



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*St. Agnes Council 14202*

Naples, Florida

April 2024



Message from your  
Treasurer Steve  
Graham



Hello, my name is Steve Graham and I am currently serving as your Treasurer. Many of you know me simply as Eric's dad. My family moved to Naples about 4 years ago Eric, Sue (my wife) and I from the SF Bay area and were joined by my parents coming from Springfield, MO. We are year long residents here in Naples.

The Knights have been a godsend for our family and have become the focus of our family life as we knew almost nobody in this area. The friendships we have developed, and the constant stream of events have helped us form strong bonds to our parish community and kept us busy even during the Covid years.

Now that I have your attention, I'd like to talk about two programs near and dear to my family. Special Olympics and Starability.

You probably all know a little about **Special Olympics**, a wonderful sports based program for those with special needs. Eric has been competing in a wide variety of sports both in CA and now in FL. It has been nearly 30 years of year-round excitement, and my wife and I have coached various sports for nearly as long. This volunteer-based program is free for the athletes and participation is only limited by funding. As a reminder, the Special Olympics is one of the programs we support via the tootsie roll drive.

The second program, **Starability** is a Naples based organization for the special needs community. Eric has been participating with them for 3 years. They have a much wider variety of programs from gardening, cooking, various social activities as well as some sports. They charge a modest fee to fund their many programs.

I'm going to wrap up saying thank you all for the comradery and the warm welcome we received ever since joining the Saint Agnes community.

The Graham Family

# Upcoming EVENTS

K = KoC  
 C = Columbiettes  
 B = Both  
 4th= 4th Degree  
 D= District

↓			Time	Event	Contact
K	May	13	5:00PM	Officers meeting	Russell Scott
K	May	13	7:00 PM	Council meeting	Russell Scott
K	June	10	5:00 PM	Officers meeting	Russell Scott
K	June	10	7:00 PM	Council meeting	Russell Scott

# EVENTS

## KofC MONTHLY MEETING



What did he ask for????



*HEY !!!! Its Chicken....  
Not deep-Fried Quail,  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
or Roasted  
Pheasant.... this is the  
KofC... not the  
Vanderbilt Country  
Club*

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – PETER DRESCH**





Columbiettes Corporate Mass held Sunday, April 21



# For the Good of the Order



CHARITY



FAITH



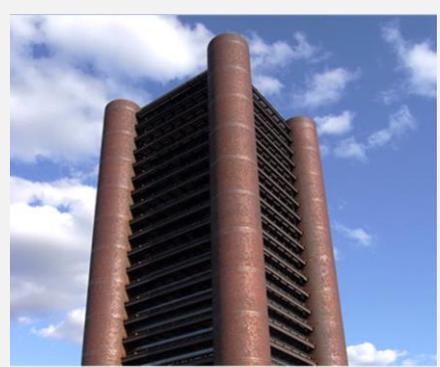
MEMBERSHIP



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.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## 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.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## 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.

[LEARN MORE](#)



If you would like to become a 4th Degree Sir Knight, the next 4th Degree Exemplification is going to be held right here in Naples, FL, at St John the Evangelist Church on Saturday May 11th.

The deadline to register is coming quickly, therefore please don't hesitate to act on this.

There has not been a 4th Degree Exemplification here in Naples in many years and we do not know whether it will be back for many more.

If you would like to become a 4th Degree Knight, send your Member Number (if you have it), Name, Address, Phone Number, and email address too.

District Deputy 61  
James Stephens  
Email - [Jim.KofC@Reagan.com](mailto:Jim.KofC@Reagan.com)  
Cell (239)289-7500



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](mailto: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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***Baltimore Community Honors the Memory of the Six Hispanic Workers who perished in the Bridge Collapse..  
KofC Donates \$100,000 to These Families***

A large congregation attended a prayer service and vigil April 8 at Sacred Heart of Jesus-Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Parish in Highlandtown to accompany those who lost their loved ones in the March 26 collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, in which six Hispanic workers perished.



Manuel Alonso and others wear custom shirts with the flags of national origin for the six crewmen who perished in the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse April 8, 2024, during a prayer service and candlelight procession at Sacred Heart of Jesus-Sagrado Corazón de Jesús in Highlandtown. (Kevin J. Parks/CR Staff)

During the bilingual prayer service, the flags of Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala – their countries of origin – were placed in the sanctuary next to the flags of the Holy See and the United States.

“We’ve seen, since the tragedy occurred, the family of faith really coming together in a beautiful way,” Archbishop William E. Lori told the Catholic Review. “Certainly, this parish, certainly Catholic Charities, the Apostleship of the Sea, the Knights of Columbus are offering assistance as well.

“I think it’s not just the material assistance; it’s the spiritual assistance. It’s the accompaniment because these wives, moms, and children have lost their husbands and fathers in the most tragic way, and we just have to surround them with love,” the archbishop said.

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Membership

- **261 Council members**
  - 168 Associate, 85 Insurance, 8 Inactive
  - 3 Hon, 48 HL, 5 Exempt
- One Readmission- Robert E. Cody
- One transfer in- Brian J. Lowe (HLM), vetting xfers Juan Castro and Jose Morgado
- One new member for April 19 Exemplification loaded in Prospect tab- Colin O'Leary
- Gain 20 new members to date for 15 quota (133%)
- 250 members current on dues (or are new members, are HL members or qualified for Disability Exemption)- all membership cards mailed
- 3 members owe 2023-24 dues (one year in arrears)- target for Affiliate in next FY
- Credit Balance \$10.50 with Supreme

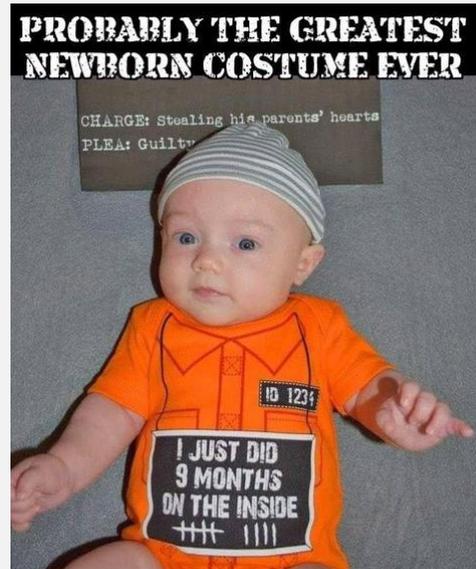
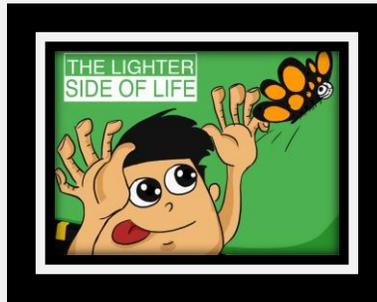


“ One moment of patience may ward off great disaster. One moment of impatience may ruin a whole life.

~ Chinese proverb

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY	JUNE
Anthony Marini	Francis D Pignone
Anthony J Behe	John P Garofalo
Bernard C Brady	Dr Michael D Langan
Brad M Kovach	
Douglas A Dagata	
James A Spano	
James M Barbato	
Jerry Burgos Sr	
Joel K Csotty	
John A Saladino	
John F Fitzgerald	
John J Doran	
John J Richards	
John W Shelton	
Joseph Michael Mosley	
Mark Anthony	
Michael E Kantor	
Michael W O'Shea	
Paul F Martin	
Robert F Bartlett	
Robert I Clausen	
Scott D Mc Namara	
Thomas J Dibernardo	
William E Wegman	



For past 25 years, my wife has been complaining about me not putting the cap back on the toothpaste.

This anniversary, I decided to change this bad habit and make my wife happy.

For a week, I was diligent, always capping the toothpaste.

I was expecting my wife to thank me, but she never did it.

Finally, yesterday while having dinner, she turned and looked at me and said - "Why have you stopped brushing your teeth ??"

**Marriage is a difficult relationship, I tell you.** 🙄 🤔

# 2023 St. Agnes Parish - KofC Officers

## Council 14202



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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	Russell Scott	763-486-3345	District Deputy 60	Jeff Vespo	239-398-4969
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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	PGK Michael O'Shea	201.755.7131			
Two Year Trustee	PGK Perry R Walker	815-791-2146			
Three Year Trustee	Kim M Borselli	239-404-9692			



Fr. Bob Kanter



Russ Scott



Joe Manhart



Mark Crain



Guillermo Perez—Lopez



Joe Albergo



Bob Jurik



Steve Graham



Patrick Newton



Robert Balas



Eric Graham



Frank Migliarese



PGK Michael O'Shea



PGK Perry Walker



Kim Borcelli



District Deputy - Joe Vespo

## KOFC SHIRTS – SUNDAYS

**ACTION:** Please consider wearing your Knights of Columbus shirts to the second Sunday of every month's mass

*We are hoping that by wearing our Knights shirts and they may want to learn more about joining the Knights*



## Kof C WEB SITES

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

### 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 communcate 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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