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**August is dedicated to the Immaculate  
Heart of Mary**

**O IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,  
FULL OF GOODNESS,  
SHOW YOUR LOVE TOWARDS US.  
LET THE FLAME OF YOUR HEART,  
O MARY, DESCEND ON ALL  
PEOPLE.**

## Chaplains Message

### CHAPLAINS MESSAGE -

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We celebrate many special feasts during the month of August such as the feast of the Transfiguration (August 6), of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven (August 15), of the Queenship of Mary (August 22) and several other great saints of our tradition but the one I look most forward to is on August 4, the feast day of St. John Vianney – patron saint of parish priests.

I read a biography of him during my time in seminary and ever since, he has been such an inspiration to me and my own priestly ministry. The devil once said to Saint John Vianney: "If there were three such priests as you, my kingdom would be ruined." He would spend the night in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and the day to hearing hundreds of confessions. People from all over France would wait entire weeks in line to go to confession to him. It was through these countless hours of hearing confessions that he would free the people from their sins and sever the enemy's hold over them.

My encouragement to each one of you is that if you have not been to confession in some time – to return to the sacrament. By confessing our sins, not only do we receive forgiveness from our sins but also healing and strength to overcome previous patterns of sin.

Dear brother knights, know you remain in my prayers and I pray you have a most blessed month of August as we come to the close of the summer.

Fr. Daniel

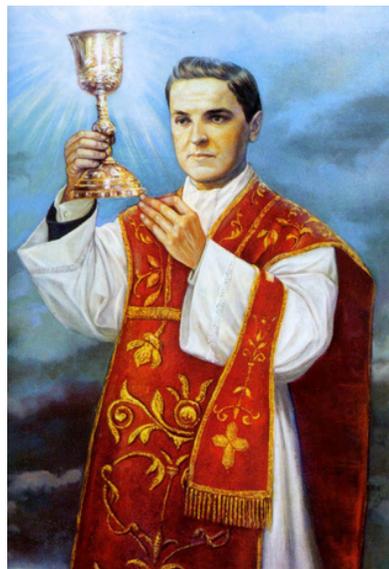
### Blessed Michael McGivney Message:

Wednesday, August 13, is the feast day (memorial) of Blessed Michael McGivney. It is formally celebrated within the Archdiocese of Hartford, where Father McGivney lived, served and died, and can also be celebrated elsewhere with the permission of the diocesan bishop.

The feast day is the center of a three-day devotion that marks Father McGivney's birthday (August 12, 1852) and the day of his death (August 14, 1890). Thus, we can celebrate a McGivney "triduum," and you may want to pray a novena to Father McGivney, from August 6-14.

The linked video recaps Father McGivney's Beatification. It is 19 minutes long and well worth your time.

<https://youtu.be/7>



# Chaplains Message

## FR. PAT LONG'S ORDINATION & 1ST MASS -



Fr. Patrick Long's Ordination was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Venice with Bishop Dewane on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. A reception followed immediately after the Mass in the parish hall.

Fr. Patrick's 1<sup>st</sup> Mass was later that day at STM at 4:00 p.m. A reception followed in the parish hall after the Mass, where Fr. Pat offered his First Blessings.



**Fr. Patrick Long's first Mass celebrated at STM after his Ordination at Our Lady of Lourdes**



“Fr. Patrick Long is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 7826. Fr. Pat grew up in Sarasota and graduated from St. Martha’s Grade School and Cardinal Mooney High School and eventually Florida State University with a degree in Marketing. Fr. Pat states, “I was always active in the Church, as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Religious Education teacher, Youth group leader and Pro-life work. I believe God was calling me to the priesthood and after a few years of theological formation and some very good spiritual direction, I entered seminary. I completed my theological studies at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary outside of Boston. In my free time, I enjoy getting together with friends and family, as well as rowing, racquetball/pickleball, hiking or anything outdoors.”

## Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights,

On Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the remarkable achievements of the last fraternal year at the Stoneybrook Country Club. The yearly awards for Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Joe Tiffany award, and recognition of the outgoing Grand Knight.

As expected, the council has been notified that we have been awarded the Star Council Award. This makes the 10th consecutive year (not counting the Covid year) the council has achieved the Star Council award.

The Star Council Award recognizes the efforts that Councils put forth in continuing Blessed Michael McGivney's mission. In order for your Council to earn the Star Council Award, it must earn the (1) Father McGivney Award for membership growth; (2) Founder's Award for hosting fraternal benefits events and (3) Columbian Award for well-rounded Council Programs. In addition, each must submit the; Service Program Personnel Report (#365) by August 1st; the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) by January 31st and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) by June 30th. In addition, the Council must comply with Supreme's Safe Environment Requirements.

The 2025-2026 Council Officer Installation Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, August 9th, in the Spirt Center, following the 4:00 pm Corporate Communion Mass.

The 2025 - 2026 Fraternal Year Budget was approved during the July Council Meeting. Several of the Councils Officers will be attending the District Deputy Organization meeting on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will verify the Councils Faith in Action Plan incorporates and additional guidance from Supreme and / or the State Councils.

Following the District Deputy Organizational Meeting, we will begin the planning process for the councils 2025 - 2026 Faith in Action Plan Programs.

An organization meeting of the Program / Committee Directors will be scheduled. All new Knights from last year and this year will be invited to attend a Council Program informational meeting. Following this meeting, all of the committee rosters will be updated and the Program Schedules will be reviewed to begin the Program planning process.

The Knights of Columbus, 4<sup>th</sup> degree, Assembly #3089 meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month. The "No Veterans Left Behind" ceremony is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at the Sarasota National Cemetery. The K of C Assembly supports this activity. Any Council member can attend if interested.

August 11th: Assembly meeting at St. Patrick's Parish Hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

August 13th: No Veteran Forgotten Ceremony at Sarasota National Cemetery starting at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive no later than 8:45

Scott Deahna,  
Grand Knight

# Faith in Action

## JULY EXEMPLIFICATION -

During July we added three new members to our Council as 3rd Degree Knights. They are Brother Fred Cooper, Brother Tobias Lopez (Seminarian), and Brother Steven Strumpf

## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO K OF C #7826!



**Brother Fred Cooper receiving his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Certificate.**



**Brother Steven Strumpf receiving his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Certificate.**



**Brother Tobias Lopez (Seminarian) receiving his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Certificate.**



# Faith in Action



## ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR AWARD -

The "FL State" Altar Server of the Year Awards were presented to Alex, William and Lauren Dang, on July 26<sup>th</sup>, by PGK Ralph Neller and GK Scott Deahna.

Alex, William and Lauren are the children of Dr. Bill and Lauren Dang,

Congratulations to Alex, William and Lauren and the Dang family.



# Faith In Action



### KNIGHT OF MONTH - STEVE MCELROY

Steve McElroy was presented with the Knight of the Month Award. Steve leads the Scholarship Committee and he lead a wonderful Scholarship Awards Presentation Ceremony.

Congratulations Steve!



### FAMILY OF MONTH - RALPH AND CAROL NELLER

PGK Ralph Neller and his wife Carol were selected Family of the Month. Worthy Ralph was not in attendance at the July Council meeting to receive the award. The award will be presented at the Council’s August Celebration Dinner.

Ralph prepared the Fl. State Council Award Applications which lead directly to our council receiving the Fl. State Council of the Year award. Carol has supported Ralph throughout his term as Council Grand Knight. Carol participates in many of the Council activities.

Congratulations Ralph and Carol!



**Faith In Action**

# KNIGHT / FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**KNIGHT OF YEAR - JACK RODMAN**

Jack Rodman has been selected “Knight of the Year”. Jack leads the Knights kitchen staff during all Knights events at STM and during Parish events supported by the Knights.

The Knight of the Year award will be presented at the Council’s August Celebration Dinner.

Congratulations Jack!



**FAMILY OF YEAR - DAVE AND SUE BRACY**

Dave and Sue Bracy have been selected “Family of the Year”. Dave and Sue have provided the leadership in coordinating the Council’s social events over the last several years.

The Family of the Year award will be presented at the Council’s August Celebration Dinner.

Congratulations Dave and Sue!



**Parish News**



**FOOD PANTRY -**

Thank you to all the Food Bank volunteers and their spouses for your in-person participation and your monetary support. As you may know, the supply chain remains a challenge, and food supplies are still in short supply.

Given today's economy, we have 75-100 families in need every week. The weekly bulletin lists the items we critically need. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the pantry and those families we serve.

**POPE LEO'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION:**

"Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons,"



**POPE LEO XIV'S COAT OF ARMS**



## Committee Corner

### RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -

#### Council #7826 Supporting Sarasota's 3 Major and Distinct Pro-Life Ministries:

##### Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center (SMPC):

(<https://www.sarasotapregnancy.com/about/>)

Located near Sarasota's Main hospital, Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center provides medical services, reproductive health education and support at no cost, empowering our expectant Mothers and their partners to make healthy life choices – physically, emotionally and spiritually – in a confidential and caring environment. SMPC hosts the annual “Life is Beautiful Dinner” at one of the local hotels over 2 evenings and is attended by 800 plus people from around the greater Sarasota with all the proceeds supporting their noble mission. The STM Knights financially support this event and typically sponsor one or two tables of 8 where Brother Knights attend this free-will offering with their spouses or guests. The Council has budgeted a \$2,500 donation to the SMPC.

##### Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC):

(<https://communitypregnancyclinic.com/>)

Strategically located right next Sarasota's Planned Parenthood where we attend 40 Days for Life Vigils each month, CPC offers 100% free & confidential professional medical service such as free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, free STI Testing, and free support during and a pregnancy. All services are conducted by licensed medical staff.

## RIGHT TO LIFE



The STM Knights actively support the CPC organization through the parish supported Baby Bottle Campaign. The Council estimates a \$7,500 donation. We usually get 10-16 STM Knights to attend their annual free will dinner event in the Spring, like the SMPC event where pro-life supporters are fortified and uplifted by incredible stories of life saving actions that takes place every day at this little oasis for Life!

##### SOLVE : (<https://solvehomes.org/>)

Solve is a faith-based non profit organization that provides cost-free maternity housing (4 or 5 homes) and support for at-risk women during and after pregnancy. The STM Knights supports them with an annual donation and some of us do attend there annual free-will fund raising dinner. The Council has budgeted a \$1,500 donation to the SOLVE.

##### Summary and invitation:

We always welcome and need new members on our Respect Life Team, so please join with us to experience the joy of seeing the power of prayer in saving lives. You can sign up by contacting our Right to Life Co-Chairs, either Brian Harkins at [bjharkins1@gmail.com](mailto:bjharkins1@gmail.com) or telephone # 908-451-7454 or Neil Corrado at [fdny0261@gmail.com](mailto:fdny0261@gmail.com) or telephone # 941-993-1520.

For Life,  
Neil & Brian

## Committee Corner

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

Special Olympics Florida provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. We rely on more than 51,000 volunteers each year, who serve as coaches, help with events, assist on committees, and so much more. Help athletes achieve their dreams -- get involved today!

These events are all about celebrating our athletes, and we need YOUR help to make them truly unforgettable. As a volunteer, you'll play a vital role in supporting our athletes, cheering them on, and assisting behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly. This is a fantastic opportunity to give back, make a difference, and be part of something special!

#### Stand-Up Paddle Board Competitions:

We're looking for volunteers to help with timing, staging, awards, logistics, and board handling at our upcoming Stand-Up Paddle Board Competitions. If you're signing up for board handling, please note that lifting is required and you'll be in the water!

#### State Stand-Up Paddle Board Competition:

Date:

Saturday, August 16

Location:

Nathan Benderson Park  
5851 Nathan Benderson Circle,  
Sarasota, FL 34235

Time:

Morning Shift: 6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



**Special Olympics**

#### Bowling Competitions:

We're looking for volunteers to support our upcoming bowling event! Help as a lane monitor, assist with awards, and keep things running smoothly with logistics.

Date: Saturday, August 2

Location: Bowlero Bradenton

4208 Cortez Rd W, Bradenton, FL 34210

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, August 9

Location: Bowlero Coral

42 Mid Cape Terr. Cape Coral, FL 33991

Time: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in bowling in particular please contact Al Ferrigno. His e-mail address is as follows [A72342@gmail.com](mailto:A72342@gmail.com)

Mail question to this email address: [Savannahrock@sofl.org](mailto:Savannahrock@sofl.org)



## Council Good of the Order

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli  
 Ken Berberich  
 Ted Bogusz  
 Dave Bracy  
 Pat Cesare  
 Neil Corrado  
 Ed Cox  
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie)  
 Judy Deady (wife of Kevin)  
 Ann Dean (wife of Joe)  
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)  
 Jean DeVito (wife of Corey)  
 Gary Ellis  
 Ken Gaasch  
 Madeleine Garvey (wife of Gary)  
 Jerry and Annie Hayes  
 Jan Jakubiuk  
 John Koitsch  
 Ted Kovacic  
 Richard Lamb and daughter Megan Brown  
 Don Leonard  
 Roy MacGillis  
 John & Kay Maier  
 Ron McCluskey  
 Carol McElroy (wife of Steve)  
 Michael Mercandetti  
 Thomas Nate  
 Margie Noll  
 Hank Peppard  
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)  
 Ed Plankey  
 Tom Reed  
 John Regan  
 Nancy Risbano  
 Greg Sokolik  
 John & Craig Spinale (John's son)  
 Cheryl Vignola (wife of Michael)  
 Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol)  
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)



**Dear Lord,**  
**We come before You with hearts full of faith,**  
**believing in Your healing power. May Your**  
**grace flow over those who are sick, bringing**  
**comfort and restoration. Strengthen our spirits**  
**as we pray for their recovery, trusting in Your**  
**divine plan. In Jesus' name, we seek Your**  
**miraculous touch. Amen.**

### FUNERAL SERVICE FOR PGK JOHNNIE TURNER -

The funeral services for PGK Johnnie Turner will be on Monday, August 4th with a 10:30 Mass at St. Thomas More followed by a 1:30 burial service at Sarasota National Cemetery. Council member attendance is requested.



## Council Birthdays

### AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



August 2 - Jeff Hayes  
 August 2 - Robert Lewandowski  
 August 4 - Charles Baldelli  
 August 8 - Michael Mazur  
 August 9 - John Maier  
 August 10 - Nicholas Macelletti Jr.  
 August 18 - Dr. Josef Bogner  
 August 19 - Joseph Sommer Jr.  
 August 22 - Charles Culkin Jr.  
 August 24 - Paul Procopio  
 August 26 - Joe Dean  
 August 27 - Jean-Paul Assaff  
 August 29 - Kim Klee  
 August 30 - John Pettit  
 August 31 - Philip Maresco  
 August 31 - Rev Nicholas Thompson  
 August 31 - John Volpe

### K of C #7826 OFFICERS 2025 - 2026

Fr. Daniel J Scanlan – Chaplain  
 Scott T Deahna – Grand Knight  
 Francis S McElroy - Financial Secretary  
 John T Spinale - Deputy Grand Knight  
 Kevin G Deady – Chancellor  
 Ed J Powers – Recorder  
 Kenneth H Berberich – Treasurer  
 Daniel J Bulinski – Advocate  
 Stephen M Melchiorre – Warden  
 Lynn A Quartermaine - Inside Guard  
 Joe Pelletier Jr - Outside Guard  
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 Ernest J Dean - Two Year Trustee  
 Lawrence S Hall - Three Year Trustee  
 Derek J Noll – Lecturer

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## Council Upcoming Events

**Thank you for your support of these future events!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, August 6th, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Council Celebration Dinner will be held on Friday, August 8, at Stoneybrook Country Club, starting at 5:30 PM (cash bar). Cost is \$59.00 per person (includes service charge and tax). Reservations are due by 7/31 to Financial Secretary Steve McElroy with check payable to "KofC Council 7826" at mailing address 7415 Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL 34238.
- A Corporate Communion will be held at the 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 9. Installation of Officers will take place after 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm. at St. Patrick’s.
- The August Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our monthly Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, August 28th between 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.



# Insurance Advisor

## NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

As your brother Knight, it's my privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission by serving your family and helping you gain a clear picture of your financial protection needs, no matter your current situation. If I can be honest, I think this is one the most underappreciated benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and if you've never taken advantage of getting a complimentary financial needs review, I encourage you to make this the year!

Now is the perfect time to meet with me to review the existing insurance plan you have in place or to help you take the initial steps to create one. I invite you to meet with me every year as your family grows and changes, milestones are reached, and financial needs adjust.

With a personalized review using top-tier financial software, I can give you a transparent illustration of your finances with insights on how your current situation aligns to your future objectives. Together, we'll review your current coverage and identify potential protection gaps, ensuring your plan aligns with your goals.

If you're interested in investments that are aligned with Catholic teaching, I can also connect you with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which helps all faith-based investors prepare for retirement, build wealth and beat inflation with additional sources of income.

Knights of Columbus, your premier partner for financial services, is for brother Knights, by brother Knights. I'm here to partner with you. Please see me and we'll set up time to work together to financially safeguard your family.

I'm excited to work with you to serve our brother Knights and their families.

You can visit [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) and [KoCAA.org](http://KoCAA.org) for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless!

Brian DeBlauw




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Calendar - JULY, 2025



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**Calendar**

Today < > August 2025

Month

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Aug 1	SAT 2
			Early Rosary @ 7:30p KofC Mass @ 8:00Am Officers Mtg @ 7:00p		Council Celebration	Corporate Communit Installation of Office
	Assembly Mtg @ St.			Council Mtg @ 7:00 p		
Coffee & Donuts		Degree Exemplificati				
				Prayer Walk at Plann		
	Sep 1		Early Rosary @ 7:30p KofC Mass @ 8:00Am Officers Mtg @ 7:00p			

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For more details on calendar events please visit the Council website:

<https://kofc7826.org/calendar/>