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ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826



Welcome to the St Thomas More Council May Newsletter

The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Father's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, June 18. -- Did you know there are more than 70 million fathers in the United States?

Grand Knight's Report

Welcome to May as we move one step closer to the end of this fraternal year. STM Council began by hosting the May Assembly meeting on May 8th. Our own SK John Cesare was named Sir Knight of the Month for May. His dedication to the Assembly, as a member of the Color Corps, makes John a valuable asset to the Assembly. We held our Council meeting on May 11th, and closed out our speaker series with Dr. Allison Foster, Interim School Superintendent for Sarasota County. Once again we find ourselves fortunate to live in a county where we are blessed with the right people in charge of our school system. Lecturer Derek Noll and Brother Mark Lawrie have done outstanding work in bringing many interesting speakers to our meetings. STM Council held our May social at Phillippi Creek Restaurant on May 18th. Even with the exodus of most of our winter Knights, we still had 60 people in attendance. Thank you to Dave & Sue Bracy for another great evening of fraternity and brotherhood. We held our monthly prayer walk at Planned Parenthood on May 25th.

Our Grand Knight Jim Meyd, and Deputy Grand Knight Ralph Neller, represented STM Council at this year's state convention in Orlando on Memorial Day weekend. It was a memorable experience, and I am so glad to have taken part on behalf of STM Council. I am pleased to report that STM Council earned four awards. They were Citizens with Disabilities, Faith Activities, Family Activities, and Publicity Activities. There were many great speakers, but we were gifted with hearing Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson speak on two occasions.

Monday May 29th, we held our Cruise Raffle drawing after the 8:00 mass. Our Chaplain, Fr. Lawton, picked the lucky winner. The winner was Julia Wilson, granddaughter of Chancellor Chris Pariseau, from Cumming, Georgia. Many thanks go to Brothers Gary Ellis and Jonathan Genz for their work in managing this year's successful fundraiser. The Grand Knight thanks everyone in the Council for your support not only at these recent events, but for all your work in volunteerism and fundraising that make all this possible.

The fraternal year is quickly coming to a close and we have completed the process of electing our officers for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. You will see several new officers this year that will provide continued great leadership of our Council, for now, and into the future. I am honored to present the 2023-2024 officer team:

- **Chaplain – Fr. Lawton Lang**
- **Grand Knight – Ralph Neller**
- **Financial Secretary – Larry Hall**
- **Deputy Grand Knight – Charlie Culkin**
- **Treasurer – Ken Berberich**
- **Chancellor – Chris Pariseau**
- **Warden – Dave Bracy**
- **Recorder – Dan Bulinski**
- **Advocate – Joe Tiffany**
- **Lecturer – Derek Noll**
- **3-Year Trustee – Corey DeVito**
- **2-Year Trustee – Al Ferrigno**
- **1-Year Trustee – Scott Deahna**
- **Inside Guard - Charlie Ballschmeider**
- **Outside Guard – Hank Peppard**

Congratulations to our Team of Officers on your selection, and for your dedication to the council.





















Faith in Action

Thank you to the Food Bank volunteers and their spouses for your in-person participation and your monetary support. As you may know, the supply chain remains a challenge and food supplies are in still in short supply. Given today's economy, we have 75-100 families in need every week. Please continue to support the pantry with both food and monetary donations. The pantry continues to purchase additional basic items each week to supplement what we receive from All Faiths Food Bank. The weekly bulletin lists the items we critically need. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the pantry and those families we serve. If you are interested in assisting on delivery day or one of the various positions available during opening, please contact Grand Knight Jim Meyd.

As a Council, we have strongly supported our parish and our commitment to vocations. The journey to becoming a priest is long, and not without its personal challenges and commitment. Deacon Alejandro is a great example of that. One key element needed to reach their destination is a strong support system. With Alejandro's family being so far away, you have graciously welcomed Alejandro to our family with your support. In an email blast, I have communicated to you the various needs of a young priest as he takes his first steps. As you did when we assisted him in going home to visit with his parents when they were ill, I am asking you to consider once more a gift of support and congratulations on his Ordination. His Ordination will be on July 15th at the Cathedral, and he will celebrate his first mass here at STM on July 16th. STM Parish & Ministries will hold a reception for him after the mass. If you would like to assist in this part of his journey, please consider showing your support for Alejandro as part of our STM family. Please consider a gift to Alejandro Giraldo-Roldan and deliver to John or Lucy Koitsch or mail to Grand Knight Jim Meyd, 4068 Green Tree Ave, Sarasota, FL, 34233. You can bring your gift that day, or you can deliver it to John & Lucy Koitsch or me in advance. Thank you for your consideration and support.

May Knight of the Month

This Brother Knight has been a leader of our Right to Life Program for many years. He has devoted himself to protecting the lives of the unborn. He is the constant leader at all our prayer walks, even on days he doesn't feel so well. He is there from beginning to end at each event. Our May Knight of the Month is Neal Corrado.



May Family of the Month

Our May Family of the Month has been an integral part of building the Fraternity & Unity in STM Council. Once COVID restrictions were lifted, they jumped into action and have put together a fabulous venue of social events that almost singlehandedly brought our Council back together. Most of our socials have averaged 70 plus in attendance and very few restaurants can now hold the size of our Council. The time, effort, and enthusiasm they have brought to our Council are 2nd to none. Our May Family of the Month is Dave & Sue Bracy.



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori Monthly Challenge

This month the Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori challenges us to remind yourself and others, particularly your family and those closest to you, that Christ is present by speaking about your faith in everyday conversation (perhaps simply by thanking God for some blessing he has bestowed. Second, he challenges you to participate in the Faith in Action Family Fully Alive program.

Parish News

If you are able, please consider attending at least one daily mass each week. It is a great way to start your day with prayer and the Eucharist. You will find it results in a more meaningful day as you become closer to God.

St. Thomas More is also in need of Hospitality & Eucharistic Ministers. There is a need for Hospitality Ministers for Sunday 12:00 mass. If you are a current Minister, please consider changing to assist in covering these masses. This is a great way to volunteer your time to assist our parish and increase the visibility of all we do as a Council. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you to those who have responded to this call.

The Parish office is very often asked to send a Eucharistic minister to a parishioner's home, or to a nursing or assisted living home. Unfortunately, we are very short-handed in meeting this important need. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister, or have been one in the past, consider being part of this wonderful and rewarding ministry. If you are not a Eucharistic Minister and would like to receive training in this ministry, we can help. We hope to offer monthly Communion Services to nearby nursing and assisted living homes, sometime in the near future. Please contact the Parish Office: Brigid - brigid@stthomasmoresrq.org or Mary - marym@stthomasmoresrq.org.

STM Capital Campaign

(This section will be a new and ongoing part of our Council newsletter. I will use this section to keep you aware of progress as it becomes available.)

Update on the Capital Campaign, "Our Church ... Our Future"

The Active Phase of the campaign ended on March 31st, and as of our last count we raised \$2,293,237 in pledges across 492 donating households. Thanks to this outpouring of generosity, we are a majority of the way toward achieving our goal

of \$2,500,000. These funds will help us replace the roofs in the Chelsea and Spirit Center, the HVACs across all three buildings, and support other improvements around campus to ensure the grounds are safe for our faith community. As anyone who has stepped on campus over these past few months can attest, these necessary capital improvements are well underway. Most of the re-roofing work is nearing completion, and A/C replacements and related controls upgrades continue to be installed as they become available; due to supply chain shortages, this work will continue into the summer. Painting and other structural refurbishments continue to be performed to plan, and we are anticipating work to commence on the walkway pavers here shortly. Depending upon whether or not there is capital campaign money leftover at the end of performing the major repairs and renovations, a list of nice-to-have capital projects collected from the feedback of campaign donors may become candidate for any remaining funds. However, prioritization of such projects, let alone whether funding will exist and should be directed toward these candidate ideas, cannot begin until (a) firm and final costs are paid on the primary scope of this campaign, and (b) it is certain that campaign pledges will translate into collected monies. To date, we have collected \$947,268 of the above noted pledge total. We are off to a fantastic start! To help us continue this progress toward our goal, and ensure we can pay off all the work being done to carry St Thomas More into the future, we are seeking volunteers to help with the Redemption Phase of the project. The time frame of the Redemption Phase is April 2023 to March 2026. During that time, the Redemption Committee will oversee the communication and outreach necessary to support receipt of periodic pledge commitments, and keep the Parish informed about our status vs goal. In support of the administrative efforts of the Redemption Committee, the Parish has been authorized to hire a part-time 'Campaign Secretary' (a 1099-based independent contractor). This individual must be able to make at minimum an 18-month commitment to the campaign and be able to work flexible hours each week in support of the Committee's and/or pledge timeline's needs. Qualified candidates will need to be well-organized, strong users of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), comfortable working independently, and solid communicators. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please reach out to the Parish office for a copy of the job description, and to send your resume along with your expression of interest. Parish offices can be reached at info@stthomasmoresrq.org, or (941) 923-1691. And remember, if you have yet to support the campaign, please know that it's never too late to participate. We encourage our new families to learn more about this exciting project by checking out the Capital Campaign page on our Parish

website. We also encourage our established families who might not have been able to contribute to it in the past to reconsider a gift to the Campaign; your participation will make a difference.



Committee Corner

We have the need on many of our committees for new members. To our new members, this is a great way to become involved in our Council activities. Please see Deputy Grand Knight Ralph Neller and Chancellor Chris Pariseau to learn the opportunities we have available.

Special Olympics

There are many great opportunities coming up where you can volunteer to assist and participate. Brother John Cesare has done a fantastic job as Chairman of this committee through his leadership and communications of its activities. If you are interested in becoming involved in Special Olympics please reach out to Brother John Cesare for details how you can become a volunteer.

Current Outlook: During the last two years during COVID, Special Olympics went through some changes that affect the way we volunteer. This was due to a realignment of management, retirements, etc. which resulted in a consolidation of areas. I just want to bring you all up to date so that you are aware of the opportunities to volunteer. Be it a coach, which is more of a commitment. or be it one individual event for a day or a week. Sarasota County is now part of Area 7 which is comprised of 14 counties in the western part of the state. It comprises of the counties that report out of Bonita Springs. Stanley Sylverain is our contact relative to opportunities. He is responsible for Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto, Highlands, and Charlotte counties. Lee, Collier, and Monroe counties are managed by a different person out of the same Bonita office. The other western counties are: Citrus, Sumter, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough, all of which report out of Tampa. There is some overlap when regional or state tournaments take place and a call goes out for volunteers. The sports tentative scheduled dates are as follows: Tennis – Jan- May, Cycling, Soccer – Jan-May, Stand-Up Paddle –May-August, Bowling – May-Sept, Basketball-Oct.-Feb, Equestrian – Jan-April, and Swimming May-Oct. I receive a report monthly, which at time arrives with a reasonable amount of lead time to plan for a volunteer's time, and sometimes not enough lead time to make plans. Steve and I will keep you abreast of opportunities to volunteer so that you don't waste time in driving or showing up and have to leave because there are enough volunteers. It is important that you register on the on line portal and secure your volunteer selection. There are situations like bowling in which Al Ferrigno has embraced and has worked with person/persons that have made commitments to extend seasons. That is an exception. However, his position which is coaching requires class A status (fingerprinting, online training, and concussion protocol), and is a status that is ongoing. Single event volunteers do are not required to provide this as you can register for an event and signup at arrival or online. I appreciate your involvement in Special Olympics and thank you for your help. *John Cesare*

Right to life

More and more families are suffering economic hardships and consequently more pregnant women are in need of the life-saving services and support provided by My Choice and Community Pregnancy Centers. As Knights we are dedicated to the sanctity of life. The **“40 Days for Life 365”** campaign provides each of us the opportunity to participate 365 days a year. Our Council has been requested to participate at the Sarasota Planned Parenthood facility on the 4th Thursday of every month – from 9AM to 1PM. We are asking our Members to consider a one hour shift and to **sign-up by contacting our Right to Life Co-Chairs**, either Brian Harkins at bjharkins1@gmail.com or telephone # 908-451-7454 or Neil Corrado at fdny0261@gmail.com or telephone # 941-993-1520. Please consider praying outside of the Planned Parenthood facility. Thanks to our Brothers for participating on our day to pray.

While amazing things happen every year in the blessed work of helping women and saving babies, the *Dobbs* decision from the Supreme Court and the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* has resulted in the need to help more pregnant women considering abortions. Florida recently passed a 6 week ban. It will take effect only if the state’s current 15-week ban is upheld in an ongoing legal challenge that is before the state Supreme Court. The 15 week ban is currently in place in Florida, but abortions have actually increased this past year as our state has become an abortion destination. Most abortions occur prior to 15 weeks and our border states have tighter restrictions which means more women are coming to Florida for an abortion. For this reason, there is now a greater need to continue our prayer walks and our support of those pregnancy centers we now support. Please continue to **safely and peacefully** support the work we are already doing. **Please remember that in accordance with K of C guidelines you cannot handout materials or confront someone entering Planned Parenthood unless you are approached by the person first for information. You are allowed to greet them and pray for them, but do not go beyond that unless they reach out to you.**

A special “thanks” to Brothers Neil Corrado and Brian Harkins and their outstanding work in building our Right to Life program. We encourage you to join us on the 4th Thursday of every month in front of Planned Parenthood. Thank you to Neil, Brian & Maureen Harkins, Frank & Imelda Moeslein, Charlie & Jeannete Baldelli, Ted Kovacic, Ed Plankey, Greg Sokolik, Phil Arsenault, Ken Berberich, Johnnie Turner, Max Streibel, and others who supported our prayer walk, and for being part of our constant prayer warriors.

Golf Committee

Final Report on the 2023 St Thomas More, Knights of Columbus Council 7826 Golf Outing, the 2nd Annual Event, as held at Legacy Golf Club on Monday, May 8th 2023.

Fr Gordon “sent off” the Golfers to the course with a prayer after recognizing the management and staff of Legacy Golf Club for their commitment and service to our organization and this golf event. The weather was excellent for golf and we heard from many of those at the event, that they had a wonderful, yet challenging golf and the food, light breakfast and BBQ lunch was well received. We were commented on, for the high level of organization at the event and the friendliness and efficiency of our volunteers. We learned from the event, as well, as to make some minor changes as to make our 3rd Annual Outing, planned on May 6th 2024 at Legacy Golf Club, an even better golf tournament.

This event and its success is the result of many of our Brother Knights and their families and friends, being actively involved and taking important roles and responsibilities, as to make this happen. I’d like to recognize certain of these individuals and if I miss anyone, my regrets as all involved “matter” and have contributed to the success of our Golf Outing.

First, those active Brother Knights on our Golf Committee – many of which were golf “team captains”, golfers, volunteers or active in bringing in sponsors of the event, goodie bag items, donation items for our raffle and auctions et al. Ralph Neller, Joe Tiffany, Charlie Culkin, Chris Pariseau, Rob Carver, John Malloy, Jack Spinale, Al Ferrigno, Richard Lamb, Gary Ellis, Lee Dusoe (please pray for this health), Kevin Maguire, Tom Maniuszko, Kevin Deady. Max Steibel, Corey DeVito, Ed Plankey, and our Financial Secretary, Larry Hall for all his support, including on the Golf Reports.

The Volunteers at the event were “awesome” and key to making this a warm, friendly and efficient event. These are – Trish Berberich, Carol Neller, Mary Lamb, Sally Reed, Gary Ellis, Margot Ellis, Chris Pariseau, Marion Jacobson, Joe Tiffany, Phil Arsenault, Dr Steve Wyer, Charlie Culkin, Tom Reed, Jack Spinale, Sandi Dombeck, John Cesare, Ray Santelli, Max Streibel, Kevin Deady, Larry Hall, Nancy Hall, Derek Noll, Sue Bracy and John Koitsch. Thank you!

We had six – major sponsors of the event – Robert Toale & Sons Funeral Home, Dr Steven Wyer, Brian DeBlauw/KofC Insurance, Spinale Law Firm, Corey Devito/Kaighn Company, Kingspan Insulated Panels and Richard Lamb/Harborside Financial and Insurance. Thank you!

We had 50+ Hole Sponsors supporting our event. Many of the Hole Sponsors are Brother Knights or business that they have solicited. Numerous individuals and companies donated items for our goodie bags, raffle baskets and auction items. They are too numerous to specifically mention, yet, are critical to the success of our event. As an aside, all golfers, volunteers, sponsors, donors et al, that I have their email addresses, will be sent a video of the event as Brother John Koitsch was “on the course” taking pictures and will compile these into a video presentation.

Regretfully, no one won the \$25,000 Hole-in-One cash (insurance policy) prize – the closest from the ladies tee box, was three feet away, straight - line– just needed a bit more roll.

Financially, the Golf Event was a success. Recall, we had in the Budget, a Net Income contribution of \$6000, as the budget was conservative. Looks like and we are waiting for the final reconciliation of the event, our Gross Revenues will exceed \$21,000 with Net Income “north” of \$11,000 or a \$5000 positive variance to the budget. Again – thank you! To all involved as to accomplish this.

There are several individuals that “exceeded expectations” – you know who you are – as well as the support of our Grand Knight, Jim Meyd. Thank you! to the 98 golfers! I’ve heard many say that they will be returning in 2024 and several want to add a 4some of their friends.

We will be meeting as a Golf Committee in the near future as to review the 2023 event and begin planning (yes – we begin now) for the 2024 golf event. We will also be meeting with Legacy Golf Club as to begin our discussion on the 2024 event, again, to be held on Monday, May 6th 2024.

If I have missed anyone in this discussion, my apologies, all involved add to the success of the golf event. Again, and lastly, thank you to all – for your support.

Ken Berberich

Knights of Columbus

Special Appreciation



May 8, 2023
Charity Golf Tournament

Membership

Our New Member Goal this fraternal year was **ten (10) New Members. We have made our Membership goal for this year!!** We currently have **(13)** new members. Congratulations to the Council and thank you to our Chancellor Chris Parizeau, and our Advocate Joe Tiffany.

New Members must be a practicing Catholic, 18+ years of age. We need your help to reach out to K of C “prospects”. You will be assisted by our Membership Development Committee. Please provide the name of an individual that may/has an interest in K of C and our St Thomas More Council. Please contact Chancellor Chris Pariseau, at his email pariseau314@outlook.com or his telephone # 443-994-7397. Membership growth is essential to the success of the Knights of Columbus. With the addition of each new member, the Order can better serve the Church, local communities and particularly those in need. But it isn't just the Order that benefits from a new member. Each new Knight benefits also. Since its beginnings, the organization has promoted the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Knights contribute to the welfare of their parishes and communities, and seek to help the needy through financial and volunteer support. In addition to the fellowship and faith development that Knights enjoy through their affiliation, the Knights offer a top-rated and competitively priced insurance program for the security of member families.

Recently, the parish has been blessed with several new members. We are trying to reach out to the new parishioners to introduce them to the good works our council does for the parish and their community. Perhaps one of them has become a new neighbor. Please review the list of names, and if you are aware of how to contact them, please pass this information to Chancellor Chris Pariseau. The new parishioners are Edward Becker, Jack Bonacci, Michael Brake, Richard David, Pete DeMichele, Mike Failne, Edward Flock, Eric Greenhill, Mark Morse, Christopher Muller, Timothy Tunney, John Tynan, and Stephen Weiss.

Our Council has attempted to stay in touch with our Members via Facebook, Website, Emails, Telephone contact and “Good of the Order”.

- **Facebook – “KofC Council 7826”** – Please contact Brother Jim Clark if you need assistance to sign up on our Facebook account or to post information - contact Jim Clark at his email address jclark1@gmail.com

- **Website** - St Thomas More Council 7826 website is available to all members. The **website address is www.kofc7826.org**. *Please use this website and pass it along to your friends, relatives and associates that may have an interest in the Knights of Columbus and our St Thomas More Council.*
- **We will continue to hold in-person Exemplifications.** They are intended for 1st and 2nd degree members **to achieve the new, Charity - Unity - Fraternity degree (3rd degree)** as well as candidates/new members to participate in the (3rd degree) ceremony. If you are interested in participating, please contact Chancellor Chris Pariseau at his email pariseau314@outlook.com, or his telephone #443-994-7397.
- **We are asking all 3rd Degree Knights to consider accomplishing your 4th (Patriotic) degree – and join the Our Lady of Charity Council 3089.** This is a separate degree ceremony and must be scheduled with FL State/ District. If you are interested in obtaining your 4th degree, please contact GK Jim Meyd greygoose1@frontier.com, or his telephone 941-923-7517.

Donation Request – K of C Assembly 3089 – Our Lady of Charity Assembly

The 4th (Patriotic) Degree is requesting donations of items such as toiletry items, tee-shirts, socks, books, etc. for Veterans at Bay Pines. A donation box is available at each Council meeting. You can also make cash or check donations (payable to KofC Assembly 3089) used to purchase needed items and provide to Brother Steve McElroy. Thank you for your continuing support.

Upcoming Events

- We will hold our next Council Meeting on June 8th at 7:00, in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 will hold its next meeting on June 26th, at 7:00, at Incarnation Parish (meeting rescheduled from June 12th)
- There will be a memorial mass for Deacon Alejandro's father on June 24th at 9:30 here at St. Thomas More. Please plan to attend and support Deacon Alejandro.

June Social

The next Council Social Event will be held on June 10th, at 6:00 PM at the Waterfrontoo Restaurant in Nokomis. The restaurant is located at 2205 N Tamiami Trail in Nokomis just north of State Road 681. It will be order off the menu with separate checks. Please make reservations by calling Dave Bracy @ 941-966-7692 by **June 2nd**. If no answer, please leave a message.

Good of the Order

Please include the following individuals in need of our prayers:



John Maier
John McAlonie
Erin McAlonie Brady (daughter of John McAlonie)
Alec Berardinelli
Janek Jakubiuk
Craig Spinale (John's son)
Rose Marcella (wife of Richard Marcella)
Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John Wojtyna)
Shirley Berardinelli (wife of Alec Berardinelli)
Sheree Levanti (wife of Ken Levanti)
Lee Dusoe
Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)
John Baldelli (son of Charles Baldelli)
Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)
Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano)
Ted Bogusz
Dan Borgmeyer
Ruth Walsh
Ron McCluskey
Fr. Gordon Zanetti
Kay Maier (wife of John Maier)
John Spinale
Judy Moore (wife of Joe Sommer)
Gary Ellis
Pasquale Guadagno
Jeanne Leonard (wife of Don Leonard)
Carter Lindauer (grandson of John Maier)
Jack Shaw

For our departed Brothers, George Risbano, Christopher Berberich (son of Ken Berberich), Robert Lang (brother of Fr. Lawton Lang), and the "Unborn" - let us keep them in our prayers.

If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact me at my email address greygoose1@frontier.com - Jim Meyd, Grand Knight, or I may be reached at 941-923-7517.



June Birthdays

Please join in recognizing the following Knights celebrating birthdays in April.

June 2 - John Van Shoor

June 4 - Ed Cox

June 7 - Juan Rodriguez

June 9 - Greg Sokolik

June 16 - Ronald Faille

June 16 - Corey DeVito

June 17 - Steve McElroy

June 20 - Ray Santelli

June 24 - Rob Carver

June 25 - Tony D'Souza

June 26 - Eugene Mc Nany

June 26 - James Venter

June 26 - Dan Martin

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

I'll admit it; I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old-fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving, I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have

a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse, we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, look "under the hood," and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

Vivat Jesus!

Yours in Christ,



June, 2023

SC – Spirit Center
CC – Chelsea Center
C - Church



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Holy Trinity Sunday	5	6	7	8 Council Meeting 7:00 SC Corpus Christi	9	10 Social Waterfrontoo 6:00 PM
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Sacred Heart of Jesus	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19	20	21	22 Prayer Walk PP 9:00-1:00	23	24 Nativity of John the Baptist Memorial Mass 9:30
25	26 Assembly Meeting Incarnation	27	28	29 SS Peter & Paul	30	