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ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany during the month of January. It celebrates the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world and the beginning of his mission on earth.

The Magi, Three Kings, or Wise Men, represent all the peoples of the earth. The gifts they brought to Jesus, frankincense, myrrh, and gold, symbolize Christ's divinity and his crucifixion.

Grand Knights Report

Feast of the Epiphany -



The Feast of the Epiphany celebrated on January 6th (this year on Sunday, January 5th), signifies the conclusion of the Christmas Season, marking the 12th day of Christmas. Within the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany Feast Day commemorates the revelation of Jesus as the Son of God. This celebration predominantly highlights the revelation to the Three Wise Men, but also it encompasses moments such as His baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist and the miraculous event at the wedding in Cana.

Last July, as the fraternal year began, our goal was to deepen our spiritual growth by concentrating on the Eucharist in the Mass, the power of Prayer, and Personal Reflection on our lives of service, ultimately renewing our dedication to serving others through acts of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. As the new year begins, many of us make at least one or more "New Year's Resolutions" in order to implement positive changes for personal growth.

As Knights of Columbus, January brings a distinctive chance: an opportunity to strengthen our bond with Jesus by engaging in charitable works such as volunteering for Council activities: the Citizens with Disabilities, the Cruise Raffle, serving at the Orioles Spring Training games and the May K of C Golf Outing. These opportunities allow us to financially support our charities who in turn depend on our contributions to fulfill their mission of helping others throughout our community.

Sir Knight Joseph Tiffany - STAR Recruiter Award



I am pleased to announce the "STAR Recruiter Award" in honor of past Sir Knight Joseph Tiffany to recognize his relentless pursuit of new members to our Council resulting in the STAR Council Award.

The purpose of this award is to recognize a member of our Council for exceptional achievement in bringing new members to our Council and helping us to reach STAR Council status. The winner of the 1st award will be decided by the Chancellor, Kevin Deady at the end of June. '25 and based on the total number of qualified new members joining our Council over the fraternal year of 2024 -'25.

Grand Knights Report

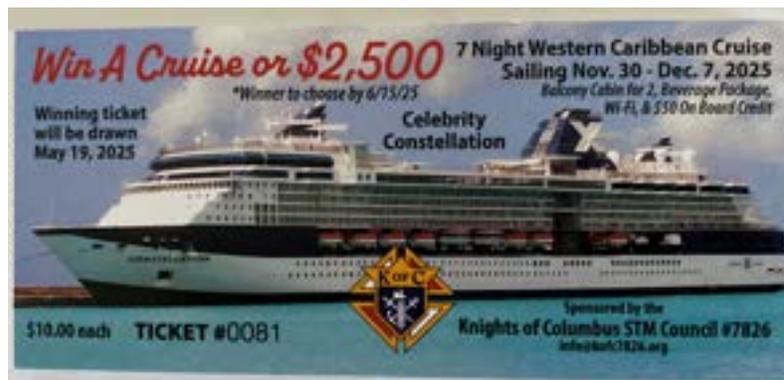
KNIGHT'S MASS -

On December 4th we had our monthly “Knight’s Mass” at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with over 40 Knights and wives in attendance. Fr. Nick was the celebrant and the rosary was prayed before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration following the Mass. Both the rosary and the Mass were dedicated to those on the Good of the Order list with a special intention for our Brother Joe Tiffany. Please join your Brother Knights on Wednesday, January 8th for this month’s Mass.



CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES CAMPAIGN -

The last weekend in January (24th-26th) begins our *CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES* Campaign at 4 neighborhood Publix stores. This campaign will require volunteers to fill 2 hour time slots at each store from Friday thru Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Brothers Corey DeVito, Scott Deahna, or Steve McElroy to volunteer at a store.



CRUISE RAFFLE -

January kicks off the sale of Cruise Raffle tickets as a major fund raiser for our Council. Brother Dan Bulinski and Brother Steve Melchiorre will be distributing tickets to all Council members and looking for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets after the Sunday masses on January 18-19th. Please volunteer to help them and support our major Council fund raiser starting this month!

KNIGHTS MEMORIAL MASS -

We will honor ALL departed Brother Knights from our Council at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January, 19th. This Memorial Mass will honor all of the fallen Knights in our Council since its inception.

Please try to attend this Mass in memory of our departed brother Knights and their families.

OFFICER TEAM OPENINGS -

Our Council is looking to fill several Officer positions for next fraternal year. The available positions are: Deputy Grand Knight, Advocate, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, Recorder, and 3rd Year Trustee.

If you are interested in serving as an Officer, please contact John Cesare or GK, Ralph Neller, for more information on these positions.

Faith In Action

COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CLINIC PRESENTATION -

On December 3rd we presented the total donations from the Baby Bottle Campaign to CPC in Sarasota. This year we raised \$14,000 to benefit the CPC.

Scott Baier, CPC CEO, was present to receive the checks with Joel Chute, the Program Director, and the staff at the Sarasota clinic. As you can see from the following pictures; they were excited and very thankful to STM and the STM K of C for this record-breaking amount.



To all those volunteers and the parishioners at STM who gave of their time and treasure during the Baby Bottle and Amendment 4 Campaigns THANK YOU !



Faith In Action

FR DANIEL SCANLAN - LANDSCAPING PROJECT -

On Tuesday, December 3rd, Brother Knights Ken Berberich, Max Streibel, John Cesare, John Spinale and Fr Daniel- completed the 2nd phase of the Landscaping Project at Fr Daniel's residence. Denise Caldonia dropped by to support us on the work. Planted were 12 bougainvillea bushes, 3 ixoras, a bougainvillea tree and a fern - that really "popped" the landscaping. This after removing several plants and mulching once the plantings were done. It was joyous work and glad to see Fr Daniel's happiness - now he has to water the plants regularly.

The following pictures display several before and after pictures of Fr. Daniel's yard.



To all the volunteers who worked on this project from those who trimmed and edged to those who planted and mulched and cleaned up - THANK YOU!

Faith In Action

Coats for Kids -

This year our STM Council was joined by the Incarnation and St. Patrick's Councils to hand out over 350 new coats at Stillpoint Mission in Bradenton as part of their special "Holiday Give Away" for families in need this winter.



Many thanks to PGK, Ken Berberich, and Brother Derek Noll for making the early trip to Still point Mission on Saturday and distributing the coats to the kids. It was a very rewarding experience.

Faith In Action

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY -

This year's Parish Christmas Party was a grand success! We had over 90 Knight and parish volunteers help with the Tree and decorations, Chelsea Center set-up, preparation, cooking and serving of the Christmas dinner.

Special thanks to PGK Jim Meyd as Chairman of the Christmas Committee and the team leaders: Jack Rodman, John Cesare, Dave & Sue Bracy, and Al Ferrigno (Santa Claus). Also, a special thanks to Judy Arsenault and Trish Ann Berberich for organizing the raffle baskets and to Carol Szafranski, and Denise Caldonia, for finding donors for the raffle baskets and to Steve and Carol McElroy for ticket sales and tracking. Through their hard work and those of all the volunteers, the sale of raffle tickets raised over \$6k for the parish CFA. A great job done by all!



Faith In Action



Faith In Action



Thank you to ALL the many volunteers from the set-up of the Christmas tree and the table decorations, to the kitchen crew, the servers, the bussers, the runners and the clean-up crew. To the ladies who made the raffle baskets and to those who sold the tickets. Fr. Nick and Fr. Daniel were very impressed with the organization and coordination of the volunteers in serving over 300 STM parishioners!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Faith In Action



December Christmas Social -

Our Council December Christmas social was held at Stoneybrook CC with 84 Knights, their wives and significant others in attendance to celebrate Christmas and to present Fr. Nick with a check for the parish CFA generated by the Christmas raffle baskets!



Faith In Action

December Christmas Social (continued) -

The Parish Christmas Party raised just over \$6k! Judy Arsenault and Trish Ann Berberich with Carol Szafranski and Denise Caldonia presented the check to Fr. Nick for the STM CFA. Thanks again to these special ladies for all their work!



Faith In Action

STAR DISTRICT & STAR COUNCIL AWARDS -

Our Regional Administrator, Bob Guillery, presented the STAR District Award to our past DD, Dr. Steve Wyer, for 2023-'24. This award was presented to Dr. Wyer as every Council within his district (St. Thomas More, Incarnation, and St. Patrick's) achieved STAR Council status last fraternal year during his tenure as the District Deputy.



STAR COUNCIL AWARDS -

The STAR Council awards for Program Director, and Membership for the 2023-'24 fraternal year were presented to past DGK, Charlie Culkin, and past Chancellor, Chris Pariseau in recognition of their roles in our achieving STAR Council last year.



Faith In Action

Knights of the Month - Lynn Quartermaine & Dave Paben - Both Dave Paben & Lynn Quartermaine are awarded this month's KOM for their work on the new Honor's Cabinet. This second cabinet will hold our latest Council Awards and memorials.



Family of the Month - Jim and Beth Meyd - Our December's Family of the Month are responsible for leading various activities both with our Council and our parish. Most recently, we thank them both for their work on the Parish Christmas Party.



Faith In Action

PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

Our 1st Pancake Breakfast in 2025 is scheduled on January 19th after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Please contact Brothers Dan Martin or Jack Rodman to volunteer for this parish event.



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DEPAUL -

On December 19th John Cesare and our Grand Knight presented a \$1k check to Ed Carthew the head of the STM Society of St. Vincent DePaul from our Council to support their work with the poor and disadvantaged.



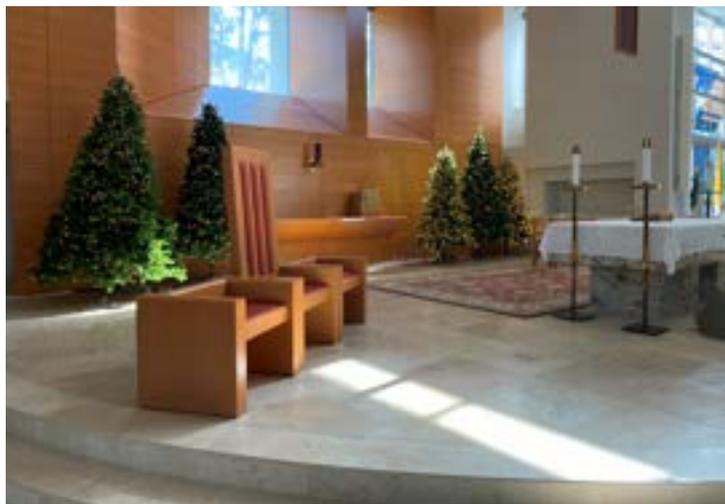
SMPC CHECK PRESENTATION -

Brother Frank Moeslein is pictured above representing STM Council 7826 along side several other local Council representatives at the recent SMPC check presentation to Jennifer Carey, CEO, Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center.

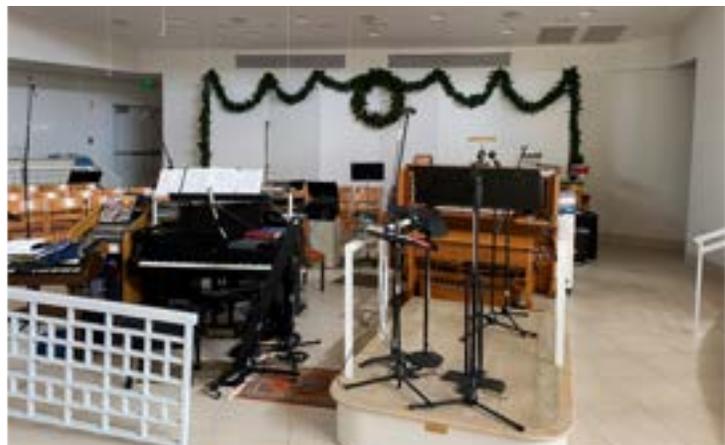
Last October SMPC held an Ecumenical Dinner For Life II Charity Benefit at the K of C Hall on Fruitville Rd. hosted by St. Martha’s Council. The funds raised from this dinner amounted to \$11,400. This final check was presented to Ms. Jennifer Carey, CEO of Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center. Seen in the picture are representatives of St. Martha, Incarnation, and STM Councils.



Parish News



Christmas Decorations - Special thanks to those Knights who helped to decorate the church for Christmas: Michael Mazur, Jeb Kingseed, Ken Berberich and John Koitsch.



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 still 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.

Committee Corner



RIGHT TO LIFE -

St Thomas More Knights and Defenders of Life,

We trust you had a joyous Christmas celebration and we wish you Christ's peace in 2025.

Thank you for all you do to protect the life of the unborn. We don't always see the fruits of our efforts when we spend an hour on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood but with God all things are possible. Last year, by the grace of God, 17 Babies were saved in Sarasota. This year it would be a blessing to far exceed that number.. Even one baby saved is a miracle. We will begin our efforts on the 4th Thursday in January - January 23rd from 9am-1pm. Please join us!



Also, this is an early reminder to register for CPCI's annual Dinner event on Saturday, February 22, 2025 by clicking on this link - <https://supportcpci.com/sarasota-2025-dinner-event/>, Neil Corrado and Brian Harkins will be table captains and we hope to fill 2 tables of 8 if not more! Seating will be limited so it's best to register early. Fr. Daniel will be giving the invocation and the guest speak, Dr. John Bruchalski, is the well regarded guest speaker and former abortionist. This is always an inspiring gathering. It is also a free will offering event.

There are Sponsorship and Program opportunities and St Thomas More will be recognized due to the tremendous success of the Baby Bottle initiative led by Joe and Ann Dean that raised over \$14,000 dollars for CPCI. Please let us know when you have registered, so we can be sure to work with the team at CPCI to assemble the tables correctly. It is always an inspiring event!

"Life is the most basic human right, and without it, no other rights can be enjoyed or protected."

*For Life,
Neil and Brian*

Committee Corner



Special Olympics -

The TORCH Campaign at Publix is an annual event and for the Florida K of C Councils it represents the longest-standing commitment since its inception in 1968. Local Councils work with Publix and Special Olympics state-wide during the Torch campaign.

Since 1993, more than \$71 million dollars has been raised through the Torch Icon Campaign, helping Special Olympics athletes to develop their physical and mental wellness, demonstrate courage and experience the power of sports with their family, friends and their local communities.

Please follow the Steps listed in the opposite column to become a Store Champion. If you should have any questions please contact Deborah Jackson direct at deborahjackson@soFL.org or by phone at 352-910-4147.

If you are interested in becoming involved in Special Olympics please reach out to Brother John Cesare for details at johncesare1@verizon.net

BE A STORE Champion
2025 Torch Icon Campaign at Publix
January 10-19

The 2025 Torch Icon Campaign at Publix Needs CHAMPIONS like YOU! It's easy!

- 1 Sign up to visit a Publix Super Market near you and visit that store three times during the campaign
- 2 Visit each store for a minimum of two hours each, with one visit on the first Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the campaign.
- 3 Enjoy special CHAMPION recognition including cool swag, celebratory parties, and mention at the 2025 State Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

Click Link Here → **Sign Up Here!**

For questions or additional information, please contact Debbie Jackson | deborahjackson@sofLorg | (352) 910-4147



Our new member goal for 2024-25 is 11. As we begin the second half of this fraternal year we have 5 new members. This leaves us with a goal of 6 new members to recruit before the end of June, 2025 if we are to make STAR Council again this year. We need every member to sponsor at least 1 new member before the June deadline.

New Members must be a practicing Catholic, 18+ years of age. We need your help to reach out to K of C “prospects”. You can contact Chancellor Kevin Deady, at his email kevingdeady@gmail.com or his telephone # 312-909-3572. Membership growth is essential to the success of our Council.

Committee Corner

BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING SEASON BEGINS NEXT MONTH-

The Baltimore Orioles 2025 Spring Training Season begins with their first home game on Saturday, February 22nd - and the St. Thomas More/Incarnation Councils Spring Training Team is already fully staffed for their Outdoor Patio Grill at Ed Smith Stadium for the Orioles 15-game schedule. For the 14th consecutive year, the two Councils will be working a concession stand together.

On December 3rd, the "2025 Spring Training Baseball Sign-Up Sheet" was sent to all Council Members. In two weeks, fifty-three Brothers and Sisters from both Councils volunteered for the upcoming Spring Training Season. Since the concession stand positions are completely full, no more volunteers are needed.

Because there was such great interest in working the 2025 Spring Training Season, all 15 games were over booked. As a result, many volunteers will not be assigned all the games that they requested. My goal is that each volunteer will work about 50 percent of the games that they requested. During the first two weeks of January, I will be making games assignments. Also, I will be ordering hats and shirts for volunteers who ordered them and parking passes for all volunteers.



If you have any questions, please email (cinandchas@verizon.net) or call me (941-504-5490). Let's have a great 2025 Spring Training Baseball Season!!

See you at the Ball Park!

Charlie Culkin,
Director, Spring Training Baseball

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	PHI	BOS		MIN	PIT	DET	TB
FEBRUARY/MARCH	MIN	PIT	NYN	ATL	TOR	MIN	PIT
	PHI	BOS	TOR		NYN	DET	PIT
	DET						
	ATL						

Legend: HOME AWAY

*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Committee Corner

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE-

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sybilla Schwehr on December 26th. Sybilla, a strong proponent and generous benefactor of our Council's scholarship program, was the widow of Sir Knight Richard (Dick) Schwehr who passed away in September 2016.

Dick was an active member of our Council and with a career as a senior engineer with a large international manufacturer, he believed in the importance of education for everyone. As a result, upon his passing, Sybilla and the Schwehr family donated to the Knights of Columbus to help start up our Council's scholarship program with Cardinal Mooney High School and have continued to fund an annual scholarship in his honor.

One of their daughters always participates in our annual scholarship program for the presentation of the Richard Schwehr memorial scholarship. The family's donations have been continuous and generous to the Scholarship Program and the legacy that Sybilla created in memory of her husband will continue with a memorial scholarship for many years to come.

Sybilla had relocated just a few months ago from Sunnyside in Sarasota to a family home in Ohio where funeral services will take place. There will also be a memorial mass scheduled by the family at St. Jude Catholic Church in Sarasota sometime later in 2025 with more detail will be shared when available.

Thank you,
Steve McElroy
Chairman Scholarship Committee



SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES-

Our Council offers a Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School scholarship program for children and grandchildren of parents and grandparents who are registered parishioners at St. Thomas More. The scholarships available range from \$1,000 up to \$3,000 and most are sponsored as memorials from Brother Knights or their surviving families. We always have more deserving applicants than scholarships available, so to encourage new sponsors. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring a scholarship through our Council program, please contact Steve McElroy at mcelroyfs@verizon.net or 941-539-4263. And consider joining us June 10th at 7:00 PM in the Spirit Center when we award the five scholarships for the upcoming academic year 2025-2026.



Committee Corner

STM 4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT -

i hope you and your family are healthy and doing well. This is my first "reach out" to golfers, golf captains et al that have supported the St Thomas More / Knights of Columbus Council 7826 Golf Outing. You may be getting this and play on a captain-sponsored golf team or major sponsor team. I wanted to make sure that all past golfers (that I have an email) receive this notice. If so, please, refer this to your captain / team sponsor.

We will be playing our 4th Annual Golf Outing at Serenoa Golf Club on Monday, May 5th (Cinco de Maya), 2025, registration 7:30am. As in the past, we will be hosting a continental breakfast, 18 hole/best ball golf, driving and putting range, BBQ lunch and awards, prizes, raffle baskets, auction items, 50/50 and others. An "awesome "goodie bag" is provided to all golfers. A \$25,000 hole-in-one, hole is on the agenda.

At this time - we are looking for confirmation of the teams and (individual) players. Due to inflation, we increased our golf fee to \$125 per golfer / \$500 per 4some. We would ask the teams and players to begin paying in early JANUARY, through the end of this month, that way, we can collect the funds for the outing and determine the # teams, players et al. We are looking to host (about) 28 teams this year or 112 golfers. Please refer this to your team captain if he/she is sponsoring the 4some.

We are beginning, at this time, as well to seek Hole Sponsors and I will be reaching out to our Major Sponsors of the event. If you would like to be a Hole Sponsor or Major Sponsor, in addition to playing at the event, the cost of a hole sponsor with signage on the course is \$100. We have many sponsors "in memory of" and for families or businesses. Our Major Sponsors with a 4some, pay \$1000 for the event.



Please let us know ASAP if you are intending to play or host a team, by sending in the attached Registration Form. Funds should be paid, as well. Please remit this to - check payable to Kofc Council 7826 and mailed to, Charlie Culkin, 5351 Fox Run Road, Sarasota FL 34231.

I may be reached at berberichken@yahoo.com

We have 18 members on our Golf Committee, will have approx 30 volunteers at the event and we recognize the support of the management team at Serenoa Golf Club - as to make this a successful event and fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus, St Thomas More Council 7826.

Respectfully,

Ken Berberich, Chair
Knights of Columbus Council 7826 Golf Outing

Council Good of the Order

Please pray for the following individuals:

Charley Baldelli
 Shirley Berardinelli (widow of Alec)
 Ken Berberich
 Ted Bogusz
 Dave & Sue Bracy
 Erin Macalonie Brady (daughter of John Macalonie)
 Pat Cesare
 Ed Cox
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie Culkin)
 Susan DeBlauw (wife of Brian)
 Jean DeVito (wife of Cory)
 Mary Ann Dinisi (Sister of Tom Nate)
 Gary Ellis
 Madeline Garvin (wife of Gary Garvin)
 Paula Garvin (daughter-in-law of Gary)
 Pat Guadagno
 Jan Jakubiuk
 John Koitsch
 Ted Kovacic
 Don Leonard
 Roy MacGillis
 John & Kay Maier
 Ron McCluskey
 Jim Meyd
 Thomas Nate
 Margie Noll (wife of Derek)
 Hank Peppard Jr.
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)
 Tony Picozzi
 Ed Plankey
 Tom Reed
 Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano)
 Eugene SobECKI (C. Ballschmeider's sister-in-law)
 John Spinale
 Madalyn Tiffany (wife of Joe)
 Johnnie Turner
 Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol & John)
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)
 Mrs. Sybil Schwehr

Sir Knight Joseph Tiffany



Our past Advocate, Sir Knight Joseph Tiffany passed away peacefully on December 1, 2024. He was an exceptional Knight and did so much for our Council. His Celebration of Life Mass will be held at St. Thomas More Church on January 25th at 10:00 a.m. Please keep Madalyn and his family in your prayers!

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 Ralph Neller, Grand Knight at his email address rneller65@outlook.com or his mobile 513-708-0528.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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

Council Birthdays

January Birthday Celebrations



January 1 - Roy Rasmussen
 January 1 - Jan Jakubiuk
 January 2 - Robert Sorge
 January 4 - Derek Noll
 January 8 - Paul Hudale
 January 14 - Ken Keating
 January 17 - Theodore Kovacic
 January 19 - John Cesare
 January 19 - Richard Stauffer
 January 20 - Dave Bracy
 January 21 - Jerry Hayes
 January 22 - Philip DeCarlo
 January 22 - Jeffery Pick
 January 27 - Ralph Neller
 January 30 - Richard Calo

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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, January 8th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will pray the rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration to follow the Mass.
 - The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for January 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
 - Our next Council Business Meeting will be on Thursday, January 9th, at 7:00 in the Spirit Center.
 - Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, January 13th at Incarnation Church starting at 7:00 p.m.
 - Our next Council social will be held at Miguel’s on Siesta Key on Friday, January 17th, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Cruise Raffle ticket sales will be held after each Mass on the weekend of January 18-19th
 - On Sunday, January 19th, the 10:00 a.m. Mass will be dedicated to the memory of all our departed Brother Knights. Please plan to attend and pray for all of the Brothers in our Council who have passed.
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- Our 1st Pancake Breakfast for 2025 will be on Sunday, January 19th after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Chelsea Center.
 - This month’s Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21st beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
 - The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, January 23rd between 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.
 - Our Citizens with Disabilities Campaign will begin on Friday, January 24th, through Sunday, January 26th, between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the 4 Publix stores assigned.
 - The Celebration of Life Mass for brother and Sir Knight Joseph Tiffany will be held at 10:00 a.m. at STM with a reception to follow in the Chelsea Center.

Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and merry Christmas.

All of us start the new year of 2025 afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2025 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year. Some years I do better than others.

But here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me.

First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable.

The same is true of all those other resolutions we make.

I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day...but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction.

I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step.

I might want to read more, so I can start by reading a chapter a day in a book.

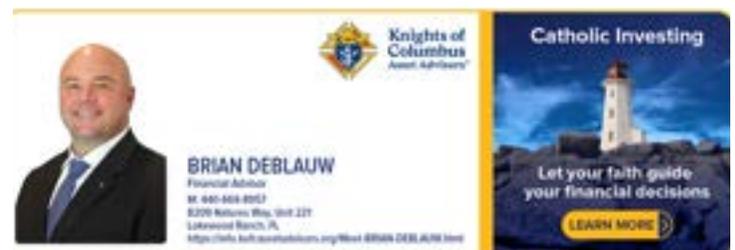
You get the idea. The resolution must be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family appropriately protected.

I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus! God Bless!

Brian DeBlauw



Calendar - January, 2025



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ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4
5	6 EPIPHANY	7	8 Knight's Mass 8:00 am Rosary Officers Mtg 7:00 pm SC	9 Council Mtg. 7:00 pm. SC	10	11
12	13 Assembly Mtg. 7:00 pm incarnation	14	15	16	17 Social at Miguel's on Siesta Key @ 5:30 pm	18 Cruise Raffle Ticket Sales - All Masses
19 Special 10:00 a.m. Mass for ALL STM departed Knights Pancake Breakfast 8-10:00 am Masses	20 CC	21 Exemplification 6:30 pm SC	22	23 Prayer Walk 9- 1:00 pm. Planned Parent.	24 Citizens with Disabilities 11:00-5:00 pm Publix Stores	25 Celebration of Life Mass - 10:00am CWD 1:00-5:00 pm Publix Stores
26 Citizens with Disabilities 11:00-5:00 pm Publix Stores	27	28	29	30	31	
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