



A-Knighted News

Blessed Sacrament Seminole
Council #17162

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Special Dates:

Sunday, November 1st

All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 3rd

Election Day

Wednesday, November 11th

Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm Center

Veterans Day

Sunday, November 15th

K of C Memorial Mass 10:00 am

Monday, November 16th

Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Center

Thursday, November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday, November 29th

1st Sunday of Advent



Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

It was 2 years ago through the efforts of Fr. Rick, then District Deputy Bob Gibbia and Francesco Franzese that the process of having a council started. On November 18, 2019 the Supreme Council granted Blessed Sacrament the go ahead to form Council 17162. Some work still had to be done. To have a council, you would need members. So, the larger task was to have individuals sign up to form the new organization. God was with these dedicated men. Consider what they have accomplished. From a room of 28 almost strangers, a council came together and look what we have accomplished over those 2 years. Many wonderful things have been done, many lives touched, many less privileged helped and many pancakes flipped. And we have, "too boot", gathered some awards along the journey! We thank these men for all their efforts.

Of course, our work is not done, but one thing I know, this council rises to any challenge or need that it is presented with. Your selflessness, generosity and compassion is what Jesus preached during His whole ministry and what the Epistles and books of the Apostles reinforce. You men are an inspiration and an example of true Christianity.

We celebrate and thank the Veterans for all their sacrifices and service. Please remember them in your prayers on the 11th and always. They are the key to the freedoms we enjoy today.

Advent starts at the end of the month. Time to start thinking about preparing our souls for Christmas. Maybe we, as a council, can do something even if it is virtual. Give it a thought.

Thank you gentlemen for always being there, for your support and for what you do for the church, community and parish.

---Mike P.



Prayer for Our Country:

Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.

--Thomas Jefferson

Chaplain's Inspiration:

My Dear Brother Knights,

We all love those "feel-good moments." one of my most memorable moments was when I got ordained a priest. Perhaps your special moment was when you got married and the moment your children were born. These sure are good "feel-good moments."

But these types are very few and very far between. In His own way, God gives us those "feel-good moments" very often, even every day. How familiar we all are our Lord telling us, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (*This is the gospel for November 22, Matthew 25:40*)

I love Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Her life vocation to the poor has taught us to see the face of Christ in a distressing disguise. The face of Christ can be hidden when we live our day just for ourselves. There are very few, if any, feel-good





Birthdays:

<i>Francesco Franzese</i>	<i>11/7</i>
<i>Kevin Burnett</i>	<i>11/13</i>
<i>Brent Sowards</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>Randall Sutherland</i>	<i>11/17</i>

Knighthood Anniversaries:

<i>Richard Burgarella</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Nick DiVito</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Rich Dunn</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Mark Friederich</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Tony Manatine</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Ed Ræcek</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Emmette Wallis</i>	<i>11/10/18</i>
<i>Ed Makatura</i>	<i>11/18/19</i>

moments – those moments when we reach out a helping hand to someone.

But remember, good brother Knights, we are on a mission as Catholic gentlemen, and we have an example to set. That example will be set without us even knowing it when respond to another's need with our Lord's love and compassion for them. To see them as Jesus sees them. May he see them through our eyes.

I don't know if that is possible to have a food drive for the parish during this pandemic. If we can't now, perhaps we can down the road. St. Jerome's has a food bank, and I'm sure they would appreciate any help we can give them.

Stay healthy, my friends, and pray to Mother Mary for your brother Knights.

Who will be our next "feel-good moment?"

Fr. Rick Pilger, I.C.

Insurance Agent's Report:

Brothers all,

If you have any questions about insurance, annuities, long care insurance or any other financial concerns, just give me a call, I'll be happy to help.

God Bless and Stay safe,



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Awards:

Brothers, the awards keep rolling in. The latest is the biggest. Our Council has been awarded the highest honor that can be bestowed on a council. The Triple Star Council Award!! Approximately 10% of all the councils in the order (over 18,000 on 6 continents) are awarded Star Council. There are 3 levels of the award; Star Council, Double Star Council and Triple Star, through your efforts and hard work that is the one we received. It is because of your selflessness, that we have accomplished this. You men truly live out the Gospel and it has been noticed and rewarded by the K of C. Just think how much it will be rewarded by our Lord. Awesome job brothers!! I have to give my sincere appreciation to our District Deputy, Jorge Mercado, for his guidance and support. He has been a friend to our council ever since we were assigned to his district. He certainly had a hand in helping us achieve this award.

Assistance:

At the last meeting, the council voted to help the 2 youth organizations in our parish, the Youth Group and Boy Scouts, with a \$250 donation for each. I will be in touch with their coordinators and get the funds to them. We also will be giving a donation to the Parish Pantry for Thanksgiving.

Fore.....:

The council voted to have a golf tournament to be held sometime next year. A committee consisting of Tony Manatine, Tony Romano and myself met to brainstorm some ideas and decide just what would be needed to run a successful tourney. As things progress, we will be calling on you gentlemen for help. Since we really haven't had the chance to fund raise this year (no Charity Mania, no Breakfast with Santa and of course no Pancake Breakfasts) this will be our "mainsail" event.





“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

--Colossians 3:12



For the Faithful Departed:

Sadly, on Sunday, October 18th, our Council lost it's first Brother, Francesco Sclafani. He was a talented musician. Brother Francesco just celebrated his 25th year as a Knight. May the Good Lord lead him to everlasting peace and grant consolation to his family.

Prayer Intentions:

- Those affected by Hurricane Zeta
- Brother Francesco Sclafani and his family
- Our Seminarian Mark De Sio
- First Responders and all Health Care Workers
- For Our Armed Forces and our Veterans
- For the sanctity of all life
- For the end of prejudice in all forms
- And those intentions that are near to our hearts

Brothers, if there is a time that you become aware of a brother or member of the parish that needs assistance or is called back to the Lord, please inform me so that the proper action can be taken. We can't help if we don't know.



Seen while passing a church:
 "SIN burn is prevented by SON
 screen"

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And in conclusion:

These are some tough times that we live in: civil unrest, pandemics, nature "gone wild", greed everywhere you look, corruption, and the list goes on. But, when you think of it, we do have plenty to be thankful for: our families and friends, our health, that we have finances, a home, our parish, community, our Order and our Council. That we have the ability to help others in need and that the Good Lord blessed us with life to begin with. These are sometimes overshadowed by the negative. The devil is certainly hard at work, but then again, so are the Knights of Columbus.

I am always grateful for everyone of you good men and the things that you share, the things that you do, your support and the inspiration that you are to me.

May God bless you all and may you all have a very peaceful, healthy and blessed Thanksgiving.



