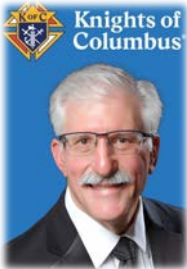




# The Shield

## Grand Knight's Message



Tom Krivchenia, PFN  
Grand Knight  
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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

I hope everyone is doing well.

WOW!!!, What a way to end the month! Hurricane Helene caused a lot of major damage throughout the Bay area. Hopefully, if you were mandated to evacuate, you did so, and I pray that you stayed safe and had little damage to your property. Hurricane Helene also cancelled our Council Family Picnic on Saturday, September 28, 2024. We will reschedule the picnic sometime after the first of the year before our Lenten Fish Fry's begin.

We started off the month in a great way with the Silver Rose Ceremony at the 10:30 AM Mass on September 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank all those who Participated in the Color Corp procession of the Silver Rose up to the Altar. Having so many of you attend this beautiful Mass brought honor to Our Lady of Guadalupe made it truly special.

We had our monthly Coffee & Donuts on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> in the John Bosco Center. We had a good turnout of people, and we sold most of our donuts. I would like to thank all those who helped at this event:

Santo Loparo	Jack Strehle	Frank McEwen
John Clarke	Kay Strehle	Ed Amador
Matt Sunski	Bob Shepherd	Mark Feldman

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Next Council Meeting  
Thursday, July 11 @ **7:00 pm**  
in the Parish Center

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

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[www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)

Tom Harkins Joe D'Amelio Betty D'Amelio

We also had a Fraternal Benefits' Night with our worthy Benefits Advisor John Ruckert. Thank you to all those who attended. However, we will need many more members at our next one to make our quota for Star Council.

I would like to welcome three new members to our council, James Haitz, Will Maxwell, and David Brian Phillips. We are pleased to have you join our council and look forward to seeing you take part in our activities and meetings.

Our most important activity this past month was our Annual Retreat with Fr. Michael Cooper on Gratitude. It was a blessed day for all who attended this inspirational event. We were reminded of the many blessings God sends us each and every day, from his glorious sunrises to his breathtaking sunsets. Fr. Michael's message of the boundless forgiveness and love of God for all of us no matter what our circumstances resonated in our hearts and minds.

Our small groups provided each of us an opportunity to ponder and to share the many large and small miracles throughout our lives that bring us to bow in gratitude before our gracious and loving God who walks with us each day in our joys and sorrows. We were reminded that we are never alone. Through our discussions, we

discovered that the experiences that we expressed were filled with God's graces and bonded us together as we journey toward heaven.

Thank you, Fr. Michael for offering us this beautiful day in Christ.

I am grateful to the more than 80 people who came out for this outstanding retreat. I give thanks for the turnout from our Knights and their wives as well as the many parishioners who participated in the discussion groups. Many wonderful comments have come from the people who attended. Thank you, also, to all the people who organized this wonderful retreat.

Ed Amador	Gene Jajuga	Tom Wozniak
Matt Sunski	Karen Jajuga	Margaret Krivcheni
Kay Strehle	Jack Strehle	

For those I missed, I apologize, and I send you a heartfelt thank you for all of your invaluable help. It truly was appreciated.

On Saturday night, September 28, at the 6:00 PM Mass, District Deputy Alan Gauzens, presented PGK Gene Jajuga on behalf of our Council, The Start Council Award for our achievements in the 2023-24 Fraternal Year. Congratulations to all!

### Up Coming Events

Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Council Coffee, Donuts & More – Sunday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center

Dinner Dance Planning Committee Meeting - Tuesday, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Rosary – Hosted by the KofC – Thursday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

Council Business Meeting – Thursday, Oct10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, Oct10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Columbus Day – Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Program Directors Meeting – Tuesday, Oct15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Pinellas Hope – Lunch Prep and Meal Delivery - Thursday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the PC Kitchen

Kimberly Home Work Day - Saturday, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater

Assembly Charity Golf Tournament – Sunday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 AM – 3:00 PM at Ardea Country Club, South Course in Eastlake Woodlands

Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, Nov7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Knights of Columbus Parish Dinner Dance – Friday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM in the Parish Center

Assembly Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 AM in the St. John Bosco Center

Rosary – Hosted by K of C - Thursday, Nov14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:15 PM in the John Bosco Center

Council Business Meeting – Thursday, Nov14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, Nov14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

### The Assembly Charity Golf Tournament

There is still time to sign up to play in the Assembly 2474 / Gary Sinise Charity Golf Tournament. This life changing golf tournament for JT Doody who we are raising money for the construction of a specialty designed home that meets his special needs. There are on course prizes like a putting contest, closest to the pin and a longest drive. There is plenty of 50/50 tickets available with the winner taking home over \$1,300 from the last two years. Please check out our auction website with a lot of great prizes for you to bid on. With this great event, it takes many people to make this work. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to sign up for this rewarding event. You can spend a few short hours or the whole day helping make this event a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

### Council Dinner Dance – Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM – 10:30 PM

Even though we are in the middle of planning are highest earning fundraiser of the year, which is the Assembly Charity Golf Tournament, we need to start preparing for another major fundraiser for our Council and that is our Fall Dinner Dance. We will be having a Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room. Tickets will be made available soon after this time.

Blessings to you and your family and have an awesome month! Vivat Jesus!

Tom

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# Council 7109

## Holy Moments

### A New Chapter in Recruitment Success

#### Welcome Our New Members:

**James Haitz, Will Maxwell & David Brian Phillips!**

Brother Knights,

I am thrilled to share with you some great news! After much hard work and prayer, we have officially welcomed **James Haitz, Will Maxwell & David Brian Phillips** as new members of **Barney Gonyea Council 7109**. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these gentlemen as they embark on this journey of faith, service, and fraternity with us. Their addition is a wonderful step in the right direction for our fraternal year, and we are excited about the contributions they will make.

#### The Power of Referrals and Personal Invitations

While this is a fantastic achievement, it is a reminder of the effectiveness of **word of mouth** and the power of a **personal invitation**. Our continued success in recruitment is built on each of us sharing our own experience with the **Knights of Columbus** and inviting Catholic men in our lives to join us in our mission. We all know someone who would benefit from being a part of our brotherhood, whether it be a friend, family member, coworker, or fellow parishioner. Never underestimate the impact a simple invitation can have - it can be the spark that leads a Catholic man to a deeper commitment to his faith and to serve his community.

#### The Importance of Holy Moments

As we've discussed in the past, it's important to approach recruitment with the concept of **Holy Moments**, inspired by **Matthew Kelly's** book. A **Holy Moment** is when you choose to do exactly what you believe God is asking of you in that moment. Inviting a Catholic man to join the **Knights of Columbus** could very well be one of those moments. It is in these small acts of encouragement and invitation that we fulfill our calling as Knights to build up our faith community and bring others along in our mission of charity, unity, and fraternity.

### Looking Ahead: Continuing to Build the Funnel

Although we have gained three new brothers this fraternal year, we cannot slow down our efforts. We must continue to identify new candidates, nurture relationships, and build the pipeline to grow our council. Now, more than ever, we need every Brother Knight's support to bring forward new members who share our vision and values.

We are stronger together, and our council's strength comes from the men who step forward to serve. So, I ask each of you to continue reaching out and extending those invitations, as this is how we will meet and exceed our membership goals. Let's make it a priority to welcome more men like James into our brotherhood in the months ahead.

#### Thank You for Your Efforts

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all who have worked tirelessly in the membership activities over the past months. Your dedication and perseverance are crucial in sustaining the vitality of our council. As always, let's continue to invite, share, and inspire others to become a part of this great organization.

#### Next Steps

Please keep James, Will, David Brian, and all potential new members in your prayers as we embark on this exciting chapter of growth. Encourage those around you to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, share your personal experiences, and never hesitate to extend an invitation to someone you think would make a great addition to our council.

Let's build on this momentum, brothers, and continue working together to ensure our council thrives both spiritually and in numbers.

Vivat Jesus,

Edward J. Amador, MPS  
Chancellor  
Director of Membership

# Unity - Strength in Numbers

## Informational Open House Schedule

2024: Nov 19  
2025: Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 17

## Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2024: Nov 20  
2025: Feb 20 | Apr 17 | Jun 19

*Look for more information from our Grand Knight*



## Council Membership Report

Total Membership	337
Insurance Membership	137
Honorary Life Members	67
Honorary Members	08
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	03/15
2023-2024 Insurance	01/02

## Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	133
Honorary Life Members	15
Honorary Members	01
2023-2024 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/06



## Council Officers 2024-2025

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Advocate	Richard Resler	727.472.1651
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Inside Guard	Paul Cooper	727.736.6837
Outside Guard	Mark Peterman, PFN	727.403.5993
Guard Alternate	Brian Annis	727.204.7490
Trustee Three Year	Gene Jajuga, PGK, PFN, FFA	727.403.3261
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Trustee One Year	Ken Seguin, PGK, PFN	727.331.7278
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District Deputy	Alan Gauzens, PGK	727.483.8250
Fraternal Benefits Advisor	John Ruckart	813.855.5111
Special Assistant to the Council	Vincent Cristiano	
Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

### Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Vincent Baldwin, Richard Cordaro, Kevin Cordoro, William Cullen, Jerome Dewberry, Frank DiMattei, Michael Faehner, Walter Feble, William Gallant, Richard Gouin, Edward Gouthro, Thomas Hart, Jarret Honahan, Thomas Kukulski, Frank Laffey, Charles McEwen, Anthony Metty, Kenneth Miller, Adel Nammour, William Nemanich, Thomas Penders, Kurt Salac, Peter Salesses, William Scott, Morgan Sheaffer, Michael Short, James Smith, Robert Smith, Thomas Stanko, Denny Werner, Andrew Williams

### Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Bob Justiana, Jewel Allen (d), Ed Mandichak (d), David deWolfe (d), Joseph Raponi (d), Mac Sinise (d), Stanley Gdula (d), J. Nick Martin (d), Linda Cooper (d), Edward Mandichak (d), Katherine Krajieski, Frank Pensebene, Mary Clare Rose (d), Bob Ehrman, Felipe Hernandez (d), Max Kostioukovski, Angela DiMattei, Tony McClure (d), Maria Palazzo (d), Joyce Ayril, Burke Taylor, Mike Taylor, Bill Kasak, Karen Loparo, Marijon Reed, Katherine Lima, Nelson Amador, Carlos Usera, Richard Roberto, Harry Hill (d), Antonia Rosin, John Hamm, James Bonvicino, Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Katie Griffin, Mary Branham (d), Judith Rodnite, Joseph Genalo, Mary Williams (d), Theresa Kier, Frank Schuster II (d), Kathy Papa-Zinko, Sal Mazzara, Kennedie McFadden, Sal Burriesci, George Smith (d), Bill Kasak, Pauline Sager (d), Vicki Nolan (d), Margaret Bruggeman, Barbara Papa, Bill Gallant, Maggie Kraf, Claire Inderwies, Steve Gorey (d), Papa Felice D'Elia (d)

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727.286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

# Support Our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



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 & vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, Donald & Linda Borbath, Jonathan & Marianne Boyce, Sal Burriesci, Mario & Katie Camario, Patrick Carroll, John Coyne, Joseph & Betty D'Amelio, Douglas & Carol De Wolfe, Jerome Dewberry, Francisco & Mildred Diaz Estrella, Sean Donahoo, Robert & Zoe Dufour, Philip & Jane Farney, Walter Feble, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles & Raquel Friesema, Michael & Lisa Furman, John & Peggy Gohman, Robert & Catherine Gwinner, Paul & Rose Marie Harvey, James Hayes, David & Donna Heezen, Irving Hernandez, Joseph & Sandra Hoherl, George & Claire Inderwies, Eugene & Karen Jajuga, Shawn & Pattie Jajuga, Gregory & Kim Juedes, William & Elizabeth Kasak, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Michael & Katherine King, Dan & Donna Kistel, William & Katherine Krajewski, Jack Kuczej, Frank & Deborah Laffey, Stephen & Ellen Leger, Mark Lewalski, Patrick Mackin, Michael McCarthy, Frank & Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen, Stuart Miller, John & Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris Nesci, Donald Palacheck, John Papa, Gerald & Holly Pappa, Paul & Virginia Pappas, Daniel Peterson, Glen Pettersen, Robert & Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto, Juan & Rosemary Romero, John & Kathleen Ruckart, Peter & Susan Salesses, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheafer, Massimo & Valeria Simeoni, James & Karin Smith, Thomas & J. L. Stanko, John & Kay Strehle, Jugdesh & Sucheta Sujanani, Steven & Jaclyn Verba, Mario & Judy Zaccaria, Edward & Violet Amador, Brian & Carolyn Annis, Dennis & Joyce Ayril, Patrick & Beatrice Boland, Robert & Ann Marie Bonvicino, James & Jean Burris, John & Betsy Clarke, Gerald & Cynthia Custin, Peter Demzak, Frank & Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Frederick & Suzanne Di Masi, Terry & Shirley Drake, Joseph Favia, Mark & Elaine Feldman, Dominic & Vickie Friscia, Michael Gutknecht, Lawrence & Nancy Harkins, Thomas & Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart, James & Janetze Hart, Timothy & Ann Hartle, Jarret & Lesley Ann Honahan, Steven Ippolito, Robert & M. A. Justiana, Brian & Christine Kearns, Robert Kelly, Tom & Margaret Krivchenia, Thomas Kukulski, James & Maria Lankford, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Stanley Lipiarz, Kevin McMullen, Anthony Metty, James & Patricia Nolf, Brian & Lisa O'Connor, Thomas & Carolyn O'Rourke, Miguel Perez, Brian & Erin Riley, William & Mary Scott, Kenneth & Gabriella Seguin, Kenneth Seguin, Jim & Nancy Shirer, Gregory & Carolina Sohn, Chuck & Elizabeth Sullivan, Matthew & Julie Sunski, Sean Swauger, Walberto & Ramona Vazquez, Peggy Watson, David & Patricia Behrle, Herman & Mary Jo Brames, Tim & Stacey Bruggeman, Jacob & Mary Burnett, Mark Busing, Kevin Cordaro, Joseph Cortese, Anthony Crevello, William Cullen, Richard & Melissa Ducheny, Frederick & Christi Elflein, Zach Faraone, Eric & Maria Flores, Joseph & Megan Gajewski, Ward & Kathleen Griffin, Gerald & Lorraine Grubba, Mark Gurley, David & Paula Harvey, Kevin & Gidget Hernandez, Kenton & Sue Heuertz, Christopher & Celise Jones, Derek Jones, Mark Kapinos, Richard & Cecilia Kemball-Cook, Jared Kirsten, James Kleinsorge, Raymond Kraker, Anthony Kuczej, Christian Kuczej, Brian & Christina Lapointe, Brian & Angela Lawandus, Gerald & Renee Lubig, Francis & Carol Mahoney, Jerry Maratea, Frank & Juliann Marsalek, William Mc Fadden, Clifford & Michelle Merz, Darryl & Mary Miller, James & Phyllis Montali, Michael O'Neill, Todd & Margaret Owers, Edmund & Diane Pagnott, Thomas Penders, Mark & Christine Peterman, Frank & Patricia Piro, Christopher & Carol Purcell, Donald & Alexis Reed, Edward & Sandra Riley, James & Dreama Servoss Rooney, Timothy & Barbara Rush, Robert Shafer, Michael & Melissa Short, Hugh & Katie Siegel, Thomas Smith, Bryan & Krista Snyder, Roy & Linda Vanderveer, Alvah Vankleeck, Paul & Josefina Vilchez, Edward & Patricia Warticki, Patrick & Joan Alix, Fred & Caroline Bennett, Victor & Susanne Berggren, Benjamin & Molly Bergin, Terrell & Victoria Clampitt, Timothy & Marcy Dolan, Mark & Renee Beth Kraf, Edward Martinenko, Christopher Mazzone, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, Javier & Xiomara Ortega, Robert Papariella, Kurt & Mary Lynn Salac, James & Darlene Stanley

**Total Collected to Date: \$1983.08**



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ  
Chaplain

# Chaplain's Corner

## WE ARE GRATEFUL KNIGHTS

Thanks for all your support for our parish retreat last month. We had just over 80 participants including a good number of Knights and Ladies and parishioners. Along with the talks and sharing, the continental breakfast and lunch were fabulous. The message of the day was **the importance of gratitude as the foundation of both the human and Christian/Catholic life** - a good reminder as we move forward on our journey. Gratitude remains the foundation to deep happiness as well as good health of mind, body, and spirit as well as longer and peaceful life.

I thought my message for this month would be my gratitude. I am very grateful for the community of brother Knights and Ladies. I love and am very grateful for our Council. I look forward to our time together at our monthly meetings and the time to socialize afterwards. I am grateful also for the "faith in action" of our Council in so many ways. In the last month I have served at most of the Mass times. In all of them the Knights were the major ministers of hospitality and coordinators as well as a number of the lectors and Eucharistic ministers. The Knights are at the heart of our parish life.

I am also grateful to be part of this band of brothers who cook and serve our sisters and brothers at Pinellas Hope each month. By the way, Pinellas Hope had a lot of destruction of tents and other things during Helene.

I also have a lot of gratitude for the Knights who volunteer each month at the Kimberley Home. During Lent we have about fifty brothers and ladies every Friday serving at the fish fries as well as the Knights who do the planning and buying of the food. Our golf tournament coming up on October 20<sup>th</sup> stands as a great event for a wounded warrior and a great witness to our commitment to serving others, especially those most in need. Moreover, my Brother Knights are always available when Father Len has a parish need.

Hebrew Dayenu - for all of those wonderful examples we are grateful Knights and Ladies.

Michael Cooper, SJ, STD  
Chaplain



## Service Program Directors 2024-2025

Program Director	Mark Feldman	727.366.5959
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Community Director	Mike King	727.453.8843
Family Director	Vacant	
Public Relations Director	Amaro Lionheart	305.761.3419
Life Director	David Behrle, PGK, PFN	727.723.1169
Vocations	Frank McEwen, PGK, PFN	727.239.2687
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Mark Feldman  
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# Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

First, I hope that everyone and your families were safe from Hurricane Helene. We still have two more months of the hurricane season left. Let's pray that we will not be visited again. Unfortunately, our family picnic had to be cancelled and will be rescheduled sometime after the first of the year. Coffee and Donuts will be on Sunday, October 6th from 7:30am to noon in the St John Boscoe Center. Please come out and lend a hand. The program directors meeting will be held Tuesday October 15th at 7pm; this will be held in the Gathering Room. Our annual KofC Assembly 2474 Golf Tournament to benefit the Gary Sinise Foundation will be on Sunday October 20th at the Ardea Country Club (formerly the East Lake Woodlands Country Club). We need more foursomes!! Also, be sure to check out the Auction website.

## Faith in Action



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## Faith Director

Our monthly Rosary will be held on Thursday, October 10th at 6:15pm. Jerry Custin and Wally Vasquez will be leading the Rosary. Plans are underway for the Memorial Mass and reception on November 21st at 7:00pm. Invitation letters to the loved ones of passed Knights will be sent out this week. The Mass will include a reading of the names of Knights from our Council that have passed. A reception will follow at 8:30pm in the Parish Center.

## Community Director

Nothing to report

## Family Director

A movie night is being planned. More details to follow.

## Life Director

See Dave's report on page 11.

## Saint Ignatius of Antioch Feast Day

Born in the providence of Syria, very little was known about his early life. He was a Christian writer and Patriarch of Antioch. While enroute to Rome, Ignatius wrote a series of Letters which formed a central part of the later collection of works by the Apostolic Fathers. His letters also served as an example of early Christian Theology and addressed important topics including Sacraments and the role of Bishops. Ignatius was condemned to death for his faith and was taken from Antioch to Rome. His date of death is unknown, but believed to be between 98 to 140 AD.

## October Liturgical Calendar

- Oct 01 St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Memorial)
- Oct 02 The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)
- Oct 04 St Francis Assisi (Memorial)
- Oct 05 St Faustina Kowalski, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
- Oct 07 Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)
- Oct 09 St Denis, St John Leonardi
- Oct 11 St John XXIII
- Oct 14 St Callistus I
- Oct 15 St Teresa of Jesus (Memorial)
- Oct 16 St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque
- Oct 17 St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)
- Oct 18 St Luke (Feast)
- Oct 19 Sts John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues (Memorial)
- Oct 22 St John Paul II
- Oct 23 St John of Capistrano
- Oct 24 St Anthony Mary Claret
- Oct 28 Sts Simon and Jude (Feast)





John Ruckart  
Field Agent  
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# Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Brothers,

When Father McGivney founded our Order, a key part of his mission was to help Catholic families attain a secure financial future. It was a hard time and place to be Catholic, but he didn't want them to feel they had to let go of their Catholic identity in order to find that stability. He wanted them to see their Catholic community as a place of security – to know that here, their faith could grow. And here, their families would be protected.

In keeping with that mission, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly recently announced updates to our member benefits. Now, you might not even remember you have these benefits – in a sense, they're the best kept secret of the Order, but I'm going to do my part in making sure they're more widely known.

I'd like to highlight some of these updates, starting with one that affects all of us.

Whether or not you are an insured Knight of Columbus, you are entitled to the **Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit**. This is an accidental death benefit for all members in good standing and their spouse. The benefit amount varies from \$1,500-\$5,000, depending on your age, whether you are insured and how long you've been a member.

The second update I'd like to call out is the **Family Fraternal Benefit**, which applies to insured members. It's guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$10,000 to any child under age 18, regardless of physical or intellectual disabilities. This also includes an automatic \$5,000 death benefit for children who die before age 61 days, including stillbirths from at least 20 weeks after conception.

Next is the **Orphan Fraternal Benefit**, which provides \$500 monthly to an insured member's child who has lost both parents, up to age 19. This benefit also includes up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships, with a maximum total of \$20,000, per eligible orphan.

Finally, the **Widow Benefit** offers surviving spouses of insured members the opportunity to purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance or annuities, and she and her children are eligible for scholarships.

We strive to bring Father McGivney's mission to life by offering you these valuable benefits. I would like to sit down with each and every one of you to walk you through the benefits available to you and your family. Please schedule an appointment with me as soon as possible.

Thank you, and I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney watches over our families this month.

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



WGK Tom Krivchenia recognizes SK Tom Stanko as September 2024 Knight of the Month



John Gohman  
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# Faithful Navigator's Log

## On Gratitude – a personal reflection

At the heart of gratitude, I've learned, is awareness that all of life is grace. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17). Everything is a gift. Air, light, soil, water. Friendship, community, family. Food, wine, coffee (!). We live on a graced planet. Nothing is earned, nothing is deserved. All of life is grace.

And the grace of our Lord is wastefully generous. God could have made one kind of bird—instead he made 10,000 species of winged color. He could have made food taste all the same, supplying our need for daily nourishment—instead he created an environment that can produce the likes of curry, jambalaya, and apple pie. He made a world where ants build hills, water falls from the sky, and leaves change colors and regenerate in a matter of months. There is enough wonder and delicious diversity in our world to keep a person in awe for a lifetime.

The degree to which we are aware of this truth is a measure of our gratitude. Plenty of people notice our world, but gratitude goes beyond observation to receiving reality as a gift. It was the original lie of the serpent that God is distant and uncaring, and that we humans should go it alone. This is still the lie that humans believe; in fact, in our culture we are taught that independence and self-sufficiency make for the good life. But the truth is the opposite—dependence on the all-sufficient Father makes for the good life. The grateful person lives in total awareness and reliance on the Father's good gifts every moment.

A breakthrough came for me when I realized that gratitude is not a passive disposition but a learned habit. It is a discipline of awareness to the Father's grace and our own response to it. Paul commands, "Give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thess. 5:18). Or just simply, "Be thankful" (Col. 4:2). I think I always considered gratefulness as something that happened to you when a happy, positive circumstance occurred. But Paul suggests exactly the opposite: the discipline

of gratitude in the midst of any circumstance leads to joy. It is not the happy person who is grateful—it is the grateful person who is happy, whose eyes are open to the abundance of all things.

So how has this changed my life? On waking, I let my first words be words of thanksgiving. "Thank you Father, thank you Son, thank you Spirit..." Waking from sleep and having a new day to live in the mercy of the gospel is an amazing gift in itself. Then, throughout the day, I look for cues that prompt thanksgiving. My friend Bob Stamps taught me a simple prayer to utter every time you experience even the smallest good: a text from a friend, a sip of coffee, light filtering through the trees. "Hear the praise of this grateful heart" is a prayer that I now use innumerable times throughout the day. Before bedtime, I try to conduct a brief review of the day, what some have called the practice of "Examen." Doing so helps me remember the gifts of the day and to close my hours with thanks. I don't always keep these habits, but even the sporadic discipline of gratitude has awakened me to the Father's love and the gift of ordinary life. As Diana Butler Bass writes, "Everything is a gift. The degree to which we are awake to this truth is a measure of gratefulness, and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness."

Vivat Jesus!

John Gohman  
Faithful Navigator 2474

## Celebration of Life

Please join us Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p in the Parish Center, in lieu of our normal Assembly meeting, as we celebrate the lives of George & Dottie Smith. George was an active member of our Council and Assembly for years. He and Dottie were active and served in various ministries at Espiritu Santo parish. A funeral Mass will be held at 10:30a on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church followed by a graveside service to be held at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL, with full military honors.



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### **Vote NO on 4 Updates**

Florida is not alone with the abortion issue this November election. Please continue to pray for Life, and the Defeat of FL Amendment #4. There are other multiple ways to get involved: 40DFL, CatholicVote.com, dosp.org, etc. google FL Amendment 4 or call me. Mail in ballots should be arriving this month. Vote NO on 4. Thank you.

From 9-9-24 LifeSite News: Ten states officially have a proposed constitutional amendment regarding abortion on the ballot in November 2024. In varying degrees, many of these amendment proposals would codify the right to abortion – the right to kill unborn babies – across these states where any previous state laws protecting unborn life, and many regulations protecting women would be stripped away. The states that have the abortion issue on this year's ballot are Arizona, Colorado, **Florida**, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New York, and South Dakota.

Since 2022, voters in California, Michigan, Ohio, and Vermont have all codified abortion as a “fundamental right” in their state constitutions. As a result, there are few restrictions to abortion in these states.

On the other hand, in 2018, voters in Alabama, Louisiana, and West Virginia also amended their constitutions in favor of protecting unborn life. The people of Alabama guaranteed a right to life for the unborn and both the people of Louisiana and West Virginia declared there was no right to abortion in their state constitutions. These three states now protect women and babies with near-total abortion bans.

### **Golf Tournament & Donations**

The tournament to raise funds for disabled John “JT” Doody is addressed by our Golf Tourney chairmen at meetings and promoted by our officers. They are to be applauded for all their time and devotion to this wonderful cause. The following link provides the story about this brave Marine.

<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/specially-adapted-smart-homes/john-jt-doody>

I also encourage you to spend time on this website. The one story that I reviewed was an interview of Gary Sinise on the death of his son Mac, who recently died of a rare cancer. Mac was 31. Gary's advice is good for all us: “Don't let things paralyze you; You got to get into the Fight!” The Gary Sinise Foundation is very huge. The website has all their initiatives, and what they are involved with. Impressive, and worthy of our support! In their 990 tax filing for 2021, for 1-1-2021 through 12-31-21, they record donations of \$55.7 billion dollars. Another thing that impressed me, was that all 10 (ten) Directors and Trustees of the Foundation, including Gary Sinise, take no compensation. This tax filing also identifies 12 admin staff, but 5 moved on from the organization during 2021. The total compensation for the 7 FTE (full-time equivalent) personnel was \$1.6 million, or an average of \$226,915 per person.

Permit me to plug another way to donate to this 501-c-3 charitable Foundation, EIN 80-0587086, that will help John “JT” Doody. And that is by way of a Qualified Charitable Donation, or QCD. There is a Donation Form, available from the Foundation website, that you can download, print and complete, and turn in with your check to the Assembly. The check would be made payable to the Gary Sinise Foundation, and you can add in the memo line: John “JT” Doody/Assembly 2474. In this way, the Assembly/Council can claim your donation towards the grand total of funds raised this year.

Thank you.





I pray that everyone has survived Hurricane Helene without too much loss. As Catholic Christian women, we put our trust in Him and pray for others for their comfort, faith, and endurance. Please reach out for prayers and help from our Knights and Ladies groups if in need.

October is a month of putting our good works in motion. The Gary Sinise Golf Tournament, Sunday Oct 20th is one charitable event that we will help our Knights. We also will do some pre-planning at our next Auxiliary meeting Oct 10th for the next Dinner Dance to be held Friday, Nov 8th. The Ladies Auxiliary will help decorate and assemble our beautiful raffle baskets. Themes will be "Thankful for our Blessings," "Home for the Holidays," and "Holiday Spirits." Please bring donated items to the next meeting or morning of the Dinner Dance.

Jean Wozniak

**Hurricane Helene Prayer**

As Catholics, our response must be to pray for all those affected, especially the vulnerable, the homeless, and the emergency responders. Please join to pray for our brothers and sisters here and in Helene's path:

*Dear Good and Gracious God,  
You are our refuge in times of adversity and danger.  
Grant us, we beseech You,  
Your powerful protection during storms, hurricanes,  
and other natural disasters.*

*Help us to remain secure in Your divine mercy,  
and to find shelter under the mantle of Your love.  
Bless those who work to safeguard our communities  
and protect their lives and property.*

*Calm the wind and the waves, stabilize the land,  
and dispel all harm from Your people.  
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Saint Medard, and all the saints,  
bring aid to those in need and strengthen our faith  
in Your divine providence.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever.  
Amen.*

Read his story and offer support for  
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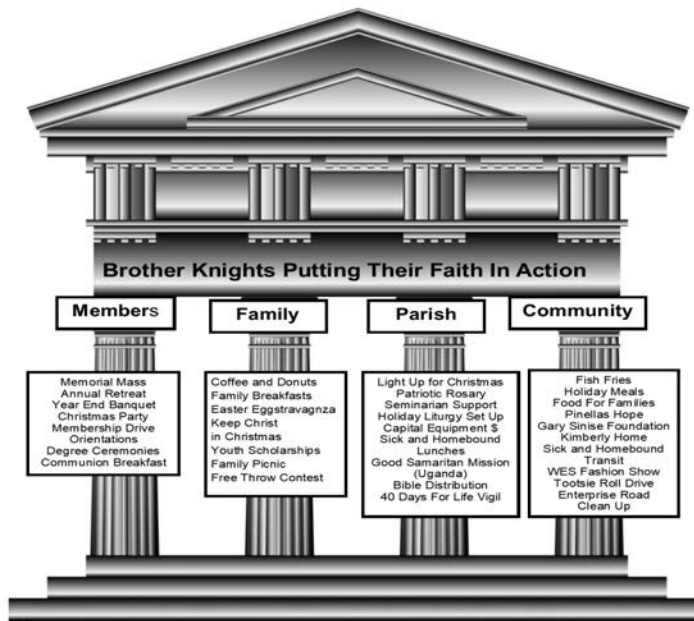


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**Generational Relationships**

Give thanks to the Lord, invoke His name. Psalm 105 reminds us of all the wondrous deeds that the Lord has done for His people. It tells that His commitment to Abraham, Isaac and ratified in a statute that will last for 1000 generations...infinity. God will never quit on us. That's why we are called to sing His praises, play music, let our hearts seek Him. He has also given us our inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and, arguably, one the freest nations in the history of our planet. Our call is to be grateful for our gifts and constantly give God the praise.



**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."

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# In Memoriam

## Stephen J. Gorey

September 8, 1945 – September 18, 2024



Gorey, Stephen J. 79, of Clearwater, FL, passed away September 18, 2024. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, on September 8, 1945. He is survived by wife, Joan V. Gorey; daughters, Denise Hill, NC, and Kim Faline, FL; stepsons, Randy Toelle, FL, Ken Toelle, FL, and step grandson, Alex Toelle, FL.

*Steve was a life-long friend. We were neighborhood friends and elementary school classmates. Olga and I were fortunate enough to be able to visit with Steve on his last day. He was comfortable and smiling as usual and we reminisced about our early days in the neighborhood and school.*

*Steve suffered from back and then lung problems for many years. However, he always maintained a positive happy attitude. Steve was always helpful and volunteered and generous with charities.*

*He was a good friend and a nice person to be around. He will be missed. Please remember his wife Joan in your prayers during this difficult time.*

*Fraternally, Art Owens*





## Letter to the Editor

### One Nation, Under God, with Liberty and Justice for all!

I was struck by the readings for the Mass of September 1, the day prior to Labor Day when we take the opportunity to reflect on our blessings as a nation. Sadly, our nation at this point, 248 years in is one full of divisiveness, anger, hate and dysfunction. In less than 35 days from your reading this, we will hold, arguably, the most significant election in our history. I am not trying to influence anyone's voting decision but thought it useful to listen to God's words about human governance and its importance.

In Deuteronomy 4, **Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"**

In our Declaration of Independence, we proudly believe that our rights come from our Creator not the government. Especially a government that ruled with fear and tyranny. We are told if we follow those commands, it will give evidence of our wisdom and intelligence to the nations. What great nation has the LORD, our God, so close to us? What great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights was written with God's wisdom and have been a beacon to this planet for over two

centuries. Our Creator is the source of our values as a nation.

In Mark 7 we learn that Jesus was preaching to the Pharisees, and they were following all the Jewish traditions of cleanliness. However, Jesus and his disciples were not. **So, the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within, and they defile."**

So, where do we stand as a nation which believed in the rights of our Creator at its founding? Do we still have that belief? Have we become so involved in partisan politics, that like the Pharisees, we have become hypocritical and defiled our practices? Christ tells us that evil cannot be imposed from without. Evil comes from within us. Read carefully what evil thoughts produce. Understand fully your position when you enter the voting booth. Are you making your decision based on party, personalities or God given principles. Choose wisely and patriotically.

One Nation. Under God.



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

### **Come and See**

*The recent National Eucharistic Congress underscores our responsibility to invite others to an encounter with Christ*

Perhaps the best part of being the supreme knight is hearing the gratitude of others for everything that Knights of Columbus do. I experienced a unique example of this privilege at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July. Not only was it powerful; it was completely unexpected.

I was standing backstage, preparing to give brief remarks to the crowd in Lucas Oil Stadium. On the stage, in the flow of her comments, the emcee mentioned the Knights of Columbus as one of the leading sponsors of the congress. The audience — more than 50,000 strong — erupted in spontaneous applause. The emcee was caught off guard and had to wait for the applause to die down before continuing.

The outpouring of appreciation was deeply moving. Of course, the organizers and the U.S. bishops know how much we helped to make the congress happen — how we sponsored the gathering, participated in the four cross-country pilgrimages, and assisted through the work of our councils.

But those tens of thousands in the audience? Relatively few of them knew about our specific contributions to the congress. Nor do many realize how much we do around the world. But they do know something — or should I say *someone*, in their local communities. They know *you*, my brother Knights, and they see what you do, day in and day out.

They see you seating people for Mass or taking up the collection — being the strong right arm of your parish priest and helping with whatever he needs. They see you putting coats on kids and raising funds to support the local pregnancy center. They see you going “to the peripheries,” serving the most vulnerable and putting your faith into action for the sake of others.

They see you strengthening families, starting with your own, and helping men become better husbands and fathers. And they see you supporting the Church and sharing your faith just by being who you are. That’s why the arena broke into applause — not because they see everything we do, but because they see what each of *you* do.

As I reflected on this and on my experience at the congress, I was also reminded of our duty to continue our work — and indeed, to multiply it. This event was a special moment for the Church in the United States. But the revival of love for our Lord in the Eucharist has to be an ongoing movement for Knights and their families everywhere.

How do we take the grace that came from the congress and carry it into our homes, our parishes and our communities? The first and best answer is to continue to do what we are already doing, always with a clear sense of whom we are doing it for — Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. In all of our activities, the most important thing we can do is to bear witness to Christ.

But we can also do more. I encourage every Knight of Columbus family to take seriously the challenge from our bishops to invite just one person back to regular attendance of Sunday Mass. Reach out to that friend, family member, even that child or grandchild. Invite them, too, to Eucharistic adoration or a Eucharistic procession. Let’s not just help make these events possible in our parishes. Let’s fill the pews and streets with people who have never been to one, or who have not been in a long time.

It’s a simple matter of invitation. Like Jesus said to his first disciples (Jn 1:39) or the woman at the well said to her neighbors (Jn 4:29), all we have to do is say, “Come and see.” The rest we leave in the loving hands of Christ himself.

*Vivat Jesus!*



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

### **Insurance for Knights**

Since our founding in 1882, the primary mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect families from the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner.

In the beginning, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and his fellow Knights "passed the hat" to benefit widows and orphans. From that humble start, the Order has grown to include top-rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products. With more than \$80B of insurance in force and a full-time field force of more than 1,400 serving our members and their families, we are proudly fulfilling Fr. McGivney's vision.

The best way to learn about our products is by arranging a visit with a local field agent. Your agent can custom design an insurance program to meet your current needs, help you plan for the future or simply explain the many fraternal benefits that come with membership. To contact the agent in your area, use our convenient Find An Agent feature.

To learn more about insurance or our products, please use the links on this page. To get a rough estimate of the amount of life insurance protection you and your family need, use our Life Insurance Calculator. The Knights of Columbus is Your Shield of Protection for Life. Protects your most important asset - your income - in the event of a disability.

### **Family Fraternal Benefits**

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

### **Why Choose Us?**

#### **We are strong**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that is strong, secure and stable. Members can be confident that we'll be here when you need us. We've been successfully protecting families since 1882, and our outlook remains bright.

Don't just take our word for it. There is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus. AM Best has bestowed on us their highest rating (A++, Superior) for 35 consecutive years.

Remember, in 2010, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$154 million to Catholic and other charitable causes. In these uncertain times, find comfort in an organization that leads the way in doing good for others while doing good for our own.

#### **We are secure**

Since 1882, we have been committed to protecting the financial futures of our Knights and their families. We do this by paying claims and dividends to our insured members. In 2010, we paid well over \$442 million in death claims and other benefits, and more than \$322 million in dividends to our policyholders. Even more impressive is the fact that in the past decade, the Knights of Columbus paid more than \$3.2 billion in dividends to insured members.

#### **We are stable**

Prudent leadership and management has led to the rapid growth of our assets, providing an adequate foundation for our member's protection, and securing our obligations to our insured and their beneficiaries. Also, because we are a fraternal benefit society, we have no stockholders. Our owners are our members and we return our good fortune in the form of dividends to our policyholders.

## Insurance for Knights *(continued)*

### Insurance Q&A

#### **Do I need life insurance?**

Yes, the chances are you do need life insurance, whether it's for paying funeral expenses, replacing income, providing money for your child's education, protecting your home or many other reasons. Unfortunately, too many people don't know the value of a life insurance policy and go without any or adequate coverage. Check out our life insurance calculator to see where you stand.

#### **Is the Knights of Columbus financially strong?**

Yes. The Order is one of the strongest organizations from which you can purchase insurance, as assessments by independent evaluators consistently show. Our margin of safety is among the best in the industry. The Knights of Columbus annually receives the highest ratings given by the AM Best Company and Standard & Poor's.

#### **What exactly are dividends?**

Dividends are the divisible surplus the Order has left over after paying expenses and setting aside the necessary amounts to assure that future benefits are fully funded. Dividends develop from favorable experience, such as people living longer than expected or from interest earnings higher than those guaranteed in their policy. Remember, the payment of dividends cannot be guaranteed.

#### **If I have questions about my insurance policy, or have an interest in learning more about the products the Order offers, whom should I ask?**

Your professional Knights of Columbus agent can answer any questions you may have. Even if you are not currently a policyholder, a field agent, who is also a brother Knight is available to meet with you at your convenience the needs of you and your family. To identify your agent, call 1-800-345-KOFC or click here to find your agent online.

U.S. residents who would like additional information concerning life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities, may wish to view the Web site of the American Council of Life Insurers. Canadian citizens may wish to view the Consumer Assistance Centre of the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association.

Occasionally, someone speaks out publicly on behalf of the merits of permanent life insurance. CNBC interviewed investment professionals, Joe Heider of Dawson Wealth Management and Adam Sherman of FirsTrust Financial Resources, that are advising their clients on the advantages of owning permanent life insurance as part of their client's overall financial planning strategy. Watch this short video from CNBC as the advantages of owning permanent life insurance are discussed.

### Permanent Plans

#### **Do you need life insurance that lasts as long as you live?**

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- Knowing your premium will stay the same, regardless of your future health.
- A guaranteed cash value that will grow over time and can provide a source of funds for future needs.

Another valuable feature of our permanent life insurance plans is the opportunity to earn policy dividends. While dividends are not guaranteed and are declared annually by the Order's board of directors, our dividend scale has been - and continues to be - among the very best in the life insurance industry.

Our permanent plans include:

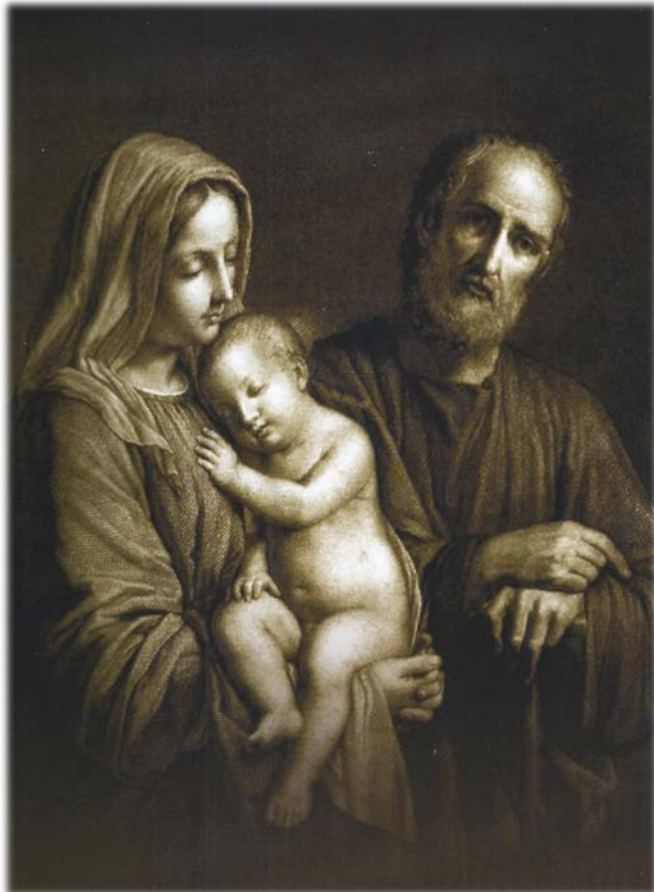
- Whole Life – premiums payable for all of life.
- Limited Payment Life – premiums payable for a shorter period.
- Discoverer – a custom blend of whole life and term insurance.
- DualLife – a custom blend of whole life and term, insuring two lives, payable upon the 2nd person's death.

#### **A Word About Policy Dividends**

Policy dividends represent a distribution to policyowners of surplus funds resulting from favorable investment, expense or claims experience. Because of this, they cannot be guaranteed and may increase or decrease based on the Order's actual and anticipated results.

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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.

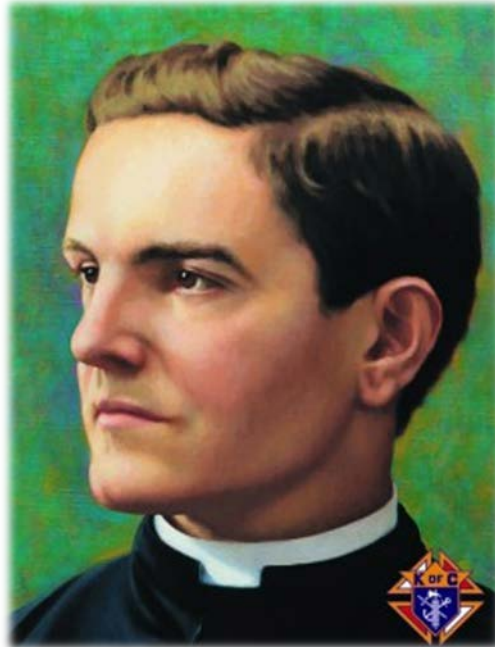
In our daily life and work,  
 May we reflect the self-giving love which you,  
 O Father, eternally show with your Son  
 and the Holy Spirit.

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 2024

- 10/06 | Sun 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 10/08 | Tue 7:00p Dinner Dance Planning Committee
- 10/10 | Thu 6:15p Rosary
- 10/10 | Thu 7:00p Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 10/14 | Mon Columbus Day
- 10/15 | Tue 7:00p Program Directors Meeting
- 10/17 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- 10/19 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay



## Assembly Calendar of Events...

### October 2024

- 10/07 | Mon 6:30p Golf Tourney Committee
- 10/14 | Mon 6:30p Golf Tourney Committee
- 10/20 | Sun 9:00a 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament
- 10/24 | Thu 7:00p Assembly Membership Meeting  
Celebration of Life for George & Dottie Smith

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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.

