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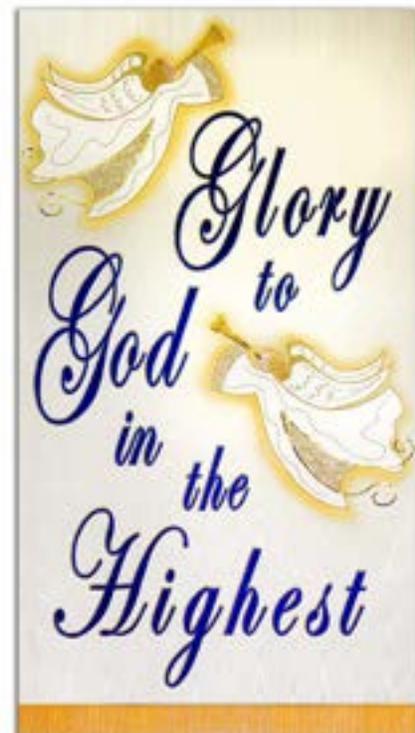
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## Chaplains Message

### *Advent Begins*

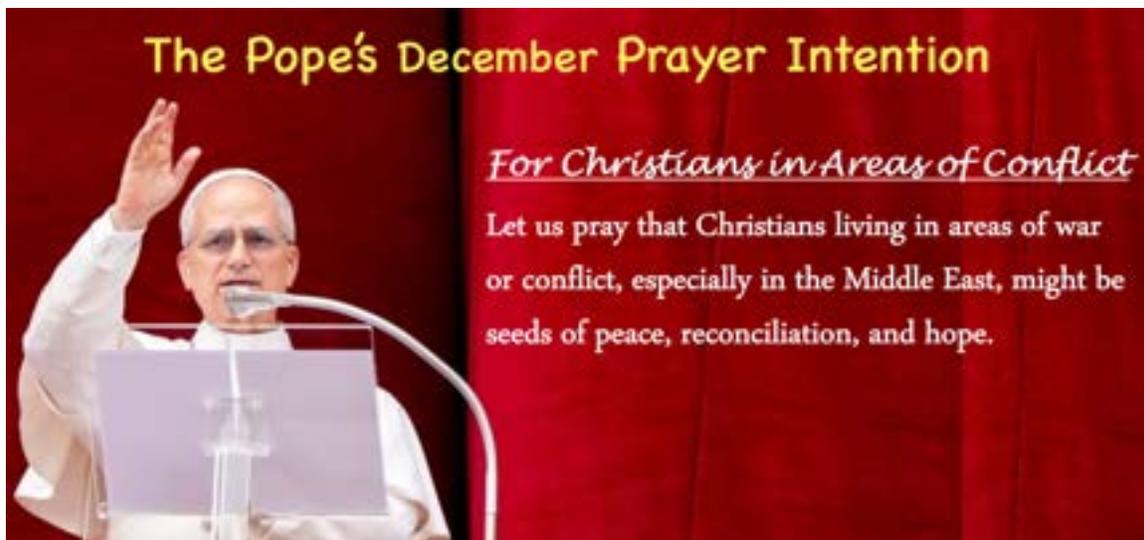
Dear Brother Knights,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have officially begun the Advent season – a time to spiritually prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. This has always been one of my favorite seasons in the life of the Church. I remember growing up as a child, we would always light the Advent wreath candles every night as we gathered around to pray the rosary. It is a time in which we are encouraged to pray and fast so that our hearts will be all the more disposed to receiving Him with ever-greater expectation and love on Christmas day. Concretely, this means saying “no” to things we tend to find ourselves attached to so that we can attach all the more to Him, our newborn savior. Or, more simply, it is a time of refocusing our gaze on those things that truly matter – our relationship with Jesus.



Brother Knights, let us give ourselves to this season of Advent unlike ever before. Let us open up our hearts and make some change to our lifestyle during this time – whether it be adding something to our day such as prayer or scripture or denying ourselves something we often enjoy – so that we may experience all the graces that God so greatly desires to pour down upon us. Know that you all remain in my prayers. God Bless you and I pray you have a most blessed and fruitful season of Advent.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Daniel



## Grand Knights Report

### ADVENT 2025 SUNDAY 11/30 - WEDNESDAY 12/24

The Catholic Advent wreath is a cherished tradition observed during the weeks leading up to Christmas. The Advent wreath and candles serve as a spiritual compass on our journey in preparation for the nativity of our Lord.

It symbolizes hope, peace, joy and love through its four candles, each representing a week leading up to the birth of Christ. Let's explore the origin of the Advent wreath, the meaning behind the candles and how we can use it to grow in prayer this Advent season.

The origin of the Advent Wreath and candles can be traced back to pre-Christian Germanic cultures who would light candles during the winter solstice to honor the return of the light. This practice was adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as a way to mark the season of Advent.



The circular shape of the wreath represents eternity, reminding us of God's infinite love and presence in our lives. The greenery used to decorate it symbolizes everlasting life and hope given to us by Jesus. The wreath's significance is further highlighted by the lighting of the candles sequentially each week, which provides us with a tangible way to mark the passing of time and encourages us to reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love.



### The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This Catholic feast, celebrated on December 8th, honors the belief that the Virgin Mary was conceived without original sin. It is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, meaning they are required to attend Mass.

Catholics believe Mary was preserved from the stain of original sin from the moment of her conception to prepare her to be the mother of Jesus. The Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States.



## Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights,

As we celebrate the holiday season, we see the three pillars of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity and Fraternity are very visible during this season.

During the Womans Club Thanksgiving Dinner, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, I presented Fr. Nick with a \$2000 donation for the Parish Catholic Faith Appeal.



On November 20<sup>th</sup>, our Council Donated \$2000 to the Diocese of Venice for four (4) seminarians: Messrs. Tobias Lopez, James Gargano, Michael Piedimonte and Timothy Simmons as part of our Knights of Columbus RSVP program support for vocations in the Diocese of Venice.

We also donated \$600 for Wreaths Across America.



The Baby Bottle proceeds (over \$12K raised) will be presented to the Community Pregnancy Clinic on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Brother Joe Dean will lead a delegation from our council.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, our Council in partnership with the Incarnation and St. Patrick's Councils will be distributing over 600 Coats for Kids at the Stillpoint Mission in Bradenton.

A tour of St. Mary's Academy is scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. If you would like to attend, please contact Derek Noll.

The Spring Training Baseball Fund Raiser Announcement has been issued. The season begins on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Please use the announcement linked signup sheet to volunteer to support this important activity.

The Council Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Stoneybrook Country Club. Please RSVP by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

God Bless,  
Scott Deahna,  
Grand Knight

## Grand Knights Report



The Parish Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Sunday December 7th. This event is hosted by our council. Thanks to Worthy Jim Meyd and all the people who volunteered to host this significant Parish event. Also, many thanks to the volunteers who set up and decorated the Christmas Tree.

Following the Christmas Dinner, the Parish will be presenting a Christmas Concert on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Worthy Ralph Neller for coordinating this event and to all the volunteers who are supporting the event.

*The officers of #7826 wish you a merry and blessed Christmas*

# Faith in Action

## VETERANS DAY MASS - SARASOTA NATIONAL CEMETERY

Our Assembly, #3089, was honored to have SK Wayne Brewer PGK PFN, Bob Ward, and Dr. Steven Wyr FDD PGK PFN Faithful Navigator, CCC be the Detail Commander and Escorts for the Military Servicemen who presented and honored the Memorial Wreath. Additionally, Sir Knights Gordon Sapp, Tom Nate, and John Cesare served in the Procession of the Priests, escorting them into the Amphitheatre and then out to the Cemetery for the Graveside prayer, and Bob Marrah FDD PGK PFN was the Leaturer and gave the First Reading.

The Very Reverend Robert Kantor, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Naples was the Presider at the Mass. For 22 years, he served in the U.S. Navy Reserve, including deployments to Afghanistan and the Middle East, where he ministered as a chaplain for U.S. Central Command. His military chaplaincy placed him alongside service members in some of the most challenging environments, offering spiritual support, comfort, and guidance in times of great need. His dual vocation as a Catholic priest and a military chaplain gives him a unique perspective on sacrifice, duty, and the sacredness of remembrance.



# Faith in Action

## Christmas Tree Setup -

The Chelsea Center 15' Christmas Tree was officially installed and decorated on November 17-18th by our Council volunteers assisted by Samuel Davalos our Facilities Manager.

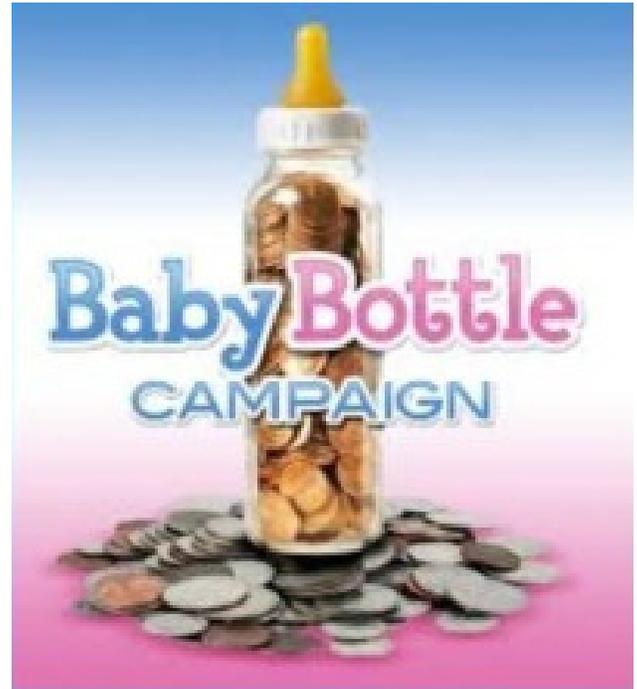
The Christmas Tree crew was led by PGK Jim Meyd. Many thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the tree and the decorations. The result was a breathtaking Christmas Tree alight with decorations to celebrate the birth of the Christ child.



## Faith in Action

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN -

The St. Thomas More 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign is complete. This Campaign is for the Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC) located at 1419 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Sarasota. It coincided with the 40 Days for Life which is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood center adjacent to Community Pregnancy Center. Proceeds help fund the needs of clients of the CPC and include clothes, formula, baby food and medical care. Over 600 baby bottles were distributed and as of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 416 bottles were returned. Total cash, checks and coins collected is \$12,618. Many thanks to all who volunteered to assist in this effort and also those of you who generously donated. Very special thank you to our Worthy Financial Secretary Steve McElroy and his wife Carol for counting and depositing the donations. The presentation of a check to the Community Pregnancy Center is scheduled for Thursday December 4th at 10 am at the Community Pregnancy Clinics.



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - FALL 2025							
Collection Period Ending	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	2-Nov	9-Nov	TOTALS
Bottles	101	109	78	92	25	11	416
Cash	\$1,189.00	\$1,256.00	\$944.00	\$1,005.00	\$263.00	\$97.00	\$4,754.00
Change Rolled	\$515.00	\$675.00	\$445.00	\$495.00	\$147.00	\$94.00	\$2,371.00
Loose Change	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$16.00
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$1,704.00</b>	<b>\$1,931.00</b>	<b>\$1,389.00</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$426.00</b>	<b>\$191.00</b>	<b>\$7,141.00</b>
KofC Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00		\$25.00
<b>Total Cash/KofC Checks</b>	<b>\$1,704.00</b>	<b>\$1,931.00</b>	<b>\$1,389.00</b>	<b>\$1,525.00</b>	<b>\$426.00</b>	<b>\$191.00</b>	<b>\$7,166.00</b>
STM Checks	\$45.00	\$170.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
CPC Checks	\$1,350.00	\$1,380.00	\$1,220.00	\$990.00	\$122.00	\$150.00	\$5,212.00
<b>Total Collected</b>	<b>\$3,099.00</b>	<b>\$3,481.00</b>	<b>\$2,609.00</b>	<b>\$2,515.00</b>	<b>\$548.00</b>	<b>\$341.00</b>	<b>\$12,618.00</b>

## Faith in Action

### ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2026 CRUISE RAFFLE-

Ahoy, friends! Your ticket to sunshine, sea breezes, and island adventure could be just one raffle ticket away!

The Knights of Columbus are once again setting sail with their 2026 Cruise Raffle, offering you the chance to win a 7-night Caribbean cruise for two aboard the beautiful Celebrity Summit. This unforgettable voyage departs from Tampa, Florida, on October 18–25, 2026, with stops in Key West, Bimini, and Nassau — the perfect tropical escape!

Tickets are just \$10 each, giving you a chance to win a Port Balcony Stateroom for two, complete with a Classic Drink Package, Wi-Fi, and \$50 in onboard credit. Prefer dry land? You can opt for \$2,500 in cash instead!

The winning ticket will be drawn Sunday, April 26, 2026, after the Noon Mass.

We still have a large number of brothers who have not yet picked up their book of tickets. At this point, we have not met our costs, so every book distributed and every ticket sold helps move us closer to our goal.

Thank you to all who returned cash and stubs at the November meeting.

These tickets make great small “thank you” gifts for the people who support us throughout the year — your mail carrier, trash collectors, lawn crew, handymen, cleaners, and more — or as inexpensive stocking stuffers for family and friends.

Important: Raffle tickets may only be given or sold to individuals 18 years of age or older.

Merry Christmas!

Dan Flynn

**Win A Cruise or \$2,500**  
*\*Winner to choose by 5/22/26*

**Celebrity Summit**

**7 Night Caribbean Cruise**  
**Sailing Oct. 18-25, 2026**  
*Balcony Cabin for 2, Beverage Package, Wi-Fi, & \$50 On Board Credit*

**Winning ticket will be drawn**  
**April 26, 2026**

**\$10.00 each** **TICKET #0991**

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 info@kofc7826.org

**Faith in Action**



**NOVEMBER TRANSFER -**

During November we added a new members to our Council as a transfer from the Incarnation Council.

**MICHAEL RAINEY, CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO K OF C #7826!**



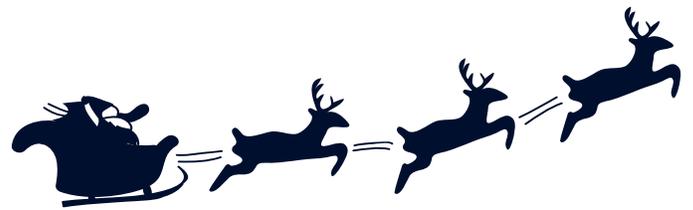
Pictured above DD Jon Engel presented the “Star Council” award to STM Council #7826 for the fraternal year of 2024-’25. Pictured left to right are PGK Ralph Neller, Grand Knight Scott Deahna, DD Jon Engel, and Chancellor Kevin Deady.

Congratulations to everyone on achieving this award in recognition of outstanding performance for a K of C Council in 2024-’25!

To achieve "Star Council" status in the Knights of Columbus, a council must excel in multiple areas, primarily by earning the "Father McGivney Award" for membership growth, the "Founders Award" for insurance growth, and the "Columbian Award" for outstanding service programs across categories like Faith, Family, Community, and Life, while also maintaining compliance with training and background check requirements; essentially demonstrating excellence in both membership development and charitable outreach.



# Faith In Action



### KNIGHT OF MONTH - DEREK NOLL

Derek Noll was presented with the Knight of the Month Award. The Grand Knight thanked Derek for his work in being the Lecturer for the Council and for bringing in a wide range of guest speakers to our monthly meeting.

Congratulations Derek!

### FAMILY OF MONTH - BRIAN & MAUREEN HARKINS

Brian and his wife Maureen were selected Family of the Month. Brian & Maureen are leaders of the Councils Right to Life Program. They lead a monthly prayer vigil and coordinated the Councils 40 Days for Life full day prayer vigil at the Community Pregnancy Center and Family Planning Center on Oct 31st.

Congratulations Brian and Maureen!



## Faith In Action

### OUR LADY OF CHARITY ASSEMBLY



### Faithful Navigator's Message

Hello Brother Knights,

The Lord's Blessings have truly been on the Assembly these past few months. In October we had one of our two fundraisers and what a tremendous success it was, thanks to everyone who supported us and the event. Also, we made an increased donation to Wreaths Across America

(these wreaths will be placed at the grave stone at each Veteran who is buried at the Sarasota National Cemetery, and made our first installment to our new Seminarian, Nathaniel (Nate Byers). The added bonus is we are months ahead of schedule in planning our Assembly Celebration Dinner, which will be held at University Park Country Club on May 23rd—more details to follow. We will have our Assembly Christmas Dinner before December's meeting (starting at 6:00 p.m. at Incarnation on December 15). This is a yearly event and a special time our members to gather, celebrate, and to experience the fellowship and Brotherhood of being together.

There is an upcoming 4th Degree Exemplification that will be held in Tampa on Saturday, January 31st. This would be a great opportunity for anyone who would like to become a Sir Knight in the 4th Degree of the Order. The address of the Parish where the Exemplification will be held is:

St. Mark the Evangelist Church  
9724 Cross Creek Blvd

Tampa, FL 33647

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to attend.

Lastly, Teresa and I would like to wish you all a Blessed and Happy Christmas!

God Bless,

Dr. Steven Wyer FDD PGK PFN

Our Lady of Charity Assembly #3089

Faithful Navigator, Color Corps Commander

941-330-3168 or [steven.m.wyer@gmail.com](mailto:steven.m.wyer@gmail.com)

Parish News



**Parish  
Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
in the Chelsea Center

Your cost: a tray of Christmas Cookies

Your link to getting Christmas Party Tickets.  
Need help? Call the Parish Office at 941-923-1691.  
<https://form.jotform.com/252945993728173>



5... *golden rings*  
4... *choirs*  
3... *soloists*  
2... *nights*  
1... *keyboard wizard*

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**

DECEMBER 12TH AND 13TH AT 7PM

Admission is free. Donations for the Catholic Faith Appeal will be collected. Located in the Chelsea Center.

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
3200 Gulf Gate Drive  
Sarasota FL, 34237  
(941) 923-9592



*Merry Christmas  
from  
Your Parish Staff*



## Committee Corner

### RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -

Brother Knights,

Since both Thanksgiving and Christmas were on the 4th Thursday's of November and December, we are targeting an Advent Prayer Walk on Wednesday, December 17th for one hour between the hours of 9-1 at Planned Parenthood. Advent is when we prepare for the birth of Savior, and what a gift it is for us to be able to spend an hour praying that a Mother that often comes to Planned Parenthood because they don't feel they have a choice will be touched by Our Lady and Our Lord to recognize the awesome gift of life in the womb.

Sadly, Wednesday is typically a busy day at Planned Parenthood (PP) because that is when PP performs surgical abortions and dispenses Abortion pill's. On a positive note, you will see many Defenders of Life from other Churches and KofC's in Sarasota / Bradenton area in action peacefully praying and encouraging PP's clients have a change of heart and consider going next door to the Pro-Life Community Pregnancy Clinic for a free Ultrasound and compassionate care from the wonderful Nurses there. We often see Mom's arriving in distress to PP joined by their parents, sometimes with other children, boyfriends, friends, pimps etc. The impact of seeing people like us praying and offering assistance can often times lead to decision to Choose Life!

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## RIGHT TO LIFE




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Thank you for considering to be an instrument of God's love that day and RSVP with Brian at 908-451-7454 or contact Brian at [bjharkins1@gmail.com](mailto:bjharkins1@gmail.com) if you can join us and call me if you have any questions or concerns whatsoever? December 17th also happens to be the birthday of one of our most devoted prayer warriors - Brother Neil Corrado, whom i am hoping might be able to join us that day!

For Life,  
Neil and Brian

We are always looking for more people to join us for this noble cause, Even if we can save one Life and change one Heart, how powerful is that? So please consider joining us on the 4th Thursday of each month for one hour between the hours of 9-1 by signing up on the Monthly Knights meeting or calling Brian Harkins and Neil Corrado at 908-451-7454



## 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 38,000 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!

### 2026 Torch Icon Campaign at Publix

Sign up for the 2026 Torch Icon Campaign at Publix January 9-16

With the 2026 Torch Icon Campaign at Publix approaching in January, it's all hands-on deck to show gratitude to our Publix stores for supporting Special Olympics Florida. There are many stores to cover, so feel free to sign up for more than one. Once you select a store, you'll complete up to two store visits for the campaign.

Store Visit Requirements:

- 1st Visit: Visit the store or table for at least two hours to help sell torches. Must take place on the Friday, Saturday, or Sunday of the campaign.
- 2nd Visit: Visit or table at the store for at least two more hours to continue selling torches.

Register for the 2026 Torch Icon Campaign



### 2026 Sport Registration is Now Open

Click below to register now and secure your spot for the 2026 season!

Registration is officially open for our 2026 Summer Games season, and we're looking forward to another great year. Whether you're hoping to learn a new skill or return to a sport you love, now is the perfect time to get involved. We encourage everyone to register soon and secure their place for a fun and active summer.

#### Area 7 Registration

Please contact South Area 7, Sports Manager- Chad Weber ([chadweber@sofl.org](mailto:chadweber@sofl.org)) and/or North Area 7 Sports Manager, Alyssa Isaksen ([alyssaisaksen@sofl.org](mailto:alyssaisaksen@sofl.org)) for any questions.



## Council Good of the Order

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli  
 Ken Berberich  
 Ted Bogusz  
 Dave Bracy  
 Joyce Bulinski  
 Pat Cesare (wife of John)  
 Neil Corrado  
 Fred Cooper  
 Ed Cox  
 Joan Crowley  
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie)  
 Joe Daley  
 Ann Dean (wife of Joe)  
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)  
 Jean DeVito (wife of Corey)  
 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  
 Mary Martin (wife of Dan)  
 Ron McCluskey  
 Carol McElroy (wife of Steve)  
 Michael Mercandetti  
 Thomas Nate  
 Carol Neller (wife of Ralph)  
 Margie Noll  
 Hank Peppard  
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)  
 Ed Plankey  
 Rosemary Quartermain (wife of Lynn)  
 John Regan  
 Nancy Risbano  
 Lauren Sokolik her twin girls (daughter of Greg)  
 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.**

Please keep our recently departed Brothers and their surviving spouses in your prayers: Stephen Fenner, John McAlonie, Tony Picozzi, Victor Ferrulli, James McNamara, Johnnie Turner, Thomas Reed, James Bonfiglio and Bill Huber.

If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact (Scott Deahna, Grand Knight) at his email address [scott34465@yahoo.com](mailto:scott34465@yahoo.com) or my mobile 352-464-7487.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Brothers James Alexander and Dan Martin for their kind assistance with this Newsletter!

## Council Birthdays

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



December 2 - Joe Pelletier Jr  
 December 2 - Jerry Zaback  
 December 3 - Russell Ritirato  
 December 7 - Jonathan Genz  
 December 8 - Ken Gaasch  
 December 8 - Dr Michael Mercandetti  
 December 9 - Ted Bogusz  
 December 9 - Karl Gigante  
 December 10 - Louis Caravella  
 December 11 - Fred Cooper  
 December 15 - Thomas Locrasto  
 December 17 - Neil Corrado  
 December 19 - Chris Pariseau  
 December 24 - Dr Jim Walsh  
 December 28 - David Woodford  
 December 31 - Michael Dressel

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

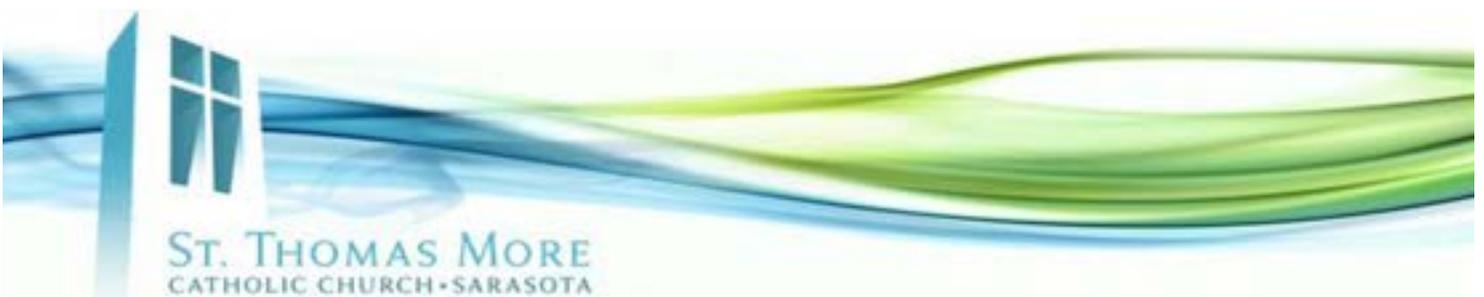
Fr. Daniel J Scanlan – Chaplain  
 Scott T Deahna – Grand Knight  
 Francis S McElroy - Financial Secretary  
 John T Spinale - Deputy Grand Knight  
 Kevin G Deady – Chancellor  
 Ed J Powers – Recorder  
 Kenneth H Berberich – Treasurer  
 Daniel J Bulinski – Advocate  
 Stephen M Melchiorre – Warden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

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## Council Upcoming Events



- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, December 3rd, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. A Rosary prayer at 7:30 am precedes the Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The Council will deliver coats to children in need in our community as part of the Coats for Kids charity on Saturday, December 6th, at the Stillpoint Mission in Bradenton..
- The STM Annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 7th, starting at 4:00 p.m. in the Chelsea Center.
- The Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at Incarnation.
- Our Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The Council Christmas Social will be on Thursday, December 18th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stoneybrook Country Club.
- A Cruise Raffle fund raiser will take place at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 20th, and at all Masses on Sunday, December 21st.



## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.

With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out. WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus. Visit [www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus](http://www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus) and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.



Lastly, I'd like to remind you of your 2025 Annual Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven't already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so. This year, all survey respondents will be entered into a drawing for a Knights of Columbus RTIC® cooler, with several chances to win! Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at <https://survey.kofc.org>. Whether you have questions about the survey or want to talk about setting up an extended care plan, I'm here to help you.

Only current members of Knights of Columbus who respond to the survey are eligible. The cooler giveaway starts August 18th and ends December 8th, 2025. Winners are selected by random drawing. Winners will be notified on December 15th, 2025.

Yours in Christ,

Brian DeBlauw

Cell: 440-669-8957

Email: [brian.deblauw@kofc.org](mailto:brian.deblauw@kofc.org)

Calendarbooking: \_

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# Council Calendar



# Knights of Columbus®

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**Calendar**

Today    < >    December 2025    [Calendar Icon] [Print Icon]    Month ▾

SUN 30	MON Dec 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	STM Chelsea Set-up		Early Rosary @ 7:30A KofC Mass @ 8:00AM Officers Mtg @ 7:00P			Coats for Kids Distrib
7 STM Parish Christma	8	9	10 STM Christmas Conc	11 Council Mtg @ 7:00 P St. Mary Academy To	12 STM Christmas Conc	13 STM Christmas Conc Wreaths Across Ame
14	15 Assembly Mtg @ Inc	16 Degree Exemplificat STM Church Christm	17	18 Social Event @ Stone	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31 Jan 1 New Year's Day	2	3	

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