



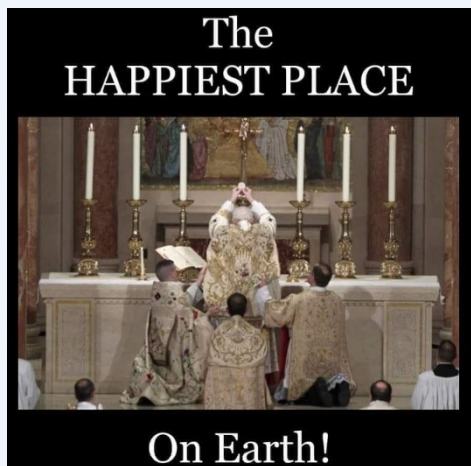
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Editors Note: This issue of the newsletter will be a combination of both November and December due to the weather events in November which took a great deal of time for the Brotherhood to prepare for them, then cleanup afterwards. Medical and family issues which reduced the amount of time available along with limited typing allowed by the doctor.

This issue will be more in an order of the events, rather than by director. With this being said, you will see that we still had a very busy 2 months. We would like to thank all of the brothers that help with the many events and activities that were carried out during this time, and looking forward to the new year with many more planned!

Vivat Jesus! Peace, Jim Recupito DGK



Dear Brother Knights,

I am pleased to share our progress and accomplishments over the past month. This year, we have made significant strides in our mission to serve our community and support those in need.



One of our most impactful initiatives has been the delivery of the ultrasound machine to the North River Care Pregnancy Center. This vital equipment allows women to view their unborn children, empowering them to choose life. Our commitment to supporting life-affirming choices is stronger than ever as we provide this opportunity.

In addition to our outreach efforts, we participated in our Parish's annual Trunk or Treat event, where we provided Burgers and Hotdogs. It was heartwarming to see so many families come together for a fun and safe Halloween celebration.

We also hosted a community-wide Stargazing event accompanied by a raffle. This event was a true success, drawing around 150 attendees. It was wonderful to engage with our community and inspire a sense of wonder about the cosmos. Thank you to Brother Ed for providing the raffle prizes.

This fall, our Council was honored to receive a grant from the Parish Foundation, with a presentation scheduled for the first week of December. This funding will bolster our efforts to serve our fellow parishioners and strengthen our community programs.

Our commitment to the environment was evident during our second roadside clean-up, where we removed 25 bags of trash. We are proud to contribute to the beautification of our area and encourage others to do the same.

We were humbled by the generosity of our Parish during the Stillpoint Mission Food Drive, resulting in a fully loaded pickup truck of non-perishable food items for those in need. We also served approximately 200 individuals at the Faith Formation Families Potluck dinner. A heartfelt thank you to the 30 brothers who showed up to support these efforts.

Looking ahead, we have begun planning our spring Golf Tournament at River Wilderness Golf and Country Club. I am excited about what we can achieve together. Let's celebrate a successful first half of this fraternal year at our Annual Christmas Party on December 14th at the Cabrini Center. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

peace, Ron



PRAY FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY



Purgatory is simply the place where already saved souls are cleansed of the temporal effects of sin before they are allowed to see the holy face of Almighty God. Revelation 21:27 tells us that "...nothing unclean will enter [Heaven]."

Purgatory is God's way of ensuring that Revelation 21:27 is true and that nothing unclean will enter Heaven. It is only through Christ's sacrifice that we are shown this mercy! It is Christ and Christ alone Who allows us access to the Father.

Many people ask, "Where is the word purgatory in the Bible?" It will not be found in the Bible, but the concept of a "final cleansing" or "purgation" for those who require it is very evident in the Bible, in the writings of the early Church Fathers, and in the Old Testament religion whence Christianity sprang.

Daniel 12:2, Matthew 12:32, 1 Corinthians 3:13-15, 2 Timothy 1:16-18, Hebrews 12:14, Hebrews 12:22-23, 1 Peter 4:6 and Revelation 21:10, 27 all speak of purgatory in their telling of the need for purification, prayers for the dead, Christ's preaching to the dead, and how nothing unclean will see God.

Tertullian says in his work, *The Crown* 3:3, dated A.D. 211: "We offer sacrifices for the dead on their birthday anniversaries."

Cyprian of Carthage writes in A.D. 253: "It is one thing to stand for pardon, another thing to attain to glory; it is one thing, when cast into prison, not to go out thence until one has paid the uttermost farthing; another thing at once to receive the wages of faith and courage. It is one thing, tortured by long suffering for sins, to be cleansed and long purged by fire; another to have purged all sins by suffering. It is one thing, in fine, to be in suspense till the sentence of God at the day of judgment; another to be at once crowned by the Lord."

St. Teresa of Avila interceding for the souls in purgatory The Church Fathers speak of purgation. For examples, St. John Chrysostom in his *Homilies* on 1 Corinthians 41:5, A.D. 392, says: "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

And St. Augustine says in *City of God*, A.D. 419: "Temporal punishments are suffered by some in this life only, by some after death, by some both here and hereafter, but all of them before that last and strictest judgment. But not all who suffer temporal punishments after death will come to eternal punishments, which are to follow after that judgment."

Archaeology also indicates the antiquity of the Christian belief in Purgatory, the Final Theosis: the tombs of the ancient Christians were inscribed with words of petition for peace and for rest, and at the anniversaries of deaths, the faithful gathered at the graves of the departed to make intercession for those who had gone before.

For more on this topic please see: <https://immanugrace.jimdofree.com/prayers/pray-for-the-poor-souls-in-purgatory/>



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BIG RED BUS—Blood Mobile:

The Big Red Bus was here on October 20th; we provided 22 units of life-saving blood, equating to potentially 66 lives saved. Thanks to all who gave to this life-saving event and the Knights who helped make it happen. The next Blood Mobile will be here again on December 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Let's see if



Rosary Corner:

On October 12, we took part in the nationwide Rosary at the corner of Fort Hammer and 301. A dedicated group of 25 parishioners and Brother Knights gathered to pray, reflecting our belief that as human efforts have fallen short in addressing America's critical issues, we turn to God and His Holy Mother, seeking their urgent assistance.

DATA-STRUCTION, Document Shredding:

The Knights held it's first free Document Shredding event open to the all parish members on October 19th. We were able to shred approximately 1100 pounds of documents for our parish family. Plans are being made to have another one next year!



Angle Tree:

This year's "Angel Tree" has added the "North River Care Pregnancy Center" to the list of sponsored groups. There have been over 250 Angels on the tree for these sponsored groups, and all have been taken. We are lucky to have such a wonderful and generous St. Frances Cabrini Family! Thanks to everyone who chose an "Angel" to help out this year!



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Knight of the Month: Ed McDonough

Ed McDonough is our Knight of the Month for his outstanding contributions to our council. Ed has been a dedicated volunteer at the faith formation meals, where he has selflessly served and brought joy to many. His friendly demeanor brought smiles to many at the Fall Festival with his engaging Sunscope activity. Furthermore, Ed will lead

our council's first-ever Star Gazing Event, offering an exciting opportunity for everyone to come together and admire the beauty of the night sky. Additionally, Ed has been an active participant in working at the fish fry events. His commitment and enthusiasm make him a valued member of our Council, and we are grateful for his continuous efforts in making our events successful and enjoyable.

Family of the Month: Bill and Gemma Lewis

Bill and Gemma Lewis have been selected as the Family of the Month for their outstanding dedication to our council and church family. Bill and Gemma are always ready to help with our fish fries, and Bill serves as a cook for our faith formation meal team. Additionally, Bill is an usher at the 4 pm mass, welcoming and assisting parishioners with warmth and kindness. Their commitment and involvement in the church exemplify the true spirit of community and service. We are grateful for the Lewis family's invaluable contributions and congratulate them on this well-deserved recognition.



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Knight of the Month: Jeff Britton

Jeff has been selected as the Knight of the Month, a recognition that reflects his unwavering dedication and contributions to the Knights of Columbus. As an usher and usher for special masses, Jeff showcases his willingness to step up whenever needed, embodying the core values of service. In addition to his ushering duties, Jeff is an integral member of the Faith Formation Safety and Care Team. Whether during regular masses or special church events, Jeff's readiness to lend a hand has made him a beloved figure in the parish. He has also assisted in most of the council's events. His exemplary spirit not only furthers the Knights of Columbus's mission but inspires others to engage and contribute to community service. Jeff's actions embody the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism that the Knights stand for. His commitment to helping others and fostering community makes Jeff a deserving Knight of the Month.



Family of the Month:

John T Kreger IV and Connor Wright

We proudly recognize John and Connor as our Knights of Columbus Family of the Month. Their unwavering dedication and commitment to our community make them exemplary members of our council and parish. From participating in roadside clean-ups to ensuring our hall is ready for various meetings and events, John and Connor approach every task with a smile and purpose.

Their contributions extend beyond mere volunteer work; they embody the spirit of service. Both John and Connor are actively involved in our parish, often serving as sacristan, altar server, and faith formation teacher. Their commitment to the church is inspiring, as they work diligently to nurture the faith of younger generations and create a welcoming

environment for all parishioners.

John and Connor have become invaluable assets to our council and the church community through their selfless actions. They not only participate in our famous fish fry events but also engage families during our Faith Formation meals. We are grateful for their hard work and dedication and proudly acknowledge them as shining examples of the values we uphold in the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, John and Connor, for all that you do!





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Benefits Advisor

Dear Brothers

and at peace.

The one-two punch of Helene and Milton were devastating to our community leaving many homeless or dealing with repairs and clean up.

Although it is impossible to prepare for all things in life there are ways to better protect yourself from the storm, be it natural or financial.

Just as now is a good occasion to take a look at your home owners insurance or the age and condition of your roof, now is a great time to sit with me to do an overview of your financial condition.

Protection is the key and protection is always the focal point of my approach to financial planning.

Life can send many curves our way. It can be a single event, like a storm, health issues or a job loss. Working together, we can find ways to protect you and your family from extraordinary situations or simply normal life events.

I will always make myself available to serve you!

God Bless



Stillpoint Food Drive:

The Knights held a food drive for Stillpoint Mission on November 23 and 24th, loading up a pickup truck, including the back seat area. The food was delivered to Stillpoint on Monday, the 25th. Stillpoint's directors were overwhelmed with the amount of food donated by the parish and very thankful for the donation. Thanks to all who donated and helped with the collection.



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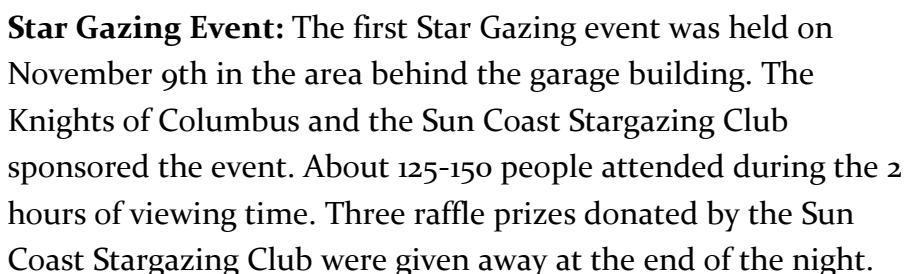
The Church's Annual trunk-or-treat event was held on October 26 and was well attended by many of the parish families. The Knight of Columbus also provided the dinner for all who attended. We served 155 burgers and 120 hot dogs along with chips and drinks. I want to thank all of the brothers who helped out with the event.



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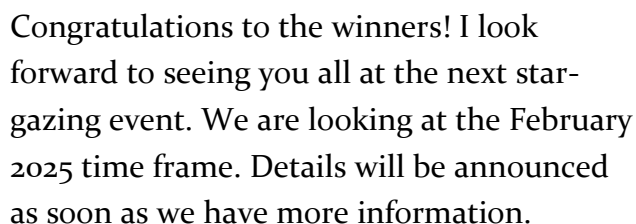


The second roadside cleanup for 2024 took place on November 2nd. We collected over 25 bags of trash from our section of Route 301. The cleanup began at 10:00 a.m. and was completed by noon. We enjoyed a pizza lunch back at the MCC afterward.

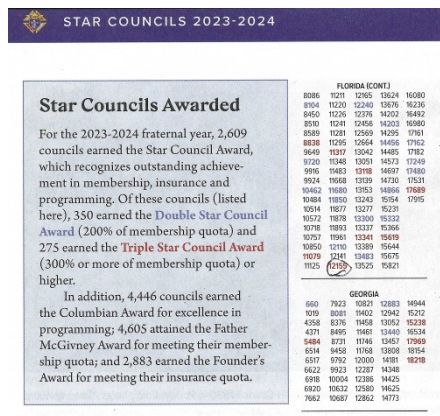


3rd Prize

Bob Mack



Council 12155 received the Triple Star Council Award for the fraternal year 2023-2024. Only nine councils in Florida received this award. Congratulations to John, Ron, and Bob for achieving this award for our council.





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Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings has 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".

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Happy Birthday Brothers!

DANIEL	DELROSE	12
HENRY	BURMEISTER	14
ANDREW	O'CONNOR	17
KEVIN	HOWARD	18
LAURENCE	ALO	19
GEORGE	SHAFFER	19
RICHARD	SULLIVAN	24
MAREK	BAUER	26
ROBERT	BINKLEY	27
JOHN	O NEILL	29
SAMUEL	VILLARREAL	31

Golf Outing:

The Council will hold a Golf Outing at the River Wilderness Golf and Country Club on February 22, 2025. So mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22. Watch for additional information shortly.



Saturday **14** December

Please join us for the Annual Knights of Columbus
Mother Cabrini and Holy Cross Councils
Christmas Party at the Mother Cabrini Center

Reception 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

Semi-Formal attire

Please RSVP to: jrr.fl615@gmail.com with your name and total number attending by December 8th 2024.

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Charity Golf Outing

\$150 PER GOLFER

Includes Golf, Cart, Range Balls, Breakfast Sandwich, Lunch & Drink
River Wilderness Golf & Country Club - Parrish, FL

FOR REGISTRATION, DETAILS, QUESTIONS:

KofC Golf (765) 210-6019 jrr.fl615@gmail.com

Registration opens at 7:00 am Instructions 7:30 am