



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Agnes Council 14202

Naples, Florida

August 2024



Message from your
Grand Knight
Jerry McGrath



Brothers,

It is truly a privilege to be able to send a message in our monthly newsletter! Bob Jurik does a great job with this little rag, doesn't he?

If you attended the meeting on August 12, you know that my theme for this year is fraternity. So, what do I mean by fraternity? I'm sure that the KOC literature has a very succinct definition. Undoubtedly, you could write a book on the subject and perhaps someone has. For us, however, I think we could start by treating our fellow Knights with dignity and respect. Not everyone you meet in the Knights is going to be your BFF (best friend forever). That's life! But all of them joined with the intention of doing good. They are all practicing Catholics. And, for the most part, they are all trying to be better human beings. For these reasons and many more, all of our brothers deserve our dignity and respect. If you have an issue with someone, speak to them directly about it. Don't get caught in the trap of talking to others about a fellow Knight's errors/faults before you've told him personally. This isn't always easy. It requires a fair amount of diplomacy. But we're all big boys, and as mature men, we should be able to accomplish this without too much difficulty. In fact, if we approach it with the genuine intent of helping the person rather than ridiculing him, our success rates will be much better!

Another thing that builds fraternity is volunteering. When we volunteer to work on a project, at one of our events, or as a permanent worker on any one of our regular endeavors, we end up working with other Knights. This is how we get to know each other. It's how we make friends. It's also how we learn to help each other as well as to help other people. At the meeting, I cited Matthew Kelly's book entitled "The Three Ordinary Voices of God". A quick read, only 120

pages. I highly recommend it. He suggests you take stock of the five people that you spend the most time with. Ask yourself whether they are bringing you closer to God or leading you away from Him. I'm sure the answer is a little different for each of us. But, if there are some Knights in those five, I'd bet my bottom dollar they're leading you closer to God! We have a great group here. The best I have ever known. Take advantage of it!

God bless all of you.



Jerry McGrath, Grand Knight

K = KoC					
C = Columbiettes					
B = Both					
4th = 4th Degree					
D = District					
Who	Month	Date	Time	Event	Contact
SEPTEMBER					
K	Sept	9	5:00 PM	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath
K	Sept	9	7:00 AM	Council meeting	Jerry McGrath
4th	Sept	20	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo
K	Sept	30	7:00 PM	Officers Meeting Classroom 2	Jerry McGrath
OCTOBER					
K	Oct	5 & 6	After masses	Baby Bottle Drive	Bill Keating
K	Oct	7	6:30 - 8:30	Council business meeting	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	12 & 13	after masses	Baby Bottle Drive	Bill Keating
B	Oct	13	6:00 - 11:00	Monthly Breakfast	Joe Manhart
K	Oct	18	7:00PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo
K	Oct	27	9:00 AM	Deceased Knights	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	27	6-8 PM	Trunk & Treat	Jeff Vespo
K	Oct	28	6:00PM	Officers Meeting	Jerry McGrath
NOVEMBER					
K	Nov	2	5-7 PM	Pasta & Pizza Fundraiser	Joe Manhart
B	Nov	10	6:00 - 11:00	Monthly Breakfast	Joe Manhart
K	Nov	11	6:30 - 8:30	Council meeting	Jerry McGrath
4th	Nov	15	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo
K	Nov	22	6-9 PM	Bingo / Pizza fundraiser	Peter Dresch
K	Nov	25	6:00 PM	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath
DECEMBER					
B	Dec	2	6 PM	Council Christmas Party	Greg Russo
B	Dec	8	6:00 - 11:00	Monthly Breakfast	Joe Manhart
K	Dec	7 & 8	After Masses	Keep Christ in Christmas	Mark Crain
K	Dec	14 & 15	After Masses	Christmas Bake Sale	Russ Scoot
4th	Dec	20	7:00 PM	Exemplification (Chapel)	Greg Russo
K	Dec	30	6:00PM	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath

OUR ELECTION POLE TEAM AT WORK



COUNCIL OFFICERS INSTILATION





And they say I can't
take pretty pictures....
....Look at that smile.



KofC MONTHLY MEETING



HONORS OF THE MONTH



Don Farmer - Knight of the Month



Colin O'Leary - Family of the Month

**COMING
SOON**

VOLUNTERING AND FELLOWSHIP

Hello fellow Knights! As Chancellor and fellow Knight, I am very proud of the work we all do for the Church and the Community at large. I am always filled with pride whenever I see the Knights working hard to support so many worthwhile projects.

But I have noticed something else...how many Knights belong to other organizations that also support other worthwhile projects.

My idea is to use the space we are allotted in the Monthly Newsletter to showcase a Knight from our Council that also volunteers or participates in another organization. Send a paragraph or two to me, and I will send it to Brother Bob Jurik to place in the Newsletter. I would like you to include how the two(or more) organizations differ, how they are alike, and if they give you different forms of satisfaction, especially if they serve different goals.

This is just an idea that I had and would like to try it, to see if the members enjoy it. I don't know how far we'll get with it, but with your participation we can give it a try!

I thank you ahead of time for your support. In my last couple of years one of my greatest pleasures has been when a member comes to me with a prospective member. I get the greatest Joy from knowing that what we do is contagious!

Brother Guillermo Perezlopez

Chancellor

**Volunteers
Needed!**



Event	No. Volunteers	Date	Contact
GOLF	6 - 7 Many open positions- next months bulletin will list all of them.		Peter Dresch

For the Good of the Order



CHARITY



FAITH



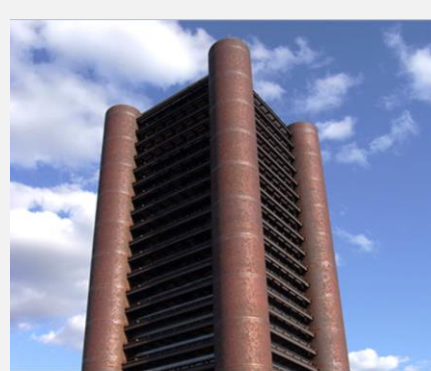
MEMBERSHIP



INSURANCE



ASSET ADVISORS



OUR CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT

CHARITY



CHARITY

Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith — and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects.

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FAITH



FAITH

Our commitment to charitable service is just one of the many ways that we express our Catholic faith. We're here to build a daily bridge back to what matters, for our members and fellow Catholics.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



INSURANCE

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society, which means we can provide financial security to members and their families, while turning premiums into charitable impact.

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FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine **UNREGULATED ABORTION** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is **MISLEADING**, and its proposed outcomes are **DANGEROUS**.

WHAT IT SAYS

BALLOT SUMMARY

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion

before viability

or when necessary to protect the patient's health,

as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

WHAT IT DOES

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(5)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT

"Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT

While preserving parental notification in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.0114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

IT'S NOT WHAT IT SEEMS – **AND IT'S WAY TOO EXTREME.**

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Legislature's constitutional

authority to require notification to

a parent or guardian before a minor

has an abortion.

So... this amendment eliminates all limitations and regulations on abortion – even safety regulations that protect women

Not defined anywhere in the amendment...

Wow...any "healthcare provider" – NOT just doctors – could determine viability or exceptions for "patient's health." It could even be a non-medical staff member at an abortion clinic.... BIG loophole makes limitation meaningless.

Should say: "Amendment to legalize full-term abortion for any age without parental consent in Florida"

Also not defined – even "mental stress" could qualify for the "patient's health" exception. **BIG LOOPHOLE**

ELIMINATES CURRENT PARENTAL CONSENT LAWS – So, parents would be told their daughter is going to have an abortion, but unlike every other medical procedure – would not have to give their consent beforehand.

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If you now are a 1st or 2nd degree Knight and need to attain the 3rd degree before you can become a 4th Degree, please contact the 14202 Membership Director and Chancellor Brother Guillermo Lopez-Perez at guillerph03@gmail.com and ask him to help you get this done as soon as possible.

Please contact me with any questions.

God bless and vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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Fourth Degree – Assembly 3094

This year begins with a focus on our Veteran's Ball on Nov 9th, 2024, at the St. Agnes Parish Center. Mark your calendars for a good time for great causes. Last year we contributed to the Military Chaplains Fund, Wounded Warrior, Tunnel 2 Tower, Collier-Lee Honor Flight, and Heart and Homes to name a few. Additional organizations are being considered in 2024-2025.

The Assembly is comprised of 3rd Degree Knights who for various reasons accepted the calling to the 4th Degree in the Knights and as such obtained the title of Sir Knight. These Knights have the opportunity to participate in the Color Corp. I personally have been privileged to attend a number of funerals to honor our deceased Brothers or Brother's spouse, including my wife's Uncle's funeral in Melbourne FL. While I never served in the military, I hold Veterans in high esteem and am proud to be part of Assembly 3094.

If you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree, please contact Monte Hilmoe at 240-423-0985 or via email at mlhilmoe@gmail.com

Beside the Veterans Ball, our Spring Fling/Patriotic Ball is scheduled for April 12, 2025. The Assembly has also raised fund through a program called Adopt-a-Precinct. The program is one where individuals come together as a team to support polling locations in the primary and general elections and raise money for the Assembly. I believe Jeff Vespo needs to be credited with starting this about 15 years ago. While it is not an annual fundraising opportunity, it is a good one and one that ties well to the Assembly considering Patriotism is being a good citizen and voting is a citizens privilege ,if not obligation. Get out and vote! Your country and country deserves it.



- Outgoing Faithful Navigator Robert Gomez presented Jerry Burgos with a crucifix and rosary beads for his exemplary work during the 2023-2024 year and presented all Assembly offices from that time rosary beads in thanks for their support in the past year.



Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund Announces \$100 Million in Grants

New Haven, Conn. — Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund (KCCF) announced today that it has crossed a significant milestone by surpassing charitable grants of more than \$100 million made to Catholic and charitable organizations since its launch in 2019. “Reaching \$100 million in granting is a dream realized,” said Dennis Gerber, President of Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. “And for KCCF to achieve this charitable impact in just five years is very encouraging for our work going forward. While this is an outstanding milestone, we believe it is just the first of many in our work of building a powerful new engine for supporting the Church and our communities.” KCCF has grown to become a prominent national donor-advised fund created by Catholics, for Catholics. Today, KCCF has more than \$120 million in total assets under management and has distributed over 11,000 grants to more than 2,000 organizations across North America, Europe, and Asia. With KCCF’s donor-advised fund, donors can be assured that their investments and charitable grants are consistent with the values and teachings of the Catholic Church. This important milestone is the result of generous donors who have leveraged the advantages of KCCF’s donor-advised fund program to make a greater impact to an array of causes, including higher education, evangelization, religious formation, and pro-life apostolates. “Saint Paul’s admonition to be ‘a cheerful giver’ is a driving force behind what we do with KCCF,” Gerber said. “Our goal is to help provide the tools to inspire Catholics to give more generously and have a larger impact on organizations that are doing great work.”

COUNCIL NEWS

Membership

- **261 Council members**
 - 170 Associate, 83 Insurance, 8 Inactive
 - 2 Hon, 47 HL, 5 Exempt
- Two members in the new candidate queue- Eduardo Perez and Timothy Guerrette (September Exemplification?)
- Gain 1 new members to date for 15 quota (6.6%) (Supreme readed Carmine Cavallaro and gave us a credit)
- Thomas Kurowski as new HL member
- 217 members current on dues (are HL members or qualified for Disability Exemption)- all Council membership cards have been mailed for current members.
- 36 members now owe 2024-25 dues (as of 8/10/24) and Retention Reports have be turned over to the Retention Committee for calls on payment, withdrawal and potential disability status.



There is a fountain of youth: It is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.

~ Sophia Loren

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Stephen F Depersis	John K Morey	Colin R O'Leary	Luis O Perez
Thomas V Carroll	Thomas G O'Brien	Joseph M Russo	Robert A Balas
Robert J Wilson Sr	Paul S Yetter	Frank J Abenanti	Louis James Carabelli
Raymond A Curatolo	David Borsani	Robert R Bloodsworth	Liam S Whyte
Paul J Unsworth	Peter Crociata	Sebastian M Danna	Raymond Cabral
Sergio Bermudez	Deacon Henry F De Mena	Rowy Jaikaran	Jose E Carias
Richard E Dahn Jr	James J Dougher	Gregory A Wendel	Joseph P Holmes
Sergio J Contreras	Walter Wollnik	James J Hennessy	Rudolph C Drechsler
James R Goodman	Stephen R Csotty	Cosme E Perez	Santo Ugialoro
Jeffrey Schmidt	Tom R Haley	Robert M Lendrim	Pedro A Rodriguez
Peter I Kania	Michael A Pascale	Dennis M Kinney	Joseph N Carlucci
Gerald J Vezina	Msgr. Robert Coll	Andrew J Sowa	Christopher Carrozzo
James R Pior	Gianni Ugialoro	Carmine V Cavallaro	Stanislaw C Sokolowski Jr
Russell J Valentine	Ralph A Gomez		Salvator Lampiasi
Brent E Jeansonne	Rene R Letourneau		Walter H Wilkerson III
Robert M Beiles	Robert E Cody		Randal C Scholl
	Bill Cloutier		Robert D Foreman Jr
	Rev. Michael P Orsi		
	John F Shelton Sr		
	Alfred Pappalardo		
	Rodger F Tobey		
	Paul Farmer		
	Alan Juliano		
	Marc Lyba		
	Ronald W Fuhler		
	David R Grenon		
	Richard L Jaeger		
	Cristobal Acevedo		
	Stephen R Cronin		
	James F Devine		

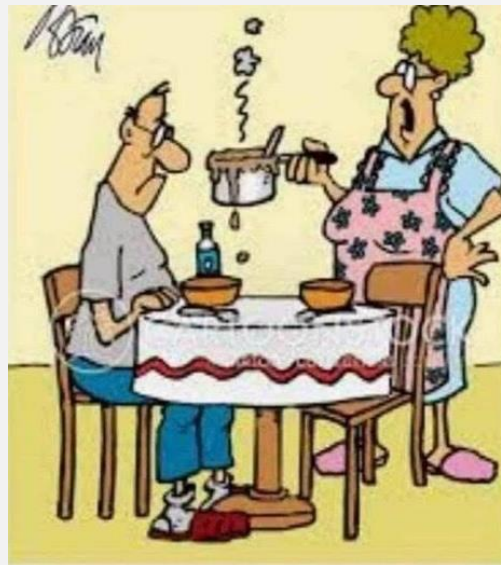


Years of Service

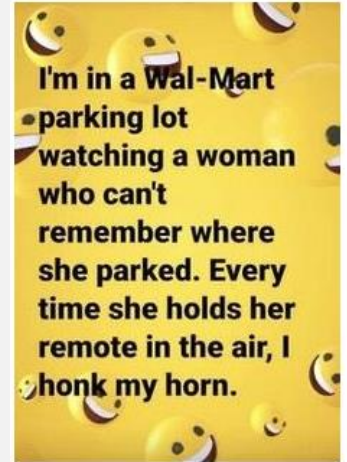
David Grenon	66	Rocco Perlino	34	Brian McNamara	22	Robert Foreman	17	Andrew Buckley	13
John Fitzgerald	64	Liam Whyte	33	Thomas O'Brien	22	John Griffin	17	Richard Dahn	13
Robert Wilson	63	John Morey	32	Dario Aviles	21	Robert Jurik	17	Thomas Kleck	13
Terrance Madura	61	Joseph Carlucci	31	Stephen Cronin	21	Brad Kovach	17	Zenon Kurzyna	13
Robert Beiles	56	John Deprisco	31	Peter Kania	21	Salvator Lampiasi	17	David Lopez	13
Donald Berry	55	James Devine	31	James O'Grady	21	Lawrence Mudd	17	Paul Yetter	13
John Calcitrai	55	Michael Fader	31	Michael Pascale	21	Douglas Pope	17	Raymond Barone	12
Michael Orsi	54	Alfred Pappalardo	30	Raymond Cabral	20	Jeffrey Schmidt	17	Douglas Dagata	12
Russell Valentine	54	John Richards	29	James Goodman	20	Jeffrey Vespo	17	Michael Kantor	12
Dominick Cavuoto	53	Arthur Brodeur	28	Christopher Osterhaus	20	William Wegman	17	Gerard O'Neil	12
Joseph Manhart	53	Anthony Marini	28	Lawrence Parks	20	Joseph Albergo	16	Francis Pignone	12
Mark Russello	48	John Doran	27	Gregory Russo	20	David Cepero	16	Noel Silang	12
James Gauthier	46	Robert Kantor	27	Thomas Dibernardo	19	Joseph Holmes	16	James Spano	12
Dominick Bello	45	Thomas Kurowski	27	Edward Ferreira	19	George Lavelle	16	Alan Striebel	12
Robert Drouin	45	Anthony Behe	26	Edmund Hayes	19	William Preissel	16	Rodger Tobey	12
Robert Balas	44	Joseph Marino	26	Monte Hilmoie	19	Frank Dobos	15	Michael Viechec	12
Roger Brady	43	Ben Rizzo	26	Dan Longton	19	John Foley	15	Joseph Di Sabanto	11
Stephen Depersis	43	Denis St John	26	Jose Manzo	19	Robert Genovese	15	Paul Lagergren	11
Walter Wilkerson	43	Jerry Burgos	25	Wilfredo Joaquin	18	Ralph Gomez	15	Roberto Landron	11
Michael Gigliello	42	Cosme Perez	25	Robert Lendrim	18	Dennis Hall	15	Ernest Rivera	11
Brian Lowe	42	Joseph Russo	25	Mark Marzucco	18	Rene Letourneau	15	Gerald Vezina	11
Lawrence Dellafave	41	Anthony Fravola	24	Gerald Massa	18	Hugh Muller	15	Sergio Bermudez	10
Michael Gilmore	41	F Kaspar	24	John Shelton	18	George Stanford	15	Kim Borselli	10
Patrick Newton	41	Michael O'Shea	23	Steven Stasiuk	18	Paul Unsworth	15	Matthew Dahn	10
Charles Sanfilippo	40	Mark Osterhaus	23	Robert Bartlett	17	John Vendlinski	15	Rovvy Jaikaran	10
Francisco Calderon	39	Nicholas Pasquarelli	23	Anthony Cernuto	17	John Garofalo	14	Dennis Kinney	10
James Dougher	38	Raymond Sollitto	23	Robert Clausen	17	Alan Juliano	14	Daniel Kniola	10
Peter Adamik	36	Thomas Vezina	23	Robert Coll	17	Peter Rady-Pent	14	David Nelson	10
William Diamond	36	Robert Gillis	22	Stephen Csotty	17	Silvestro Rocchio	14	Bryon Nesbitt	10
Richard Jaeger	36	Phillip Massimino	22	Rudolph Drechsler	17	John Shelton	14	John Schomme	10
								Martinn Winters	10



EGGS ARE FANTASTIC FOR A FITNESS DIET. IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE TASTE, JUST ADD COCOA, FLOUR, SUGAR, BUTTER, BAKING POWDER AND COOK AT 180 FOR 30 MINUTES



"AND FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE THIS EVENING WE ARE OFFERING TWO CHOICES: TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!"



Laundry:

**Washing - 30 mins
Drying - 60 mins
Putting away- 7 to 10 business days**

**MY KIDS LAUGH BECAUSE THEY THINK I'M CRAZY.
I LAUGH BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW IT'S HEREDITARY.**



2024 St. Agnes Parish - KofC Officers

Council 14202



Officer's			Luminaries		
Chaplain	Very Rev. Robert Kantor Pastor KofC State Chaplain	239-574-4545	Operations Manager	Deacon Roberto Landron	239-592-1949
Grand Knight	Jerry McGrath	231-557-6257	District Deputy 60	Jeff Vespo	239-398-4969
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe Manhart	239-273-9529	Vice Marshall 4th District	John Shelton	239-248-4948
Financial Secretary	Mark Crain	703-725-8757	Faithful Navigator	Robert L. Gomez	239-404-4253
Chancellor	Guillermo Perez-Lopez	239-537-5920	Insurance - Field Agent	Phil Fischer	239-284-0321
Recorder	Bob Jurik	516-317-6084	Columbiettes	Gerry Albergo	702-580-7112
Treasurer	Steve Graham	239-285-5886	Florida KoC Charities	Richard Dahn	239-989-2124
Advocate	Patrick J Newton	239-431-5134	Culture for Life	Bill Keating	630.205.0847
Warden	Robert A Balas	770-354-9144.	Presiding Officer Degree Exemplifications	Greg Russo	239-216-2911
Lecturer	Joe Albergo	917-273-9127			
Inside Guard	Eric Graham	239-285-5886			
Outside Guard	Frank Migliarese	847-217-7026			
One Year Trustee	Russ Scott	763-486-3345			
Two Year Trustee	Mike O'Shea	201-755-7131			
Three Year Trustee	Greg Russo	239-216-2911			



Fr. Bob Kanter



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Joe Manhart



Mark Crain



Guillermo Perez—Lopez



Joe Albergo



Bob Jurik



Steve Graham



Patrick Newton



Robert Balas



Eric Graham



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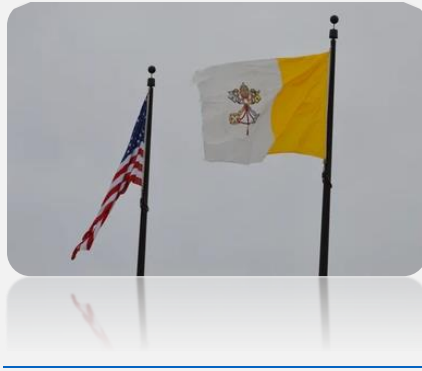
PGK Patrick O'Shea



PGN Russ Scott



District Deputy - Joe Vespo



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Florida State Council	https://www.floridakofc.org/
Provides resources such as insurance, investment, and charitable giving programs.	www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/index.html
News and information about the Knights of Columbus	https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html
Information about how to join the Knights of Columbus.	www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html
Lists of other Knights of Columbus councils near us	www.kofc.org/en/find-a-council/index.html
Public Relations handdbook	https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/2235-public-relations-and-publicity-guide.pdf
Social Communication hanbook	https://www.kofc.org/au/apps/oo/cm/en/odr/resources/member_social_communications_policy.pdf

Note from the Editor

This is OUR newsletter and your help is always needed and appreciated.

Our goals...

- Ensure all our coucil brothers are constantly informed and updated
- Provides a way for our members to engage in evrything our council offers
- Provide the avenue for all member to communicate to each other
- Illustrate our past activities via pictures
- Make it fun!
- **Please notify me if....**
 - If there are any corrections or additions need to be made
 - If you have any events, pictures, awards, etc. that you feel would be of interest to all
 - If you have any ideas or notes for the Good Of the Order

Fratrnally yours;

Brother Bob J

Recorder

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