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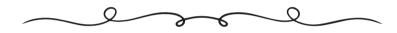
... HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

AMEN!

Grand Knight's Report

FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY FAMILY -

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households. The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity.



Looking back, as the fraternal year began, our goal was to deepen our spiritual growth by concentrating on the Eucharist in the Mass, the power of Prayer, and Personal Reflection on our lives of service, ultimately renewing our dedication to serving others through acts of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. As the new year begins, many of us make at least one or more "New Year's Resolutions" in order to implement positive changes for personal growth.

As Knights of Columbus, January brings a distinctive chance: an opportunity to strengthen our bond with Jesus by engaging in charitable works such as volunteering for Council activities: the Citizens with Disabilities, the Cruise Raffle, the Orioles Spring Training games and the May K of C Golf Outing. These opportunities allow us to financially support our charities who in turn depend on our contributions to fulfill their mission of helping others in our community.

KNIGHT'S MASS -

On January 8th we had our monthly "Knight's Mass" at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with over 40 Knights and wives in attendance. Fr. Nick was the celebrant and the rosary was prayed before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration following the Mass. Both the rosary and the Mass were dedicated to those on the GOTO list with a special intention for our Brother Tony Picozzi. Please join your Brother Knights on Wednesday, February 5th for this month's Mass.

JOSEPH TIFFANY - STAR RECRUITER AWARD



The Joseph Tiffany - STAR Recruiter Award will recognize a member of our Council for exceptional achievement in bringing new members to our Council and helping us to reach STAR Council status. The winner of the 1st award will be decided by the Chancellor, Kevin Deady and based on the total number of qualified new members joining our Council over the fraternal year of 2024 - '25.

Grand Knight's Report

SILVER ROSE PILGRIMAGE -



The Story of the Silver Rose -

In 1531, a Mexican peasant, by the name of Juan Diego, was walking to visit his sick uncle. While walking he was confronted by a mysterious lady. She told him to go to the bishop and tell him she wants a church built on the spot where they met. Juan Diego then went to the bishop and told him of the encounter. The bishop proclaimed he could not do that without a more compelling reason.

Juan Diego returned to his home by another route. On another walk, he again was confronted by the mysterious lady. Juan Diego told the lady the bishop explained he could not build a church based solely on the word of a peasant. The lady told Juan Diego to go to the top of the nearby hill and pick the flowers he found there. The flowers were magnificent roses. Nothing like them had ever grown in that region. He picked them, placed them in his poncho and returned to the lady.

The lady arranged the roses and instructed Juan Diego to take the flowers, show them to the bishop and again tell him to build a church on this spot.

Juan Diego did as he was told. When in the presence of the bishop he opened his poncho. The roses fell to the floor. On Juan Diego's poncho was the image of who we now know as Our Lady of Guadalupe. The bishop ordered the construction of the church to begin immediately on the spot she designated.

In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, labeled the program "Running of the Rose", and adding to it 'One Life, One Rose', symbolizing the commitment of the Knights of Columbus to Our Lady of Guadalupe, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and restoring respect for the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death.



The Silver Rose will be present at STM on Saturday, March 1st with a ceremony to recall this miracle at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The Silver Rose will arrive with an escort of Knights on Bikes and move throughout Florida from February 22nd to March 5th.

TORCH CAMPAIGN -

This year the "TORCH" campaign was held at all Publix stores from January 10th thru the 19th. This signature event unites Publix associates, customers and local communities in an effort to support all of the Special Olympics athletes and their families.



We are blessed to have one of our own "Special Olympians" with Brother Joseph Devito. Joseph also works at Publix and knows first hand how important the TORCH Campaign is to Special Olympics.







This year our Council Champions were PGK Jim Meyd (Publix Central Sarasota store) and GK Ralph Neller, (Publix at Shoppes on Palmer Ranch store). Thank You to all who contributed during the TORCH event!

JANUARY SOCIAL -

Our Council January social was held at Miguel's on Siesta Key with over 50 Knights, their wives, or significant others.

At this social, we welcomed back PGK Jim and Beth Meyd after a long absence. Jim and Beth were also presented their December "Family of the Month" certificate during the social. Congratulations and welcome back Jim and Beth!







Brother Dave Paben was also presented his certificate as the "Knight of the Month" December KOM during this social.

He and Brother Lynn Quartermaine were awarded Knights of the Month in December for their work in designing and building the 2nd Honors Cabinet for the Council. Brother Lynn received his certificate at the December Council meeting.



PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

Our 1st Pancake Breakfast for 2025 was held on January 19th after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. The Pancake Breakfast volunteers, led by Brother Dan Martin and assisted by Dr. Steve Wyer and Jack Rodman in the kitchen and John Cesare and Sue Bracy and their teams, served over 250 parishioners.











PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST - (continued...)

Beyond serving the 250+ breakfasts, we were able to raise approximately \$750 for the Parish Food Pantry.

A special thanks to Brother Chris Pariseau who transitioned lead responsibility to Brother Dan for the Pancake Breakfasts this year. Thank you Chris!









CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES CAMPAIGN -



This month continues our *CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES* Campaign at STM the weekend of Feb.1-2nd and the following weekend, Feb.7-9th at the 4 Publix stores. beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Brothers Corey DeVito, Scott Deahna, or Steve McElroy to volunteer for any open times at a store.





CRUISE RAFFLE -

January kicked off the sale of Cruise Raffle tickets as a major fund raiser for our Council. Brother Dan Bulinski and Brother Steve Melchiore will be distributing tickets to all Council members and looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets at the Pancake Breakfast in February. Please volunteer to help them and support our major Council fund raiser.

OFFICER TEAM OPENINGS -

Our Council is looking to fill several Officer positions for next fraternal year. The available positions are: Deputy Grand Knight, Advocate, Warden, both Inside and Outside Guard, Recorder, and 3rd Year Trustee.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer, please contact John Cesare or GK, Ralph Neller, for more information on these positions.



JANUARY EXEMPLIFICATIONS -

On January 21st our Council welcomed 2 new members: Brother Luis Cappeletti, sponsored by Dan Flynn (pictured below) and Brother Joseph Pelletier sponsored by Joe Sommers (picture top of next column) bringing our new membership total to 7 against our goal of 11. Both Brother Dan and Brother Joe now qualify for the "Joseph Tiffany - STAR Recruiter Award".

The Exemplification Honoree was Dr. Steve Wyer for his dedication to our Council as Advocate and his role as as a member of the Exemplification team.









KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - Jack Rodman

Brother Jack Rodman is awarded this month's KOM for his work in leading the kitchen crew for our Annual Christmas Party, the Pancake Breakfasts, and a variety of other Council events including our monthly Council Meetings.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH -Ken & Trish Ann Berberich PGK Ken Berberich and his wife, Trish Ann, are awarded this month's FOM for their work with the Christmas Party/Raffle and their dedication to our parish in leading the Capital Campaign, the Parish Picnic and the Finance Committee.



Parish News

PARISH PICNIC UPDATE -

Will be held on Sunday, March 2nd after the noon Mass from 1PM thru 4PM. There are four (4) co-chairs of the event with responsibilities to, among others, youth games and crafts, ministry fair, financial and parish involvement, food and beverage et al. Being planned include a popcorn machine, ice/syrup cones, dunking booth and other attractions including a DJ at the outing.

We are able to meet and celebrate this day with our Parish Administrator Fr Nick and Parochial Vicar, Fr Daniel. Parish ministries will be on-site to answer any questions of the ministry organization and mission statement as to serve the parish, the Catholic Church and the community. This is NOT a membership drive, more so, a meet-greet and friendly introduction. There will be games for the kids, face painting, balloons etc and social time for the adults.



The Knights of Columbus have been asked to set-up for the event, food and beverages, grills, serving and cleanup. These, we are all "familiar with" and well capable of performing. WGK Ralph Neller will be asking Knights, spouses, family members and significant others to be involved in this and assigned roles and responsibilities. The menu at this time, being discussed, will require three (3) grills for hamburgers, Italian sausage and some plant based (vegan) patties. Also, potato and macaroni salads, iced tea, lemonade and water, condiments and cookies. The menu is subject to change.

The theme of the picnic - is Mardis Gras with decorations, beads etc. We are planning on about 450 persons to attend as includes the volunteers. The parish will be looking for financial sponsors of the picnic, either business, individuals or families that would like to support and be recognized as donors of the parish picnic.

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You will see more information on the parish picnic in the church bulletin, emails from the parish, flyers and posters for the picnic Your attendance and support of the picnic is most gratefully appreciated.

Ken Berberich

Co-Chair Food and Beverage with the support and assistance of PGK Jim Meyd and others



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 still 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.



RIGHT TO LIFE -

Hello STM Knights and Defenders of Life,

Our mission is simple and sacred - pray and witness to protect Our Lord's most defenseless made in His image and likeness. Many thanks to the 10 defenders who dealt with the cold and rainy weather in our monthly January Prayer Walk vigil at Planned Parenthood and to the others who prayed that day for us. I understand that Fr. Daniel and another Knight - Ray Rasmussen from our Community also traveled that day to Washington DC to pray at the annual March For Life on Friday. Perhaps they can share their impressions at the next Knights monthly meeting?

Now that more of you are back for the "season", we hope you will join us for the next vigil prayer day on Thursday, Feb 27th for one hour between 9AM - 1PM. We pray individually and collectively,(if you choose) with a few of the powerful prayers that we usually recite together. It's also a great opportunity to offer that time to pray for many of our Knights and their families who may be dealing with health challenges. Please join us by RSVPing to 908-451-7454 or replying to this email!





Saturday, February 22, 2025 by clicking on this link - https://supportcpci.com/sarasota-2025-dinner-event/ 16 of you have already done so - (Scanlan, Corrado, Harkins, Berberich, Neller, Moeslein, Bogner, Mazur, Dean) Please note that Neil Corrado and Brian Harkins will be table captains We have already secured 2 tables....Seating will be limited so it's best to register early. Fr. Daniel will be giving the

invocation and the guest speak, Dr. John Bruchalski,

is the well regarded guest speaker and former

abortionist. It is also a free will offering event. Please

let us know when you have registered.

Also, please register for CPCI's annual Dinner event on

We will also be supporting The Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center Annual Gala. In years past, we usually have 12-16 people in attendance. You may have received automated invitations sent to your email from the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center for the Thursday, February 27th event. In the event, it was missed or went into your spam mail, you can register on the SMPC website by clinking the "Life is Beautiful Gala" link. This is also a free will offering event.

"Life is the most basic human right, and without it, no other rights can be enjoyed or protected."

For Life, Neil and Brian









REGIONAL SUMMER GAMES

(BASKETBALL, TRACK & FIELD, BOCCE, SOCCER, CYCLING, TENNIS AND CHEERLEADING)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH

LOCATION: IMG ACADEMY

5650 BOLLETTIERI BLVD
BRADENTON, FL 34210
TIME: TWO SHIFTS 7:30 AM - 12:30 &
11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

CORNHOLE COMPETITION

LOCATION: PALMETTO MARRIOT RESORT & SPA

600 US HWY 41

PALMETTO, FL 34221

TIME: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

REGISTER AT:

HTTPS://WWW.SPECIALOLYMPICSFLORIDA.ORG/GET-INVOLVED/VOLUNTEER

Hello Everyone!

I hope this email finds you all doing well! We're reaching out to invite you to join our Area 7 Games Management Team as we prepare for the 2025 Summer Games. Since you've all been involved in some capacity with our Summer Games season before, we wanted to extend this opportunity to you.

The Games Management Team is perfect for anyone looking to get more involved in the planning and execution of the competition. You'll have the chance to work closely with our Sports Staff to ensure that all sports and aspects of the event run smoothly. In this role, you may be asked to lead volunteers or oversee specific sporting events.

If this is something you're interested in, or if you'd like more information, feel free to reach out to your local Sport Manager. The Sport Managers for each county are listed below:

- Area 7 South Chad Weber (chadweber@sofl.org)
- Area 7 North Alyssa Isaksen (alyssaisaksen@sofl.org)

If you'd like to be a part of the Area 7 Summer Games Management Team, please complete and submit the following form: <u>SmartSheet Form</u> on the website.

We're excited to work together to create the best competition experience and environment for our athletes in the 2025 Sports Season!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We look forward to hearing from you!

Alyssa Isaksen

Manager, Sports Training and Competition, Area 7 North

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BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING SEASON BEGINS THIS MONTH-

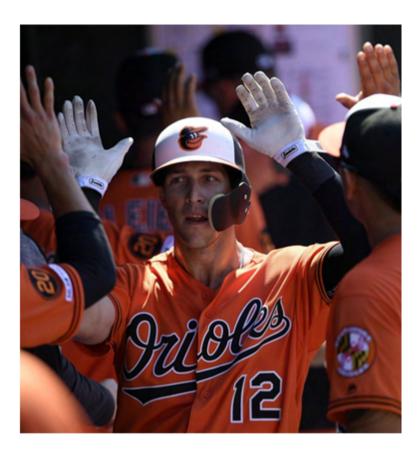
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL VOLUNTEERS

The 2025 Spring Training Baseball Season begins in three weeks on February 22nd. Every volunteer has received a Spring Baseball Information Packet, Worker Telephone and E-Mail List and Worker Game Assignment Lists.

At the Council Membership Meeting on Thursday, February 13th, Spring Training Director Charlie Culkin will be distributing hats and shirts to volunteers who ordered them as well as the parking passes for all volunteers

If you cannot pick up your supplies on that evening, please designate a Brother Knight to pick them up for you. Please let Charlie know if you are designating someone.





you have any questions, please (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



STM 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT -

Update on the 4th Annual Knights of Columbus Council 7826 Golf Event as to be held at Serenoa Golf Club on Monday, May 5th 2025.

Golf Committee Members include, Ken Berberich, Ralph Neller, John Spinale, Charlie Culkin, Corey DeVito, Chris Pariseau, Gary Ellis, Richard Lamb, Kevin Maguire, Ed Plankey, Rob Carver, Kevin Deady, Scott Deahna, Max Streibel, Ed Powers, Paul Procopio and Joe Daley. Simply said, all contribute to the success of our golf event.

We are in the process of notifying past golfers and golf team captains as to request registration and payment for this year's outing. Our hope is to have 112 golfers, 28 teams and we are accepting individual players to form into a team.

We are having very good success at this time on major sponsors and have our "ask out" on past hole sponsors. We are (always) looking for hole sponsors at \$100 donation, for their businesses, families, "in memory of" etc. Last year we had 60 + hole sponsors.

Just starting to solicit GCs and items for our raffle baskets, auction items and goodie bags.

Will reach out to last year's volunteers - in February to re-connect and look for new volunteers, as well. We have about 20 volunteers at the event.





Menu for the light breakfast and BBQ lunch now being discussed and expect no major changes on price and food et al is very well done by Serenoa and well received by our golfers.

The event is "coming together" but a lot of work, yet to do. Please let us know ASAP if you are intending to play or host a team, by sending in the attached Registration Form. Funds should be paid, as well. Please remit this to - check payable to Kofc Council 7826 and mailed to, Charlie Culkin, 5351 Fox Run Road, Sarasota FL 34231.

I may be reached at <u>berberichken@yahoo.com</u> Respectfully,

Ken Berberich, Chair Knights of Columbus Council 7826 Golf Outing

Council Good of the Order

Please pray for the following individuals:

Charley Baldelli

Ken Berberich

Ted Bogusz

Dave Bracy

Erin Macalonie Brady (daughter of John Macalonie)

Pat Cesare

Neil Corrado

Ed Cox

Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie Culkin)

Judy Deady

Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)

Jean DeVito (wife of Cory)

Mary Ann Dinisi (Sister of Tom Nate)

Gary Ellis

Madeline Garvin (wife of Gary Garvin)

Paula Garvin (daughter-in-law of Gary)

Jan Jakubiuk

John Koitsch

Ted Kovacic

Don Leonard

Roy MacGillis

John & Kay Maier

Kathy Malloy

Ron McCluskey

Jim Meyd

Thomas Nate

Margie Noll (wife of Derek)

Hank Peppard Jr.

Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)

Tony Picozzi

Ed Plankey

Tom Reed

Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano)

John Spinale

Madalyn Tiffany (wife of Joe)

Johnnie Turner

Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John)

Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford



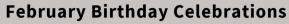
If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact Ralph Neller, Grand Knight at his email address rneller65@outlook.com or his mobile 513-708-0528.



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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

Council Birthdays





February 5 - Larry Hall

February 7 - Ken Berberich

February 7 - Wayne Head

February 9 - Stuart Christensen

February 10 - Johnnie Turner

February 14 - Robert Manghillis

February 17 - Janusz Kostecki

February 18 - William Lucke

February 18 - George Thanas

February 19 - Joseph DeVito

February 21 - Salvatore Perri

February 23 - Thomas Reed

February 24 - Ferdinand Zava

February 26 - Michael Pitoniak

February 28 - Dan Bulinski

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Hank Peppard - Outside Guard

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Council Upcoming Events

Thank you for your support of these future events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Citizens with Disabilities (Tootsie Rolls) is scheduled for the weekend of February 1-2nd at STM after all the Masses and at the 4 Publix stores the following weekend of February 7-9th.
- The Officers' Meeting is scheduled for February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our monthly "Knight's Mass will be on Wednesday, February 5th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
 We will pray the rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration to follow the Mass for approximately 1 hour.
- Our next Council social will be held on Thursday, February 6th, at Waterfront II beginning at 5:30 p.m. to celebrate PGK Johnnie Turner's 90th Birthday! Please contact Dave & Sue Bracy to make a reservation.



- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, February 10th at St. Patrick's Church starting at 7:00 p.m.
- The Council Business Meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center
- Our 2nd Pancake Breakfast in 2025 is scheduled for Sunday, February 16th after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Chelsea Center.
- The monthly Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, February 27th between 9:00 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.

Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Happy Valentine's Day!

I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another.

Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.



Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss what you want. I'll give you a call or feel free to contact me.

God bless.

Brian DeBlauw



Calendar - February, 2025



SC - Spirit Center

CC - Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29				1 Citizens with Disabilities 4:00 pm Mass C
2 Citizens with Disabilities All Masses C	3	4	5 Knight's Mass 8:00 am Rosary Officers Mtg 7:00 pm SC	6 Council Social Waterfront II 5:30 pm	7 Citizens with Disabilities 11:00-5:00 pm Publix Stores	8 Citizens with Disabilities 11:00-5:00 pm Publix Stores
9 Citizens with Disabilities 11:00- 5:00 pm Publix Stores	10 Assembly Mtg. 7:00 pm St. Patrick's	11	12	13 Council Business Meeting 7:00 pm SC	14	15
16 Pancake Breakfas 8:00 - 10:00 am Masses - CC	17 t	18 Exemplification 6:30 pm SC	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Prayer Walk 9- 1:00 pm. Planned Parent.	28	
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