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Grand Knights Report

As we wrap up another year of our Lenten fish fries, it's exciting to reflect on the incredible accomplishments we achieved this season. Not only did we set records in terms of the number of

meals served and cars in attendance, but what I am most proud of is the overwhelming support we received from our dedicated volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who stepped up to help; your commitment made this season truly memorable.

On Holy Wednesday, following the Stations of the Cross, we served 130 burgers and 140 hot dogs to our faith formation families and parishioners. This was our last Faith Formation meal for the year.

The first outing for our assembly Color Corps was at the altar of repose. The feedback from attendees has been nothing short of exceptional. After every change, their confidence and professionalism built. Great job, team, and I can't wait to see what's next.

Our recruitment weekend was a significant success. We proudly brought in eight new members during our exemplification held on the 29th, boosting our total membership to an impressive 151 members, 200% of our quota. This achievement is a testament to the effectiveness of our recruiting efforts. A big thank you goes to the exemplification team that facilitated the ceremony; your hard work and passion are what set you apart as one of the best teams in Florida. Together, we have not only nourished bodies but also strengthened our bonds as a council. As we look forward to the months to come, let's carry this momentum forward and continue to foster a spirit of friendship and service within our parish.

Peace,
Ron



Faithfull Navigator



Color Core: The new 4th Degree Color Core had their first official display on Thursday April 17 for the "Alter of Repose". From all of the comments that were received from the many parishioners they were very impressed, and had many good comments. We look forward to many more events where they will be on hand in the coming year. Great Job Bothers!

Meals for First Responders: The 4th Degree will again be providing meals for the First Responders on May 17th. The meal will consist of Tacos and Chips. They will be serving the 8 Fire Stations north of the river, and are planning to also serve the Sheriff Stations. Still working on the numbers of members that would be available on that day. They are in need of help in the kitchen and drivers. If you would like to help please contact Kevin Almengual.



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Faith

MAY IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

In the Catholic Church, veneration of Mary, mother of Jesus encompasses various Marian devotions which includes prayer, pious acts, visual arts, poetry, and music devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Popes have encouraged it, while also taking steps to reform some manifestations of it. The Holy See has insisted on the importance of distinguishing "true from false devotion, and authentic doctrine from its deformations by excess or defect". There are significantly more titles, feasts, and venerative Marian practices among Roman Catholics than in other Christian traditions.

Belief in the incarnation of God the Son through Mary is the basis for calling her the Mother of God, which was declared a dogma at the Council of Ephesus in 431. At the Second Vatican Council and in Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Redemptoris Mater*, she is spoken of also as Mother of the Church.

Growth of Roman Catholic veneration of Mary and Mariology has often come, not from official declarations, but from Marian writings of the saints, popular devotion, and at times reported Marian apparitions. The Holy See approves only a select few as worthy of belief; most recently the 2008 recognition of apparitions as far back as 1665.

Further pious veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary encouraged by Popes are exhibited in the canonical coronations granted to popular Marian images venerated in a particular locality all over the world, while Marian movements and societies with millions of members have arisen from belief in events such as Akita, Fátima, and Lourdes, and other reasons.



Family

"Take me out to the Ballpark"

The Knights of Columbus is leading the "Faith and Family Night" for the Saint Frances Cabrini Parish community group on Friday May 9th at the Bradenton Marauders game at Lecom Park. This event is open to all SFX Parish families and friends, and District Knights. Gates open at 5:30 pm, first pitch is at 6:30 pm. It will be a festival type of event in the ballpark, with activities and games, face painters and balloon artists, a dunk tank, and they will be hosting a Church Tournament of Games throughout the night on the field!

Please use the QR code on the flyer to purchase your tickets, as it will seat all of us together. Ticket price is \$15 each.

**FAITH & FAMILY
NIGHT**

**2025 FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE**

FRIDAY, MAY 9
GATES OPEN - 5:30 PM | FIRST PITCH - 6:30 PM
TICKETS: \$15 - INCLUDES MARAUDERS HAT AND DRINK


SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR GROUP, CONTACT: DANIEL SHARP | DANIEL.SHARP@PIRATES.COM | 941.269.4788



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Community



Stations of the Cross Meal:

On Wednesday April 16, the Knights served about 225 people with hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks after the procession for the Stations of the Cross. Everyone had a great time.



Life

The Big Red Bus was here on April 27th, with 15 units donated. The next blood drive will be Sunday, June 22nd. Each donator will receive a \$20 gift card, T-Shirt, and a Wellness Checkup. Appointments are encouraged, please visit "oneblood.org/donate-now" and use sponsor cord 14358.



Baby Bottle Drive update:

Due to inventory and scheduling of supplies we are moving the dates of the Baby Bottle drive from May to June. The new dates for the drive are:

Distribute Bottles after all masses June 7th & 8th

Collect Bottles after all masses June 14th & 15th and June 21st & 22nd

Looking for volunteers to help with the preparations of the bottles for hand out, handing out the bottles on the 7th & 8th of June, and collection of the bottles on the 14th & 15th and 21st & 22nd of June. If you would to help with any of these areas, please contact bother Bill Lewis who has volunteered to lead this activity.



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Council

3rd Degree Exemplification:

The Council held its final 3rd Degree Exemplification for the fraternal year on April 29th with 8 new members and 1 transfer for Mother Cabrini Council. There were also 2 new Knights for Holy Cross and Saint Joseph. Congratulations to our new Brothers and looking forward to working with you on the many different projects that the Councils perform.



We have started a new group to help around the church. The “**Church Special Project Team**” will be helping with various projects that are outside of the daily needs for the Church grounds and facilities. These projects will vary and cover many different skill sets needed to complete. The team is looking for additional members that can be called upon for help. If you have time and would like to volunteer your time and skills, please contact Brother **Jeff Britton** who has volunteered to lead the team.



Transfer To Council Eternal

At the next business meeting, Council 12155 will transfer the following Brother to the Council Eternal:

Vincent J. Gatto



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Brothers!

When we face big financial decisions in our lives... buying a new house, purchasing a car or finding a financial advisor, it always boils down to **value**.

The other huge factor is trust.

When you are looking at value in a home purchase; you look at location, curb appeal, comparable sales and weigh it against affordability, cash expense and meeting your family needs.

As a Knights of Columbus financial adviser, I must be able to demonstrate the value I bring to a relationship. There's an old expression, "they don't care how much you know until they know how much you care". The most important thing I can do is ask questions and listen. There is no way I can recommend anything until I know everything about my clients.

Even more important is for the member and his spouse to understand the centerpiece of a Knights of Columbus advisor's purpose and mission. That is to focus only on the client's needs, wishes and the protection of the member and his family.

I say it constantly and consistently, protecting the member and his family is the most thing I do. So, how can I clearly reflect the "value" of life insurance? Members must see the value of spending today's hard-earned income for a future payoff that they themselves may not see the benefit.

Well, let me ask these questions.....

Why do we take out a 30-year mortgage? I would say to provide a secure family home for today and the future. To build equity which is wealth in retirement. Do we see value in taking today's pretax income to invest in a 401k? We know that consistent long-term investment will provide security in our retirement years.

So why then do we hesitate to see the value of Life Insurance?

Life insurance protects your family, your home and your retirement investments, all with one reasonable premium payment. Plus...a Whole Life policy builds equity (Cash Value) that can be used as additional retirement income, pay for your grandchildren's college or that once in a lifetime vacation.

Worthy Brothers, you will never find more **value** than with the products, services and mission of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is a not-for-profit organization created and built for the members. Everything we do and offer is focused on the member and his family.

It is my vocation (not my job) to focus on what is best for you and your family.

I am confident you have Faith and Trust in the Knights, and I hope to have a chance to earn your Faith and Trust in me as your financial advisor.

God Bless





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Fish Fry Wrap up: Over all the 2025 Lenten season fish fry was a great success! Thanks to everyone that helped during the 6 weeks, in which we had a total of 54 different volunteers helping. Hope that we got everyone, if you helped and did not get a thank you email, please let DGK know so we can get your name add to the list!

Fun Facts:	2024	2025
# of orders	981	1052
# of meals	2185	2333
% Fish	46	44
% Shrimp	22	22
% Combo	32	33
Record day	484	487
Pc fish used	2709	2819
Pc Shrimp used	7068	7228

2 new fryers, an additional new freezer, for a cost of \$3080.

Financial Totals for the 2025 Season,

Receipts \$29665, Expenses \$11488, Profit \$18177



Knights News

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CHARITY — UNITY — FRATERNITY — PATRIOTISM

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Every Friday In Lent

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Drive Thru

and

Outdoor Seating

Starting March 7th

Menu:

Fish, Fries, and Slaw

Shrimp, Fries, and Slaw

Combo Platter

Cash or Credit Cards Accepted

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Knight of the Month: Rich Meyers

This April, we proudly recognize Rich Meyers as our Knight of the Month. Rich is a remarkable presence in our council and within the church community, embodying the spirit of service and dedication that defines our organization.

Rich serves as an usher at the 4 PM mass, where he consistently brings warmth and hospitality to our parishioners. His commitment doesn't stop there; Rich is always willing to lend a hand during additional services as needed, showcasing his genuine passion for supporting our church community. His efforts in recruiting new ushers have also proven invaluable, helping to strengthen our team and ensure that our Masses are well-staffed and welcoming for everyone.

Beyond his contributions to the church, Rich is an indispensable asset to our council. He is present at nearly all of our events, tirelessly working to make each one a success. From his enthusiastic participation in our Fish Fries to his assistance with the Tootsie Roll drive and our roadside clean-up initiatives, Rich goes above and beyond in every task he undertakes.

His strong work ethic and willingness to help exemplify what it means to be the strong right arm of the church. His presence not only supports our activities but also inspires others to engage and contribute. We are proud to call Rich not only our brother in faith but also our friend.

Congratulations to Rich Meyers on this well-deserved recognition as our Knight of the Month! Your unwavering dedication and service to both the council and the church do not go unnoticed, and we are grateful to have you as part of our council.



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Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings have been moved to the Council's web site. Here is the URL for the web site. For the "Members Only" section you need to login for access, the login ID is your membership number (located on you membership card), and your password is your

birthdate in the format of "mmddyyyy".

[Mother Cabrini Council #12155 \(uknight.org\)](http://MotherCabriniCouncil#12155(uknight.org)) or <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=12155>

Brothers All,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for your prayers and beautiful flower arrangement sent during a difficult time for my family and I with the passing of my Father.

Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated. May the Lord bless you all with endless joy, fulfillment and abundant love.

Brother Knight,

Phil Latona

Upcoming Events:

Friday May 9th	Faith & Family Ballgame
Tuesday May 20th	4th Degree Meeting
Tuesday May 27th	3rd Degree Meeting
Saturday/Sunday June 7th & 8th	Baby Bottle Drive Handout
Saturday/Sunday June 14th & 15th	Baby Bottle Drive Collection
Saturday/Sunday June 21st & 22nd	after all masses
Tuesday June 17th	4th Degree meeting
Sunday June 22nd BloodOne	Blood Drive
Tuesday June 24th	3rd Degree Meeting
Saturday/Sunday June 28th & 29th	5th Sunday Rosary

Happy Birthday to our fellow
Brother in May!

DUANE	LECLERCQ	4
ASHTON	VIERLING	5
GERARD	HAYES	6
TOM	STONFER	7
MICHAEL	LUBRANO	8
JEFFERY	SUHR	13
RICHARD	PLESS	19
JOACHIM	ZOK	23
TODD	CHIKE	23
JOHN	ANDERSON	25
THOMAS	NIGHSONGER	28
JAMES	BUDDEN	29



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