













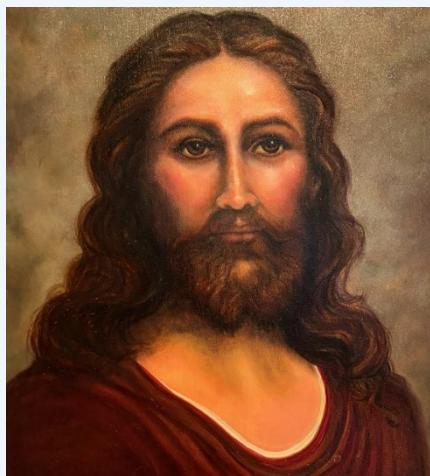
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My Brothers All,



Grand Knights Report

As you read this, we will have completed our first recruitment drive and Exemplification for the 24-25 fraternal year. We welcomed three new brothers to our Council, bringing our membership to 156. Remember, you are the best recruiters we have. If you know someone you think would be a good fit for the Knights, invite him to a meeting or an event and let him see us in action. Thank you to all who helped out with the Memorial Garden Clean-up. We accomplished much more than was expected, and it is starting to

look great! We will have another clean-up day this month. Look for an email on it soon. We had our first Faith Formation Family meal on September 18. We served over 125 students and their families for a total of 300 meals. We kicked the rust off and are poised to be a fine-tuned machine for the Trunk or Treat event on October 26.

We had a great turnout of brothers to help at our first Fall Fish Fry held on September 7, and we served over 225 meals. Our upcoming events are installing the new awning over the paver area on October 18. We will have our first Parrish-wide document shredding event on October 19. Fall Festival at PUMC, contact Brother Samuel or myself if you want to represent St. Frances Cabrini Church at the PUMC Fall Festival. Our Parrish will pray the Rosary at Noon on the corner of Rte 301 and Fort Hammer Rd. on October 12. Please join us and 22500 other groups nationwide as we pray the rosary together. Although it's not officially a KofC program, remember that TMIY has changed the start time for coffee to 7:30 am, and you will be done by 9:00 am.

peace, Ron



Community



Parrish Wide Document Shredding Event

We are announcing a Parishioner / Community Document Shredding Day on Saturday, October 19th, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

This is a first come, first serve FREE opportunity to finally securely destroy on-site those important documents that have been taking up space and are no longer needed. We will have a drive lane marked for you to follow to, where Knights will help unload your documents to safely dispose of sensitive documents by shredding them on-site.

We ask that you bring NO MORE THAN TWO (2) banker boxes of documents to dispose of. You can get rid of many unwanted documents in 2 boxes, so start going through those stuffed files and closet shelves and bring them to the Mother Cabrini Center on Saturday the 19th and get back a little more well-needed space! Check the upcoming week's bulletins for more information.

Peace, **Phil Latona**, Community Director





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A Message from
BISHOP DEWANE



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

News of Amendment 4, a dangerous pro-abortion amendment which will appear on the Florida ballot this fall, has no doubt reached you by now. The amendment is misleading in its language, and dangerous not only for full-term babies, but women, and girls. It is my hope that once you look into the facts of this proposed change to Florida's state constitution, you will unequivocally vote "no" in November.

Keep in mind, if you will, that the word "no" is not always negative. In this case, it is not only a "positive," it is positively crucial, and even lifesaving! Plan to do something positive by saying "yes" to life by voting "no" in November.

Why vote "no" on Amendment 4?

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," this amendment would embed unregulated abortion in the state constitution, establishing an unlimited right to abortion throughout the pregnancy, making Florida one of the most pro-abortion states in the nation.

Amendment 4 **would allow for second and third trimester abortions**, a stark contrast to Florida's current Heartbeat Protection Law which allows abortion up until a heartbeat can be detected, at about six weeks gestation. Although in a perfect world any abortion would be unthinkable, it is certainly preferable to have some limits on when it is legal.

This amendment allows for abortion for any reason, including consideration of the "patient's health," which is undefined in the amendment. Current Florida law includes an exception for when the pregnant woman's life is in danger, among many other exceptions.

Further, Amendment 4 puts not only babies, but women and girls at risk. The amendment weakens the current medical doctor requirement, allowing "healthcare providers," not just physicians, to determine if an abortion is necessary to protect the mother's health. This is dangerous for women.

The Amendment also **eliminates the currently required parental "consent" for a minor** to have an abortion, preserving only parental "notification." This is reckless, and destructive, for girls, and their families.

In short, Amendment 4 goes dangerously beyond even what was permitted in the *Roe v. Wade* ruling. **It is extreme, and unnecessary. There is simply no need to expand what is an already expansive abortion law in Florida.**

Some have said that the Church has no place in politics. It is true that the Church would never suggest you vote for a particular candidate. However, in this election year, it is critically important to remember that shaping the moral character of society is a responsibility of people of faith, and a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ. In this case, when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity, **the Church must not be silent and simply cannot remain on the sidelines.**

Let us unite in prayer to defeat this expansive, pro-abortion amendment, and vote "no" on Amendment 4 in November.

Thank you, and God Bless you, and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Frank J. Dewane

Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida



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Faith

New discoveries on the Shroud of Turin inspire viral AI image of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1YjHZAPO3g>

History of the Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary, because of the anniversary of victory at the Battle of Lepanto and the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary occurring in October. The Battle of Lepanto and the institution of the feast day took place in the 17th century; in the late 1800s, Pope Leo XIII officially dedicated the entire month to devotion to the Holy Rosary

The rosary was originally called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary because Our Lady is venerated by the angelic greeting (the Hail Mary) repeated one hundred fifty times, corresponding to the number of the Davidic Psalter, and by the Lord's Prayer before each decade. Superimposed on these prayers are certain meditations showing forth the entire life of Our Lord Jesus Christ, thus completing the method of prayer devised by the Fathers of the Holy Roman Church. In this we see that the rosary actually has its origin partly in the Divine Office, the official prayer of the Church, in which all 150 Psalms are recited/chanted in the course of each week.

The 150 Davidic Psalms (the Psalter of David) have always been prayed by Old Testament Israel, by post-Temple Jews, and by Christians for personal prayer, communal prayer, lamentations, praise, thanksgiving, and, in the case of Christians, to demonstrate the fulfillment of prophecy. They came to form a large part of the Divine Office sung at the various canonical hours by religious. Lay people who did not have copies of Scripture or the Breviary and lay people and religious who were illiterate would substitute 150 Pater Noster's (Our Father's) or Ave's (Hail Mary's) for the 150 Psalms they could not read.

The prayers were originally counted by transferring pebbles from one bag to another, but soon enough Christians began to tie a rope with knots on which to count. This evolved further into using beads or pieces of wood in place of the knots, and this soon came to be called the "Psalter of the Laity". Around the end of the first millennium, rosaries contained the present five decades (sets of ten beads), with the Ave beads shaped like white lilies for the purity of the Virgin and the Pater beads shaped like red roses for the wounds and Passion of Christ.

St. Dominic de Guzman popularized the Marian Psalter in the form we have it today (150 Aves with a Pater after each 10), the founder of the order of Friar Preachers, having recourse to the Blessed Virgin in order to stem the flood of the Albigensian heresy, which was spreading itself like a plague over many countries, but especially over France, instituted, by special revelation from her, in the year 1206, and afterwards very effectually promulgated, the devotion of the holy Rosary, which ever since has produced now for many ages the most marvellous results in the Christian world. So associated with the Rosary is St. Dominic that the Rosary is often called the "Dominican Rosary".





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To ponder: The Word Made Flesh Dwelling Among Us!

"During pregnancy, some baby cells migrate into the mother's bloodstream and then return to the child. It's called "mother-fetal microchimerism".



Father's Corner



For 41 weeks, the cells mix and circulate back and forth, and, after the baby is born, many of these cells remain in the mother's body, leaving a permanent imprint in the tissues, bones, brain and skin of the baby to mother, and they often remain there for decades.

Every other child a mother has will leave a similar imprint on her body.

Even if a pregnancy doesn't end, or if you have an abortion, these cells still migrate into the bloodstream.

Research has shown that if a mother's heart is injured, fetal cells will rush to the injury site, and transform into different types of cells that specialize in repairing the heart.

The child helps the mother repair, while the mother builds the child.

This is often the reason why some diseases fade away during pregnancy.

It's amazing how the mother's body protects the baby at all costs, and the baby protects and rebuilds the mother in return, so they can safely develop and survive.

Let's think about pregnancy cravings for a moment. What did the mother need, that the child made her wish?

The studies also showed the presence of fetal cells in her mother's brain 18 years after birth. How wonderful is this? "

From an article by Nargis Kizalbash



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Faithfull Navigator

September 11th Flag Waving

Holy Cross and St Francis Cabrini Councils held their annual 9/11 flag waving event with brothers from both councils and First Responders support.



For those of you who are currently members of the "Membership," formally referred to as the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees, who wish to join the "Patriotic," formally referred to as the 4th Degree, there will be an Exemplification Ceremony on Saturday, November 30, 2024. This is the Saturday following Thanksgiving, and this Exemplification has traditionally been held at a hotel in the Orlando, FL, area. This year, however, the Exemplification will be held at Resurrection Catholic Church, 1211 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787. The Honoree at this ceremony will be Retiring Master John O'Toole.



The Patriotic Degree is a group of outstanding Knights dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for the country, and for the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes. To qualify, you must be 18 years of age, a citizen of the U.S., a member in good standing of your Council, and a practicing Catholic.

All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by November 22, 2024.

For more information, please contact Bob Wombacher, Faithful Navigator, at 941-323-1658 or Gerry Hayes, Faithful Captain, at 727-224-5342.

Let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Bob Wombacher

Faithful Navigator



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Brothers!

I hope you are all doing well and are ready for some relief from the summer heat. I know I am.

Today, I want to talk about a change in the Knights' policy regarding available services to deceased member's spouses.

In the past, the surviving spouse could take advantage of the Knights benefits and services for up to one year following the member's death.

In an effort to continue our mission of serving members and their families, that one-year limit has been changed. This is a wonderful change and a great opportunity to serve those who truly need our assistance and financial experience.

A very significant part of my role is to meet with the surviving wife of a member to handle the claim and offer any assistance I can in those very difficult times.

Many times, the surviving spouse is not at all familiar with the financial information and activities of the family. I offer to assist with all the financial pieces, including everything from filing claims on insurance policies (K of C or otherwise), help with notifying Social Security for the benefit adjustment, any pension where the spouse would be receiving benefits, and taking an overall look at investments. Often, the family risk tolerances become more conservative over the years, and their investments need to be updated.

What works well, in many cases, is the Knights Vantage annuity.

In this dropping rate environment, the Vantage offers a five (5) year guaranteed rate on annuities > \$25,000. We also offer annuities for < \$25,000.

The best feature of this annuity is the minimum rate guarantee.

There is no ceiling when rates rise and a floor if rates fall!

This is an overview and not meant to be a recommendation, but I would be happy to meet with you or a spouse of a passed member to discuss their particular situation, the Vantage, and other options available. God Bless! **Ron Moliterno Field Agent**



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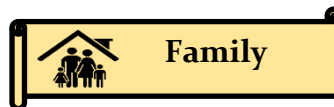
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Brothers All,

The Knights have been busy supporting our Parish Family in various ways over the past month.



Due to the massive success of our Lenten Fish Frys, we held our first Fall Fish Fry on Friday, September 6th, and had a decent turnout, but we need everyone to come out for our 2nd Fall Fish Fry on Friday, October 11th – please mark your calendars. The Knights also cooked and served a few hundred hamburgers and hot dogs for the first Faith Formation meeting on September 18th - what a great turnout!

Looking further out, in addition to the Oct 11th Fish Fry, the Knights will be hosting at Shred Truck at the Cabrini Center on October 19th, and we'll conduct our Fall Roadside Clean-Up along 301 on Saturday morning, November 2nd at 8 am- we are always looking for helpers! Finally, the Knights will host a star gazing event with our telescope expert, Brother Ed, on November 9th.

As always, we plan to introduce new initiatives to continue supporting our Parish Family.

Vivat Jesus, God Bless! **Brother Ray**



Faith Formation Dinner

Cooking for the Faith Formation Families is a heartwarming and inspiring event that brings together the council in a spirit of service and togetherness. This month, 22 Brother Knights generously volunteered their time to cook burgers and hotdogs for over 300 faith formation students and parents. The food was served promptly at 6:15, and there was just enough for everyone, ensuring no one went hungry. The dedication and hard work of the volunteers of the Faith Formation staff is truly inspiring, and we see the number of participants in this program grow year over year. Those who stepped up to help should feel proud, as they served the future of our faith and also our future Brother Knights.

We held our 1st fish fry on Sept 6th with a fair turnout, selling 225 meals. There were a few bumps in the road (weather, football game, etc.). Our next one will be on Oct 11th, which should be better. We have already checked that there is no home football game on that Friday, hoping and praying that the weather will not be so hot or rainy. Fryer Status – we should have all eight fryers ready for the next one so we can run our normal six fryers and have two backups if needed.





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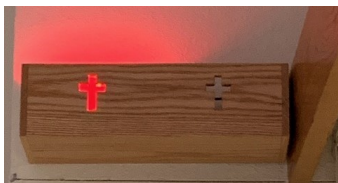


3rd Degree Exemplification

On September 24th, Mother Cabrini Council 12155 successfully hosted its first exemplification of the fraternal year. The event saw a great turnout, and three new members were added to our council. The ceremony commenced promptly at 6:30 p.m., starting with a prayer by Father Joseph, followed by a brief business meeting, and concluded with food and beverages. That brings our new member total to four and our overall membership to 156 members.

New Confessional:

Brother Knights working on the new confessional. The new confessional is located in the Chapel Room. The Church now has two confessionals that can be used as needed.





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Knights and the Young Adults Group Join Forces to Beautify Church Memorial Gardens

On September 7th, the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Young Adults Group of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Church to restore the church's beloved Memorial Garden. The combined efforts of these two groups demonstrated the power of teamwork and faith-driven service as they cleared weeds, overgrowth, and fallen tree limbs from the sacred space.

The Memorial Gardens hold special significance for many in our parish, serving as a quiet place to reflect and remember loved ones. However, time and nature had taken their toll, leaving the space needing attention. On a bright Saturday morning, members of both groups gathered armed with rakes, pruning shears, and gloves, ready to take on the challenge.

The cleanup was more than just an act of service—it was a chance for fellowship across generations. Younger parishioners worked alongside seasoned Knights, learning the value of service to the church and sharing stories about the parish's history and the importance of keeping these spaces beautiful and accessible. The Knights were especially proud to mentor the younger group, exemplifying the values of brotherhood and charity that define our mission.

By the end of the day, the Memorial Gardens had been transformed into a well-kept area of peace and beauty. The hard work and dedication of the volunteers left a lasting impact not only on the space but also on the hearts of those who participated. We look forward to more collaborative efforts like this in the future as we continue to serve our parish together in faith.

By Brother Bryce Johnson

Note: Brother Bryce and Lauren will be leaving us for the wide open spaces of Montana. They will both be surly missed by the Knights and Church family for all that they have done!

Jim Recupito, Deputy Grand Knight



Knights News





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Flag Retirement:

Scout Troop 146 from Parrish held a public flag retirement ceremony on Labor Day, Sept 2nd, at Camp Flying Eagle. We recently had a scout build flag collection boxes for his Eagle project, and we had several flags from those, as well as some collected by the Knights at St Frances church. Scouts and a few other groups can retire worn flags in a ceremony, burning them until unrecognizable. Part of our usual ceremony recognizes veterans and active military personnel. It pays tribute to the nation's creation and what the flag stands for, to Scouting and the country. We had over 100 flags in various states to be retired, completed with the help of a few cub scouts from nearby Packs as well.



Knight of the Month: Chris Vidoli

Since joining the Knights this past year Chris is another one who has jumped in with both feet.

I have never heard NO from Chris. He is dedicated to his Church, serving as a Greeter for the 4 PM Mass and on the Special services Usher Team doing Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals. He has worked at all of the fish fry's since joining the Knights and every event we have held this year, including the Golf Tournament and the memorial garden clean-up. Chris has also taken over the Guard position vacated by Bryce Johnson, who has just relocated for work.





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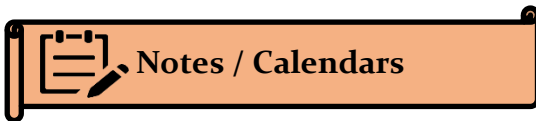
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Family of the Month: Bill and Linda Wagner

Bill and Linda are familiar faces at all of our Fish Fry's. But what seemingly goes unnoticed is that they are the one of the first to show up and the last to leave. They both worked countless hours for our golf tournament and are responsible for bringing in our most prominent sponsors.

Bill is an Usher at our 4 PM Mass and is on the Special Services Usher Team doing Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals.

Together, they embody the spirit of Selflessness and community, and we are proud to recognize them as our Family of the Month.



Notes / Calendars

Pumpkins, Ponies, Prizes and more coming to Parrish this Fall

The annual fall festival held on the grounds of Parrish United Methodist Church just keeps getting bigger and better – this year, organizers are teaming up with **Mote Marine** and their underwater sea life exhibit along with **Sidewalk Science's** space station featuring out-of-this-world telescopes!

The fall festival draws thousands annually and is a genuine community effort. Following the success of the first fall festival in 2021, PUMC Director of Kids' Ministry, Ethel Pawley, invited other community churches to become involved, and the event grew larger than she had ever imagined. Attending the fall festival is free, and all are welcome.

Date: Sunday, October 13th Time: 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Location: Parrish United Methodist Church grounds.
Additional information: contact Ethel Pawley at ethel@parrishumc.com or 941-776-1539





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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".

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

Web Site Guide: Our Web Master, Jon Albano, has compiled a short tutorial on accessing the council's web and Facebook sites. He will also have a more detailed tutorial on YouTube next month with additional information on navigating the sites and the various information on the site. If you would like a copy of the handout, have any problems with access, or have questions, you can contact Bother Jon at 'jonalbano777@gmial.com' or DGK Jim 'recio900@comcast.net'.

Transfer To Council Eternal

At the business meeting held on September 24th, Council 12155 transferred the following Brother to the Council Eternal:

Father Utrip

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers:

John J Altomare	1
Robert D Wombache	1
Myles Donley	5
Donald J Brun	12
Michael T Matson	14
Eugene M Wethington	17
Earl F Baker	19
Xavier Colon	21
Edward T McDonough	23
Stephan Nuspl	23
Elikem Dorbu	24

Upcoming October Events: TMIY— Every Sat.

Oct. 11th—Fish Fry	Oct. 12th— Rosary Corner
Oct. 13th — Fall Festival	Oct. 19th — Doc. Shredding
Oct. 20th — Blood Drive	Oct. 22nd — 3rd Deg. Meeting

Updated Listing for Officers:

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