



# THE SHIELD

## Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

I hope that my report finds you and yours doing well and that you are all enjoying a wonderful hot, hot, hot summer! We had a relatively light month of July activity wise, but we will begin picking up the pace again in August.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AUGUST

- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, August 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Special Olympics Area 5 Bowling Competition – Saturday, August 5th, 7:30 AM Seminole Lanes, Seminole
- Funeral Mass for Kathy Kukulski – Saturday, August 5th, 1:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Program Directors Meeting – Tuesday, August 8th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Hosted by the K of C – Thursday, August 10th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, August 10th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Coffee, Donuts & More – Sunday, August 13th, at 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Informational Open House – Tuesday, August 15th, at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery – Thursday, August 17th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen

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Next Council Meeting  
Thursday, August 10 @ 7:30 pm  
in the Parish Center

View the Newsletter online at:  
[www.safetyharborkofc.org](http://www.safetyharborkofc.org)

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

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

- Council Unified Exemplification Degree – Thursday, August 17th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home "Work Day" – Saturday, August 19th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater)
- Membership Drive – Ice Cream & Fruit Bars to Religious Education Students, Sunday, August 20th, 2:00 PM PC Pavilion
- Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, August 24th, 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- "Silver Rose" Mass, Prayer Service & Devotion – Saturday, August 26th, in the Parish Center
- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, September 7th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Thursday, September 14th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, September 14th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

### FOOD HANDLER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION

Some months ago, I was approached by fellow Knight, Bob Justiana, about some information regarding doing training classes for our Brother Knights and sisters that handle food in our Parish Center Kitchen during our many cooking events. After looking into this further with our Council Officers and after some good discussion, it was decided that we would invite our Council and Ladies Auxiliary members to sign up to attend training classes to be certified as food handlers and managers in our Parish Center Kitchen. At that time, our Council only had two

ServSafe Managers and three SafeStaff Food Handlers, which for our many events was totally inadequate. Well done Brother Bob with your suggestion!

After sending out the sign-up sheet in late May, I received an excellent response to our invitation to attend classes for both food handlers and managers. I am very happy and proud to say that in our first Food Handler class that was held on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, and we had a total of 19 of our Brother Knights and Ladies attend and receive their SafeStaff Food Handler Certification. This was followed up with another class that was held on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, with an additional 13 of our Brother Knights and Ladies receiving their training and SafeStaff Food Handler Certification. With the success of the SafeStaff Food Handler Training Classes, our Council now has 35 Certified Food Handlers for our many, many events that we have and host each year.

On Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, there was a Food Managers Training Class that was held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM with all four of our Brothers attending passing their exam and receiving their ServSafe Certified Food Protection (CFP) Manager Certification. We now have 6 ServSafe Certified Food Protection Managers in our Council. Congratulations Brothers!!!

I have made up two books for our Knights of Columbus Council that contain the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification certificates and the SafeStaff Food Handler Certification certificates. One book will be held in the Parish Maintenance Department Office as they most often times work with the State Food Inspectors and the other book will be in our pantry in the PC Kitchen. All original certificates will be passed down from Grand Knight to Grand Knight. The total cost of the food training and certification program was \$1,350.00. At our next Council Officer Meeting, we will discuss having an additional Food Handler Training Class and Certification next year and each year thereafter with new or interested Brother Knights and Ladies attending. I will be passing out the SafeStaff Food Handler cards at our next Council Business Meeting.

### **SERVS SAFE FOOD PROTECTION MANAGERS**

Paul Harvey      Santo Loparo  
JJ Coyne          Edward Amador

### **SAFESTAFF FOOD HANDLERS**

John Clarke      Frank DiMattei      Angela DiMattei  
Jane Farney      Bill Krajieski      George Inderwies  
Phil Farney      Richie Resler      Matthew Sunski  
Terry Drake      Bob Justiana      Kevin McCullagh  
Jerry Custin      John Gohman      Frederick Elfein

John Malone      Rich Roberto      Frank McEwen  
Anne Harkins      Joe D'Amelio      Betty D'Amelio  
Tom Harkins      Robert Picard      Wally Vazquez  
Tom Stanko      Mario Zaccaria      Fr. Michael Cooper  
Paul Cooper      Adel Nammour      Robin LaChance  
Karen Jajuga      Gene Jajuga

### **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICERS**

With the new Fraternal Year just beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, I would like to thank our returning Council Officers for their time and dedication to their positions last year and for the new year now underway. My heartfelt gratitude for all you do!

I would also like to thank all those that attended our recent Barney Gonyea Council Installation of Officers that made it that much more special for all of us serving. Thank you!

Fr. Michael Cooper	Chaplin
Tom Krivchenia	Deputy Grand Knight
Mark Feldman	Chancelor
Bill Krajieski	Recorder
Tom Harkins	Financial Secretary
Jerry Custin	Treasurer
Paul Harvey	Lecturer
Richie Resler	Advocate
Mark Peterman	Warden
Paul Cooper	Inside Guard
Jim Lankford	Outside Guard
Brian Annis	Guard Alternate
JJ Coyne	Trustee Three Year
Ken Seguin	Trustee Two Year
Frank McEwen	Trustee One Year
Vincent Cristiano	Special Assistant
Gary Murphy	Special Assistant

Blessings to all for an awesome month!  
Gene

Vivat Jesus!

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PS: Click on the following link to read a nice article on The Gary Sinise Foundation and all it does for wounded warriors published in The Wall Street Journal:

[https://www.wsj.com/articles/lights-cameras-and-homes-for-veterans-jason-church-gary-sinise-philanthropy-b74a032b?st=cj1w4qob6ddodid&reflink=article\\_email\\_share](https://www.wsj.com/articles/lights-cameras-and-homes-for-veterans-jason-church-gary-sinise-philanthropy-b74a032b?st=cj1w4qob6ddodid&reflink=article_email_share)

# Membership – Holy Moments

Dear brothers of the Knights of Columbus,

I am deeply humbled and honored to introduce myself as Edward J. Amador, a devoted member of Espiritu Santo Catholic Church for six years. Recently, in March of 2022, I embarked on a new chapter of my faith journey by becoming a member of this esteemed brotherhood. Allow me to share with you the story of how my path led me to the Knights of Columbus and how I aim to embrace "Holy Moments" in this meaningful venture.

My connection with the church and my faith can be traced back to my childhood. Growing up in a devout Catholic family, the teachings of Christ and the importance of community service were instilled in me from an early age. Over the years, my ties with Immaculate Conception Church grew stronger, and I found great joy in being an active participant in various parish activities while at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church such as becoming a minister of hospitality and playing the trumpet with the choir at Mass on Sunday's.

In early 2020, I was overjoyed when my father-in-law expressed his desire for us to join the Knights of Columbus together. As someone I looked up to and respected deeply, his enthusiasm for the order was infectious. However, life had other plans, and tragedy struck when he lost his battle with COVID-19 complications later that year. His passing left a void in my heart and our family, and I mourned not only the loss of a beloved family member but also the shared opportunity to serve side by side in the Knights.

In the face of grief and loss, I sought solace in my faith, and it was during this period that God gently placed the idea of joining the Knights of Columbus into my heart. I realized that despite my initial plans to join with my father-in-law, my journey with the order was meant to be uniquely mine. Inspired by his passion for service and motivated by my love for Christ, I took the courageous step forward, eager to continue his legacy of compassion and generosity.

As I embraced my role as a Knight, I stumbled upon a life-changing book, "Holy Moments," written by the renowned Matthew Kelly. This remarkable handbook offered profound insights into how we can transform ordinary moments into extraordinary encounters with God. Matthew Kelly emphasizes that every day presents us with countless opportunities to experience the divine by making choices that align with our values and purpose.

The work of a Knight of Columbus is, in essence, the embodiment of creating holy moments. Through our charitable efforts, support for the Church, and fostering a

sense of unity within our communities, we have the power to turn ordinary actions into divine encounters. Each act of kindness, each moment of genuine connection, and every effort made to uplift others contributes to the creation of holy moments that touch lives in meaningful ways.

Now, as I stand here, a proud member of the Knights of Columbus and the Membership Director, I am eager to embark on this journey of creating Holy Moments with a specific goal in mind. Our mission to welcome 15 new recruits for the new Fraternal year is not merely a numerical target but a testament to our commitment to spreading the principles of the order far and wide. By inviting more men to join our ranks, we extend the reach of our collective efforts and multiply the holy moments we can create together.

In this endeavor, we can draw inspiration from "Holy Moments" as we guide and mentor the new recruits, helping them understand the transformative power of their service. By sharing the principles outlined in the book, we can encourage them to make intentional choices that align with their faith and values, thus creating holy moments in their own lives and the lives of others.

Together, let us exemplify the teachings of Christ through selfless service, compassion, and unity. By doing so, we not only honor the legacy of our order but also strengthen our ability to create even more Holy Moments together. As we serve side by side, we multiply our efforts and amplify the positive change we bring to the lives of those we touch.

May God bless each one of you abundantly and may our journey as Knights be filled with Holy Moments that transform lives and bring joy to our hearts.

Yours in Christ,



Edward J. Amador  
Membership Director  
KofC Council 7109

Note: If you would like a copy of the book "Holy Moments" to leverage its teachings and help with recruitment efforts, you can obtain it from me in person during our meetings and events. Alternatively, feel free to reach out to me via email at [edamador00@gmail.com](mailto:edamador00@gmail.com), and I will be more than happy to provide you with a copy. Together, we can continue to grow in our faith and make a lasting impact in the lives of others.

# Unity – Strength in Numbers

## Informational Open House Schedule

**2023:** August 15 | October 17 | December 19  
**2024:** February 13 | April 16 | June 18

## Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

**2023:** August 17 | October 19 | December 21  
**2024:** February 15 | April 18 | June 20

*Look for more information from our Grand Knight*

## Council Membership Report

Total Membership	333
Insurance Members	137
Honorary Life Members	68
Honorary Members	07
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/15
2023-2024 Insurance Growth vs Goal	00/2

## Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	135
Honorary Life Members	17
Honorary Members	01
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	01/06

## Council Officers 2023-2024

Grand Knight	Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA	727.403.3261
Chaplain	Fr. Michael W. Cooper, SJ	727.644.5544
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Recorder	Bill Krajeski	727.784.2817
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Lecturer	Paul Harvey, PFN	727.286.7171
Advocate	Richard Resler	727.744.8923
Warden	Mark Peterman, PFN	727.403.5993
Inside Guard	Paul Cooper	727.726.6837
Outside Guard	Jim Lankford	813.455.2292
Guard Alternate #1	Brian Annis	727.204.7490
Trustee Three Year	John "JJ" Coyne, PGK	901.832.7332
Trustee Two Year	Kenneth Seguin, PGK, PFN	727.331.7278
Trustee One Year	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687
District Deputy	Alan Gauzens, PGK	727.483.8250
District Warden	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687
Fraternal Benefits Advisor	John Ruckart	813.855.5111
Special Assistant to the Council	Vincent Cristiano	
Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

### Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Thomas Bergevin, Sal Burriesci, Fr Michael Cooper, Charles Friesema, Lawrence Harkins, Shawn Jajuga, Richard Kemball-Cook Jr, Matthew Killeen, Dan Kistel, John Kurpinski Sr, Stanley Kwiatkowski, John Liu, Joseph Magaddino, Frank McEwen, John Morgan, Robert Papariella, Daniel Peterson, Gerard Picard, Frank Piro, Edward Riley, Fr Richard Rosin, 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, Mario Zaccario, Ken Seguin, Jim Gencur, Alfred Bonvicino, Ed Mandichak, Ron Lexa (d), Susanne Papa (d), Jim Schownek, Ed Warticki, Desiree, Mrs LeClerc, Brady Cobb, Andrea Coe (d), Maggie Cappabianca, Lillian Custin (d), David Flori (d), Annemarie Montali, Violet Amador, Kathy Kukulski (d), Ed Amador, Margie Annis, Paul Barry, Kennedie, John Papa

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



John Paul Grabowski

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. All three of our seminarians are located at St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana. Austin Smith, junior year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Benjamin Harris, junior year from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski, in his sophomore year, is from Catholic Student Center, USF – Tampa.

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, Donald and Linda Motika Borbath, James Burris, John and Sharon Cathcart, John and Betsy Clarke, JJ Coyne, William Cullen, Joseph and Betty D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol De Wolfe, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Philip and Jane Farney, Robert Faw, Thomas Fitzpatrick, John and Peggy Gohman, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas and Jean Hart, Timothy and Ann Hartle, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, James and Angy Hayes, David and Donna Heezen.,Kevin and Gidget Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hocherl, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Timothy Kielich, William and Katherine Krajeski, Frank and Deborah Laffey, Milton Levine, Santo and Karen Loparo, Patrick Mackin, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, John Morgan, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Donald Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas Penders, Daniel Peterson, Robert and Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, James and Drema Servoss Rooney, Daniel and Paula Saracki, William and Mary Scott, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Thomas and TP Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Steven Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria, Patrick and Joan Alix, Edward and Violet Amador, Victor and Susanne Berggren, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Kevin Cordaro, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Frederick and Christi Elflein, Zach Faraone, Charles and Raquel Friesema, Michael and Lisa Furman, Ward and Kathleen Griffin, Mark and Patricia Gurley, Kenton and Sue Heuertz, Jarret Honahan, George and Claire Inderwies, Brian and Christine Kearns, Matthew Killeen, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, James and Karen Kurzdorfer, Stephen and Ellen Leger, John Lenehan, Stanley Lipiarz, Clifford and Michelle Merz, James and Phyllis Montali, Adel Nammour, William Nies, James and Patricia Nolf, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Donald and Alexis Reed, Juan and Rosemary Romero, Kurt Salac, Peter and Susanne Salesses, Jim and Nancy Shirer, James and Karin Smith, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Roy and Linda Motika Vanderveer, Wally and Ramona Vazquez

**Total Collected to Date: \$1,004.03**



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ  
Chaplain

## Chaplain's Corner

### CHANGE IS NORMAL AND GOOD

Two weeks ago, I went to my dermatologist [Dr. Timothy Kelly, M.D.] for my bi-annual check-up. In the course of his very thorough exam, he found a growth on my right leg. He opened up the growth and sent it out for a biopsy. The nurse called me four days later to tell me it was cancerous but that they had got it all on the initial examination. What a relief. I was very grateful for Dr. Kelly's thoroughness, but I am also aware that maybe ten or twenty years ago there may not have been that updated examination and skill at biopsy. I could have eventually lost my leg to cancer.

So just as change is normal in so many other areas of life, so too in our faith and theology. Many of us grew up with the understanding that the Faith does not change. Often theologians, as we well as ordinary faithful, were not allowed to even consider new perspectives or a further understanding of the context at the time a particular dogma or understanding was presented. Today we realize that our understanding needs to explore further the time, context, and culture when elements of our Faith were formulated. For example, our understanding of the practice of our Faith and specifically of the sacraments need to be more compassionate and understanding and less punitive and judgmental. The upcoming Synod in the Fall will explore issues like second marriages.

In the past if you were divorced, you could not go to Communion and often were ostracized as a bad Catholic. However, some people maybe just made a mistake in marrying a particular person or it just did not work out. Haven't all of us made mistakes that we regret but should we

be punished for the rest of our life? [How many American bishops have publically apologized for knowingly covering up sexual predators?] Annulments now are more readily available but not always easy to complete. What about Catholics who have been deceived by their spouses who have been unfaithful. Until now that divorced person, basically the victim, is still "punished." Divorced Catholics who do not re-marry can still go to Communion, but many do not know that. Instead of being treated as "outcasts," a number of people have simply moved to another faith community. Pope Francis has described our Church as a "field hospital" to emphasize a more pastoral approach to healing and reconciling for the human beings we call Catholics. WWJD!

You may have disagreements or questions about certain statements or church practices you grew up with and maybe do not understand the changes you are seeing like concern for social justice or our openness to Jews or to other non-Catholics—especially regarding marriage. Feel free to ask me and I hope I can at least offer some understanding of possible changes—the bigger picture. In Last Sunday's Parish Bulletin Sue, our Director of Religious Ed, suggested a number of options to help explore our Faith, like RCIA. This program is aimed explicitly for people coming into the Catholic faith or for those who have not finished all the initial sacraments like Communion and Confirmation. Since our understanding and practice have developed since we were growing up, I highly recommend your considering being a sponsor for someone doing RCIA. [Sue is always looking for sponsors because our Faith is a communing thing.] You might also decide just to do it for yourself.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain

## Service Program Directors 2023-2024

Program Director	Tom Krivchenia, PFN	727.366.5422
Membership Director	Ed Amador	305.606.8632
Faith Director	Wally Vazquez	727.542.5376
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Family Director	Tom Wozniak, PGK, PFN, FDD	727.214.8377
Public Relations Director		
Life Director	David Behrle, PGK, PFN	727.723.1169
Vocations	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687
Retention Chairman	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687



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# Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

As we enter the dog days of summer, we are starting to get some of our programs started. With the help from the Ladies Auxiliary, we will have the Silver Rose Icon. We will have a Mass and Prayer Service on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am; Fr. Cooper will be presiding. Several members of the Lady's Auxiliary will be leading sections of the Rosary for the service. This past month, we had officer installation in both the Council and the Assembly. I would like to thank everyone who committed for another term. A big thank you to those of you who left the office. All of the great work that you did last year helped to make this the best year we have had in a while. I would like to welcome the new officers. I look forward to working with you and having another great year. We will be having our Program Directors' meeting on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Gathering Room. Please come with a list of programs you would like to do for the year. If you need funds for your projects, please bring your requests.

### From the Faith Directors Desk

We are working on developing a Holy Hour with St. Michaels Church. We are working on a day that we can go over there and spend an hour or so with the Blessed Sacrament. We will send out a sign-up sheet in the near future. We will be having our monthly Rosary on the August 10 at 6:30 in the JBC. Jerry and Wally will be facilitating the Rosary. The Memorial Mass will be in November. The Retreat will be in May and the Altar Servers' pizza party will take place in March.

### From the Family Directors Desk

As soon as the Church Reopens, we are planning to have a family movie night. We are trying to arrange this event in October. We are planning on continuing the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and the Christmas card sales this year again.

### From the Community Directors Desk

We will be doing the road clean up on Saturday Aug 12, at 8am. We will meet by the shed for coffee and donuts. Jim will provide the vest for you. This is a great way to show community support. We are working on the Soccer

Challenge, Hockey Challenge and Free Throw Challenge. We will also be doing Coats for Kids.

### From the Life Directors Desk

On August 26<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Mass and Prayer Service celebrating the Silver Rose which travels across North America from April thru October. The Mass will begin at 9am in the Parish Center, celebrated by Fr. Cooper and a Payer service to immediately follow. The Silver Rose celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will also be collecting money with the baby bottles again for The Kimberly Home.

### Saint Maximilian Kolbe – Memorial is August 14

Maximilian Kolbe was born in Russia-ruled Poland to a young laborer and his wife in 1894. Mary appeared to the ten-year old Maximilian and offered him two crowns: a red one for martyrdom, and a white one for purity. He chose both. As a young Franciscan friar, his passion for Mary was expressed in the Militia of the Immaculata, the worldwide movement of Marian consecration he zealously spread through a print apostolate. In February 1941, he was arrested by the Gestapo and eventually sent to Auschwitz. In terrible circumstances, he continued to work as a priest and offer solace to fellow inmates. When the Nazi guards selected 10 people to be starved to death in punishment for a prisoner who had escaped from the camp, he offered to take the place of a fellow prisoner sentenced to the starvation bunker. He died two weeks later as a "martyr of charity" on August 14, 1941. He is the Patron Saint of drug addicts, political prisoners and amateur radio operators. In 1982, St. Pope John Paul II canonized him as a "martyr of charity."

### 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, Bl. Virgin Mary  
Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)  
Aug 7 Saint Sixtus II, Saint Cajetan  
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, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Aug 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe (Memorial)
- Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
- Aug 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
- Aug 19 St. John Eudes, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Aug 21 Saint Pius X (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 26 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Aug 28 Saint Augustine (Memorial)
- Aug 29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Memorial)

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Immediate Past Faithful Navigator Frank McEwen recognizes DGK SK Tom Krivchenia for his efforts during the Assembly Golf Tournament.



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

*Annual Dues*

**From The Financial Secretary's Desk**

**There is a fairly large number of council members that have not yet paid dues for the new fraternal year, please take a moment to do so soonest.**

**Membership Card Distribution**

2023/2024 membership cards for paid-up regular and honorary members will be available for pick up at the August Council meeting.

**Honorary Life Members**

Even though you have a permanent plastic membership card, Supreme still requires the Financial Secretary to issue a paper membership card (AKA Traveling card) to all Life members. These will be available for pick up at the August Council meeting.

If you are unable to attend meetings and you would like your card mailed to you, please send an email to our Financial Secretary at [teharkins@gmail.com](mailto:teharkins@gmail.com). We want to minimize postage expense, so please pick your card up in person if possible.



The insignia of the Council Officers



The insignia of the Assembly Officers



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## Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

I was watching television the other day and saw an advertisement with the theme “Shop Local.” The ad touted the many benefits of putting your dollars to work with businesses that are owned and operated by those folks who live and work right in your community. In addition to supporting the local neighborhood and community, the ad pointed to the personal service and the unique products one can find locally. Big box stores are great, they are convenient and provide goods at competitive prices. But many products are uniform; you can get the same thing at many other places. Their service is sometimes wanting; I can remember wandering in a big box retailer looking for help. However, when I shop at some of my favorite local spots, I always get a genuine greeting, personal help, and the feeling that they really appreciate me being there and supporting them.

All this got me thinking about our local councils. The Order is doing great things in countries far and wide. We have big ideas, big plans...and they are important and have tremendous impact on making our world better. But on a local level you, our members are the face of the Knights of Columbus. When our local Catholic community thinks of the Knights of Columbus, I’m sure it is you, our members who come to mind. Our Catholic community sees all the good works you do locally. They see you volunteering to help at parish events, supporting your pastor in his needs. The community sees you holding fundraisers to help local families, taking the lead at sacramental events, visiting the homebound. For the Catholics in the council and in the parish—you, my Brother Knights are the Knights of Columbus. You represent all that is good in our Order. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

Our Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida, highlighted many of the accomplishments from the previous fraternal year. I think we can all be justly proud of the difference the Knights of Columbus makes. Thank you for all you do! I want to congratulate you on your contribution to the Order’s success and especially for the

impact you in this council have had on the local Catholic community!

Vivat Jesus!

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# Faithful Navigator's Log

The installation of Assembly Officers occurred on 27, July 2023. State Master John O'Toole presided over the installation. The following officers were installed for this fraternal year:

Faithful Navigator	Wally Vazquez, FN
Faithful Captain	John Gohman
Faithful Admiral	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN
Faithful Comptroller	Tom Harkins
Faithful Pilot	JJ Coyne, PGK
Faithful Scribe	David Heezen
Faithful Purser	Jerry Custin, PGK, PFN
Inside Sentinel	Vincent Cristiano
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The contract for the Golf Tournament was signed and work has begun on details surrounding the tournament itself and the auction which is a traditional part of this event. More to follow as details are accomplished.

Tickets are available for the 50/50 drawing. Last year the first prize was \$1,266.30, second prize was \$627.70. Good luck to all that participate.

The Flag Retirement Ceremony was conducted by the Color Corps on July 4, 2023, following the morning Mass. Our new Color Corp Commander Tom Wozniak presided over a respectful retirement of our national flag.

Additional events in planning, as follows:

Silver Rose Mass and Rosary	August 26, 2023
Family Picnic	September 30, 2023
40 Days for Life	Sep-Oct 2023
Memorial Mass	November 16, 2023

Please support these events and activities. Volunteers are needed for all these events.

Fourth-Degree Knights are encouraged to join the Color Corp. The rewards are very fulfilling and numerous to mention.

The next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be conducted in St. Augustine on August 24 at 9:30am – 1:30pm.

**Let us pray that God find each of us worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that font of Heavenly gifts. Through Christ our Lord.**

Vivat Jesus!  
Wally Vazquez, FN

**Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474  
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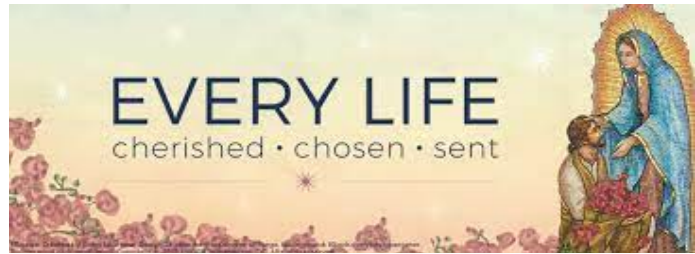


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First, turn your TV on to EWTN and schedule to record episodes of the 141st Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention. The Opening States Dinner was shown on Tuesday evening, Aug 01. It is being held in Orlando FL. The Gaudium et Spes Award was given to Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, S.V., the Founding Superior General of the Sisters of Life. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E Lori spoke in honoring Mother Agnes in her support for Life!

The battle for life, especially the unborn and even late-term pregnancies, continues. Here are a couple of developments around the world:

Minnesota: Joins other states as an abortion sanctuary. Governor Tim Walz (D) signed legislation into law Jan 2023 enshrining the right to abortion. He also has proposed in his new budget to stop the annual \$3 million funding of 25 crisis-pregnancy centers, which was started in 2005, saying in the budget proposal book: that women who go to pregnancy resource centers are “denied access to full reproductive health education, counsel, and referral.” And Gov Walz recently signed legislation shielding women from prosecution who come to MN for an abortion from another state. Pro-life groups within MN decry the attacks on life, saying that “it’s only going to affect the poorest neighborhoods...we should be expanding our high-risk, low-income population, not cutting it off.” [Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, must be celebrating from the grave these continued assault on minorities.]

Ireland: In 2018, Ireland removed the constitutional right to life. Sadly, that national referendum passed 66.4% to 33.6%. Current Irish law allows abortion up to 12 weeks, and later if the baby has an abnormality likely to kill the child within 28 days of birth, or the mother’s life or mental health is deemed at risk. Last year (2022), Ireland recorded 8,156 aborted babies. Now the Ireland government is sponsoring new legislation to remove the 3-day waiting period. In 2021, that 3-day waiting period resulted in ~ 18% of mothers, who considered abortion, to choose life for their unborn child. On July 1, 10,000

people marched for Life in Dublin. For more on this, see National Catholic Register, June 4-17, 2023, page 4, and <https://rallyforlife.net>.

Life is under attack around the globe! Is it any wonder then, that when you do not respect life, you have increases in all kinds of violence? We have two great commands: Love God first, with all your heart and mind. And love your neighbor as yourself. Let us continue to pray for grace to be strong in ongoing and future trials and tribulations and let us continue to Pray and Work for Life.

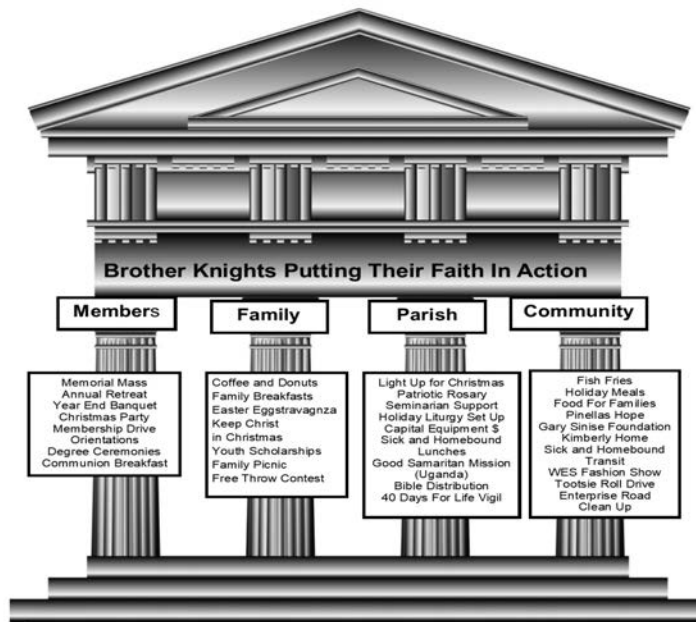


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**Bring Families Together**

Psalm 8 reflects both the awesome nature and power of God and the place we hold in His heart. When we think about the universe, we realize our insignificance. Yet, despite that, He has treated us little less than a god in giving us the rule over the work of His hands. The theme of bringing families together encourages the mission and work of our church and council to use that “power” that God has bestowed on us for the greater good. The activities of our council and the labor of our brothers and sisters in our auxiliary highlight our commitment to bring our families and communities together. O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!



**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<sup>2</sup> 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!

# Special Announcement

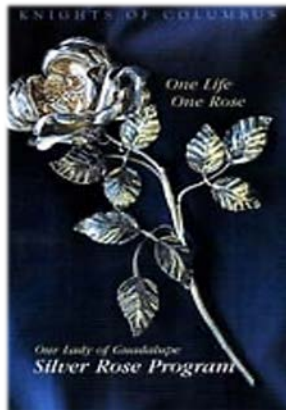
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### ***“Silver Rose” Mass, Prayer Service & Devotion***

***All are invited and welcome to attend***

*It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of “One Life, One Rose,” it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.*



### ***Saturday, August 26, 9:00a-12:00n, In our Parish Center***

*The Silver Rose Program is a pro-life initiative of the Knights of Columbus that honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, through a series of prayer services and a pilgrimage of silver roses from Canada to Mexico. The program started in 1960 and has grown to include multiple routes and symbols of the Catholic faith. The program expresses the unity of the Knights of Columbus and their dedication to the sanctity of human life.*

*Hosted by your Knights of Columbus*



# Good Samaritan Mission of Uganda



The Good Samaritan Mission of Uganda empowers families in rural Uganda, in a Christ-centered way, to build a brighter future for themselves and their children primarily through education and supplying basic human needs such as food, water, clothing and medical care.

## UPDATE

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all our awesome donors!

Because of your amazing generosity we have raised \$13,000 and are over half-way to our goal of \$25,000 to begin construction on a kitchen building.

Any amount is greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards making a difference in the lives of these children. Let's make it happen!

Thank you for your generosity and prayers. We are making a difference!

Our website is active! Check it out!

[www.gsm-uganda.org](http://www.gsm-uganda.org)

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Follow this link for a short video of the mission kitchen:

<https://youtu.be/yQtESceuRhw>



# Photo Gallery



Grand Knight Gene Jajuga recognizes SK Ed Amador as the May Knight of the Month, SK Brian Annis as the June Knight of the Month, and SK Paul Harvey as the June Family of the Month.



GK Gene Jajuga presents Fr Len with a \$2500 check and a plaque commemorating his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.



GK Gene Jajuga presents Fr Frank with a \$1000 check for his Good Samaritan Mission in Uganda.



# Assembly Golf Tournament



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### **John “JT” Doody, Lance Corporal, USMC**



After the tragic events of September 11, John joined the Marines in 2005 at the age of 22 and deployed to Iraq in late January 2007. Over the next three months, he wrote letters to his mother about being on the front lines in Fallujah, and on March 7, he turned 24 years old. On his birthday he proudly told his mom by phone that he had been awarded a combat action ribbon.

Just two days later, John was engaged in combat operations when he was shot three times by enemy combatants. After sustaining two shots to his right leg forcing him down, another enemy combatant opened fire on him. The final bullet entered his left leg below the knee, traveling up his leg, tearing through his flesh and nerves. It left a hole big enough to swallow a man's fist.

John was flown to San Diego for treatment and over time his body and mind began to heal from his brush with death. Using braces, John relearned how to walk. He began to dream again and decided to enter law school. Little did he know the worst was yet to come. Inside of John's body, unbeknownst to his doctors or to anyone, a bacterial infection was growing around the lining of his heart. Less than a year after John returned stateside, a mass of bacteria broke loose and traveled to his brain triggering a series of strokes and causing him to slip into a coma.

"It just looked like somebody salt-and-peppered his brain," said his mother Christina, recalling the x-rays. The results left John with a severe brain injury, quadriplegia, and cognitive blindness. "I didn't recognize him. His body and hands were swollen, and his organs were failing. He was on full life support and the doctors told us he would never wake up. But I knew my son was still in there."

Over the next eleven months, John's mother never left his side. After 5 months in a coma, one momentous day John uttered his first words. "I was talking to him like I always did and asked if he wanted to watch a TV show and suddenly, he said 'no.' Everyone in the unit came running in and we were all crying. Later that night, John said I was going to have a 'messed-up son' and I told him I didn't care."

John's road to recovery has been long and brutal. As his full-time caregiver, Christina has tried to give him a normal life, but she worries about his future. "The hardest part of our lives is that I literally have to do everything for another human being. He can't feed himself, turn on his light or even his TV. I am in the process of working with him to be able to make or answer calls on his own. A smart home would make both of our lives so much easier. Although I am in good shape, I am only going to continue to age while John will still need to be cared for."

The Gary Sinise Foundation looks forward to building John a new custom, smart technology home with features that will give him greater autonomy and independence. A safe place where John can more easily and fully participate in the daily routines for a better quality of life, while also giving Christina peace of mind.



### My Yoke Is Sweet and My Burden Is Light

At our July Council Officers' meeting we discussed a lot of things getting ready for this new fraternal year. This included our annual event schedule and starting the process for our budget.

The full schedule will be released soon but among other things it includes:

- Monthly Kimberly Home Work Days
- Monthly Pinellas Hope Food Prep
- A Christmas Full Family Breakfast and eleven Coffee and Donut Sundays
- Fish Fries for six Fridays during Lent
- An array of events during Christmas and Easter
- Close to a dozen special events including our Annual Golf Tournament and Annual Retreat
- A Family Picnic
- Forty Day for Life Prayer Vigils
- Tootsie Roll Fundraisers
- Various Open Houses, Unified Degree Ceremonies, Assembly Exemplifications and more

Just thinking about causes you to think about how many hours, hands, heads and, especially hearts are involved to even think about pulling that off. But we do, year after year.

How? The joyful sacrifices and efforts of our brother Knights as well as our fantastic Auxiliary Members.

Several weeks ago, the Gospel was from Matthew Chapter 11. The main thrust is in Jesus telling the multitude about the role and greatness of John the Baptist as well as upbraiding the cities where He performed many of His miracles and they failed to do penance. The Chapter ends with these words. *“At that time Jesus answered and said: I confess to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them to the little ones. Yea, Father; for so hath it seemed good in thy*

*sight. All things are delivered to me by my Father. And no one knoweth the Son, but the Father: neither doth anyone know the Father, but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to reveal him. Come to me, all you that labour, and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is sweet and my burden light.”*

So, we continue to do all this labor in the name of Christ knowing that He will refresh us for His yoke is sweet and His burden light! Interestingly, our Domestic Church theme for August is Bring Families Together. I think our event schedule is a good measure of our commitment. Keep on keeping on brothers and sisters.



**HAPPY  
SUMMER  
VACATION!**

## *From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...*

### **Taking a Stand**

Armed with charity and unity, the Knights of Columbus has long responded to attacks against the Catholic faith and human dignity

Last month's opening Mass of our annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies was followed by a beautiful eucharistic procession. Knights of Columbus leaders and state chaplains from throughout the Order participated, as our supreme chaplain carried Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament up and down New Haven's historic Hillhouse Avenue.

Home to St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, Hillhouse is lined by majestic elm trees, stately homes and Yale University buildings. The procession was a peaceful expression of piety and unity, yet the scene and setting also evoked the long history of tension between our Catholic faith and those who fight to keep Catholics out of the public square. In July 1879 — less than three years before Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights — a *New York Times* article dismissively labeled St. Mary's as "an unprofitable church." The headline read, "How an Aristocratic Avenue Was Blemished by a Roman Church Edifice."

Much has changed in the past 144 years, but much remains the same. Anti-Catholic bigotry may look different today, but there can be no doubt that it is still prevalent — and even on the rise. As one historian put it, today's anti-Catholicism is "the last acceptable prejudice." The attacks go beyond anonymous acts of vandalism or pernicious online commentary; they are aired on national television and publicly expressed by leaders in politics and business.

A recent instance was the abhorrent decision of the Los Angeles Dodgers to honor a group called the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that the group's "lewdness and vulgarity in mocking our Lord, His Mother and consecrated women cannot be overstated." The Dodgers, when challenged on the decision, initially backed down and disinvited them. Then, under pressure, the team not only renewed the invitation, but also apologized to the offensive group.

This is deeply disappointing — and ironic in the extreme. The same people who cry out for tolerance often demonstrate complete intolerance for Catholics and other Christians.

The U.S. bishops, in denouncing the Dodgers' decision, said it was more than offensive; it was blasphemous. As such, they asked Catholics to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus as an act of reparation. Of course, we Knights spread the word to do just that. And beyond praying, our brothers in California were among many local Catholics who expressed their displeasure to the Dodgers organization.

This latest stand against bigotry is in keeping with the Order's history. A century ago, the Knights prominently opposed the Ku Klux Klan; countered legislative attempts to destroy the Catholic school system in the United States; published books on the contributions of Black, Jewish and German Americans; and spoke out against the persecution of the Church in Mexico.

As Catholic gentlemen, we step forward, always aware that the Lord said to his followers, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me" (Mt 5:11). Still, while we may turn the other cheek to personal offenses, when we stand against attacks on our faith, we stand for all the faithful. We stand for our Church and for our Lord.

The Knights of Columbus cannot take up every fight. We must choose our battles wisely, following Christ's admonition to be "shrewd as serpents and simple as doves" (Mt 10:16). But 2 million Catholic men can make an enormous difference where it matters most — always through prayer and often through action. This includes educating ourselves and others; engaging in respectful conversation; and making our voices heard in the voting booth and through petition.

Whatever the times might demand, the Knights of Columbus will continue to speak out and stand up for human dignity and the fundamental rights of all.

*Vivat Jesus!*



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

Brothers All, as we begin the new Fraternal Year, I want to thank you your confidence in electing me as your State Deputy. As I told the Delegates at the 2023 State Convention, I want to see every Council in the Florida Jurisdiction be successful in carrying out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney and meeting the goals that the Supreme Council has set for all of us – in faith formation, service programs, charitable fundraising, insurance promotion, and membership growth.

I want to thank our Immediate Past State Deputy, Rob Urrutia, for his leadership these past two years. He has done a great job in leading us back from the difficulties of the pandemic, and Florida stands once more among the top Jurisdictions in the Order.

In this year of the parish phase of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Bishops of the United States re relying especially on the Knights of Columbus to assist, and sometimes lead, the revival in their parishes. This is a great opportunity not only to deepen our own faith in the Eucharist, but to revive and strengthen that faith in our fellow Catholics. We should all participate more often in Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hours at our parishes and pledge our support to our pastors in other Eucharistic Revival activities. The Eucharist is the center of our faith and the basis for the Principles of the Order. If not us, then who?

I recently visited Incarnation Catholic Church in Orlando, which is a part of the Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter. They suffered a fire in late June which wreaked heavy damage on the church, including the near total destruction of the sanctuary. Yet, despite the fire, a luna containing a Consecrated Host, which had been in the tabernacle, survived. Although the luna was definitely singed, the Consecrated Host was untouched! I will leave it to the Church to decide whether or not a miracle occurred, but these events certainly should be a testament to our Eucharistic faith!

The order has a new initiative in faith formation call the Cor program. This is not a service program, but a method to explicitly incorporate faith formation for Knights of Columbus men in our parishes under the guidance of our pastors and chaplains. Deacon Paul Koppie, Past State Deputy, is our new State Director for Evangelization and Faith Formation, and he will be assisting Councils in exploring how to make Cor work for Councils. Much more information will be available soon from Supreme, but for now, I ask all Councils to look at the information sheet and guidebook on the State website under Faith Formation (<https://www.floridakofc.org/COR-Meetings>) and begin to work with your pastors to see how this initiative can be implemented. In the near future, Supreme will be coming out with resources to support the Cor program—including a new Men’s Bible Study, and small group study guide series called Cor Ecclesia, and new video series similar to “Into the Breach”.

As always, our goals for the Fraternal Year include insurance promotion and membership growth. I ask you to work with your Field Agents now to get your Fraternal Benefits Nights on the Council and parish calendars. The protection of our families was the prime motivation for Blessed Michael McGivney in establishing the Order. And with the expansion of financial opportunities beyond in insurance, the Order is in a position to assist in financial security for every Catholic man and his family.

As for membership growth—we must all understand that organizations that do not grow eventually die out. In Blessed McGivney’s day, there were literally hundreds of fraternal societies from which men could choose to belong. The Knights of Columbus is one of the few left standing. We should all be proud of what the Order stands for and what it has accomplished over the years. If we believe in the Knights of Columbus as an organization, we have a moral obligation to offer every Catholic man the opportunity to become a Knight. The membership goals that each Council has are relatively modest, but it does take an effort by all members to reach out to their family, acquaintances, and fellow parishioners to offer the gift of membership. Please take these membership goals seriously and plan your open houses and church drives now—the future of our Order depends on it!

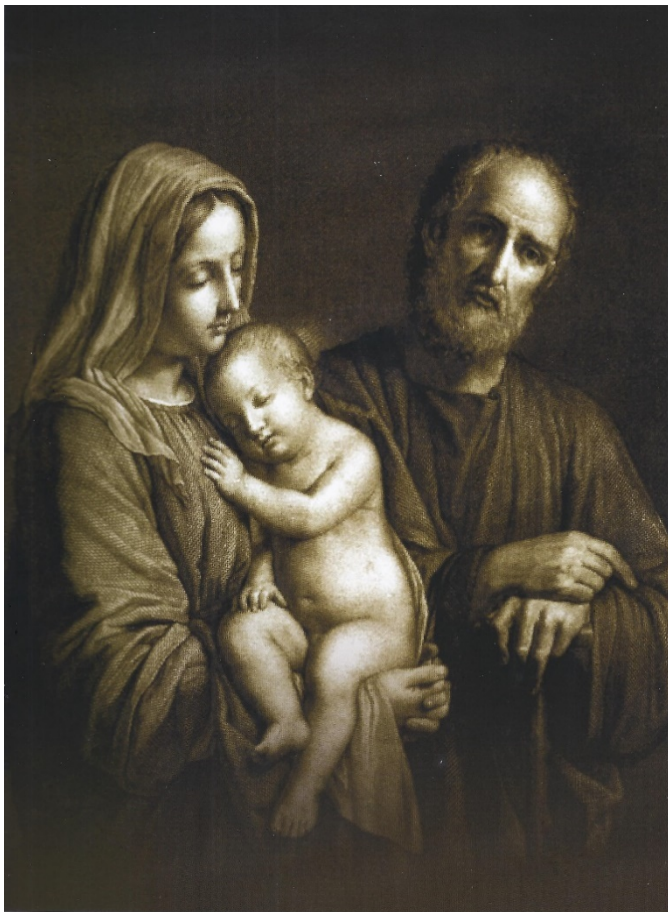
My intention is to try to get to all areas within the State of Florida by the end of September, so that I can personally meet as much of the local leadership as I can, and to talk about the direction the Florida State Council will take in the next two years. The State Membership Director, Danny McIntyre, is arranging the tour stops, so please contact him if your Council wishes to host a meeting for your area. I hope to see you during our Spirit of Unity tour!

Vivat Jesus!

Richard Hughes, State Deputy

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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.

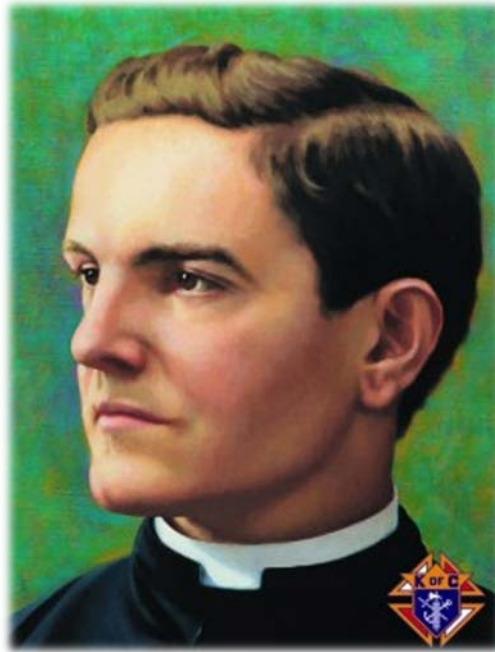
In our daily life and work,  
 May we reflect the self-giving love which you,  
 O Father, eternally show with your Son  
 and the Holy Spirit.

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 2023

- 08/05 | Sat 7:30a      Special Olympics Area 5 Bowling
- 08/08 | Thu 7:00p      Program Directors Meeting
- 08/10 | Thu 6:30p      Rosary
- 08/10 | Thu 7:30p      Council Membership Meeting
- 08/13 | Sun 7:30a      Coffee & Donuts
- 08/15 | Tue 7:30p      KofC Informational Open House
- 08/17 | Thu 7:30p      Unified Degree Exemplification Ceremony
- 08/19 | Sat 8:00a      Kimberly Home "WorkDay"
- 08/20 | Sun 2:00p      Membership Drive Ice Cream Social
- 08/26 | Sat 9:00a      Silver Rose Mass, Prayer & Devotion



## Assembly Calendar of Events...

### August 2023

- 08/24 | Thu 7:30p      Assembly Membership Meeting

### Over The Horizon



- 10/22 | Sun 8:00a      Golf Tournament
- 11/16 | Thu 7:00p      Memorial Mass

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## Prayer for our Nation

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.

