current membership by contacting **Grand Knight Greg Knupke-Coe (727) 735-2448**.

About Knights of Columbus Council #11226

St. Matthew's Knights of Columbus Council is a fraternal Catholic society chartered in December 1993. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who are 18 years of age or older. The Knights' purpose is to foster spiritual growth in the parish, encourage families and aid in charitable causes.

Our **business meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in Bethany Hall and usually last one hour beginning with dinner and fellowship at 6:00 pm**. All men who have a current First Degree or higher traveling card are welcome. During the year we sponsor social meetings and members are encouraged to bring their families for dinner-a guest speaker is usually included. A notice will be printed in the parish's bulletin and through other communication channels.