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My Brothers All,



We have completed our Tootsie Roll Drive for Special Olympics and our first in a while, Golf Tournament. They were both tremendously successful events. I want to thank everyone who gave their time, talent, and treasure for both events. We have a busy year planned and we won't be able to accomplish our goals without your help. Please get involved. Some of our events require only a couple of hours of commitment. At our Officer's planning meeting, we created a list of new events that will include our Parrish family, such as

hosting a document shredder to come to the Church. We all have a box of old tax returns we need to eliminate. We will continue with our Fall Fish Fry's. The first one will be on September 6th. The Knights will be teaming up with the Young Adults Group to work on clearing brush and weeds from the Memorial Garden on September 7th at 8 am. We can always use additional help. We will be having our first exemplification on September 24th. It is the job of all Knights to help grow our Council. If you know someone interested in joining, refer them to www.kofc.org to sign up online. Their first year is free!

peace, **Ron**



Faithfull Navigator

The Father Patrick Farrell Assembly is looking to reactivate the Color Corps in the coming Fraternal Year. The Color Corps is the honor guard for Assembly functions as well as for local Council functions and may provide color guards for the ceremonies with colors (flags). The Patriotic (4th) Degree is the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus and the presence of the uniformed Color Corps in churches and at other functions often lead potential members to consider joining the Order.

The Assembly will continue the practice of handouts to commemorate Patriotic or Faith related events each month. We will also sponsor an event to recognize our first responders with a lunch provided to the north river sheriff's and fire stations. We will also continue our sponsorship of a Wives and Widows dinner in 2025.

Finally, the Assembly recognized Jim Recupito with its Armor of God Award at the August meeting. Jim has taken the lead on a number of Council related events and programs such as the Lenten Fish Frys, car show, and golf outing. He also was instrumental in setting up this newsletter and websites for both the Council and Assembly. Please join in our recognition of Jim's efforts and accomplishments with this award.

Bob Wombacher, FN





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Community



We completed our 2nd Tootsie Roll Fundraising drive for Special Olympics at the Publix (Silver Leaf Plaza) at Chin Rd. We collected \$1,885.00 total for the 2 - 6 hour days. I want to thank all the volunteers for their time and help, making this the highest donations collected in support of the Special Olympics to date.

The two events (July & August - 4 days total) raised \$4,332.00.

I would like to share a story with you all:

As I was working the first shift on Friday, August 9th, a Special Olympian was walking into the store with his mother to go shopping. I saw he had a Special Olympics T-shirt on, and as I was taking some donations, he and his mother briskly walked towards me and thanked John and me for the job we were all doing. He then told me that he won a gold medal in Bowling a few years back. I could see his excitement and how he and his mother were beaming with pride while talking about his accomplishments. I shook his hand and congratulated him on a job well done winning his gold medal, and wished them both the very best.

We all should take pride in the work and time we put in to help the less fortunate achieve their goals and dreams and have those same feelings of enthusiasm and pride in their accomplishments as well as in our own in the work we do for others.

Community Director, **Phil Latona**



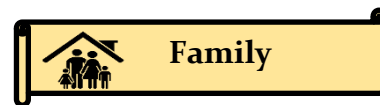
Brothers All,

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

As always, we have provided security to Father Joseph during Saturday confessions. We are also excited to begin a baby bottle drive this Fall to raise funds to support a local pregnancy center and food bank. The idea is to hand out empty baby bottles after mass and collect ones filled with change/bills a week or two later. We are still ironing

out the details, but more is to come. We are also happy to announce that due to the success of our Fall Fish Frys last year, we will be holding Fish Frys this September 6th and again in October- We hope to see you there! As always, we plan to introduce new initiatives to continue supporting our Parish Family.

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



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Faith

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. She suffered such anguish when she watched her Son's passion and death (Luke 2:35). When Our Lord, while dying, gives John the Disciple (symbolically the Church) to His mother, so that we may have her aid. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion. In Catholic, the Blessed Virgin Mary is portrayed in a sorrowful and lacrimating affect, with seven daggers piercing her heart, often bleeding. Devotional prayers that consist of meditation began to elaborate on her Seven Sorrows based on the prophecy of Simeon.



1. With this confidence in my heart, I meditate on the First Sorrow, when Mary, Virgin Mother of my God, presented Jesus, her only Son, in the Temple, laid Him in the arms of holy aged Simeon, and heard his prophetic word, "This One shall be a sword of pain to pierce thine own heart," foretelling thereby the Passion and Death of her Son Jesus.
2. The Second Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she was obliged to fly into Egypt by reason of the persecution of cruel Herod, who impiously sought to slay her well-beloved Son.
3. The Third Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when, after having gone up to Jerusalem at the Paschal Feast with Joseph her spouse and Jesus her dear Son, she lost Him on her return to her poor house, and for three days bewailed the loss of her beloved only Son.
4. The Fourth Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she met her dear Son Jesus carrying on His tender shoulders the heavy cross whereon He was to be crucified for our salvation.
5. The Fifth Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she saw her Son Jesus raised upon the tree of the cross, and Blood pouring forth from every part of His Sacred Body; and when then, after three long hours' agony, she beheld Him die.
6. The Sixth Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she saw the lance cleave the Sacred Side of Jesus, her beloved Son, and when taken down from the cross, His Holy Body was laid in her purest bosom.
7. The Seventh and last Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin, Queen and Advocate of us her servants, miserable sinners, was when she saw the Holy Body of her Son buried in the grave.

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Life

The Fall Kickoff for 40 Days for Life will be held Thursday September 26th, at 10:30 in the parking lot at Community Pregnancy Clinic, 1419 7th Street Sarasota, around the corner from Sarasota Planned Parenthood.

We have two great speakers lined up for this event you will not want to miss.

First, Lynda Bell, president of Florida Right to Life and one of the founders of Do No Harm Florida, a group working to defeat Amendment 4, the pro-abortion amendment to the Florida Constitution.

Second, Scott Baier, the CEO of Community Pregnancy Clinics (CPCI) who will speak about some of the new initiatives that CPCI is undertaking including being part of a coalition to defeat Amendment 4.

This is a bring your own chair event.

Brothers, the Diocese of Venice is asking the laity to vote NO on Amendment 4. Florida will still have abortion. The amendment, if passed would remove all protections that have been passed by the Florida legislature. So my brothers, we need people to sign up in pairs for the 40 Days for Life starting September 28, 2024. Those pregnant women need to see the Love of Christ praying for them to chose Life for their unborn child the volume of prayers soften the determination of the women seeking an abortion. Will you do your duty as a follower of Christ this Fall? Hope to see you there. Let's get fired up to save babies and defeat Amendment 4 this fall.

This is a bring your own chair event. Life Director, **Tom B**

Some good news on the Amendment 4 front. In the state of Florida, all ballot initiatives must have a financial impact statement to properly inform voters of the cost to the state and the taxpayers.

On July 25, the Florida First District Court of Appeals ruled that the financial impact statement dealing with Amendment 4 is appropriate and will stand as written. The financial impact statement reads as follows:

"The proposed amendment would result in significantly more abortions and fewer live births per year in Florida. The increase in abortions could be even greater if the amendment invalidates laws requiring parental consent before minors undergo abortions and those ensuring only licensed physicians perform abortions. There is also uncertainty about whether the amendment will require the state to subsidize abortions with public funds. Litigation to resolve those and other uncertainties will result in additional costs to the state government and state courts that will negatively impact the state budget. An increase in abortions may negatively affect the growth of state and local revenues over time. Because the fiscal impact of increased abortions on state and local revenues and costs cannot be estimated with precision, the total impact of the proposed amendment is indeterminate."

Now, pray that people will actually read the financial impact statement before voting.

The oneblood Big Red Bus was here on August 9 and was able to get 17 units of blood. The next one will be on December 22nd, from 8am to 1 pm. All Donors will receive a \$20.00 eGift Card, Insulated Tote Bag, and Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. (appointments are encouraged, please visit: [Donate Blood or Platelets | Save a Life \(oneblood.org\)](https://www.oneblood.org) and use sponsor code #14358)





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Council

Knight of the Month:

We are pleased to announce Phil Latona as our Knight of the Month for August. Though Phil has only been a member of 12155 for a short time, he has become an integral part of our Council, serving in various capacities. He worked at all the fish fry's; He was the driving force behind us obtaining four additional fryers. Phil has taken over the Community Director position that opened when Brother Hank moved away. He had some big shoes to fill and has shown that he is up to the task! Phil took the leadership role in the Tootsie Roll Drive, and he was also a member of the Golf Tournament steering committee; when we needed a new Treasurer, Phil stepped up to take over the position for the Council and has already proven that he is up to the task for us. He is always ready to help with a smile and a can-do attitude. We are grateful for his dedication and service to our Council. Congratulations, Phil!



August Family of the Month

The Family of the Month honor is bestowed upon Bryce and Lauren Johnson for their unwavering dedication and service to our parish community. Together, they have formed and led the Young Adults ministry for Catholic adults in their 20s and 30s, providing a space for spiritual growth and fellowship. The Young Adults' partnership with the Knights has been instrumental in performing various outside maintenance tasks around the parish grounds, ensuring our church remains a welcoming and beautiful space for all.

Bryce's commitment to service is evident through his nine years of volunteering with the Youth Group, where he teaches pre-confirmation classes and holds the position of Inside Guard in our Council. His involvement with the Tootsie Roll Drive, Golf Tournament, and Newsletter Team has greatly enriched our Council.

Lauren is equally involved, volunteering with the hospitality committee and making significant contributions to the rebranding of St. Frances Cabrini Church by developing several logos. Her Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion role further exemplifies her dedication to serving others.

Bryce and Lauren embody the spirit of selflessness and community, and we are proud to recognize them as our Family of the Month.



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Benefits Advisor

Brothers!

I wanted to use this month's article to update and review with you, the outstanding benefits

offered to a new Knight and his family.

Aside from your free subscription to the Columbia magazine, our beautiful rosary received at exemplification, a full line of insurance and investment services, there is a series of family benefits members may not be familiar with:

Widow Benefits

Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; a) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member's death; b) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; c) eligible with her children for scholarships.

Fraternal Benefits:

Member/Spouse Accidental Death Benefit

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. This benefit is given at no cost to all members (and their wives) residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council.

Benefits

Years of Continuous Membership	Non-Ins Member Ben.	Insured Member*
Less than 5 years	\$1,500	\$3,000
5 years or more	\$2,500	\$5,000
Age 65+	\$1,500	\$1,500

The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member's benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,500. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

Family Fraternal Benefit

The Family Fraternal Benefit provides the following benefits to insured members.

- a). Pays \$5,000 for a child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception.
- b). Pays \$5,000 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days
- c). Offers guaranteed-issue insurance - up to \$10,000 - to any child under age 18.

Orphan Fraternal Benefit

The Orphan Fraternal Benefit provides the following benefit to the children of insured members:

- a). Pays \$500 monthly allotment for each eligible orphan of up to age 18
- b). Pays up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships up to a maximum of \$20,000 per eligible orphan.

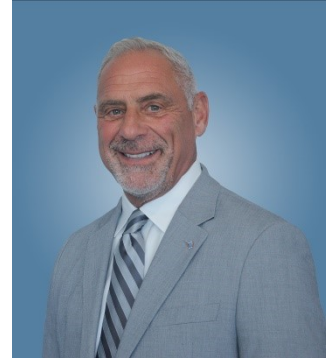
This short article only touches the surface of all the benefits Knights are given for their membership. I would be happy to present the full list to all of you.

There are so many wonderful reasons and benefits to become a Knight.

Let us all use these new and enhanced benefits as we talk to potential members.

We want to provide these to ALL Catholic men and their families.

Field Agent, **Ron Moliterno**





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Knights News

The Knights of Columbus Golf Outing was held on the 17th of August at the River Wilderness Golf & Country Club. We had 95 players participating in the event with a tee time of 8:00 am, and everyone was off the course by 12:45 pm, followed by an awards luncheon at the club. The following are the winners of the different categories:



1st Place: Men's Team Suhr+Steffel+Suhr+Malony
Woman's Team Slaton+Niemeyer+Moor+Nissen
2nd Place: Men's Team Lohr+Taylor+Iker+Iker
Woman's Team Van Dillen+Cameron+Baxter+Cameron
Hole-in-One: We had a Hole-in-1 prize on the four par 3 holes. Unfortunately, we did not have any winners.
Closest to the Line: Men's: Wisniewski Women's: Mendez
Longest Drive: Men's: Lohn Women's: More
50/50: \$362 given to the lucky ticket holder

The Event Team would like to thank all who participated and the 16 volunteers who helped make the event successful. We could not have done this without them! Not all of the costs are in yet, but it looks like this has been one of the biggest fundraisers so far.

One of our sponsors provided pictures of the outing for us. Here are several URLs where the photos are posted. Council's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set?set=oa.2280570652291642&type=3>

Dropbox: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/lwtntxtj7l28wx1zjuzfbn/AKPj_7K026QVbfQHjT_n-jk?rlkey=ljyx1lrkfy2zsump6jua2f6ip&st=wdotx4f1&dl=0

On August 22, 2024, Mark VanTrees received a generous donation of \$2650.00 from the proceeds of the Car Show held at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church. Father Joseph Gates, pastor of St Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, and Ron Merigold, Grand Knight of Mother Cabrini Council, presented the check. Deputy Grand Knight Jim Recupito, Past Grand Knight John T. Kreger IV, and Financial Secretary Bob Wombacher were also present at the event. The heartfelt gathering showcased the Parrish's support and solidarity in assisting the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The donation will undoubtedly make a meaningful impact in furthering the foundation's vital mission. Tunnel to



Towers has started constructing **Bradenton Veterans Village**, a 122-unit housing and training facility in Bradenton. This is the beginning of their effort to eradicate veteran homelessness in Florida.



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PRAYER SERVICE

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church
Tuesday, August 27

For additional pictures and video please
see the council web or face book site



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Notes / Calendars

The Calendar and Birthday listings have been moved to the Council's website. Here is the URL for the website. You need to log in to access the "Members Only" section. The login ID is your membership number (located on your 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>

Friday Fish Fry

We will kick off our Friday Fish Fry season for this fraternal year, with the first one on September 6th, 2024. The price and menu will be the same as before. If you are new to the council and would like to help, please let us know, and we will be glad to add you to one of the many crews that are needed to keep this event as successful this year as it was in the past. Looking forward to seeing everyone again for this year's run.



Memorial Garden Clean-up

The Knights and the Young Adults group will do a Memorial Garden Clean-up on September 7th starting at 8:00 am. Your participation will be appreciated if you would like to help with this activity and share an hour or more. The more brothers we have will help with the many jobs that need to be done. We plan this to be a monthly event. Hope to see many of you there.



Save the Date: The Knights will hold a Star Gazing Event on November 9th from 6-8 pm in the Cabrini Center parking lot. They will have several scopes set up to look at the night sky. If you have your own scope, you are invited to bring it to the event, and if you have questions about your scope, they will gladly help you use it.

