

Join us: Third Thursday at 6 PM

4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast 32137



#### **Grand Knight Ralph Esposito Message**

November 2024

We had a rough month to six weeks for many. Between Hurricane's Helene and Milton, much devastation occurred. Too many casualties, and many left for an extended period of time to fend for themselves in North Carolina. It is times like these that remind us, and show many others what the Knight's of Columbus are all about. Our St. Mary's Council, led by our Worthy

District Deputy Greg Gully, Grand Knight Darren Moloney and Deputy Grand Knight John Picucci, had a truck filled with items to be taken to the North Carolina border. An organization dropped the items near Asheville and surrounding areas. Our great Council did not sit idle in this time of need. With the great effort of Worthy District Deputy Greg Gully, Worthy Membership Director Joe Lupo, and the endless effort of Brother's Dennis Boucher and Welmon Pippen and a few others, two loads went to Perry Florida, filled with many hurricane relief items. If this was not enough, Brother Dennis Boucher took time to try to help me. We were trapped in our area due to continuous rising of water, hours following the storm. He tried to get us ice. He went to five places to no avail. He tried to get into our block so that we can load many items on his truck to take across the street to my in laws home. They have a Generex, which when filled, can run for up to 1 week with conservative use. He could not get in. I truly appreciate his efforts. I had Brother Joe Lupo who offered a room in his home when he did get his power back, two days before ours was restored. I had Brother Wayne Friday offer to come out with a pump. I had Brother Bob McMahon offer to come out with a kayak. Some might think that's extreme, but not with the amount we had outside our home. If anyone had caught the Palm Coast Observer for this month, by the time Sierra Williams was able to get into our location, she had taken a photo four hours after tanker trucks were pumping out water. Even after 9 hours of constant tankers coming in and out, Worthy DD Greg Gully and MD Joe Lupo still were unable to get to my street. Now stop to think of everything I have said in this message. How many Brother Knights stepped up to help? Asheville, Perry and myself? These examples have happened all over concerning many great organizations. These are the times that I am especially proud to be a Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus Ralph Esposito

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November 2, 2024, 9 am -2 pm - Parish Ministry Fair

November 3, 2024 2pm Live Exemplification

November 9, 20204 11am Knights Memorial Mass

November 9, 2024, 9 am – 2 pm – Parish Annual Stewardship Retreat

November 21, 2024 6pm Council Meeting – Seton Hall

November 30, 2024 9am – 5pm Tootsie Roll Drive - Publix at Island Walk.

December 1 -3, 2024 – 40-Hour Adoration

December 8, 2024, 3.30 pm - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession

#### **District Deputy Message Greg Gully**

#### November 2024

#### **Abortion**

Abortion and defeating amendment 4 are the preeminent issue pursuant to the USCCB.

You have witnessed the TV ads in support of voting yes on amendment 4. Why do they feel the need to lie? They say that the heartbeat law in Florida does NOT allow abortion to save a women's life, for a rape victim and takes the doctor out of the decision. They lie because they are extreme.

Abortion is NOT about women's health. This lie has been used for decades. The incidence of women dying from childbirth is less than .0001%. 84% of those deaths can be prevented through proper medical care.

Abortion is a narcissistic, selfish, and evil business. Murdering babies is a 4.3-billion-dollar industry. Of which 2 billion of your tax dollars fund.

Planned Parenthood is a 2.1-billion-dollar corporation of which almost 1 billion of your tax dollars support.

A baby feels pain at 7-8 weeks (about 2 months). Evidence for this conclusion is based on the following findings: (1) the neural pathways for pain perception via the cortical subplate are present as early as 12 weeks' gestation, and via the thalamus as early as 7–8 weeks gestation.

The USCCB has developed a voter's guide for Catholic voters.

- As Catholics we have a duty to vote.
- 13 issue categories
- #1 is abortion

I want to address 3 other specific categories

- Gender- we are not GOD
- Religious freedom- e.g. Catholic Hospitals forced to kill babies. Nuns provide contraceptives. Pay for transgender surgeries.
- Educational Choice

Brother Knights are to be in communion with the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states you are required to live a Christian life, pray daily, participate in the sacraments, obey the moral law and accept the teachings of Christ **AND HIS CHURCH**.

**VOTE CATHOLIC. VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE** 



Scan the link to see a short video on Amendment 4.

#### Top 10 Facts to Know About Long-Term Care Planning

November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month, an event recognized by Congress and a number of States. To mark the occasion, here are 10 interesting facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance.

# Field Agent Message Larry Kennedy



- # 1 Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was 20 years on average in 2019.
- #2 By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.
- # 3 The number of people in need of long term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.
- # 4 Average out-of-pocket costs are \$140,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.
- # 5 By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.
- # 6 For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.
- # 7 Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.
- # 8 Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.
- # 9 The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection in 2019. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.

# 10 – 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely to need long term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.

Don't forget to ask me how Knights of Columbus Long Term Care Insurance might benefit you and your family.

Vivat Jesus!

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Forbes
2023

For More information contact: Larry Kennedy, FICF, MDRT 407-579-9888 Lawrence.kennedy@kofc.org

\* https://www.aaltci.org/about/long-term-care-awareness-month-2020.php

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#### SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

**NOVEMBER 2024** 

"For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Gospel for Nov. 10, Mk 12:44)

The lowly widow received praise from Jesus because her gift came from her substance

The lowly widow received praise from Jesus because her gift came from her substance and not her abundance. There is much to be said for the "give until it hurts" approach to charity. We ought to give sacrificially, and it is not much of a sacrifice to give away things we don't use or money we won't miss. Remembering what Jesus gave us should challenge us to greater sacrifice for others.

#### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully examine your level of giving, both of your treasure and your time, and consider whether you are giving as much as Christ asks of you.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

When you give of yourself — whether of your financial resources or your time — do you give only from your abundance? What might you be able to sacrifice in order to provide more assistance to those in need? Are there any specific actions you could take to give more to others?

October 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Awards

**Knight of the Month Welmon Pippen** 



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Knight Family of the Month Carlos and Lillian Diaz



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Deacon
Ed Wolff
The new
COR Director

## October 6th Spanish Membership Drive



Left to Right: Fr. Jose, District Deputy Greg Gully, Past Grand Knight Owen Thompson, Membership Director Joe Lupo, and Brother Hispanic Membership Director for the State of Florida Kellmis Fernandez.

5 new members were signed up.

## †††††††††††††††††††† Knights of Columbus Latin Exemplified

5 new Latin Brother Knights were recently exemplified They will be attending the Latin Round Table led by Brother Carlos Diaz, our Faith Director. They meet the Sunday after our regular Thursday meeting. They are full Brother Knights of council 17480.

Raul Velasquez Elignario Mazariegos Luis Vasquez Alex Najera Salvador Flores



# Soccer Challenge September 28th 2024















#### **Acknowledging Knights of Columbus Volunteerism**

St, Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in the city of Palm Coast, Florida, began a capital campaign to renovate its campus facilities in 2023. The Church has over 3800 family members, mainly retirees, and a very active Knights of Columbus Council, #17480. Seton Hall, the church's recreation center and meeting rooms, was in extensive





need of repair and was included in Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign. Because of the importance of Seton Hall to the parish, the Chair of the Buildings Ministry was approached to see if there was a way to expedite the renovation. The Chair, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight, investigated and asked the Paster if the Knights could rebuild Seton Hall, He agreed.

The Chair went to the Knights for help. What happened after that was truly a blessing. Over 40 volunteers stepped forward. Each with different skills. There were electricians, painters, carpenters, a surveyor, a mason, a civil engineer, an architect, landscapers and Knights eager to learn. Mostly retired. In fact, the average age was close to 75. The crew chief was a retired 85-year-old general contractor from New York City with construction experience on constructing skyscrapers as well as effecting remodeling parish buildings in the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York. There was even one Knight who had skills in negotiating free or discounted materials, tools and supplies from local vendors.



Construction began in March 2023 with the objective of keeping the Hall open and to work with a zero budget. The parts of the project requiring a building permit needed to be bid out. The school used the Hall for their lunch, so the volunteers had to begin work in the early morning, then clean up, and end by 11AM. Other meetings and events went on as usual. The entire outside required relandscaping to allow proper drainage. Water intrusion had been a serious issue for years.



Next the team moved into the lavatories. This required a total rebuild. The castiron piping and drainage all had to be redone. The rooms became ADA wheelchair accessible.





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Then the team moved into the main part of the Hall. Water-damaged exterior walls were repaired, upgraded lighting, flooring and windows were added. New sound and video systems were added. A total rebuild. The Hall was reopened for full operation in October 2024.





The original volunteers stuck with the project which lasted nearly 18 months. And some other volunteers from the Knights and other church ministries were added along the way. Worthy of note, there are two volunteers who were still running construction businesses. When they were needed, they worked for the church in the mornings and for their clients in the afternoons. That was a sacrifice.

This volunteerism is an unprecedented feat. The dedicated Knights and other parishioners volunteered their time, talents, and treasure to renovate Seton Hall. This effort saved the parish over \$300,000.



We are reminded of St. James's comment, "that faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead." And "I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works". (James 2:17-18). Our Hall renovation is a wonderful testimony to the faith of so many who contributed their time and talent.

#### **Tootsie Roll Drive**



Saturday, November 30th, from 9 am-5 pm we will have a Tootsie Roll Drive. This will take place at the Publix at Island Walk. This is located near the intersection of Palm Coast Parkway and Old Kings Road.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive will benefit local agencies that provide various support to persons with developmental disabilities, including diagnosis, family support, transportation, and education services.

We Need More Help For This To Be A Success!





#### **November Birthdays**

Peter Cavaliere 10-01 10-03 Pete Digiulio Manuel F Moitoso 10-03 Antonio C Antones 10-09 10-10 Louis J Latulippe III Barry E Clymer 10-17 Fernando Melendez 10-18 10-20 Michael L Da Mata Donnie P Stevenson 10-21





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John F Brailsford	10-22
Mel C Gaoat	10-22
Bruno Cattaneo	10-26
Patrick J Tennyson	10-26
Manuel L Da Mata	10-29
James E McFadden	10-29
Joseph P Leahy	10-30
James E Mcguane	10-30

# **Unloading Pumpkins/ Pumpkin Patch**







## Fall Festival October 19th and 20th









We will be loading a truck with relief supplies for Hurricane Helene victims in Perry Fl. on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5pm and on Friday and Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 5pm



# For more information contact: Dennis Boucher at

dboucher136@gmail.com or 386-315-9994

Also Volunteers needed.

#### SUPPLIES REQUESTED:

- Water in Jugs for bathing
- Drinking water
- Sports Drink (powdered)
- Hydration Packs (powdered)
- Diapers (children and adult)
- Baby Formula
- Bug Spray
- Plastic Utensils
- Manual Can Openers
- Trash Bags (13 gallon or contractor size)
- Non-Perishable Food
- Tarps
- Toothbrush/paste/Sanitation Items
- Clothing esp. Socks-all sizes







Fr Rob performed the blessing for the Hurricane Helene Truck. The following Brother Knights were volunteering outside the parish hall to collect goods for hurricane relief.

**Brother Dennis Boucher** 

**Brother Welmon Pippin** 

**Brother Bob McMahon** 

**Brother Mike Tennyson** 

**Brother Rich Friese** 

**Brother Joe Lupo** 

Brother Greg Gully.

We collected enough goods to fill the 20' truck 1 and a 1/2 times. Then Brothers Dennis and Welmon drove over 4 hrs each way to deliver and unload the truck in Perry.





# Hurricane Helene Relief For Perry, Florida



Shown in Photo
Left to Right:
Mike Tennyson
PGK, Joe Lupo
FDD, Greg Gully
DD17, Heather
Hill and Linda
Hill . Linda is
President of the
Council 611
Ladies Auxiliary
and Heather is a
member and on
the welcome
committee.

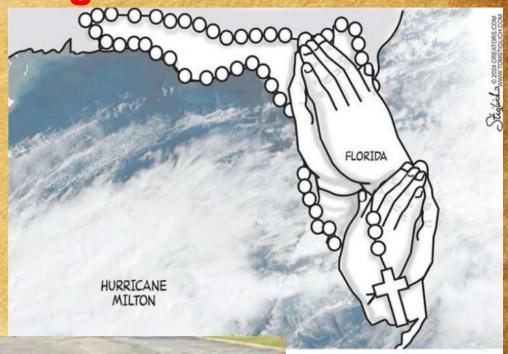
Shown in Photo Left to Right: Mike Tennyson PGK, Joe Lupo FDD, Greg Gully DD17 and Frank Hill, Grand Knight Council 611





Hurricane Milton Knights in Actions

The crucifix in front of St Elizabeth Ann Seton fell over during the recent hurricane Milton





Knights of Columbus members loaded it on Brother Wayne Friday's truck.

Brother Wayne
Friday is repairing
the crucifix so it
can once again be
proudly place in
front of the
Church.





# Knight's of Columbus THANSKGIVING Gift Cards for TURKEYS!!





# THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIFT CARD DRIVE

**OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> THRU NOVEMBER 25TH** 

Please help less fortunate families to have a turkey for Thanksgiving by purchasing a \$25 gift card from any local grocery store.

A basket will be placed on a table in back of the Church on the weekends or drop them off at the Parish Office.











#### 2025 is the Jubilee Year - the Holy Year in Rome!

Join Fr. Sergio Santos and Fr. Michael Mary Dosch, OP on a Special Pilgrimage to

# Rome and Lourdes

September 22 - 29, 2025



During the Special Jubilee Year in Rome, the Holy Doors will be opened at St. Peter's Basillica, symbolizing the open gates of God's mercy. All Roman Catholics are called to pilgrimage to Rome and the Vatican during the Jubilee Year. In Lourdes, visit the Grotto where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette. Wash and drink the water from the miraculous spring attributed to so many miraculous healings.

Book Today! Call 800-715-6670 or

visit www.catholicjourneys.com/rome-lourdes-pilgrimage/

Password: Dosch







- Round Trip Airfare from Jacksonville (other cities available)
- One-way Flight from Rome to Lourdes
- 1 Checked Bag; 1 Carry-On Bag; 1 Personal Item on plane
- First Class Luxury Hotel Accommodations
  - 3 nights in Rome
  - 3 nights in Lourdes
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
  - (Wine & Bottled Water with dinner)
- Transport by Private Motorcoach
- Local, English Speaking Tour Guide
- Entrance/Admission Fees (whisper headsets where needed)
- Backpack, luggage tag, neck wallet, lanyard
- Daily Mass

\$4295 per person, double occupancy, with airfare \$3195 Land Only (purchase your own airfare) \$720 Single Supplement for solo private room







Council 17450

Join us on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM to celebrate Mass and honor our Veterans at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church.



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thank your FOR YOUR SERVICES

