



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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*“GLORY TO GOD IN  
THE HIGHEST,  
AND ON EARTH  
PEACE AND GOOD  
WILL TOWARDS  
MEN.”*

*(LUKE: 2:14)*

## Grand Knights Report

### WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO US -

In 2024 Christmas has become so secularized that it has lost its original meaning for many of us. On “A Charlie Brown Christmas”, Linus reminds us that tiny trees just need a little love and that on this holiday we celebrate Peace on Earth and Good Will toward all”.

However, if you want to be politically correct it’s now improper to say “Merry Christmas” as you see stores selling “holiday trees” plus decorations and loads of merchandise to give to our loved ones for the holidays. We send holiday greetings that celebrate Santa Claus, sleighs, reindeer, and snowmen. We have parties and family gatherings that often fail to recognize their purpose is to celebrate the birth of our Savior - Jesus.

As part of a national campaign, the Knights of Columbus is promoting the real reason for the season - God’s entry into human history with the birth of His Son - Jesus.

For Council 7826, the Christmas season is a busy time of year. It’s our opportunity both individually and as a Council to become living examples of what Christmas truly means through our actions. As a reminder, now is the time to place that “Keep Christ in Christmas” magnet on your car or displayed in your home.

For some of us, this month begins with a trip to visit the Stillpoint Mission in Bradenton to give over 300 coats to the needy children in our community. This year we are joined by our Brothers at Incarnation and St. Pat’s. The Stillpoint Mission serves over 400 families many with several children. It is important to note, the Mission only operates through the funding of individual donors.



In early December, our Council will host the Parish Christmas Party. This event touches over 300 parishioners and our work as Knights is in full display. Starting in the kitchen with the cooking of the meal, the food is then transferred to the serving lines by runners where many of our spouses or significant others serve the parishioners. Also, other ministries are involved with the Ladies Club providing the cookies and other treats for dessert and the Youth ministry working on a Christmas project with the children.

While all of this is taking place, Christmas music is playing and a group is singing Christmas carols. We can’t forget Santa. He is also a Knight and takes the stage to meet and greet the children of the parish. In all, the Parish Christmas Party exhibits the best of our Council and our parish through the many hours of volunteer work by so many people and its coordination with other ministries celebrating the birth of the Christ child.

Later in the month we also celebrate our own Council Christmas Party at Stoneybrook CC. This gives every member and their wife or significant other a time to celebrate their many blessings and our success in helping others through our charitable work throughout the year.

As we look forward to Christmas this year, my personal thanks to each of you for your support in making our Council 7826 the guiding star in our district. I wish you and yours a bright and beautiful Christmas. May the light of Christ’s birth warm and fill your heart this holiday season and may we follow His guiding star in 2025!

Ralph Neller, GK

## Grand Knights Report

### ADVENT AND THE FEASTS OF THE BLESSED MOTHER -

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st, and provides a significant time for us to prepare for the birth of Jesus and to reflect on His second coming.

Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas and to think about what's needed to be ready for Christ's return. It's a time to teach patience and to remind ourselves to put our hope in God. Advent ends on December 24th.

This month we also celebrate the feast days of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Both of these feast days celebrate the Blessed Mother.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated on December 9th, honors the Catholic belief that Mary was conceived without original sin, while the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, celebrated on December 12th, commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to Saint Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531, marking a specific apparition of Mary rather than a theological concept about her conception. Essentially, the first focuses on Mary's sinless origin and is a Holy Day of Obligation, while the second focuses on a specific historical event where she appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico.

Both of these days are celebrated in the U.S. For the Knights of Columbus, the Immaculate Conception, is particularly important as Mary is the patroness of our Order worldwide. The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated more regionally as the patroness of the Americas. Both feasts celebrate the patronage of our Blessed Mother.



### Our Lady of Guadalupe



#### KNIGHT'S MASS -

On November 6th we had our monthly "Knight's Mass" at the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Chapel with Father Daniel as the celebrant. The rosary was prayed before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration following the Mass in the Chapel. The rosary and the Mass were dedicated to the Good of the Order.

The next "Knight's Mass" will be on December 4th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please join your Brother Knights and their wives for this special Mass.



## Grand Knights Report

### CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCIL 7826 -



### STAR COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Pictured above our DD Jon Engel is presenting the "Star Council" award to STM Council 7826 for the fraternal year of 2023-'24. Accepting the award on behalf of the Council is the Grand Knight, Ralph Neller. Congratulations to everyone on achieving this award in recognition of outstanding performance for a K of C Council in 2023-'24!

To achieve "Star Council" status in the Knights of Columbus, a council must excel in multiple areas, primarily by earning the "Father McGivney Award" for membership growth, the "Founders Award" for insurance growth, and the "Columbian Award" for outstanding service programs across categories like Faith, Family, Community, and Life, while also maintaining compliance with training and background check requirements; essentially demonstrating excellence in both membership development and charitable outreach.

Key components to achieve a Star Council are:

#### Membership Growth

Meet or exceed the established membership growth quota set by the Supreme Council, earning the **"Father McGivney Award."**

#### Insurance Growth

Achieve a significant increase in insurance membership within the council, qualifying for the **"Founders Award."**

#### Columbian Award

Conduct a robust number of service programs across the four categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) and submit a completed **"Columbian Award"** application.

#### Compliance with Safe Environment

Ensure all council members have completed necessary training and background checks as per the organization's safety protocols.

Congratulations to the Officers, Committee Chairs, Members and their Wives/Significant others, and all who volunteered to make our Council so special at STM. This award for excellence is shared by all who gave of their time, talents and treasure to make the fraternal year of 2023-'24 such and outstanding success!



## Grand Knights Report

### VETERAN'S DAY REMEMBRANCE-



The 15th Annual Catholic Mass on Veterans Day at Sarasota National Cemetery was celebrated to thank God for all who serve or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who are on active duty, as well as those who have died, and their families.

More than 800 people attended the Mass which takes place in Patriots Plaza at the National Cemetery in Sarasota on Nov. 11 each year. Bishop Frank J. Dewane initiated the Catholic Mass in 2010 just a few years after the cemetery opened. The main celebrant and homilist for the Mass was Father Bob Kantor, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Naples, State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, and a retired U.S. Navy Chaplain.

John Robinson, a parishioner at St. Thomas More Parish in Sarasota and a combat-wounded U.S. Marine who served during the Korean War, has attended every Catholic Mass on Veterans Day because he feels it is his duty to honor the memory of his comrades in arms.

"I found my faith during war," Robinson said. "I was proud to serve my country and it is wonderful that the Catholic Church recognizes the sacrifice made by our veterans by having this Mass every year."

There are now more than 25,000 veterans and eligible family members currently interred in the National Cemetery and some 18.5 million military veterans in the United States.



### K of C Website -

Our council website can help you keep up to date on our latest announcements and events. Simply go to our website [<https://kofc7826.org>] and select "Events" from the main menu to review the list of current events or to review our monthly calendar.





## Faith In Action

### DAY OF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION -

On Saturday, November 9th, our Chaplain, Fr. Daniel, held a Day of Spiritual Reflection for our Council members and their wives/significant others. The topics presented and discussed among the groups were: the "Holy Sacrifice of the Mass" and "The Power of Confession".

In all, there were approximately 30 members and their wives or significant others who attended. Fr. Daniel provided the background and detailed information on both the sacraments. Everyone who attended found the day to be inspirational and informative.



## Faith In Action

### MEMBERSHIP WEEKEND-

Over the weekend of November 9th-10th our Chancellor, Kevin Deady, organized our Membership weekend with several volunteers after each mass to solicit new members to our Council.

Thanks to the many volunteers who gave out information on what it means to be a Knight of Columbus and how to join our Council. We should know the results of their efforts in the months ahead.





## Faith In Action

### FR DANIEL SCANLAN - LANDSCAPING PROJECT -

The first phase of the landscaping project was done on Monday, October 28th and consisted of pruning, trimming, weeding, edging, mulching and generally, getting the landscaping ready for the 2nd phase, which will include planting several new plants, flowers and further mulching.

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help Myron Fedecky, Steve McElroy, John Cesare, Jim Alexander, Ralph Neller, Jeb Kingseed, John Spinale and Ken Berberich and for their work on this project. As you can see, it's nice doing God's work for the Knights of Columbus and our wonderful Parochial Vicar and K of C Chaplain, Fr Daniel Scanlan.





## Faith In Action

### Knight / Family of the Month



#### **KNIGHT OF MONTH -**

This month Brother John Spinale is our STM Council “Knight of the Month”. Brother John is a Trustee in our Council and his volunteer work was essential to helping with the Fr. Daniel landscaping project.



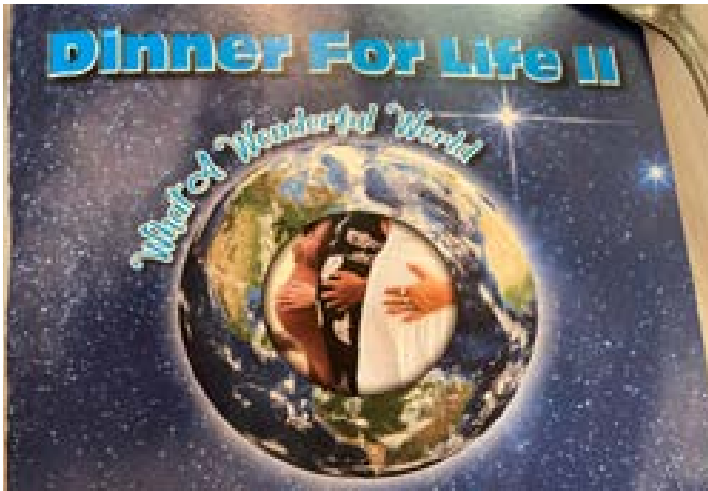
#### **FAMILY OF MONTH -**

Our “Family of the Month” is Brother Joe and Ann Dean. Joe and Ann lead the Baby Bottle Campaign this year. Thanks to their organization and hard work, this year exceeded all expectations.



## Faith In Action

### DINNER FOR LIFE EVENT -



The Annual Dinner for Life (formerly *Laps for Life*), was held on November 17th at the K of C Hall on Fruitville Rd. We were a “Sponsor” for the event with the proceeds from the dinner benefitting SMPC.

The STM Council 7826 was well represented with the number of members and their wives/friends attending: Fr. Daniel, Neil Corrado and Kathleen Power, Frank and Imelda Moeslein, Joe and Ann Dean, Ralph and Carol Neller, Brian and Maureen Harkins. It was an informative and joy-filled evening.





## Faith In Action

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK ALOT LIKE CHRISTMAS-

The Chelsea Center Christmas Tree was officially installed and decorated on November 18-19th by our Council volunteers assisted by our Maintenance Manager, Roman (seen placing the angel on top of the tree).

The Christmas Tree crew was led by PGK Jim Meyd with visual assistance from his wife, Beth. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the tree and the decorations. The result was a breathtaking Christmas Tree alight with decorations to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

## Merry Christmas



## Faith In Action

### NOVEMBER EXEMPLIFICATIONS-

Last month we welcomed 3 new members to our Council with the addition of Brothers Jim Andrien and Ed Powers (*pictured below*), and Grant Harvey (*pictured top right*).



### EXEMPLIFICATION HONOREE- KEVIN DEADY

The November Honoree was our Chancellor, Brother Kevin Deady, for his work in growing our Council membership. Congratulations Kevin!





## Faith In Action

### JORDAN & CAROLYN CONVALIDATION-

On Monday, November 25th, our Brother Jordan and his wife, Carolyn, Borkholder con-validated their marriage in a special ceremony celebrated by Fr. Daniel and attended by their families and several Brother Knights. Congratulations to Jordan and Carolyn and their entire family.



### NEW HONOR'S CABINET-



We now have a second "Honor's Cabinet" to house our various Council Awards and the plaque with the name tags of our fallen brothers. This cabinet will be dedicated to the most recent awards and name tags for our STM Council 7826.

Many thanks to Brothers Dave Paben and Lynn Quartermaine for their hard work in building this new Honors Cabinet for our Council. Well done!



## Parish News



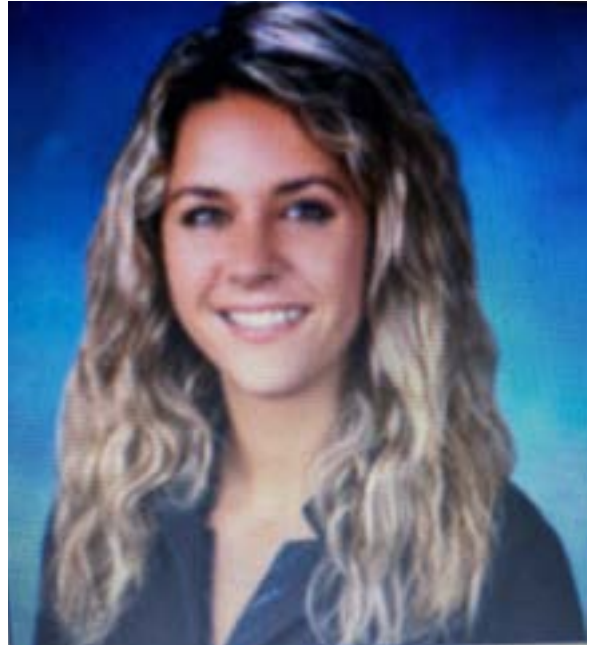
### FOOD PANTRY -

Thank you to all 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 still in short supply.

Given today's economy, we have 75-100 families in need every week. The weekly bulletin lists the items we critically need. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the pantry and those families we serve.

As more families seek assistance due to financial pressures and holiday-related expenses, the Food Pantry serves as a beacon of support to ensure that no one goes hungry during a season that revolves around giving, togetherness and generosity.

All donations whether food or financial are gratefully accepted.



### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

We Welcome Our New Director of Religious Education: Dr. Emily Roff. Dr. Emily Roff was born and raised in the Catholic Church. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic School in Bradenton, FL, and was an active participant in her home church (Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bradenton, FL) from school age through college.

Upon graduating with a Music Degree from USF, she became the Music Director at St. Bernard's Catholic Church for several years. At that time, due to a vocal/singing injury, Dr. Roff was inspired to pursue a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology. From there, Dr. Roff specialized in the therapeutic, behavioral, and educational support of individuals with autism, as well as for other children with special education needs. She received her Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University, with a concentration in Special Education and Autism.

Dr. Roff is excited to bring her knowledge, training, and experience to STM. Welcome Dr. Emily Roff!



## Committee Corner

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

The Torch Icon Campaign at Publix is a huge fundraiser for Special Olympics Florida as you will read below. One way you can help in this effort is to volunteer to become a "Store Champion". We have had several Brother Knights from our Council who helped with this in past years and enjoyed doing so. With more Publix stores than ever, there is a need for more Store Champions. Please see the detail below from Special Olympics and considering volunteering.

Fraternally,

John Cesare, Chairman Special Olympics Committee



### Torch Icon Campaign at Publix January 10-19, 2025

The deadline to champion a store is Monday, December 16th.

As you may know, the annual Torch Icon Campaign at Publix is an important initiative that raises awareness and funds to provide essential resources for Special Olympics Florida athletes – such as training, equipment, uniforms, competition opportunities, travel expenses, and much more.

In 2024, Publix customers and associates contributed more than \$3.4 million to ensure athletes could train and compete at no charge to them or their families.

We're already gearing up for the 2025 campaign, which is January 10-19 – and we'd love your support to make this the BEST year ever!

Will you be a store champion? Your support in visiting stores and encouraging Publix customers to help "light the torch" is instrumental in raising awareness for Special Olympics Florida.

### How to Become a Store Champion:

1. Sign up to visit a Publix Super Market near you and visit that store THREE times during the campaign.
2. Visit each store a minimum of two hours each visit, with one visit being on either the First Friday (1/10), Saturday (1/11), or Sunday (1/12) of the campaign.
3. Enjoy special CHAMPION recognition, including cool swag, celebratory parties, and mention at the 2025 State Summer Games Opening Ceremonies!

You'll receive more details from Deborah Jackson once you have signed up for a store!

All visits must be logged to Deborah Jackson at [deborahjackson@sofl.org](mailto:deborahjackson@sofl.org). Please send pictures to (352) 910-4147.

## Committee Corner

### BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING-



The 2024 World Series may have just ended last month, but preparations are underway for the Baltimore Orioles 2025 Spring Training Season.

The Orioles will play a 15-game schedule at Ed Smith Stadium. The season begins on Saturday, February 22nd and ends on Friday, March 21st. The schedule includes three games against the Pittsburgh Pirates; two games with the Atlanta Braves, Detroit Tigers, Minnesota Twins and Toronto Blue Jays; and single games with the Boston Red Sox, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays. There will be 10 afternoon games starting 1:05 pm and 5 night games starting at 6:05 pm.

For the 14th consecutive year, the St. Thomas More and Incarnation Councils will be working a concession stand together. Charlie Culkin will continue as the Team Director. The Councils will operate the Outdoor Patio Grill, where they have worked the past four years.

As of now, the menu will be hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs and sausage peppers & onions; peanuts, popcorn and chips; and bottled soda and water, Gatorade and draft beer. Like last year, it will take 12 volunteers to operate the concession stand – an average of six volunteers from each Council per game. And like last year, volunteers must make a two-game commitment. Last year, a number of volunteers stepped forward to work multiple jobs. To provide more staffing flexibility, it would be beneficial if a few more volunteers step forward to learn multiple jobs, such as working as a grill assistant or a cashier. There are Brothers who can train you.

In a few days, you will be receiving an email with the “2025 Spring Training Baseball Sign-Up Sheet. You will be asked to indicate what position you would like to work. There is no guarantee that you will work the same position every game. My first scheduling priority is ensuring that I have required volunteers to cover all the positions for every game. For newcomers, you will receive a Baltimore Orioles tee shirt and a Council ball cap.

If you have any questions, please email (cinandchas@verizon.net) or call me (941-504-5490). Let’s have a great 2025 Spring Training Baseball Season!! See you at the Ball Park!

Charlie Culkin,

Director, Spring Training Baseball





## Committee Corner



*Left to right: Neil Corrado, Imelda Moeslein, Jeanette and Charley Baldelli, Fr. Daniel, Jim Meyd, Max Streibel, Maureen & Brian Harkins (Frank Moeslein not pictured)*

Thank you for your presence at this month's Prayer Walk and thanks to those who could not join us but prayed at home. Your presence makes a huge difference with 5 babies saved (that we are aware of.....as there could be more) during this Vigil.

We had a nice turnout of 18 Knights/ Parishoners/ Spouses throughout the day with some nice overlap / fellowship in the mid morning. In fact, Ted Kovacic, Kevin and Judy Deady, John Regan also prayed with us but were not captured in the pictures.

When the STM team arrives throughout the day we usually gather and begin by reciting 2 short but powerful prayers and then some of the group will disburse to pray in private. When Fr. Daniel arrived, he led us in a Rosary Jericho Walk around the perimeter of the Planned Parenthood building. As is always the case, in the six years we have peacefully prayed at the Fall and Spring 40 DFL Vigils, we had many positive words, honks and thumbs up from drivers or walkers who were passing by. Of course, there were some with a vulgar gesture or criticism from others as they drove or walked by. In those cases, we take it all in stride and quietly pray for them that Our Lord softens and changes their hearts.

For Life!

Brian and Neal



## Committee Corner

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN RESULTS -



The Baby Bottle Campaign has been a tremendous success this year! The generosity of our parishioners and Brothers in support of this annual campaign has been truly impressive, if not almost unbelievable! Through 11/25, we have collected \$7,181.00 in cash and \$6,583.00 in checks for a total of donation of \$13,764.00. More bottles continue to trickle in each week, so the total continues to climb. We will be presenting the proceeds to the Community Pregnancy Clinic in early December and follow up in January with any additional donations received.

For the \$7,181.00 in cash donations would you like to guess how many coins that might have included?

**Over 36,000 coins totaling over \$2,800!**

Many thanks to Joe Sommer, Hank Peppard, and Carol McElroy who assisted Financial Secretary Steve McElroy with the sorting, counting and rolling of the coins.

### COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM-

Did you know that our Council offers a Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School scholarship program for children and grandchildren of parents and grandparents who are registered parishioners at St. Thomas More? The scholarships available range from \$1,000 up to \$3,000 annually and several are sponsored as memorials from Brother Knights or their surviving families.



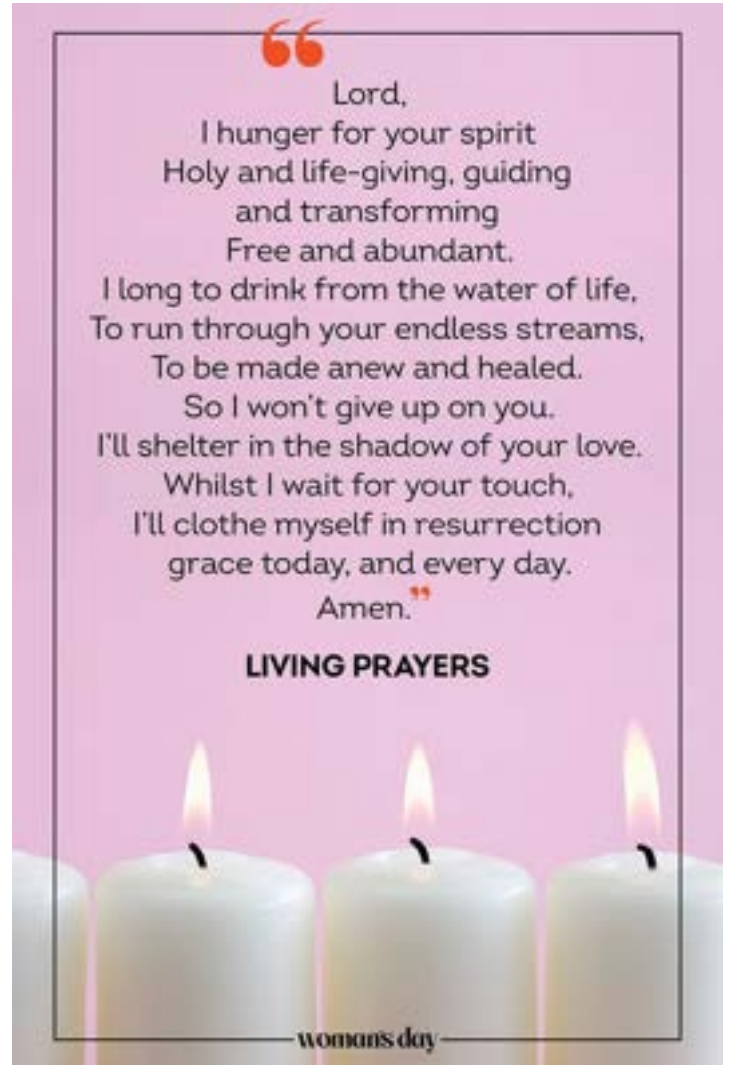
We will soon be starting our Scholarship Committee activities for Fall 2025; advertising the program and making applications available starting in January; followed by evaluation of the student applications in May; and award of the scholarships at a special program in June. For the current school year, we awarded \$8,000 in scholarships and always have more outstanding applicants than scholarships available. It is a very rewarding program to be a part of in our Council. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any questions about becoming a scholarship sponsor, please contact Steve McElroy, Scholarship Committee Chair, at 941-539-4263



## Council Good of the Order

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli  
 Shirley Berardinelli (widow of Alec)  
 Ken Berberich  
 Ted Bogusz  
 Dave & Sue Bracy  
 Erin Macalonie Brady (daughter of John Macalonie)  
 Pat Cesare  
 Ed Cox  
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie Culkin)  
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)  
 Jean DeVito (wife of Cory)  
 Gary Ellis  
 Madeline Garvin (wife of Gary Garvin)  
 Paula Garvin (daughter-in-law of Gary)  
 Pat Guadagno  
 Jan Jakubiuk  
 John Koitsch  
 Ted Kovacic  
 Don Leonard  
 Roy MacGillis  
 John & Kay Maier  
 Ron McCluskey  
 Jim Meyd  
 Thomas Nate  
 Margie Noll (wife of Derek)  
 Hank Peppard Jr.  
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)  
 Ed Plankey  
 Tom Reed  
 Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano)  
 Eugene Sobecki (C. Ballschmeider's sister-in-law)  
 John Spinale  
 Joe Tiffany  
 Johnnie Turner  
 Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John)  
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)



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 (Ralph Neller, Grand Knight) at his email address [rneller65@outlook.com](mailto:rneller65@outlook.com) or his mobile 513-708-0528.



### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Brothers James Alexander and Dan Martin for their kind assistance with this Newsletter!

## Council Birthdays

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



December 2 - Jerry Zaback  
 December 3 - Richard Hull  
 December 3 - Russell Ritirato  
 December 5 - John McAlonie  
 December 7 - Jonathan Genz  
 December 8 - Kenneth Gaasch  
 December 9 - Ted Bogusz  
 December 14 - William Huber  
 December 17 - Aniello Corrado  
 December 19 - Chris Pariseau  
 December 24 - James Walsh  
 December 28 - David Woodford  
 December 31 - Michael Dressel



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## Council Upcoming Events

**Thank you for your support of these future events!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS



- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, December 4th ,at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The Coats For Kids Holiday Give Away is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th, at the Stillpoint Mission beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- The STM Annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8th, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Chelsea Center.
- The Council Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- A Corporate Communion is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th, at the 4:00 p.m Mass followed by our Annual Christmas Party at the Stoneybrook CC beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- STM Church Christmas Decorations are scheduled for Monday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m. to assist our Parish Liturgical Ministry.
- Our Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The STM Prayer Walk is planned on Thursday, December 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.
- Saturday and Sunday, December 28th and 29th the Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer recitation after all Masses.
- December 25th - **MERRY CHRISTMAS !**



## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving his Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on the year – reminiscing on all of the relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families, I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this fall can impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse?

If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve.



Meanwhile, may you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of this year. And let's pray for one another — especially for those who may be struggling in any way during the holidays.

If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.

Merry Christmas and God bless,

Vivat Jesus!


Brian DeBlauw



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## Calendar - DECEMBER, 2024



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <sup>27</sup>	2 Christmas Party Set Up 9:00 am CC	3 CPC Check Presentation 11:00 am @CPC	4 Knight's Mass 8:00 am C Officers' Mtg 7:00 pm SC	5	6	7 Coats for Kids Stillpoint Mission
8 PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY - 4:00 pm CC	9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	10	11	12 Council Meeting 7:00 pm SC	13	14 Corporate Communion 4:00 pm Christmas Party 6:30 pm Stoneybrook CC
15	16 STM Church decorations - 9:00 am C	17 Exemplification 7:00 pm SC	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Prayer Walk 9-1:00 pm Planned Parenthood	27	28 Consecration to the Holy Family. 4:00 pm Mass C
29 Consecration to the Holy Family after all Masses - C	30	31				
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