



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BISHOPVEROT COUNCIL # 5845



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MELBOURNE BEACH

June 23, 2025

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## From the Grand Knight Elect



Brothers,

On June 30 we mark the end of our fraternal year. It was a year of joy, accomplishments, and loss which I will address in the newsletter. But before I go any further, I want to congratulate SK Jay Casey for being named Knight of the Year, BK John and Joanne Puglia for being named Family of the Year, and BK Deacon Mike Nusear for achieving the Spirit of a Knight award. I also want to thank SK Tom Ghesquiere for his outstanding leadership this past year as Grand Knight.



Earlier this fraternal year Past Grand Knight SK Mike Fisher was presented by our District Deputy SK Pat Farrelly with our Council's eight consecutive Star award. Under the guidance of Grand Knight SK Tom Ghesquiere, we have accomplished all of the goals set forth by Supreme to receive our ninth consecutive Star award.

Some of our accomplishments are as follows:

The Council raised a record amount of money from the sale of Christmas trees and distributed said funds to twenty-three separate charitable organizations. Special thanks are given to the eight knights who donated seven thousand dollars for the purchase of a Quonset style structure which replaced, as one member called it our Sandford and Son's shack. We also want to recognize SK William Kamholz, SK Ronald Snyder, BK Kevin McMahon, and SK Jay Casey for providing equipment, construction expertise, and guidance in assembling our new Quonset hut as well as the many members who gave their time and effort not only in erecting our new Quonset hut but later in their effort to move, organize, and sell the trees.



## From the Grand Knight Elect Continued



This past year our Council's Laps-for-Life team received the district's award for being the #1 fund raiser, raising over seven thousand dollars for this worthwhile cause. The team consisted of SK Lynn Mallek, SK Craig Russell, SK Randy and Eileen McClure. In addition, our own Michi Davis, also an active fundraiser, received the district's award for completing the most laps. These funds were used to help purchase a second ultrasound machine to be used in Brevard County. The use of ultrasound machines has been found to be an effective tool in preventing the loss of unborn life through abortion.



Our Council's Mardi Gras and Lenten fish dinners again were a great success by bringing hundreds of parishioners and friends together. We cooked, served, broke bread and fish and had a wonderful time while providing needed funds for our parish school at HNJ. Special thanks go out to BK Rod Holzworth, SK Vince Greco, and SK Joe Mayer who oversaw the menu selections, food purchases, and preparation of the food. And a heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who set up and cleaned the dining area, cooked, and served the food and drinks.





## From the Grand Knight Elect Continued



Under the guidance of SK Steve Ewing, we provided HNJ's school students with opportunities to excel athletically with soccer, basketball, and hockey challenges and academically with essay and science contests. BK John Puglia also headed up the design and building of individual raised garden beds for each grade level at HNJ.



This fraternal year, SK James Reeves proposed and with a team of helpers started a social committee which has coordinated monthly social events for our members and families. This has been a great success and has brought our member and their families closer together.





## From the Grand Knight Elect Continued



Our Council's support of parish, school, and community events continued throughout the year. We cooked and/or served food at numerous schools and parish events, Live4More activities, FIT spaghetti dinners, and at Daily Bread. We organized or assisted at First Friday and Fifth Sunday Rosaries, Eucharistic processions, a Memorial Mass for our deceased knights, the May Crowning of Mary, and Right to Life activities. I want to thank SK Tom Ghesquiere, SK Tom Fair, SK Bob Krenzer, SK George Poole, and all the volunteers for their good work in these activities. And I want to apologize to those who have led or taken part in activities I may have left off.







## From the Grand Knight Elect Continued



On a somber note, I want to express my and our council's sorrow for the loss of those knights and spouses of knights who have departed this life and who have united with Our Lord in the next.

They are: BK Brent Conaway, Patricia Holzworth wife of BK Rod Holzworth, BK Joseph Steckler, and Joe's wife Terry Steckler and SK Msgr. David Page.



Our prayers also go out to those knights and family members who are on our prayer list and for SK Jay Casey, SK Steve Ewing, SK James Reeves and BK Joe McConnell who were most recently added.

Vivat Jesus!

BK Peter Gioia  
Grand Knight elect



**Bishop Verot**

**Council # 5845**

**Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church**

**Knight of the Month for June**

**George Poole**

**Family of the Month for June**

**Alec & Fran Buchness**



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