

## Grand Knight's Message



Gene Jajuga Grand Knight GrandKnight7109@gmail.com

#### Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

I hope that my report finds you and yours doing well and that you are all still enjoying the wonderful hot, hot, hot summer! We had a relatively busy month in August activity wise and we will also have another busy month in September as we begin a lot of our preparation for the Assembly Charity Golf Tournament in October.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER**

- Council Officer's Meeting Thursday, September 7th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Certified Food Managers Meeting Saturday, September 9th, at 9:00 AM in the PCK & Gathering Room
- Coffee, Donuts & More Sunday, September 10th, at 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Rosary Hosted by the K of C Thursday, September 14th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting Thursday, September
   14th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Thursday, September 14th, at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Kimberly Home Work Day Saturday, September 16th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater)
- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery Thursday, September 21st, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen

#### Issue 9, September 2023

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

View the Newsletter online at: www.safetyharborkofc.org

Visit the State Website at:

www.floridakofc.org

Visit the Supreme Website at:

www.kofc.org

- Assembly Business Meeting Thursday, September 28th, 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- K of C Council Family Picnic Saturday, September 30th, at Philippe Park Shelter 5, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Council Officer's Meeting Thursday, October 5th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary Thursday, October 12th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting Thursday, October 12th,
   7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Thursday, October 12th,
   7:30 PM in the Gathering Room

## SILVER ROSE MASS, PRAYER SERVICE, ROSARY & DEVOTION

After a solid month of planning for the "Silver Rose" the ceremony went off flawlessly thanks to a wonderful group of dedicated Knights and Ladies. The Florida Chapter of the Knights on Bikes delivered the "Silver Rose" at 8:00 AM on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, and were warmly greeted by our Espiritu Santo Assembly Color Corps who processed it into the Parish Center and placed it on a red satin pillow on a pedestal near the very large picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was really very beautiful with many, many red roses. I would like to thank our awesome Color Corps for the reverence they showed during the entire four-hour program.

Ed Amador Gene Jajuga Tom Wozniak Matt Sunski Paul Harvey John Gohman Dave Behrle Santo Loparo Frank McEwen
JJ Coyne Tom Krivchenia

Our Council Chaplin Fr. Michael Cooper officiated over the Mass and had some wonderful reflection during his homily and presided over a beautiful Mass for all of us attending. John Gohman was also awesome representing the Knights and the Color Corps as Sacristan for the Mass.

Before the Mass started, Sir Knight Ed Amador read the History of the "Silver Rose" and was immediately followed by Sir Knight JJ Coyne doing the Introduction of the "Silver Rose" Prayer Service. During the Liturgy of the Mass Sir Knight Paul Harvey did a reading from the New Testament. Immediately following Fr. Michael's homily, Sir Knight Dave Behrle did the reading Act of Consecration. After the Final Blessing, Fr. Michael processed out with the Color Corps.

Immediately after the Mass Sir Knight Wally Vazquez read the Introduction of the Holy Rosary. Lady Margaret Krivchenia led us in the First Glorious Mystery. Lady Rosalie Resler led us in the Second Glorious Mystery. Lady Betty D'Amelio led us in the Third Glorious Mystery. Lady Robin LaChance led us in the Fourth Glorious Mystery and Lady Ramona Vazquez led us in the Fifth Glorious Mystery. At the conclusion of the Rosary, Sir Knight Wally Vazquez invited all attending to stay for personal prayer and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

At 12:00 Noon, the conclusion of personal prayer and devotion service the Color Corps processed the "Silver Rose" to the back of the Parish Center where it was received by the Knights on Bikes. Once it was prepared for transport it was escorted to St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, it's final stop in Pinellas County.

My personal thank you to the many of you that participated in and/or attended this "Silver Rose" program for our Espiritu Santo Parish. For all those that unfortunately could not attend, you truly missed something very, very special!

#### ICE CREAM & FROZEN TREAT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Each year, our Knights Council participates in an Ice Cream and Frozen Treat and Membership Drive for the Religious - Education students that attend our Parish. On Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM, we came prepared with over 200 ice cream and frozen treats to hand out to the students as they exited the Parish Center and swarmed our tables on that very hot afternoon. Thankfully, we were set up under the Parish Center Pavilion with the fans on. While many of us were involved in getting the ice cream and frozen treats out of the coolers and handed out to the students our membership team was fully engaged in talking to the many fathers that were there and getting them interested in joining our Council.

Many thanks to all of you that helped with our effort on that hot afternoon!

Katie Gonsch Ed Amador Tom Fitzpatrick
Richie Resler Violet Amador Betty D'Amelio
Roe Resler Gene Jajuga Joe D'Amelio
Tom Stanko Karen Jajuga Robin LaChance
Tom Krivchenia

#### BIBLES FOR OUR ESPIRITU SANTO SCHOOL -THIRD GRADE CLASS

This is really one of the most rewarding activities that anyone in our Council could possibly be involved in and selfishly, I couldn't be happier to be able to do it and represent all of our 334 Knights. Our Council Bible Chairman, JJ Coyne and I had the awesome pleasure of speaking to 55 third grade students from our ESC school along with their teachers after the 8:30 AM Mass last Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Len had the third graders Mass and couldn't have been more cordial and complementary of our Knights of Columbus Council and for everything that we do for the entire ESCC parish community. To see the look and expressions on those young faces as they were receiving their Bibles from me were priceless. I was truly honored to be representing our Council. Thank you!

Blessings to all for an awesome month! Gene

Vivat Jesus!

Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Grand Knight – Council 7109 727-403-3261 grandknight7109@gmail.com



During our August Unified Degree Exemplification, we welcomed four new Brother Knights to the Council – Al Masselli, Dan Manella, Amaro Lionheart, and Jack Kuczwj.

## Council 7109 Holy Moments

Brother Knights of Council 7109,

I hope this message finds you well and inspired by the noble mission we've undertaken as Knights of Columbus. Our journey, enriched by faith, unity, and charity, has recently taken a beautiful turn as we delve into the concept of "Holy Moments." I'm grateful to Brother Jerry Custin for suggesting this profound tie-in. I encourage you to read his article in the newsletter next month, where you'll find the connective thread between Holy Moments and our actions.

In our pursuit of Holy Moments, I'm thrilled to share our progress in the realm of membership. With the combined efforts of dedicated Brothers, we have enrolled 4 new members into our Order. This significant stride leaves us with 11 more to welcome to our fold to meet our goal of 15. Kudos to Grand Knight Gene Jajuga, John Ruckart, Tom Harkins, and Tom Stanko for taking up the call and playing vital roles in our recruiting endeavors. These Brothers exemplify how the everyday moments we spend helping others can be transformed into "Holy Moments" through our actions.

Reflecting on this journey, I implore all Brother Knights to embrace this opportunity. Just as Tom Stanko extended an invitation to a long-time member of Espiritu Santo Catholic Church, let us step forward and extend that same invitation to those who may have not been asked before. As Tom's experience shows, a simple invitation can ignite a transformational journey. By inviting others to join our order, we offer them a pathway to channel their moments of faith into impactful actions.

Speaking of actions, I wanted to provide an update on our recent membership drive, "Ice Cream for Kids." Tom Stanko and I reached out to 19 individuals, converting 14 of those into meaningful conversations. Our efforts resulted in one RSVP for the upcoming October 17th Open House. This translates to an impressive 74% conversion rate from lead to contact and a 7.14% conversion rate from contact to RSVP. These statistics underscore the potential we possess to drive change when we personally extend the invitation, much like the "personally developed leads" we term in the banking world.

As we continue our journey of faith in action, let us rally our inner circles, our communities, and ourselves to fulfill our goal. Let us continue to welcome new members, transforming their moments into Holy Moments, and building the Domestic Church as we go. The power of our actions resonates far beyond our immediate circle; it touches lives, hearts, and souls.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment, and I look forward to sharing more updates with you as our journey unfolds.

In unity and service,



SK Edward J. Amador Membership Director, Barney Gonyea Council 7109







Ice Cream Social ~ KofC Membership Drive

## **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	334
Insurance Members	137
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	07
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	04/15
2023-2024 Insurance	01/02

### **Assembly Membership Report**

Total Membership	134
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 **Deputy Grand Knight** Tom Krivchenia, PFN 727.366.5422 Chancellor Mark Feldman 727.366.5959 Recorder Bill Krajeski 727.784.2817 Financial Secretary Tom Harkins 727.772.0607 Jerry Custin, PGK, PFN 727.244.6464 Treasurer Paul Harvey, PFN 727.286.7171 Lecturer Richard Resler 727.744.8923 Advocate 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 727.239.2687 Alan Gauzens, PGK 727.483.8250 **District Deputy** 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!

Edward Amador, Victor Berggren, Ernie Cline, Thomas Coughlin, Robert Deane, Sean Donahoo, Anthony Doyle, Robert Dufour, Frederick Elflein, Robert Faw, Stephen Gorey, Karl Held, Irving Hernandez, Joseph Hocherl, Timothy Kielich, John Lambert, Dn Gregory Nash, David Neal, Chris Nesci, Donald Palacheck, John Papa, Paul Pappas, Frank Pensabene, Brian Riley, Andrew Rodnite, Guillermo Romero, James Rooney, Martin Spolarich Jr, Roy Vanderveer, Benjamin Workman

#### **Prayers for the Sick**

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Mario Zaccario, Ken Seguin, John Maloney (d), Jim Gencur, Joseph McHale (d), Alfred Bonvicino, Ed Mandichak, Ron Lexa (d), Susanne Papa (d), Jim Schownek, Ed Warticki, Desiree, Mrs LeClerc, Barbara Dimartino, Don Breitzman, Brady Cobb, Andrea Coe (d), Maggie Cappabianca, John Benincasa, Llllian Custin (d), David Flori (d), Annemarie Montali, Violet Amador, Kathy Kukulski (d), Bob Bonvicino, Peter laffaldano, Barbara Papa, Tim Lightfoot, Ward Griffin

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, John 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 Sheafer, 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, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayral, Vincent Baldwin, Fred and Caroline Bennett, Thomas Bergevin, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, Tim and Stacey Bruggeman, Patrick Carroll, Joseph and Ellen Cortese, Gerald Custin, Austin Davis, Peter Demzak, Terry and Shirley Drake, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Gerald and Lorraine Grubba, Joseph Guazzerotti, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, James and Janetze Hart, David and Paula Harvey, Irving Hernandez, James Jessup, Christopher Jones, Mark and Maryann Kapinos, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Richard and Cecilia Kemball-Cook, Dan and Donna Kistel, James and Patricia Kleinsorge, Thomas and Kathy Kukulski, James and Maria Lankford, Brian and Christina Lapointe, Brian Lawandus, Mark Lewalski, Viktor Lewalski, Christian Lyon, Edward Martinenko, Christopher Mazzone, Michael McCarthy, Darryl Miller, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, David Neal, Chris Nesci, Todd and Margaret Owers, Edmund and Diane Pagnott, Robert Pagariella. Frank Pensabene, Miguel Perez, Mark and Christine Peterman, James and Suzanne Preston, Christopher and Carol Purcell, Richard and Rosalie Resler, Edward and Sandra Riley, Brian Riley, Jeffrey and Roxann Rogers, Kenneth Ruckart, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin, Massimo Simeoni, James and Darlene Stanley, Lawrence and Corinne Rose Steinhardt, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujanani, Keith and Griselda Taylor

Total Collected to Date: \$1620.97



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ Chaplain

## Chaplain's Corner

It was great to see the "core" knights and wives at last Saturday's Symbol of the Silver Rose. Thanks to all who participated, especially Wally and Gene who got the program organized and doable.

#### **THE SYNOD 2023**

Exactly one month from now the Synod will open. What is it? The Synod will be a gathering of cardinals, bishops, priests, theologians and also lay men and women. Each person has an equal voice and vote at the Synod. This gathering could be the most important meeting since Vatican II [1962-65], and it comes as Pope Francis tries to retore the image of the Church as the entire People of God and not just bishops and cardinals running a topdown organization. So where does the agenda come from? Throughout the world parishes and other groups were invited, as we were here at Espiritu Santo, to suggest areas of renewal to be a more alive and pastorally involved Community of Faith. As part of the dialog Pope Francis encouraged dioceses to reach out to the peripheries to get their input too, e.g., no longer practicing Catholics, non-Catholics, the poor, the disabled, the elderly, and many more. Each diocese then put together a report and forwarded it to the Committee on the Synod in Rome. A majority of bishops encouraged this process. Some, however, resisted and ignored the request. Topics along with certain background papers were prepared and sent to all of the delegates. Some of the topics are women deacons, married priests—both male and female. Catholics who have remarried without going through the annulment process, openness to LGBT individuals, et cetera. The whole dialogue process is

meant to be an expression of faith—personal and ecclesial—not a debate!

Naysayers against the Synod process exist, but Pope Francis is trusting in the faith and goodness of those coming to the Synod. This event could radically heal and transcend the image of Church as the full People of God. I suspect our parish bulletin will have some material to read in the weeks to come, and I intend to pursue materials that will help me better understand the Synod and share that with you. As always, you are always welcome to ask me questions or disagree with my comments. As our general meeting I will invite comments and questions on our Synod.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain



## **Service Program Directors 2023-2024**

i rogram Director	Tom Revented at 111	121.000.0722
Membership Director	Ed Amador	305.606.8632
Faith Director	Wally Vazquez	727.542.5376
Community Director	Jim Lankford	727.698.3489
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

727 366 5422



Tom Krivchenia, PFN Deputy Grand Knight dgk7109@gmail.com

# Deputy Grand Knight's Report

#### Worthy Brother Knights!

Wow! The summer is slowly winding down with the last day of summer being Labor Day. I hope everyone had a great summer with lots of excitement and travel. Labor Day is a time to honor the contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being. I want to thank Fr. Cooper for doing the Mass for the Silver Rose. It was truly inspirational. And a big thank you goes out to our Grand Knight Gene and Sir Knight Wally Vazguez for everything they did to make the Silver Rose Mass and Prayer Service a great success. This year we are moving our family picnic from October to September 30th in Philippe Park at Shelter 5. We will be holding a youth soccer challenge later this month or early October. We will be sending out sign-up sheets for volunteers. For those of you who are golfers, it's time to get your foursome ready for our annual Gary Sinise Golf Tournament. Look for more details in this newsletter.

#### From Faith Directors Desk

Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way.

The Rosary continues on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Participation from Knights and the parish continues to be well attended. This next month the Rosary will be headed by Jerry Custin who has introduced a few new ways of doing the Rosary very successfully.

We are looking to start a Holy Hour visitation for our council and parish. I will be posting a sign-up sheet to recruit knights who are interested in Eucharistic Adoration. As soon as I have a response, I will put together a list of attendees and a date and time for attending St. Michaels for their Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays.

#### From the Community Directors Desk

Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and parish, they accomplish great things.

Brothers, as we get into our fall calendar, we will have great opportunities to reach out to serve our greater community. Firstly, there is our monthly road cleanup project that we do on the second Saturday of every month. I want to thank the guys who came in August. It was a fun morning, and we did it in just about an hour. We will be doing it again Saturday, Sept the 9th at 8 AM and I invite all of you to join us in picking up the trash on Enterprise Road. We will be having a Soccer Challenge at the end of the month or early October. We have other opportunities to serve also during the fall and after the first of the year. We will keep you informed as they arise and will send volunteer lists once dates are set.

#### From the Life Directors Desk

"Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II, 1995). The urgency of the threat to a culture of life in our world cannot be misunderstood. The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Councils and parishes can work to build a culture of life and a civilization of love through these important programs.

I would like to thank our Worthy Grand Knight and Sir Knight Wally Vazquez for bringing the Silver Rose to our Council. I would also like to thank the women of our Lady Auxiliary who led us in the rosary for the Silver Rose. I want to thank Fr. Cooper for a wonderful Mass. We will be sending out sign-up sheets for participation in the 40 days for Life outside the abortion clinic starting in October. More information will be coming later this month.

#### From the Family Directors Desk

Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. His vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength. The majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

We are a family fraternal organization. Our council's annual FAMILY PICNIC is Saturday, September 30 beginning 11:00 at Philippe Park, Shelter 5. We have lots of food and games to play, especially for the children and grandchildren of our members. Please commit to sharing your Saturday for a few hours with us for a great family time. We always have fun and fellowship. It's also a great opportunity to meet up with friends you haven't seen in a while and meet some of the new Knights.

#### **September Saints**

The Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael- Feast Day – September 29

On this date the Church remembers the three archangels mentioned in Scripture by name: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Michael's name literally means, "Who can compare to God?" He manifests God's power and might by battling Satan, the huge dragon and ancient serpent (Revelation 12:19) and casting him from heaven. Michael guards the people of God. (Dn 12:1), defends the souls of the just, and bears them to their final judgment. In 1886, Pope Leo XIII composed the Prayer to Saint Michael, which was said at the end of Mass for many years, and is still said today in many parishes today at the conclusion of each Mass.

The Archangel Gabriel is the herald of visions, messenger of God and one of the angels of higher rank. Gabriel makes God's message understandable to people and helps them to accept it with a pure heart. Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Annunciation to announce that she would be the mother of God. He appeared to St. Joseph in a dream telling him not to fear to take Mary as his wife.

The Archangel Raphael due to his actions in the Book of Tobit and the Gospel of John, is considered the patron of travelers, the blind, happy meetings, nurses, physicians, medical workers, matchmakers, Christian marriage, and Catholic studies.

#### The Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### SEPTEMBER LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sept. 3 Saint Gregory the Great (Memorial)

Sept. 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Sept. 9 Saint Peter Cleaver (Memorial)

Sept. 10 Bl. Virgin Mary

Sept. 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary

Sept. 13 Saint John Chrysostom (Memorial)

Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

Sept. 16 Saint Cornelius and Cyprian (Memorial)

Sept. 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bl. Virgin Mary

Sept. 19 St. Januarius

Sept. 20 Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-

sang, and Companions (Memorial)

Sept. 21 Saint Matthew (Feast)

Sept. 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial)

Sept. 24 Bl. Virgin Mary

Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian

Sept. 27 Saint Vincent de Paul (Memorial)

Sept. 28 St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Sept. 29 Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Feast)

Sept.30 Saint Jerome (Memorial)

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

Vivat Jesus! Tom Krivchenia PFN Deputy Grand Knight DGK7109@gmail.com









FAITH

COMMUNITY

**FAMILY** 

LIFE





John Ruckart Field Agent John.Ruckart@kofc.org



## Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need.

Christopher Kauffman, the historian, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. That book, <u>Faith and Fraternalism</u>, notes on page 35, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. As a pastor, he didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice. I'd like every member to know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

- 1. Discover Identify their current insurance situation and financial goals.
- Gather Data Collect facts & figures based on their current situation.
- Analyze Conduct an Insurance Needs Analysis (Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls).
- 4. Recommend Propose appropriate KofC products to help them meet their needs and goals.
- 5. Implement Work with them to implement the product solution they select (take the application, etc.).
- Periodic Review Review regularly (at least annually) for changes in their needs and goals and make appropriate recommendations based on those changes.

This is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help find solutions that fit within almost any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance can provide: protection from the risk of a significant change in lifestyle for the survivors, including not being able to stay in the house where they want to be of not being able to give your daughter the wedding she's been promised, or a child the college education he or she has been promised and much more.

What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind.

That's where I can help.

Vivat Jesus! John D Ruckart, FICF 813-855-5111

Book an appt with me here: johnruckart.10to8.com

Learn about our investments: https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/meet-john-ruckart





Wally Vazquez
Faithful Navigator
travelwally@msn.com

## Faithful Navigator's Log

The Golf Tournament will be on 22 October, 2023. There is a need for donations for the Auction. Please participate in this activity by checking for items you wish to donate, letting family and friends know about the event and asking them to participate. If you have a donation, contact me or JJ Coyne, or Frank McEwen with information.

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. Tom Harkins and JJ Coyne have tickets available at this time.

The Silver Rose will make its way to our parish on August 26 at 8:00 am. Our Grand Knight will receive the Silver Rose and install it at the Altar, followed by: Opening Remarks and Brief History of the Silver Rose; Mass at 9:00 am, accompanied by the Color Corp; Silver Rose Prayer Service starting at 9:30 am until 12:00pm. This service is for the entire Parish hosted by the Knights of Columbus, all are welcome.

The Family Picnic is scheduled for September 30, 2023, at Phillippe Park, Enclosure 5. Please plan to attend and invite family and friends and children.

The KofC Memorial Mass is planned for November 16, 2023. Place and time to be scheduled.

#### **Intentions**

Prayers are requested for Brother Ken Sequin SK, who is undergoing surgery in September.

Prayers are requested for Brother Bob Bonvicino SK, who is undergoing treatment for internal bleeding.

Prayers are requested for all who are suffering with a condition or disease which impairing their lives.

#### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

"Come Holy Spirit. Fill my heart with your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with your strength this very day that I may fulfill the duties of my state in life conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just.

Let my charity be such as to offend no one and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me."

> Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament Sunday October 22, 2023

East Lake Woodland Country Club – North Course 7:30a Registration | 9:00a Shotgun Start



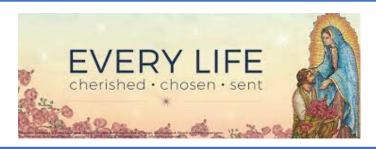
Online Registration with credit/debit card only - Scan the QR Code for the online Registration Form



Mark Peterman, Co-Chairman 1736 Bayhill Drive Oldsmar, FL 34677 727.403.5993 Gene Jajuga, Co-Chairman 1996 Diamond Court Oldsmar, FL 34677 727.403.3261



Dave Behrle PGK, PFN 727.723.1169



Kudos to our KofC Council and Assembly Leadership and Council Chaplain, Fr. Michael Cooper, for a wonderful and blessed Silver Rose Mass and Ceremony on Saturday, August 26. By my rough count, we had 60 people in attendance. While our attendance was disappointing, those who did attend enjoyed an uplifting and spirit-filled experience. Thank you to all who came and participated. May we continue to work and pray for Life!

Forty Days for Life starts on Wednesday, September 27. Your prayers and fasting for a successful event are most welcome. If you can come and pray with other like-minded prolife people, then mark your calendars - - - Espiritu Santo Catholic Church has the following days: Oct 19 & 26, and Nov 2 (all Thursdays). Please go to <a href="https://www.40daysforlife.com">www.40daysforlife.com</a>, where you can volunteer for a 1-hour shift or more. The peaceful & prayerful witness for Life, starts at 7am and runs till 5pm, Mon – Sat (no Sundays). The website has been improved and it is easier now to enroll online. If you have any problems at all, please call or text me (727-743-9885) and I will help. Thank you! Gracias!





After everyone's busy summer of traveling, tolerating extreme heat, enjoying summer activities with family and friends, and skirting another hurricane, we will be re-convening for our upcoming, 2023–2024 ladies auxiliary event calendar. As always, we will be meeting the second Thursday of each month coinciding with our Knights Council meetings. We are hoping to gain new ladies to our group, so please let anyone you know who is interested in joining us at our first meeting of the year. Thursday, September 14th our meeting will begin at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room.

We had a very successful past year with our desert monetary donations at the six Lenten fish fries, and monetary donations for the mother day flowers and father day mustache placed on the trees of love. We were able to donate \$2500.00 so far and will discuss any more areas in need of our financial support.

Our mission is to support our Knights of Columbus with their events while building our sisterhood in serving others. Once again, we look so forward to our upcoming meeting, and hope to see old and new faces there. In His Love.



#### **Build The Common Good: Serve Those Who Serve**

Psalm 23 is undoubtedly one of the most familiar of all the Psalms. "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I lack". We all know that. The question is do we actually believe that and act on it. The Supreme Theme this month is to build the common good and the companion activity is to serve those who serve. Most of you have seen our planned calendar of events for this program year. It is stocked full of events for our brother Knights and our outstanding Ladies Auxiliary to knock that theme and activity out of the park. Build the common good? Serve those who serve? That's what we're all about. The end game? Goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days. Get involved! Jump right in, the water is fine!



#### Psalm 23

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

## Barney Gonyea Council 7109

## Events Calendar 2023 - 2024

**Council Meetings** 

Officers - 1st Thursday each Month at 7:00 PM

Council Membership – 2nd Thursday each Month at 7:30 PM

Program Directors Meetings - July 18, October 17, January 16, April 16 - 7:00 PM Gathering Room

**Kimberly Home Work Day**  $-3^{rd}$  Saturday of each month 8:00 AM -10:00 AM **Pinellas Hope Food Prep**  $-3^{rd}$  Thursday of each month 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Coffee & Donuts - Sunday 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

August 13, September 10, (A) October 8, November 12, December 17, January 14, February 11, (A) March 17, April 14,

May 19, June 09,

Parish Family Breakfasts - Sunday 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM

December 10 Breakfast with Santa Fish Fries - Friday 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

February 16, February 23, March 01, March 08, March 15, March 22

Dinner Dances or Other Events – Saturday 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM

Dinner Dance (Theme TBD) November 04

June 15 Dinner Dance (Theme TBD) (Clergy Appreciation)

**Easter Events** 

**SVDP Easter Meal Delivery** March 23 March 30 **Easter Flowers** 

**Special Events** 

Installation & Year End Banquet July 13

Religious Education Reception & Lunch August 20 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Silver Rose Mass & Prayer Service August 26 9:00 AM Mass & Prayer Service October 22 9:00 AM -

Assembly Golf Outing

K of C Memorial Mass & Reception November 16 – 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM Reception PC 8:30 PM

**Altar Server Party** January 21

K of C Annual Retreat May 04 - 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Memorial Day Flag Retirement May 27

Corporate Communion Breakfast June 02 - 9:00 AM Mass Breakfast PC 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

**Family Events** 

Family Picnic - Philippe Park Shelter 5 September 30 **Basketball Free Throw Competition** January 22 (tentative)

**Pro-Life Events** 

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil (1p to 5p) September - October TBD Walk for Life- The Kimberly Home April 20

**Christmas Events** 

**SVDP Thanksgiving Meal Delivery** November 18

"Keep Christ In Christmas" Card Sale November 25 thru December 09 "Light Up For Christ" Light Install November 25 at 9:00 AM Caroling & Lighting of Christmas Lights December 02 (after 6 PM Mass)

Christmas Party C7109 & A2474 December 15 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM in Parish Center

Christmas Trees/Plants **December 11 & 30** 

**Fundraisers** 

Tootsie Roll Drive at ESCC after each Mass Saturday, February 03 and Sunday, February 04

**Recruitment / Membership** 

K of C Membership Drives September 17 11:30 AM (First weekend of RE) – Fruit Bars

Open House / Orientation (The Gathering Room) 7:30pm

August 15, \*October 17, December 19, February 13, \*April 16, June 18

Unified Degree Ceremonies (Parish Center) 7:30pm

August 17, October 19, December 21, February 15, April 18, June 20

**Assembly Exemplifications** 

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification – August 24, St. Augustine 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM 4th Degree Exemplification - November 25, Orlando 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

\*Open House - Fraternal Benefits Night

230723

# Assembly Golf Tournament



## Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday October 22, 2023
East Lake Woodlands Country Club – North Course
7:30a Registration | 9:00a Shotgun Start

Proceeds To Benefit





#### 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.

# Photo Gallery



GK Gene Jajuga presents St Vincent de Paul Director, Marcy Dolan with a donation check from our Council



Brother Knights of Council 7109 and their families work to keep Enterprise Road clean



Knight of the Month June 2022 Peter Demzack



Knight of the Month July 2023 Bob Justiana, Sr



Family of the Month July 2023 Betty & Joe D'Amelio



Knight of the Year 2022-2023 JJ Coyne



Family of the Year 2022-2023 Tom & Anne Harkins



WGK Gene Jajuga presents 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Certificate to Miguel Perez

# Silver Rose Devotion





























# In Memoriam

#### Peter laffaldano

September 14, 1922 - July 30, 2023



Peter laffaldano, aged 100, passed away peacefully July 30, 2023 in Westlake, OH. Beloved son of Joseph and Anna laffaldano (deceased), Brother of Carmella (John) Davey (deceased), Husband of Jeanne C.(deceased), and Ruth Marnalse (deceased). Father of Jim (Carol) laffaldano, loannella laffaldano, Ella (Kirk) Koloini, Peter C. laffaldano (deceased), John (Sherry) laffaldano, Ann laffaldano. Grandfather of 6, great-grandfather of 7. Uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

Born in Auburn, NY. Grew up in Syracuse, NY. WWII Navy Veteran, USS Paricutin AE-18. Graduate of General Motors Institute. Worked as Mechanical Engineer for General Motors. Retired from Norton Company. Rocky River resident 56 years, then Bay Village, OH. He loved family, cars, hunting, and camping. An Amateur Ham Radio operator.

Visitation was held Monday, August 7, 2023 at The Chapel at Sunset Memorial Park, 6265 Columbia Rd., N. Olmsted, OH 44070. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Tuesday, August 8 at St Christopher's Catholic Church, 20141 Detroit Rd., Rocky River, OH 44116. Interment immediately followed in Sunset memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations welcomed in his name to Honor Flight Cleveland, P.O. Box 119, Elyria, OH 44035. <a href="https://honorflightcleveland.org/donations/">https://honorflightcleveland.org/donations/</a>





#### Water The Source Of Life

I was fortunate to have dinner recently with Father Tom Anastasia and he recounted his recent two-week trip to Tanzania as part of the Water 4 Mercy program. This program was founded and is led by a local woman, Nermine Rubin, and the mission is to install deep wells and a rudimentary water distribution system in selected villages in Tanzania. She works with other international organizations with varying skills and various missions to add components of education and technology to help ensure the sustainability of the project and the holistic wellness of the community.

As a disclaimer, this is not a call to get involved in Water 4 Mercy. In fact, I learned that they are proud to list the Diocese of St. Petersburg as well as Espiritu Santo and St. Michael the Archangel as key sponsors and supporters. This is about what Father Tom learned.

Before the reveal, it's important to know a little about the process. Water 4 Mercy works with Innovation Africa, CultivAid, the Don Bosco Net and the Israeli Embassy to complete their mission. They have well established criterion in village selection and project design. Most of the villages they serve have roughly 3,000 to 3,500 residents. The resultant distribution system usually has 8 centers, and each center has 2 water taps. This is key to the culture of Tanzania and the success of the project.

Without this network, Tanzanian women have to walk long distances to find a local watering hole. This often involves navigating very rugged terrain. And, the source of the hole can be unpredictable in terms of existing water supply. If all goes well, the women fill their 5-gallon buckets and carry them back to their village on their head or using sticks across their shoulders. This is interesting as the Water 4 Mercy team encountered an unexpected issue with the first couple of villages served. The project was very welcomed but the taps at the distribution centers were breaking down. After assessment, it was found out that the women were breaking the taps as the water was too easy to access and it broke down their internal women's network of getting away from the village for a couple hours and sharing with each other. This is a clue to Father Tom's lesson learned.

Father was not sure of the entire village selection process but knows it does involve village size, an assessment of tribal leadership and known accessibility to water. Once planning has been completed and the project starts, village men (and some women) are identified to assist with the labor. The wells are dug deep to help insure steady access to the underground source. All wells and the entire distribution system of PVC pipes are dug by hand. Plenty of sweat equity in this. Once the well is completed, the team then installs a water tower, a solar driven pump and communication devices that are monitored from the capitol Dodoma.

The results? Cleaner water, improved health, improved irrigation and crop productivity, technical and spiritual education from the Don Bosco Net. And, skill development within the community as men are recruited and trained to support the pump and distribution system.

The Lesson? Father Tom said he was very much taken by the pure and sincere joy of the villagers as well as their cleanliness. He was taken with the cleanliness of the children's clothes especially knowing they didn't have a closet full to choose from. He assessed that their culture as a "community" was far better than ours and that was based on two words. They do not feel ENTITLED to anything. They are GRATEFUL for everything.

Water? The source of all life! Water 4 Mercy and partners are delivering a unique and powerful HAND UP not a handout. This clearly fits our pillars of unity, charity and fraternity to the nth degree. Who knew?



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

#### **Spiritual Exercise**

Catholics who are out of the habit of attending Mass need our encouragement and accompaniment to return

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

**For Many Years**, I have made it a point to exercise every day. It wasn't always so. When I was younger and imagined myself to be invincible, I neglected to do any kind of physical exercise beyond walking to my car. I wasn't opposed to exercise in principle; I just thought I didn't need it. But as I got older, it became clear that I was wrong.

The hardest part was going to the gym for the first time in years. My priest-secretary introduced me to a wide variety of exercise machines, which I labeled "instruments of torture." I decided to try the elliptical. Self-consciously, I mounted the machine. All around me were avid fitness buffs — some bench pressing, others running on treadmills. Me? I was just trying not to fall off. Before long I was out of breath. But with encouragement, I kept at it, and soon exercise became a part of my daily routine.

This is not to say that I'm healthier than a horse — I'm not. Rather, my purpose in telling you all this is to draw a comparison between going back to the gym and going back to church, particularly Sunday Mass.

In my experience, most unchurched or barely churched Catholics are not opposed to Mass. Some tell me, "The Mass is good for some people, but right now I don't see the need for it." That's what I used to say about exercise: "Fine for those who like that sort of thing, but I don't need it." But the fact is that I needed exercise all along, and those who think they don't need the Eucharist may discover that they have needed our eucharistic Lord all along, too.

Others tell me that they are interested in coming back to Mass on Sunday but are afraid they would feel awkward. A friend put it this way: "I just got out of the habit of going, and now I'm not sure I'd know what to do. I'm afraid my neighbors who go to church regularly would stare at me, and the priest would ask me where I've been all these years." Not unlike how I felt when I started exercising again; that first trip back to the gym was a doozy.

Yet another nonpracticing Catholic told me this: "I'd go back to church, but would I have to sign up at the parish office? Would I have to go through a lot of meetings?" And here's the kicker: "Would I have to go to confession?" Even this is not unlike going back to the gym. Many gyms insist on meeting with new and returning members for an evaluation (confession). They may then explain how the various fitness machines work (catechesis) and ask you sign on the bottom line (parish registration, collection envelopes). Formidable obstacles!

That is why I am grateful to my former priest-secretary who encouraged me to go to the gym again and again. As my friend and co-worker, he knew I would be a fish out of water, but he kept reassuring me until exercise became a regular part of my life.

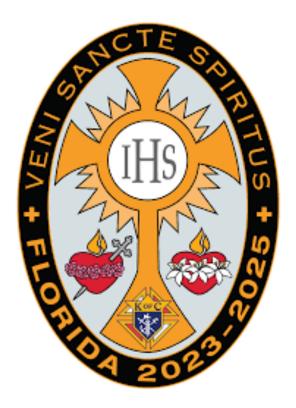
Similarly, I often think that those who are considering going back to Sunday Mass need a "soul friend" — someone to help and encourage them through the process of re-entry — or, in the vocabulary of Pope Francis, someone to "accompany" them and make them feel at home, until the practice of the faith becomes a regular part of their lives.

All of this brings us to our responsibility as members of the Knights of Columbus. One of the greatest acts of charity we can do is to accompany a person or family who is thinking of coming back to church. Some have hardened their hearts, but many others are searching and pondering. By example and gentle encouragement, we might just get them back into the habit of "exercise" that counts the most.



## From the Florida State Council Chamber...

#### **Explanation of the Florida State Council Pin 2023-2025**



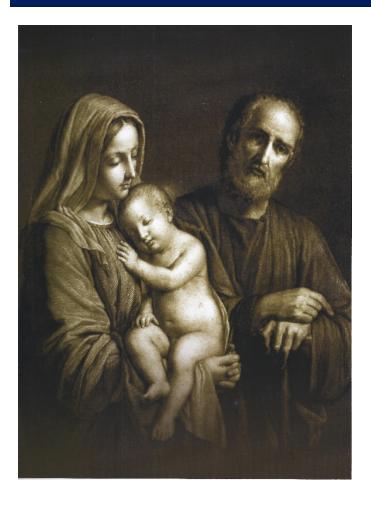
**Monstrance with a Representation of the Eucharist**: The Eucharist is the foundation of the Principles of the Order, especially the Principle of Fraternity. The Monstrance symbolizes the ongoing National Eucharistic Revival.

**The Immaculate Heart and Chaste Heart**: The two Hearts represent Mary and Joseph, both of whom have special places within the Knights of Columbus. Together with Jesus in the representation of the Eucharist, these symbolize the Holy Family as the model to which all Knights and their families should aspire.

**The Motto**: Veni Sancte Spiritus (Come Holy Spirit). Inspired by the flames on the Immaculate Heart and Chaste Heart, this motto challenges us to let the Holy Spirit into our lives to empower us in our mission as Knights of Columbus.

### **Assembly Officers 2023-2024**

Faithful Navigator	Waliy Vazquez	727.542.5376
Faithful Friar	Deacon Greg Nash	813.267.1535
Faithful Captain	John Gohman	813.810.3735
Faithful Admiral	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687
Faithful Pilot	JJ Coyne, PGK	901.832.7332
Faithful Scribe	David Heezen	727.792.4471
Faithful Comptroller	Tom Harkins	727.772.0607
Faithful Purser	Jerry Custin, PGK, PFN	727.244.6464
Inside Sentinel	Vincent Cristiano	727.725.5647
Outside Sentinel	Richard Resler	727.744.8923
Sentinel-at-Large	George Inderwies	727.647.1601
Trustee Three Year	Frank DiMattei, PGK, PFN	727.871.6506
Trustee Two Year	Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA	727.403.3261
Trustee One Year	Mark Peterman, PFN	727.403.5993
Color Corps Commander	Tom Wozniak, PGK, PFN, FDD	727.214.8377
Veterans Liaison	Bill Gallant	727.251.6300



## A Family Prayer

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

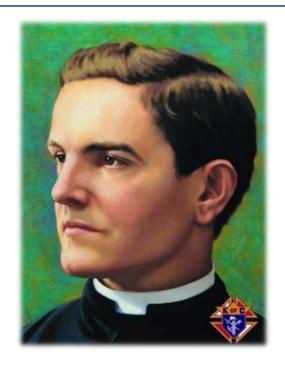
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

Amen.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## What's Happening?



#### Council Calendar of Events...

#### September 2023

• 09/10 | Sun 7:30a Coffee & Donuts

• 09/14 | Thu 6:30p Rosary

• 09/14 | Thu 7:30p Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings

• 09/16 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay

• 09/21 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Lunch Prep & Delivery

• 09/30 | Sat 11:00a KofC Family Picnic



### Assembly Calendar of Events...

#### September 2023

09/28 Thu | 7:30p
 Assembly Membership Meeting

#### Over The Horizon

10/22 | Sun 8:00a
 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament

11/16 | Thu 7:00p Memorial Mass

### Thanks to Our Sponsors







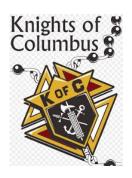




John Ruckart
Advisor
Lawandus Agency
M: 813-855-5111
203 Shore D E, Oldsmar, FL 34677
john.ruckart@kofc.org
https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/Meet-John-Ruckart.html







#### FREE ROSARY REPAIR

Is your rosary in need of repair? Broken beads, connecting wires, chains? Need a new center piece or crucifix?

I have most parts needed and the tools to repair and spruce up your rosary.

FREE to any Knight, family members, friends and neighbors

Contact Tom Wozniak | 727-214-8377 | tjwozniak@verizon.net

## 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.

