



# THE SHIELD

## Grand Knight's Message



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*It's a New Fraternal Year*

Worthy Brother Knights!

This is my first message as your Grand Knight to our awesome Council for this new fraternal year that begins on July 1st. It is my sincere honor and privilege to have been selected to serve our incredible Council and our wonderful ESCC Parish for the next two years and I'm looking forward to the challenge but much more importantly, for your support as we continue to move forward together with this huge responsibility.

At this time, I think it only appropriate to thank JJ Coyne, now our Past Grand Knight, for an exceptionally excellent job on guiding our successful Council for the past two years with his fantastic leadership and his always "can do" attitude. Having to deal with the Covid pandemic and a severely modified Events Calendar that didn't allow for any social gathering in our parish during J J's entire term as Grand Knight, incredibly, he was still able to achieve our budget that allowed for our Council to fulfill our charitable contributions and our clergy appreciation. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

June was a very busy month for most of us. Our Council hosted the Clergy Appreciation Reception and Farewell for Father Anthony on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, with well over 200 parishioners attending. Father Len said this was a great success and thanked our council and Ladies Auxiliary. We hosted an Informational Open House on June 14<sup>th</sup>, for new candidates and current council members. We also had a Unified Degree Exemplification on June 16<sup>th</sup>, where we

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Next Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 14 @ 7:30 pm  
Live in the Parish Center

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Visit the State Website at:  
[www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org)

Visit the Supreme Website at:  
[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

welcomed three new members into our council. In addition, our council was represented at the Kimberly Home work day on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and great job to all!

June was also a busy time for finalizing our Council Officers for the new Fraternal Year. Once again, this year, the Barney Gonyea Council can be proud of having a fantastic lineup of Council Officers and Service Program Directors. We have an awesome roster of returning Council Officers along with some new Council Officers that have previous experience in the council and assembly.

Our new Deputy Grand Knight, Tom Krivchenia, was also very busy this past month filling our Service Programs; again, with a combination of returning program directors along with a good balance of new program directors. Congratulations to one and all on your position appointments and I look forward to working with everyone as we advance the success of our council. God Bless!

Recently our Financial Secretary, Tom Harkins sent all of our Council Brothers dues for the new Fraternal Year, 2022 - 2023. If you haven't done so already, please consider paying your dues at your earliest possible convenience so that we can pay the FL State Council and Supreme accordingly. Please bring your payment with you to our next Council meeting on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### JULY AGENDA ITEMS:

All Council Officers should plan on attending our upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, as we will have a very full and important meeting agenda to include the following items:

1. At our July Council Officers Meeting I am planning to review, discuss and finalize our Events Calendar for 2022- 2023, to be released on/by our Council Business Meeting the following week.
2. Also, at our Council Officers Meeting I am planning to review, discuss and finalize our Council Budget for 2022 – 2023, to be presented to the full Council at our July Business Meeting for approval.
3. Finally, we will be discussing and finalizing our upcoming Council Officer Installation and dinner that is set for Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### JULY 2022 EVENTS:

- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep – Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM Parish Center Kitchen
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – **CANCELLED** for July.
- Council Officer Installation – Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Assembly Meeting – Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM St. John Bosco Center
- Council Officer Meeting – Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep – Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM Parish Center Kitchen
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

Blessings for an awesome month!

Vivat Jesus!  
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Sir Knight Dave Behrle receives his Honorary Life Membership Card from Grand Knight JJ Coyne at the June Meeting

## COUNCIL OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Grand Knight	Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA	727-403-3261
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Guard Alternate #1	Tim Rush	727-797-7818
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Trustee Two Year	Kenneth Seguin, PGK, PFN	727-331-7278
Trustee One Year	Frank McEwen, PGK	727-239-2687
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District Warden	Frank McEwen, PGK	727-239-2687
Fraternal Benefits Advisor	John Ruckart	813-855-5111
Special Assistant to the Council	Vincent Cristiano	
Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

### Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Joseph Amendola, Mark Barrett, Fred Bennett, Mark Brill, Richard Bulova, James Burris, Steven Cote, Nicholas DellaSerra, Robert Eanes, Zach Faraone, William Firth, Joel Gray, Michael McCarthy, James Nolf, Edmund Pagnott, Ernest Peluso, Glen Petterson, Edward Potter, Charles Powers, James Preston, Richard Roberto, Daniel Saracki, Chuck Sullivan, Klaus Tobitsch, Skip Vankleech

### Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Leonard Parrino, Denise Peck (d), John MacDonald (d), Ronnie Allen (d), Arthur Thuerk (d), Joseph Kwiatkowski (d), Conrad Nernier (d), Andrew Lopreato (d), Jim Ropp, Desiree Munera, Andrew Szeltner (d), Caroline Krajieski, Fernando (d), Robert Piktora (d), Jim Manetta (d)

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at (727) 286-7171 or [pharvey10@verizon.net](mailto:pharvey10@verizon.net)

## Support our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



Nicholas Gunn

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. Two of our three new seminarians this year are located at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. Austin Smith, Sophomore Year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. His birthday is 11/19. Benjamin Harris, Freshman Year from St. Theresa parish, Spring Hill. His birthday is 12/31. Nicholas Gunn, in his Freshman Year, is studying at St. Vincent's in Boynton Beach.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, David and Patricia Behrle, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, James and Jean Burris, John and Sharon Cathcart, Christopher and Debra Constantine, John Coyne, Joseph and Biagia D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol DeWolfe, Peter Demzak, Jerome Dewberry, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Terry and Shirley Drake, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Philip and Janet Farney, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles and Raquel Friesema, William and Marie Gallant, John and Peggy Gohman II, Joel Gray, Gerald and Lorraine Grubba, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, David and Donna Heezen, Kevin and Gidet Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hocherl, Jarret Honahan, George and Claire Inderwies, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Peter and Nancy Jula, Matthew Killeen, William and Katherine Krajeski, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, Frank and Deborah Laffey, James and Maria Lankford, Stephen Leger, Santo and Karen Loparo Jr, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, James and Phyllis Montali, Adel Nammour, David Neal, Chris Nesci, James and Patricia Nolf, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Mark and Melissa Ostapowicz, Todd and Margaret Owers, Donald and Carol Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, Brandon and Mirela Parrinello, Mark and Christine Peterman, Richard Roberto Jr, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Peter and Susanne Salesses, Morgan Sheaffer Sr, James and Karin Smith, Thomas and Janet Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Steven and Jaclyn Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria

**Total Collected to Date: \$ 807.72**



Father Michael W. Cooper, S.J.  
Chaplain

# Chaplain's Corner

## THE CELEBRATION OF AMERICA'S FREEDOM AND ALSO OUR HISTORY OF GUN VIOLENCE

Brothers and Sisters,

A belated very Happy Fourth of July. I am sorry I could not attend the 8:30 am Mass on Monday and the ritual of burning frayed flags. I have been praying and pondering what to say in this newsletter.

I have lived on and off in Chicago for close to 25 years and I have good friends in Highland Park and Lake Forest. What happened to the people at the parade, there could have happened to us in Safety Harbor's Parade. A mother of a twenty-two-year-old was next to her mother when she was shot in the chest and died. A two-year old was found underneath his dead father with his Dad's blood on him. His mother was also killed, so he is now an orphan going to live with his grandparents. His life is forever changed. How do we explain or justify that violence to ourselves and our children? So far this year there have been 309 mass shootings using these military arsenal rifles, aka MK15's and MK17's, readily available for purchase. I think our Catholic conscience invites us to prayer and reflection. WWJD? We also need to hold in prayer our brothers and sisters and children in Highland Park who experienced this unbelievable violence.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain



Sir Knight Tom Wozniak receives his Honorary Life Membership Card from Grand Knight JJ Coyne at the June Meeting

## Service Program Directors 2022 - 2023

Program Director	Tom Krivchenia	727-366-5422
Membership Director	Jim Donnelly	520-250-9197
Faith Director	Wally Vazquez	727-542-5376
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Health Service		
Family Director	Tom Wozniak	727-214-8377
Public Relations Director	John Gohman	727-787-7530
Life Director	David Behrle PGK, PFN	727-723-1169
Vocations	Frank McEwen, PGK	727-239-2687
Retention Chairman	Frank McEwen, PGK	727-239-2687



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## Deputy Grand Knight's Report

### Worthy Brother Knights,

Well, it's the start of a new fraternal year. I would like to thank JJ Coyne for his outstanding service to our council the last two years, and to Gene Jajuga for stepping in for the last half of the year and doing a great job. I am so honored to be your Deputy Grand Knight. We are going to have a very busy year as we get back to the functions that we have not been able to do the past couple of years. We will be having our full family breakfast, the WES fashion show, tootsie roll drive and basketball free throw, just to name a few. I know with everyone's help throughout the year it will be a wonderful experience and we will accomplish a host of God inspired moments.

I would like to invite everyone to our Officer Installation Banquet on Friday, July 22 at 7:00 pm. This is a great way to welcome and show support for the new officers and honor the great job the outgoing officers have done the past two years.

We will be having our first Open House on August 16th in the Gathering Room at 7:00pm with the Unified Degree Ceremonies on August 18th in the Parish Center. Let's begin the new year with a running start. Please bring a friend or ask someone you see at Mass about becoming a Knight and invite them to our open house. Then, we will be on our way to being a star council.

Please welcome Jared Kirsten, Robert Pickard and Vincent Baldwin and thank them for joining our council when you see them around campus the next few weeks.

I would like to welcome Wally Vasquez as are Faith Director. Wally will be responsible for our Memorial Mass, our Retreat and our Corporate Communion Breakfast. Wally will be grateful for volunteers to help him with these events.

Frank McEwen is our Vocations Chairman. Frank will be responsible for keeping up with the seminarians along with trying to raise contributions for them.

Jim Lankford is our Community Director. Jim is responsible for the Helping Hands program, Coats for Kids, the Wheelchair Program, and the Free Throw Event, just to name a few of the much-needed charitable activities that we will sponsor. Once again, Jim will need all the support from volunteers when these events come up.

David Behrle is our Life Director. Dave will handle all things that encourage and promote the Pro-Life movement and the Kimberly Home.

John Gohman is our Public Relations Director. He will be responsible for our bulletin announcements and sending notices to the Supreme and the local newspaper.

Tom Wozniak is our Family Director. Tom will plan, coordinate and promote the required Family program: Consecration to the Holy Family. He will also help support the families of fallen brothers.

Jim Donnelly is our Membership Director. Jim and his committee will be responsible for new members and growing our council.

John Papa is our Retention Director. John will be in charge of keeping our members active.

I want to welcome Vincent Cristiano and Gary Murphy as Special Assistants to the council.

They will provide help for whatever is needed.

I want to thank Dave Behrle and Frank McEwen for continuing their great service to our council.

### **Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** July 16th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel or Virgin of Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order, particularly within the Catholic Church. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. This feast, instituted in the 14th century by the Carmelite order, commemorates the anniversary of the day in 1251 when the Blessed Mother gave the brown scapular to Saint Simon Stock. "Even now, centuries removed from that original experience and even in places where there are no Carmelites, this holy scapular is still seen as a sign of Mary's protection and a sign that continues to call people and make them feel that they are the beloved children of the Virgin Mary" (Saint Paul VI). Our Lady invites us to imitate her in a contemplative union with Jesus. "Mary was the first, in a way which can never be equaled, to believe and experience that Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the summit, the peak of man's encounter with God" (Pope Benedict XVI).

### JULY LITURGICAL CALENDAR

July 1 St. Junipero Serra  
July 2 Bl. Virgin Mary  
July 4 Independence Day  
July 5 St. Anthony Zaccaria, St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
July 6 St. Maria Goretti, Martyr

- July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions, Martyrs, Bl. Virgin Mary
- July 11 Saint Benedict, Memorial
- July 13 St. Henry
- July 14 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Memorial
- July 15 Saint Bonaventure, Memorial
- July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bl. Virgin Mary
- July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis
- July 20 St. Apollinaris, Martyr
- July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene, Feast
- July 23 St. Bridget, Bl. Virgin Mary
- July 25 Saint James, Feast
- July 26 Saint Joachim and Anne, Memorial
- July 29 Saint Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, Memorial
- July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bl. Virgin Mary

May the many blessings of God be in each of us and may God richly Bless the United States of America

Vivat Jesus!  
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In 2015, we had our first evet KofC Family Picnic. There were 127 Knights and family & friends



At the 2015 Installation and Year End Banquet, the Council and Ladies Auxiliary partnered with a presentation of a Chalise and Patten to Father Frank



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## FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Welcome to the middle of summer! July means most are in full summer vacation mode. Kids are out of school (And parents are already counting down the days till they return!) and family vacations are planned or maybe already taken. For many it's the time to get outdoors and enjoy some good weather. The temperature, much like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, for some will be too hot, for some too cool and for others...just right.

I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family as the summer moves on. A shady spot in the yard or on the porch may be all you want or need. You might just get away all by yourself for some quality rest and relaxation. For some that might mean the family road trip, kids and parents driving to that favorite vacation spot. For some that are older it might mean the trip to see the grandkids. Whatever it is that recharges your battery and strengthens the family bonds, I hope you get to do it.

Speaking of driving, it isn't prudent to drive without proper auto insurance. Anyone who does could be in a bad spot should the unexpected happen. The same is true for the insurance coverages that the Order has available. The Knights of Columbus has the products to protect you and your family as you drive down the road of life.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with brother Knights and their spouses and continue the tradition of protection that Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned. Although I've met with many members of the council, my goal is meet with each of you so you can take advantage of the free service I provide. The financial needs analysis tool that the Order has provided will take a snapshot of where you stand today, what your goals and objectives are, and help identify any gaps in your coverage.

Let's get together. I'll give you a call soon. This drive through life has many unexpected sharp turns, speed bumps and blind spots!

Vivat Jesus!

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Book an appt with me here: [kofc.ruckart.com](http://kofc.ruckart.com)



In 2015, SK Al Cappabianca was presented with Knight of the Year at the Officer's Installation and Year End Banquet





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## Faithful Navigator's Log

Worthy Sir Knights,

The month of July marks the start of a new fraternal year. For our Assembly, we install a new slate of officers. This year I am humbled and honored to assume the office of Faithful Navigator. I am grateful to Immediate Past Faithful Navigators Gene Jajuga and Frank DiMattei for tapping me to assume the path to Faithful Navigator two years ago, serving first as Faithful Pilot under Gene and then as Faithful Captain under Frank. I look forward to their continued trust and guidance this coming year.

Our Assembly accomplishments the past few years have been exceptional. Despite the challenges of COVID, recruitment of new members has grown our Assembly at an unprecedented rate. The Assembly Golf Tournament to benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation exceeded all expectations the past couple years. Our Assembly is held in high esteem by the Bay Pines VA for all our support in the form of clothing donations, gas and food gift cards, and wheelchair donations. The Color Corp is quickly transitioning to the new uniform thanks to a very astute financial assistance initiative pioneered by PFN Gene Jajuga. Our Color Corp has become an impressive and highly visible presence in our parish thanks to our Commander John Papa and the dedication of all the Corp members.

As we move forward, I promise you all my best efforts to continue the successful legacy of our Assembly. I am confident our heritage of working together as Catholic Brothers while relying on faith, prayer, and divine grace will continue to stir us to positive works with continued results that benefit our troubled world.

I want to personally thank all the new Assembly officers who have volunteered to serve this year. Your commitment is deeply appreciated. Ascendance of new officers may be taken for granted but requires ongoing efforts that are vital to the health and ultimately the survival of our order. We are all busy, getting on in years, and have natural doubt and hesitancy about committing to additional responsibilities. These thoughts cross the mind of all who serve, but I can attest that reliance on the

Holy Spirit will always mystically grant the strength and guidance to get the job done.

Whenever I am weary and tempted to retreat to a life of solitude and leisure, I recall our watchwords "tempus fugit, momento mori". We are on this earth for a very brief time and our Savior Jesus has provided the model for how we are to live our lives. In short, we have a sacred mission to fulfill.

Theodore Roosevelt delivered his famous "Man in the Arena" speech at the Sorbonne in Paris on April 23, 1910. Let these inspiring words renew our commitment to be in the arena exemplifying our tenets of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

*"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

Vivat Jesus!

Frank McEwen  
Faithful Navigator

### Assembly Membership Growth

Current Membership	147
2020/2021 Goal	0/6



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## Recruiting and Retention Report

Many of you know that I was twice appointed by our State Deputy as Regional Director of the St Petersburg Diocese . In this role I worked with 16 District Deputy's and over 60 Councils. I saw and attended many events and activities, but to this day still maintain that my Home Council 7109 provided the most expanded and vibrant Calendar of Events in the Diocese. I was proud of our membership growth and prouder of the effect we had on the Charitable Organizations we supported.

I offer my congratulations to Past Grand Knight JJ and his outgoing team on what has been accomplished the past two years. I congratulate our new Grand Knight Gene Jajuga. I know that Gene has the leadership skills and knowledge to lead the council during his tenure and with continued fresh ideas by Gene and his Officers the council will continue to flourish.

You know as Knights we have a great responsibility to deliver on the dream set forth by our Founder, Father Michael J McGivney ;to provide Charitable works to our church and community, but also make sure that a Brother Knight or his family in need is taken care of to the best of our abilities. We at Council 7109 have always been up to the challenge and I know going forward that we can count on you to continue to help build on the legacy started back in 1882.

We created a slogan here 14 years ago that lives today as we go about our vocation as Knights of Columbus.

And from the bottom of my heart, I can say again that "It Is A Great Day to Be A Knight"

May God Continue to Bless Our Council,

John Papa  
FRD, FDD, PGK, PFN



We welcomed four new Sir Knights into the Assembly last month.

From L-R: PFN Frank DiMattei, SK Rich Roberto, SK Ron DeSantis, SK Tom Harkins and SK Bob Bonvicino



### Unified Degree Ceremony

Open Houses: Aug 16, Oct 18, Dec 13, Feb 14, Apr 18 & June 13

Unified Degrees: Aug 18, Oct 20, Dec 15, Feb 16, Apr 20 & June 15



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The Supreme Court has overturned Roe v Wade, returning the issue of abortion back to the states! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! For the record, the announcement came on Friday, June 24, 2022. This is a major topic in the news so I will not attempt to summarize here all the ramifications, nor all the strategies, trigger laws, etc. The vandalism and life threats to churches and pregnancy support centers across the country since the leak of the draft rulings, and continues with the ruling and without legal enforcement of existing law (think our Supreme Court justices), shows the anger and hatred that is out there. Suffice it to say, the issue of unborn life will be on the ballot in the upcoming mid-term elections. Our diocesan website is a good source of information - - [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org). See also news coverage on EWTN. Continue to pray for Life, and peace & calm, as you discern how your vote can help protect Life.



In 2013, Council 7109 presented an Ultra Sound System to the Kimberly Home

Sir Knight Jim Manetta lost his battle with leukemia, and died on Friday, 6-17-22.

Funeral Mass arrangements have been announced: 10 am on Saturday, August 6, at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church. Knights and Color Corps participation has been requested. Jim is a Past Grand Knight (Michigan) and was a big supporter of our Council and Assembly. And a good friend to many of us. Jim, please pray for us along with your family, as we pray for you.

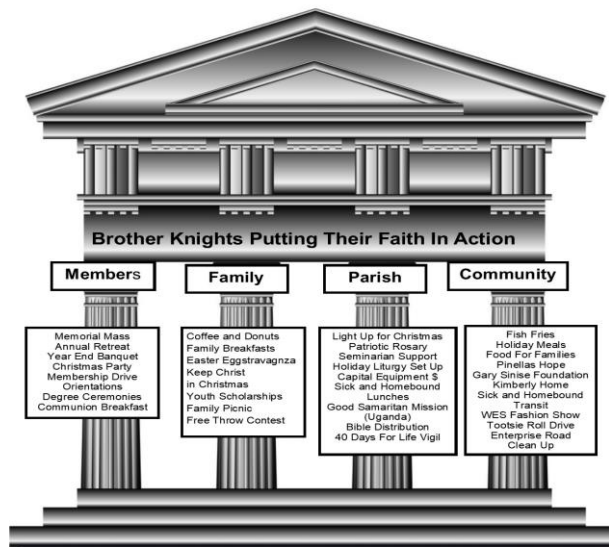
David L. Behrle, PGK, PFN

Council Membership	
Total Membership	345
Insurance Members	142
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	7
2022/2023 Membership Growth Actual/Goal	0/15
2022/2023 Insurance Growth Actual/Goal	2/2



**Serve the Lonely and Abandoned**

Psalms can be songs but they can also be tough. Psalm 58 is known as a Miktam from David. A miktam is “something that covers” but it is an obscure term and, in this case, David is kind of taking the covers off as he directly challenges God as a fair judge of His people. Essentially, David is questioning all the evil that exists in the world and asks God to “smash the teeth in their mouths” and take them on directly and ferociously. This month we are called to address the unfortunates in our society to serve the lonely and abandoned. As a council and an assembly, we do that in many ways to cover the “miktam” of Christ, simply, “Love one another as I have loved you”. The trick is that the “as” may also require some sacrifice and hard work.



**Psalm 58** Do you indeed pronounce justice, O gods; do you judge fairly you children of Adam? No, you freely engage in crime; your hands dispense violence to the earth. The wicked have been corrupt since birth; liars from the womb, they have gone astray. Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a serpent stopping its ears, so as not to hear the voice of the charmer or the enchanter with cunning spells. O God, smash the teeth in their mouths; break the fangs of these lions, LORD! Make them vanish like water flowing away; trodden down, let them wither like grass. Let them dissolve like a snail that oozes away, like an untimely birth that never sees the sun. Suddenly, like brambles or thistles, have the whirlwind snatch them away. Then the just shall rejoice to see the vengeance and bathe their feet in the blood of the wicked. Then people will say: “Truly there is a reward for the just; there is a God who is judge on earth!”

# PHOTO GALLERY



## BLAST FROM THE PAST

Looking back at some of the installations dating back to 2012



### Roe V Wade: What Next?

In a historic decision the Supreme Court has upheld a Mississippi law that would ban abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, but also to overturn the nearly half-century precedent set in Roe v. Wade that guaranteed the constitutional right to an abortion. With the Dobbs decision, states have the ability to set their own restrictions, so where people live will determine their level of access to abortion. The majority opinion, written by Justice Samuel Alito, stated that **"the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; Roe and Casey [Planned Parenthood v. Casey, 1992] are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."**

MSN has written an article covering five things to know about this ruling and I think our brothers and ladies will find it interesting. Let's just say, this isn't over by a long shot. Evil still lurks in the heart of men. The Shadow knows. Below is a synopsis of the article that pretty much lays out the elements of a game plan for the pro-abortion crowd.

[You can read the entire article here.](#)

1. Where is abortion still legal? This will evolve quickly with the ruling but 16 states (mostly east and west coast) and the District of Columbia allow abortions. However, there is a wide variety of political positions, including several states that have abortion rights in their constitutions that may again be challenged at the ballot box in those states.
2. What will Biden do? His legal and executive options are somewhat limited by this ruling. But our supposed "devout Catholic President has said this was a "sad day" and that, without Roe, "the health and life of women in this nation is now at risk." However, there is a major wrinkle. Supporters of abortion rights and Democratic lawmakers in Congress have pushed the administration to make it easier for women to obtain medication abortion, which is available up to 10 weeks of pregnancy and involves taking two pills, assessing whether services could be provided on federal property even in states that ban the procedure, and bolstering digital privacy to protect patients. According to the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights, the pills accounted for more than half of all abortions

in 2020, the first-year medication provided the majority. So, this may be a tough pill to swallow.

3. Will people in states where abortion is illegal be able to access medication abortion? For now, as a result of the Dobbs decision, states that ban abortions are likely to set limitations or bans on abortion pills as well. But some advocates note that people in those states still may be able to obtain abortion pills and perform a "self-managed" abortion at home, which carries some additional risk if the woman has a complication (though complications are very rare). And abortion pills will still be accessible in states where abortion is allowed. There is a lot more to this so look for more litigation here.
4. How will this affect a doctor's ability to provide care? This aspect gets into other technical medical procedures that can be medically necessary to address the life or safety of the mother. For example, patients who have a miscarriage also sometimes need to take abortion medication or have dilation and curettage surgery — known as a D&C — to remove tissue that lingers inside the uterus. "The challenge is that the treatment for an abortion and the treatment for a miscarriage are exactly the same," explained a noted doctor.
5. Could this affect more than abortion? Doctors say pregnancy begins when a fertilized egg implants in a woman's uterus. But many anti-abortion activists say it begins when a sperm and egg unite to form a zygote, which can happen several days earlier. That earlier time frame would mean that anything that interferes with the implantation of that fertilized egg, such as an IUD (intrauterine device), a common form of birth control, could be defined as an abortion. Similarly, in vitro fertilization, which involves removing a woman's eggs, fertilizing them, and then implanting them back into the woman, could also be construed to involve abortion unless every fertilized egg was implanted. Plus, in his written opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas, suggested that the court could use the same arguments in the Dobbs case to overturn other key rulings, including those that established the rights to birth control and same-sex marriage. It was not clear that the other justices agreed, and Justice Samuel Alito, who wrote the main opinion, said he did not believe the abortion decision affected other issues.

## *from the desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...*

**LAST MONTH**, I wrote about the courage that is needed to be a Knight in a culture that often opposes what we stand for as Catholic men. Some may be called to a decisive act of bravery in the face of overwhelming danger. Consider the Knights who faced martyrdom before firing squads in Mexico in the 1920s while proclaiming “Viva Cristo Rey!” Less dramatic, but equally important, is the daily self-sacrifice to which we are all called. Answering that call also requires heroism. And this spirit of self-sacrifice should characterize our work to defend the unborn and build a culture of life.

Standing for life often requires quiet courage. It means making personal sacrifices for women and children in need — being willing to give of our time, skills and financial resources, and accepting the fact that the fruits of our labors are often hidden. It means facing scorn and derision simply for affirming that every life matters.

Courageously standing for life does not mean being antagonistic or confrontational. When helping vulnerable women, ours should be an attitude of generosity and empathy, not judgment. Even when we are confronted with militant hatred by abortion’s defenders, we are called to respond with love. “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you” (Lk 6:27-28).

Following this commandment is not weakness — quite the opposite. It is a sign of strength and confidence in the Lord and the righteousness of our cause.

The Church has consistently defended the right to life and has boldly called for building a culture of life in response to a culture of death. The Knights of Columbus has proclaimed this teaching widely and has taken exceptional steps to support vulnerable mothers and unborn children. And we will continue our work to enshrine the right to life in the laws of the land, in new and renewed ways.

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Supporting a culture of life means more than simply being opposed to abortion. However, as the U.S. bishops have noted, with more than 63 million innocent human lives lost to abortion in the United States since Roe v. Wade, no more urgent, no more “preeminent” issue has faced us in recent decades. For this reason, our support for women and children has been both direct and constant. Earlier this year, we passed a major milestone in our Ultrasound Initiative, placing our 1,500th machine in a pregnancy resource center.

Our support for family life has also been unwavering, as have our charitable programs providing food, coats and other material aid to vulnerable families. In fact, you could say that through nearly all of our programs, the Knights of Columbus affirms the dignity and goodness of human life.

This notably includes our councils’ and members’ support for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes in their communities. By forging strong relationships with these centers, Knights are helping to meet the needs of countless women and children.

I recently announced a \$5 million campaign to deepen this support. The program is called ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy), and I am confident our councils will rise to meet this challenge.

For every \$500 a council gives to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will make an additional \$100 donation to that center or home. ASAP is roughly modeled on the Knight’s RSVP initiative — which, since 1981, has provided more than \$86 million dollars to seminarians and religious in formation. Imagine if we can do that for vulnerable women and children.

To restore a true culture of life, each of us must stand up and give all that we can. In this moment, the Lord is calling us to be noble in our continued sacrifice for mothers and children. We must renew our commitment and dedicate ourselves once again to this simple, but heroic, path.

Vivat Jesus!  
Patrick Kelly  
Supreme Knight

## *from the Florida State Council Chamber...*



The goal of the membership team and of councils is to increase membership in our order. Many ask why growth in the order is so critical and why such emphasis is place on increasing membership. The answer is simple. Without growth our programs fail to have new ideas and become stagnant. The various charitable, church, council, and youth programs are what the Knights of Columbus are known for and those programs require new members.

In the State of Florida, and across the country, our order continues to grow. But we need to extend the benefits of membership to all Catholic Men. The insurance benefits alone are a reason that Knights of Columbus exist. But more to the point imagine if even half of the men in your local parish were Knights, think of the good charitable works that can be accomplished!

***Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said "President John F. Kennedy once said about Americans that 'we are builders, and we build best when we build greatly.' I believe the same can be said of Knights of Columbus. My brother Knights, the Order has built greatly in the past; now it's our turn!"***

Today, the Order has grown to over 1.9 Million members, more than 55,000 here in the state of Florida. Our resources are utilized to support countless causes, programs, and parishes all over the world and most importantly in our local communities. And through continued growth, we not only preserve the goal of our founder, Father McGivney, we seize the opportunity to help parishes themselves prosper through the five key areas of service - faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship. Because of his vision and the hard-work of dedicated Knights, today the Knights of Columbus is a well-respected service organization of more than 300 local councils in the state of Florida. Councils that help their community and their parishes, flourish.

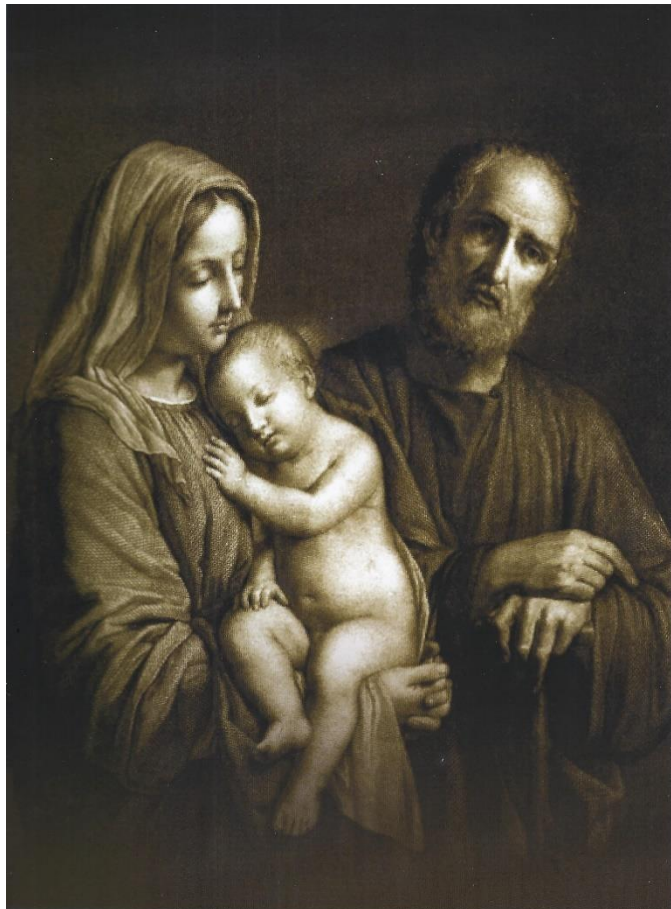


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### A Family Prayer

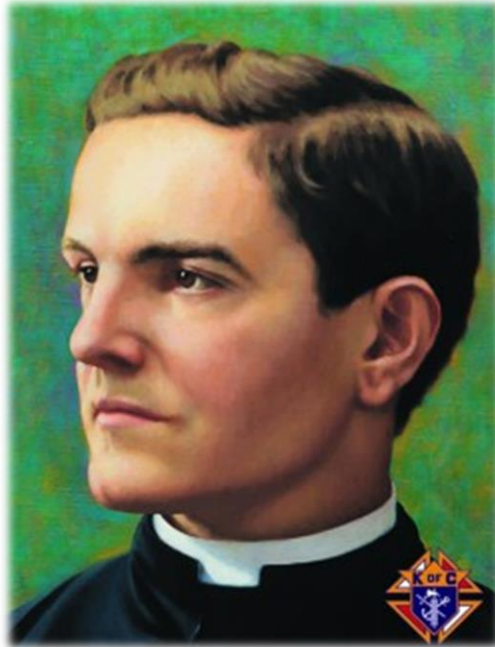
Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.  
 Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more  
 fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work,  
 May we reflect the self-giving love which you,  
 O Father, eternally show with your Son  
 and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our  
 home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our  
 family always be a place of generosity, understanding,  
 forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses  
 to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the  
 Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to  
 holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
 Spirit, one God for ever and ever.  
 Amen.



***Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney***  
*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

*God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## *What's Happening???*



### Council Calendar of Events...

#### July 2022

- July 14 Council Membership Meeting in the Parish Center @ 7:30pm
- July 22 Council Officers Installation & Year End Banquet
- Aug 7 Full Family Breakfast in the Parish Center from 7:00am – Noon



### Assembly Calendar of Events...

#### July 2022



- July 28 Assembly Membership Meeting in the St. John Boscoe Center @ 7:30pm
- Aug 25 Assembly Officers Installation and Banquet

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Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.