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A SACRED SEASON OF REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, AND RENEWAL, INVITING US TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER, FASTING, AND SELF-DENIAL IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER.



Chaplains Message



Lenten Guidance -

Lent 2026 runs from Ash Wednesday, February 18, to Holy Thursday, April 2, with its focus on the pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for spiritual renewal. Worthy themes emphasize returning to roots, deepening faith, and creating life-giving habits, aiming to move closer to God through self-denial and acts of charity.

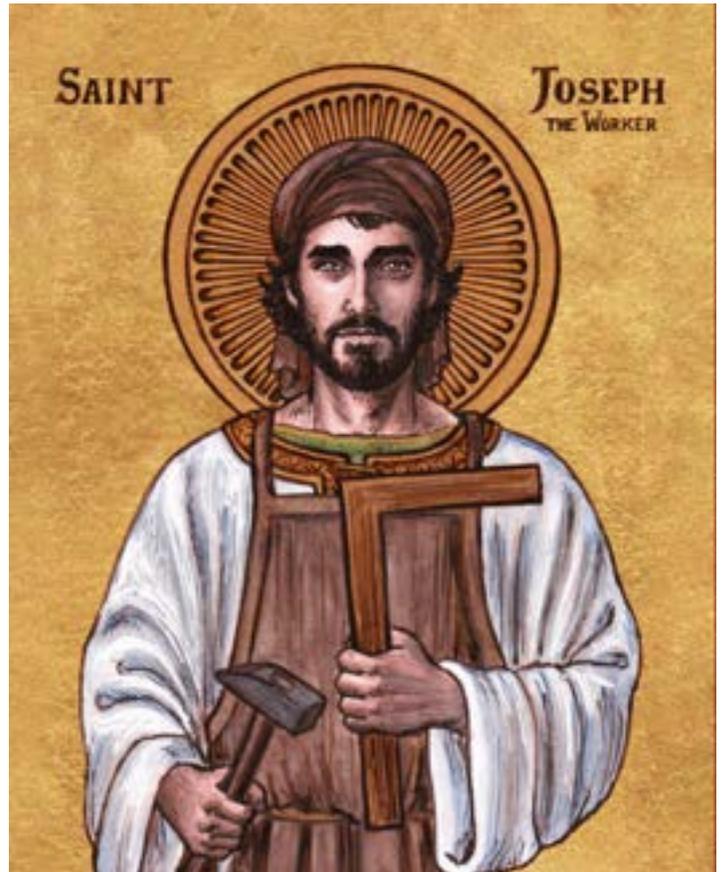
Here are some themes and guidance:

Theme Focus: Centering on grounding in faith, community, and intentional, daily spiritual growth.

Spiritual Practices: Engaging in deep prayer, such as the Stations of the Cross, and reducing distractions through fasting.

Meaningful Sacrifices: Beyond traditional fasting, consider giving up negative habits (e.g., procrastination or grudges) to make room for spiritual abundance.

Actionable Steps: Focus on concrete, small acts of service and charity weekly.



March: Dedicated to Saint Joseph -

Every month in the Catholic Church is dedicated to a particular devotion; for March, it is Saint Joseph. This is due to the principal feast of Saint Joseph being celebrated on March 19th. This date was chosen to honor and commemorate his role as the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. It usually falls during the season of Lent and provides an opportunity to consider and embrace the sacrifice and suffering of Saint Joseph as he lived each moment in God’s will and anticipated the inevitable passion of his beloved foster Son.

By dedicating the month of March to Saint Joseph, the Church encourages believers to reflect on his virtues, seek his intercession, and deepen their understanding of his significance in salvation history.

Chaplains Message

Dear Brother Knights,

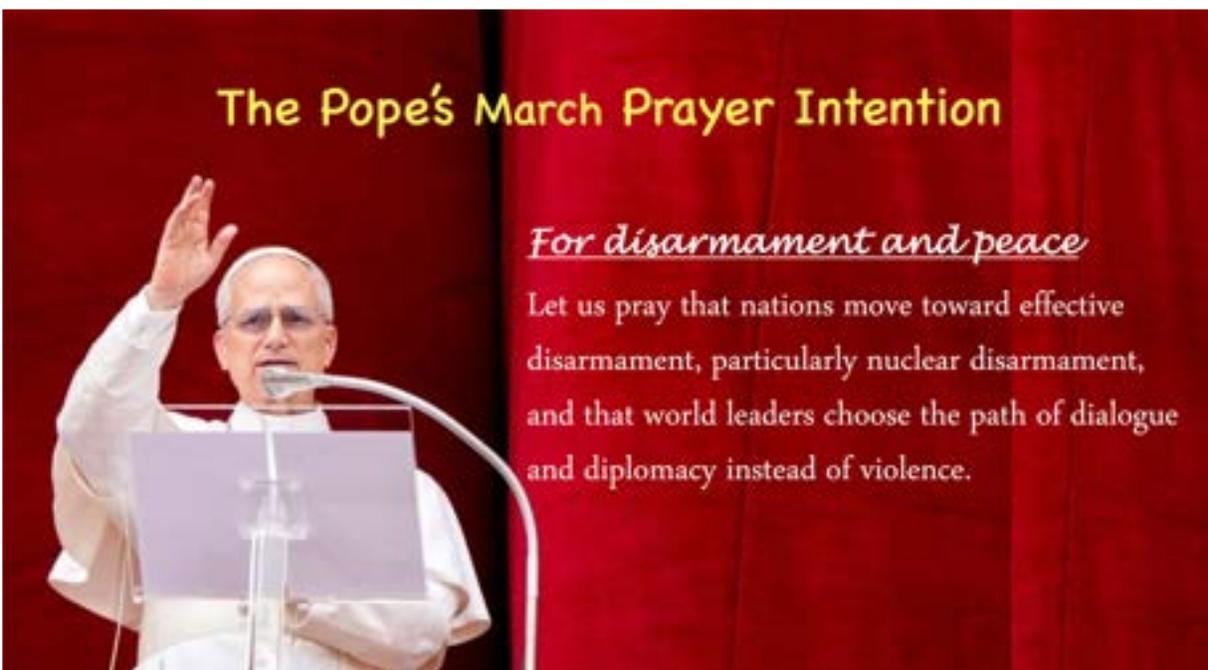
I hope this newsletter finds you well. We continue our journey into Lent. A word on the cross. Jesus said to Padre Pio once: "How many times would you have abandoned me, my son, if I had not crucified you. Beneath the Cross, one learns love." In the moment, I can only think of Simon the Cyrenean. The Roman soldiers forced him to help Jesus carry the cross. The cross was forced upon him like it is upon so many of us. When I reflect upon this moment of the passion, I imagine how in the beginning, Simon bore it resentfully and bitterly, maybe afraid how others may associate him with this criminal condemned to death. With each passing step, however, there must have been a moment in which Simon actually looked at Jesus -- a moment in which their eyes met. Simon saw Him as a person. He saw his suffering and yet, he saw his innocence; and he may have had a deep intuition in that moment that this suffering was, in fact, being borne for him.

I believe Simon had a profound conversion on that journey helping Jesus' carry the cross. I believe he truly encountered Jesus' love for him. It only happened, however, because the cross was forced upon him. Whenever the cross is forced upon us, we each have to make a choice. We can either turn to God in the midst of it or reject God and blaspheme Him because of it. Suffering is a time when we truly experience our weakness and frailty; it is also a time when we recognize our desperate need for God's help.

Brother Knights, as we enter deeper into this season of Lent, ask God for the grace to embrace your cross and to love your cross. To see the cross as a gift from God to draw you closer to his son Jesus. It is the very means by which we come to know His love for us and the very means by which we are able to prove our love for Him. Know you remain in my prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Daniel



Grand Knights Report



Brother Knights,

The below table identifies a number of charitable donations the council has planned for March and April.

To support the councils charitable donations, the council holds 3 primary fund raisers each year:

- Cruise Raffle - Lead by Dan Flynn.
- Spring Baseball - Lead by Charlie Culkin and Dale Hass (Incarnation).
- Golf Tournament - Lead by PGK Ken Berberich.

The Baby Bottle Campaign, lead by Joe Dean, and the Citizens with Disabilities fund raiser, lead by Corey Devito, are direct pass throughs supporting the Community Pregnancy Center, St. Mary's Academy and the Oak Park School.

The Council hosted the Silver Rose on Saturday, February 21st, 2026. A Rosary and Act of Consecration was performed by Fr. Daniel.

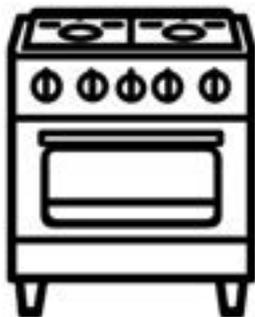
Approximately 25 Knights and 100 parishioners participated. The Silver Rose is a Knights of Columbus "touring Icon" and is delivered by the Knights on Bikes. See attached article.

The Councils new Faith Formation Director, Michael Mercandetti, is hosting two lent related programs. A council notification, "A Parish Lenten Journey" was emailed on Feb. 9th. A council notification, "A Lenten Encounter with Mercy" was emailed on Feb 21st.

Additionally, Fr. Daniel is planning a Knights retreat to be held at the Diocese Retreat Center in Venice FL.

| Planned Contributions 7/1/25 thru 6/30/26 | Budgeted | | | Disbursed thru 2/28/25 | Balance to Disburse | Planned Distribution |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Revenue | Expenditures | Net | | | |
| STM - Chelsea Kitchen Upgrades | \$0 | \$10,000 | (\$10,000) | (\$9,523) | (\$477) | N/A |
| Coats for Kids | \$0 | \$7,000 | (\$7,000) | (\$6,093) | (\$907) | N/A |
| RSVP Program | \$1,000 | \$5,000 | (\$4,000) | (\$2,000) | (\$2,000) | March |
| STM Catholic Faith Appeal | \$0 | \$4,000 | (\$4,000) | (\$2,000) | (\$2,000) | March |
| Council Scholarship Program | \$0 | \$3,000 | (\$3,000) | \$0 | (\$3,000) | May |
| Operation Warrior Resolution | \$0 | \$2,000 | (\$2,000) | \$0 | (\$2,000) | TBD |
| Habitat for Humanity | \$0 | \$2,000 | (\$2,000) | \$0 | (\$2,000) | TBD |
| Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center Gala | \$0 | \$2,500 | (\$2,500) | (\$2,500) | \$0 | N/A |
| SOLVE Maternity Home | \$0 | \$1,500 | (\$1,500) | \$0 | (\$1,500) | March |
| Special Olympics | \$0 | \$2,500 | (\$2,500) | \$0 | (\$2,500) | TBD |
| St Thomas More Parish Food Pantry | \$200 | \$2,200 | (\$2,000) | (\$1,000) | (\$1,000) | TBD |
| St Vincent DePaul Society | \$0 | \$2,000 | (\$2,000) | \$0 | (\$2,000) | March |
| Catholic Charities - DOV (Arcadia) | \$0 | \$1,000 | (\$1,000) | (\$1,000) | \$0 | N/A |
| Speaker Series | \$0 | \$1,000 | (\$1,000) | (\$750) | (\$250) | TBD |
| Cervicos, Dominican Republic Ministry | \$0 | \$750 | (\$750) | \$0 | (\$750) | TBD |
| Wreaths Across America (SNC) | \$0 | \$600 | (\$600) | (\$595) | (\$5) | N/A |
| St Paul's Parish - Arcadia | \$0 | \$500 | (\$500) | (\$500) | \$0 | N/A |
| Wheelchair Program | \$0 | \$600 | (\$600) | \$0 | (\$600) | March |
| Veterans' Day Mass | \$0 | \$350 | (\$350) | (\$300) | (\$50) | N/A |
| Planned Contributions Total | \$1,200 | \$48,500 | (\$47,300) | (\$26,260) | (\$21,040) | |

Grand Knights Report



The new Chelsea Center Kitchen Range was installed and functionally tested on Feb 26th. This represents the completion of a “major project” which our council approved in this fraternal year budget. This significant contribution to the parish was only made possible by our above budget fund raiser income the last several years.

The March 15th Council Social is our annual Brunch at the Stoneybrook Country Club. We plan to present the council donations to St. Mary’s Academy and the Oak Park School at the brunch. Seating is limited. Payment in advance is required. Please use the council’s new website to register and prepay for this event

Thank you.

God Bless,
 Scott Deahna,
 Grand Knight

NEW COUNCIL TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM -

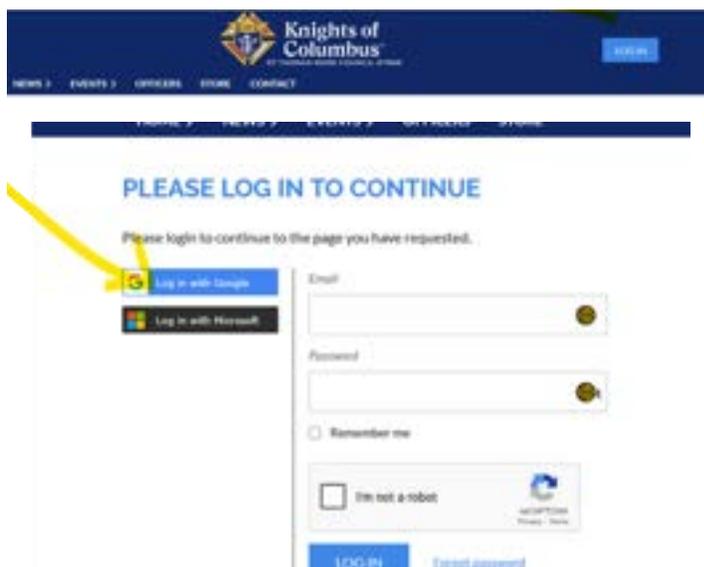
We are pleased to announce that our new and improved website is now live at www.kofc7826.org. This is the same platform that was used for registration for our most recent social event.

Over the coming months, additional features will be introduced, including enhanced membership management tools, a new communications platform, and an online store.

Members are encouraged to log in to access council-only content. Once logged in, you can explore the online member directory and view both public events—such as the Golf Outing—and council-only events, including our social gatherings, on the Events page.

Your login to the site is the email we have on file with the council. Click forgot password to have a new password sent to that email address.

Gmail users should use the login with Google button



Enter you email address and password to login. If you have any issues with log in, please reach out to me.

Ed Powers

Faith in Action

The Waterfrontoo

FEBRUARY SOCIAL -

The February Social was held on Thursday, February 19th, at Waterfrontoo restaurant located at 2205 N Tamiami Trail. in Nokomis. The event was an order from menu dinner that was fully booked with 60 members and spouses or significant others in attendance. Sincere thanks to Kevin and Judy Deady, for organizing such a successful and enjoyable social.



FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER -

Our February guest speak was Steve Strumpf, a member of #7826. Steve provided the Council with an excellent presentation on The Key home care organization. Steve explained that The Key provides a proprietary Balanced Care Method® to support cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being, helping clients live more meaningful and independent lives at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Steve if you have any questions.

MARCH CORPORATE COMMUNION AND SOCIAL -

A Corporate Communion will be held at the 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 15th. The Social will follow at Stoneybrook County Club at approximately 11:30 a.m. Brunch Price is \$33.00 per person and Includes tax and gratuity. The brunch menu can be viewed on our website. The dress code for the Mass and the Stoneybrook CC is dress slacks and jacket. A tie will be optional. The Stoneybrook gate will be open from 11:00 to 12:00 for the event.



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FEBRUARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST -

The Pancake Breakfast was held on Sunday, February 22nd, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m Masses. We had 30 volunteers serve 185 parishners and we had \$729 in donations. Thanks for the outstanding support from all the volunteers.



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ALL ABOARD FOR THE 2026 CRUISE RAFFLE!

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Cruise Raffle Team.

Ahoy, Brothers! Our raffle ticket campaign is now in the home stretch. The drawing for the 7-night Caribbean cruise for two aboard the Celebrity Summit, sailing to Key West, Bimini, and Nassau, will be held after the Noon Mass on Sunday, April 26, 2026.

At the March General Membership Meeting, the Cruise Raffle Team will circulate a volunteer sign-up sheet. We invite all members to consider donating just 15 minutes before and after your regular Mass during the weekend of March 21-22. A small gift of your time and enthusiasm will help this effort sail smoothly to success. This is our final push to sell the remaining tickets.

A special thank-you to all the brothers and spouses who sold tickets in February. Sales at the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass were very light, and increasing winds and rain at the 10:00 a.m. and Noon Masses also slowed sales. However, we gained some momentum at the pancake breakfast.

Now your part: Please return all sold ticket stubs, proceeds, and unsold tickets at the March meeting. The March ticket sale to the parish is designed to help sell any remaining tickets. If every member returns their full 10-ticket allotment, we will still have approximately 200 tickets to sell.

Dan Flynn - Cruise Raffle Committee Chairman

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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KNIGHT OF MONTH - KEVIN MAGUIRE

Kevin was awarded the Knight of the Month Award for February.

Kevin has been recognized for his outstanding support of the Golf Tournament Committee. Additionally, Kevin made a significant time commitment during the Citizens with Disabilities Fund Raiser.

Congratulations Kevin!

Kevin, was not present at the February council meeting and will be presented his award at the March meeting.

FAMILY OF MONTH - DAN AND KIM FLYNN

Dan and Kim were selected the February Family of the Month.

Dan and Kim have been recognized for their leadership and coordination of the Cruise Raffle Fund Raiser.

Additionally, Kim is a volunteer teacher at the St. Mary's Academy.

Congratulations Dan and Kim.



Faith In Action

OUR LADY OF CHARITY ASSEMBLY -



Hello Brother Knights,

As our Councils continue to grow, I am frequently asked about the 4th Degree and how to become a member.

Attached is a history of Our Lady of Charity Assembly #3089, which serves the St. Patrick's, Incarnation, and St. Thomas More Councils. I hope this information inspires you to join our Assembly as a 4th Degree member.

Our Assembly proudly supports several key organizations, including Operation Warrior Resolution, Tunnel to Towers, Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, and Wreaths Across America, in addition to supporting a Seminarian.

We typically meet on the second Monday of each month. If you are interested in joining, please contact me via email or at 941-330-3168.

God Bless,

Dr. Steven Wyr FDD PGK PFN

Faithful Navigator, Color Corps Commander

steven.m.wyer@gmail.com

Parish News



THE STORY OF THE SILVER ROSE -

The Silver Rose is a devotional symbol used by the Knights of Columbus to promote prayer, respect for life, and devotion to Our Lady.

The program began in 1960, when Texas Knights created a single silver rose to travel from Texas to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. The pilgrimage was meant to express unity between Catholics in the United States and Mexico, and to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas.



St. Thomas More received the "Silver Rose" on Saturday, February 21 at 3:30pm.

Over time, the program expanded significantly. Today, multiple Silver Roses travel along designated routes across the United States, Canada, and Mexico each year. Councils host prayer services—often including the Rosary—before passing the rose to the next location.

The silver rose itself symbolizes several intertwined themes:

- The rose recalls the miraculous roses associated with the 1531 apparitions to St. Juan Diego.
- The silver reflects purity and the precious dignity of human life.
- The pilgrimage underscores Christian unity across national borders.

In essence, the Silver Rose program is both a Marian devotion and a public witness to the sanctity of life, expressing the Knights' longstanding commitment to faith, fraternity, and the defense of human dignity.



Committee Corner

CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES-

It's a Wrap on the Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign.

Our annual fundraiser for the Citizens with Disabilities Campaign (the Tootsie Roll Drive) has concluded. We endured record-setting cold weather along with a few scheduling conflicts at some of the stores requiring flexibility and dedication by our volunteers. Through it all the total we collected \$16,760 in donations, very much on par with the donations in 2024 and 2025. This is truly fantastic!

All four Publix stores did great with \$8,012 in donations 1/30 thru 2/1 and \$7,419 in donations 2/14 thru 2/15. The Plaza at Palmer Ranch (by Target) and the Shoppes at Palmer Ranch (by Village Walk) were the pacesetters though all four contributed significantly to our success. Our weekend at St Thomas More was also an important component that brought in \$1,329 in donations.



Of course, to accomplish this takes a lot of effort of many individuals working together, a true example of our Knights of Columbus principle of Unity, that working together we are stronger. Many thanks to all including special recognition to:

Store Captains: Chris Pariseau, Steven Strumpf, Kevin Deady, Corey DeVito, Larry Hall, Scott Deahna, Lynn Quartermaine

Cash Couriers: Hank Peppard, Charlie Ballschmieder, John Cesare, Steve McElroy

Store Shifts: 71 volunteers filling 142 (of 144) shifts including

- 6 shifts: Chris Pariseau, Denny Armstrong

- 5 shifts: Corey DeVito

- 4 shifts: Dave Paben, John Cesare, John Napoletano, Mike Durr, Rob Carver

A special callout to the many spouses and significant others that assisted every day. Even our District Deputy Jon Engelbrektsen and his wife Margo covered several shifts as well.

Volunteer Coordinator and Donation Counters: Steve and Carol McElroy

We look forward to distributing the proceeds with check presentations to representatives from St. Mary Academy and Oak Park School at our March social event at Stoneybrook.

Thank you,
 Corey DeVito, Chairman
 Steve McElroy, Volunteer List

Committee Corner

BALTIMORE ORIOLES SPRING TRAINING -

2026 SPRING TRAINING BASEBALL SEASON GETS OFF TO A GREAT START!

On Friday, February 20th, the Baltimore Orioles opened their 2026 Spring Training Season against the New York Yankees. And St. Thomas Council 7826 and Incarnation Council 15332 began their 15th consecutive year jointly operating a concession stand at Ed Smith Stadium.

What an Opening Day! The weather was sunny and bright, and Ed Smith Stadium was filled with a sellout crowd of 7,886 fans – and the Orioles won the game 2-0.

The St. Thomas More and Incarnation Councils had a great day at their Outdoor Patio Grill Concession Stand. The stand sold Philly Cheesesteaks, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, sausage with peppers and onions, draft beer, soda, water, potato chips, cracker jacks, and peanuts. And sell they did! During a four-hour period, the stand served 503 customers and generated \$15,534.08 in sales. At the end of the day, the stand earned \$1,437.90 in commissions and \$1,442.82 in tips for a total of \$2,880.72. What a great start to the 17-game schedule. Thanks to the “Team” who worked the game.

In the first five games, the Outdoor Patio Grill served 2,223 customers and generated \$60,433.19 in gross sales. The stand earned \$5,540.48 in commissions and \$5,928.02 in tips for a total of \$11,468.50. We are off to a great start!

The April Newsletter will provide a wrap-up of the 2025 Spring Training Season.

See You at the Ball Park!!

Charlie Culkin
Spring Training Baseball



Committee Corner

SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

Brothers,

There are two ways to support Special Olympics during the month of March with the first option more plausible for our volunteers. Good number of Jersey Mikes available In Sarasota to participate and signup to support the cause on the list of locations. Please support if your time allows.

This notification and the earlier one for Summer Olympics at IMG in Bradenton on Sunday March 22nd. are the two opportunities for volunteering during the month of March. Jersey Mike's Subs has selected Special Olympics Florida and the 2026 USA Games as their charity for the Month of Giving! This is an incredible opportunity to raise awareness and vital support for Special Olympics Florida.

To help make this campaign a success, we encourage Special Olympics Florida athletes and families to visit a store near them in March. During your visit, we would love if you thank the staff and customers, share the impact of Special Olympics, and take a few photos.



Visit Options:

- March 1–18: Introduce yourself and your affiliation with Special Olympics Florida. Thank the staff and management for their support and share that you are excited about March's campaign. Take a photo!
- March 25 – Day of Giving: 11 AM–1 PM or 5–7 PM. Wear an SOFL-branded shirt and any medals/ribbons. Thank customers for their purchase and explain that 100% of sales will benefit SOFL. If you have social media, share your photo and tag Special Olympics Florida and Special Olympics Florida-West Region!

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!

If you have any questions regarding any Special Olympics questions, please contact John Cesare.

Thank You,
John.

Committee Corner

GOLF TOURNAMENT -

2026 - 5th Annual Golf Outing as to be held at Serenoa Golf Club on May 11th, 2026 - a quick update.

I have attached the amended Golf Flyer, now showing the QR code as to register and pay for the event - for golfers, donors, sponsors and others.

Recall, at the event, we have raffle baskets, 50/50, and auction items including a foursome at The Oaks Golf Club and Stoneybrook Golf & CC, We continue to solicit for additional restaurant et al gift certificates and items for the raffle baskets. Via the generosity of Golf Committee Member, Joe Daley, we have to auction (1) Jack Nicklaus Rookie Card, (2) Lou Holtz Notre Dame Signed Hat, (3) Tom Watson Signed Master's Flag and (4) US Ryder Cup Team Signed Sign. These items have minimum bids - bids online and at the event.

We continue to solicit for Hole Sponsors. Last year, we had five donor signs in Memory of Joe Tiffany. So far, this year, we have one sign in memory of Johnnie Turner. Is there anyone that you would like "in memory of"? Business or individual / family that you would like to recognize with a hole sponsor sign on the golf course? Cost of a hole sponsor is \$100.

On our goal of thirty (30) golf teams, looks like we have commitments and interest of (about) twenty five (25) teams, so far. We continue to look for single golfers or doubles, to place on a foursome. Do you know a golfer that may want to play at the event?

We have asked the 2025 Volunteers to consider volunteering at the 2026 event. We may need a couple of additional volunteers due to health reasons of several volunteers, not able to return, this year. We have two Golf Committee meetings, yet, to close out the event prior to our May 11th date. Both Fr Nick and Fr Daniel will be playing at the event.

We are looking for one (1) + additional Major Sponsors at the \$1000 level, which is entitled to a 4some, hole sponsor sign, major sponsor sign and recognition at the event.

If you have any questions on the golf tournament or how you can financially or other support the event, contact PGK Ken Berberich (Golf Committee Chair) at berberichken@yahoo.com

Thank you!!!!!!!! all the Knights and your families that will be supporting the 2026 golf tournament .

PGK/ Treasurer Ken Berberich - Golf Committee Chair



Committee Corner

RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -

As we move into the heart of the lenten season, thank you for all the Knights and parishioners that prayed at Planned Parenthood on Thursday, February 26th for our all day vigil. I am sorry the pictures don't reflect all the people (John Regan, Jessica Alexander, Mike Rainey) were there at various hours between 7 AM and 5 PM. Several people who were "under the weather" and unable to attend offered their time at home in prayer for a successful day. God Bless you!

We had several new people join us (Jessica Alexander, Mike Rainey, Blake G.) and as always, we prayed individually and together. With God's Providence, we planted a seed of hope in the lives of people that entered Planned Parenthood and those who saw our peaceful-witness as they drove or walked by. At one point, Fr. Daniel led us in a rosary and brought an STM OCIA candidate to join us too!

Our next pray walk will be on Thursday, March 26th from 7-1. This month, we decided to start a little earlier because the 40 Days for Life vigil is still underway until Palm Sunday and the hope of our 40DFL Sarasota and National leaders is that prayer coverage can take place with defenders of starting at 7am.

Finally, we would love to get five more attendees to join us for the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Clinics "Life is Beautiful gala on Friday, March 13th. Currently 15 people have signed up for the this inspiring annual event and with five more people, we will fill two tables of 10. More information will follow, but please reach out to Brian Harkins at 908-451-7454 if you would like to join us. Our 7826 Knights have supported this event annually and again it is a free will dinner.



Council Good of the Order



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Charley Baldelli
 Ken Berberich
 Sabina Bogner (wife of Josef)
 Ted Bogusz
 Dave Bracy
 Joyce Bulinski
 Pat Cesare (wife of John)
 Fred Cooper
 Neil Corrado
 Ed Cox
 Joan Crowley
 Cindi Culkin (wife of Charlie)
 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

Rchard Lamb and daughter Megan Brown
 Don Leonard
 Carol Levanti (wife of Bob)
 Roy MacGillis
 John & Kay Maier
 Ron McCluskey
 Carol McElroy (wife of Steve)
 Michael Mercandetti
 Thomas Nate
 Carol Neller (wife of Ralph)
 Margie Noll
 Ray Paleczny family (passing of daughter Joanne)
 Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)
 Hank Peppard
 Ed Plankey
 Rosemary Quartermain (wife of Lynn)
 John Regan
 Nancy Risbano
 Joe Summer
 John & Craig Spinale (John's son)
 Kim Wojtyna (daughter of Carol)
 Donna Woodford (wife of David Woodford)

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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

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 or my mobile 352-464-7487.

Council Birthdays

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



- March 8 - Matt Leonardi
- March 13 - Richard Griffith
- March 15 - Grant Harvey
- March 15 - James Reno
- March 15 - Jonah Seroczynski
- March 17 - Arthur Tan
- March 20 - James Andrien
- March 23 - Vincent Grillo
- March 25 - Andres Martinez
- March 26 - Anthony Kolankiewicz
- March 26 - Hank Peppard
- March 29 - Thomas Nate
- March 31 - Charles Tranter

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- Francis S McElroy - Financial Secretary
- John T Spinale - Deputy Grand Knight
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Council Upcoming Events



- Our monthly “Knight’s Mass will be on Wednesday, March 4th, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. A Rosary prayer at 7:30 am precedes the Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More.
- The Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The Council Corporate Communion is scheduled for Sunday, March 15th, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The March social will follow with brunch at Stoneybrook Country Club. Registration and payment will be online.
- Our Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- A Cruise Raffle fund raiser will take place at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 21st, and at all Masses on Sunday, March 22nd.
- A parish pancake breakfast is scheduled for Sunday March 22nd, after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the Chelsea Center.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, March 26th, between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.



Insurance Advisor

NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Brothers,

Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates — for example, if your salary changed, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned. You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition.



This might also be a good time to review your investment portfolio with a financial advisor from Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Investments have tax implications, especially with dividends, capital gains or losses, and required minimum distributions. By carefully understanding how your investments are taxed, you can work to reduce your overall tax burden while pursuing your long-term financial goals. By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. His mission of protecting Catholic families is as important today as it was for the first members who gathered all those years ago. I'd love to talk more if you have any questions.

Please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

Yours in Christ,

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Client Meeting for Insurance or Investments:
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Annual Investment Review Calendar booking:
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| Today < > February 2026 | | | | | | | Month |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|-------|
| SUN Feb 1 | MON 2 | TUE 3 | WED 4 | THU 5 | FRI 6 | SAT 7 | |
| Tootsie Roll Drive | | Memorial Service | Early Rosary @ 7: KofC Mass @ 8: Officers Mtg @ 7: | | | Tootsie Roll Drive | |
| 8 Tootsie Roll Drive | 9 Assembly Mtg @ | 10 | 11 | 12 Council Mtg @ 7: | 13 Tootsie Roll Drive | 14 Tootsie Roll Drive | |
| 15 Tootsie Roll Drive | 16 | 17 Degree Exemplifi | 18 | 19 Social Event @ W | 20 Spring Training H | 21 Cruise Raffle Tick Silver Rose Cerer Spring Training H | |
| 22 Cruise Raffle Tick Pancake Breakfa | 23 Spring Training H | 24 | 25 Spring Training H | 26 Prayer Walk at Pl Spring Training H | 27 | 28 Spring Training H | |