

The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

I hope that my report finds all of you and yours doing well.

We had a relatively light month in September activity-wise but we will begin to have three very busy months ahead to end the calendar year for 2023. In October with the Assembly Charity Golf Tournament, in November with our first Dinner Dance of the new Fraternal Year along with Thanksgiving and with Christmas prep work around the parish campus and of course a very busy December as usual with our Council Christmas Party and the Parish Family Breakfast with Santa.

UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER

- Council Officer's Meeting Thursday, October 5th, at
 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Assembly Coffee, Donuts & More Sunday, October 8th, at 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- COLUMBUS DAY Monday, October 9th
- Dinner Dance Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 10th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary Hosted by the K of C Thursday, October 12th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting Thursday, October 12th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Thursday, October 12th, at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Program Directors Meeting Tuesday, October 17th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

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Next Council Meeting Thursday, October 12 @ 7:30 pm In the Parish Center

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- Informational Open House & Fraternal Benefits Night

 Tuesday, October 17th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish
 Center
- Pinellas Hope Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery Thursday, October 19th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen
- Unified Degree Ceremony Thursday, October 19th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home WorkDay Saturday, October 21st, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater)
- Assembly Charity Golf Tournament Sunday, October 22nd, 6:30 AM – 3:00 PM, at East Lake Woodlands Country Club, North Course
- Assembly Business Meeting Thursday, October 26th, 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Officer's Meeting Thursday, November 2nd,
 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Dinner Dance Saturday, November 4th, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Rosary Thursday, November 9th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting Thursday, November 9th,
 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
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COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

For our next Council Business Meeting (October 12) we will have guest speakers from our Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter here at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church and School. I would like to have our Ladies Auxiliary join us in the Parish Center for the first 15 minutes of our meeting to hear from the representatives of Saint Vincent de Paul. I would like to ask all our Brother Knights and Ladies Auxiliary that are planning to attend that evening to bring at least one non-perishable food item to put in the SVdP basket that we can donate that evening. THANK YOU!!!

OUR BARNEY GONYEA COUNCIL 7109 WEBSITE

I'm sure that many of you have heard me talking about the work that is being done on our Council Website. Over the past few months our Brother Sir Knight Ed Amador has been very hard at work behind the scenes recreating our new and very much improved Barney Gonyea Council Website.

I'm not sure how many of us in the past have actually been on our Council's website to just look around or for getting information from it but this is now the "GO TO" place for accessing any information that you may need from our Council and Assembly. The new technology that Ed is using on our website puts us on a whole new level.

Our website address is www.safetyharborkofc.org just click on this link and view the different dropdown menus; it's amazing what has been done! You can register for the golf tournament or log on to the live auction site or maybe you want to see the Council's Events Calendar to check on a date or see previous months newsletters and really much, much more. Please let us know what you think!

COUNCIL DINNER DANCE – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4^{TH} , 7:00 PM TO 10;30 PM

With all that is going on with our greatest fundraiser of the year which is our Assembly Charity Golf Tournament we are right around the corner with another significant fundraiser for our Council and that is the Fall Dinner Dance. There will be a Dinner Dance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 10th, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room. Anyone that would like to be on the committee is certainly welcome to attend. Thank you for your consideration!

Blessings to all for an awesome month! Vivat Jesus!

Gene

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WGK Gene Jajuga presents August 2023 Knight of the Month to SK Ed Amador



WGK Gene Jajuga presents August 2023 Family of the Month to SK Tom & Jean Wozniak



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Council 7109 Holy Moments

Dear Brother Knights,

I'd like to start off by sharing a personal moment of inspiration. Two weeks ago, I was out with our PGK JJ Coyne working on the assembly golf tournament donations. A few nights prior to that I went through a moment of personal challenge and a moment where I felt a sense of defeat and a loss of drive due to someone else's actions. I shared this feeling with JJ, and it was then that JJ sagaciously reminded me of why I joined the Knights. His words alone were enough for me to do a selfcheck and rekindle my dedication to our noble cause. Which is what prompted me to ask the question in this month's newsletter, do you remember why you joined the Knights? What's your story? Let me remind you of my story I shared with you about my journey to becoming a Knight of Columbus. In early 2020, I was filled with excitement when my father-inlaw expressed his desire for us to join the Knights together. His enthusiasm for the order was infectious, and I looked forward to serving side by side with someone I deeply respected.

However, life can take unexpected turns, and tragedy struck when my father-in-law lost his battle with COVID-19 complications later that year. His passing left a void in our family, and I mourned not only the loss of a beloved family member but also the shared opportunity to serve together in the Knights of Columbus.

In the face of grief and loss, I turned to my faith for solace. During that challenging period, I felt God gently placing the idea of joining the Knights of Columbus in my heart. I realized that while my initial plan was 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.

Now, more than ever, the theme of Holy Moments resonates with me. It's a reminder that our journey as Knights of Columbus is not just about the grand gestures of service, but also about the small, everyday actions that can bring us closer to God and make a profound impact on those around us.

As we continue to navigate these challenging times, let us reflect on the significance of these Holy Moments. Whether it's through a simple act of kindness or a heartfelt

conversation, we have the opportunity to create Holy Moments in our lives and the lives of others.

Speaking of which, our recent Coffee and Donuts event on September 10, 2023, was a testament to the power of these moments. While we faced challenges with low attendance and competing events, we persevered in our mission to reach out and connect with our community. Even in small interactions, we sowed the seeds of friendship and faith.

In our ongoing membership drive, we've made significant strides. We have two confirmed RSVPs for the Open House on October 17th, 2023, and from our outreach efforts, we've made five contacts, resulting in two meaningful conversations and a commitment to attend the Open House. This progress brings us closer to our goal of welcoming 15 new members into our fold.

But our work is not done. We need to keep driving our membership efforts, and that's where each and every one of you comes in. Just as I found my unique path to the Knights of Columbus, we all have our reasons for joining. Reflect on your own journey, on who asked you to become a Knight and why you chose to take that step.

I implore you, my fellow Brothers, to embrace the theme of Holy Moments as we continue our mission. Reach out to a Catholic man who might not have been asked before and invite him to join us. Let your story, your faith, and your commitment be a guiding light for others on their own journeys.

In Matthew Kelly's words, "Every moment is an opportunity to make a decision, to choose to respond to God, to pursue greatness, to give our best, to love, to be a light in the darkness, to become the-best-version-of-ourselves." Each day, we have the chance to create Holy Moments in our lives and the lives of those we touch.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey as Knights of Columbus. Together, we can continue to make a positive difference in our community and in the lives of those we serve.

In unity and faith,



Edward J. Amador Membership Director Barney Gonyea Council 7109

Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

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

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

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

Look for more information from our Grand Knight





Council Membership Report

Total Membership 331
Insurance Membership 136
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



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Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

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Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Mario Zaccario, Ken Seguin, Ron Lexa (d), Susanne Papa (d), Jim Schownek, Ed Warticki, Andrea Coe (d), Maggie Cappabianca, Llllian Custin (d), David Flori (d), Annemarie Montali, Kathy Kukulski (d), Bob Bonvicino, Peter laffaldano (d), Barbara Papa, Tim Lightfoot, Ward Griffin, Ana Amador, Jim Watson, Richard Caridi (d), John Gohman, Jim Jessup (d), Sandy (Gouin)

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 Kraieski, 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 Papariella, 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, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, Jacob and Mary Burnett, Joseph Celic, Jerome Dewberry, Timothy and Marcy Dolan, Eric and Bernadette Flores, Jared Kirsten, Michael Lyons, Javier and Xiomara Ortega, Christopher and Teresanne Russell, Mario Russica, Hugh and Katie Siegel, Thomas Smith

Total Collected to Date: \$1,753.57



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

The Synod: Call to Personal Metanoia

As I began preparing my column for the Newsletter and reflecting on the Synod, I realized that this event really calls us to metanoia, not a giving up of chocolates or scotch, but a real change of mind and heart regarding our Faith. Synod means "journeying with" and refers to a monthlong gathering in Rome to discuss the needs and challenges of our Church today. Pope Francis and members of the Preparatory Committee have been planning for this event for the past two years. Its official goal is "to enable the Church to better witness the Gospel, especially with those who live on the spiritual, social, economic, political, geographical, and existential peripheries of our world." A pretty vast challenge. Many commentators have stated that this event and its followup in October of 2024 could be one of the most important happening in a long time—equivalent in importance to Vatican II.

According to a recent Pew Report, there are more Nones, that is, former or non-practicing Catholics than actual practicing Catholics. We see this actually in our own parish. Fewer people have come back to Church after Covid. In addition, young adults and even teenagers are visibly absent from the Community of Faith. These Nones could be blamed for their own walking away, but the issue is more complicated. A number have been hurt or insulted by church ministers, e.g., screaming at them in the confessional or badmouthed from the pulpit. Others have been discouraged from hanging in there because of the way women are discounted in their request to be priests and deaconesses. Whether gay or straight, many young people are turned away by the "official" attitude towards

gays and lesbians as well as the punitive practices against people divorced or in second marriages. The Planning Committee wants to really listen to those no longer practicing or on the periphery for one reason or another, in order to possibly make some changes.

The 450 delegates are already gathered in Rome for a retreat before the October 2 kick-off. What is significant is that Pope Francis is attempting to renew the sense of Church as "the People of God," which includes everyone together and no longer just a top-down bureaucracy. Thus, there are 375 bishops and 75 lay men and women. What is radically different is that everyone has an equal voice and the right to vote on issues. Pope Francis sees this first session as focused on listening to each other sitting at tables of 10. There is the challenge for metanoia—for the participants and for us—really listening with an open and receptive mind and heart to one another. Francis hopes that all of us in the Church Universal will be moved to embrace synodality, where we look upon each other as equals and not some "better" than others.

I will say more and answer any questions or comments at our October meeting. Here's a challenge to give a try: Many of us have adult children and even grandchildren who are part of the Nones. Why not ask them something like this: The Church is engaged in a Synod and really wants to hear from people who are no longer part of the Community of Faith. What has pushed you away? What needs to change? [Be ready to share why you stay part of the Community of Faith.]

Michael Cooper, S.J. Chaplain

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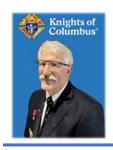
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

Fall has finely arrived, and I can't wait until the temperatures and the humidity get back to a more comfortable level. It will be great to sleep with the windows open again. I would like to thank all the people who helped at the picnic. We had a great turn-out for our council's picnic. Everyone had a great time building new friendships and reconnecting with old friends that they haven't seen in a while.

Our council will be hosting a soccer challenge at Clearwater Central Catholic High School on October 28th from 9am to 11am. The Program Directors will be having their quarterly meeting on Tuesday Oct 17th at 7pm in the Gathering Room. Our annual Gary Sinise Golf Tournament is winding up. Our Tournament will be held on Sunday Oct 22nd at the Ardea Country Club (formerly known as East Lake Woodlands Country Club). Please check out the auction web site as there are a lot of wonderful things to bid on including a lot of golf packages at some very private courses in the area.

Faith In Action









FAITH COMMUNITY

FAMILY

LIFE

From the Faith Directors Desk

~Into The Breach | Pilgrim Icon | Holy Hour | Refund Support Vocations | Building the Domestic Church Kiosk |Spiritual Reflection | Rosay | Sacramental Gifts~



We will be having our monthly Rosary on Oct 12th at 6:30pm in the JBC. Jerry Custin and Wally Vasquez will be leading the Rosary. We are starting to plan the Memorial Mass which will be held on Thursday Nov 16th at 7:30pm in the chapel. We would like suggestions for a Wednesday date to go over to St. Michael's for Holy Hour.

From the Community Directors Desk

~Helping Hands | Coats for Kids | Global Wheelchair Mission | Habitat for Humanity | Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest | Disaster Preparedness | Free Throw Championship | Soccer Challenge | Hockey Challenge~



Brothers, we will continue throughout this year's calendar to have opportunities to reach out to help our greater community, and as a consequence be more visible as well. First, we will have the Soccer Challenge that will take place on October 28th from 9-11 AM at Clearwater Center Catholic High School. More information will be coming on this event. It will be a fun morning for the boys and girls in our area. Invite your kids and grandchildren to participate in this event. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We will also be having our quarterly road cleanup on Enterprise Road on Saturday morning, November 4th starting at 8:00 AM. Our last one in August was a great success and thanks again to the guys who participated. This is an enjoyable project, and it takes about an hour so it shouldn't interfere with other Saturday plans. It is a visible way for us to make a difference in our immediate community area.

From the Family Directors Desk

~Consecration to the Holy Family | Food for Families | Family Fully Alive | Family of the Month & Year | Family Prayer Night | Family Week | Good Friday Family Promotion | Keep Christ in Christmas~



For those with children in the house, school is now in full swing, and life is getting very busy, especially with after school activities. Please strive to gather for the family dinner allowing this to be a time of family prayer and catching up on the day. Make the best of this time each day for you, your spouse and especially your children. Family unity is priceless. As Knights of Columbus, we are to lead our family into the arms of Christ.

From the Life Directors Desk

~Aid and Support After Pregnancy ASAP | Novena For Life | March For Life | Special Olympics | Ultrasound | Christian Refugee Relief | Mass for People with Special Needs | Pregnancy Center Support | Silver Rose~





October starts off 40 Days For life. Like in previous years, we are assigned Thursdays (10/19, 10/26 and 11/02) in front of the abortion clinic on US 19 North in Clearwater. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer from 7am to 5pm. Signs will be provided. As usual, we will be helping at the Kimberly Home on the 21st from 8am to 10am. Kate and the fellow staffers really appreciate everything the knights do for them.

Saint Faustina Kowalska Saint for the Month of October – October 5, 2023

A native of Glogowiec, Poland, Helena Kowalska went at nineteen to the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, where she became Mary Faustina. After an initial time of spiritual purification, she received regular visions of Our Lord, who asked her to share his message of "divine mercy." "When sinners repent," he told her, "my Mercy is limitless. The greatest sinners could become the greatest saints if they trusted in my Mercy." Faustina insisted that Jesus wanted a devotional image of himself to be painted, which provoked her fellow nuns. She folded the humiliations into her prayer and offered to God her many sufferings. She died of tuberculosis at the age of thirty-three.



Pope St. John Paul II canonized Faustina Kowalska as the first saint of the new Millennium and established the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter as requested by Our Lord. Today, the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited each day by the faithful at the three o'clock hour when Christ died on the cross. The Divine Mercy Image which portrays Christ with golden rays of mercy radiating from His heart was painted and is honored in many churches and homes throughout the Christian world. Beneath the image, is the prayer, "Jesus, I Trust in You!"

October Liturgical Calendar

- Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angeles (Memorial)
- Oct 4 Saint Francis of Assisi (Memorial)
- Oct 5 St. Faustina Kowalska, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
- Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)
- Oct 9 St. Denis and Companions, St. John Leonardi
- Oct 11 St. John XXIII
- Oct 14 St. Callistus I, Bl, Virgin Mary
- Oct 16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alocoque
- Oct 17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)
- Oct 18 Saint Luke (Feast)
- Oct 19 Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions (Memorial)
- Oct 20 St. Paul of the Cross
- Oct 21 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Oct 23 St. John of Capistrano
- Oct 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret
- Oct 28 Saint Simon and Jude (Feast)

Vivat Jesus!

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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Recently you should have received your 2023 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on your information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise you of the member benefits available to you that you may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with your brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting-edge software and tools as well as my own experience and training, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget.

But I can't help you with what I don't know.

I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation so we can talk about potential next steps. Or just reach out to me directly.

I look forward to connecting soon.

Vivat Jesus!

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WGK Gene Jajuga presents Jack Kuczej with his 3rd Degree Certificate. Welcome!



WGK Gene Jajuga presents Dan Manella with his 3rd Degree Certificate. Welcome!



Wally Vazquez
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Faithful Navigator's Log

The Golf Tournament is rapidly approaching, and volunteers are needed to cover many different but important operations and functions. Please consider helping and contact Mark Peterman, JJ Coyne or Gene Jajuga so we can assign you to a volunteer position.

Tickets for the 50/50 are still available. You can purchase them for \$20.00 per ticket and last year we had two large prize winners. See Frank DiMattei or Tom Harkins for tickets.

The Family Picnic will be held on 30 September from 12:00 pm until 3:00pm at Shelter 5. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help set up, cook, cleanup. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. Set-up will begin at 9 am. There is also a sign-up sheet for attendees so we can get a good headcount and order enough food.

Memorial Mass will be held on November 16, 2023, at 7:30pm. The service will be followed by a light repast at the parish center following the Mass. Please come and honor those Knights who have passed.

Color Corps needs more Knights to join and participate in all planned events. The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity for each Assembly. They add dignity and pride of church and country to all events and bring credit to the Knights of Columbus.

Please visit the website www.safetyharborkofc.org and if possible donate to building a home for John "JT" Doody, US Marine Corps Lance Corporal, via the website.

The Knights are recruiting and asking all current Knights to help. We need the Assembly members to help spread the net out to folks they sit next to in mass or a family member they know.

"I arose and now I am still with you," he says to each of us. My hand upholds you. Wherever you may fall, you will fall into my hands. I am present even at the door of death. Where no one can accompany you further, and where you can bring nothing. Even there I am waiting for you, And for you, I will change darkness into light.

- Pope Benedict XVI

Use the following QR Codes to quickly register for the Assembly Golf Tournament's Online Charity Auction and to read this year's beneficiary's story and offer donations. Share these with your family and friends – the more the merrier!

Scan the below QR Code to register for the Knights of Columbus Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474 Online Charity Auction







Share with family & friends! Proceeds to benefit Gary Sinise Foundation and Lance Corporal John "JT" Doody, USMC

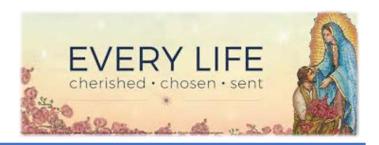
Read his story and offer support for Lance Corporal John "JT" Doody, USMC



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Dave Behrle PGK, PFN 727.723.1169



Human life is an intrinsic gift from God! Every person is beautifully unique and absolutely unrepeatable. Think about your own family, your close friends, your fellow brothers in the Knights, and you! We are all wonderfully made in the image of God!

Giving advice is hard, and we guys generally muck it up by trying to solve problems for others. We're wired to be problem solvers. Pray for patience and try this technique the next time your lovely spouse, your child, your grandchild, or a friend - shares a problem they have. Don't jump in with an immediate solution but remember to see every situation as an opportunity to first listen, to be empathetic, to be their sounding board of their ideas and solution. And then, ask these 3 questions, pausing after each question to hear their response: 1) Do you want me to get involved? 2) Do you want advice? 3) Do you just want me to listen? [courtesy of Davis Watts, Program Director, Spirit FM 90.5]

Volunteer coordinator is needed for Respect Life here at Espiritu Santo. Yes, that person could be you. If this calling tugs at your heart, give me a call for more info.

On September 8, we celebrated the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. This feast day reminds us that her life, her nature, and her vocation to be the Mother of Jesus did not originate from her, but from God. Mary was and is a gift from God. God is the Creator, and the giver of all our blessings. Praise be to God for all Life!

Forty Days for Life continues for the whole month of October. There is room on the sidewalk for you to pray thanks for Life and be a witness for those considering aborting their child. Haven't signed up yet? Espiritu Santo Catholic Church has the following days: Oct 19 & 26, and Nov 2 (all Thursdays). Go now to www.40daysforlife.com.

In November, the State of Ohio will vote to enshrine abortion into their state constitution. Recently, in August, Ohio voters did <u>not</u> approve changing the threshold of changing the Ohio state constitution from a simple majority up to 60%. This November, Ohio voters will decide a ballot initiative that, if passed, by a simple majority, will enshrine an unlimited "right" to abortion in the state's constitution. And, if passed, this will override the "heartbeat" bill signed into law last year. Please pray for Life, in Ohio, and in our Nation. Go to the Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America website for other ways to get involved: www.sbaprolife.org.



Happy Fall Y'all. It will be a busy next three months for sure. The season kicked off with the KofC picnic September 30th with 50+ attendees. Great fellowship was enjoyed by all! Our monthly meeting will be Thursday October 12th, with planning for the November 4th Dinner Dance as the main focus. New members are welcomed. We will decide on a theme to develop our raffle baskets for our charitable causes. Remember the Gary Sinise Golf Tournament Sunday October 22nd - always a great time to help our Knights raise money to help with the funding of a state-of-the-art smart home for a wounded veteran and family. Pray for 40 Days for Life September 27th - November 5th. Our parish has Vigil hours on Thursdays October 19 and 26, and November 02 from 7:00a - 5:00p at the 28960 US 19 North, Clearwater location, with parking at Hamburger Mary's only. Continue to pray for those in need of healing, our fellow sisters in Christ and their families.

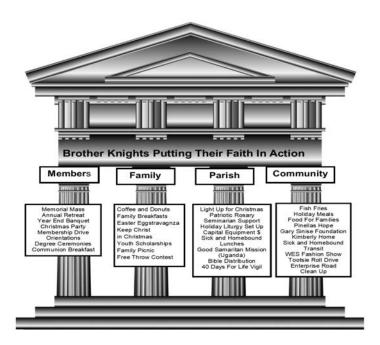


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Generational Relationships

Psalm 105 reminds us that we are part of something that is foundational to humanity, a relationship with a God who is everlasting, wondrous and who has loved us throughout eternity. We follow in the footsteps of Abraham, Jacob and all the prophets. We have been called by His Only Son to a mission of unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. We are called to act on our faith and pass those beliefs to the next generation knowing that Christ is with us in disguise every step of the way.



Psalm 105

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds! Sing praise to him, play music; proclaim all his wondrous deeds! Glory in his holy name; let hearts that seek the LORD rejoice! Seek out the LORD and his might; constantly seek his face. Recall the wondrous deeds he has done, his wonders and words of judgment, You descendants of Abraham his servant, offspring of Jacob the chosen one! He the LORD, is our God whose judgments reach through all the earth. He remembers forever his covenant, the word he commanded for a thousand generations, Which he made with Abraham, and swore to Isaac, And ratified in a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel: "To you I give the land of Canaan, your own allotted inheritance."

Thank You!







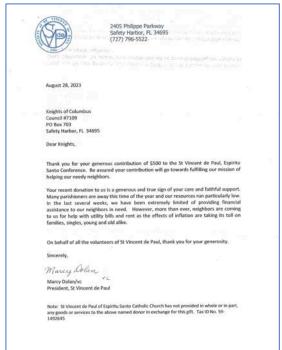


Photo Gallery

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Knights of Columbus Investing in the Education of Our Students

Please join us in thanking the Knights of Columbus Barney Gonyea Council 7109 who generously gifted each of our third-grade students with a beautiful Catholic Bible. This kind and thoughtful gesture is part of the Knights commitment to help our students grow in their faith and impact their lives in a meaningful way. Father Len blessed the Bibles prior to Grand Knight Gene Jajuga and Past Grand Knight JJ Coyne formally presenting them to the children. We are extremely grateful and blessed for the Knights longstanding partnership and active commitment to our Parish and school.





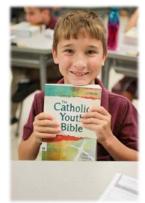




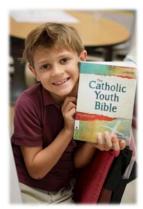












Assembly Golf Tournament



In Memoriam

James Delano Jessup

November 21, 1939 – September 12, 2023



It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of a truly remarkable man, Jim Jessup, who departed this world on September 12 ,2023 at the age of 83. Jim lived a full and meaningful life, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Born on November 21, 1939, in the small town of Sophia, WV, Jim and his two brothers and seven sisters moved to Clearwater, FL, when he was six years old. He graduated with the class of 1958 from Clearwater High School, then lived in Miami and the Bahamas before settling down in Ft. Myers where he would meet and marry the love of his life, Dianne.

An active member of the Catholic Church, Jim taught CCD at Saint Cecilia's in Ft. Myers then served in the Knights of Columbus at Espiritu Santo in Safety Harbor. After a nearly 20-year career with Cadillac, he shifted gears and entered the mortgage industry where he traveled the country as an auditor for many years before retiring from BB&T Bank in 2013.





Holy Moments and Building The Domestic Church

We now have staples in our newsletter that remind us of our calling as Brother Knights and our super Ladies of the Auxiliary. The Gospel of James 2:14-26 provides the foundation:

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead, Indeed, someone may say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble. Do you want proof, you ignoramus, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered his son Isaac upon the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called "the friend of God." See how a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. And in the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by a different route? For just as a body without a spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

Faith without works is dead! A quick peek at our event calendar will dispel any thoughts about us falling into the trap of inaction.

But what about holy moments? Lots of activity doesn't necessarily equate to holiness. In fact, action can be quite the opposite of holiness. The difference is the WHY? Why do we do what we do, that is the question; and that question is also the answer to living in holy moments.

There is the tale of an aging Abbott whose monastery was failing, and his monks were becoming greedy, jealous and self-centered among other less than desirable qualities. He journeyed to confer with a trusted friend, a Hermit. After pleasantries and a peaceful morning of contemplation, the Abbott asked his friend, "What wisdom do you have for us? How can we best rejuvenate the monastery? How can we best serve and inspire the people who come to visit?" The Hermit replied, "That is three questions but there is one answer. Tell your brother that the Messiah is among them."

When he returned, the Abbott gathered his brother monks and related that singular answer – the Messiah is among us. That triggered the reflection needed. Then little by little cooperation increased among the monks and they began to treat each other with renewed kindness and respect. The results were a renewed and vibrant monastery with inspired visitors.

One day a woman sought out the Abbott and asked how the renewal was achieved. The Abbott sagely responded, "We treat every person we meet like the second coming of Jesus among us".

So, when we treat our brothers, sisters and guests as the second coming of Jesus in disguise the game changes. Faith without acts is dead. Acts, with Jesus among us in disguise create holy moments. Keep building our domestic church in all that we do!



From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

Faith-Centered Friendship

Cor offers Knights and other Catholic men a way to deepen their relationship with Christ and one another

Among the highlights of the 141st Supreme Convention last month in Orlando, Florida, was the papal message, in which the greetings of Pope Francis were conveyed in an official letter from the Vatican secretary of state. The message, which will be printed in its entirety in the October issue of *Columbia*, was important for many reasons.

I was especially struck that the message singled out our efforts to accompany Catholic men in their vocations: "His Holiness appreciates initiatives of your Order, such as *Cor*, which enable Catholic men to build a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity."

Why would the Holy Father's attention be drawn to this initiative? Because, as his message explains, *Cor* is "all the more necessary today amid the distractions of everyday life and a culture frequently indifferent to the reality of faith." Quite simply, the Knights are taking up *Cor* because we are reading "the signs of the times." Our world and our Church desperately need men who are willing to embrace their vocation as Christians, husbands, and fathers. And there is no better way to make this happen than to bring men together with a focus on prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of *Cor* is straightforward: to bring men into the abundant life to which Christ has called them.

After a successful pilot program in 21 jurisdictions, we are starting to roll *Cor* out to the entire Order. Last month, we released a Bible study called *Men of the Word*, designed to help Catholic men pray with Scripture. And soon we will be releasing a video series on marriage, family, and fatherhood.

These resources are important for *Cor*, but perhaps our most important resource is one another — the men who come together to deepen their faith during *Cor* gatherings. The third pillar of *Cor* is fraternity, or friendship, and this is its ultimate resource: Our brotherhood in Christ is the glue that will hold it all together.

Cor gives men a place to come together as brothers for spiritual conversations in an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect. Nothing is more powerful than prayer and faith formation in the context of Christian friendship. When I look back at my own life, I realize that little has been more important to my own spiritual growth than the support and encouragement of trusted friends. These friendships help bring light and truth — God himself. As the spiritual writer Venerable Tomás Morales put it: "Friendship holds the secret of the apostolic potential of a Christian."

Cor will give us the opportunity to grow closer in friendship to one another, but also, crucially, to Christ himself. The papal message noted that the real goal of Cor is to build "a strong and vital relationship with our Lord [which] not only leads to personal sanctification but is also essential for the healthy development of family life." This friendship with Christ is the pearl of great price (Mt 13:44). It is the secret to authentic happiness.

Cor doesn't replace anything we do. Instead, it will enhance everything we do, including our most fundamental mission. Father McGivney founded the Order in 1882 to strengthen the faith of Catholic men and their families. Cor is deeply connected to this founding vision.

A recent study showed that fewer than 10% of Catholic millennials in the United States actively practice their faith today. This crisis has touched nearly every Catholic family. But it doesn't have to be this way. *Cor* will help men deepen their faith so they can pass it on more effectively to their children and grandchildren.

We live in a time when men are hungry to live a life of meaning and mission in Jesus Christ, a time when our wives and families desperately need us to embrace our vocation as Christian husbands, fathers, and leaders. Our time has come to step boldly into that breach.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...



The Columbian Award is given to those councils who exhibit, through their programs and events, focus on Culture of Life, Youth, Family, the Council, service to the Community and the Church.



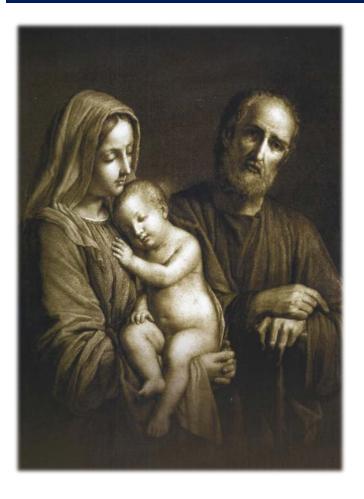
The Founder's Award is given to those councils who seek to increase the number of Brother Knights aware of the fraternal benefits, that the Knights of Columbus Insurance program has to offer, by meeting or exceeding their new insurance member quota.



Worthy District Deputy Alan Gauzens presents GK Gene Jajuga and DGK Tom Krivchenia with the Columbian and Founders Awards Certificates; these awards were recognized during this Summer's Annual State Convention in Orlando.

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A Family Prayer

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

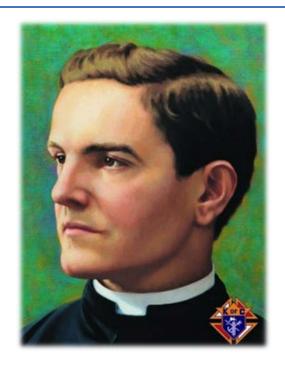
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

Amen.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

October 2023

• 10/08 | Sun 7:30a Coffee & Donuts

10/10 | Tue 7:00p **Dinner Dance Committee Meeting**

• 10/12 | Thu 6:30p Rosary

 10/12 | Thu 7:30p Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings

10/17 | Tue 7:30p KofC Informational Open House

Pinellas Hope Lunch Prep & Delivery 10/19 | Thu 8:00a

Unified Degree Ceremony 10/19 | Thu 7:30p

10/21 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay



Assembly Calendar of Events...

October 2023

10/22 | Sun 9:00a 7th Annual Assembly 2474 Golf Tourney

10/26 | Thu 7:30p Assembly Membership Meeting

Over The Horizon

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.

