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Special Dates:

Monday, September 7th

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Mother

Wednesday, September 9th

Officers Meeting 7:00pm Zoom

Friday, September 11th (9-11)

Patriots Day

Tuesday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

Monday, September 21st

St. Matthew's Day

Membership Meeting 7:00pm TBA

Wednesday, September 23rd

Insurance Benefits Night 7:30 on Zoom

Tuesday, September 29th

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

Well another month has passed and hopefully we are getting closer to returning to "normal". During this time, I know of brothers who have been helping out people in the community who are in need of assistance of some sort or another. I had emailed out a sheet to you to help keep track of your good deeds. If you could snapshot them and send them to me (email, text, etc.) by the 9th, they will be tabulated and a report would be sent out.

I have submitted all the dates to Donna in the Parish Office for our meetings and pancake breakfasts, in order to secure the facilities for when we can again start up our activities.

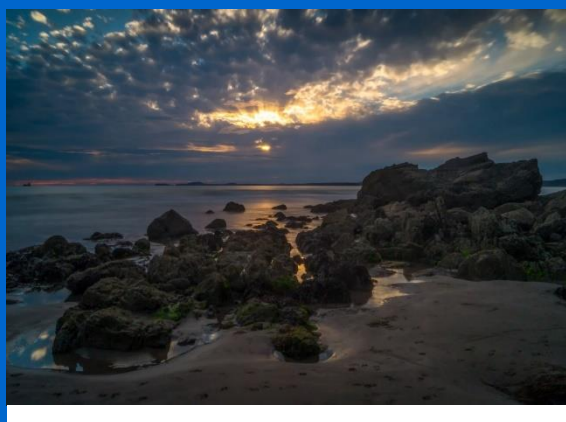
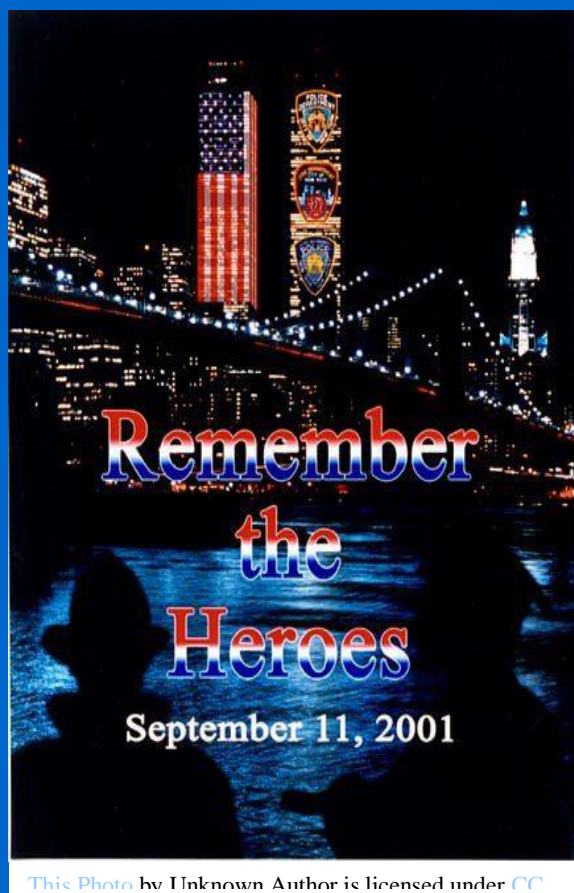
The virtual Rosary with the Parish and School Community was held and streamed on Wed. August 26th. My gratitude is extended to those brothers who were able to participate in person or online. A special thanks goes out to Brother Roger Kenneally who represented our council by helping lead a few of the decades that evening. Thank you, Brother!

Although this pandemic has been going on now for almost 7 full months, uncertainty is still part of our everyday life. The Church has recognized 2 saints as "Patrons of Pandemics". One is St. Edmund a 9th century English King. The other is St. Roch who lived during the Black Death of the 14th century. Maybe praying to them to intercede for us will help in eradicating this horrendous disease. At this point, we can use the extra help.

Please also remember to say a prayer for those we have lost and continue to lose to this day and their families from the 9-11 attack. 19 Years goes by so fast for most of us, but to some it seems like it was yesterday.

I thank you good men for all that you do in our parish, community and for our council. Our work is never done. Remember the motto, "Where there is a need, there is a Knight". God bless you all.

---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,

Here is something from the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, also an update on my surgery.

Update on Father Rick's surgery.

A little over a week ago I turned and heard two pops in my right knee. After a visit to the emergency room and the doctor's office, I had surgery at St. Anthony's Hospital. Dr. Michael Smith did an excellent job repairing part of my patella that shattered. He also put in a new tendon. I was released the day after surgery. My leg has to be straight for 6 to 8 weeks in a soft cast. No pain, thanks be to the meds. Also starting therapy. Thank you for all your love and concern.

Let's all be a better Knight today than we were yesterday.

Here is a reflection for your soul. I encourage you to share your insights with another brother Knight. Sharing our life and faith keeps our relationship with the Lord from



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becoming stagnant. I am proud of you and all you do for God and our parish family.

FOR THE NEWSLETTER

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 2020

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Gospel for Sept. 6, Mt 18:20)

There is power in numbers. It's often how we get things done. When men are united by a clear mission, they become a “band of brothers” whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts. And when that mission is given to us by Jesus, we are united in Christ, who directs and strengthens us to accomplish great things. May we, my brothers, form strong bonds of fraternity founded on Christ as we labor to build up the kingdom of heaven.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about fraternity by viewing the “Brotherhood” episode of the *Into the Breach* video series produced by the Knights of Columbus. Second, I challenge you to help build bonds of brotherhood in your parish by offering the Faith in Action Into the Breach program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to “stand in the breach” with your brother Knights and fellow Catholics to serve Christ and defend the faith? Are you a good “brother” to others, forming male friendships marked by shared faith, honesty and accountability to fight the spiritual battle? How can a “band

Birthdays:

<i>Mike Popovich</i>	<i>9/5</i>
<i>Michael Hyland</i>	<i>9/15</i>
<i>Damian Lovett</i>	<i>9/23</i>
<i>Daniel Soto</i>	<i>9/29</i>
<i>Ernest Radicchi</i>	<i>9/30</i>

Knighthood Anniversaries:

Anthony N. Romano 9/15/2009

Randall Sutherland 9/24/2011



“Thus has the Lord of Hosts said,
'Dispense true justice and practice
kindness and compassion, each to his
brother' ”

---Zechariah 7:9

of brothers” ensure that they are gathered in the name of Jesus Christ?

Fr. Rick Pilger, I.C.

Insurance Agent’s Report:

Brothers all,

On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, we have an opportunity to hear a dynamic, informative seminar given by Tom Hegna. Mr. Hegna is a world renowned author, speaker and economist. He has been a popular industry speaker for many years and is considered by many to be THE Retirement Income Expert. He was a former Senior Executive Officer at New York Life, and a retired Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Hegna has delivered over 5,000 seminars helping Baby Boomers and seniors retire the “optimal” way. He specializes in creating simple and powerful retirement solutions based on math and science and not on opinions. He has written four books 1) Paychecks and Playchecks: Retirement Solutions for Life, which is in the top 1% of any book ever sold, 2) Retirement Income Masters: Secrets of the Pros that compiles the very best practices from the top retirement experts in the country, 3) Paycheques and Playcheques, Retirement Solutions for Canadians and most recently, 4) Don’t Worry, Retire Happy! Seven steps to Retirement Security, which is based on his popular Public Television Special that has played in over 72 million homes in the US and Canada.

In addition to all this information, about \$500 in gift cards will be given out during the seminar.

Brothers, this will be counted as one of the two Fraternal Benefit Nights we are required to present during the year. Please make every effort to “tune-in” and be informed.

You can pre-register at:

https://us0web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yz2bvrV-SFa_dd2n_VRk1A

God Bless and Stay safe,



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Instillation Ceremony:

At the last meeting, our Officers were installed by our District Deputy Jorge Mercado. The ceremony took place during the Membership Meeting in the Church. All of us were socially distant during the evening. Thanks to our very Worthy Chaplain for the use of the facility and to our good Brother Ged Roman, who set up the microphones as well as sanitizing the church after the meeting ended. Through their help, cooperation and selflessness our evening was both safe and successful. Again, my thanks to them.

Awards:

That same evening, our District Deputy, surprised the men in attendance with the following 2 awards from the Florida State Council; one for "Excellence in Membership and Insurance Growth" and the second was a very prestigious one. It seems we came in **1st Place** in our division in the State for Membership. We had a *300% growth rate* over the year. Pics of the awards are shown on the left.

Brothers, these awards were received because of your enthusiasm for our council, parish and community. We have been recognized by the State Council and by the Supreme Council as well! I have received an email from New Haven congratulating our council with the **Star Council Award** for this past year. This is a great honor especially for a council as young as ours. Approximately only *10%* of all the councils *worldwide* receive this recognition. My gratitude goes out to you for your hard work, ideas and dedication. The award is being etched by Supreme and will be delivered to us via our DD.



Volunteer Work:

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

Friday, September 11th

The 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance was created to offer a positive way to pay tribute and remember the victims, survivors and first responders who served in response to the attacks. This also serves as a reminder of the importance of working together to help improve our community.

This year United Way Suncoast is coordinating multiple service projects to bring together volunteers in our region:

9/11 Day of Service at Bay Pines VA [PIN]

[United Way Suncoast](http://www.unitedwaysuncoast.org) | <http://www.unitedwaysuncoast.org>

Teens age 13-17 are required to attend with an adult.

Join our team in remembering those that lost their lives through a variety of volunteer projects. Volunteers will break into groups to complete outdoor tasks that may include cleanup of debris from the shoreline, plant bed maintenance, weeding and cleaning, washing golf carts and transportation vehicles, or other.

All volunteers will need to follow the current [CDC Guidelines](#) regarding social distancing and are required to wear a face mask.

We look forward to seeing you there!

This will take place on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 from 9-11:00 am

Please bring your own gloves, shovels and masks!

For more information please contact Brother Keith Smith

Golf Tournament:

At the last meeting, the council decided to hold a Golf Tournament. This is a large undertaking. We will need the help of the members to participate in many of the different facets that make a event like this successful. Our target date will be set for sometime in either May or June of 2021.





Need a big boat? I Noah guy.

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The committee will release more information as the planning begins.

Prayer Intentions:

...For the end of the COVID pandemic
...For peace in our country
...The end to racism
...For our Seminarian Mark DeSio
...For the sanctity of all life
...For the leaders of our country
...For the intentions of our Holy Father
...For the speedy recovery of:
 Our Chaplain Fr. Rick
 Our Brother Skip Wallis
...Those affected by Hurricanes Marco & Laura
...The people of Lebanon

And in conclusion:

As this new year progresses, there may be some new initiatives presented to the council. I hope that you get behind as many of these as you can to continue to grow in our faith, be better “family men”, and be an asset to our parish and community in the spirit of our Founder. May God bless each and every one of you.

Mike P.

