



THE SHIELD

Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

We had another very busy month in September to say the least! On Sunday, September 18th, we had a very successful Religious Education Ice Cream Membership Drive. It was great to see all of the kids pouring out the school doors and headed to our ice cream table for their treats. I would like to thank the following Brother Knights and Ladies for all of their assistance with passing out the ice cream treats to the kids along with our awesome Membership Director, Brian Riley, who was passing out our Knights new member literature and speaking with dads about joining our council.

Tom Fitzpatrick
Bob Ehrman
Brian Riley
Mark Feldman
Richie Resler

Pat Ehrman
George Inderwies
Frank McEwen
Tom Krivchenia

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

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER EDITOR & PUBLISHER NEEDED

Our Council will be in need of a new Council Newsletter Editor and Publisher. Sir Knight Frank DiMattei who has done an exemplary job for our Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary, editing and publishing our monthly newsletters for some years now has announced that he is

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, October 13 @ 7:30 pm
Live in the Parish Center

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stepping down immediately after our December newsletter is published. Frank has offered to train anyone interested in taking on this awesome responsibility for the next two months. Please contact me as soon as possible if you have an interest. Thank you.

OCTOBER 2022 EVENTS:

- Assembly Charity Golf Outing – Sunday, October 2nd, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM East Lake Woodlands Country Club
- Council Officer Meeting – Thursday, October 6th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Columbus Day Full Family Breakfast – Sunday, October 9th, 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Dinner Dance Committee Meeting – Tuesday, October 11th, in the Gathering Room
- Council Forty Days for Life Campaign – Thursday, October 13th, at All Women's Health Center of Clearwater
- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep – Thursday, October 13th, 9:00 AM Parish Center Kitchen
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, October 13th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, October 13th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, October 15th, 8:00 – 10:00 AM 1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater

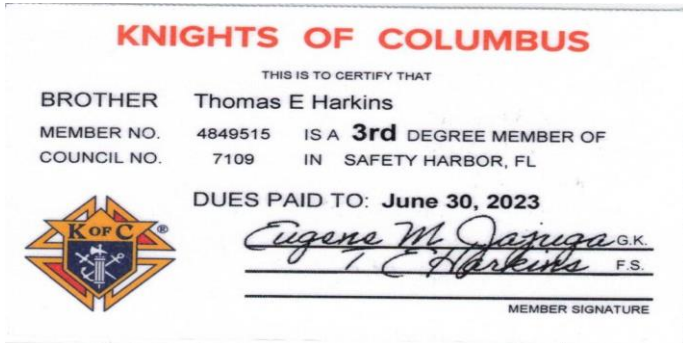
- K of C Informational Open House – Tuesday, October 18th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- K of C Unified Degree Exemplification – Thursday, October 20th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Family Picnic – Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Philippe Park Shelter 5
- Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, October 27th, 7:30 PM in the JBC
- Council ESCS Trunk or Treat – Friday, October 28th, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM K of C Presence Requested
- Council Officer Meeting – Thursday, November 3rd, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council “Let’s Celebrate” Dinner Dance – Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Blessings for an awesome month!

Vivat Jesus!
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MEMBERSHIP CARD DISTRIBUTION



2022/2023 membership cards for paid up regular and honorary members will again be available for pick-up at the October 13 council meeting in the parish hall.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and you would like your card mailed to you, please send an email to our Financial Secretary teharkins@gmail.com. We want to minimize postage expense, so please pick your card up in person if at all possible.

K OF C FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL – RAFFLE TICKETS

We will begin the distribution and sale of the Knights of Columbus - Florida State Council Raffle Tickets at our Council Business Meeting on Thursday, October 13th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please see Sir Knight Doug deWolfe.

Thank you.



Pictured with (from l to r) JJ Coyne PGK; Mark Peterman PFN; Frank DiMattei PGK, PFN; Gene Jajuga GK, PFN is Nicole Johnson from the Gary Sinise Foundation to help kick-off the 2022 KofC-Gary Sinise Golf Tournament.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Greetings My Brother Knights,

FIRST, I want to thank ALL of you that showed up for the Ice Cream Social to hand out membership information to potential Knights. We handed out almost 100 pamphlets and couldn't have done it without your help. THANK YOU!!!

Our goal this year for 15 new Knights is still on. We need to be averaging 2-3 new Knights per month to meet our goal by next May. We have a few opportunities this month to invite potential new Knights to our KofC sponsored events where we'll have our Member table setup and ready to speak to new recruits. Brothers, please invite one guest to one of our events and swing by our membership table. LET'S ENROLL 3 NEW KNIGHTS THIS MONTH!!!

- 10/09 – Family Breakfast
- 10/18 – Informational Open House
- 10/30 – Coffee & Donuts



I would also like to cordially invite all members of the council who have **not** been to a council meeting in several months to swing by this 2nd Thursday, Oct 13th, to say "Hi" and catch up with a few of us. There are so many of you I and some of us have not even met that belong to our Council and Parish, we'd love to say "Hi" and get to know you. We are all like extended family and would love to hear how you are doing. If you are unable to attend, please try to make one of our events, either as a volunteer or just to say "Hi". ***If you are a regular attendee, please invite a Knight you haven't seen in a while to join us in case they have missed this newsletter.***

Peace Always!

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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	344
Insurance Members	144
Honorary Life Members	69
Honorary Members	7
2022-2023 Membership Growth vs Goal	1/15
2022-2023 Insurance Growth vs Goal	0/2

COUNCIL OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Vincent Baldwin, Richard Cordaro, Kevin Cordoro, William Cullen, Jerome Dewberry, Frank DiMattei, James Donnelly, William Gallant, Richard Gouin, Alex Hagedorn, Thomas hart, Jarret Honahan, Thomas Kukulski, Frank Laffey, Charles McEwen, Anthony Metty, Kenneth Miller, Adel Nammour, William Nemanich, Thomas Penders, Kurt Salac, Peter Salesses, David Saso, William Scott, Morgan Sheaffer, Michael Short, Robert Smith, James Smith, Thomas Stanko, Rev. Anthony Ustick, Denny Werner, Andrew Williams

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Beatriz Burriesci, Susanne Papa, Devin Cote (d), Daryl Peck (d), Ron Lexa, Janice Schwonek, Guillermo Romero Sr (d), Cecile Sweeney, Mario Zaccario; Mohan Vaswani (d), Ben Perry (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 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 Guizzerotti, 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 Kembell-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, , Kevin Cordaro, Gerald Custin Jr, Timothy and Marcy Dolan, Christian Lyon, Edward Martinenko, Thomas and Gwendolyn Odmark, Bradford Patterson, Lawrence and Corinne Steinhardt, Skip and Margaret Vankleeck, John Willyoung

Total Collected to Date: \$1,834.18



Father Michael W. Cooper, S.J.
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

We have been bombarded and rightfully so with all the damages and destruction from Hurricane Ian. It makes me think of that old cliché, "God never sends us more than we can handle." I do not understand this. The shrimpers who lived on their uninsured forty-year-old boats on Ft. Myers Beach and have lost everything would find that cliché hard to take. Floridians in other parts of Southwest Florida and across the state and up into the Carolinas, who have lost everything or close to it would also have trouble with that cliché. It is simply not true in too many people's experiences.

Why has it stuck around for so long. Maybe some took this cliché as a word of encouragement to not give up and to give the tragedy one's best shot. Maybe for others it was moralistic. If God sent this tragedy, all I can do is to try to stand up to it. But in point of fact, our God does not send these tragedies-be it damage from a hurricane, illness, depression, financial ruin, or whatever. These things happen for any number of reasons, or they just happen. However, our God is not the cause of these mishaps. Our God is not a punitive jokester. When difficulties happen, I like to suggest that our God is crying with us.

So, what do we do? AS Ignatius Loyola suggested in the sixteenth century, "take it to prayer and discernment" in conversation with the Lord. Maybe we just have to live with a situation-with the Lord's help. But maybe, we need to talk to someone-a close friend, a priest or deacon, a counselor. Maybe we need to let go and change ourselves. Perhaps we need to tell the person who caused this how much hurt they caused. No matter what,

We also need to remind ourselves that the Lord is walking with us as a friend and source of strength as well as wisdom as we face these situations.

While we are on the subject of clichés, another false one is that "everything happens for a reason" or that "God allows or permits these things to happen." Not true. Our God can be involved in good things that happen, because that is the kind of God we have. However, God does not permit or allow bad things to happen. Difficulties and tragedies do happen but in no way is God involved in them.

So, some things do happen for a bad reason-a mistake I or someone else makes. Or simply the limitation of life. Some things just happen. So, what do I do? I take it to the Lord in prayer to discern what I should do. Maybe that includes talking to someone like a priest or deacon, to a religious, or to a close friend to process the situation. Maybe I have to let it go, but maybe more often than not, I need to do something by way of response. I cannot just let it go and do nothing. I should never return evil for evil, but I cannot just swallow it. We are all adults and need to take ownership of our life situations. We are never alone. We have fellow Knights and close friends. In addition, we have the Holy Spirit, the living presence of Jesus with us to help us deal with the situation.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

Thank you so much for all those who helped in handing out ice cream sandwiches and ice cream bars to the kids from religious education. We are having a second Full Family Breakfast on October 9th for Columbus Day. We will be serving from 7am to noon. We are still looking for volunteer assistance. We will be having an Open House on October 18th at 7:30pm in the Gathering Room. The Unified Degree Ceremonies will take place in the Parish Center on October 20th at 7:30pm.

WOW!!!! What a golf tournament we had to raise money for the Gary Sinise Foundation. It couldn't have gone any better. It looks like we may have raised more money this year than last year. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You so much, to all the volunteers we had helping with this outing. We could not have done it without your help. Thank You to the golf committee for arranging a wonderful tournament and auction. It was truly a beautiful day to spend on the golf course. Everyone had a great time.

From the Faith Director

Wally Vazquez has been working on getting everything all set up and ready for the Memorial Mass in November. According to Fr. Len, the new Adoration Chapel will not be ready until late October or early November. Before he is willing to open the chapel for Holy Hour Adoration, he wants to have at least 60 people signed up to participate. He would like to have it open Tuesday through Thursday from after the 8:30a.m. Mass to 3pm. We are trying to set up a time when we can recite the Rosary before our meeting. We are looking for some who would like to lead the Rosary.

From the Family Director

We are having our Full Family Breakfast on October 8 from 7am to noon in the Parish Center. We will also have our annual Family Picnic on October 22, in Philippe Parkway in Shelter 3 from 10am to 2pm or 3pm. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs with potato and macaroni salads and other dishes that satisfy the kid in

us. This is a great way to reconnect with friends that you haven't seen in a while.

From the Community Director

We are having our road clean up on Saturday October 8. We can meet at 9am at the church and with a few guys helping, we should be done by 10:30am. We will be picking up Enterprise Road from the railroad tracks to Philippe Parkway. Vests will be provided. If you would like to volunteer or ask questions, please contact Jim Lankford

We are having our first annual Hockey Shoot Out on Saturday November 12, starting at 9am. We will have registration before. We will also have early registrations. Details to follow. This is for both boys and girls, from ages 10 – 17. So, bring your children and grandchildren as this will be a fun and challenging time for them and the whole family. We will be needing many volunteers from 8am to 12pm or 1pm, depending on how many kids we have.

From the Life Director

October is the month for 40 Days for Life. We will be standing outside the abortion clinic on US HWY 19 in Clearwater, on Thursday the 6th, 13th and the 20th of October from 7am to 5pm. Please contact Dave Behrle for any questions and parking information. We are still collecting money for the Kimberly Home. We are handing out baby bottles to anyone who wants to put their loose change in them. We will have them on the tables at the Full Family breakfast.

SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, often called the Little Flower, was born on January 2, 1873, in the Normandy region of France to Louis Martin and Zélie Guérin. She was the youngest daughter of the five surviving Martin girls of a middle-class French family. Because of how short Therese's life was to be, God began drawing her to Himself at a very early age, in a very

intense way. She was born into an extraordinarily devout, warm, and wise Catholic family and had some of the best family instruction in the faith that one can imagine. Eager to follow her two older sisters into the Carmelite monastery of Lisieux, she was finally able to enter at the age of fifteen. She didn't seem to be anything "special" in the convent, but interiorly the Lord was bringing about a great purification in order to unite her to Himself. He was also teaching her great insights into the spiritual journey. In the last few years of her life, she was asked to write down some of her life story, which was published under the title, *The Life of a Soul*. In it, Therese shared the story of her own journey, "the Little Way" that has inspired millions. She desired to give herself wholeheartedly as a missionary but discovered her work was in the anonymity of the convent: "My vocation is love. In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I shall be love. "My mission-to make God loved- will begin after my death. "I will spend heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Countless lives have been touched by her intercession. She has been acclaimed the "greatest saint of modern times." She died a very painful death at the age of twenty-four of tuberculosis. She was canonized a saint in 1925. In 1927, she was declared co-patron of the missions and in 1997, a Doctor of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II. St. Therese said that "what matters most in life is not great deeds, but great love."

OCTOBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR:

- Oct 1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus (Memorial)
- Oct 4 Saint Francis of Assisi (Memorial)
- Oct 5 St. Faustina Kowalska, Bl. Francis Xavier, Seelos
- Oct 6 St. Bruno, Bl. Marie Rose, Durocher
- Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)
- Oct 8 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Oct 11 St. Pope John XXIII
- Oct 14 St. Callistus I
- Oct 15 Saint Teresa of Jesus (Memorial)
- Oct 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)
- Oct 18 Saint Luke (Feast)
- Oct 19 Saint John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions (Memorial)
- Oct 20 St. Paul of the Cross
- Oct 22 St. Pope John Paul II, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Oct 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Oct 28 Saint Simon and Jude (Feast)
- Oct 29 Bl. Virgin Mary



And as the sun rose over the golf course, our volunteers were at the ready to begin the check-in process





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Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR REPORT

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

"Big deal!" you might say. "What's so special about that?" Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We've had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That's about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What's all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn't come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill

and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let's get together soon...and I'll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey.

Vivat Jesus!
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Book an appt with me here: kofc.ruckart.com



Sir Knight Vince Cristiano is always ready to pitch in and help wherever and whenever he can.



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 Faithful Navigator
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Faithful Navigator's Log

October celebrates the namesake of our order, Christopher Columbus. Father McGivney chose Columbus to remind America of its Catholic roots at a time of rising anti Catholic sentiment. Today the woke culture is relentless in spewing revisionist history. The October 2017 issue of Columbia Magazine article "Christopher Columbus and Fake History" presents the truth and refutes the modern revisions. The deep piety of our Order's namesake is totally ignored or presented in a false light of "oppression of native peoples"...

Christopher Columbus was a Third Order Franciscan and was often seen wearing the Franciscan habit. One of his contemporaries, Bartolome de las Casas, a Dominican friar and the first Bishop of Chiapas, wrote of Columbus:

"He observed the fasts of the church most faithfully, confessed and made communion often, read the Divine Office like a churchman, hated blasphemy and profane swearing, and was most devoted to Our Lady and to the seraphic father St. Francis. He was extremely zealous for the honor and glory of God; he deeply yearned for the evangelization of these peoples and for the planting and flourishing everywhere of people's faith in Jesus Christ."

Columbus' flagship on the first voyage was named in honor of Mary, the full name was Santa Maria de la Inmaculada Concepción (Holy Mary of the Immaculate Conception). During the voyage there was a daily evening prayer service, asking for Divine Providence and Protection.

As Columbus set foot on the new land in San Salvador, his first act was to kneel on the beach to give thanks. He recited the following prayer in Latin:

"O Lord, eternal and omnipotent God, Thou hast, by Thy holy word, created the heavens, the earth, and the sea; blessed and glorified be Thy name; praised be Thy majesty, who hast deigned that, by means of Thy unworthy servant, Thy sacred name should be acknowledged and made known in this new quarter of the world."

The above prayer was followed by the chanting of the Credo, the Te Deum, and many other prayers in thanksgiving. He proceeded to claim the new land for his sovereigns, but first claiming it for his Divine Master, giving it the name San Salvador (Holy Savior).

On May 20, 1506, the Vigil of the Ascension, Christopher Columbus lay on his deathbed in his apartment at Valladolid, surrounded by his fellow Franciscans and his sons. As the friars chanted Compline, his last words echoed those of Christ on the cross: In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum. (Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.)

I firmly believe as Knights we have an obligation to arm ourselves with the true facts so we may defend Christopher Columbus and refute revisionist history that so unfairly vilifies this pious and holy man.

Vivat Jesus!
 Frank McEwen
 Faithful Navigator



FN Frank McEwen coordinating with the Honor Guard for the presentation of the Colors

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



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Today is Oct 4, so I am late in submitting my article for October. Patty and I are in Gettysburg, PA. Earlier today, we visited the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum. That July 1-3, 1863 battle is deemed decisive, a turning point if you will, in the final outcome of the Civil War. The losses on both sides, for the battle and the whole war, are very sobering. We came away from today's visit having the same thought, that today, we in the USA are going through another civil war of sorts. Back in the 1800s, the issue was slavery. Today, ever since Roe v. Wade, the divisive issue has been abortion.

Some states are promoting their legal-status for abortion. On the drive up here, I saw a billboard sign announcing that North Carolina was still open to abortion. NC is not alone; Illinois, New York, California are also promoting themselves as states to come to for abortion. CA just passed new laws, and signed by Governor Newsome, including 1- that CA will use taxpayer funds to fly women to CA for their abortion, and 2- that prohibits all civil and criminal penalties for any "perinatal death" due to causes that occurred in utero. [Per LifeSite News the purpose of this language is to legalize the killing of babies born alive during self-induced, "do it yourself" abortions. Furthermore, they report that the CA Assembly Judiciary Committee's own analysis of the bill defines "perinatal" as the period up "to one month following delivery."] This sounds like legalizing infanticide to me, up to 1 month of birth.

It's my understanding that Planned Parenthood in Illinois will launch a new mobile abortion vehicle with scheduled stops in Illinois near states with abortion restrictions (think MO, IA, WI, IN and KY). Finally, with the midterms coming up, political ads on TV for one major party bring up abortion as one of their #1 issues to vote against their opponent. I have seen these political ads in FL and now here in PA. I bet you have seen them too. So, is this where we are at with innocent babies in the womb the #1 issue for our elections? Please continue to pray for Life!



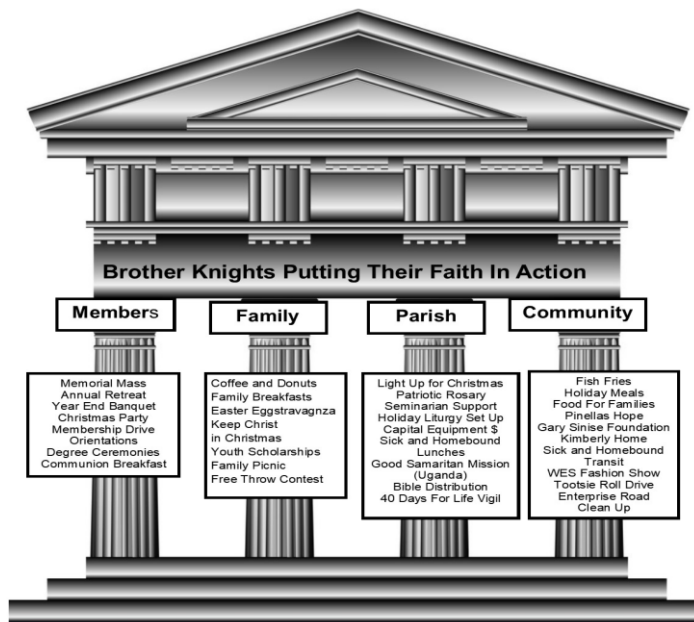
Deacon Greg Nash offered a prayer at the opening of the 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Frank DiMattei, PGK PFN presents 2nd Place 50/50 Raffle winner Heather Gracey with a check for over \$600



October is the month of the Family. On the seventh day God rested, Sunday is the day of the Lord in which we remember and give thanks for the work of creation, his gift of the Holy Spirit, and the joy of our faith. Celebrating the sacredness of this holy day each week together as a family strengthens each of us in our vocation to holiness. Psalm 128 reminds us of the reward.



Psalm 128:1-6

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and who walk in his ways. What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be blessed and prosper: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your home, Your children like young olive plants around your table. Just so will the man be blessed who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Zion; may you see Jerusalem's prosperity all the days of your life, and live to see your children's children. Peace upon Israel!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



*Let's
Celebrate*

"Let's Celebrate Dinner Dance"

Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Individual Ticket Price \$20.00

Table of Eight Price \$144.00

PHOTO GALLERY



The 6th Annual Knights of Columbus-Gary Sinise Golf Tournament was our best yet! With 131 players taking the field and over 40 volunteers, how could we miss?

Thank you to all who participated, whether by playing or volunteering.

In Memorium



Sir Knight James Manetta

March 14, 1954 – June 17, 2022

When I'm Gone

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.
Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, ere the close of the day.
Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay,
And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west.
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

Mrs. Lyman Hancock



Lines from the
Ladies Auxiliary

We are called...

In this popular hymn we are called to do many wonderful things in God's name. As Knights our mission and purpose direct us to fulfill that hymn in various ways. But Scripture reminds us that all too often we fail the challenges in our daily lives in the way we may avoid the things we do not care to do or by doing things that we should not.

The Book of Amos reminds us of our shortcomings in these words:

Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall!

While the Gospel of Luke relates the story of Lazarus who lay at the door of a rich man, was covered by sores and licked by dogs for comfort. He would have gladly eaten the table scraps but was never offered them. died and was carried by angels to the bosom Abraham. Shortly after, the rich man died taken to the netherworld and, in the distance, saw Abraham and Lazarus and cried out for mercy. Abraham reminded him of his wealth in life and told him "between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours."

The wealthy man then asked Abraham to send angels to his father's house to warn his brothers of their impending fate. Abraham replied that they had Moses and the Prophets and should listen. To this the man said, "Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." Then Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

We are called and we are certainly blest but we must remember how easy it is to stray from our mission as individuals, brother Knights and a vital part of the Mystical Body of Christ. What can we learn from these readings?

Three things:

- There is no room for the lukewarm. You are either committed or not. Do you walk the walk or just talk the talk?
- There is nothing wrong with the good life. Live life with an attitude of gratitude for what you have but don't become complacent.
- Live responsibly and share what you have? This is what we are truly called to do.

Hi Ladies,

Hope Fall is here to stay and everyone well and looking forward to helping our Knights with activities scheduled for 2022-2023 .

Plans are in full swing to decorate, make up raffle baskets etc. for the Celebrate Dinner Dance Nov. 5th. We will be meeting at the Parish Center 8:30 a.m. to assemble table center pieces, make up raffle baskets, set tables and just enjoy being able to have great fellowship with one another.

For the evening we will need to help with basket tickets donations and clean up. We have so much to celebrate, our blessings of our Parish friends and family . Hope to see so many there, spread the word , bring a friend!



Ladies Angela DiMattei, Rosalie Resler and Robin LaChance were assisted by Sir Knight Richard Resler

from the desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...



Your Eminences, Your Beatitude, Your Excellencies, my brother Knights and friends, both near and far: It's good to be with you. After three long years, the Supreme Convention is in person again. We are back where we belong!

Today is a special privilege for me. This is my first in-person annual report. Leading the Order is among the highest honors I will ever have. I am grateful for the love and support of my wife, Vanessa, and our three girls. And to my brother Knights and families: I am excited as we all set out together to achieve great things.

"A Knight is a leader who stands in the breach. We defend the faith. We protect the family. And when a need arises, we rise to meet it — with charity, unity and fraternity."

It's been nearly 40 years since I became a Knight. And my family's history in the Order stretches back more than a century. My father and my grandfather taught me what it means to be a Knight. And when I think back to their example, and my own experience, I know exactly how to sum up the men of this brotherhood. It's the heart of my message today and our mission going forward: A Knight is a leader who stands in the breach. We defend the faith. We protect the family. And when a need arises, we rise to meet it — with charity, unity and fraternity.

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!"

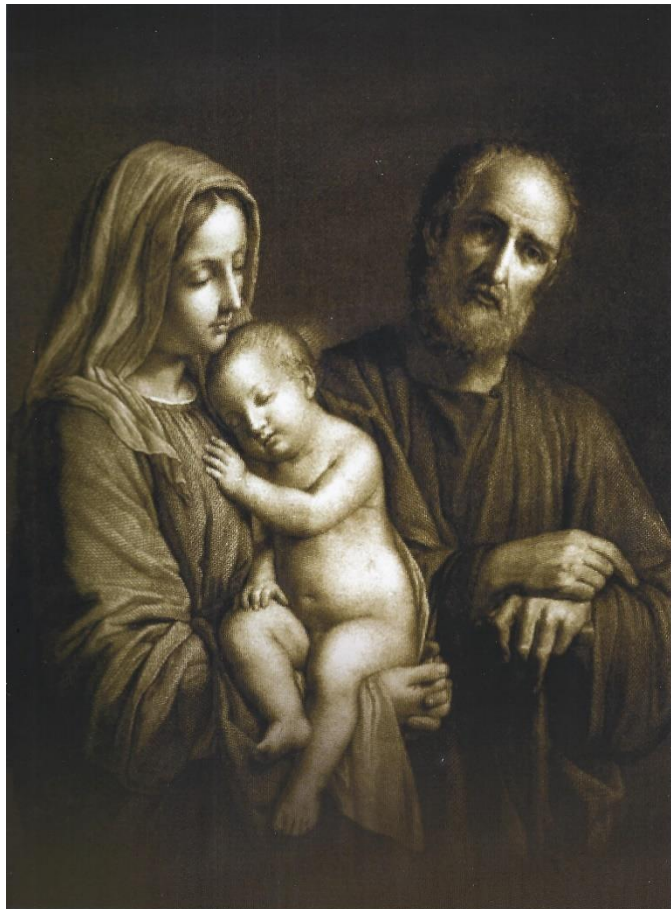
Today, the Order has grown to over 1.9 Million members, more than 55,000 here in the state of Florida. Our resources are utilized to support countless causes, programs, and parishes all over the world and most importantly in our local communities. And through continued growth, we not only preserve the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

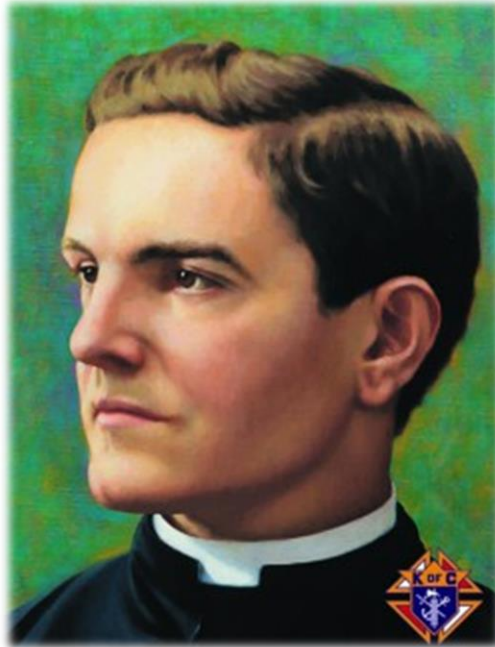
Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family.
Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more
fully this vocation to love.

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...

October 2022

- Oct 18 Informational Open House in the Gathering Room at 7:30pm
- Oct 20 Unified Degree Ceremony in Parish Center at 7:30pm
- Oct 22 Council Family Picnic in Philippe Park, Shelter 5 from 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Oct 28 ESCS Trunk or Treat 1:30 – 4:00pm in School Parking Lot
- Nov 3 Council Officers Meeting in the Gathering Room at 7:00pm
- Nov 5 “Let’s Celebrate” Dinner Dance in the Parish Center at 7:00pm – 10:30pm



Assembly Calendar of Events...

October 2022



- Oct 27 Regular Assembly Membership Meeting in the JBC at 7:30pm

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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.