

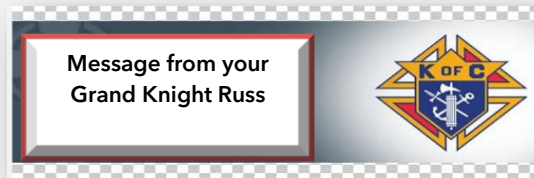


## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*St. Agnes Council 14202*

Naples, Florida

June 2024



Charity has never been a problem or question for this council:

Early in 2024, St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Council 14202 was made aware of Naples, Florida based Community Pregnancy Clinics' need of a mobile pregnancy clinic intended to traverse the entire state of Florida in effort to save lives. Our Council embraced the project and raised the \$200,000 funds necessary to purchase the new van. The Knights Supreme Council then provided the key to the project, a check for \$40,735.92, to purchase an ultrasound machine for the rolling clinic. The new van, complete with beautiful exterior identification wrapping, will be available to CPCI in early July. The mobile pregnancy clinic should be on the road saving our good God's babies by late July. In addition to the mobile clinic our council has raised and donated tens of thousands of dollars to many worthy and needy charities in and around the Naples area over the last two years Thank you for all the great effort that went into making this a reality.

Unity and fraternity are also practiced and embraced. Annual events like the Christmas Party, Fish Fries, Italian dinners, Church picnic and the Tootsie roll drive, just to name a few, have brought us together and will continue in the next year along with many more opportunities for Unity and Fraternity.

Our extraordinary cook, Joe Manhart, will continue to make sure we will not go hungry and has been the center of all things food in our council during my time as Grand Knight.

The next chapter for our council is going to be an exciting one. Our new Grand Knight Jerry McGrath is going to need all of your support as he leads us in a new fraternal year. Jerry is already a wonderful Brother Knight and with your help is going to be an exceptional Grand Knight.

In closing, I would like to thank our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Bob Kantor for his love and support of our council. We are blessed to have him both leading our Parish and as the State Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus.

God Bless You ALL and God Bless the United States of America and the Knights of Columbus.

***Russ Scott***

Grand Knight  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 14202

# Upcoming EVENTS

Who	Month	Date	Time	Event	Contact
K	July			<b>No Officers or Council meetings</b>	
K	Aug	10	5-9 PM	Officers Installaton & Dinner	Russ
K	Aug	12	4:30-5:30	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath
K	Aug	12	6:30 - 8:30	Council meetinng	Jerry McGrath
K	Aug`	13	8:30 -- 10:30 AM	Corporate Mass - Chapel	Jerry McGrath
K	Sept	9	4:30-5:30	Officers meeting	Jerry McGrath
K	Sept	9	6:30 - 8:30	Council meetinng	Jerry McGrath
K	Sept	30	6:00 - 7:00	Officers Meeting Classroom 1	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	5 to 6	8:00-9:00	Baby Bottle Drive	Bill Keating
K	Oct	7	6:30 - 8:30	Council meetinng	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	12 to 13	After all Masses	Baby Bottle Drop	Bill Keating
B	Oct`	13	6:00 - 11:00	Breakfast	Joe Manhart
K	Oct	27	9:00 AM	Deceased Knights	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	27	12-5:00 PM	Truck or Treat	Joe Manhart

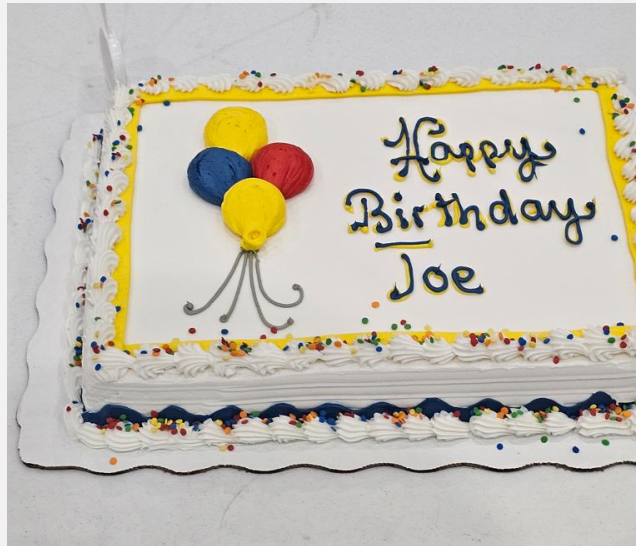


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than all wisdom and  
philosophy. Music is the  
electrical soil in which the  
spirit lives, thinks, and invents.

~ Ludwig van Beethoven

## KofC MONTHLY MEETING

# EVENTS



It's never too late to be  
What you want to be...  
Unless you want to  
Be **YOUNGER**,  
Then you're screwed.



Happy Birthday!

JOE MANHART

*I spent hours  
baking this cake  
and look... no one  
ate it!*





# 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(15)), 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. 390.011(4)(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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May 20, 2024



# THE ABORTION AMENDMENT

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

## **TITLE: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with 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.

**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.

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.





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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# Helicopter

# Heroes



As Anthony Marinello guided his helicopter into Haitian airspace under the cover of night, he thought about the unknown dangers awaiting him and the other team members aboard.

It was just after 2:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12. Thirty hours earlier, Marinello had been in Florida, eating his dinner and preparing to enjoy his Sunday evening. Now, he was flying into a volatile region exploding with violence. Could they be shot down by the gangs who had taken control of much of Haiti over the previous week? Would they return home to their families?

But even when his Sikorsky S-76 aircraft broke through the clouds, revealing the fires and billowing smoke of ruin in the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince, Marinello remained resolute.

"I've captured hundreds of criminals by helicopter, operated thousands of medevac flights, and this was the most intense thing I've ever done," said Marinello, a law enforcement pilot for more than 20 years. "We risked our lives, but it was up to us to get this thing done."

Marinello and his co-pilot, Benny Matos, both Knights of Columbus in Florida, flew three helicopter rescue trips to Haiti this spring. Over five weeks, they brought 143 people, mostly Americans, out of the troubled nation to safety.

"Our code — and anyone else who's served in law enforcement — is that we respond when someone's in trouble," said Matos, a longtime New Jersey state trooper who is now a K of C field agent and deacon. "It didn't matter if it was average Joes or corporation presidents. All we knew was that people needed to be saved, and that was enough for me."

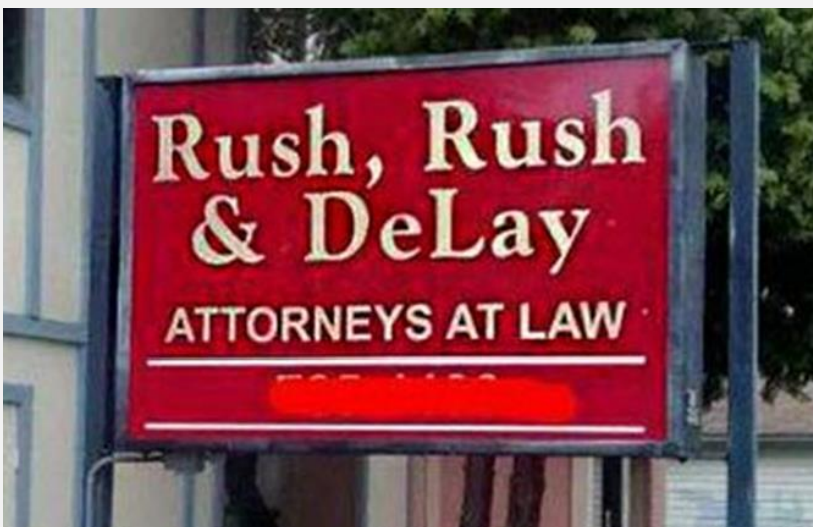
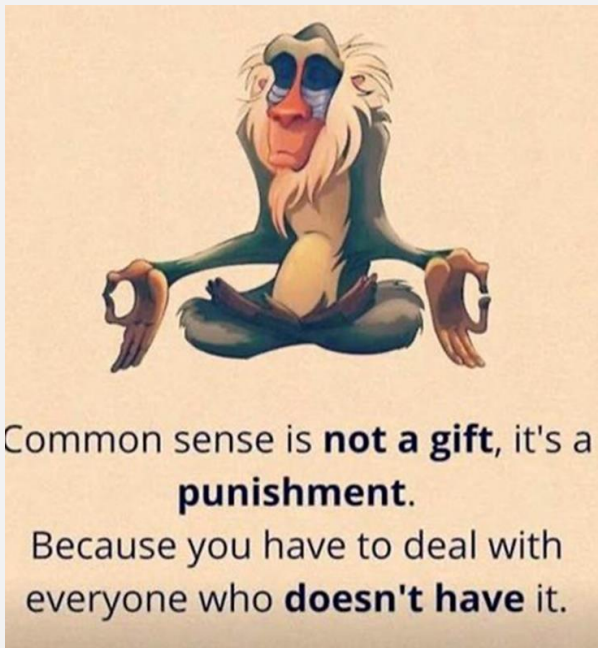
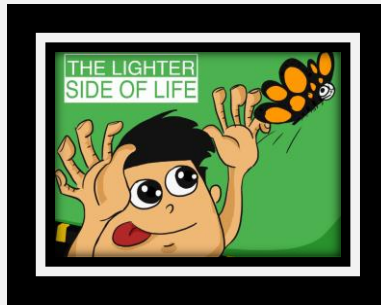
## COUNCIL NEWS

- **261 Council members**
  - 172 Associate, 81 Insurance, 8 Inactive
  - 3 Hon, 47 HL, 5 Exempt
- One transfer out- Paul F. Martin
- Two members in the new candidate queue- Eduardo Perez and Timothy Guerrette (August Exemplification?)
- Gain 23 new members to date for 15 quota (153%)
- 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 program in next FY
- Safe Environment Compliance- All SEP Roles Compliant and Final Council Compliant

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY	AUGUST
Stephen F Depersis	Michael James Banks
Thomas V Carroll	Thomas G O'Brien
Robert J Wilson Sr	Paul S Yetter
Raymond A Curatolo	David Borsan
Paul J Unsworth	Fr. Krzysztof Piotrowski
Sergio Bermudez	Peter Crociata
Richard E Dahn Jr	Jim P Kavney
Sergio J Contreras	Deacon Henry F De Mena
James R Goodman	James J Dougher
Jeffrey Schmidt	Dominic A Regan
Peter I Kania	Stephen R Csotty
Gerald J Vezina	Tom R Haley
James R Pior	Michael A Pascale
Russell J Valentine	Msgr. Robert Coll
Brent E Jeansonne	Ralph A Gomez
Robert M Beiles	Rene R Letourneau
	Thomas P Felke
	Charles E Carr
	BC Cloutier
	Rev Michael P Orsi
	John F Shelton Sr
	Alfred Pappalardo
	Dale C Walker
	Rodger F Tobey





# 2024 St. Agnes Parish - KofC Officers

*Council 14202*



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



Fr. Bob Kanter



Jerry Mc Grath



Joe Manhart



Mark Crain



Guillermo Perez—Lopez



Joe Albergo



Bob Jurik



Steve Graham



Patrick Newton



Robert Balas



Eric Graham



Frank Migliarese



PGK Patrick O'Shea



PGN Russ Scott



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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