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**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 11421
BOCA RATON, FL.**

THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

“Let the children come to me...”

– Mark 10:14

Brother Knights,

Throughout the past several weeks, our Council has had the privilege of celebrating some of the most faithful and joy-filled members of our Church: our children. We honored Brock Shaffer as Florida's State Altar Server of the Year and gathered in appreciation for all the young people who serve so reverently at the altar of God. Seeing their camaraderie and quiet confidence, I was reminded that we are not only witnessing the future of the Church — we are watching the Church *already alive* in them.

In a world increasingly filled with conflict, noise, and tragedy, we look to our children and youth with renewed hope. That hope was on full display recently at the Jubilee Youth Day in Rome, where nearly a million young Catholics came together in faith and witness. What a powerful sign that the fire of Christ's love continues to burn brightly in the hearts of our youngest disciples.

Yet, we know the path is not without sorrow. The recent heartbreaking shooting at the Church of the Annunciation in Minneapolis, which took the lives of two children and wounded many others, shook us all. How do we respond in the face of such senseless evil?

We respond as Knights. We reaffirm our role as protectors, mentors, and witnesses. We commit to loving our youth, praying for them, encouraging their vocations, and surrounding them with the strength of our example. For Jesus Himself did not call us to comfort but to *courage* — and there is no greater courage than to believe in goodness even when the world offers its darkest hour.

So let us take heart. Let us never underestimate the power of a kind word to a child, the importance of presence in their lives, or the influence we hold as Knights of Columbus. Every altar server we thank, every youth we support, every act of faith we pass on — it all matters.

May the Holy Spirit guide us to be men of conviction, men of love, and men of hope. And may we always remember that in the eyes of our children, we are often the first glimpse of Christ they ever see.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother David, GK

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Those who are in need our help and prayers:

Please keep these people and their families in your prayers:

- Deacon Bill and Dorothy Ferguson
- Bro. Gene & Rose Guiliano
- Bro. Mike King
- Deacon Gregory Sherman
- Debbie Lazarus
- John Morris (son of John Morris)
- Bro. Richard Crawford
- Fr Francis Reardon

MEMBERSHIP:

Congratulations to the Council for achieving Star Council. This year the Council is starting out with 120 members, 88 associate members, 31 insurance members and 1 inactive member. The council's quota this year is again 7 new members. Let's work together and achieve Double Star Council this year.

The membership dues of \$38 for 2025/2026 Fraternal Year are currently due. Please pay your dues promptly so that the Council doesn't have to incur extra postage cost when sending letters and time when making phone calls.

If you know of a practicing Catholic man 18 years of age or older, who would like to join the Knights. Please have them scan this QR code which will bring them to the website to join or contact **Membership Director Nick Morrone**
Sr. email nickmorrone@gmail.com cell 954.830.5625



ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
Officer's Meeting 6:30pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Sunday Sept. 7th, 14th & 21st
Coffee & Donuts – After All Masses

Monday, Sept. 15th
Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Sunday Sept. 28th
Pancake Breakfast – After All Masses

OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th
Coffee & Donuts – After All Masses

Monday, Oct. 6th
Officer's Meeting @ 6:30pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Monday, Oct. 13th
Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm
Parish Hall Classroom 5&6

Sunday/Saturday Oct. 14th – 20th
Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon

Saturday, Oct. 25th
Setup – St. John's Golf Tournament
Parish Hall – 10:00am

Sunday, Oct. 26th
St. John's Golf Tournament @ 12:00pm

St. John's Knights of Columbus Coffee and Donuts Program:

The Coffee and Donuts' committee would like to thank everyone for their support this past year. Without your support the Program would not be successful. This year's sales totaled \$3,344 with a net profit of \$1,536.

The donations collected in the past helped support the KofC Scholarship Program and other needs of the parish. However, this year there were no donations made, and some charitable needs are being explored.

This Fall starts our 18th year and the need for volunteers is great. A third Mass (11:00) is being added to the schedule and will require more helpers. It takes about 20 minutes of your time to help set up and serve donuts. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and the children who look forward to their favorite donut.

Brother Ron Sawchuk was the originator of the Coffee and Donuts Program, and the Council would like to thank him for his dedication and commitment to keeping this Program running for this long. If you can help, please contact Brother Ron Sawchuk, cell: 561.699.7391 or email: ronsawchuk@comcast.net

Pancake Breakfast:

Knights of Columbus Council 11421 will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 28th, after all Masses in the Parish Hall. The net proceeds will benefit our charity The Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida.

This year we are expecting a large turnout therefore the need for volunteers is great. Please pick a mass that you will be able to help and contact Brother Larry Bower, cell: 953.520.1713 or email: bowerl@bellsouth.net.

Menu will consist of plain or blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, juice and coffee. A free will donation can be made at the door. Everyone is invited. Bring the family and enjoy a GREAT breakfast.

28th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner:

St. John's 28th Annual Golf Tournament is on Sunday, October 26^h at Atlantic National Golf Club located at 6400 Grand Lacuna Blvd. Lake Worth, FL 33467. Shotgun starts at 12:00pm. Golf entry will include golf with cart, a box lunch provided by Atlantic National and a goodie bag, after golf cocktail hour and a hot buffet dinner at the Parish Hall. Registration is \$200 per person and \$45 dinner ticket for non-golfer. Golf registration forms are available after Mass or the Parish Office.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and cleanup, also bartenders for the evening. Contact GK David Herbert at 561.702.3402 or email at bocaherb@aol.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

SEPTEMBER

2 – Arthur Colligan	19 – Terry Condon
2 – Daniel Gagnon	25 – Michael Fortino
8 – Guillermo Martinez-Torres	25 – Carl Trigona
12 – Elly Baptiste	25 – Dominick Varacalli
12 – Ben Mccann	27 – Dea. Greg Sherman
15 – Thomas Clements	30 – Edward Mottola
	30 – Edward Rapuano Jr

OCTOBER

1 – Rev. Dominic Tran	11 – Alex Perdereaux
10 – Thomas Agustino	14 – Michael Verga
10 – George Conwell	26 – Scott Spencer
	30 – Albert Blake

COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

New Member:



Dr Andrew Rosen is our first new member of this fraternal year. Andy moved to Florida in 1984 with his family and opened his practice as a psychologist in Delray Beach. He founded the Center for Treatment of Anxiety and Mood Disorders and later the Children's Center for Psychiatry, Psychology and Related Services; both are in Delray Beach. Andy is a Clinical Director and still sees patients virtually.

He lives in Boca Raton with his wife Diana. They have six children and nine grandchildren. Andy converted and was Baptized in April and attends Mass every Sunday at 11 am. He is excited to be part of the Knights of Columbus and has offered his time in any way he can.

When you see Andy introduce yourself and welcome him and his family to our Council.

Installation Of Council Officers:

Council officers were installed at a ceremony held on Sunday, July 28th after 11:00am Mass. District Deputy Robert Zucco and District Warden Joe Guerrero officiated the ceremony along with the honor guard from the 4th degree Assembly 3092.



Father Dominic blessed the jewels before they were distributed to the officers.



Each officer took an oath for their respective offices and received the jewel representing their office to wear at the council meetings. The wives were given a rose as a token of appreciation for their support.



GK David gave a very inspiring message to the group asking for their support and thanking the membership and officers for their support this past year. Also, GK



David gave a recap of all the council activities this past year and said that this year's calendar is filled with same plus more.

Afterwards the council officers along with their wives and DD Robert and Warden Joe had lunch at Bonefish Grill.

Let's work on our principles of Unity, Charity and Fraternally this coming year to make our council even better than last year.

Altar Server of the Year Award:



At the 121st Florida State Council convention, the council was awarded the Altar Server of the Year Award for the Region 6, Division 2, for the 13–18-year-old group. Brock Shaffer is the son of David and Callie Shaffer and was the council's recipient for this award.

Since his training as an Altar Server, Brock had shown excellent service and dedication to the ministry. Brock had been serving at the 8:00am Mass since December 2022 and has never missed a Mass that he had been assigned to serve and is a great example for younger altar servers.

Fr. Dominic and all assisting priests and deacons enjoyed having Brock serve at the altar of our Lord.

Brock is a junior at St. Andrews and plays on their baseball team. After graduation he plans to attend Vanderbilt University and study mechanical engineering.

Congratulations to Brock for receiving the Altar Server of the Year Award and the council wished him luck in his future endeavors.



Altar Server Appreciation Night:

The Council held an Altar Server Appreciation Night on Thursday, August 21st at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. here were 10 altar servers in attendance with their family members for an evening of thanks and appreciation for the service they serve during mass.

GK David message to the altar servers included the history of the patron saint of the altar servers St. Tarcisus who lived in the 3rd century and is known for his martyrdom while protecting the Eucharist. He also talked about the importance of ringing the bells at the right moment during the consecration at Mass.

Fr. Dominic spoke of his appreciation and encouraged them to keep going even though they continued in to college. Brother Marty, who serves as the trainer and coordinator for the altar servers, thank the family members for their time and support by getting the servers to Mass.



For appreciation each altar server received a prayer card and a cross to wear while serving.

The cross had an inscription printer on the side that read Joshua 1:9 "Be Fearless, Be Brave – You are never alone" for the boys. For the girls the inscription read Matthew 28:20 "I Am with You Always".

St John's parish is very pleased to have these young boys and girls serving our church and practicing their faith.



(left to right) Fr. Dominic. Brother Marty Knecht, Altar Servers: Sebastian Ayala, Leonardo Salvietti, Emmanuel Pacheco, Jack Radi Morad, Gabriel Pacheco, Jose Pacheco, Brock Shaffer, Carmella Sauro, Andrew Chew, Valentina Sales, GK David Herbert. Not Pictured: Caleb Caruso, Santino Monaco

ISN'T IT GREAT TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

Message from Lecturer Alan Daniello:

Brothers,

Philippians 4: 6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Pray the Hail Mary

Brother Marty Knecht, Advocate for the Diocese of Palm Beach:

The following is the final list of impediments to marriages, the type of law that governs those impediments, and how those impediments may be dispensed.

Impediment	Type of Law	Dispensation by
Abduction	Ecclesiastical	Ceases when the woman can give free consent in a safe place
Crime or Conjuicide	Ecclesiastical	Reserved to the Holy See
Consanguinity	Divine / Ecclesiastical	Never dispensed in the direct line; dispensed in 3 rd degree and 4 th degree of the collateral line by the local ordinary
Affinity	Ecclesiastical	Dispensation from the local ordinary
Public propriety	Ecclesiastical	Dispensation from the local ordinary
Adoption	Ecclesiastical	Dispensation from the local ordinary

If you or a friend of yours have any questions or concerns about marriage or a possible annulment, please do not hesitate to contact me for a completely confidential conversation.

Vivat Jesus,

Marty

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Supporting Life Ministries:

Mission Statement:

Supported by the St. John's parish family, Ladies of St. John's and Knights of Columbus Council 11421.

Jesus taught us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself". As members of St. John's Supporting Life Ministries our mission and our faith in God compels us to action. There is no better way to experience our love and compassion to God than helping others in need.

The Supporting Life Ministries membership is open to all women, men and children of the St. John's parish family.

The Supporting Life Ministries will be involved in programs to help families in need, newborns and the homeless.

Current activities include:

- The **Rosary** on Saturday mornings will end the Saturday before Good Friday and will resume in October.
- **Boca Helping Hands (BHH)** provides food, medical and financial assistance to meet basic human needs as well as education, job training and guidance to create self-sufficiency.
- **Birthline / Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center** a program under Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Palm Beach respects life in all stages of life. We will support their need for items for infants and small children by providing donated items from parishioners through the Giving Tree program.
- **Right to Life** is to protect and defend the most fundamental right of humankind, the right to life of every human being from the beginning of life to natural death. On the first weekend of each month, at each Mass, we say a prayer for life as a reminder of our Christian commitment to respect the dig human life.

We are seeking new members to join our charity driven group. We meet the fourth Monday monthly at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall Classroom 3. If you are interested, please contact PGK Ron Sawchuk at 561-699-73

Prayer for Life

God of life and love, you created us in your image and sent Your Son to bring us life. Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception until natural death. Empower us to work for justice for the poor. Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry. Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn. Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill. Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect. May we be especially sensitive to the life of the handicapped and incarcerated. Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life. We ask this through Christ or Lord. Amen

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