

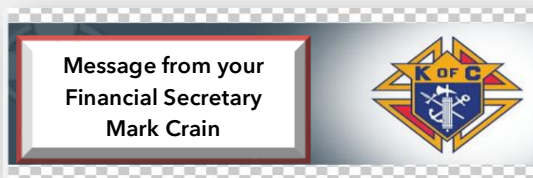


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Agnes Council 14202

Naples, Florida

May 2024



My Brother Knights,

It has been one year now that I have been serving you as your Financial Secretary (FS). I am hoping that you all are having a wonderful Spring in lovely Naples or in your other digs for those that snowbird (like me and my wife as we summer May-Oct in our Charlotte, NC home).

As background on myself, I am a recent retiree from the Washington DC area, a winter resident of Naples in Valencia Trails (across Immokalee from Twin Eagles) and a parish member at St. Agnes. I have been involved with the Knights of Columbus as a 3rd degree Knight since joining in 1977 at age 17. I am married to my lovely wife Diane (39 years) and have two married sons Phillip and William (who are both Eagle Scouts). My son Phillip and his wife Cara (living in Charlotte) blessed us with our first grandchild, Carter Allen, last August.

I attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School eight years in my Midwest hometown of Herrin, IL, was an altar server for six years and attended and volunteered at many KofC events growing up. While my father was Methodist, a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner, my maternal uncles were leaders in the Knights. Growing up, I am fortunate that I got to see both Protestant and Catholic values and paying back in practice.

I would like to say I honed most of my practical experience for the Financial Secretary (FS) role as a paper carrier handling customers and money for 6 years and then as the Treasurer of my son's Boy Scout troop for 8 years. I also tend to draw upon my financial and consulting skills working as a former Director at PricewaterhouseCoopers and as the Science and Technology Department Manager at MITRE Corporation serving the Department of Homeland Security. For completeness to you all, my formal education is a BS Electrical Engineering Degree at University of Illinois (Go Illini), and I earned two Masters Degrees (Engineering and Business) from Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

The FS role is a unique and remarkably busy one in the Knights of Columbus, and second to the GK/DGK role, it touches all the membership, fundraising and faith activities. My primary goal as FS is to provide our Council with accurate and complete accounting, financial reporting, and Council records. The FS supports the Council as the primary point of contact on membership and your financial records. According to our Bylaws, I receive all money and checks from our events/membership, initiate expense payment vouchers for GK and Council approval/Treasurer payment and provide our Treasurer with cash and checks for deposit in our Council Bank account.

Little known fact- the Council Officers nominate the FS, but he is approved by and reports to the Supreme Knight in New Haven with a term of three years. I am coming up to year two!

It has been an honor serving with the District Deputy Jeff Vespo, the 14202 Officers, Fr. Bob and with YOU- our Knights. I wish to specifically thank our outgoing Grand Knight Mr. Russell Scott, who is a great leader and has been the source of inspiration for us in the busy and successful fraternal year we have all experienced in St. Agnes Council.

Vivat Jesus,

Mark Crain

Financial Secretary

Upcoming EVENTS

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

Who	Month	Date	Time	Event	Contact
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 meetinnng	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 meetingng	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 meetingng	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	12 to 13	After all Masses	Baby Botttle Drop	Bill Keating
B	Oct`	13	6:00 - 11:00	Breakfast	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	27	9:00 AM	Deceased Knights	Jerry McGrath
K	Oct	277	12-5:00 PM	Truck or Treat	Joe Manhart



An apology offered and, equally important, received is a step towards reconciliation and, sometimes, recompense. Without that process, hurts can rankle and fester and erupt into their own hatreds and wrongdoings.

~ Margaret MacMillan

EVENTS

16TH
ANNUAL

ST. AGNES
K OF C GOLF OUTING
Sunday, April 28
Vanderbilt Country Club
One of Naples' Premier 18-Hole Golf Courses
8250 Danbury Dr. Naples, FL 34120

- \$180 Per Golfer
- 11:30am Registration
- 1:30pm Shot-Gun Start
- 6pm Hors D'Oeuvres
- 7pm Dinner
- Best Ball Scramble
- \$85 :: Dinner Only
- Put a foursome together or we will pair you up if you are a twosome or a single
- Special Raffle & Many More Fabulous Prizes
- Mulligans Available for Purchase



For more information contact:
Perry Walker - 239-989-4200



VERY SUCCESSFUL GOLF OUTING – RAISED APX. \$19,000 IN PROFIT

Congrats to the KoC Golf Outing Team

KofC MONTHLY MEETING



I hope he
selects his
meal faster
than his
speeches!!!

Oh My!!! Look
there is something
moving over here!
I need to
investigate this
until I know exactly
what it is.....

My name is Bruce and Fr. Bob was unable to attend your meeting so, as a fellow biker, he asked if I would say a few words of wisdom and not digress into my new motorcycle or my trip to Buffalo NY just to get "REAL" Buffalo Wings

Look at that.....I really think I fooled them! I have the right vest, patches, glasses, boots, belt... but maybe I should have said something about the CHURCH & KNIGHTS! Oh Well !



For the Good of the Order



CHARITY



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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. 390.0114(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 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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Support in Difficulties

In its journey through Poland and Ukraine, the Order's pilgrim icon of St. Joseph has inspired pro-life charity and consoled families affected by war



Bishop Damian Bryl of Kalisz celebrates Mass at the National Shrine of St. Joseph in Kalisz on April 27, 2024, a culmination of the journey of the Order's pilgrim icon of St. Joseph around Poland and Ukraine. (Photo by Father Mateusz Puchala)

On Saturday, April 27, Bishop Damian Bryl of Kalisz presided over a solemn Mass at the St. Joseph Sanctuary in Kalisz, Poland, to mark the culmination of the pilgrimage of the Knights of Columbus icon of St. Joseph in Poland and Ukraine.

The icon [was announced](#) as the centerpiece of the Order's [current Pilgrim Icon Program](#) in November 2021, during the year of St. Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis, as a way to encourage devotion to the patron saint of the Universal Church. Created (or "written") by artist Élizabeth Bergeron based on a drawing by Alexandre Sobolev, the original icon resides at the Canada's National Shrine of St. Joseph in Montréal. Several copies began traveling around Poland in October 2022.

In less than two years, the icons have had an impressive reach, visited more than 180 parishes and touched the hearts of nearly 150,000 people participating in prayer services and other events, such as conferences and film screenings.

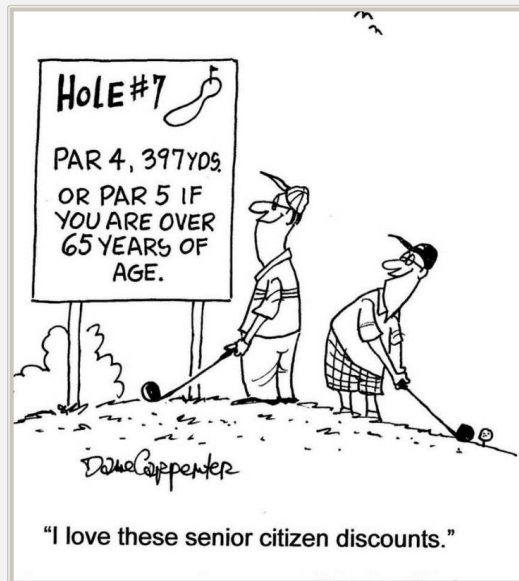
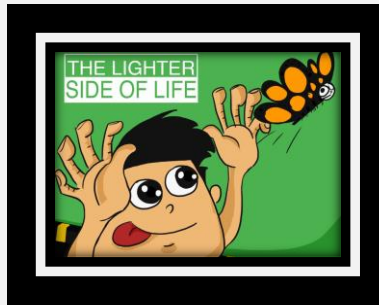
COUNCIL NEWS

Membership

- **263 Council members**
 - 173 Associate, 82 Insurance, 8 Inactive
 - 3 Hon, 47 HL, 5 Exempt
- Two new members for April 19 Exemplification- Colin O'Leary and Darian Olson
- Two transfers in- Juan J. Castro and Noel J. Silang
- One transfer out- Krzysztof Piotrowski
- One new HL member- Joseph M. Russo
- One deceased member- William J. O'Connell (Jan 24)
- Gain 23 new members to date for 15 quota (153%)
- 252 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY


JUNE	JULY
Francis D Pignone	Stephen F Depersis
John P Garofalo	Thomas V Carroll
Dr Michael D Langan	Robert J Wilson Sr
	Raymond A Curatolo
	Paul J Unsworth
	Sergio Bermudez
	Richard E Dahn Jr
	Sergio J Contreras
	James R Goodman
	Jeffrey Schmidt
	Peter I Kania
	Gerald J Vezina
	James R Pior
	Russell J Valentine
	Brent E Jeansonne
	Robert M Beiles



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	Russell Scott	763-486-3345	District Deputy 60	Jeff Vespo	239-398-4969
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe Manhart	239-273-9529	Vice Marshall 4 th District	John Shelton	239-248-4948
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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	www.kofc.org
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 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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