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ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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**"THE HEART OF JESUS IS
THE ULTIMATE SYMBOL
OF GOD'S MERCY."**

- Pope Francis

Grand Knights Report

GRAND KNIGHT'S FAREWELL -

We've come a long way together – you and me.

As I reflect on our remarkable journey together over the past 2 years, we've written an exciting and successful chapter in the STM K of C history book. There are so many records that we set over the course of the past 2 years beginning with over 53,000 volunteer hours freely given by our members and their families and our Council growth to over 180 with the addition of new members. Phil Arsenault and Kevin Deady - Thank you!

Our fund raising set new highs in the Baby Bottle, and Citizens with Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Campaigns. We knocked it out of the park with the funds raised from Spring Training Baseball and scored a Hole-in-One with the proceeds from our Golf Outing. None of these successes would have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our Council members, their wives and significant others. Thank you!

Thank you to my Officer Team, who gave me unwavering support, with a special thank you to Steve McElroy and Ken Berberich whose dedication as an Officer were an inspiration to me. Thank you to our Family of the Year, Dave and Sue Bracy for their many hours of work on our socials, and our Knight of the Year, Jack Rodman and his leadership in the kitchen with Charley and Hank. To John and Lucy Koitsch and their tireless dedication to our parish while taking an endless record of each activity through pictures – Thank you!

Thank you to John Cesare for his service both with Special Olympics and St. Vincent DePaul, to Frank and Imelda Moeslein and Joe and Ann Dean for their work on the Baby Bottle Campaign, to Corey Devito and Scott Deahna in leading the Tootsie Roll Campaigns, to Charlie Culkin and Dr. Steve Wyer for Spring Training Baseball, to Judy Arsenault and Trish Ann Berberich and their

Christmas Party baskets, to Corey and Jean Devito and Dan and Kim Flynn in leading the Coffee & Donuts, to Dan Martin and Chris Pariseau's leadership on the Pancake Breakfasts, to Dan Martin, Steve and Carol McElroy and their work on our websites, to Dan Bulinski and Steve and Debbie Melchiorre on the Cruise Raffle, to Dr. Tony D'Souza and Jim Meyd for their dedication to the GOTO, to all the wives and significant others who made every event an outstanding success, and to the surviving spouses who inspired us with their service at so many of our events. For those not mentioned who volunteered and worked so hard over the past 2 years, please accept my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you all for being an essential part of this journey.

My special thanks to our Chaplain, Fr. Daniel, who lead us on this spiritual journey over the past 24 months. His humility, his sense of humor and soft spoken demeanor always kept me grounded and thankful for his support, his prayers, and his wisdom as our spiritual leader.

At the beginning of this journey my vision was to deepen the spiritual growth of each member of our Council through our core values of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. It's only through your collaboration in the implementation of this vision that we've enriched our community and beyond as you continue to be the most powerful ambassadors for our Council 7826 and our parish.

As a Knight of Columbus, if you've experienced a closer relationship with our parish, our priests or with a Brother Knight. then God is working through you and we have succeeded. I look forward to the future with faith and confidence in you and our Council. May God bless you and St. Thomas More with continued prosperity and spiritual growth!

Vivat Jesus!
Ralph

Grand Knights Report

KNIGHT'S MASS -

On May 7th we had our monthly "Knight's Mass" at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with Father Nick 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 the GOTO with a special intention for Brother John and Kay Maier.

Please join your Brother Knights for the Knight's Mass this month on Wednesday, June 4th with a special intention for Brother Neil Corrado.



JOSEPH TIFFANY STAR RECRUITER AWARD -

The final month to qualify for the JTSRA is June. Again, this award recognizes 1 member of our Council for exceptional achievement in bringing new members 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.

JOHN MAIER GOODBYE -

John and Kay Maier are leaving Sarasota and returning to Cincinnati due to health reasons. Dr. Tony D'Souza (GOTO) thanked them for their many years of service to our Council. John was one of the original "charter members" at the formation of our Council. All God's Blessings John and Kay!



Faith In Action

The Waterfrontoo

WATERFRONTOO SOCIAL -

Our May social” was held at WATERFRONTOO on May 23rd. We had approximately 53 members and their wives in attendance. The evening was filled with fellowship and fraternity among the members and their wives or significant others.

Thanks to Dave and Sue Bracy for their continued dedication to our Council Socials. In June the Council Social will be held on June 20th at Miguel’s Restaurant on Siesta Key. Please contact Dave and Sue Bracy to reserve a spot as seating is limited.

It will be my last social as the Council GK. I look forward to seeing you there!



Faith In Action

The Waterfrontoo



Faith In Action

CONFIRMATION WITH BISHOP DEWANE -



CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2025

STM CONFIRMATIONS -

Dr. Emily with the assistance of both Fr. Nick and Fr. Daniel prepared 8 new candidates for their Confirmation on Sunday, May 25th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Bishop Dewane administered the sacrament to the 8 candidates during the Mass. A reception was held immediately following the Mass in the Chelsea Center.

Congratulations to the newly confirmed members and their families! Thank you Bishop Dewane!

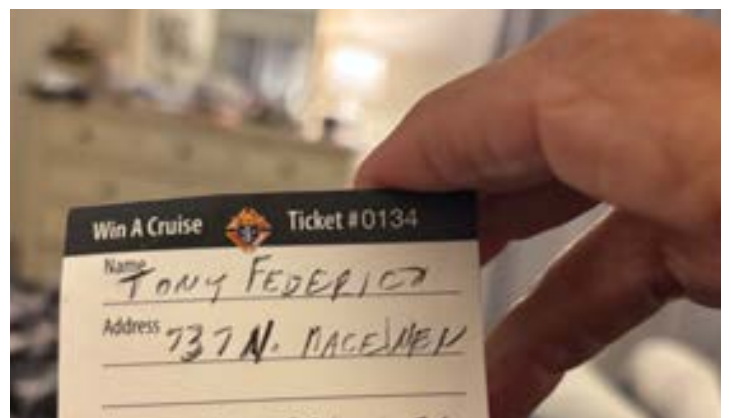


CRUISE RAFFLE -

Fr. Nick pulled the winning ticket after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 19th. The WINNER of the 2025 Cruise Raffle is Mr. Tony Federico Ticket #0134 of Sarasota, Florida. He has decided to take the \$2500 cash prize. Congratulations to Tony!

A special "Thank You" to Brother Steve Melchiorre and his wife, Debbie, for all their work in organizing and leading this year's Cruise Raffle.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who sold tickets after Mass, at Council Meetings, at Trivia, and many other venues. This year's proceeds were outstanding and will help us to support the operation of our Council throughout the next fraternal year. Thank you to all - Well done!



Faith In Action

4TH ANNUAL STM K OF C GOLF OUTING -

Results of 4th Annual St Thomas More K of C Council 7826 Golf Outing at Serenoa GC.

First, I'd like to recognize our Golf Committee members - 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, Joe Daley and Paul Procopio.



Next - a huge "shout out" to our Volunteers at the event - Trish Berberich, Carol Neller, Denise Caledonia, Steve McElroy, Ray Paleczny, Phil Arsenault, Sally Paleczny, Max Streibel, Derek Noll, Gary Ellis, Margot Ellis, Jack Rodman, John Spinale, Sandi Dombeck, John Cesare, Lynn Quartermaine, Kevin Deady and John Koitsch (Sue Bracy was out ill that day).



We fielded 21 golf teams (83 golfers) which was down from 25 golf teams in 2024. The Golf Committee will be looking at ways to increase our golfers and golf captains in 2026 as our goal is 25-30 teams at play.

Each golfer received a generous goodie bag in their golf cart and were served a lite breakfast and BBQ lunch, as well as Serenoa Golf Club was in excellent condition for golf play for our event. Thank you Andy Secret, Golf Professional at Serenoa Golf Club and his staff!

We exceeded expectations and our budget, in major sponsors, hole sponsors, mulligan sales, raffle basket sales, auction item sales and 50/50 sales.



The winning team (the Rodman team), each golfer received a trophy donated by Sarasota Trophy and Awards and a \$100 Serenoa Pro Shop gift certificate.

Faith In Action

4TH ANNUAL STM K OF C GOLF OUTING -

Thank you – to all our Major Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, Donors and Supporters of the golf event as we had 69 Hole Sponsors, 9 Major Sponsors, Gift Basket and Auction Item donors, Goodie Bag donors and others.



So how did we do – for our Council's budget for the event?

On Revenues - \$26,280 with Expenses of \$11,632.98 – we are reporting Net Income **\$14,647.02**. This compares favorably to our \$9000.00 Net Income Budget and supports the charitable donations and operations of our K of C Council 7826.



If you get the chance – please pass along your thanks to our Golf Committee members and Volunteers – they are the ones that make this a successful and FUN event. We have heard from many golfers, how much they enjoyed our golf event and our “people” at the event.

We are now beginning to work on the 5th Annual St Thomas More K of C Council 7826 golf outing, the tentative date being Monday, May 4th 2026. More to come on this.

Ken Berberich

Chair – St Thomas More K of C Council 7826 Golf Committee

Faith In Action

MAY EXEMPLIFICATION -

During May we added 2 new members to our Council as 3rd Degree Knights. They are Brother John Pettit and Brother Michael Mercandetti.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO K OF C #7826!



Brother John Pettit receiving his 3rd Degree Certificate.



Brother Michael Mercandetti receiving his 3rd Degree Certificate.



Brother Dave Paben was the “Honoree” for this May Exemplification. Dave is an active member of our Council both in sponsoring new members and he did outstanding work on our newest Honor’s Cabinet.

Faith In Action

CONFIRMATION RETREAT -

Pictured below are the Candidates scheduled to make their Confirmation on May 25 at STM. The sacrament will be ministered by Bishop Dewane.

Our Council provided the hamburgers, hot dogs and potato salad with chips for the candidates and Fr. Nick and Dr. Emily during their retreat day on Sunday, May 4th. Thanks to our grill chefs, Brother Jack Rodman, and Charley Ballschmieder, as well as our kitchen crew lead by Carol Neller. Great Job!



1ST COMMUNION & NEW BIBLES -

On Sunday, May 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the parish celebrated the 1st Communion of 25 boys and girls. After the Mass, there was a short ceremony in the Chelsea Center for the children and their families followed by lite refreshments.



Our Council provided Bibles to each of the 1st Communicants. Worthy Dr. Steve Wyer, GK- Elect, Scott Deahna, and Brother Charley Ballschmieder are pictured presenting the Bibles to each of the 1st Communicants.



Faith In Action

CEVICOS MISSION MINISTRY -

Our Council supports the CEVICOS Mission Ministry in the Dominican Republic through Brother Rob Carver seen below with Dr. Mara Linscott (Ed Power's wife) and John Santoyo of St. Patrick's parish.

The Cevicos Mission offers direct medical, financial, educational, and spiritual assistance to the poor families of Cevicos, Dominican Republic, and they offer volunteers the opportunity to participate in this rewarding service work, answering Christ's mandate to his followers to love and serve each other.



Below: Mass being celebrated for the Missionaries



Three times a year, missionaries from Holy Family Mission travel at their own expense to Cevicos to staff a clinic that provides basic health care in the town and in the surrounding villages. Each group is made up of 10 - 14 adults, among them a medical doctor, nurses, and other professionals. They bring medical supplies donated by family and friends, local pharmacies, or by international health collaboratives.



Locally based partners arrange for the missionaries and local medical professionals to hold several clinics during their week there. Over the course of the week, missionaries may see nearly 1,000 patients at those clinics and home visits.



Faith In Action

121TH STATE CONVENTION -

The 2025 Florida State Convention was held in Jacksonville, FL. over the Memorial Day weekend. The 283 delegates representing approximately 90 council districts attended. District 51 was represented by Jon Engel (District Deputy), Scott Deahna (Council #7826) and Joe Gomez (Council #13307).



The convention commenced Friday afternoon with a “parade of banners” followed by a series of reports and concluding with a number of workshops. Saturday morning started with a video address from the Supreme Knight.

The highlight of the Saturday morning session was the presentation of the “Council Awards”. During the Saturday Council Award session, the St. Thomas More Council #7826 won the following **5 awards**: **First Place – Vocations Support; Second Place – Family Activities; Second Place – Faith Activities; Third Place – Community Activity** and **additionally, Altar Servers of the Year**.



The election of new state officers was held Saturday afternoon followed by the evening formal banquet. The banquet was highlighted by a PSD Supreme Director, Scott O'Connor's message and the awarding of Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Council of the Year. At the end of the formal banquet, the Council of the Year award was announced.

I was thrilled and amazed when I heard the State Deputy announce that our Council, #7826, had won the **“State Council of the Year”** Award. The State Deputy stated that our council scored high in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community and Life). The State Deputy then stated, “These guys did it all” (referring to our Council).

Thank you,

Scott Deahna, GK Elect



Faith In Action

DEACON PAT LONG'S ORDINATION & 1ST MASS -



YOU ARE INVITED . . .

Deacon Pat has invited every member of our Council to attend his Ordination at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Venice with Bishop Dewane on Saturday, July 12th, at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow immediately after the Mass in the parish hall.

YOU ARE INVITED. . .

Deacon Pat has invited every member of our Council to celebrate his 1st Mass at STM later on July 12th at 4:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the parish hall after the Mass, where Fr. Pat will offer his First Blessings.

YOU ARE INVITED. . .

Deacon Pat has also invited every member of our Council to attend his dinner reception on July 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chelsea Center. Please RSVP to Brother Dave and Sue Bracy at 941-966-7692 if you plan to attend.

All are welcome to share in these joyful celebrations of Christ's priesthood!

COFFEE & DONUTS -

Our Council hosted a Coffee & Donuts at STM on Sunday, May 18th after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Spirit Center.



The K of C Team lead by Brother Corey and his wife, Jean, Devito served nearly 200 parishioners.



Thanks also to Dan and Kim Flynn who helped Corey and Jean throughout last year and to all the volunteers who worked the Coffee & Donuts events.



Faith In Action

Knight / Family of the Month



KNIGHTS OF MONTH - MAX STREIBEL

Max Streibel is our “May Knight of the Month”. Max is a member of the Golf Committee and responsible for securing many of the auction items that contributed to the success of our golf outing. Also, he is a Hospitality Minister and a regular volunteer for many of our fund raising events. Congratulations and well-deserved Max!



FAMILY OF MONTH - ROB AND PATTI CARVER

Our May “Family of the Month” is Rob and Patti Carver. Brother Rob and his wife, Patti, have both contributed to the success of our Council. Rob is a member of the Golf Committee and past Warden of the Council. Patti volunteers to work our Christmas Party and is a Hospitality Minister in the parish. Congratulations Rob & Patti!



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.



STM PARISH OFFICE STAFF -

Thank you to the Parish Office staff: Mary Maxwell, Pam Lorows, and Joan Nock (pictured above) for their support and assistance over the past 2 years. With the many bulletin and church announcements, the scheduling of meeting rooms and the long list of Knight's funerals, their help has been invaluable to our Council and the parish.

Thank you also to Kat Cooper (not pictured) for her work and diligence as the Parish Business Manager. Kat has been a strong advocate for our Council and appreciates our many activities within the parish.



Committee Corner

RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -



Thanks for all of you all those who were able to peacefully pray at Planned Parenthood for our regularly scheduled Monthly vigil on Thursday, May 22nd. Here is a stunning picture above taken that morning by Frank and Imelda Moeslein of an empty baby stroller outside of Planned Parenthood. It's yet another stark reminder of the devastation of human life that takes place at Planned Parenthood and why our Ministry is so important. In June, let's continue to focus on Prayer and Presence in mind of Mother Teresa's prophetic words - "Each act of love is a work of peace, no matter how small".

1. PRAYER - Prayer is God's lifeline for all of us. Seek to learn more and spread the word to VOTE NO about the serious ramifications of the VERY misleading Amendment 4 which will be on the November ballot in Florida that seeks to enshrine abortion up until birth! Please view these websites and sign up for information about what you can do - <https://www.tooextremeforfl.com/>.

PRAYER con't

There is an online community (FLCAN - Florida Catholic Advocacy Network) established by the Bishops to connect, educate and mobilize Catholics across Florida's seven dioceses. The website is www.flaccb.org where people can sign up to receive alerts by email and/or text to stay informed and take action on Amendment 4.

2. PRESENCE - In June, those of us still in Florida can gather on Thursday, June 26th to pray at PP. Those of us away - please say a rosary or this simple prayer that day or any day. Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety. Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, protector of the unborn, pray for us!

Please join us for one hour. With several Brother's and Spouses going back to cooler climates already, we could always use some more prayer warriors!

For Life,
Neil and Brian

Committee Corner

SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

Special Olympics of southwest Florida has requested assistance with local Special Olympics events.

West Coast Region Volunteers Needed

We need enthusiastic volunteers to help support our incredible athletes as they compete and showcase their talents. No experience needed - just bring your energy and a smile!



If you want to participate as a coach or just volunteer at any of the events listed on the opposite column, please contact: Alyssa Isaksen, Manager, Sports Training & Competition - North Area 7 at 941-404-0361 or Chad Weber, Manager, Sports Training & Competition - South Area 7.

If you should need any additional information please don't hesitate to contact me at johncesare1@verizon.net

Fraternally,

John Cesare, Chairman Special Olympics Committee



SAVE THE DATE -

June 28: Area 5 Bowling Invitational
 July 11-12: West Coast Region Stand Up Paddle Competition
 July 26: Area 5 Swimming Competition
 July 26: Area 7 Swimming Competition
 August 2: West Coast Region Volleyball Competition
 August 2: Area 5 South Bowling Competition
 August 9: Area 5 North Bowling Competition
 August 9: Area 7 South Bowling Competition
 August 24: West Coast Region Swimming Competition
 September 7: Area 7 Fall Classic
 September 15: Area 5 Gymnastics Competition
 September 20: Area 5 Fall Classic
 October 4: West Coast Region Fall Classic
 October 26: West Coast Region Golf Competition

Committee Corner



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE -

Please consider attending our annual Scholarship Awards Program on June 10th at 7:00 PM in the Spirit Center when we will award five scholarships to some very deserving students at Cardinal Money High School. It is about a 30-minute program followed by light refreshments and is both a meaningful and fun celebration.

Thank you to Jim Meyd, Hank Peppard, and the Richard Schwehr family that sponsor three family memorial scholarships. And thank you to all of our members whose activities help fund the two Council scholarships; and specifically Dan Martin who made a special donation which we were able to use to increase the value of the two Council scholarships.



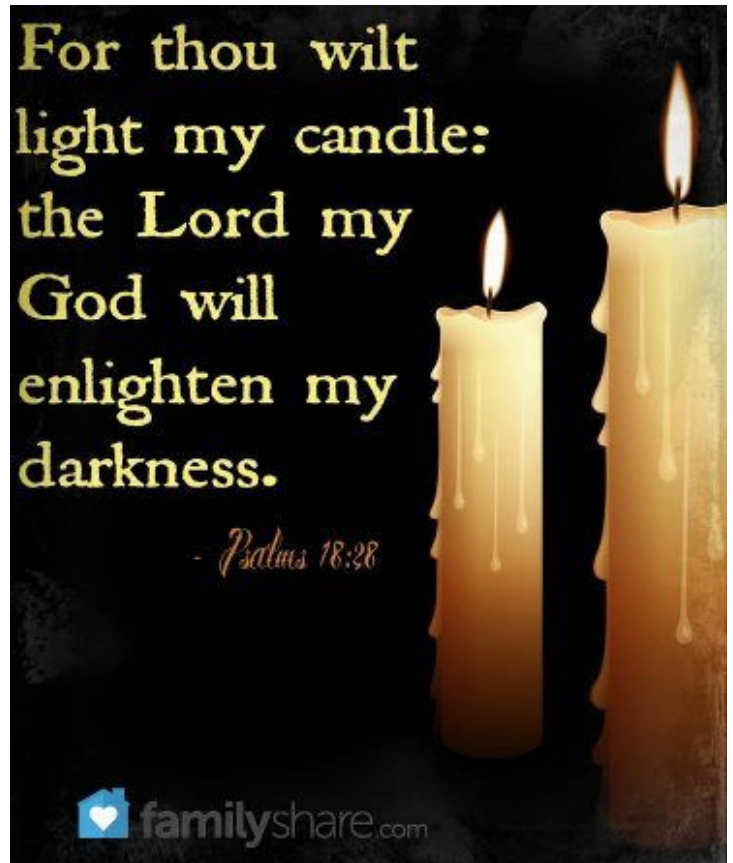
As previously announced the funeral mass for Sybilla Schwehr will be on Friday, June 13th at 12:00 PM at St. Jude Church in Sarasota. The rite of internment will follow at their memorial garden. All attendees to the service are invited to join the family afterwards at Der Dutchman restaurant. Sybilla, the widow of Sir Knight Richard (Dick) Schwehr of our Council who passed away in 2016, was a very generous benefactor of our Council's scholarship program. Their daughters have also been ardent supporters and will be at the Awards Program this year.

Steve McElroy,
Scholarship Committee Chair

Council Good of the Order

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli
 Ken Berberich
 Ted Bogusz
 Dave & Sue Bracy
 Pat Cesare
 Neil Corrado
 Ed Cox
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie)
 Judy Deady (wife of Kevin)
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)
 Jean DeVito (wife of Corey)
 Gary Ellis
 Ken Gaasch
 Madeleine Garvey (wife of Gary)
 Jerry and Annie Hayes
 Jan Jakubiuk
 John Koitsch
 Ted Kovacic
 Richard Lamb and daughter Megan Brown
 Don Leonard
 Roy MacGillis
 John & Kay Maier
 Ron McCluskey
 Carol McElroy (wife of Steve)
 Thomas Nate
 Margie Noll
 Hank Peppard
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)
 Ed Plankey
 Tom Reed
 John & Craig Spinale (John's son)
 Johnnie Turner
 Cheryl Vignola (wife of Michael)
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)



Please keep our recently departed Brothers and their surviving spouses in your prayers: Stephen Fenner, John McAlonie, Tony Picozzi, Victor Ferrulli and James McNamara.

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 my mobile 513-708-0528.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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

Council Birthdays

JUNE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



June 2 - John Van Schoor

June 4 - Edward Cox

June 9 - Gregory 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 - Gene McNany

June 26 - Jim Venter

June 26 - Dan Martin

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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, June 4th, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers' Meeting is scheduled for June 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, June 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chelsea Center.
- The Scholarship Awards Presentation is on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The June Council Business Meeting is scheduled for June 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The funeral Mass for Sybilla Schwehr will be at noon on June 13th at St. Jude's Church in Sarasota.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly has scheduled their Annual Celebration Dinner at Stoneybrook CC on Friday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. For reservations contact Dr. Steve Wyer steven.m.wyer@gmail.com(941-330-3168) or Steve McElroy at mcelroyfs@verizon.net
- Our monthly Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The June Social is scheduled for June 20th at Miguel's Restaurant on Siesta Key at 5:30 p.m. Please contact Dave & Sue Bracy (941-586-2666) to reserve a spot as seating is limited.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, June 26nd between 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.



Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

This month is Father's Day. Every year at this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man.

Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service. To give of oneself.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7).

"A cheerful giver" — that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through Knights of Columbus insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

And I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order.

That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased a Knights of Columbus insurance product or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus were able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients. To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – and in terms of business, it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we truly make a great impact.

Thank you, and I wish all of the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus!
God Bless!

Brian DeBlauw



Calendar - JUNE, 2025



Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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