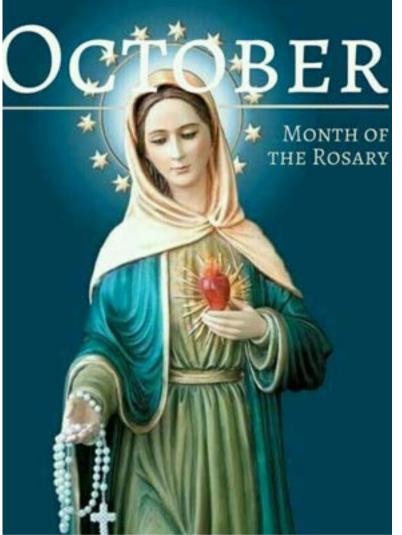


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"The rosary is the most beautiful and rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God..."

Pope St. Pius X

Grand Knights Report

HOLY ROSARY MONTH - October is the Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Remembering the mysteries of Christ's life and Our Lady's life.

There is a historical reason why October is the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. In the 16th century the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to southern Europe. Pope Pius V recognized the grave danger and organized the fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks. On October 7, 1571 the two navies, Christian navy on one side and the Ottoman navy on the other, were ready with 400 warships. The fate of western Europe depended upon the success of the Christians in this battle. Pope Pius V knew that the Christians needed more power than the military strength. Hence, he asked the faithful to pray the Rosary, seeking the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the battle of Lepanto, the Holy League of the Christians was victorious. The next year Pope Pius V established a feast in honor of the Blessed Mother on October 7th.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH - This month is dedicated to Respect for Life by Supreme and the K of C worldwide. Beyond celebrating the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7th, we will be distributing "Baby Bottles" to the parishioners after all the Masses this month. We hope the Baby Bottle will be filled with money as a gentle reminder that we are committed to the rights of the unborn child. The funds donated during the month-long campaign will support the Community Pregnancy Center in downtown Sarasota.







Grand Knights Report Continued

BAY VILLAGE GUEST SPEAKERS - Our September 14th Council Meeting was attended by close to 50 Brother Knights as we continue our trend of record attendance. Thank you for your continued support of the Council and our General Meeting.

The ladies from Bay Village led by Ms. Laura Pitcher, Marketing & Sales Director, were our guest speakers at last month's Council meeting. Their presentation on the various options for Assisted Living and Long-Term Care were both informative and insightful. Thank You!!



Bay Village Guest Speaker: Laura Pitcher with Brooke Albertsons-Kozin, Mollie Hernandez.

FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT - This month we are planning a Fraternal Benefits Night on Tuesday, October 24th. Our Worthy Insurance Agent, Brian DeBlauw, will present the many financial and insurance benefits of being a Knight of Columbus. Please plan to attend. As a member of the Knights of Columbus you're entitled to more than you may realize.

PARISH PICNIC - This year's PARISH PICNIC has been postponed from October until April of 2024 by Fr. Gordon. This date change was again due to construction schedules related to the parking lot, the replacement of car stops and the painting of spaces. We look forward to assisting with the picnic in April.



KNIGHT'S MASS - On September 13 we had our monthly "Knight's Mass" at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with almost 25 Knights and wives in attendance. Also, the rosary was prayed before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. Both the rosary and the Mass were dedicated to those on the Good of the Order list with a special intention for the widows of our deceased Brothers. Please join your Brother Knights for this special "Knight's Mass" this month on October 11th.

ASSEMBLY MEETING - The Assembly Meeting was held on September 11th Dr. Steven Wyer, our District Deputy and the Faithful Navigator for the 4th Degree lead the meeting. If you're interested in becoming a 4th Degree "Sir Knight" please contact Dr. Steve, Charlie Culkin, Joe Tiffany or the GK for details.

Grand Knights Report Continued



3rd DEGREE CEREMONY - On September 19th the Exemplification Team held the 3rd Degree ceremony where we welcomed our Brothers Stephen Melchiore (*top right*) and Bob Lewanowski (*center right*) to our Council.

The Honoree for this Exemplification ceremony was PGK Jim Meyd (*bottom right*) in recognition of his leadership and many contributions to our Council.

This makes 4 new members towards our goal of 10 for this fraternal year. We need to recruit 6 more member to make our goal.

MAKE A FRIEND! BE A FRIEND! and BRING THAT FRIEND TO THE KNIGHTS!

TOGETHER WE CAN DO THIS!







Faith In Action

COFFEE & DONUTS - Our Coffee & Donuts event was held on September 11th at ALL the Masses. This event coincided with "Priesthood Sunday" which is intended to promote vocations to the priesthood. Thanks to Corey & Jean DeVito and Dan & Kim Flynn as well as their teams of volunteers for an outstanding job.

The fellowship and sharing among the many parishioners was evident as they served over 200 donuts with coffee and juices to those attending.





Faith In Action

Food Pantry - Thank you to all the Food Bank volunteers and their spouses for your in-person participation and your monetary support. As you may know, the supply chain remains a challenge and food supplies are in still in short supply. Given today's economy, we have 75-100 families in need every week. Please continue to support the pantry with both food and monetary donations. The pantry continues to purchase additional basic items each week to supplement what we receive from All Faiths Food Bank.

The weekly bulletin lists the items we critically need. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the pantry and those families we serve.



A DAY OF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. On Saturday, November 18th, St. Thomas More Council 7826 will host a day of Spiritual Reflection. The session will be held in the Chelsea Center. It will begin at 10:00 am with coffee and donuts, and conclude at 3:45 pm. At the conclusion of the program, participants can attend the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

The session's focus is "Eucharistic Revival." Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharistic. The Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic.

The program topics will be "Holy Eucharistic: Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion" and "The Power of Confession and Holy Communion." The speaker will be Jim Gontis, Director, Department of Evangelization, Diocese of Venice. After each presentation, there will be a breakout session for the participants to discuss the topic matter.

During the morning introduction and the lunch break, our Council Chaplain, Father Daniel Scanlan and our Pastor, Father Gordon Zanetti, will say a few words. Below is the program agenda: 10:00 am - Coffee, Donuts and Introduction 10:30 am – Speaker Presentation: "Holy Eucharistic: Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion" 11:10 am - Break 11:20 am - Breakout Session 12:10 pm - Lunch 12:55 pm - Speaker Presentation: "The Power of Confession and Holy Communion" 1:35 pm – Break 1:45 pm – Breakout Session 2:35 pm – Session Summary and Closing 3:15 pm – Adoration and Confession 4:00 pm – Vigil Mass To register for this program, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Charlie Culkin at 941-504-5490 or by email at cinandchas@verizon.net. If you want to attend, you must register so we can properly plan meals and materials. This will be an inspirational program. Please plan on attending.

Faith In Action Continued

September Social - The September Social was held at Miguel's Restaurant - Siesta Key on September 28th with 50 brothers and their wives in attendance. It was truly an exceptional social for our Council.

The food was outstanding and the sharing and fraternity was evident in the faces of all who attended. Fr. Daniel was given special recognition by the staff as our Chaplain (note the picture below).

Thank you Brother Dave and Sue Bracy!





Faith In Action Continued



Knight of the Month - Jeb Kingseed

This Brother Knight has served the Council and our parish by his work in Mary's Garden. There he maintains this beautifully, well-groomed garden and ensures the flowers are properly cared for.

Family of the Month - Frank & Imelda Moeslein

Our September Family of the Month is Frank and Imelda Moeslein. Frank and Imelda are leading our "Baby Bottle Campaign" in support of the Community Pregnancy Center.



Parish News



Construction Update - The parking lot will be under repair during the month of October. Several damaged areas require re-paving and a fresh coat of sealer will be applied. Following the repair and sealing the spaces will need to be re-painted. However, Fr. Gordon does not expect this to delay Mass schedules, or our meetings planned this month e.g. Council Business, Exemplifications, and Committee meetings.

ST. THOMAS MORE

Ministries - St. Thomas More is in need of Hospitality & Eucharistic Ministers. There is a need for Hospitality Ministers for Sunday 12:00 Mass. If you are a current Minister, please consider changing to assist in covering these masses. This is a great way to volunteer your time to assist our parish and increase the visibility of all we do as a Council. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you to those who have responded to this call. **Special Olympics** - Volunteers are the backbone of the Special Olympics organization. Volunteers range from coaches, unified partners, mentors, officials, and event coordinators. Volunteers are needed for bowling, swimming and Fall Classic competitions. We are in search of incredible individuals who are willing to volunteer as Coaches.

Sports:

- Basketball, Tennis, Athletics, Cycling, Soccer (January - May)
- Stand Up Paddle (May August)
- Bowling (May September)
- Swimming (May October)
- Flag Football, Pickleball, Powerlifting, Softball (July - November) - <u>Register for upcoming sports</u> <u>season</u>
- Golf (August December) <u>Register for upcoming</u> <u>sports season</u>
- Equestrian (January April)

If you are interested in becoming involved in Special Olympics please reach out to Brother John Cesare for details.



Committee Corner

Golf Committee Update - The 3rd Annual Golf Outing is scheduled on Monday, May 6th 2024 at Legacy Golf Club at Lakewood Ranch.

The Golf Committee met on September 21st. We are now in the process of "gearing up" for the event. Ralph Neller and Ken Berberich will be meeting with Legacy Golf Club on October 4th as to finalize the outing and work through several issues as to improve the event. Last year, our Council netted nearly \$12.5k from the event. Our "secret sauce" are our major donors, our hole sponsors, and the work done by our members and volunteers on goodie bag items, auction and gift baskets for sale, 50/50, mulligan sales et al as to make the event worthwhile for all involved. Thank you! to the 30+- volunteers at the event and for our outstanding Golf Committee members as include, Ken Berberich (Chair), Ralph Neller, Joe Tiffany, Charlie

Culkin, Chris Pariseau, Max Streibel, Corey DeVito, Gary Ellis, Richard Lamb, Kevin Maguire, Rob Carver, Ed Plankey, Tom Maniuszko, John Malloy and Kevin Deady.

We anticipate another year of minimum 25 foursomes or 100 golfers. Teams have been kept current on the 2024 event and we expect most teams to return, save those with health issues or unable to play and we currently have interest from 2-3 new teams, as well.



One of our goals, this year, is to increase our hole sponsors from 55, last year, to 75 this year. Our hole sponsors pay \$100 and have a sign on the course as to recognize their support of the event. Perhaps, several additional Knights, reading this, will consider being a hole sponsor, for yourself, your family, a business or "in memory of".

We currently have six (6) major donors that support the event with either a \$500 level donation or \$1000 donation, with the latter entitling the sponsor to a 4some. All are recognized with a large – welcoming sign and recognition at the start of the outing by Fr Gordon, Legacy GC and the Golf Chair. It would be "nice" to increase our major sponsors this year, to perhaps 8 or so major sponsors. Perhaps, the Knights reading this, know of a family or business that would like to support our event as a major sponsor?

We are in need of all Brother Knights to support the event, with your positive thoughts and prayers and we are in need of goodie bag items, gift certificates and donated high-end items for the auction and gift baskets. Further, we need donated items for the goodie bags – for the 100 golfers.

I will be reaching out to the Golf Teams in November and the Volunteers, in 2024, as we get closer to the event.

We have begun collecting monies from the sponsors and will continue to do so from all the supporters of the event as we "like" to have all our funds in by January – February, well before the May outing.

We will continue to update our Brother Knights as to the status of the event, and please seek out a member of the Golf Committee if you have any questions or would like to support the event.

Ken Berberich, Golf Committee Chair

Committee Corner Continued



Right to Life - The Fall is a beautiful time of the year and as Catholics we know that October is dedicated to the <u>Holy Rosary</u>. It is also Respect Life Month.

The rosary is a defining mark of every man who joins the Knights of Columbus. That is why every Knight promises to carry his rosary with him at all times and to pray it as often as he can. Our Lady has always reinforced the power of the Rosary as the most potent weapon against evil and one of the greatest evils in our world today is the culture of death. The destruction of an innocent life through abortion is promoted and celebrated and increasingly, we are slowly witnessing the creeping evil of euthanasia toward the elderly and infirmed. Listen to Saint Mother Teresa's prophetic words –

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Our STM Council truly makes a difference in promoting a culture of Life and building up the body of Christ. In October, our STM Respect Life Team, has several important events planned. The first, the annual Baby Bottle campaign, led by Frank and Imelda Moeslein kicks off on Sunday, October 7th and coincides with one of most important liturgical celebrations, The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. By filling the bottles with coins, bills and/or checks, you will be directly supporting our local Community Pregnancy Clinic. (https://communitypregnancyclinic.com/) at 1419 7th St. Sarasota, in helping mothers choose life and supporting them during and after pregnancy. Bottles will be collected by our dedicated Knights volunteers on Sunday, October 29th

The Dinner for Life fundraiser for 40 Days for Life / SOLVE, will be on 10/7/23 at the Columbus Hall on Fruitville Road. STM's Council is one of the three local councils helping to sponsor this event and will be donating \$1,000 to SOLVE. All members of our Council are encouraged to try and attend the dinner, or, if unable to do so, consider making a personal donation to the 40 Days for Life directly to SOLVE at <u>https://solvehomes.org/donate/</u>Solve is a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides cost-free maternity housing and support for at-risk women during and after pregnancy.

Fall Lastly, the 40 Days for Life Vigil (https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sarasota) will be underway from Wednesday, September 27th thru November 5th, the largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever with 681 cities having vigils! For the 6th consecutive year, our STM Parish and Knights team will gather to peacefully to pray (in one hour increments) between the hours of 7AM - 7PM on Thursday, October 26th outside of Sarasota's Regional Planned Parenthood. We have been recognized in the Diocese as one of the most dedicated Knights groups to faithfully do this. You can sign up by contacting our Right to Life Co-Chairs, either Brian Harkins at bjharkins1@gmail.com or telephone # 908-451-7454 or Neil Corrado at fdny0261@gmail.com or telephone # 941-993-1520.

Also, please consider signing up for this special Novena - <u>https://www.respectlife.org/</u> which takes place from October 13th – October 21st for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prolife prayer intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

> For Life, Brothers Neil and Brian

Committee Corner Continued



Social Media - Our Council provides several internet opportunities to stay in touch with our Members via Facebook, #7826 K of C website, the STM K of C Parish website, Emails, Telephone contact and the "Good of the Order".

Facebook – "KofC Council 7826"

Many thanks to Brother Steve McElroy and his wife, Carol, in managing our FACEBOOK account. if you need assistance to sign up on our FACEBOOK account or to post information - contact Steve and Carol at his email address: mcelroyfs@verizon.net

<u>STM K of C Websites</u> – The STM parish web page and our STM Council 7826 website have been updated to ensure current information and events are available in a timely manner to all members. Many thanks to Brother Dan Martin for taking on the administration of these important social media platforms for our Council. Council website address Our is www.kofc7826.org. Please use this website and pass it along to your friends, relatives and associates that may have an interest in the Knights of Columbus and our St Thomas More Council.

We have the need on many of our committees for new members. To our new members, this is a great way to become involved in our Council activities. Please see Deputy Grand Knight Charlie Culkin and Chancellor Chris Pariseau to assist you in joining a committee. **Membership** - Our New Member Goal this fraternal year is ten (10) New Members. We currently have four (4) new members. We have 9 more months to recruit 6 more members and make Star Council again this year with YOUR help!!

New Members must be a practicing Catholic, 18+ years of age. We need your help to reach out to K of C "prospects". You will be assisted by our Membership Development Committee. Please provide the name of an individual that may/has an interest in K of C and our St Thomas More Council. You can contact Chancellor Chris Pariseau, at his email pariseau314@outlook.com or his telephone # 443-994-7397. Membership growth is essential to the success of the Knights of Columbus. With the addition of each new member, the Order can better serve the Church, local communities and particularly those in need.

MAKE A FRIEND! BE A FRIEND! BRING THAT FRIEND TO THE KNIGHTS!!

Council Good of the Order

Please include the following individuals in your

prayers: Jerry Hayes John & Kay Maier John McAlonie Erin McAlonie Brady (daughter of John McAlonie) Johnnie Turner Alec & Shirley Berardinelli Janek Jakubiuk John & Craig Spinale (John's son) Rose Marcella (wife of Richard Marcella) Carol&Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John Wojtyna) Sheree Levanti (wife of Ken Levanti) Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford) John Baldelli (son of Charles Baldelli) Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard) Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano) Ted Bogusz Dan Borgmeyer Ruth Walsh Ron McCluskey Fr. Gordon Zanetti Judy Moore (wife of Joe Sommer) Deane MacGillis (wife of Roy) Gary Ellis Don & Jeanne Leonard Dave Bracy Jeff Nociolli & Family Steve Wyer Pat Cesare

If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact (Ralph Neller, Grand Knight) at my email address rneller65@outlook.com or my mobile 513-708-0528.

This month we mourn the passing of our Brother Jack Shaw. Perhaps the greatest sign of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for a Knight is when he attends the Mass of a deceased Brother Knight!





Please continue to keep Nancy Risbano, Mary Dusoe, Janice Leroux and the family of Jack Shaw in your prayers.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Brothers James Alexander and Dan Martin for their kind assistance with this Newsletter!

Council Birthdays

October Birthday Celebrations

October 6 – Roger Milroad October 11 – Frank Moeslein October 12 - Frank Malatesta, Jr. October 13 - Fr. Gordon Zanetti October 16 – Michael Vignola October 20 – Richard Stevens Jr. October 21 – Walter Wozniak October 21 – James Bonfiglio October 29 – David Clark

Tappy Birthday

K of C #7826 Officers

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Council Upcoming Events

Thank you for your support of these futures events!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Officers Meeting is scheduled for October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center
- Our monthly "Knight's Mass will be on October 11th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will pray the rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m.
- Our next Council Business Meeting will be on October 12th at 7:00 in the Spirit Center.
- The next Exemplification Ceremony for candidates is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th, at 6:30 p.m.
- We will host a Fraternal Benefits Night on Tuesday, October 24th, in the Spirit Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- 40 Days for Life prayer vigil is scheduled for Thursday, October 26th beginning at 7:00 a.m. for 1 hour increments until 7:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood in downtown Sarasota.
- Tony Minopoli virtual seminar on "Aligning your Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values" begins at 7:30 p.m.

The 4th Degree Assembly will be hosting a Cigar and Dinner fund-raiser on October 28 at Maduro's on Tamiami Trail beginning at 5:00 p.m.



The next Council Social Event will be held on Friday, October 27th, at Waterfrontoo beginning at 5:30 p.m. At this social we will honor Fr. Lawton as our past Chaplain. Please contact Brother Dave Bracy at <u>dsbracy@comcast.net</u> for reservations.

Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR Hello my Brothers,

October will be a busy month for the Insurance and Asset Advisor's business. As you all know, the Knights of Columbus is the only true Catholic based financial services company offering a full line of personal insurance, investments and financial services offered like no other company in the world. We continue to help families guard, grow and give.

Our business is posed to continue to grow and continue to reach deeper in the general Catholic population as individuals continue to ensure their finances are aligned with their faith. When you invest or have purchased insurance products from the Knights of Columbus, you personally continue to help give to the countless charities we hold so close to our hearts. As important, by investing with the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can have a diversified, managed portfolio, that gives you the performance you want, keeps fees low, and also keeping your values.

As part of the services we provide, and that I personally provide, we occasionally have the chance to bring in special guest speakers to give you the additional benefits of knowing what is happening in the company and in the world.



We have that opportunity this month. Mr. Tony Minopoli, the Knights of Columbus Chief Investment Officer is giving a presentation to the Florida councils on October 26th at 7:30 pm. Join us to learn more about insurance, investment and charitable solutions that align with your Catholic values, presented by Mr. Tony Minopoli



Mr. Tony Minopoli Chief Investment Officer

You can register using this link http://fbn.flkofc.com/. Please do share this link with anyone you think might be interested, your children, friends, and family will all benefit from it. Please do share this link with anyone you think might be interested, your children, friends, and family will all benefit.

In summary:

- 10/24 @ 6:30 pm at STM, Keys to a Happy Retirement, Brian DeBlauw presenting
- 10/26 @7:30 pm VIRTUAL, Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values, Tony Minopoli presenting

God bless,



Calendar - October, 2023



SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

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22 Baby Bottles All Masses C	23	24 Fraternal Benefits Night 7:00 PM - SC	25	26 40 Days for Life - <u>Planned Parenthood</u> Tony Minopoli Presentation7:30	27 Monthly Social - Waterfrontoo 5:30 pm	28 <u>Bottles Returned</u> Assembly Fund Raiser -Maduro's 5-8:00 pm.
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