



The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brothers & Ladies,

I want to wish everyone a HAPPY EASTER!! On April 5, we will exclaim "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed!!" I hope everyone had a prayerful and fruitful journey through the desert of Lent as we walked toward the sacred time of Holy Week. Palm Sunday begins the most important week of the Catholic year. On Holy Thursday, we will have the Mass of Lord's Supper where our Color Corp will be processing in with the Celebrant. After this sacred liturgy, we will be escorting the Celebrant with the Blessed Sacrament to the Garden of Gethsemane in the parish center where we will stand guard by the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight. Attending the Mass and spending some quiet time in prayer in the Garden is a wonderful way to begin the Triduum. As we kneel in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, let us reflect on how we have served the Lord and others every day of our life. Have we fulfilled His commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you.?" On Friday, we will have Good Friday Services, Adoration of the Cross and Communion to honor the death of Christ. Members of the Knights will be holding the Cross for all to pay their respects. We can never express enough gratitude to Our Savior for saving us from sin and death. Through his willingness to come and stand with us, to suffer and die for us through his extraordinary and unconditional love for us, we have the promise of Eternal Life with Christ in Heaven. On Sunday, we will be celebrating Easter, the glorious Resurrection of Our Lord. This is the most important

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, April 09 @ 7:00 pm
in the Parish Center

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feast day of the liturgical year. Let's sing Hallelujah and rejoice!

What a busy and joyful month of March we had which included the last four weeks of our Lenten Fish Fry. We had a tremendous season this year. Last year, we had a record-breaking year in terms of meals served and in revenue. I'm happy to report that we had another record-breaking year in revenue with a total of 3,289 meals served. I am so pleased at how smoothly everything went this season. Everyone worked together as a team to provide a great atmosphere and quality service and a fun filled experience. Even though we had an unfortunate situation resulting in the fire department coming out and closing us down for almost two hours during our fourth fish fry, we banded together and served 355 meals in an hour and half without missing a beat. In Week 1 we served 524 meals, Week 2 we served 570 meals, Week 3 we served 674 meals, Week 4 we served 355 meals, Week 5 we served 581 meals and in Week 6, we served 585 meals. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make this season the best. I look forward to working with all of you again next year.

Pat Flynn	John Clarke	Kay Strehle
Betsy Clarke	Tom Harkins	Peggy Gohman
Karen Jajuga	Matt Sunski	Margaret Krivchenia
Joe D'Amelio	Betty D'Amelio	Frank McEwen
Don Reed	Phil Farney	John Gohman
Bill Krajewski	Jack Strehle	Richard LeClerc
Ken Seguin	Gabby Seguin	Tom Fitzpatrick

Paul Harvey	Kathy Flynn	Mario Zaccaria
Terry Drake	Tom Stanko	Brian Kearns
Chris Kearns	Tom Wozniak	Sue Englemann
Pat Nocerino	Santo Loparo	Adel Nammour
Rob Pickard	JJ Coyne	Cathy Schaefer
Ann LeClerc	John Papa	Mike Engelman
Keith Taylor	Doug deWolfe	Garrett Phoebe
Ed Amador	John Ruckart	Jean Wozniak
Dan Brandon	Bill Gallant	Richard Roberto
Roe Resler	Gerard Lobo	Irving Hernandez
Shirly Drake	Gene Jajuga	Tom Krivchenia
Bob DeFour	Richie Resler	George Inderwies
Mike Furman	Mark Feldman	Clair Inderwies
Robin LaChance		

I would like to thank Liz Williams and Sue Sferra for all their hard work in securing student volunteers for our Fish Frys. We couldn't have done it without their help and support. To all the student volunteers, thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Addy Faller	Allie Morgan	Bella Mendizabel
Paige Golden	Ashlynn Smith	Christian Spataro
Angelo Perez	Vincent Valera	Ryder Rotenberg
Cade Adams	Leia Williams	Conley Spaulding
Owen Smith	Kade Aldridge	Adriana Shorte
Landon Persang		Bernadette Miles
Bree Rotenberg		

I do apologize if I left anyone off the list who volunteered in any way for the Fish Frys.

I would like to honor and recognize these seven men for their years of service to the Knights.

Honorary Membership

James Rooney & Frederick Di Massi

Honorary Life Membership

Ernie Cline James Hayes Fr Theobald Weria
Steven Ippolito & Kenneth Ruckart

Upcoming Events

We will resume our Coffee & Donuts on Sunday April 12th after all the morning Masses in the St. John Bosco Center. We will be sending out a sign-up sheet. For our new Knights, this is a great way to meet some of your new brothers.

On Wednesday April 15th we will have an Open House at 7:00 PM, place to be determined. If you know of anyone who might want to become a Knight or is interested in learning more about the Knights, please invite them to the Open House.

We are having a Unified Degree Ceremony for anyone who is interested in becoming a Knight on Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center.

We have the Kimberly Home Work Day on Saturday, April 17th from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Please bring some yard tools or painting supplies. We never know what we might be doing. They are so appreciative of all the help that we can give them. The Kimberly Home is Located at 1189 NE Cleveland St. in Clearwater

- Holy Thursday Mass & Adoration – Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Main Church & Parish Center
- Good Friday Services – Friday, April 3rd at 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM
- **Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 5th – HAPPY EASTER!**
- Program Directors Meeting – Monday, April 6th at 7:00 PM Location TBD
- Rosary – Thursday, April 9th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, April 12th at 8:00 AM in the St. John Bosco Center
- KofC Open House – Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00 PM in the St. John's Bosco center
- Pinellas Hope Food Prep – Thursday, April 16th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center Kitchen
- Unified Degree Ceremony – Thursday, April 16th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, April 18th at 8:00 AM at the Kimberly Home in Clearwater
- Assembly 2474 Social – Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 PM TBD
- Council Officers Meeting – Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- **Mother's Day – Sunday, May 10th HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**
- Rosary – Thursday, May 14th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center





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Holy Moments

Momentum, Mission, and Passing the Torch

Brother Knights,

As we enter April, we find ourselves at a defining moment in this fraternal year, one built on perseverance, faith, and the willingness of Brothers to step forward and act.

I am proud to share that we have now reached 14 new members toward our goal of 15. We are one Brother away from achieving our membership goal, and that momentum is a direct result of Brothers embracing the call to create Holy Moments.

A Holy Moment That Multiplies

Please join me in welcoming Brother Doug McCall, who was brought into our council through the efforts of one of our newest members, Brother Pat Flynn. Let that sink in for a moment. A new member, just recently welcomed into our brotherhood, has already stepped forward to invite another man to join. That is exactly what Matthew Kelly describes when he speaks about Holy Moments. One good decision leading to another, creating a ripple effect that impacts lives beyond what we can see.

Brother Pat Flynn did not wait. He did not assume someone else would do it. He acted. And because of that action, our council is stronger today. This is the example for all of us. Recruitment is not the responsibility of one man or one role; it is the mission of every Brother Knight. When each of us takes ownership, growth becomes inevitable.

One Away: The Time Is Now

We now stand at 14 of 15. One more invitation. One more conversation. One more Holy Moment.

There are men in our parish right now who are simply waiting for someone to ask them. This is not about numbers, it NEVER has been, it is about **inviting Catholic men into a life of faith, fraternity, and service**. Ask yourself: *Who is my one?*

Upcoming Opportunities: Bring a Guest

We have two immediate opportunities to bring that one man forward:

- Open House / Orientation April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM Parish Center
- Unified Degree Ceremony April 16, 2026, 7:00 PM Parish Center

These are not just events; they are moments where lives can change. Bring someone with you. Walk with them through the process. Be the reason they say yes.

A Personal Note: Gratitude and Transition

Brothers, as we approach the close of this fraternal year, I would like to share that I will be stepping down as Membership Director after serving three terms in this role. It has been an incredible honor to serve this council and to work alongside so many dedicated Brother Knights. Together with the support of leaders and Brothers across our council including our Worthy Financial Secretary, Worthy Grand Knight, Past Grand Knights, Faithful Navigator, Veterans Liaison, and many others, we have built a strong foundation for membership growth and success. But more importantly, we have created Holy Moments. Moments where men said yes to something greater, moments where faith was put into action, and moments that will continue to impact our council for years to come. I am deeply grateful for each of you.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare for the new fraternal year, I stand ready to support whoever steps into this role next. I encourage any Brother interested in continuing this mission to reach out, I am more than willing to provide training, guidance, and support to ensure continued success. This work matters. And it must continue.

Final Call

Brothers, we are one away. Let us not slow down. Let us not assume it will happen on its own. Let us finish strong together. Create the Holy Moment. Extend the invitation. Bring one man with you.

Vivat Jesus!



SK Edward J. Amador

Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2026

Apr 15 | Jun 16

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2026

Apr 16 | Jun 18

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	337
Insurance Membership	126
Honorary Life Members	62
Honorary Members	07
2025-2026 Membership Growth vs Goal	14/15
2025-2026 Insurance	02/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	126
Honorary Life Members	14
Honorary Members	00
2025-2026 Membership Growth vs Goal	03/06



Council Officers 2025-2026

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Happy Birthday Brothers! Many Happy Returns!

Denis Bethke, Jonathan Boyce, Joseph D'Amelio, Douglas deWolfe, Peter Demzak, Dominic Friscia, David Harvey, Patrick Harwood, George Inderwies, Daniel Jordan, John Kane, Didler Legros, John Lenahan, Jerry Maratea, Frank Marsalek, Patrick Nocerino, Todd Owers, Nick Petrarca, Mario Russica, Hugh Siegel, Massimo Simeoni, Matthew Sunski, Ronald Vance

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Bishop, Sean Michael Cook (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Susanne Papa (d), Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Linda Cooper (d), Bob Ehrman, Antonia Rosin (d), Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Mary Branham (d), Mary Williams (d), Frank Schuster II (d), Kennedie McFadden, George Smith (d), Pauline Sager (d), Vicki Nolan (d), Steve Gorey (d), Felice D'Elia (d), Stanley Kwiatowski (d), Ethan Griswold (d), Dick LaLuzerne (d), Fr Rich Rosin (d), Mary Duell (d), Tony Doyle (d), Mary Frances Lowe, Dwight Rochester, Jim & Pat Nolf, Frank Diaz (d), Ed Warticki (d), Jack Mills (d), Bob Justiana, Kathleen Griffin, Evelyn Harvey (d), Jack Greenwald (d), Don Bishop (d), Frank Nunziata (d), Dave Weber (d), Nicholas Burriesci (d), Anthony Burriesci (d), Tania Carnet, Thomas Ziegler (d), Thomas Barrett, Chuck Friesema, Jerry Custin, Nicholas Neubauer, Paul Harvey, Lilian Lenahan, Don Borbath, Tammy Harrison, Sal Burriesci (d), John Salesses (d), Ed Pagnott, Zoe DuFour (d), Gobind Sujanani, Maurice Chin, Betty D'Amelio, Jim Slattery, Kenny p-SIL, Pushpa Sujanani, Margie Waters, John Papa, Don Puchalski, Ed Fucillo (d), Kyle LaChance, Jim Nolf, Tammy Harrison, Michael D'Amelio, Adel Nammour, Frank DiMattei

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



Mark Wegener

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to two seminarians. Austin and Mark are located at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. Austin Smith is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Mark Wegener is from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville.

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!

Edward & Violet Amador, Mark Barrett, Donald Borbath, James & Jean Burris, William Cullen Jr, Joseph & Betty D'Amelio, Douglas & Carol De Wolfe, Peter Demzak, Frederick & Suzanne Di Masi, Sean Donahoo, Robert & Zoe Dufour, Michael & Sue Engelmann, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Michael & Lisa Furman, Joel & Karen Gray, Robert & Catherine Gwinner IV, James & Anna Haitz, Thomas & Anne Harkins, Timothy & Ann Hartle, James Hayes, David & Donna Heezen, Joseph & Sandra Hoherl, George & Claire Inderwies, Steven & Anne Ippolito, Robert & M. A. Justiana Sr, Michael & Katherine King, Dan & Donna Kistel, Mark & Renee Kraf, William & Katherine Krajewski, Frank Laffey, Stephen & Ellen Leger, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Jerry Maratea, Frank & Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, John Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris & Leah Nesci, Thomas & Carolyn O'Rourke, John & Susanne Papa, Paul & Virginia Pappas, Mark & Christine Peterman, Robert & Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto Jr, Kenneth & Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer Sr, James & Karin Smith, Thomas Stanko, John & Kay Strehle III, Matthew Sunski, Roy & Linda Vanderveer, Steven & Jaclyn Verba, Paul & Josefina Vilchez, Mario & Judy Zaccaria, Dennis & Joyce Ayril, Jonathan & Marianne Boyce, Sean Casey, John Coyne, Gerald Custin Jr, James & Sylvia O'Neill, Michael & Mary Kathleen Dixon, Philip & Jane Farney, Mark & Elaine Feldman, Charles & Raquel Friesema, John & Peggy Gohman II, Michael Gutknecht, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul & Rose Marie Harvey, Eugene & Karen Jajuga, Shawn & Pattie Jajuga, Christopher & Celise Jones, Gregory & Kim Juedes, Richard Kembell-Cook Jr, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Tom & Margaret Krivchenia, Jack Kuczej, Christian Kuczej, Thomas Kukulski, James & Maria Lankford, Brian & Christina Lapointe, Brian & Angela Lawandus, Santo Loparo Jr, Patrick Mackin, Michael & Maria McCarthy, James & Patricia Nolf, Brian & Lisa O'Connor, Gerald & Holly Pappa, Frank Pensabene, Daniel & T Peterson, Donald & Alexis Reed, Andrew Rodnite, Juan & Rosemary Romero, Peter & Susan Saleses, Daniel & Paula Saracki, William & Mary Scott, Jim & Nancy Shirer, Michael & Melissa Short, Massimo & Valeria Simeoni, Chuck & Elizabeth Sullivan, Keith & Griselda Taylor Sr, Thomas & Jean Wozniak, Patrick & Joan Alix, Patrick & Beatrice Boland, Sal & Ingrid Burriesci, Ryan Burriesci, Patrick Carroll, Joseph Celic III, Terrell & Victoria Clampitt, Joseph Cortese, Joseph Culmone, Hoyt Decker, Frank & Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Terry & Shirley Drake, Richard & Joan Ducheny, Frederick & Christi Elflein, Zach Faraone, Joseph & Megan Gajewski, Ward & Kathleen Griffin, Mark Gurley, Irving Hernandez, Kenton & Sue Heuertz, Jarret & Lesley Ann Honahan, Mark & Maryann Kapinos, William & Elizabeth Kasak, Brian & Christine Kearns, Robert Kenny, Raymond Kraker, Dennis Lentz, Francis & Carol Mahoney, Frank & Juliann Marsalek, Edward Martinenko, Kevin McMullen, Clifford & Michelle Merz, Anthony Metty, Darryl & Mary Miller, Thomas Myers, Javier & Xiomara Ortega, Todd & Margaret Owers, Edmund & Diane Pagnott, Donald & Carol Palacheck, Robert Papariella, Thomas Penders, Glen Pettersen, James & Suzanne Preston Jr, Christopher Purcell, Edward & Sandra Riley, James & Drema Servoss Rooney, John Ruckart, Kurt & Mary Lynn Salac, Julius & Minnie Silva, Thomas Smith, Bryan & Krista Snyder, Gregory & Carolina Sohn, James & Darlene Stanley, Jugdesh & Sucheta Sujarani, Alvah & Margaret Vankleeck, Walberto & Ramona Vazquez, Margaret Watson, Vincent Baldwin, Fred & Caroline Bennett, Thomas Bergevin, Victor Berggren, Jacob & Mary Burnett, Mark & Janet Busing, Jerome Dewberry, Timothy & Marcy Dolan, Eric & Maria Flores, Gerald & Lorraine Grubba, Lawrence & Nancy Harkins, Robert Kelly, James Kleinsorge, Stanley Lipiarz, Gerald & Renee Lubig Jr, John Malone, Will & Jennifer Maxwell Jr, Christopher Mazzone, James & Phyllis Montali, Michael O'Neill, Miguel & Sammantha Perez I, Guillermo Romero, John J Liu, John T Liu, Albert Masselli, Peter & Susan Saleses, Brian & Carolyn Annis, Peter & Susan Saleses, William Dan Brandon, Francis Cayer, Andrew Jack Rodnite

Total Collected to Date: \$4796.93



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Jamais plus la guerre

For more than half a century, the Catholic Church has proclaimed a clear and consistent message to the world: war must never be accepted as inevitable, and peace must remain a moral imperative for all humanity.

In 1965, amid the height of the Cold War, Pope Paul VI became the first pope to address the United Nations General Assembly. There, he issued his historic plea: *"Jamais plus la guerre."* *"Never again war."* Repeating the call, "No more war, never again war," he warned that "war must stop, or war will stop humanity." His message urged nations to lay down arms, reject the illusion of security through weapons, and commit instead to dialogue and cooperation. It was a defining moment that established peace as a central pillar of the Church's global witness.

This call was later reaffirmed by Pope John Paul II, who continued to emphasize that true peace is rooted not in power, but in justice and respect for human dignity.

In 1983, the US Bishops, led by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, built upon this foundation with the pastoral letter *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*. While maintaining the framework of Just War Theory, the bishops introduced a strong presumption against war, insisting that it must always be a last resort under strict moral conditions. They stressed that the destruction caused by war must never outweigh the good it seeks to achieve - an especially urgent concern in a nuclear age.

The letter also rejected the targeting of civilians and opposed the first use of nuclear weapons, challenging policies that placed entire populations at risk. Central to its teaching was the idea of a "consistent ethic of life," linking the defense of human life at all stages with the pursuit of peace. In this vision, the common good

of humanity must take precedence over national or political interests.

That same moral clarity continues today in the voice of Pope Leo XIV. In his recent public addresses, he has warned against the growing normalization of violence, particularly in regions torn by ongoing conflict. He has described the devastation in stark terms, pointing to the loss of innocent lives and the destruction of homes, schools, and hospitals. In his Palm Sunday homily, he stated that God rejects the prayers of leaders who start wars and have "hands full of blood," asserting that "violence can never lead to justice, stability and peace that people are waiting for."

His message is direct: war does not solve problems - it only amplifies them. He has called on leaders to "reopen paths of dialogue" and to reject any attempt to justify violence, reminding the faithful that true peace cannot be built on bloodshed. Instead, he urges the global community to act with responsibility and to choose diplomacy over destruction before conflicts deepen beyond repair.

From Pope Paul VI's historic appeal to the continued leadership of Pope Leo XIV, the Church's teaching remains unwavering. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to live out this message in our own lives - promoting peace, defending human dignity, and standing as witnesses to the belief that a more just and peaceful world is not only possible, but necessary.

"Never again war" is more than a phrase - it is a call to action for each of us.





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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

First, I want to wish you and your family a Blessed Easter. I pray that your Lenten Journey was very faithful and brought you and your family closer to God.

Our Lenten Fish Frys were again very successful. It could not have been done without the volunteers that put in so many hours. Each year we are improving the number of meals being sold. Thank you all!

We will have our Program Directors Meeting on Monday the 6th at 7pm (location TBD. Coffee & Donuts will be held in the JBC on 12 April from 8am to noon. Our Informational Open House will be on Wednesday the 15th at 7pm in the JBC. If you have a friend that is interested, please bring them. The Unified Degree Exemplification will be held on Thursday the 16th at 7pm in the JBC. There is nothing to report from our Program Directors as April is a slow month.

April Liturgical Calendar

- April 02 – Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
- April 03 – Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord
- April 04 – Holy Saturday Great Vigil of Easter
- April 05 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- April 06-11 – Days in the Octave of Easter, Solemnities
- April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 13 – St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr, optional memorial
- April 21 – St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, optional memorial
- April 23 – St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr and St. George, martyr, optional memorials
- April 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr, optional memorial
- April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist, Feast
- April 26 – Good Shepherd Sunday
- April 28 – St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Mary de Montfort, Priest optional memorial

- April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church, Memorial
- April 30 – St. Pius V, Pope, religious, optional memorial.

St. Peter Chanel

St. Peter Chanel was born in France on July 12, 1803, the fifth of eight children. From ages 7 to 12, he worked as a shepherd. A local parish priest persuaded his parents to allow him to attend a small school, where his piety and intelligence soon became evident. He made his First Holy Communion in March 1817, and around this time developed a desire for missionary work after reading letters sent back from America by Bishop Dubourg.

In 1819, he entered the seminary at Meximieux and was ordained on July 15, 1827. Although he initially sought to serve in the missions, he was instead appointed parish priest of Crozat, where he served for three years. He found the parish in poor condition, with low attendance and little religious formation among the youth. Through his zeal and care - especially for the sick - he gradually won over the people.

In 1831, Chanel joined the Society of Mary (Marists), dedicated to both local and foreign missionary work. In 1836, he was chosen to lead a group of seven missionaries to the South Pacific. After a long journey, he arrived on the island of Futuna in November 1837. Though initially welcomed by the local king, the mission proved difficult due to isolation and cultural challenges. Still, some islanders were baptized, and others began instruction in the faith.

Tensions arose when the king feared Christianity would weaken his authority. When his own son sought baptism, the king ordered a warrior, Musumusu, to intervene. Pretending to seek medical help, Musumusu approached Chanel and killed him with an axe on April 28, 1841.

St. Peter Chanel was declared a martyr and was later beatified on November 17, 1989.



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Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Trying to achieve financial strength and stability can feel overwhelming, especially when life is already full.

This month, I want to share a simpler way to think about it: holistic financial wellness. You can work toward this goal by developing an overall financial strategy and determining how Knights of Columbus products can be a part of that foundation. This includes more than insurance. We also offer annuities with guaranteed retirement income as well as mutual funds from our affiliate Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors.

A good place to start is protecting your family through life insurance. Term life coverage can help with temporary needs, while whole life coverage can last your entire lifetime and build guaranteed cash value over time.

Next, let's think about retirement. Whether it's years away or right around the corner, having a strategy for income in retirement matters. The Knights of Columbus offers solutions that can be part of an overall plan you feel confident about.

It's also important to prepare for the unexpected. Thinking ahead about how your family would handle an extended care need or a disruption in income due to disability is part of protecting what you have worked hard to build. The Knights has products to help ensure your family's life will not be financially disrupted in either case.

I imagine many of you joined the Knights because you want to give back, and for many of you, that includes charitable giving. Did you know that a donor-advised fund can be a tax-efficient strategy for charitable giving? Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, an independent 501(c)(3) charity helps donors align their giving with their faith, and you don't need to be a member of the Knights to open an account.

Finally, consider investments. If you're seeking competitive returns without compromising on Catholic moral principles, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) can help. KoCAA screens companies for compliance with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines, so you never have to wonder if your investments conflict with your morals. Investing with KoCAA is also open to all, regardless of whether you're a Knight.

Attaining financial wellness doesn't need to feel overwhelming. You can start right away by simply using our life insurance calculator at www.kofc.org/calculator. With a few key details, it will help you assess your insurance needs. Then, I can help you find the right coverage. No matter where you are on your financial journey, I'm here to help.

Vivat Jesus!

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Easter Sunday Celebration:

He is Risen!
Wishing You a
**HAPPY
EASTER**





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Faithful Navigator's Log

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we enter the sacred season of Holy Week, we are reminded of the profound significance of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is a time for reflection, renewal, and recommitment to our faith. I encourage each of you and your families to fully participate in the liturgies of Holy Week, culminating in the joy of Easter Sunday. May this season strengthen our spiritual lives and deepen our commitment to serve both our Church and community.

Thank you to all those Sir Knights that attended the "No Greater Love" presentation hosted by the Father William J. Tyrell Assembly at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tampa. The event highlighted the stories of men, who lived their lives in the image of Jesus Christ, willing to make the ultimate sacrifice: five military Chaplains – all Catholic Priests - that were awarded the Medal of Honor.

Late last month, Bill Gallant, Rich Roberto, Ken & Gabe Seguin, and I attended the Veteran Standdown for the Homeless at Bay Pines. It's a wonderful event for those Veterans that have struggled after serving our country. With donations from the Assembly, the Council, the Ladies Auxiliary, the Military Order of the World Wars and patrons of Bill Gallant's service stations, we purchased and donated towels, toiletries, sundries, and McDonald's gift cards.

Our Assembly will be well represented this month as I will be attending the Biennial Fourth Degree Meeting on April 18, accompanied by our Faithful Pilot. This important gathering provides an opportunity to engage with leadership, share best practices, and ensure our Assembly remains aligned with the mission and principles of the Fourth Degree. I look forward to bringing back insights that will benefit our membership and strengthen our programs.

Looking ahead, please note that our April Assembly meeting will be a social gathering, and spouses are warmly invited to attend. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, camaraderie, and to thank our families for their continued support of our efforts. Additional details will be shared soon, but I encourage you to mark your calendars – Thursday, April 23 - and plan to join us for this enjoyable evening.

I would also like to recognize and thank our dedicated Color Corps members for their continued service and visibility. The Color Corps/Honor Guard will be participating in Holy Thursday events – during the Mass and guarding the Blessed Sacrament in the Garden (Parish Center) - representing our Assembly with dignity and reverence during this most sacred time. Additionally, they will support the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration at St. Catherine of Siena, a significant milestone that reflects the strength and vitality of our parish community. Your commitment to these events is a testament to the pride and professionalism of the Fourth Degree.

There are two Patriotic Degree Exemplifications currently on the Florida calendar – May 09 in Naples and June 27 in Davie. The latter is being held to coincide with the America 250 Celebration and there are several Sir Knight key personnel, including the Supreme Master, that are scheduled to be in attendance. Please contact me for additional information.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and service. May you and your families have a blessed and joyful Easter season.

Vivat Jesus!
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The Month of the Cross, the Empty Tomb, and the Ocean of Mercy

April enters the year as a threshold between sorrow and triumph, a sacred bridge where the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church walks with Christ from the agony of Gethsemane into the blazing light of the Resurrection. It is the month when Holy Week unfurls like a great tapestry of salvation, each day woven with divine intention and infinite love. Palm branches rustle with both hope and warning. The Upper Room becomes the birthplace of the Eucharist. The Garden trembles beneath the weight of betrayal. Calvary rises like a mountain of victory disguised as defeat. In April, the Cross stands at the center of the world, not as an instrument of cruelty but as the throne of the Redeemer who pours Himself out in perfect love. The nails, the thorns, the wounds, the blood, all become the language of a God who refuses to abandon His creation.

Holy Week is not merely remembered. It is entered, lived, and carried within the soul. It is the solemn pilgrimage through death into life.

Then dawn breaks upon Easter morning, and the stone that sealed the tomb is rolled away not only from Christ's grave but from the hearts of all who believe. Easter is not a single day. It is the unending reality that time cannot contain and death cannot silence. In April, the Church stands before the empty tomb listening to the angelic proclamation that shatters despair. The Risen Christ appears not to kings but to the faithful women who never abandoned Him, and to apostles still trembling with fear, reminding the world that His victory begins in love that heals the wounded and strengthens the weak. Each appearance of Christ after the Resurrection is infused with tenderness. Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. Touch my wounds. Break bread with me. In these encounters the Resurrection ceases to be an idea and becomes a fire that ignites every Christian life. Through the empty tomb, the world is reborn. Through the victory of Christ, hope becomes

stronger than death, and love becomes stronger than all the darkness that once ruled the human heart.

April then draws the faithful toward the radiant feast of Divine Mercy, the gift given through Saint Faustina to strengthen a world wounded by doubt and sin. Divine Mercy Sunday, set at the octave of Easter, reveals the heart of the Risen Christ as an ocean of compassion into which humanity is invited to plunge without fear. From His pierced side flow blood and water, symbols of the sacraments and channels of grace. In this month, the Church reminds her children that mercy is not a mere attribute of God. Mercy is His identity. And to my brother Knights, April calls us to enter this ocean with courage, to be men who stand at the foot of the Cross, kneel at the empty tomb, and carry the message of mercy into every corner of our community. Let us serve the broken, console the grieving, reconcile the estranged, and proclaim the victory of Christ with the conviction of men who have seen the dawn after the longest night. April is the month of redemption, resurrection, and renewal. Let us live it with hearts made new.

Ad Jesum per Mariam.



Our table at the Bay Pines
Homeless Veterans Standdown



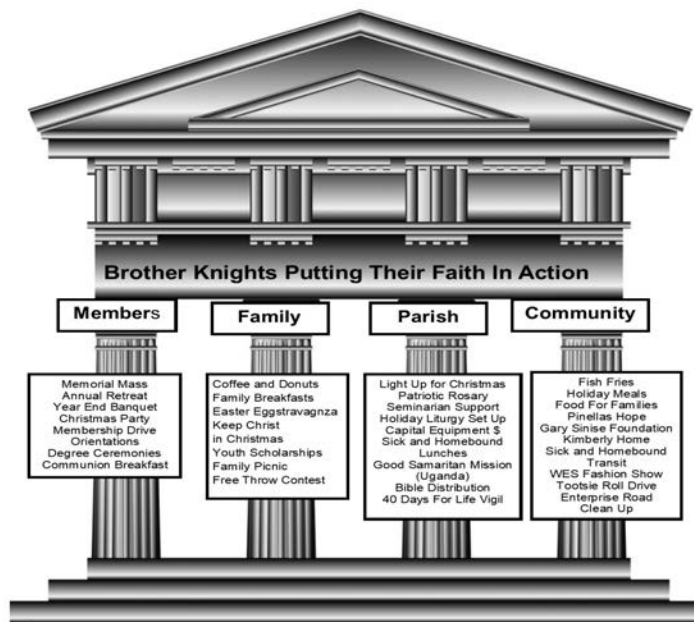
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Marriage and Family Life

This is a beautiful Psalm of David. A Psalm of petition, praise, and thanksgiving. We want safety and refuge. We reject other Gods, including material ones which can be squandered as the Prodigal Son squandered his. We recognize the many blessings we have been given. And, we promise to always keep our focus on the Lord. Our souls rejoice, and our bodies dwell secure. We know we will not be abandoned.

Yet, even David, who wrote this, was broken. He pursued earthly pleasures including adultery with Bathsheba and even killing her husband, Uriah, in battle. We are fallen. Let us truly and fully dedicate ourselves to our Lord and our families.



Psalm 16

Keep me safe, O God; in you I take refuge. I say to the **LORD**, you are my Lord, you are my only good. As for the holy ones who are in the land, they are noble, in whom is all my delight. They multiply their sorrows who court other gods. Blood libations to them I will not pour out, nor will I take their names upon my lips. **LORD**, my allotted portion and my cup, you have made my destiny secure. Pleasant places were measured out for me; fair to me indeed is my inheritance. I bless the **LORD** who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the **LORD** always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad, my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure, For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your devout one see the pit. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever

Photo Gallery



From L to R: WGK Tom Krivchenia presents new Brother Knight Gerard Lobo with his 3rd Degree Certificate; WGK Tom Krivchenia recognizes SK Frank McEwen as our March Knight of the Month; parishioners and members of the community pack the Parish Center during one of our Fis Fry FryDay events.



Easter week is upon us and Spring is definitely here!

We ladies along with our Knights had a busy six weeks of Lenten Fish Frys. Thanks to everyone's hours of working and patron's generous donations, the Ladies Auxiliary took in \$2,063.35, which we will disburse to charitable organizations at the end of May. Thank you ladies for all you do in assisting our men to make our 11th year ending a success once again. We donated funds to the Stand Down event for Homeless Veterans. This is a much-needed cause to help those who served our country. Looking ahead, the Auxiliary will be collecting donations for the Mother's Day Honor Trees the last weekend of April and first weekend of May. Look for our collection tables for your donations in front of the Parish Center. Your generosity through this past year has helped us to support those in great need.

Have a blessed Easter and continue its spirit throughout the following weeks.

God Bless.

Letter to the Editor

He Is Risen... are we?

First, congratulations to all on our 11th successful year of Fish Fries. Our service to our Parish and community fully represents our principles as Knights and our Auxiliary. Then we turn all that work and profit into even more benefits to the community. We know our plan and execute it well. But what about our bigger plan? Our life plan.

The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday of Lent covered the death of Lazarus, one of Jesus's best friends, as well as his devoted sisters Martha and Mary. Martha and Mary knew Lazarus was failing and asked Jesus for help. We learn in John 11 that Jesus said that the illness would not end in death but would glorify God. Jesus stayed where He was, and Lazarus died. Martha and Mary were devastated by the loss. After several days, Jesus returned to Bethany. Martha confronted Jesus saying, **"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died"**.

Jesus told her, **"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"** She said to him, **"Yes, Lord."** Jesus was taken to the tomb and wept. Some of the Jews said, **"Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"** This perturbed Jesus, and He said, **"Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"**

With that, **"He cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'"** The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. Many came to believe that day.

While this was a precursor to Christ's death and resurrection, Father Mike Schmitz ties this story to the Prodigal Son. We are mortal. Our time on this earth is limited. But, like Christ, we are destined for eternal life, an eternal life of our choice as believers and followers of Christ, or not.

The Prodigal Son was loved deeply by his father and given great gifts. Yet he chose to squander not only the wealth he was given but also the love of his father. Eventually, he realized the error of his ways, and in his brokenness, came back to his father saying, **"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."**

Overjoyed, the father welcomed him back, embraced and kissed him, and organized a great feast. This perturbed his older brother, who had always been obedient to the father. In his anger and disappointment, he questioned the father about how he could do this. The father responded, **"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."**

We do not know the end of the story of the Prodigal Son. He failed once. Did he learn his lesson, or did he fail again? What did he choose? We know the Father has chosen eternal love and forgiveness for us. We are all broken in one way or another. As we wrap up Lent, we need to ask ourselves, Do I realize the great gift of God's love for me? Do my thoughts and actions reflect my appreciation for the gifts I have been given and are open to me eternally? Will I be a prodigal son, or will I rise with him on the last day?



From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

Generosity of Heart

The virtue of magnanimity opens our hearts to always respond with charity, humility and gratitude to God

Spend any time on social media or watching political debates and you can quickly conclude that certain virtues are missing from our public discourse. Among them is the virtue of magnanimity. Often defined as a largeness or generosity of heart — from the Latin words for “great soul” — magnanimity orients us toward using our gifts in service to others. It gives us the desire to aspire to great things with the time God has given us on earth.

Magnanimity is an essential virtue if we want to effectively lead our families and our brother Knights. Why? Because it gives us a clarity of mission and purpose. It keeps us focused on striving for the highest ideals and helps us avoid the traps and snares set for us by the evil one. Whereas pride and presumption lead to envy, jealousy, rivalries and a host of other small-minded maladies, magnanimity shows us the more excellent way. St. Paul tells us: “whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just ... if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things” (Phil 4:8).

The magnanimous man is characterized by his selfless generosity of spirit. He knows that he is loved by God and is aware of the gifts and talents that God has given to him. He knows that his gifts are not for his own use but are for serving and lifting up others. And because he is confident in and grateful for these gifts, he recognizes and even celebrates the gifts of others, especially those gifts that he himself may not possess.

In other words, magnanimity gives us the mindset to always see the best in others and interpret their actions and attitudes in the most favorable light possible. It gives us the strength to practice the spiritual works of mercy — bearing wrongs patiently and responding to difficult situations with forbearance and forgiveness rather than revenge. It can be hard to take the high road, especially when we’ve been hurt, but it’s always the better path.

How do we instill magnanimity in our children? As fathers, we should keep in mind that “more is caught than taught” — that is, our children often learn more from observing us than from our instruction. When a magnanimous father demonstrates a generous spirit and speaks well of others, his children take notice. He encourages his children, praising them for their accomplishments and gently correcting them when they need it. He measures his words carefully, for a father’s words of sincere praise are far more fruitful than words of criticism (see Eph 6:4, Col 3:21).

The magnanimous father also sees the great potential in his children. He encourages them to go beyond their comfort zones and to achieve things they may not think possible. He builds their confidence by calling attention to the gifts they have been given. He prays aloud with them and gives them a sense that they, too, have been called by God to greatness — and that they are ultimately called to be saints.

Perhaps most importantly, a father passes on the virtue of magnanimity to his children by loving their mother in thought, word and deed each day. As husbands, we are called to go the extra mile in service to our wives. That can take many forms, but it includes being lavish in our praise, quick to forgive and first to apologize.

St. Teresa of Avila often prayed that God would enlarge her heart. As husbands and fathers, we can make this prayer our own — and we can be confident that God will answer us. Speaking through the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord proclaims, “I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you” (Ez 36:26).

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

Remember Founder's Day

Let me begin by saying how delicate and several days in the hospital, and at moments not even being certain if I would return home, I was reminded in a profound and humbling way that every breath is a gift from God. There were quiet hours of uncertainty, moments of reflection, and an overwhelming awareness that our lives are always in His hands. Through the intercession and prayers of so many of you - my wonderful brother Knights - I have been blessed to come home. For that, I am deeply grateful.

Founder's Month is not simply a time to commemorate history; it is a time to recommit ourselves to the mission. It is an opportunity to reflect on why we exist as an Order. We are not just another organization. We are Catholic men called to serve. We are husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, and brothers who understand that our vocation extends beyond our homes and into the heart of the Church. We are defenders of life, champions of charity, and witnesses to Christ in a world that desperately needs Him.

As we celebrate Founder's Day on March 29, let us do so with action. Our Lenten fish fries are more than meals; they are ministries. When we set up tables in the back of the church, when we greet parishioners with a smile, when we serve a plate of food with kindness and hospitality, we are doing more than fundraising. We are building community. We are creating a welcoming space where families gather, where conversations begin, and where men see firsthand the joy and strength of our brotherhood.

Those tables in the back of the church become places of invitation. They are where we draw in new members, where we speak about the mission of the Knights, and where we extend a hand to men who may be searching for something more. Many men today feel isolated. They long for purpose, for belonging, for a way to live their faith more fully. The Knights of Columbus offers that path. It gives a man the opportunity to grow spiritually, to serve alongside other faithful men, and to become a stronger leader in his home and parish.

When we conduct full membership drives, we are not simply increasing numbers. We are inviting men into a life of service and discipleship. We are inviting them to stand for charity, unity, and fraternity. We are inviting them to deepen their relationship with Christ and to bring their families closer to the Church. A man who joins the Knights does not walk alone. He becomes part of something greater than himself a brotherhood that supports him, challenges him, and prays with him.

The reason we bring men into the Knights of Columbus is simple and profound: we bring them to Christ. We know from our own experience that the Order changes lives. It strengthens marriages. It forms fathers to be spiritual leaders. It teaches sons what it means to serve. It provides widows and families with support and compassion. It calls men to step forward in faith when the world encourages them to step back.

My recent time in the hospital reminded me that our days are limited, but our impact does not have to be. Every call we make, every invitation we extend, every fish fry we host, every prayer we offer - these are seeds planted for eternity. We may not always see the fruits immediately, but God does. And He multiplies our efforts in ways we cannot imagine.

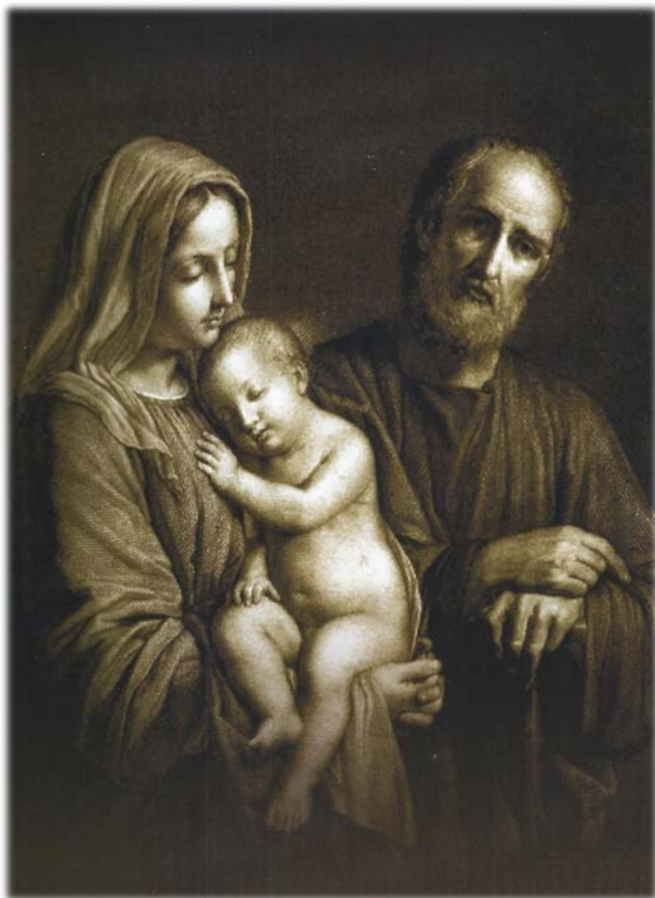
Brothers, we came out of difficult months. There are times when momentum slows, when energy wanes, and when distractions pull us in many directions. But now is the time to rise. Now is the time to recommit ourselves spiritually and fraternally. February and the months ahead must be filled with renewed zeal. Let us approach Founder's Month not casually, but with conviction. Let us make those phone calls. Let us personally invite men to join us. Let us stand proudly behind those tables and speak boldly about who we are.

I stand before you today not just as a brother Knight, but as a man who has been reminded how fragile life is and how powerful our brotherhood can be. I am grateful to God for bringing me home. I am grateful to each of you for your prayers and friendship. And I am more convinced than ever that the work we do matters.

May we honor the legacy of Father McGivney by living our faith courageously. May we celebrate Founder's Day with action and enthusiasm. And may we continue to bring men into the Knights of Columbus so that together we can bring families closer to Christ and strengthen His Church for generations to come.

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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.

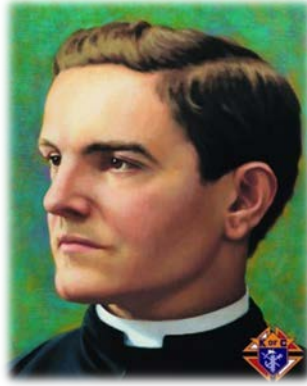
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

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.

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What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

April 2026

- 04/06 | Mon 7:00p Program Directors Meeting
- 04/09 | Thu 6:15p Rosary
- 04/09 | Thu 7:00p Council 7109 & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings
- 04/12 | Sun 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 04/15 | Wed 7:00p KofC Informational Open House
- 04/16 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- 04/16 | Thu 7:00p Unified Degree Exemplification
- 04/18 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay



Assembly Calendar of Events...

April 2026

- 04/23 | Thu 6:30p Monthly Meeting (Social w/ Spouses)
 - Location TBD
- 05/09 | Sat 9:30a Patriotic Exemplification
 - St John the Evangelist CC
 - Naples, FL 34108
- 06/27 | Sat 9:30a Patriotic Exemplification
 - St Bonaventure CC
 - Davie, FL 33325

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Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

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that accompany human freedom.

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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.

