KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mother Seton Palm Coast Council # 17480

Join us: Third Thursday at 7 p.m. 4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast, Florida 32137 Grand Knight Owen Thompson

Grand Knight Ralph Esposito Message

July 2024

In recent years, I considered joining the Knights of Columbus. However, my schedule was hectic; running my business of 24 years, doing ridesharing to supplement my income, raising my kids, and aiding in care for both of my in-laws. It had been awhile since attending church in 2021. With the pandemic and my 2 month recovery from major neck surgery; my wife and I were finally able to attend mass in person again. A short time later, a Sunday in October, the Knights of Columbus of SEAS did what was called a "membership drive!" I had decided to take a peek at their table in the vestibule. This was a time that between my first ever surgery, and the condition of our country and world, I turned to God more than ever. Thus there stood a few men, some that I had seen from time to time at the 8 am mass that we attend weekly. I went directly to the man with the ponytail. He was welcoming, informative, energetic, and gave positive vibes. Mike gave me a history of the Knights of Columbus, handed me plenty of booklets to look over, and mentioned some historic figures that were KofC. No pressure in signing up or verbally committing. Among the things he said, were that these men will become close to you. Some may become best friends, or possibly be your pallbearers. I thought to myself, is this implying that I will die soon? I had decided at that time to step up and make a difference, to my family as a role model to my four sons, to my community, and especially, to my church. I filled out a Form 100 at that time. A few weeks later, on November 7th, 2021, I had joined council 17480.

Fast forward to six months later, I was asked by Brothers Mike and Joe if I'd like to become the Deputy Grand Knight. Well, I could have taken this one of two ways. They may have possibly asked every single Knight in our council, and they all refused, spouses included, and then decided to ask the rookie, or maybe they saw something in me that would be a good fit for that position, followed by becoming the Grand Knight. I would like to think it was the latter one. At that time, I was not sure of what a DGK's duties were. Mike Tennyson, Joe Lupo and Owen Thompson did a great job working with me so that I would be prepared for that role. So on July 1st, 2022, I filled that and the role of Program Director, with honor and pride. Well these two years had flown by. As I sit here today typing this out, I feel that becoming the Grand Knight will involve a major challenge to continue to take over where Worthy Brothers Mike and Owen left off. It is a surreal feeling that in a short period of time, I have been trusted to continue to lead 17480 in the right direction. I thank all of you for giving me this opportunity. With my councils help, and many have offered to assist in any way that I see fit, I am confident that we continue doing a great job for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.

Mark Your Calander

July 7th KC Officers Mass at 2pm July 18th KC Meeting at 7pm August 24th Fourth Degree Exemplification Jacksonville Sept. 9-12, 2024— Parish Mission by Fr. Wade Menezes October 26th-27th Food Truck and Craft Fair March 24 – 27, 2025— Lenten Retreat by Fr. William Garrott, O.P.

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District Deputy Message July 2024 Greg Gully

Brothers, I am honored to be chosen as District Deputy for District 17. I follow two giants in Former District Deputies Kevin Ryan and Paul Gloeckler. I have learned much about being a DD from both of these honorable men. I can honestly say if I am half as effective as these two Worthy Brother Knights then District 17 will be



successful. The 2023-2024 fraternal year was extremely successful. Well deserved honors have been bestowed on FDD Kevin Ryan. He gualified for 3rd place in the state of Florida in membership and also for All Star District awards. All 3 Councils in the district have also received numerous awards. St. Mary's attained star council, Mother Seton attained double star council and Notre Dame also attained double star council along with many other awards for each council. The 2024-2025 fraternal year has begun. We welcome new officers and especially Grand Knight Jerry Chabon, I will work, under his leadership, to diligently assist the council to attain and surpass the successes of the last fraternal year. Unified we can achieve this. Calendar year 2024 is also a contentious election year. Politics has no place at council meetings. That being said, Amendment #4 is NOT political. The Knights have been on the front lines of life issues since their inception. Amendment #4 will be discussed and prayerfully defeated. Now more than ever we need EVERY Brother Knight to stand boldly for life. This is our time to do everything in our power to defeat the cult of death. I implore you to make a visit to the abortion mill in Jacksonville to pray for the Moms and Dads that feel like murder is their only option. Stand with signs educating voters on amendment #4. Speak with everyone you know. We must defeat amendment #4 to ensure that this extreme abortion measure is never enshrined in the state constitution. Let's get to work on making 2024-2025 a banner year, because we are called to service and that is what Knights dol

Vivat Jesus! Greg

I always think of July as being the midpoint of the summer. I hope your summer is going well and you're getting to enjoy it. Summer vacations, kids out of school, lots of outdoor sports, tending flowers and vegetable gardens. Seems like there is so much more to keep up with than during the winter. Maybe that's what makes it seem like summer goes so fast and winter drags on. Summer will be gone before you know it!

For this month a couple of thoughts come to mind. A case that came up recently had to do with the ownership of life insurance policies. If you have policies on dependent children, it's wise to have a contingent owner listed. A parent is most often the owner of the child's policy, but often there is no provision made on the policy should that parent pass away. Having a contingent owner listed in this situation makes for a smooth transition of ownership. That's one of the many things I can help with when I review policies for you.

Fraternal benefits come with being a member of the Order. One of these fraternal benefits is known as the Spouse's Right to Apply. This benefit is spelled out in each of our insurance contracts and provides a widow with the right to apply for any of our products for up to one year after her husband's death so long as he was an insured member at the time of his death. It's another good reason to become an insured member with the Order. It gives that right to your spouse. One of the advantages of meeting with me is to review just these kinds of situations. I hope to put your mind at ease.

There are many more fraternal benefits. When I meet with a member and his spouse, I try to make sure I explain all of them that are pertinent. This is all in addition to our financial needs analysis tool that can help determine needs. I think this analysis and the insurance products we offer are two of the most worthwhile benefits the Order provides. This is a robust and cutting-edge platform that is used throughout the life insurance industry. We used to use a much simpler form called the Family Service Record to help keep track of important household information if the need ever presented itself. Now one of the benefits I provide to you and your family is to go through this financial needs analysis and help determine where you are now and where you want to go. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a baseline or periodic check-up is a wise idea.

I appreciate the trust you've placed in me and the opportunity to serve you! Enjoy the summer!



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Field Agent Message Larry Kennedy

Annual Dues

ANNUAL DUES ARE PAYABLE ON JULY 1st !

Prompt payment of your dues is extremely important. It ensures you remain eligible for all of the benefits of membership. If dues are not remitted within a reasonable time frame, the council is required to pass your name to the retention committee. This process is quite laborious, so your prompt remission of dues is appreciated.

REGULAR MEMBER DUES \$30.00

Honorary Member Dues \$12.00

Priests, Deacons, Disability and Honorary Life Members are EXEMPT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Culture of Life Fund (assessment by supreme) \$2.00

Newsletter Supporter \$3.00

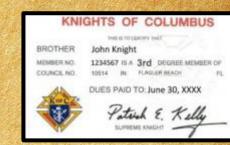
Vocations Supporter \$15.00

REGULAR DUES WITH CONTRIBUTIONS \$50.00

PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Financial Sec Deacon Jose Homen.





- 1. Columbia Magazine Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families.
- 2. Knights of Columbus Rosary Blessed by the Supreme Chaplain, presented during the New Member's Exemplification.
- 3. Daily Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church Mass for deceased members and their wives at the birthplace of the Order.
- 4. Insurance Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care and annuity products exclusive for members and their families.
- Family Fraternal Benefit For eligible families: a) pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 to any child under age 18.
- 6. Orphan Benefit \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
- 7. Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost.
- 8. Widow Benefits a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities up to one year after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to Columbia; d) eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.
- 9. Scholarships Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children from the Supreme Council. Council 17480 also sponsors a Scholarship Program for the youth.
- 10. Leadership Development Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, mentoring, etc.
- 11. Fourth Degree Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree
- 12. Honorary Life Membership At age 70 with 25 years of membership or with 50 years of membership.
- 13. Membership Card Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world
- 14. Activities participation in a variety of programs and activities which include: Church Ministry, Helping the mentally disabled, Corporate Communions, Charitable Fundraising, Socials, Dances, Dinners, Parades, and more.



PRAY TO PROTECT THEM BOTH

Vote No on Amendment 4



FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS WWW.FLACCB.ORG

Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

> Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!



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DINARY INCOME/EXPENSE	
INCOME	
Donations	925.00
Donations from Breakfast	3875.00
Meals	500.00
Membership dues	4500.00
Special Event (Italian dinner dance)	4500.00
Special Event (Valentine Social)	4500.00
Special Event (TBD)	4500.00
St. Gerards House member doorSon Vocation 50/50 Tootsie Roll Drive	2400.00
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Tootsie Roll Drive	1000.00
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Star Donations	-1500.00
Total Income	27,635.00
EXPENSE	
Bank Service Charges	60.00
Charitable donations	2000.00
Seminarians donations	500.00
Scholarship donations	500.00
Coats for Kids	500.00
Whispering Meadows Ranch	500.00
Special Olympics	500.00
Convention	600.00
DD Convention	100.00
Tootsie Roll drive (aprons and tootsie rolls)	200.00
Exemplification	500.00



Grand Knight Owen Thompson

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Conferences and meetings	90.00
Italian Dance	2000.00
Donations	800.00
Florida State per Capita	2500.00
Food	6500.00
Fund raising activity	600.00
Insurance MS	200.00
Ministry	500.00
Food Fund raising activity Insurance Ministry Miscellaneous Office supplies Polo shirts Postage Valentines Social	335.00
Office supplies	500.00
Polo shirts	1300.00
Postage	50.00
Valentines Social	2000.00
Social (TBD)	2000.00
St. Gerards House	2400.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	27,635.00
Net ordinary Income	0
NET INCOME	0

If you know any Brother or family member in distress,

please notify one of the officers. MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

Intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing:

Fr Rob's Mother, Joan Thompson (Wife of GK Owen Thompson) Mike Miller, Doug Laidlaw, Dennis Kow,

Connie Diguilo (wife of Pete) Kevin Ryan, Mike Tennyson,

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (Gospel for July 28, Jn 6:5)

Jesus can do anything, but he often expects his disciples to participate in his work. Notice that although Jesus performs the miracle, it is the disciples who find the boy with the loaves and fishes, distribute the food and collect the leftovers. We must reject the error of quietism — the idea that activity has little to no place in our spiritual life — and recognize that we have an active role to play in Christ's sacred mission.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

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This month, I challenge you to support one effort to serve the poor and those most in need in your community.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you recognize that Christ has work for you to do in this life? When you see suffering around you, is your first response to consider what Christ might be asking you to do? How can you grow in your awareness of the tasks Christ is asking you to undertake?

July Birthdays

Dennis I Kow Esq
Hector R Ortiz Vazquez
Leornard M Fertall
Anthony F Girgus
Frank Sistrunk Jr
Robert J Howell
Antonio F Paulo
Alden Raquepau Jr
Wesley W Paul
Michael L Matuciana
Gary W Riley



Raymond Cecot	07-17
James D Tisony	07-18
Jess U Socrates	07-19
Donald Urban Thelen	07-19
Stephen Derrig	07-21
Kevin F Riebsam	07-24
Joseph T Camarda	07-25
John W Franz Jr	07-27
James D Pointkouski	07-28
Ronald W Cowles	07-29
Arthur W Walter	07-31

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES

With your support, Knights of Columbus is able to impact the lives of countless individuals in need, around the nation and around the world. Whether providing aid to those affected by disasters, supporting persecuted Christians, assisting mothers and babies in need, or more, your contributions make a profound difference. 100% of your donation goes directly to those we serve through our charitable programs.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT?

It means a life of faith in action, a life of boldness in brotherhood, a life worth living. Join 2 million Catholic men on a mission.



June Awards

Knight of the Month Alden Raquepau Jr.





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KNIGHTS AT WORK – SETON HALL PROJECT

Thanks to Brother Knights Ron Cowles and Frank Cositore for their dedication on the Building Committee and on the Seton Hall Project.



The windows and drywall are finished. The next steps will be painting and installing new cabinets.

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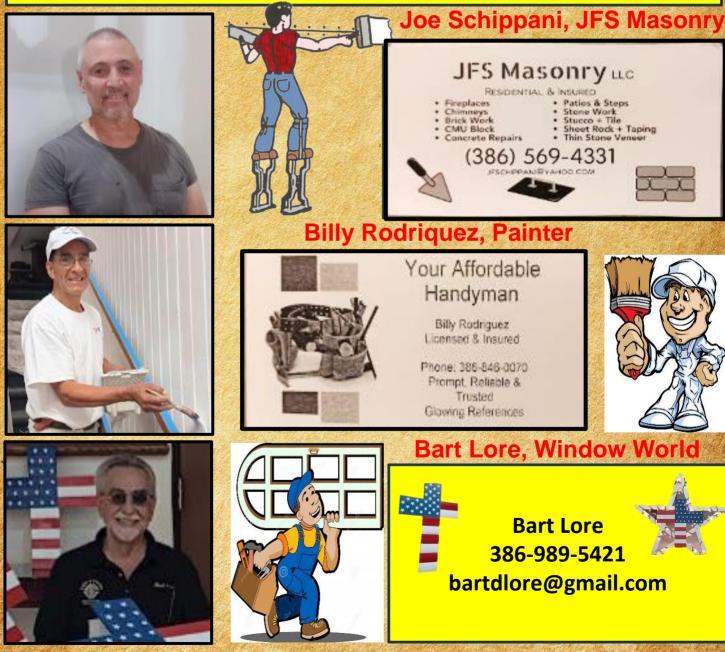
to the volunteers and to Builders First Source, Window World, Sherwin Williams, Lowes Home Improvement and the Home Depot for donating products for this remodel project.

ACKNOWLEDGING KEY VOLUNTEERED IN THE RENOVATION OF SETON HALL

As we progress with the renovations of the interior of **Seton Hall**, the Buildings Ministry would like to acknowledge three volunteers. While there are over fifty volunteers who are voluntarily working on the Hall, these volunteers stand out because they are employed full time. They split their time working on the Hall for free and working for customers.



Drywall work has been professionally done by **Joe Schippani**. Painting has been expertly done by **Billy Rodriquez**. Through his skills, **Bart Lore** has negotiated with local vendors for free or discounted materials and supplies. Paint (**Sherwin Williams**); drywall, nails, screws, tools and supplies (**Lowes and Home Depot**); windows for the school and Hall (**Window World**); lumber and main doors (**Builder's First Source**).



Please support these individuals and companies by considering using them for your own projects and acknowledging them for their donations to our project! We are very grateful for all their contributions.



Proudly display our country's flag and thank our Veterans, First Responders and all who serve our Country and Community. For a \$50 donation receive a wooden flag cross. 100% of the proceeds goes to your choice either the Food Pantry or the Capitol Campaign. Flags will be sold after all the Masses this weekend.





A Prayer of thanks from the KOC to the Faith Community of SEAS for your Support, Love, and Sharing of your Bounty with those less fortunate during this Holiday Season.

May God put his Love in our hearts. Put his words on our lips. May we see with his eyes. Hear with his ears. Embrace with his arms. May Everything we do be pleasing in his eyes, and everyone we meet know that God's Love is alive here on Earth and is found in One Another. Amen.



Join Brother District Deputy Greg Gully on a trip to Rome and Lourdes THOLIC URNEYS Join Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, OP on a Special Pilgrimage to Rome and Lourdes

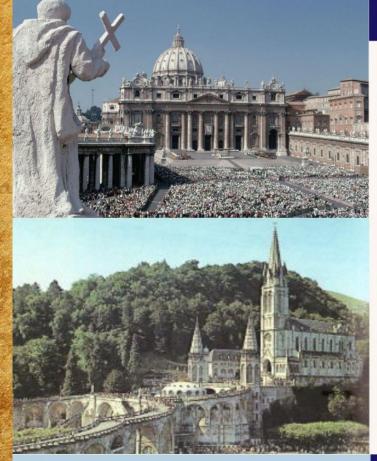
September 22 - 29, 2025



Join your local Brother Knights of Colombus for this once in a lifetime trip! Highlights in Jubliee Year Rome include private daily Masses, Papal Audience at the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Vatican Museums, the Holy Stairs, visits to several beautiful basilicas, the catacombs of St. Callixtus, and the Colosseum, among a robust itinerary. In Lourdes, attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette, participate in the candlelight rosary procession, and wash and drink the water from the miraculous spring that has been attributed to many approved miracles.

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\$4295 Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare from Jacksonville (other cities available)
- One-way Flight from Rome to Lourdes
- 1 Checked Bag; 1 Carry-On Bag; 1 Personal Item on plane
- First Class Luxury Hotel Accommodations
 - 3 nights in Rome
 - 3 nights in Lourdes
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
 - (Wine & Bottled Water with dinner)
- Transport by Private Motorcoach
- Local, English Speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance/Admission Fees (whisper headsets where needed)
- Backpack, luggage tag, neck wallet, lanyard
- Daily Mass

\$4295 per person, double occupancy, with airfare \$3195 Land Only (purchase your own airfare) \$720 Single Supplement for solo private room



www.catholicjourneys.com







India Trip with Brother Knight Dennis Boucher

Join India Mission Joy on a Pilgrimage to India leaving Chicago/Orlando on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 and returning Sunday, February 2^{nd.}

Limited to 25 people.

This Trip will include:

- Chennai St Thomas Tomb and Cathedral
- Basilica of Our Lady of Good Health
- Pongal (Thanksgiving) Celebration
- Mother Teresa Home Ribbon Cutting
- Goa Bom Jesus Church St Fransis Xavier
- Calcutta Mother Teresa Tomb
- Taj Mahal
- Sites in New Delhi
- And so much more



Host **Fr Peter Manickam**

Co-Host **Dennis Boucher**













Cost \$3,870 for adults includes airfare, motels, meals and ground transportation. Trip limited to 25 people. Contact Dennis Boucher at 386-315-9994 or email at dboucher136@gmail. for more information.









National Eucharistic Revival 2024



Invite One Back Initiative

Make Your Flock Whole

It's a familiar story: the family you used to see at Mass every week slowly stopped showing up when "life got busy." Or maybe there's an elderly parishioner you haven't seen since the COVID-19 pandemic a few years ago. Noticeable or not, we all have holes in our pews.

A 2014 PEW study found that 13% of all U.S. adults are former Catholics—and that was ten years ago! That means for every convert to the faith, there are at least 6.5 fallen-away Catholics. COVID-19 amplified this problem. A 2022 CARA study showed a 7% decline in Sunday Mass attendance compared with pre-COVID data. This significant portion of Catholics lost connection with their local parish during the shutdowns, and just never came back.

It's time to bring them home.

In this Year of Parish Revival, we are inviting clergy and parish leaders to pursue each lapsed member of their flock. Just like the Good Shepherd, we will call each of the lost sheep home as a part of the Invite One Back initiative. This campaign begins now in anticipation of the upcoming Year of Mission, when the wider Church will be sent out to win new souls for Christ. Returning fallen-away members to the fold will set the groundwork for this new missionary chapter.

The goal of this initiative is to guide people to intimate encounters with Jesus Christ and lead souls to salvation, allowing them to experience God's love, mercy, and goodness. To do that, we all need to invite back everyone who has left in a way that makes sure they feel seen and desired as an individual member of your parish family. Whom are you called to invite home?

Why Invite One Back?

Let's take a look at some important research presented in the CARA Study and where things stand since COVID-19:

- Before the COVID-19 pandemic, 24% of adult Catholics attended Mass at least once a week. That number has fallen to 17% post-pandemic. This represents a roughly 30% decline in Mass attendance.
- <1% of adult Catholics are homebound, shut-in, sick, or simply unable to come to Mass.
- 5% of adult Catholics are still watching Mass online or on television, in addition to the <1% of Catholics who are unable to come to Mass.
- If we assume that those 5% attended Mass at least once a week pre-pandemic, this would imply that 2% of adult Catholics have **completely** fallen away since COVID-19.
- 75% of those watching Mass online due to the COVID-19 pandemic state that they believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



Watch **Rosary across America** every night at 8pm Eastern on the Relevant Radio app, their Facebook page or on Utube.

Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 17480 Officers 2024



Grand Knight Ralph Esposito



Recorder **Dennis Boucher**



Inside Guard John Brailsford



3 Year Trustee Owen Thompson



Deacon Jose Homen.



Treasurer Dan Lamperti



Outside Guard Thomas Brand



Lecture John Franz



Deputy GK Joseph Paul



Advocate Joseph Kubasky



1 Year Trustee John Furmanek



Rev. Jose Panthaplamthottivil Pastor/Chaplin



Chancellor Michael Heil



Warden **Benjamin Ladrido**



2 Year Trustee **Mike Tennyson**



Rev. Robert Trujillo Parochial Vicar



Program Director Joseph Paul



Life Director Wayne Friday



Youth Director Chris Daley



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: MEN ON A MISSION

Charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. These are the four pillars that guide brother Knights as they put their faith into action in service to God, their families and their communities.