



THE SHIELD

Grand Knight's Message



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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, September 8 @ 7:30 pm
Live in the Parish Center

View the Newsletter online at:
www.safetyharborkofc.org

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www.floridakofc.org

Visit the Supreme Website at:
www.kofc.org

Worthy Brother Knights!

On Sunday, August 7th, we had our first of five Full Family Breakfast that we have planned for this fraternal year and the first Full Family Breakfast that we had in our council in about three years. As for my being a Grand Knight for a whopping two months now, how do you plan for something like this? Our buy list for this breakfast begins with 45 dozen large grade A eggs then 40 pounds of pancake mix and so on and so on. Just a little mind blowing if you haven't done this before, not to speak of being totally responsible for all of it!

Thankfully, we have a number of Sir Knights who have a great deal of experience with having multiple Full Family Breakfasts that they had conducted when they were Grand Knight so I want to take this opportunity to thank Brothers Frank DiMattei and Frank McEwen for their complete support and guidance!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended and supported our council's Full Family Breakfast. I heard that our breakfast was hot, delicious and that everyone had plenty to eat and drink. That said, I am very pleased to report that we were able to cover all of our expenses for this event, had some extra non-perishable supplies that we are able to carry over to our next breakfast and even made a modest profit for our council. A great start to a great fraternal year for our council!

I would also like to acknowledge with a great big THANK YOU to all of the Sir Knights, Knights, and Ladies Auxiliary that helped set up the Parish Center for this wonderful event. Our cooks, serving stations, runners, replenishment, membership and clean-up crew. 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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| Peter Salesses | Richard LeClerc | Richie Resler |
| Ann LeClerc | George Inderwies | Bill Krajieski |
| Don Puchalski | Rob Pickard | J J Honohan |
| Pat Nocerino | John Gohman | Tom Fitzpatrick |
| Fr. Michael Cooper | Santo Loparo | Karen Jajuga |
| Paul Cooper | Gene Wolanin | Rita Wolanin |
| Keith Taylor | Rich Roberto | Adel Nammour |
| Phil Farney | Doug deWolfe | Bob Bonvicino |
| Frank McEwen | Paul Harvey | Tom Krivchenia |
| Frank DiMattei | Steven Verba | Brian Riley |

If I have missed listing anyone that helped at this event, I sincerely apologize.

SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS:

- 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
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, September 8th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, September 11th, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the JBC
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, September 17th, 8:00 – 10:00 AM 1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater
- Membership Drive – Religious Education Ice Cream for Kids after 9:00 & 10:30 AM Masses – Sunday, September 18th, by the School Playground
- Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, September 22nd, 7:30 PM in the JBC
- Assembly Charity Golf Tournament – Sunday, October 2nd, 7:30 AM Registration with a 9:00 AM Shotgun Start at East Lake Woodlands Country Club
- Council Officer Meeting – Thursday, October 6th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Full Family Breakfast – Sunday, October 9th, 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the Parish Center



PGK JJ Coyne presents Certificates of Appreciation to SK Tom Harkins, SK Frank McEwen and SK John Ruckart

Blessings for an awesome month!

Vivat Jesus!

Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA

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Worthy Grand Knight Gene Jajuga presents Knight of the Month to Peter Salesses

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CORNER

My Brother Knights,

I know what you're thinking, "Great, another designated person to push membership."

Before you Page-Down to the next topic, please hear me out...

First, membership IS in my title, "Membership Director," so what else would I talk about. 😊

Second, perhaps I can shed a different light on this topic that might help you when conversing with others...

When you are speaking with someone, remember why you joined the Knights. Did you join to be more involved in parish activities? Did you join to be more involved in community service, like feeding the poor or helping at Kimberly Home? Did you join to be around more faith-filled people to help increase your faith? The Knights of Columbus is involved in all these areas and helps organize these activities in order to make it easier for you and me to participate. Remember this when speaking with someone and if they mention any of these things, tell them that is exactly why you joined the Knights of Columbus and ask them if they would like to hear more about it. Then invite them to one of our upcoming events where we'll have our membership table manned by yours truly or another Knight ready and willing to speak to them and sign them up. (9/11 - Coffee/Donuts; 9/18 Religious Ed Ice Cream Social; 10/9 Family Breakfast; 10/18 Open House.)

Let's see if we can enroll 2 or 3 new members this month. I know we can do it. Good luck Brothers!

Vivat Jesus!
 Brian Riley
 Membership Director

Informational Open House Schedule:

Oct. 18, Dec. 13, Feb. 14, Apr 18, June 13

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule:

Oct. 20, Dec. 15, Feb. 16, Apr. 20, June 15

Look for more information from our Grand Knight.

Council Membership Report

Total Membership	342
Insurance Members	142
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	8
2022-2023 Membership Growth vs Goal	0/15
2022-2023 Insurance Growth vs Goal	0/2

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

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Outside Guard	Jim Lankford	813-455-2292
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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
Special Assistant to the Council

Vincent Cristiano
Gary Murphy

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Victor Berggren, Ernie Cline, Thomas Coughlin, Robert Deane, Sean Donahoo, Anthony Doyle, Robert Dufour, Robert Faw, Stephen Gorey, Karl Held, Joseph Hocherl, Peter Iaffaldano, Timothy Kielich, John Lambert, Gilberto Latorre, Dcn. Gregory Nash, David Neal, Chris Nesci, Donald Palacheck, John Papa, Paul Pappas, Frank Pensabene, Brian Riley, Andrew Rodnite, Guillermo Romero, James Rooney, Davis Rossi, Martin Spolarich, Roy Vanderveer, Brett Whittenberg, Benjamin Workman

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Robert Piktora (d), Jim Manetta (d), Beatriz Burriesci, Susanne Papa, Devin Cote (d), Daryl Peck (d), Ron Lexa, Janice Schwonek, Guillermo Romero Sr, Cecile Sweeney

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 Hochoerl, 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 Krajewski, 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, 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, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayril, Paul and Jacqueline Barry, Fred and Caroline Bennett, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Tim and Stacey Bruggeman, Jacob and Mary Burnett, Patrick Carroll, Francis Cayer, Kenneth and Debra Chmara, Terrell and Victoria Clampitt, Joseph and Ellen Cortese, Anibal Cruz, Austin Davis, Eric and Bernadette Flores, Michael and Lisa Furman, Joseph Gajewski, Ward and Kathleen Griffin, Mark Gurley, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, James and Janetze Hart, James Hayes, Michael and Anna Heider, Kenton and Sue Heuertz, Christopher and Celise Jones, Mark and Maryann Locascio Kapinos, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Brian and Christine Kearns, Richard and Cecilia Kembal-Cook Jr, Dan and Donna Kistel, James and Patricia Kleinsorge, Brian and Christina Lapointe, Milton Levine, Louis Lyons, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, Javier and Xiomara Ortega, Edmund and Diane Pagnott, Frank and Patricia Piro, Edward and Sandra Riley, Jeffrey and Roxann Rogers Sr, James and Drema Rooney, Timothy and Barbara Rush, Mario and Karen Russica, Kurt Salac, Daniel and Paula Saracki, Robert and Teresa Shafer, Hugh and Katie Siegel, Massimo Simeoni, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, James and Darlene Stanley, Keith and Griselda Taylor Sr, Edward Warticki, Benjamin and Rosmeli Workman

Total Collected to Date: \$1,735.38



Father Michael W. Cooper, S.J.
Chaplain

Chaplain’s Corner

“I didn’t really mean it!”

Two weeks ago, there was a letter to “Dear Abbey,” where the woman asked for some advice. She was at the door of her daughter-in-law, when she made some negative comments to her son about his wife. Somehow it was recorded on their Ring doorbell and the daughter-in-law found out. She is very angry and refuses to accept her mother-in-law’s apology and has said she does not know if she will ever be able to forgive her. The son is welcomed but the daughter-in-law is not and she may never see her granddaughter again. The damage is done. “But I didn’t mean it!” Yes, you did mean it because you said it. Maybe your guard was down or you were tired, but you did say it.

This scenario invites us to examine our attitudes towards others—family, race, or whatever. If we find ourselves—myself included—judgmental, angry, or just negative, we need to explore that and pray about it. Maybe we need to let it go, because the other person is different or just not like me. Maybe who they are or what they say annoys me. Maybe I need to deal with it, lest it get out of hand as it did with that woman. Can I bring some understanding of what bothers me and how I can let it go or at least not let it destroy me, my family, or my faith. Harsh anger and judgment can affect not only the other but me. Such anger eats away at my peace of mind. It is not healthy and can even lead to a heart attack!

I cannot change a person if they do not want to change. Maybe I can say a wise word to a friend who acts this way but maybe I need to first take my negative and judgmental attitudes to prayer and maybe to a counselor or to a good friend, so I can get it out before it eats away at me. Often, I have no idea why an individual says or does something that really annoys me. I definitely have people in my life who push my buttons for what they do or do not do or because of their attitudes. I need to explore my response lest it eat away at my spirit. I do not have to agree with the other nor I do need not to give them power over my emotions. I need to pray and journal about my response and get some peace and equilibrium. Not easy but anger and negativity can kill. We each need to deal with it. No easy answer but exploring our attitudes can be very healing and transformative. As Ignatius Loyola might counsel, “Take it to the Lord and have a conversation which includes listening.”

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain

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Public Relations Director	John Gohman	813-810-3735
Life Director	David Behrle PGK, PFN	727-723-1169
Vocations	Frank McEwen, PGK	727-239-2687
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Tom Krivchenia
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

What a busy month. Thank you to everyone who helped out cooking for the Religious Educations families as they kicked off the New Year. I heard nothing but nice things from everyone. We have coffee and donuts coming on September 11th in the JBC from 7am to 1pm. Please join us and bring a friend to this great community event.

From the Faith Director

Wally and I met with Fr. Len and discussed our ideas for having a Holy Hour and the recitation of the Rosary said at least once a quarter. Fr. Len thought we could implement this program and recommended that we use the New Chapel located in the Narthex. However, he explained that the space is limited to four individuals at a time. He asked the Knights to develop a schedule as to who was attending, on which day and which hour, so the chapel can be used effectively for all those who wish to participate. The scheduled time would have to be after a Mass when a Deacon or a Priest would be available. The New Adoration Chapel will open sometime in October. As far as having the Rosary recited, Fr. Len said we could do a rosary 45 minutes before one of our meetings.

From the Family Director

We have several family events planned for this fraternal year. The success of these events depends on your family participating and enjoying the time together. Our first major event is our annual Family Picnic Saturday, October 22. The attendance has always been good with lots of activities for young and old and plenty to eat and drink. So, put this date in your calendar and plan on having a great time with your family and the families of your fellow Knights.

From the Community Director

Brothers, as we begin our fraternal year, there will be several opportunities for enhancement of our greater community, through service. The first of these will be through picking up our commitment for the road cleanup of Enterprise Road. This is a project we committed to

several years ago to maintain the cleanliness of the road from the railroad tracks (west of the Church) moving east to Philippe Parkway. With a few volunteers, this is estimated to take no more than hour. We would like to begin this project on Saturday, October 8th and do it monthly on each second Saturday. We plan to meet at 9 am at the Church and hope to be done by 10 am. Vests will be provided for this worthwhile project.

From the Life Director

October is our month to stand out in front of the abortion clinic on US HWY 19 in Clearwater. The three Thursdays that we need to support from 7am to 5pm are the 3rd, 13th and the 20th. Please sign up for a two hour-shift and pray for an end to abortion. We will have baby bottles at both the council and the Ladies Auxiliary Meeting to take home for collecting loose change and bills to support the Kimberly Home in Clearwater.

SAINT PIUS OF PIETELCINA:

Pius was born Francesco, of poor farm workers in Pietrelcina, Italy. From a young age, he longed to become a Capuchin. His father traveled to America to earn the money to support his son's vocation. In 1903 he took the Capuchin habit, and he was ordained seven years later. From 1918 to his death, Padre Pio bore the visible stigmata, the wounds of Christ – a gift he prayed to have removed, but finally accepted. His fame spread widely, and with this came suspicion, false accusations, and repeated investigation by the Holy Office. "It is under the cross that one learns to love," he said. Padre Pio died in 1968. Padre Pio is known as the Saint of healing and hope. For fifty years countless people journeyed to the remote Italian village of San Giovanni Rotondo to seek Padre Pio's prayers and assistance, and he welcomed them with open arms. Some people were healed instantaneously, some were healed gradually, and some experienced not a physical healing, but an inward, emotional and spiritual healing. Padre Pio was concerned with the suffering of those who were not cured. This need led Padre Pio to initiate the building of a magnificent hospital in San Giovanni Rotondo, the Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza, the House for the Relief of Suffering, where

the sick would be cared for as if they were Christ himself. Padre Pio often said, "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."

SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR:

- Sept. 3 Saint Gregory the Great (Memorial)
- Sept. 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
- Sept. 9 Saint Peter Cleaver (Memorial)
- Sept. 10 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Sept. 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Sept. 13 Saint John Chrysostom (Memorial)
- Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)
- Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)
- Sept. 16 Saint Cornelius and Cyprian (Memorial)
- Sept. 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Sept. 19 St. Januarius
- Sept. 20 Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions (Memorial)
- Sept. 21 Saint Matthew (Feast)
- Sept. 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial)
- Sept. 24 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian
- Sept. 27 Saint Vincent de Paul (Memorial)
- Sept. 28 St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
- Sept. 29 Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Feast)
- Sept. 30 Saint Jerome (Memorial)

May the Blessings of God be with each of us and may God richly Bless the United States of America!

Vivat Jesus!
 Tom Krivchenia PFN
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Grand Knight Gene Jajuga and Financial Secretary Tom Harkins present Honorary Life Member card to Brother Dick Bulova



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Knights of Columbus
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FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security.

Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining.

While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today.

In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation.

Please keep this in mind for your entire family, not just you and your wife. Think of your children and grandchildren. Even if they are not Knights, I will help each and every family that needs my help. Who knows, maybe by meeting with me, they may even decide it's a noble cause to join.

What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, knowing that a family will be able to manage staying together in the horrible event of an early and untimely passing. Help me in helping your families stay protected.

Vivat Jesus!
John D Ruckart, FICF
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Book an appt with me here: kofc.ruckart.com



Several members of the Golf Committee were presented Patriotic Service Awards from Past Faithful Navigator Frank DiMattei



Frank McEwen
 Faithful Navigator
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Faithful Navigator's Log

Worthy Sir Knights,

The Assembly Officer Installation Ceremony was held on Thursday, August 25. Special thanks to our District Marshal Ken Jeffres for presiding as District Master and Tom Wozniak for serving as District Marshal. Congratulations to Immediate Past Faithful Navigator Frank Di Mattei for guiding us through another extremely successful year.

The Annual Assembly Golf Tournament in support of the Gary Sinise Foundation is coming up on Sunday, October 2. The proceeds this year will support a new home for John Borders, a disabled veteran who served over 27 years in the Army. You may read all about his heroic story in our tournament registration flyer.

There are many ways to contribute to the Golf Tournament success. The online auction site will be available soon. There are many great deals on the auction block this year. You may also make a donation on the auction site. Once you receive the link via email, please visit the auction site. The registration and bidding process is very straightforward and easy to follow. Please spread the word and share the link with all your friends and family. Additionally, there are 50-50 raffle tickets available. The raffle tickets may be purchased at the September Council and Assembly meetings and will also be available at the registration table on October 2.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help the day of the tournament. We are still in need of volunteers. You may signup via the spreadsheet link that was emailed, or you may contact me directly.

The Patriotic Fourth Degree is devoted to serving our veterans who have sacrificed so much for all of us. What little we do in service as Sir Knights can never repay the debt we owe to these heroic men and women. With this in mind, let us go all out to ensure our best efforts for this year's tournament.

"Freedom and security are precious gifts that we, as Americans, should never take for granted. We must do all we can to extend our hand in times of need to those who willingly sacrifice each day to provide that freedom and security. While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders, we can always do a little more."
 - Gary Sinise

Vivat Jesus!

Frank McEwen
 Faithful Navigator



Newly Installed Officer at the Assembly Installation

Assembly Membership Growth	
Current Membership	143
2020/2021 Goal	0/6



Dave Behrle
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It's September, summer is coming to an end, and school has started again for our children and grand-kids. And, that's right, the effort to end abortion continues with another 40 Days for Life campaign. This year, the peaceful effort runs from Sep 28 through Nov 6. Do you get their **free** Quarterly Magazine "Day 41"? If not, then go to www.40DaysForLife.com, and Sign Up. It's that easy. Their summer issue has great articles on Post-Roe Legal Landscape, stories of one abortion survivor and another conceived by incest, international efforts to end abortion, and others.

Incest: sexual intercourse between persons too closely related to marry legally. Incest is used a lot, even by many pro-lifers, to tolerate/allow some abortions; rape is another excuse. Yet, it is still a life, created in the image of God. And, we are not God. The story in the summer issue of Day 41 shows the dignity of each person, even those conceived by "rape or incest".

Abortion continues to divide this country, politically and spiritually. Healing is possible by surrendering past sins, of having an abortion or supporting one, to Christ, in confession, through prayer, through Project Rachel, by working and praying for Life, individually, or publicly by standing on the sidewalk in front of an abortion site, during 40DFL or throughout the year, by donating \$\$ to prolife efforts, etc. Please continue to pray and vote for life!

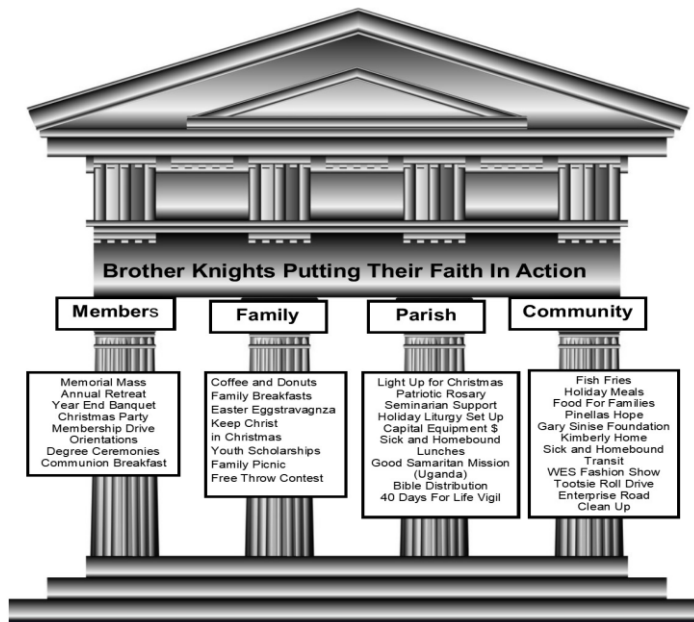


PFN Frank DiMattei presents Special Service Awards to SK Tim Rush and SK JJ Coyne for their work with the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital



Build the Common Good

What a more perfect illustration can there be of building the common good than Psalm 23? It tells of a God in the image of a good Shepherd who takes particular care of His flock. He provides us green pastures, still waters and a bounteous table. Yet we realize that we must walk through the shadow of the valley death. But we fear no evil as He is there to protect us. This fits well with this month’s editorial in how counter-culture we are as Knights trying to emulate the work of the Good Shepherd by our good works in our parish and community.



Psalm 23: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. *You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474 Sixth Annual Golf Tournament



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

Dear Friends,

We just launched our 2nd Annual On Line Auction on Monday, August 29, 2022. We currently have 20 items and are adding more every day. All the proceeds go directly to the Gary Sinise Foundation to help build a smart home for a severely wounded Veteran.

Don't hesitate! Register Now!!

Follow the link below to the auction site and browse the items already listed. Register and you will be notified as more items are added.

<https://qtogo.net/qmlink/esa2474>

Alternatively, you can scan the QR Code below from your mobile device and register on your phone or tablet.



You also can sign-up for the Golf tournament by scanning the QR code below:

Scan for Golf



Help us make this a banner year. Please forward this email to your friends and family. Encourage them to participate. Every dollar counts!!

Have a great day!

Gene

Gene Jajuga, Co-Chaiman
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Assembly Golf Tournament
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PHOTO GALLERY



Several members of Espiritu Santo Catholic Church attended the Anniversary Jubilee Mass at St. Jude Cathedral in St. Petersburg

In Memorium



In Loving Memory of Brother Knight Devin E. Cote

Born: December 11, 2001

Died: August 2, 2022

Eulogy by: SK Brian Jones, PGK, PFN

As I looked around my 3rd grade Religious Education classroom, one 8-year-old young boy stood out from all the rest. He was quiet and shy and always sat in the front row but eagerly participated in classroom discussions and always took notes. I asked him one evening as we were leaving class why he always took notes and he explained to me that he wanted to remember everything that we discussed so that he could share it with his family. That young boy, who I watched grow into a fine young man, was Devin. I was blessed to continue to be his RE catechist through his 8th grade and Confirmation. It was truly humbling to see the thirst for knowledge that Devin showed for his Catholic faith.

Ever since 4th grade Devin expressed an interest in becoming a Knight of Columbus and I was given the opportunity to be his sponsor in February 2020 when he turned 18. Devin stepped up and eagerly participated in all Knights events, just like he did when he was an 8-year-old young boy in the RE classroom participating in classroom discussions. He was often seen serving at Knights dinner dances and helping out at the Gold tournament fundraisers.

Devin had a servant's heart like no young person I have ever met. He was a dedicated altar server for the past 8 years, often serving at more than one Mass on a weekend. He was one of the youngest sacristans we have ever had at Espiritu Santo. In addition, he was a talented musician, often playing in the family choir when he wasn't altar serving. And, back to that young 8-year-old, he gave back to the RE program by becoming an assistant catechist and encouraging 8th grade students in the Confirmation program to find their place in their Catholic faith by serving others.

Devin was a young man with a strong faith, a dedicated musician, an athlete, and a leader. He has truly showed us what Jesus meant when he said in Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...". Devin's record of service to the Church was without equal for someone of his age and an example for all of us of what it truly means to be Jesus in this world.

I know Devin is now in the Lord's embrace and He is saying "welcome home, good and faithful servant."



Lines from the
Ladies Auxiliary

ARE WE COUNTER-CULTURE?

The pillars of the Knights of Columbus are: Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Think of how at odds that is with the current society we live in. It is full of divisiveness and anger, finger pointing and casting blame. The reaction to the Covid pandemic has literally separated and ended long term friendships and even added tension in many families. Supreme Court judges and their families have been threatened over their decision on Roe V Wade. Parents have been criticized and even barred from school board meetings for trying to be heard on the content of the education being taught to their children. Even our Pope and Church are not immune to the turmoil. Yet, we try and walk the walk of unity, charity, fraternity and patriotism somewhat oblivious to our surroundings.

That brings up the question: What Would Jesus Do or Say? A recent Sunday Gospel indicates that He was a pretty counter-culture guy and you could expect the unexpected.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Well now, that can set you back a little. Jesus did not become man to establish peace on earth but rather to divide us down to the family level. Have we got it all wrong with our unity gig? I think not. The key is the Baptism that he must endure and that causes him great anguish. His mission is not a pleasant one. He must suffer and die to save us from our sinful ways. He must do the right thing. Then and only then can good prevail over evil; but that battle continues today in our church, society and families.

We must also do the right thing as Knights and Catholic men. We must follow His counter-culture example; and maybe face some backlash and ridicule because of it.

Unity, Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism? Are they counter-culture? Yes! Are they the right values? You bet!

To All The Ladies,

Summer coming to an end.

It's sure been hot and maybe another month and half to go! Pray not.

Hope all of our Ladies are doing well. We will be ramping up our year with our first monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7:30 p.m. Let us have a record turn-out. 20+ Ladies in attendance!

Continue being vigilant in pray for our Fellow members who are in need. God's blessings to all. See you soon at the meeting.



PFN Frank DiMattei presents new SK Bob Bonvinco with his 4th Degree Certificate

from the desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

ON DEC. 10, 1979, a little Albanian woman wearing a white and blue sari stood before some of the most powerful leaders on earth and received one of the world's highest honors — the Nobel Peace Prize. That day, the diminutive giant, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, was honored for, as the award stated, "bringing help to suffering humanity" and "attention to the plight of children and refugees."

Mother Teresa immediately gave away the Nobel's monetary award to build shelters for the poorest of the poor. She gave all glory to God. But she also gave a great gift to the world — a reorientation of our understanding of true poverty and of the foundations of peace.

In her speech to the dignitaries gathered to praise her, Mother Teresa boldly stated, "The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her own womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other?"

Her listeners were dumbstruck.

This dramatic moment is one of numerous evocative scenes in the new, feature-length documentary *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love*, which will be in select U.S. theaters Oct. 3-4.

It would not be the last time Mother Teresa would be so bold — not by a long shot. Her 1985 address to the United Nations and her witness at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., come to mind. She was the very face of kindness, but her clarity and conviction frequently left world leaders uncomfortable.

'Mother Teresa reminded us that if we truly want to live up to the ideals of justice and equality for all, we must start by respecting the dignity and the worth of every human life, made in the image and likeness of God.'

And for this, there was no better messenger, because Mother Teresa lived this reality every day. No one could rival her total gift of self in her love for the poor and the vulnerable.

Mother Teresa was the world's most credible witness for a culture of life precisely because she saw the face of Christ in those she served. When she was feeding the hungry or holding the hand of someone who was dying, she was doing so to the most important person in her life, Jesus Christ himself. This was the source of her authenticity and consistency.

Her words matched her actions, and her actions matched her words. She had the courage to speak the truth because she had a heart that burned with love, and that love was matched by a life of sacrifice for others. In a general audience address last year, Pope Francis emphasized this link between truth and love: "Let us not be afraid to be truthful, to speak the truth, to hear the truth, to conform ourselves to the truth, so we can love."

This is the witness the world needs now. And I believe Knights and their families are the ones to offer it.

While none of us can be St. Teresa of Calcutta, each of us can demonstrate, through our care for our families, the poor and all those around us, the dignity and worth of every person.

This mission fits perfectly with that of Blessed Michael McGivney and the work of the Knights. It's why we've launched our new ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program — and why, for decades, councils and Knights have been there for women in need, through our Ultrasound Initiative and other works.

The world needs to hear that we stand for life, because every life is of inestimable value and goodness. Our society needs us to proclaim that message boldly, and then to back up our words by laying down our lives for mothers and children, in love. Indeed, there is "no greater love" (Jn 15:13).

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 placed 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!"

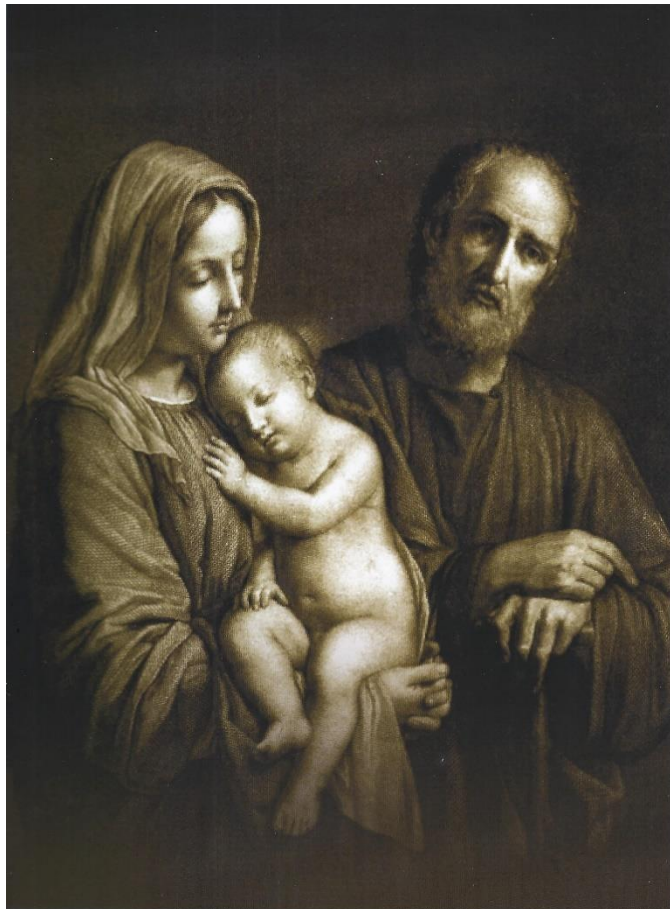
Today, the Order has grown to over 1.9 Million members, more than 55,000 here in the state of Florida. Our resources are utilized to support countless causes, programs, and parishes all over the world and most importantly in our local communities. And through continued growth, we not only preserve the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

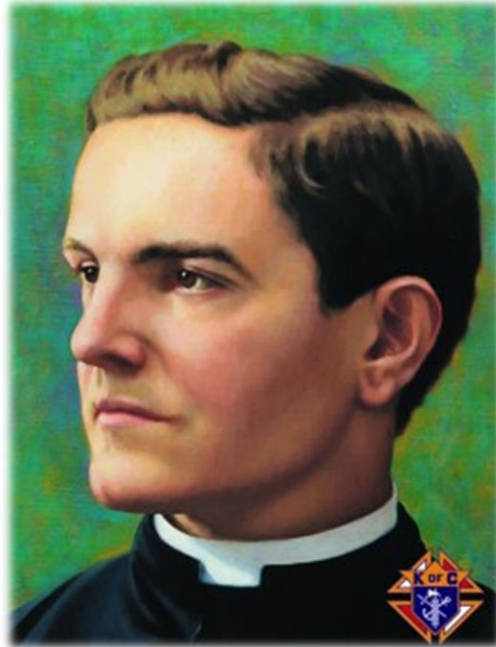
Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.
 Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more
 fully this vocation to love.

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...

September 2022

- Sept 8 Council Membership Meeting in the Parish Center @ 7:30pm
- Sept 11 Coffee & Donuts in the JBC after all Masses
- Sept 18 Ice Cream for Kids after 9:00am & 10:30am Masses



Assembly Calendar of Events...

September 2022



- Sept 22 Assembly Membership Meeting in the John Boscoe Center @ 7:30pm
- Oct 2 6th Annual KofC-Gary Sinise Golf Tournament at ELWCC

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RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF SUICIDE RISK

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.
- Hopelessness, feeling like there's no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

The presence of these signs requires immediate attention. Call us if you experience any of these warning signs.



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God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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.