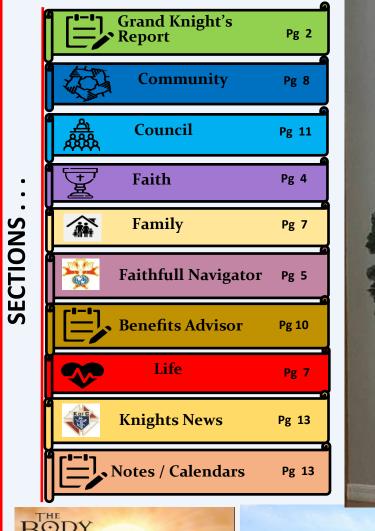
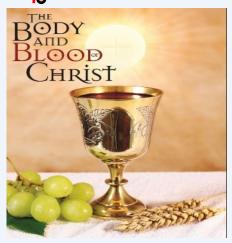


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Mother Cabrini Council #12155

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Grand Knights Report

May was a great month. I nominated **Father Joseph for the Blessed Michael**

McGivney State Chaplain of the Year Award, and he won. District Deputy John Hansen, Deputy Grand Knight Ron Merigold, myself, and our families were present when Father Joseph was presented the award at the 120th Knights of Columbus Florida State Convention Banquet in front of 600 plus Brother Knights and their families. Congratulations Father Joseph and good luck in the International Competition for Chaplain of the Year. Thanks to everyone who showed up for Recruitment and Corporate Communion

Weekend on 18/19 May. Over 20 parishioners approached us for information about the Knights of Columbus and/or how to become a Knight. After contributing our time, talents, and treasure to the upgrade of the Cabrini Center, we were blessed to use the main hall for our Exemplification on 29 May. We had 7 new brothers join the order and help us obtain Triple Star rating – pay raises for everyone. Even Connor, who's only 17, helped recruit one of his high school friends who just turned 18 to become a Knight. Welcome Brother Ashton. Congratulations to all the new officers elected on 29 May. I'm sure under Grand Knight Elect Ron Merigold's leadership, the council will continue to thrive and grow. Please continue to support him as you've supported me. I look forward to the Trustee seat. If all goes well, this will be my last input to the newsletter – or at least as Grand Knight. Thanks again for everything, God Bless, and good night.

John T. Kreger IV Mother Cabrini Council 12155

Grand Knight's Parting Shots:

Thank you to everyone who helped make our council so vibrant this past year. Thanks to all the officers who stepped up to fill those positions and to all the Brothers who helped with so many of our events. I'd also like to thank all the spouses, friends and ladies of the parish who helped with our events as well – we could not have pulled off six consecutive fish fries and serve approximately 2,100 meals without their support.

As I'm sure you've heard, I nominated Father Joseph for the State Blessed Michael McGivney Award, and he won. Congratulations Father Joseph on an award well deserved. We (DD John Hansen, DGK Ron and Joy Merigold, and GK John and Dyane Kreger) were honored to have you in attendance with us at the 120th Florida State Convention. Hopefully you got a little rest.

What I'm sure you didn't know is that I also nominated DGK Ron Merigold for the state, Knight of the Year Award. After listening to the presentation of Knight of the Year at the convention, I still think he's most deserving. I guess it was too big of ask for the top three awards to all come from the Diocese of Venice – Father Joseph (Chaplain of the Year), Family of the Year (from St Thomas Moore) and Knight of the Year. Ron, a personal thanks for all you've done for me and the council – you are my Knight of the Year!



14 May 2024

Below is a letter I wrote to Bishop Frank Dewane, letting him know of all the great things we've accomplished in the past year. For those interested, I've also included the award nominations for Father Joseph and DGK Ron.

The Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice,

Your Excellency, Bishop Dewane, I am sure you get lots of letters from parishioners in the diocese, but I wanted to add one to the "good letter" column. I have been a member at St Frances Cabrini Parish in Parish for over 10 years - dating back to the days of Father Jay. Way back then, Parrish was a small rural community with probably more cows than residents, but today it certainly has changed. I am sure you have experienced the massive growth every time you come north of the river to celebrate a Confirmation Mass or other church event.

I joined the Knights of Columbus shortly after moving to Parrish and have been active ever since. Next month I will finish my second tour as Grand Knight of Mother Cabrini Council 12155 and I wanted to let you know of all the great things the Knights have been doing.

We painted the classrooms in the Mother Cabrini Center ensuring Faith Formation, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), That Man Is You (TMIY), Bible Study, 3rd and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus groups and others had a nice, fresh, place for learning and growth. We volunteered as Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. We served over 150 meals, 8 months in a row to Faith Formation children and their parents. We had our most successful string of 6 Friday night Lenten Fish Fries ever, averaging 349 meals per Friday night, all in a drive thru environment. We beautified our campus by weeding flower beds and laying mulch. We held a very successful car show.

When the State 4th Degree Order of the Knights of Columbus needed a location to hold a 4th Degree Exemplification on the west coast, Father Joseph stepped up and offered St Frances Cabrini Parish. The state was so pleased with the offer, they named him the honoree of the Exemplification. The Exemplification went off without a hitch as we welcomed 157 new Sir Knights into the order. Father Joseph will be publicly presented his Exemplification thank you gift at this weekend's masses.

I cannot say enough good things about Father Joseph. He has been a valuable asset as both Chaplain for Mother Cabrini Council 12155 and Friar for Father Patrick Farrell Assembly 3322. We certainly could not do the things we do without his support. In recognition of all he has done, I nominated him for the State Blessed Michael McGivney Award, and he won. He was selected Florida State Chaplain of the Year and the application has been submitted for the International Competition. Father Joseph will be presented his award at the State Convention Banquet in Orlando on 25 May.

We, the Knights, and I am sure the St Frances Cabrini Parish community are honored to have Father Joseph as our pastor. I just wanted to make sure his recognition did not go unnoticed. I have attached a copy of the award nomination I wrote for Father Joseph.

Thank you, Your Excellency, for all you do for the Diocese of Venice and especially for St Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. Thank you for appointing Father Joseph as our shepherd.

Respectfully yours in Christ John T. Kreger IV, PGK, PFN Grand Knight, Mother Cabrini Council 12155



Faith

June is a month of profound significance for us as Knights of Columbus, dedicated to honoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion highlights Jesus' immense love and mercy for all humanity, symbolized by His Sacred Heart. Rooted in the revelations to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, this tradition calls us to reflect on and embody Christ's boundless compassion in our lives.



Throughout June, we are encouraged to deepen our faith through prayer, acts of love, and service to others, mirroring the mercy and kindness of Jesus. Let this month be a time of spiritual renewal and a reminder of the transformative power of His love.

As we honor the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, may we be inspired to live out His teachings more fully, bringing His love and grace to those around us.

The liturgical solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus commemorates the love of Our Lord for us. It has its roots in devotion to the Sacred Heart, a long-practiced Catholic devotion to the heart of Our Lord Jesus, who is the incarnate expression of God's mercy and compassion for the world.

Two days ahead of Friday's solemnity, during the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis invited the faithful to "discover the riches hidden in the Heart of Jesus" and to love our neighbor. He also added that we should not be afraid to present "all of the intentions of our suffering humanity, its fears and its miseries" to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The solemnity is usually celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost, on the Friday after Corpus Christi.

"In biblical language, 'heart' indicates the center of the person where his sentiments and intentions dwell," he said. "In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, His will for universal salvation, His infinite mercy."



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"Practising devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ therefore means adoring that Heart which, after having loved us to the end, was pierced by a spear and from high on the Cross poured out blood and water, an inexhaustible source of new life," Pope Benedict XVI said.





As I look back on this past year as your Faithful Navigator, I see that we have

accomplished our goals. Assembly 3322 is alive and well. We accomplished what we set out to do. We supported 3rd Degree while showing <u>Patriotism</u> to our country, we offered Inclusion to our community and committed ourselves to Joyful service.



Through these efforts we impacted our church with gifts of flag pins, poppy flowers, and prayer cards. We supported and sponsored a 4th degree

exemplification and grew our membership. We as a team displayed our caring for our church and the community responded with membership, volunteering, and compliments for our efforts. Lastly, we introduced a program that rewards Sir Knights for the hard work and time we spend defending the Catholic faith.

The "Armor of God Award" is our way of saying thank you, Sir Knights for serving, protecting, our beliefs, and for your faith in God.

I am proud to be a part of this organization of Catholic men and will forever be grateful for the opportunity you have offered me. I will continue to support and stand strong. Thank you to all who supported Assembly 3322 / 2023-2024

God Bless, Kevin Almengual I FN

Celebrating Love and Partnership: Wife and Widows Appreciation Dinner

On May 4th, the annual wives and widows recognition dinner was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church for the brothers of Assembly 3322, and Councils 7414 and 12155. Amidst the fellowship and joy, we honored the invaluable contributions of our beloved spouses. Their unwavering support and love enrich our lives and communities, embodying the spirit of dedication and sacrifice.

The evening was filled with laughter, heartfelt conversations, and delicious cuisine, symbolizing our gratitude for the pillar of strength they provide. As Knights, we recognize the significance of cherishing and uplifting our partners. This event reaffirmed our commitment to nurturing strong, loving relationships within our families and beyond.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who attended and contributed to this beautiful occasion. Let us continue to celebrate and honor the bonds of love that enrich our lives daily.



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Armor of God Award recipients





Father's Corner

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Congratulations Fr. Joseph Gates,

Fr Joseph Gates, has been selected as the Florida State Chaplain of the Year. He is also in the running for the International Competition.

Father McGivney was a man of extreme grace of manner in any society, but without any airs. The Blessed Michael McGiveny Award is given to those chaplains who are : A teacher of the faith • an apostle of Christian family life • a devoted parish priest • an exemplar of charity • a builder of Catholic fraternity • role model to your Parish.

Congratulations Again!!





https://www.facebook.com/groups/976598546422383



Brothers All,

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

We held our first of 2 yearly roadside clean-up events on Saturday, April 27th. Almost 20 Knights worked our end of Route 301 in the hot sun gathering almost 30 big bags of trash! We've been extremely busy the first five months of 2024 so we've taken a little break in our activities for May, but it will be full steam ahead over the next seven months!

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

Vivat Jesus God Bless! Brother Ray



Life



Defenders of Life - "40 Days for Life urges all

people of goodwill to carefully vet and understand all proposed state constitutional amendments, educate voters, get out the vote, and vote NO on ballot initiatives and referendums that enshrine abortion in their state constitutions."

As you probably know, the Florida pro-aborts have succeeded in getting Amendment 4 on the ballot for the October/November election. However, Amendment 4 is **deceptive**. It was written to cleverly hide what it would actually do, which is to enshrine abortion for any reason up until birth with no restrictions in the Florida Constitution. Don't be fooled by the amendment. Abortion is a moral issue, which the pro-aborts have made

political.

Ballot Title: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Ballot Summary: No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not

change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

Florida Catholic Bishops are supporting the "Vote No" direction shown by this PAC:

https://www.tooextremeforfl.com/

The website and the flyer show the many deceptions in the wording.





Community

Mother Cabrini Center:

If you have not been inside the Mother Cabrini Center lately, there have been significant changes to the hall. The walls have been painted; the carpeting has been replaced with vinyl plank, an upgrade to the PA system, and a wood feature wall has been added. The Knights have been working with Father and the parish staff to help with the refresher of the center and have provided some of the funds for them. So far, the Knights covered the cost of the wood feature wall. This included the removal of the AED, First Aid Station, Fire Extinguisher, and HVAC controls. These will be re-installed in their new location once the refresh has been completed. The Knights have also removed the pass-thru for the Kitchen, filled in, and finished on both sides of the wall. We are working with Father and staff on additional possible improvements to the center that we could do that would benefit all.







Knights Cooking for Totus Tuus

On Friday, June 7th, at 12 noon, the Knights of Columbus will once again have the honor of cooking lunch for the kids attending the Totus Tuus camp. This marks the second year of our involvement in this wonderful faith formation event, and we are excited to continue this tradition.

Last year, our first time participating in Totus Tuus, was a rewarding experience as we served meals and shared in the joy and enthusiasm of the campers.

As we prepare for this year's lunch, we look forward to another day of fellowship, service, and faith. It's a chance for us to connect with the younger members of our parish community, supporting their journey in faith while enjoying a fun and fulfilling day together.

Knights of Columbus Hosting Blood Drive at St. Frances Cabrini Church

The Knights of Columbus will be supporting the upcoming blood drive at St. Frances Cabrini Church on Sunday, June 16th. This event is a vital opportunity for our community to come together and make a mean-ingful difference by donating blood.

Blood donations are crucial in saving lives and supporting those in need of medical care. We encourage everyone who is able to participate in this life-saving event.

To streamline the process and minimize wait times, we recommend scheduling an appointment online in advance, <u>https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1393152</u>



Worthy Brothers!

Benefits Advisor You have heard me several times, refer to one of the best benefits the Knight's offer their members: the Financial Profile. It is a service that would cost up to \$2000.

from a private advisor and it's the main way we determine if you and your family are financially protected.

It answers questions that are key to financial security and peace of mind.

Will my wife be ok if something happens to me?

Do I have enough income and investments to keep my current lifestyle in retirement?

After we complete your financial profile, your advisor completes his analysis and presents any recommendations. During our conversation, it is easy for a

couple to determine what their home is worth. And it's even easier to tell me their bank and investment account balances and what their monthly mortgage or car payment is.

Interesting, one of the most critical questions is also the most difficult to answer. What are your overall *monthly expenses*??

Most families don't do an actual budget and usually quote me an expense number that is lower than reality. Eating out, gas, Amazon and grocery shopping are just some of the culprits of over- spending. As your financial advisor, I always recommend you spend time really analyzing your spending and completing a family budget.

Here are just a few reasons:

Securing financial stability – Budget serves as a guide to financial stability and security, paving the way for a brighter future. By establishing a comprehensive budget, you gain a clear understanding of your income, expenses, and savings.

Deciding long-term and short-term goals- The process of budgeting allows you to define your financial goals as a family and work in a direction to achieve them together.

Cultivating financial discipline-Budgeting requires discipline and self-control, qualities that extend beyond financial matters. When you adhere to a budget, you cultivate discipline and develop a strong sense of accountability.

Financial concerns can be a significant source of stress within a family unit- Budgeting helps alleviate this stress by providing a sense of control and predictability. With a budget in place, you can reduce debt, plan for future expenses, and prioritize savings.

Gives your emergency blanket- Family budgeting allows you to prepare for these emergencies by setting aside funds in an emergency savings account.

This ensures that your family is better equipped to handle financial shocks without jeopardizing your longterm goals.

Especially If you are living on a fixed income, over-spending could result in growing credit card debt which carries very high interest rate that make paying off the cards extremely difficult.

I recommend all Brother Knights take advantage of the benefit of the Financial profile AND I strongly recommend each family complete a detailed budget, for all the reasons mentioned above.

I would be happy to provide the K of C budget excel document we use with clients.

Just email me at ron.moliterno@kofc.org and I will send it along.

God Bless!





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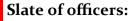
Council

The KofC would like to thank Valentino Pizzeria Trattoria for the donation of 4 fryers to

help us for the next season of Fish Fry's. We were looking at replacing one of the oldest fryers that we have, which would cost about \$1200, but with this donation we will only need to convert them to LP gas and some other minor updates. Also the owner "Mike" has given us the coupon that can be used at either of the 2 locations for 10% off their order. Offer is good until August 31, 2024! Please help us show our thanks and support for them over the next few months!

Print and cut out for use:

https://valentinopizzeria.com



The third reading and voting of the Proposed Slate of Officers for the next Fraternal Year was completed at the May 29th meeting and approved by the present Brothers. The election of the new officers will be assuming their positions on the 1st of July for the next fraternal year. The Installation of Officer will held in June. Below are the new officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. Please congratulate them for accepting these positions and for taking on the add responsibilities to move our council forward.

Grand Knight Past Grand Knight Financial Secretary Chaplain Deputy Grand Knight Chancellor Recorder Treasurer Lecturer Ron Merigold John T. Kreger IV Robert Wombacher Reverend Father Joseph Gates Jim Recupito Wayne Waletich Ray Parker Paul Dadowski Tom Raffa

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Warden	B
Inside Guard	0
Guard	B
Outside Guard	M
One Year Trustee	T
Two Year Trustee	Η
Three Year Trustee	Jo

Steve Chronis Bill Lewis Osiel Villarreal Bryce Johnson Milton Ziegler Thomas Januszka Hector Morales John T. Kreger IV

Silver Rose:

The KofC Silver Rose will be making a stop at St. Frances Cabrini Church, by the "Knights on Bikes" on Aug 27th from 4-8 pm, on it way from Canada to Mexico. Watch for more information on this event. For more information see <u>Silver Rose - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)</u>

Transfer to Council Eternal

At the business meeting held on 23, April Council 12155 transferred the following Brother to the Council Eternal:

Andy Chaffa



Recruitment Weekend:

Between the three masses, we had over 20 men come up to us and express a desire to learn more about the Knights and/or to join the Knights. If half of them follow through, we should have a dozen or so candidates at the 29 May Exemplification. If you know of anyone who might want to join the Brotherhood of Knights, have them go to **KofC.org** and join online - we will then invite them to the Exemplification on 29 May. Thanks again, God Bless and have a great week.

Vivat Jesus John T. Kreger IV Mother Cabrini Council 12155 Grand Knight

3rd Degree Exemplification:

On May 29, 2024 the finial 3rd Degree Exemplification for the fraternal year was held. There were 9 new members and 1 transfer into the Councils, 4 were for Holy Cross, and the balance were to Mother Cabrini. With this last group it will bring the number of new members to Mother Cabrini to over 20 new members for the fraternal year. Our



district goal was to get 8 new members to become a gold star council. With 20 new members we be getting a triple star award for the council.

Mother Cabrini Council, Family of the Year Kris & Michelle Donley

Kris and Michelle Donley are very active in the Parish. Kris is a Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, and Usher. Michelle is a Eucharistic Minister and a Faith Formation teacher. They set the example for others to follow in the parish. Also, I'd like to congratulate them on their son, and Brother Knight, Myles graduation from Basic Training in the United States Air Force. Keep him and all the men and women who serve our country in your prayers.



Funds Allocations for Fraternal Year 2023-2024:

During the business meeting on May 29th, the distribution of funds was approved. To see a complete list of the charities see the "Members Only" tab section of the website, the "Announcements—for Members Only", "Funds Allocations".





Please congratulate fellow Brother Jonathan Albano as the newest member of the Alter Server group. He had his first mass as an Alter Server in May!

Mother Cabrini Council. **Knight of the Year Deputy Grand Knight Ron Merigold** (see writeup included in Grand Knight's Parting Shots)



Knights News



Contact information update NEEDED!

Notes / Calendars

With the launch of the council website, we will be sending out the Newsletter using the member list provided by the KofC State database. We currently are using a listing that the council maintains. This will be the last Newsletter that is using the council's list. All future emails will be done using the state's database. Please make sure that the KofC State contact information is correct. To check / update your information in the state's site:

Goto the state site:

Account Sign In (floridakofc.org)

Log in to your account (if you already have one) If not please create one and login Along the right side, click on the "My Profile" tab

Check to make sure that your information is correct and make any additions/changes as needed Most important information is:

Email address, Phone numbers, Mailing address

Once you have all the information updated, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "Save My Profile" button.

Calendar Location Change:

The current monthly calendars is now located inside our council website along the left side in the "EVENT CALENDAR" tab.

https://uknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155



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Knights of ColumbusCharity Golf OutingMother Cabrini - Council 12155GooGooGooAugust 17, 2024S125 PER GOLFERIncludes Golf, Range Balls, Lunch, Breakfast Sandwich & DrinkRiver Wilderness Golf & Country Club - Parrish, FL
FOR TICKETS/DETAILS:Jim Recupito(765) 210-6019jirr.fl615@gmail.comRegistration opens at 7:00 am, instructions 7:30 am

For information and registration forms: https://uknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155



The Council will be having a Golf outing on August 17 at the River Wilderness Golf & Country Club. The outing is open to the public so start getting your team together and sign up to insure that you get your slot.

The registration form is below, with instruction for mailing at the bottom.

If any Brother would like to be a sponsor for the event, or hole, there are a range of different levels that are available. If you would like to be a sponsor or have any questions please contact us at: jrr.fl615@gmail.com and someone for the Event Team will contact you with information for the different levels sponsorship available.

This should be a fun event for all and will help with the many different charities that will be supported from the proceeds.

We will be needing about 15 brothers to help with this event. If you would like to help please contact Ron or Jim.



2024 Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Outing

August 17, 2024

River Wilderness Golf & Country Club 2250 Wilderness Blvd. Parrish, FL Team Scramble format **Registration at 7:00am / 7:30am Instructions**

(team contact)	Please print necessary information below	
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Player #3 Name :		
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For additional information see: https://uknights.cog/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155

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

> Information, payment, and form must be received by August 1, 2024. For questions please email to **jrr.fl615@gmail.com**