



## Bishop Verot Council 5845 Newsletter

May 2024



Brothers,

May was a relatively quiet month for us after a very busy Easter season. WDGK Tom Ghesquiere and I attended the KofC Florida State Convention and heard several brothers speak about the proposed Amendment 4 to the Florida State Constitution that will appear on the November ballot. If approved by the voters, Amendment 4 will ensure unlimited abortion rights throughout pregnancy here in Florida. In addition, it will eliminate parental consent for a minor to have an abortion, and it will weaken the requirement to have a medical doctor determine if an abortion is necessary to protect the mother's health which is vaguely defined. The Florida Council of Catholic Bishops is energized to educate Catholic voters on the dangers of Amendment 4 and will be asking all of us to pray and vote NO in November. As Knights, we will add our voices to this effort so expect more in the months ahead.

At our upcoming business meeting we will elect a new slate of officers for the next Fraternal Year that begins 1 July. This past year was very successful for our council and I thank our current officers and all of you who helped make it so. I also thank our brothers who stepped up to serve as officers in the coming Fraternal Year. We're blessed to have so many good men willing to serve our council, our church, and our community.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fischer, GK



Sir Knights Jim Kiffer, George Adams, Bob Krenzer, myself, and Pat Cass before the Mass honoring Fr. Page's 65<sup>th</sup> year as a priest.

## The Patriotic Rosary



SK John Tucker leads the church in a decade of the ever-popular Patriotic Rosary on May 3<sup>rd</sup> as part of The Night of Merciful Love.

## Coffee and Donuts



SK Joe Langlois, BK Dustin Woodbury and SK Billy Guarino showing their colors while serving coffee and donuts in May. We're off for June and July and will start serving again in August.

## Daily Bread



Our Brother Knights, accompanied by Michi Davis, serve another meal at Daily Bread to those in need.

## KofC Florida State Convention



WDGK Tom Ghesquiere and I attended the Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Convention in Orlando over Memorial Day Weekend.

Thanks to all of you who made our Tootsie Roll Drives so successful, our council received the 3<sup>rd</sup> place award among the largest councils in the state for our contributions to Special Olympics. Well done, brothers!



**Knight on the Mend:** SK Will Davis is doing very well in his long recovery from his devastating motorcycle accident. Will's mobility is steadily improving and he's finally driving again.

## Honoring our Veterans



In April, Color Corps Commander SK Jim Kiffer received an Honor Flight to Washington, DC with his son Jim, also a Navy pilot, serving as his "Guardian."

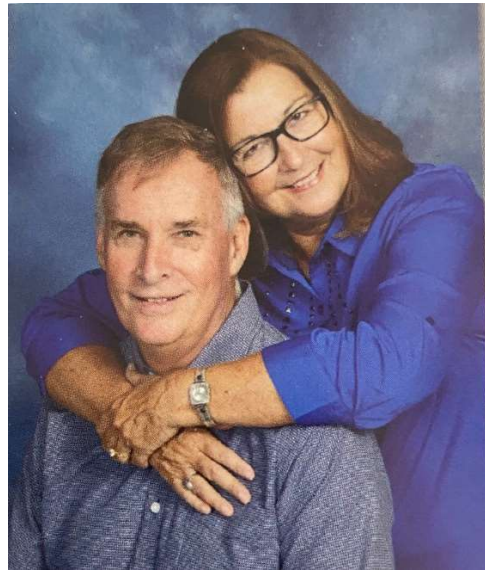
Jim received the Silver Star flying combat reconnaissance missions from the USS Saratoga in his single-seat RA-5C Vigilante over heavily-defended targets in North Vietnam. He became the most highly-decorated reconnaissance pilot of the war.

## Congratulations to our Knight and Family of the Month for May

BK Tom Enos



BK Bill and Susan Gent



### Upcoming Council Events

<b>Jun</b>	2	4:00 pm	Eucharistic Procession	Church
	4	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	7	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary	Chapel
	8	10:00 am	Steve Tennant Ordination to the Deaconate	Mary QofU Orlando
	18	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	20	6:30 pm	Live 4 More Men's Night	Cafeteria
	28	6:30 pm	Officer Installation and Dinner	Hall/Cafeteria
	30	7:00 pm	Fifth Sunday Rosary	Chapel

<b>Jul</b>	2	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Chapel
	2-8	All week	St Joseph's Icon	Church
	4	9:00 am	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade	Liberty Bell Museum
	5	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary - Patriotic	Church
	TBD		Deacon Steve Tennant Celebration	
	16	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Chapel
	23	7:00 pm	Exemplification	Church/Comm Rm

## **From Our Agent John Barfield**

### ***Father's Day & Charity***

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 was 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!

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