



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BISHOPVEROT COUNCIL # 5845



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December 2025

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## From the Grand Knight



The song says, "it's the most wonderful time of the year." And how true these words are with Thanksgiving just behind us and Christmas only weeks away, this time of Advent is one of reflection and anticipation, family and friends.

We start this newsletter with our biggest fund raiser of the year, the Christmas tree sales fundraiser. This fundraiser provides the majority of the proceeds which funds 23 of the charities we support. From the delivery of 454 trees, which came on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to the sale of the final tree on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Knights generously volunteered hundreds of hours of their time to make this season a memorable and successful one.

### Unloading the trees





# From the Grand Knight Continued



Father Scott blessing the trees



Selling the trees



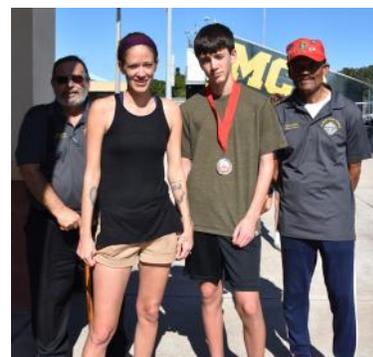


# From the Grand Knight Continued



We had a few participants in our council that won 1st place in their age groups at the district level Soccer challenge and advanced to the regional soccer challenge. The regional soccer challenge was held on November 22nd at MCC. Then the 1st place winners of the regional soccer challenge advanced on to the state soccer challenge which was on December 13th at MCC.

## Regional



## State





## From the Grand Knight Continued



Interfaith United, held their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual United in Thanksgiving prayer service at Holy Name of Jesus on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The Knights were asked to assist with parking control for the nighttime prayer service and reception to follow. We provided the service as requested and all vehicles were parked without incident.



The month of November came to a close with a Fifth Sunday Rosary held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month.





## From the Grand Knight Continued

At our December Business Meeting, BK Ronald Demuynck was recognized as Knight of the Month and David and Hellen Russell as our council's Family of the Month.

Ronald Demuynck joined the knights in August and has been a fixture at most of our activities. BBQ's, coffee and donuts, FIT dinners, Church events, Keep Christ in Christmas sales, Parking assistance, 1st Friday and 5th Sunday rosaries, as well as Live4More events.



Dave and Helen have been mainstays of our parish for years. David has been an indispensable member of the Thrift shop, since July 2019 in the capacity of assistant manager to Silvi, and has helped with resolving our Wi-Fi problem at our Tree sale Quonset hut. Helen has also been a valuable volunteer at the thrift shop from 2019 to 2024. She has been an HNJ Gift and Book Shop volunteer for the past 20 years working as assistant to both Janice and Margarita, is involved with HNJ's Crafters, and is an adoration adorer.



BK Russell Kimler was presented with The Knight of the Month certificate he was previously awarded but did not receive.

A few months ago, a request came in from BK Shawn Milam to the Knights to man the Last Supper float at the Bible on Parade entry. In years past, HNJ took the lead in providing the manpower needed by this float. In recent years, this float has been unoccupied. Without 13 volunteers the float would be retired and the last supper and Christ's installation of the eucharist would no longer be represented. Thirteen eager Knights volunteered and the Last Supper float will continue to be part of this parade.





## From the Grand Knight Continued



We will end this newsletter with our Knights of Columbus Christmas Party. SK Jamey Reeves and Joan Crabtree, wife of SK Glenn Crabtree, with the help of many of our knights, their wives, and families helped put on another successful Christmas Celebration. Special thanks have to be given to SK Bertrand (Bert) Forest. Bert is an amazing pianist who entertained the crowd of 98 for hours with Christmas and other popular songs.



I want to wish you, your families and friends a Joyous Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!  
Peter Gioia  
Grand Knight





# December Events

<b>Dec</b>	<b>M-F S &amp; S</b>	<b>3pm-9pm 9am-9pm</b>	<b>Christmas tree sales-three hour shifts</b>	<b>Quonset hut</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>Rm 101</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>1st Friday Rosary Cancelled</b>	<b>Church</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>9am-11am</b>	<b>Visitation for Joe McConnell</b>	<b>Beach Funeral Home</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Bible On Parade—Last Supper Float</b>	<b>Melbourne Civic Center</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Set up Hall for Christmas Party</b>	<b>Life Center Hall</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>State Soccer challenge</b>	<b>MCC</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Life Center Hall</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Planning meeting</b>	<b>Room 101</b>
	<b>21</b>	<b>All Masses</b>	<b>Coffee and Donuts</b>	<b>Community Room</b>



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# Insurance

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## *Advent – The Gift of Protection*

A Blessed Advent to you all!

As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it's undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them.

These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen?

I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance.

The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payments, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly.

Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds of a growing financial legacy — a foundation to give your loved ones so they can continue to build upon what you've worked for.

Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives.

Let's schedule time to connect before the end of the year so we can explore affordable options together that can help make a big difference for your peace of mind in 2026 and for years to come.

Vivat Jesus!

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Knight of the Month for December

Ronald Demuynck

Family of the Month for December

David & Helen Russell




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## Upcoming Events:

- January 6th-Business meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101
- January 11th-Corporate Communion, 8:45am at church
- January 11th-Pancake Breakfast after all morning masses at Life Center Cafeteria
- January 16th-Basketball & Hockey Challenge, 8:00am at Gym
- January 17th & 18th-Recruiting Weekend, all masses, Atrium
- January 18th- Coffee & donuts after all morning masses, at community room
- January 20th-Planning Meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101
- January 21st- District Director's Quarterly Meeting, 6:30pm at Room 101
- January 27th-Exemplification, 7:00pm at church
- January 30th & 31st- Live 4 More Conference, at Life center Hall