



The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, November 09 @ 7:30 pm
In the Parish Center

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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

I hope that my report finds all of you and yours doing well this month!

We had a VERY BUSY month in October with various activities and we will have another two very busy months ahead to end the calendar year for 2023. In October, we had another very successful Assembly Charity Golf Tournament, and I would like to thank all the Council members and Ladies Auxiliary for all of their help and support once again this year.

We were well on our way with our planning to include our entertainment and menu selections for our first Dinner Dance that was scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. Unfortunately, we were advised by the Parish Office that the Church would not be ready for us to use, and that Masses would continue to be said in the Parish Center until November 18th, so we had to postpone our Dinner Dance. At our upcoming Council Officers Meeting on Thursday, November 2nd, we will be discussing a new date for the Dinner Dance and will schedule another Dinner Dance Committee Meeting date to follow.

We have a very full schedule that I have outlined below for November with Thanksgiving and of course with Christmas prep work around the parish campus.

NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Golf Tournament Recap Meeting – Monday, November 6th 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room.
- Rosary – Hosted by the K of C – Thursday, November 9th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, November 9th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, November 9th, at 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Coffee, Donuts & More - Sunday, November 12th, at 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery – Thursday, November 16th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen
- Memorial Mass & Reception – Thursday, November 16th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, November 18th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater)
- SVDP Thanksgiving Meal Delivery – Saturday, November 18th, 9:00 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- THANKSGIVING DAY – Thursday, November 23rd
- Light Up For Christ – Campus Light Installation – Saturday, November 25th, 9:00 AM

- Fourth Degree Exemplification – Saturday, November 25th, Orlando 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- “Keep Christ In Christmas” Card Sale - Saturday & Sunday, November 25th & 26th, After all Masses
- Assembly Social Meeting – Tuesday, November 28th, 6:30 PM Beef O’ Brady’s in Oldsmar
- Caroling & Lighting of Christmas Lights – Saturday, December 2nd, after 6:00 PM Mass
- Council Officer’s Meeting – Thursday, December 7th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Rosary – Thursday, December 14th, at 6:30 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, December 14th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, December 14th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room



WGK Gene Jajuga recognizes SK Edward (& Violet) Amador as September Family of the Month

COUNCIL 7109 FAMILY PICNIC

On Saturday, September 30th, we had our Fall Barney Gonyea Council Family Picnic during an absolutely beautiful day for all to enjoy at Philippe Park. We had a great turnout with over 70 of our Knights and Ladies attending. We had plenty of food and refreshments for all to have and if anyone went home hungry, it was their own fault!

I would like to thank the following for not only attending but for all their help with the setup, cooking and cleanup!

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| Tom Stanko | Miguel Perez | George Inderwies |
| JJ Coyne | Wally Vazquez | Ramona Vazquez |
| Karen Jajuga | Joe D’Amelio | Betty D’Amelio |
| Ed Amador | Tom Wozniak | Jean Wozniak |
| Frank McEwen | Gary Murphy | Vincent Cristiano |



WGK Gene Jajuga presents Amaro Lionheart with his 3rd Third Degree Certificate

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Blessings to all for an awesome month!
Gene

Vivat Jesus!

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Members of Council 7109 listen to a presentation by our parish St Vincent de Paul team



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Council 7109 Holy Moments

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you well and inspired by the mission we share as Knights of Columbus. Our journey, enriched by faith, unity, and charity, has seen some remarkable milestones recently.

As we open the pages of our Columbia magazine and turn to page 29, we encounter a powerful quote: "In this age of mediocrity, the Knights of Columbus invites men to greatness: to sacrifice themselves for the good of others; to commit to a higher call with a band of brothers; and to stand strong in the breach." Let this serve as your rallying call to set your mind and action towards the collective cause of growing our council for the Lord our God. Let me share some of these wonderful moments with you.

Our recent Assembly coffee and donuts event was a tremendous success, drawing a great turnout from our parishioners. Matthew Kelly teaches us that every moment is an opportunity to decide, to choose to respond to God, to give our best. This event was a living example of these words, where we chose to engage with our community, reaching out to potential new members and offering them the opportunity to create their Holy Moments within the Knights of Columbus.

Working together as Brothers, we had the privilege of serving 128 meals at Pinellas Hope. Matthew Kelly emphasizes that every day presents us with countless opportunities to experience the divine by making choices that align with our values and purpose. Our work at Pinellas Hope is a clear illustration of how, in service, we can turn ordinary moments into extraordinary encounters with God. We offered meals, but we also offered compassion and support, creating Holy Moments for those in need.

Our support for John "JT" Doody has been an inspiring success story, made possible by the dedication of volunteers, the generosity of sponsors, and the kindness of donors. The Golf Tournament was a tremendous achievement, thanks to your collective support. Matthew Kelly's words remind us that every moment is an opportunity to give our best and to be a light in the darkness. Our ongoing support for JT, even after the tournament, exemplifies our shared commitment to turning every moment into a Holy Moment.

Speaking of making a difference, our ongoing recruitment efforts are thriving. We've gained 8 new brothers on our journey to reach our goal of 15. Matthew Kelly encourages us

to pursue greatness and to become the-best-version-of-ourselves. Our recruitment is an avenue for those we invite to discover their best versions through service and faith. It's an opportunity for them to create Holy Moments in their lives.

Ken, a cherished member of our Council and 2nd-year Trustee, recently shared an inspiring story that perfectly embodies the transformative potential of a simple invitation. Echoing Matthew Kelly's wisdom that every moment is an opportunity to plan, to choose to respond to God, Ken extended that invitation to Victor Nunez. Victor warmly accepted, embarking on a meaningful journey to serve, deepen his faith, and create countless Holy Moments. This story serves as a testament to the impact we can have when we open the door for others to join us in our mission.

Let us continue to support one another, to pray for the strength and unity we need to fulfill our calling. Our Council's actions reach far beyond our immediate circle; they touch lives, hearts, and souls.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment. We 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



Some of our newest Brothers during a recent Unified Degree Ceremony

Unity - Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2023: December 19

2024: February 13 | April 16 | June 18

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2023: December 21

2024: February 15 | April 18 | June 20

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	339
Insurance Membership	140
Honorary Life Members	68
Honorary Members	07
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	08/15
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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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 Hoherl, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Timothy Kielich, William and Katherine Krajieski, Frank and Deborah Laffey, Milton Levine, Santo and Karen Loparo, Patrick Mackin, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, John Morgan, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Donald Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas Penders, Daniel Peterson, Robert and Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, James and Drema Servoss Rooney, Daniel and Paula Saracki, William and Mary Scott, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Thomas and TP Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Steven Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria, Patrick and Joan Alix, Edward and Violet Amador, Victor and Susanne Berggren, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Kevin Cordaro, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Frederick and Christi Elfein, 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 Lenahan, 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 Ayril, 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: \$1,754.22



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Chaplain's Corner

ISRAELIES, PALESTINIANS, GAZA, AND HAMAS: WHAT DO WE KNOW? WHERE DO WE STAND?

There are many deep and complicated issues in understanding the situation in the Middle East. I have been to the Holy Land seven times and follow very closely the situation there. I also have many close Jewish friends here and there. There are many good Israelis who truly want Peace, but Netanyahu is not one of them. He and his wife have been indicted on corruption charges - using the wealth and power of their government for their own financial and self-serving advantages. A week before October 7, there was a massive protest in Tel Aviv of over 100,000 Israelis against him and his attempt to take away judicial power as separate from his government. In his two terms as prime minister, he has said he is for a two-state solution to the problems of Israel and Palestine. But he goes against what he says by annexing Palestinian property on the West Bank and building "settlements," new cities/complexes reserved solely for Jews. Ten years ago, he built a wall between Bethlehem [which is in the Palestine sector as are other Holy Places] and Jerusalem. Before many Palestinians - both Muslims and Catholics - could simply cross at the border between Israel and Palestine and then take a bus to work in Jerusalem's markets. Now with the wall and harsh customs control, getting to work takes 3-4 hours. How would you feel if these harassments had been done to you? Many other harsh policies help explain why many Palestinians - some Christian and some Muslim--feel harassed by the Netanyahu government. I am totally against what happened to the Israelis, but - truth be told - the Israeli government has been constantly engaged in harassments and even killings against the Palestinians with little or no challenges from the Israeli people.

The Holy Land includes cities in the Palestinian sector like Bethlehem, Bethany - home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus - and many other places. A number of Palestinians are

Catholic, and the previous Mayor of Bethlehem was Catholic. The University of Notre Dame has a Center close by Bethlehem and the American Christian Brothers have a university that welcomes Christians and Muslims in a very open and mixed atmosphere. Moreover, due to what Hamas started on October 7, pilgrimages to the Holy Land may be a thing of the past for a while.

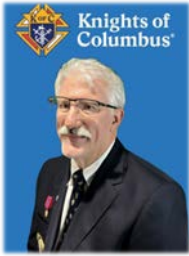
Gaza is often referred to as an enclosed prison. Palestinians cannot get out because the borders are closed north into Israel and south into Egypt. Hamas controls this territory politically and economically. They are corrupt and controlling of the Palestinian citizens living in Gaza. Many Palestinians living here tend to support Hamas only because of their anger against the way they are mistreated by the Israeli government in terms of minimal support of the schools for their children, the lack of decent employment opportunities due to the territorial prison, which is Gaza, et cetera. However, **Hamas are terrorists and need to be understood as separate/ different from the Palestinians, who are the victims now of the Israeli war against Hamas. Besides embracing Netanyahu as a symbolic sign of America standing with Israel, President Biden should have also gone into Gaza and embraced the leader of the PLO [Palestinian Liberation Organization] as a sign of supporting the "good" Palestinians - not Hamas.**

I will address any questions or disagreements at our monthly meeting. I hope what I have said is helpful and clarifies some of the different groups and leaders in Israel and Palestine. I think the media conflate all Palestinians with the Hamas terrorist. Personally, I feel the Israeli war will not settle anything and only end up with more killings of Israeli soldiers and as well as innocent Palestinian men, women, and children. War is never the solution.

Michael Cooper, S.J., Chaplain

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

Welcome to the start of the holiday season. November is a busy month for us Knights. We start off with All Saints Day where we honor all the Saint in heaven as they stand before the throne of God. Followed by All Souls Day where we honor our loved ones who have passed away. We will be celebrating our Veteran's Day Mass on Friday November 10th at the 8:30am Mass with the Color Corp in attendance. We will have our Coffee & Donuts after all Masses on Sunday the 12th. On the 16th we will have our Memorial Mass that honors our fallen Knights with a reception afterward. Thanksgiving offers us a time to spend joyous moments with family and friends. On this special holiday, we remember everything that we are thankful and grateful for in our lives. We will start selling our Keep Christ in Christmas cards on the weekend after Thanksgiving.

I would like to thank everyone who spent many hours volunteering and helping with the golf tournament which turned out to be a great success. Everyone that I have talked to commented on what a wonderful time they had. They enjoyed playing the newly refurbished north course.

We have decided to move the Soccer Challenge back a week to November 4th. We will still have it at Clearwater Central Catholic High School from 9 – 11am. Please encourage youth, ages 9-14, to attend.

A Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to everyone!

Faith In Action



From the Faith Director's Desk

We are having our annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass on November 16th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. This is a great way to honor our fallen Knights. We would like to start up a Holy Hour once a month at St. Michael's on a Wednesday for all the Knights and the Ladies

Auxiliary members. We will send out a sign-up sheet to see who is interested and which Wednesday of the month would be best for us to go there. We would also like to know if morning or afternoons would be better for everyone. We will be having our monthly Rosary on the 9th in the JBC @ 6:30 before our monthly meetings. Please bring a friend as this is open to the whole church.

From the Community Director's Desk

Brothers, we continue our community outreach this season with great opportunities to serve our greater community. First, we will be having our quarterly road cleanup on Saturday December 2nd. We will meet by the shed at 9am to pick up the trash along Enterprise Rd., from the church to the railroad tracks. We will have coffee and vests for everyone. This is a great way to collectively make a visible impact on our community. This project should take about an hour. We will also be conducting our Soccer Challenge for youngsters in our community. We have moved the Soccer Challenge to November 4th from 9 – 11am at Clearwater Central Catholic School. The challenge is open to both boys and girls from ages 9-14. The winners in each age group will automatically qualify for the regionals on November 18th. There will be other opportunities coming this year as we make our area a better place.

From the Family Director's Desk

In this week's Knightsline, Volume 41, No.43, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly told thousands of families attending the New York State Eucharistic Congress this past weekend, "Overcoming the modern crisis in the family begins with men fostering devotion to the Eucharist in their families. The more we turn to our Lord in the Eucharist, the more we can teach our children to value their relationship with Christ above everything else the world may offer. The Mission of the Family similarly emphasizes the importance of forming children in the faith so that they can resist the temptations presented by the modern world. He is present in the Eucharist. I should say at the outset that, while my focus is on men, women have a profound stake in this topic". As Knights of Columbus, our responsibility to lead our children and family to Christ is who we are and what we do.

We will be selling our Keep Christ in Christmas Cards after all Masses from November 25th thru Dec 10th or the

17th. We will also have Magnets and yard Nativity Scenes.

From the Life Director's Desk

We are still in the middle of 40 d\Days For Life. If you are able, please volunteer to stand in front of the abortion clinic on US Hwy 19 in Clearwater on the first Thursday of November. Let's all do our part and help end the killing of our unborn babies.

St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland Feast Day - November 16, 2023

Of royal Saxon lineage, Margaret was born in England, educated in Hungary, and did her great work in Scotland. After being married to King Malcolm III around the year 1070, Margaret worked vigorously for the reform of the Church of Scotland, founding monasteries, churches, and hostels for pilgrim travelers. She unified the Scots by introducing the liturgy in Latin and encouraged attention to the poor by her own diligent example. The Queen's Ferry was another innovation: it brought travelers to the shrine of Saint Andrew. The mother of eight children, Margaret died in 1093 at the age of forty-seven. She is one of Scotland's patron saints and an ideal model for Christian queens.

St. Margaret's Chapel is the oldest part of the Edinburgh Castle and the oldest intact building in Edinburgh. It was built in her honor during the reign of her youngest son, King David I (1124-1153), on the highest point of Castle Rock. It remains a place of worship, used for services, weddings and baptisms.

November Liturgical Calendar

- Nov 1 All Saints (Solemnity)
- Nov 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
- Nov 3 St. Martin de Porres
- Nov 4 Saint Charles Borromeo (Memorial)
- Nov 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (feast)
- Nov 10 Saint Leo the Great (Memorial)
- Nov 11 Saint Martin of Tours (Memorial)
- Nov 13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (Memorial)
- Nov 15 St. Albert the great
- Nov 16 St. Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude,
- Nov 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (Memorial)
- Nov 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, St Rose Philippine Duchesne, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Nov 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)
- Nov 22 Saint Cecilia (Memorial)
- Nov 23 St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl Miguel Agustin Pro, Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 24 Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companion (Memorial)
- Nov 25 St Catherine of Alexandria, Bl. Virgin Mary

Nov 26 Our lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Solemnity)

Nov 30 Saint Andrew (Feast)

Have a wonderful month! Vivat Jesus!

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SK Tom Wozniak at the Kimberly Home WorkDay



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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month. To mark the occasion, here are 10 interesting facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance.

1 - Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 is 20 years on average.

2 - By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.

3 – The number of people in need of long-term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.

4 – Average out-of-pocket costs are \$140,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.

5 – By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.

6 – For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.

7 – Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.

8 – Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.

9 – The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection in 2021. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.

10 – 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely to need long term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.

LTC insurance helps protect all those assets you've worked so hard for over the years: your house, IRAs, savings, investments. Without LTC insurance many families would face a serious financial crisis.

Most people aren't eager to talk about long term care; but it's important to have a plan. Many people want to wait until they are in their 60s or 70s before they start to consider long term care. But at younger ages it's more likely you can qualify...and the price is less expensive when you're younger.

I can help design a plan to fit your needs...and your budget. With that you can have peace of mind that you will get the care you need when you need and where you want it.

Vivat Jesus!

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Faithful Navigator's Log

The Knight's Family Picnic was conducted on September 30, 2023, at Philippe Park. The event included all family members, children, and friends. A good time was had by all.

The Gary Sinise Golf Tournament was conducted on 22 October 2023, at the Ardea Country Club. It was attended by over 100 golfers and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all who organized and volunteered to make this tournament a success.

The Color Guard will honor the Veterans on November 10, 2023, at the Parish Center at 8:30 am. Please plan to attend and help honor our Veterans.

The next event will be the **Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass** in honor of passed Knights of Columbus. This event is scheduled for November 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm in the main church. Come join us as we honor those who have passed and greet the remaining families. The event will be followed by a light repast directly after the Mass.

There will be no Assembly Meeting on November 23, 2023, since it is Thanksgiving. There will be a Social Dinner for all Patriotic Degree Knights on the 28th of November 2023; time and place to be specified via email blast. The next Assembly meeting will be on January 25, 2024.

Remember to invite a friend, a fellow parishioner or member of your family to our KofC Open House. We would like to welcome all interested persons in doing service to our community and church.

Future events will include Christmas Preparations, Lenten Fish Fries, Altar Servers Party, KofC Retreat.

Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*"We pray that Almighty God rest upon our homes. May they be welcoming places for our Savior – permeated by His Divine Mercy. May all who live in our homes **find** joy in the meals they share, consolidation in their tears and strength for their labors. And may the peace of God radiate to all who visit in our homes. Amen."*



Our October Assembly Coffee & Donuts was a big success!



The busyness has just begun, we won't have a breather, until after the first of the year. Fall is upon us with beautiful weather, where so many of our northern relatives have snow already! The jack-o'-lanterns were shivering this year.

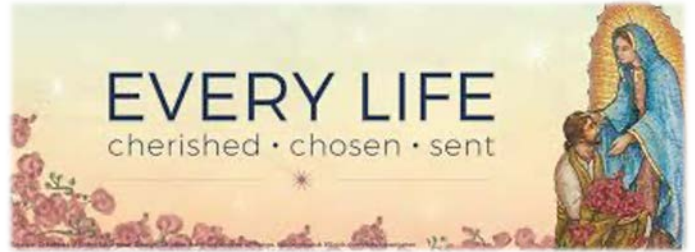
Thanks to all the ladies who helped with the golf tournament, once we supported our Knights for a for a great cause, and eagerly await to see what charitable monies it raised.

Looking forward to our next meeting November 9th, being hopeful, more new members will attend.

Continue prayers for our families and friends, who are suffering illnesses, losses of loved ones during this harvest season. Continue prayers for peace in today's world. Thanksgiving blessings to all, and our fellowship we so enjoy.



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Last month, I shared the prolife threat in Ohio, i.e., the ballot measure that will be voted on this Nov 7 to enshrine abortion and other “reproductive decisions” into their state constitution.

“Reproductive freedom” amendments like this are the latest tactic of abortion extremists to circumvent state laws regulating abortion. The Ohio Amendment is the first such ballot measure in a state that has enacted strong pro-life protections – but it won’t be the last. Similar efforts are underway in every state that has an initiative process, including Arizona, Arkansas, **Florida**, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

Gruesome dismemberment abortions and partial birth abortions that can result in babies born alive during abortion are now unlawful in Ohio – but will be permitted if this ballot issue passes, by simple majority.

In Ohio, pro-aborts are outspending pro-life almost 3:1 with their largest donation coming from the progressive Sixteen Thirty Fund, largely bankrolled by Swiss billionaire, Hansjorg Wyss. The biggest pro-life donors are Knights of Columbus and Diocese of Columbus (per Associated Press and Catholic Vote).


So, what’s happening in Florida? Currently, a petition is being promoted to do something very similar next year. Our FL Bishops issued a statement 8-25-23 in opposition. See the following recommended church bulletin insert. Do not sign the Petition! Please ask your church pastor to run this announcement, and please continue to Pray for Life! All things are possible with God.

FLORIDIANS SHOULD DECLINE TO SIGN PETITION FOR DANGEROUS PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT

An extremely grave initiative is underway in Florida that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution banning regulation of abortion. Abortion activists are working to gather petition signatures to place a pro-abortion constitutional amendment on the November 2024 ballot. This amendment would allow abortion up until birth, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women.

Floridians should not sign the petition.

Please spread the word to your spheres of influence and continue to pray for the protection of the unborn.

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SKs JJ Coyne & Edward Amador participate in 40 Days For Life

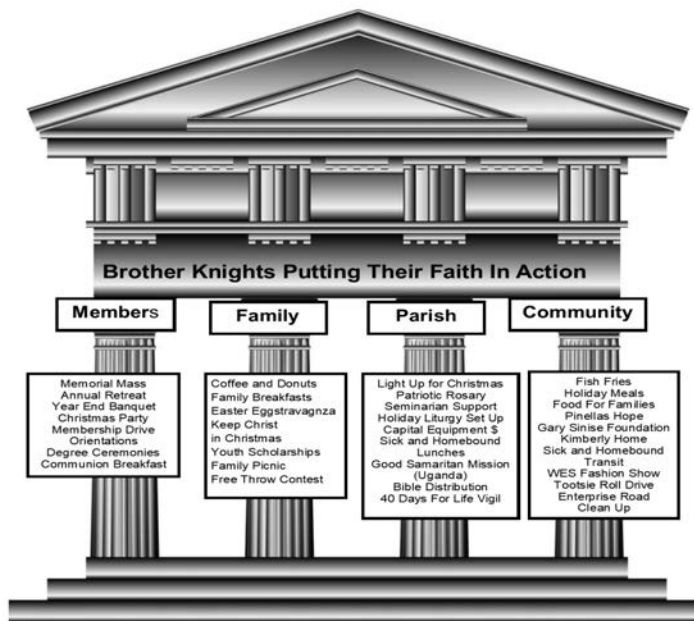


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Celebrate Sunday

Psalm 128 is concise and to the point. Fear the Lord and walk in His ways and you will be blessed and share in the prosperity of Jerusalem. Fear is not used in the context of being afraid and cowering in terror; rather it is used in the context of respect, trust and obedience. As Knights, we just look at our schedule and know that our hands are plenty busy doing His work. Sunday is the day we celebrate that fear with our wives and families. Mazel Tov! Happy Thanksgiving!



Psalm 128

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

Golf Tournament Photo Gallery







Letter to the Editor

Times, they are a changin'

Last month Pope Francis convened a month-long Synod on Synodality. This is potentially the most significant Synod since Vatican II. It could fundamentally change the manner in which the Catholic Church functions and could also impact basic doctrines. This is an attempt to simplify the process and offer some things you need to know.

Synods have been part of the Church for centuries, but the term Synodality has only come into play in the past couple decades. It means “the action of the Spirit in the communion of the Body of Christ and in the missionary journey of the People of God.”

Actually, this Synod formally began in October 2021 and will not conclude until October 2024. As Pope Francis said, “Celebrating a synod means walking on the same road, walking together.” He said that when meeting others, Jesus would “encounter, listen and discern,” and those verbs “characterize the synod.”

The synod’s two-year preparation process invited all Catholics worldwide to identify areas where the Church needed to give greater attention and discernment. That feedback was gathered and synthesized by dioceses and then episcopal conferences, before being brought to the continental level. However, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ report indicates that only about 700,000 Catholics in the U.S. participated, representing just over 1% of the U.S. Catholic population of 66.8 million.

The Synod on Synodality addresses two basic questions. “The current Synodal Process we are undertaking is guided by a fundamental question: How does this ‘journeying together’ take place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? And what steps is the Spirit inviting us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?” A working document added guidance and more specific questions “How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?”; “How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?”; and “What processes, structures and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal church?”

More than a quarter of synod members are non-bishops, including laypeople, who for the first time will have a vote during synod deliberations. A deliberate effort was made to include women and young adults. As of July 7, when the Vatican released the initial list, the number of voting women was the same as participating cardinals: 54. More than 20 Catholics from the United States have been invited to participate including two college students. Father James Martin, editor-at-large for America magazine and founder of Outreach, a ministry for Catholics who identify as LGBTQ+ is one of the nominees. So, it’s safe to say that we will likely see some very different thoughts and initiatives resulting from this process. To this point, in the U.S., the meeting has been a source of great expectation and great apprehension. At least one cardinal expressed concern that the meeting could lead to confusion and error in Church teaching.

The Catholic Stand develops this concern observing, “If faithful Catholics were asked what is the most pressing issue of the day that they wish the Church hierarchy would tackle, the top answers would include the shortage of priestly vocations, the decline in Catholics’ belief in the Real Presence, attendance at Mass, and the secular culture’s indoctrination of our youth. Nowhere in the list of answers would one find “the Church needs to be more synodal” as a crisis needing attention.” They continue, “With so many flowery terms used like dreams and warm hearts, it seems Church leadership didn’t have the space to include any of these absolute, concrete words – God, heaven, Jesus Christ, Father Almighty, Holy Spirit, kingdom, baptism, resurrection. Whereas all these latter words can be found in our common statement of the unity of belief, the Nicene Creed, the synod agenda seems to be more concerned with using abstract terms which comprise the ingredients of a new type of spirit-of-the-age-Catholicism.

Stay tuned. Christ said, “Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Has Peter decided that he is no longer the Rock? Times, they are a changin’.

From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

First in Faith and Charity

At the 141st Supreme Convention, Knights are called to make forming Catholic men the Order's top priority

The urgent necessity of evangelizing men, bringing them closer to Christ and his Church, was front and center at the 141st Supreme Convention, held August 01-03 in Orlando, Florida, under the name "First in Faith and Charity."

For Father McGivney and the first Knights, faith and charity went hand in hand, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly told the delegates, clergy and guests gathered for his annual report at the opening business session August 01.

"In these difficult times, so much depends on the commitment to our mission," the supreme knight continued. "Will we be credible witnesses to a living faith? Will ours be a charity that evangelizes? ...Our answer is the same as Father McGivney's: Yes!

This past year, the Order's more than 2 million members served 49 million volunteer hours and gave more than \$185 million to charity in 2022. With regard to growing in faith, The Knights of Columbus is expanding *Cor*, an initiative focused on prayer, formation, and fraternity that the supreme knight called "a game changer."

"After a very successful pilot program in 21 jurisdictions, we're preparing to roll *Cor* out to the entire Order," Supreme Knight Kelly said. "Every Knight and every Catholic man, of any age, can find value in *Cor*. I encourage you to make it a priority and invite the men of your parish."

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori echoed the supreme knight's urgency at the closing business session August 03. Noting that faith and charity are gifts bestowed by baptism, he stressed that Knights have a responsibility to help each other develop these virtues: "Every decision we make, every program we initiate, every leader we choose, every interaction we have among ourselves and with our partners in the Church – all this must be done from the central question: Does this help our men to grow in their faith and to lead lives of charity?"

The October edition of Columbia Magazine has extensive coverage of 141st Supreme convention and Supreme Knight Kelly's 2023 Annual Report can be found beginning on page 18, which opens with the following: "It's a pleasure to celebrate another great year. We had a year of Faith in Action – and heroic charity. My brother Knights, I thank you for everything you did and everyone you served!

We stepped up in so many ways – all 2 million Knights of Columbus. We donated \$185 million to charity and devoted 49 million hours to volunteer service. We protected families with a record \$121 billion of life insurance in force.

And around the world, we rose to meet the biggest challenges – from saving unborn children to supporting the people of Ukraine.

I'm grateful to God for the way he has worked among us and through us, and as we look back at this past year, I am confident Father McGivney is proud of us."



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

Strengthening our Member's Faith

State Deputy Richard Hughes

The State Membership Director and I have met with the leadership of many Councils over the past few months in our Spirit of Unity Tour. It has been enlightening for me and, I hope, for those who attended the meetings.

It is very important that we all understand our mission and the goals that the Supreme Knight has given us and strive to meet those goals to the best of our ability, in the Spirit of the Principle of Unity. Always keep in mind that our activities are grounded in our faith and in the Principles of the Order. Each of us must take the time to strengthen our faith -- through prayer, attendance at Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration.

The Cor initiative is a great way for your Council to strengthen the faith of its members and help your pastor with the spiritual development of the men of your parish.

Every year, we put out an appeal to all Knights of Columbus in Florida for our State Charities Funds administered by Florida K of C Charities for Vocations, Helping Life, and Special Olympics. This year, we will not be mailing our individual appeals due to the cost. We are asking every Knight to consider donating online at [https:// donate.floridakofccharities.org/](https://donate.floridakofccharities.org/) or by clicking the red Donate button on the State website. We are especially in need of donations for our Holy Angels Vocations Fund, which supports our seminaries and Diocesan Vocations programs. Our collective support of the seminaries and the Bishops is another expression of the Spirit of Unity here in Florida.

We had a very good First Quarter of the Fraternal Year! The scope of service activities and charitable works undertaken by Councils has been phenomenal, and I know that much more is planned in the months ahead. As well, our membership recruitment in Florida has been strong, and across the Order, this has been the best start in forty years! More and more men are joining the Knights of Columbus because of your visibility in the Cor initiative and other faith formation activities, as well as your service to your parish and your communities. Twelve Councils have already reached their membership goals for the year, and 26 are more than halfway there!

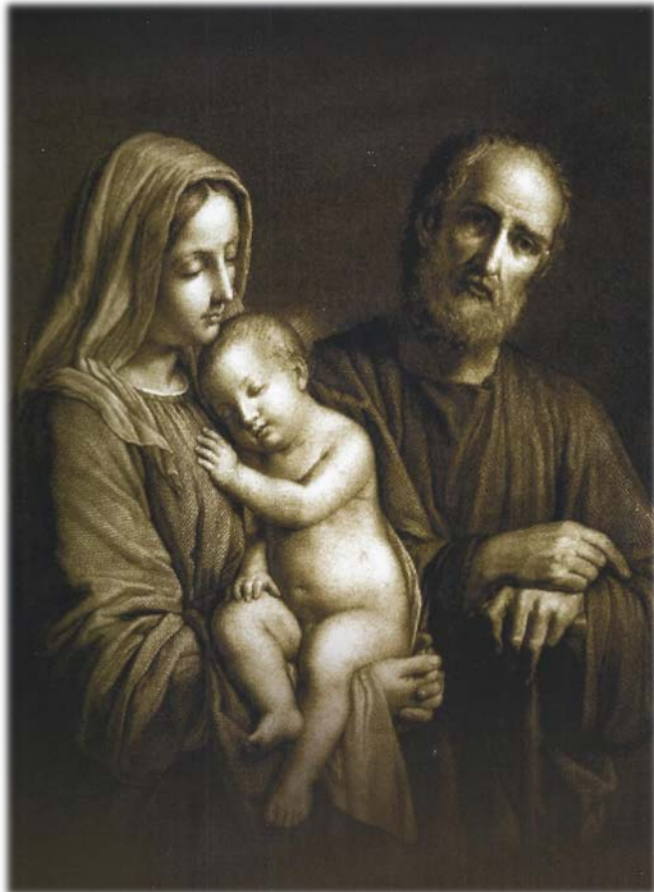
On the other hand, 155 of our Active Councils have not yet recruited any members. The Second Quarter of the Fraternal Year is not only a very busy time for activities and charitable work but is also a prime opportunity to bring new Catholic men into our Order. Hopefully, each Council has established their membership recruitment plan and is actively putting it into place. Please integrate membership recruitment into everything you do as a Council.

Finally, Supreme is providing a unique opportunity for all Knights and prospective members - a webinar entitled "Aligning Financial Decisions with your Catholic Values", given by Anthony Minopoli, the Chief Investment Officer of Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. The webinar took place on October 26, 2023 and will counted towards your Council's Fraternal Benefit Night requirement.

Keep up the great work supporting our parishes and our communities! Remember that Star Council + Faith Formation = a Successful Council.

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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.

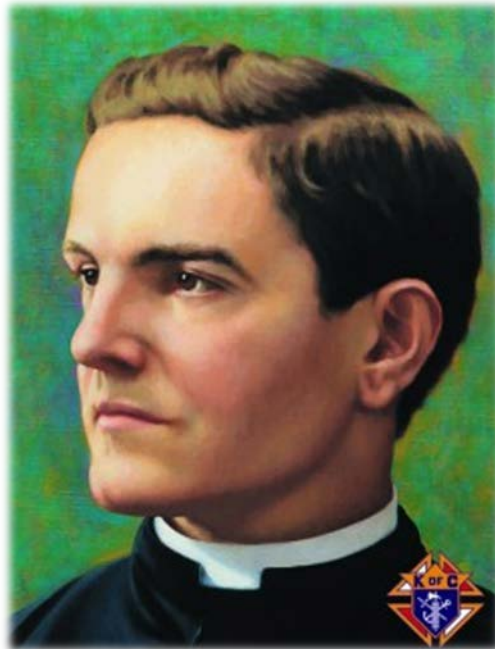
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

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...

November 2023

- 11/06 | Mon 7:00p Golf Tournament Recap Meeting
- 11/09 | Thu 6:30p Rosary
- 11/09 | Thu 7:30p Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 11/12 | Sun 7:30a Coffee & Donuts
- 11/16 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Lunch Prep & Delivery
- 11/16 | Thu 7:30p Memorial Mass & Reception
- 11/18 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay
- 11/18 | Sat 9:00a SVDP Thanksgiving Meal Delivery
- 11/25 | Sat 9:00a Christmas Light Installation
- 11/25 | Sat 4:00p Keep Christ In Christmas Card Sales
- 11/26 | Sun 8:00a Keep Christ In Christmas Card Sales
- 12/02 | Sat 4:00p Keep Christ In Christmas Card Sales
- 12/02 | Sat 7:00p Lighting of Christmas Lights & Caroling



Assembly Calendar of Events...

November 2023

- 11/10 | Fri 8:30a Veterans' Day - Color Corps Attending Mass
- 11/25 | Sat 9:30a Forth Degree Exemplification (Orlando)
- 11/28 | Tue 6:30p Assembly Social (Beef O Brady's Oldsmar)

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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.

