



THE SHIELD

Grand Knight's Message



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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, August 11 @ 7:30 pm
Live in the Parish Center

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Worthy Brother Knights!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended our Council 7109 Officer Installation & Banquet Ceremonial on Friday evening, July 22nd, and supported our newly elected council officers on our journey during this Fraternal Year. I would also like to thank our District Deputy, Alan Gauzens, and his lovely wife Joanne, for attending and for the terrific job D. D. Alan did of conducting and installing our council officers with an assist from Joanne handing out beautiful red roses to our officer's wives.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank SK Frank DiMattei who substituted for SK Frank McEwen as Trustee and SK John Papa who substituted for SK Tom Harkins as Financial Secretary and, their wonderful wives Angela and Susanne respectfully. Everyone wished Susanne Papa a Happy Birthday with a party, song and a crazy big birthday cake! I sincerely hope that everyone had a great time and enjoyed all of the food and beverages!

It goes without saying but we also need to say a great big THANK YOU to all of the Sir Knights, Knights, and Ladies that helped set up the Parish Center for this wonderful ceremony and banquet. They all did an awesome job and I am very grateful to each of them for assisting. Without their help we could not have experienced the successful event we had!

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| Wally Vazquez | Robin LaChance | Peter Salesses |
| Tom Krivchenia | Richie Resler | Don Puchalski |
| Tom Fitzpatrick | Peter Demzak | Fr. Michael Cooper |
| John Malone | Bill Krajewski | Paul Cooper |
| Doug deWolfe | Karen Jajuga | George Inderwies |

Brian Riley Mario Zaccaria
J J Coyne & his lovely daughter Addy

July was also a busy time for finalizing our Events Calendar and our joint Council & Assembly Facilities Calendar 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 finalizing our Service Program Directors positions to include Faith Director, Family Director, Community Director, Life Director and Membership Director. Again, with a combination of returning directors along with a good balance of new 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. Our first Program Directors Meeting is Tuesday, July 9th, and our plan is to have meetings quarterly moving forward.

AUGUST 2022 EVENTS:

- Council Officer Meeting – Thursday, August 4th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Jim Manetta Funeral Mass – Saturday, August 6th, 10:00 AM
- Council Full Family Breakfast – Back to School – Sunday, August 7th, in the Parish Center
- District 40 Officers Meeting – St. Michael the Archangel – Sunday, August 7th, 2 PM – 4 PM
- Bob Carman Funeral Mass – Monday, August 8th, 10:30 AM

- Program Directors Meeting – Tuesday, August 9th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep – Thursday, August 11th, 9:00 AM Parish Center Kitchen
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, August 11th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Charles Bachteler Funeral Mass – Saturday, August 13th, 1 PM
- Informational Open House – Tuesday, August 16th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Unified Degree Exemplification – Thursday, August 18th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Devin Cote Funeral Mass – Friday, August 19th, 10:30 AM
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, August 20th, 8:00 AM 1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater
- Religious Education Reception & Lunch – Sunday, August 21st, in the Parish Center
- Assembly Officer Installation – Thursday, August 25th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Officer Meeting – Thursday, September 1st, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep – Thursday, September 8th, 9:00 AM Parish Center Kitchen
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, September 8th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center



Officers and their Ladies at the Installation

Blessings for an awesome month!

Vivat Jesus!
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Sir Knight Tom Harkins receives Family of the Month Award from PGK JJ Coyne

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

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Guard Alternate #1	Tim Rush	727-797-7818
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Special Assistant to the Council	Vincent Cristiano	
Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Tom Bergevin, John Bruns, Sal Burriesci, Daniel Capozzelli, Robert Conti, Fr Michael Cooper, Randolf Dusel, Chuck Friesema, Edward Fucillo, Lawrence Harkins, Shawn Jajuga, Richard Kimball-Cook, Mathew Killeen, Dan Kistel, John Kurpinski, Stanley Kwiatkowski, John Liu, Joseph Magaddino, Frank McEwen, John Morgan, Thomas Odmark, Daniel Peterson, Gerard Picard, Frank Piro, Edward Riley, Christopher Russell, Fr Joseph Ruyonga, Frank Schuster, Jason Seguin, George Smith, Gregory Sohn, Lawrence Steinhardt

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Conrad Nernier (d), Andrew Lopreato (d), Jim Ropp, Desiree Munera, Andrew Szeltner (d), Caroline Krajieski, Fernando (d), Robert Pictor (d), Jim Manetta (d), Beatriz Burriesci, Susanne Papa, Devin Cote (d), Daryl Peck (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

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 Sheafer 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, Patrick and Joan Alix, Victor and Suzanne Berggren, Donald and Linda Motika Borbath, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Sal and Ingrid Burriesci, Robert and Nancy Carman, Anthony Crevello, Sean Donahoo, Zach Faraone, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Edward and Anne Fucillo, Joseph Guazzerotti, David and Paula Harvey, Karl and Lisa Held, James Jessup, James and Karen Kurzdorfer, Brian Lawandus, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Christopher Mazzone, William Mc Fadden, Michael and Maria Li McCarthy, Clifford and Michelle Merz, William Nies, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas and Nancy Penders, Daniel and Teresa Peterson, Glen and Jennifer Pettersen, Christopher and Carol Purcell, Richard and Rosalie Resler, Brian and Erin Riley, Juan and RoseMary Romero, Guillermo Romero, William and Mary Scott, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jim and Nancy Shirer, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujanani, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Roy and Linda Vanderveer

Total Collected to Date: \$1,165.48



Father Michael W. Cooper, S.J.
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Brothers and Sisters of Council 7109,

Wednesday, August 3, was a very sad day when many of us learned of our young knight, Devin Cote's death. Besides being a Knight, Devin was a very dependable and generous altar server at all our Masses in Philippe Park on Easter and on Christmas Eve. Devin was always there and our ministry team of Ken Seguin, Tom Fitzpatrick, Paula Moynihan, Doug DeWolfe, John Ruckart, Kathy O'Brien, Paul Cooper, and myself among many who are all very sad—really overwhelmed—at his passing. I cried when I heard the news, since he was not just a Knight or a server. He was a friend, and I was always interested in how Devin was doing. His brother Stephen was also a server and their mother Janet regularly accompanied them to Masses in the Park, when she was not playing trumpet at one of the other Masses at Espiritu Santo.

What can I say? Way back when many of us were growing up you could not even have a Mass for someone who took their own life. Church leaders came to their senses and realized how punishing such a policy was—especially for the family and close friends of the deceased. Psychology and pastoral ministry have reminded us that suicide is a very painful result of feeling alienated and alone from everyone—whether that is true or not. The suicidal person is in deep pain and in a great feeling of loneliness, such that the person is no longer responsible for their actions. Thus, in a spirit of healing and compassion the Church offers a Mass of the Resurrection for the deceased and his/her family. What would Jesus do!

Obviously, I am not justifying nor encouraging suicide, but I am offering a very loving response to a very painful situation which could happen to any of us. For now, in the context of the Paschal Mystery, Devin is healed of all the hurts and pain he was carrying. Yesterday I prayed that Sister Caroline go and hug Devin as he entered the Heavenly Kingdom, since she too knew him well from the Masses in the Park and at K of C meetings. For a parent, losing a child to suicide leaves a hole in the heart that is hard to heal. I suggest that those who know his Mother Janet and his brother Stephen reach out when you feel they are ready. I encourage every Knight to make a serious effort to be at Devin's funeral Mass to stand together in faith with him and his family as we offer him back to God.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain

Service Program Directors 2022 - 2023

Program Director	Tom Krivchenia	727-366-5422
Membership Director	Brian Riley	303-921-9861
Faith Director	Wally Vazquez	727-542-5376
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Family Director	Tom Wozniak	727-214-8377
Public Relations Director	John Gohman	727-787-7530
Life Director	David Behrle PGK, PFN	727-723-1169
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

I want to thank everyone for the great turn out at the Officers Installation ceremony. It was so nice to see all of the people there celebrating in fellowship with the newly elected officers and the outgoing officers. A special thank you to our District Deputy, Alan Gauzens and his wife Joanne, for performing the Installation. I would like to congratulate all the new incoming officers and program heads and thank the outgoing officers for a job well done in the past two years. I thank everyone who came and helped set up the hall for the installation and set up the bar and food. A heartfelt thank you to all of you who stayed after to help clean up. We couldn't have done it without your help.

We are having back to school, Full Family Breakfast on August 7th, after all morning Masses. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend and introduce them to what the Knights are all about and to recruit new members.

I want to congratulate Brian Riley for accepting the Membership Directorship. I know Brian has some great ideas to help get some of our existing members more active in the Council. We are having our first Programs Committee meeting August 9th in the Gathering Room at 7pm. We will be discussing our plans and what programs we want to run this year. We are having our first Open House / Orientation on August 16th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room and the Unified Degree Ceremony August 18th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. Please invite someone you know or make a new friend and invite them to see what the Knights of Columbus are all about. Let's get the new year off to a good start on our way of being a star council.

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven is celebrated each year on August 15, and it is normally a Holy Day of Obligation.**

The Assumption of Mary in one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined it in 1950 in his apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* as the declaration was built upon the 1854 dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which declared that Mary was conceived free from original sin, and both have their foundation in the concept of Mary as the mother of God. It leaves open the question of whether Mary died or whether she was raised to eternal life without bodily death.

The Blessed Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven makes clear to us that what there is room for our humanity in heaven. Mary's Assumption assures us that what Jesus accomplished in rising from the dead and ascending into heaven

was not limited to his own Person. Even though we are not divine, we too are meant to be in heaven with the Incarnate 'son, in his home with the 'Father and the Holy 'Spirit. Thus, the Blessed Mother's birth into heaven generated in us "an ever-new capacity to await God's future" (Saint John Paul II). Just as grace does not destroy but perfects our nature, so the glory of heaven will include our whole humanity, body and soul. "That transformation of our material bodies to which we look forward one day has been accomplished-we know it now for certain -in her" (Msgr. Ronald Knox).

AUGUST LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Aug 1	Saint Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)
Aug 2	St. Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard
Aug 4	Saint John Vianney (Memorial)
Aug 5	The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)
Aug 8	Saint Dominic (Memorial)
Aug 9	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Aug 10	Saint Lawrence (Feast)
Aug 11	Saint Clare (Memorial)
Aug 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Aug 13	Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus Bl. Virgin Mary
Aug 15	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
Aug 16	St. Stephen of Hungary
Aug 19	St. John Eudes
Aug 20	Saint Bernard (Memorial)
Aug 22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
Aug 23	St. Rose of Lima
Aug 24	Saint Bartholomew (Feast)
Aug 25	St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz
Aug 27	Saint Monica (Memorial)
Aug 29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial)

May the Blessings of God be in each of us and God richly Bless the United States of America

Vivat Jesus!
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FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

As I write this, we have scores of people in the Supreme Office and around our jurisdictions who are preparing for the Supreme Convention. It's an exciting time because many accomplishments of the past year will be recognized. All of you, the members of this council, and the members of the other councils I serve, can take great pride in playing a part of these successes.

I congratulate all of you for your dedication to our first principle, charity, and reaching so many in need both here at home and around the world. While we have helped many right here, you have responded generously to help our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and our brother Knights in Poland who have been critical in providing for so many refugees. Our Order, started by a simple and humble parish priest, who is on the path to sainthood, was to provide for both the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. You are helping to do that today.

When people in the local community think about the Knights of Columbus, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent the Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

I look forward to next month when we can see the actual impact as outlined in the Supreme Knight's Report at the

convention. But even with a report of all that has been accomplished, let's not lose sight that our work is not done. We have challenges every day and I am pleased to be assigned to this council and help further the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus!
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Worthy Advocate Richard Resler and Lady Rosalie Resler at the Council Officer's Installation



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Faithful Navigator's Log

We celebrate the annual feast day of our order's founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, on August 13, the day between his birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890). In this month's newsletter article, I thought it fitting to meditate on the life and legacy of this holy priest.

I highly recommend a wonderful book, "Parish Priest, Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism", by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster. This book details the life of Father McGivney, particularly the challenges facing a Catholic priest in the late 1800s. There are many touching stories. Here is one of my favorites.

Alida Harwood was the young daughter of Dr. Edwin Harwood, a prominent Episcopal clergyman at Trinity Church in New Haven. Alida at some point accompanied her Catholic maid to a Mass at St. Mary's parish. Alida was so moved by Fr. McGivney she started attending Mass regularly at St. Mary. When this became public, the gossip among Trinity's Episcopal congregation caused embarrassment for her father. Alida was sent off to Europe to overcome her "fascination with Catholicism". Undaunted, Alida eventually converted into the Catholic church. In the summer of 1885 at age 25, Alida came down with malaria and died in October. On her deathbed, it was Father McGivney she asked to see. In an act of charity to Alida's father and family, Father McGivney insisted the funeral be held at Trinity Episcopal church.

Father McGivney also ministered to prisoners in the New Haven City jail. One 21-year-old inmate was Chip Smith who, while drunk, murdered a policeman and was sentenced to death by hanging. Fr. McGivney visited him daily. Just before he died, Smith comforted a distraught Father McGivney, "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor".

The Knights of Columbus held their first annual convention in 1884 in New Haven. At the time there were 5 councils and 459 members. In 2022, the 140th convention will be held August 2-4 in Nashville, Tennessee. There are today more than 2 million members and 16,000 councils around the world.

Father McGivney died at the early age of 38. At the time of his ordination in 1877, the life expectancy of a parish priest was 40 years. The oldest priest in the Diocese of Hartford was 57.

In the cause for Sainthood, many tales of powerful intercession were documented. Columbia magazine noted Father McGivney is known to intercede in especially four areas. (1) Employment and Finances, (2) Substance Abuse, (3) Family Reconciliation, (4) Return to the faith for fallen away Catholics.

An article posted at SpiritualDirection.com on May 19, 2022 titled "Exorcist Diary: Demons Witness to Sanctity of Knights of Columbus Founder", reports on a recent exorcism. An attending priest took out a relic of Fr. McGivney and handed it to the Exorcist. The article states, "The exorcism was moving forward but when Fr. McGivney was invoked, it was taken to a new level. Upon reflection, we were not surprised that Fr. McGivney was so effective against demons of freemasonry since he had dedicated his life to an alternative: the Knights of Columbus. Moreover, the reactions of the demons confirmed our own conviction of the sanctity of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. We will certainly invoke this holy priest's intercession in future exorcisms, especially when the demons of freemasonry are involved."

Worthy Sir Knights, we have a powerful intercessor in our founder Blessed Father McGivney. This August let us give thanks for this holy man who gave us the gift of our blessed fraternal order. Pray often for his intercession to guide and assist our efforts.

Vivat Jesus!

Frank McEwen
Faithful Navigator

Assembly Membership Growth

Current Membership	143
2020/2021 Goal	0/6



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Recruiting and Retention Report

The Miracle of Membership: Brothers we are indeed blessed with continued membership growth and the gratitude and fulfillment of seeing our Brother Knights provide valuable service to our church and community. If you don't think that membership in the Knights of Columbus provides an opportunity for the Intervention of Father McGivney to assist us than look no further than our own council. Talk to a member who has been sick or in distress, enroll in The Father McGivney Guild and take a look at all the prayer requests that have been answered. I know that since becoming a Knight my life has been truly blessed and I always have a positive feeling of what is beyond the next turn in my life's journey.

When a council is busy all year long things are easier than they might be appear. Last year was indeed a challenge for adding members and completing charitable goals for the council. We were able to successfully complete our charitable goals, but fell short in membership. The challenges of virtual meetings and no in person church activities were felt in membership. But a new year presents itself with new opportunities for growth.

This year I again ask you Brothers to continue to spread the message to your friends of the benefits of membership. Invite them to an open house, bring them to one of our events. Point them to www.kofc.org to view our worldwide efforts. When they join, they will be blessed, but you will feel even better for helping to promote the Gift of Membership.

Remember we do not look for perfect men, we look for good men and we will make them better.

May God Continue to Bless you on Your Journey as A Knight of Columbus and...

It Is A great Day to Be a Knight!

John Papa FRD, FDD, PGK, PFN



Sir Knight Pat Nocerino received Knight of the Month Award from PGK JJ Coyne

Unified Degree Ceremony

Aug 18, Oct 20, Dec 15, Feb 16, Apr 20, Jun 15

Informational Open Houses

Aug 16, Oct 18, Dec 13, Feb 14, Apr 18, Jun 13

More details to follow from the Grand Knight



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Transgender issues, gender dysphoria, sex change surgery, biological males winning NCAA swimming championships for female teams --- are you confused? Do you know what public schools want to teach your kids or your grand kids? I hope I have your attention. I pray that you'll take the time to investigate. One great resource is to check out the following discussion: Transgender Ideology in Sports and Society, at <https://flaccb.org/catholics-across-the-aisle>

It's informative, and shows that the devil is still very much alive and looking to attack and divide our society in new ways.

As Knights, we are called upon in faith to support our Church and her teachings. In Genesis 1:27 we read: "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Subsequently, in Gn 1:31, we have: "God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good." So, here is my take on this: When man decides that he is god, and wants to change the rules, to satisfy our wants, then things are not going to go well. Read the Old Testament again and see the repeated experience of the Jewish people. Apparently, we Catholics are no different. We have Catholics for Choice. And, we have 'catholic' politicians who publicly support abortion. The issue of abortion is definitely on the ballot in both primaries and general elections coming up. So, continue to pray and work for Life, and pray for our church in the current synodal effort that is underway that we do not endorse new requests to change our catechism.

Patty and I visited The Ark, in Williamstown, KY on Friday, July 1. It's a great spot to spend about 6 hours: the ark itself is impressive, the videos of concept through construction and those in the ark are all wonderful, etc. We should be home when you read this. We've been on a 46-day road trip vacation. Other highlights include: EWTN Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament (AL), Cornerstone Bible Study Conference in St. Louis, Bourbon tastings in KY, USAF museum in Dayton, OH, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Relevant Radio Chapel of the Nativity in Green Bay, and Custer State Park (SD) with kids and grandkids.

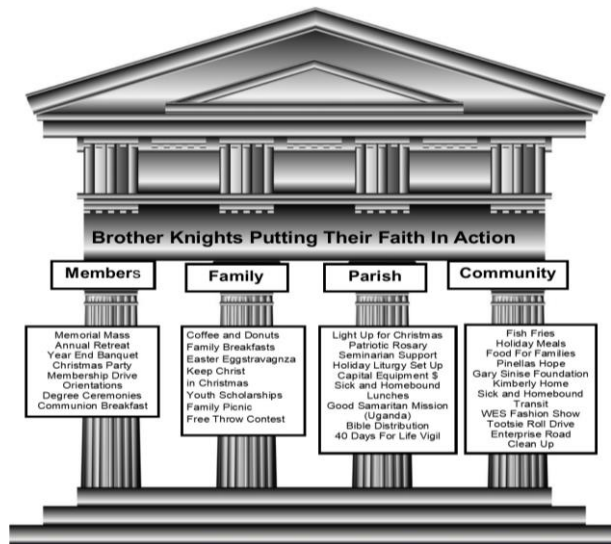
Council Membership

Total Membership	345
Insurance Members	142
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	8
2022/2023 Membership Growth Actual/Goal	0/15
2022/2023 Insurance Growth Actual/Goal	0/2



A Family of Families

August is the month where we celebrate the families of families. That is, the universality of mankind as a creation of God. We are all brothers and sisters. Psalm 8 addresses this in an interesting way. It begins as it should with awesomeness of God’s name. However, with some level of humility and confusion, it expresses wonder why, with our insignificance, the God has essentially blessed us so much in His creation that He has made us gods in our right. He has given us rule over all creation. It finishes properly with praise of the awesomeness of God. The lesson? We have the introspection and humility to recognize that despite the apparent authority and special place we hold that we are not gods. All our blessings come from Him and our role is to exercise that authority with His love, justice and mercy. We do that as brothers, as families with our auxiliary and extend that into the universality of His church and community through our charitable works.



Psalm 8: O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! I will sing of your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants. You have established a bulwark* against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place *What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet: All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

PHOTO GALLERY



Council Officer's Installation on July 22, 2022

Breakfast sponsored by: **Wendys** of East Lake
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Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474
Sixth Annual Golf Tournament
To Benefit



Sunday, October 2, 2022
East Lake Woodlands CC
North Course
7:30 am Registration Begins
9:00 am Shotgun

REGISTRATION FORM

Golfer 1: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Golfer 2: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Golfer 3: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

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John Borders
US Army 1SG (Ret.)



After a year-long tour of duty in Iraq, on January 5, 2006, just six days before he was scheduled to return home, Sergeant John Borders was participating in a routine convoy when his Humvee was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED), critically injuring him. Within minutes, air support arrived and transported staff sergeant Borders to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. He was quickly transferred to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland and was scheduled for surgeries every other day for several months, receiving over 55 surgeries in all. The extent of his injuries required him to go through limb salvage with his left leg and have his right leg amputated below the knee.

With the help of family and friends, and his own self-imposed drive to return to active duty, staff sergeant Borders stayed positive, doggedly working through session after session with his physical therapist until he regained more use of his limbs and learned to walk using a prosthetic leg. Then, he learned to run. Every time he achieved a goal, he set himself two more. After more than three years, staff sergeant Borders completed his Medical Evaluation Board and returned to active duty as a counterintelligence special agent. Borders served over 27 years in the army, 12 of which he served as a handicapped individual. He deployed a total of five times, completing his last tour in Afghanistan with his new leg. In January 2018, he retired as a first sergeant, a title he aimed to achieve his whole career.

Today, Borders lives in Florida with his wife, Mollie, also an Army veteran, and their two children, Brittany and Xander. Post retirement, Borders has found a new way to serve others, redefining himself as a scuba instructor because he wants to help individuals with limited mobility learn to dive and find freedom from their pain and restrictions in the deep water.

With hopes to move closer to the water, Borders aims to own his own boat and scuba shop.

As he continues to pursue his dreams, the Gary Sinise Foundation looks forward to building him a specially adapted smart home to ease his daily struggles and mobility needs around the house.

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Lines from the
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Know Your Faith; Grow Your Faith

I've spoken to a couple brothers about a couple things I've come across that have been very supportive of my faith journey and that of my wife. One is the Bible In A Year Podcast by Father Mike Schmitz available on You Tube. The other is a Hillsdale College course on the writings of C.S. Lewis. Both are interesting and profound, can be taken in small chunks on your schedule and, maybe best of all, are free.

Father Mike basically breaks the Bible into twelve specific timeframes important to the development of the church as we know it today. He then reads from selected portions of Scripture in his daily lesson plans (from Genesis to Revelations) to reflect on how each shapes our knowledge of God and our faith response. Each segment runs about 20-25 minutes and each is both very engaging and informative.

What has hit me so far (we're about day 70, into the era of the Desert Wanderings), is how broken nearly every significant "player" of the Church patriarchs are and how the people of God are equally broken and "stiff-necked". Adam ate the apple, Cain slew Abel, Abraham slept with his concubine and produced a son before he and Sarah produced Isaac, the Israelites continually sought after false God's and idols, etc. And, God came after them time after time with fire and brimstone. This is where we generally have an understanding of the Old Testament as a pretty harsh eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth environment.

But, as Father Mike points out, you have to look deeper as the Old Testament is about justice and the mercy and the unconditional love of God. Time after time in the Desert Wanderings God tells Moses that He is not happy with His people and will take action; on the other hand, Moses "argues" with God and pleads for another chance, as Abraham did before him with Sodom and Gomorrah. It is always given. This reflects the unconditional mercy and love of God but also the foundation of justice on which His church is built. Reminds me of the adage that justice is when we get what we deserve, mercy is when we don't get what we deserve, and grace is when we get what we don't deserve. This is the growing lesson of the Old Testament to be fulfilled by Christ. The expiation of sin and evil requires sacrifice; and God so loved the world He sacrificed His only begotten Son. [To download the timeline just click here.](#) [To access the podcast Day 1 just click here.](#)

C.S. Lewis, on the other hand, is a distinguished writer and among the greatest Christian apologists. He was raised Christian, fell away and embraced atheism and eventually worked his way back to Christianity as he realized that there was no truth or satisfaction in atheism and the core truth of humanity was found in Christianity and the concept of objective morality. That is, there is a moral right and wrong that is inherent across human nature and is found in every culture. Thus, objective morality IS. It does not have to be proven and objective morality is the key to a fulfilling and meaningful existence. He points out that every time morality is treated as subjective then evil is the eventual result. Simply, God loved us enough to give us an intellect and will to sort out His Word in our daily lives. Often our actions get down to the decision between this is what I should do but this is what I want to do. Do I choose to do the right thing or do I stray off the path and try to internally justify my actions? Guess what, the latter course eventually leads to evil EVERY time. Want to check this out? [Click here.](#) Some deep thoughts on this one.

Hello Ladies, praying that you and your loved ones are well. Many of us have traveled already or still on vacation modes or have plans.

A group of Ladies were able to treat Maureen O'Connell to a send-off dinner with she relocating out of state in the near future. She and her late husband and 4th degree Knight Danny were very involved in the life of our Parish, the Knights, and Ladies Auxiliary, it was our tribute to her for everything she did for our group.

On a saddened heartfelt note, some of our members have lost loved ones recent months. Please keep them in your prayers, along with our Knights. Prayers for healing and keeping faith, and reaching out to them with love and supporting words. Other Ladies have been ill and continued prayers for healing are needed.

The Ladies will resume the monthly meetings starting next month, Thursday Sept. 8th, 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room. Hope to have an awesome turn-out and meet our new ladies invited to join our group.

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!

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!"

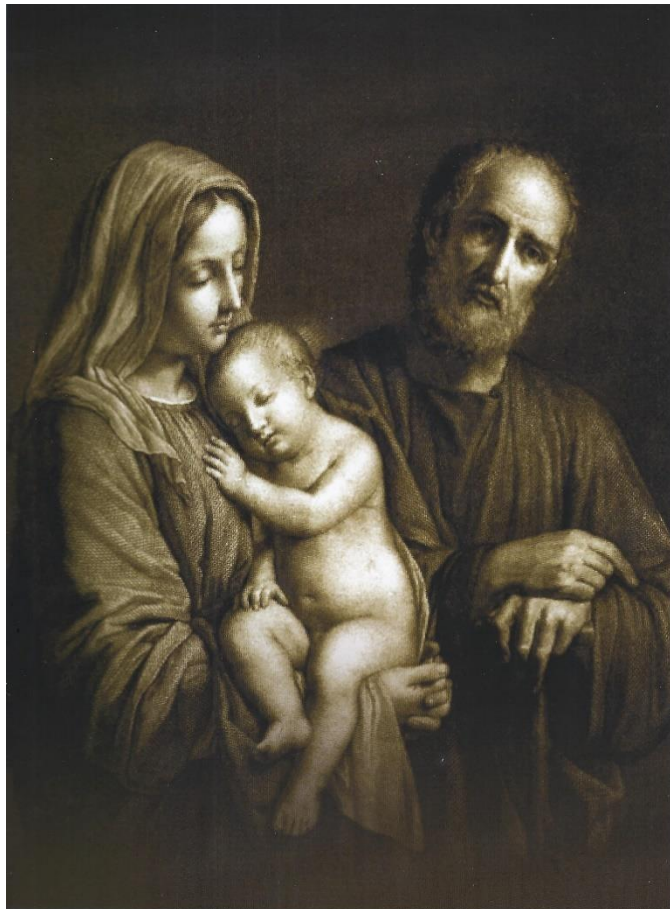
Today, the Order has grown to over 1.9 Million members, more than 55,000 here in the state of Florida. Our resources are utilized to support countless causes, programs, and parishes all over the world and most importantly in our local communities. And through continued growth, we not only preserve the 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

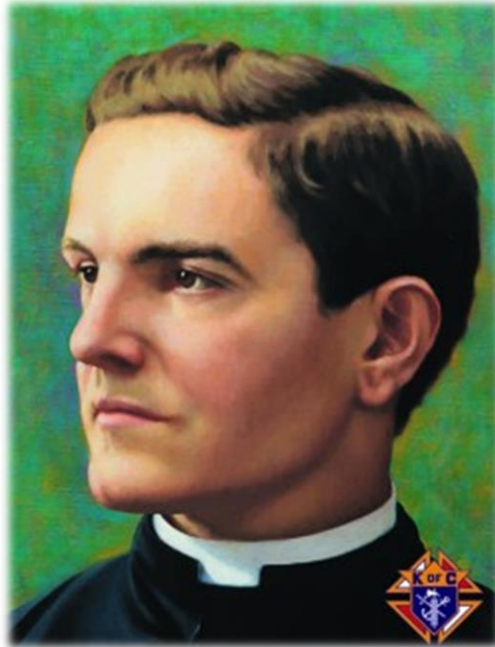
Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.
Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more
fully this vocation to love.

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...

August 2022

- August 11 Regular Council Membership Meeting in the Parish Center @ 7:30pm
- August 16 Informational Open House in the Gathering Room at 7:30pm
- August 18 Unified Degree Ceremony in the Parish Center at 7:30pm



Assembly Calendar of Events...

August 2022



- August 25 Assembly Officers Installation Ceremony in the Parish Center @ 7:30pm

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- Feeling like there is no reason to live
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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.