



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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**And people should eat and drink  
and enjoy the fruits of their labor,  
for these are gifts from God.  
Ecclesiastes 3:13**

## Chaplains Message

### CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE -

Dear Brother Knights

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we begin a new year, entering into the Fall season, let us continue to be intentional in our spiritual journey with the Lord. One of the opportunities that is offered is our monthly "Knights Mass" and praying the rosary prior to it, beginning at 7:30am. While the Mass has been very well attended, I would like to encourage more Knights to also join us for the rosary. St. Padre Pio, whose feast we celebrate this month, once said: "The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." And how indeed we need to increase our prayer during these times of increasing violence and unrest in our world.

My dear brother Knights, know you remain in my prayers and I pray you have a most blessed month of September.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Daniel



**THE ROSARY IS THE 'WEAPON' FOR THESE TIMES**

- St. Padre Pio

### DIGNITY OF WORK -

"Work in its many forms is proper to the human person. It expresses the dignity of being created in the image of God. Thus, it is said that work is sacred."  
- Pope Francis

"In the Catholic tradition, work is recognized as a gift from God. It is one's first vocation and gives dignity to humanity. This is clear from the very beginning of the Bible, where we read that God has created the garden of Eden, and that Adam and Eve are to look after it. Work is more than a way to make a living, it is a way of being – a form of continuing participation in God's creation.

The Church teaches that in work, the person exercises and fulfills, in part, the potential inscribed in his or her nature. It is a path to growth, human development and personal fulfillment. Work is part of the meaning of life on this earth!

All people have the right to productive work, to just wages and benefits, and to decent working conditions. If the dignity of work is to be upheld and recognized as God's gift, then the basic rights of workers must be respected, and protected. Let us pray on this Labor Day holiday that work may be dignified everywhere and for everyone."

- Bishop Dewane

**Happy Labor Day**

## Grand Knights Report

### POPE LEO'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION:

“Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.”



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

### EXPLANATION OF COAT OF ARMS -

The coat of arms of the Holy Father Leo XIV:

On the left field of the coat of arms of the Holy Father Leo XIV, the blue background recalls the heights of the heavens and is characterized by its Marian significance, a classic symbol referring to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the lily or fleur-de-lis (flos florum).

In the other field, white in colour, there is the emblem of the Augustinian Order, a flaming heart pieced by an arrow. This image symbolically represents the words of Saint Augustine in the book of Confessions: “Sagittaveras tu cor meum charitate tua” (“You have wounded my heart with your love”). It is an element that has always been present in the emblem of the Augustinians from the sixteenth century onwards, albeit with several variations, such as the presence of the book symbolizing the Word of God capable of transforming the heart of every man, as it was for Augustine. The book also recalls the enlightened works that the Doctor of Grace gave to the Church and humanity. White (in an ivory shade in the papal coat of arms) is a recurrent colour in other coats of arms of religious orders, and can be read as a symbol of holiness and purity.

The motto, “In Illo uno unum” (“In the one Christ we are one”), recalls the words of Saint Augustine in a sermon, the Exposition on Psalm 128, explaining that “in the one Christ we are one”, “one in the One Christ”.

# Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights,

On Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the remarkable achievements of the last fraternal year at the Stoneybrook Country Club. We presented the yearly awards for Knight of the Year (Jack Rodman), the Family of the Year (Sue and Dave Bracy), the new Joe Tiffany award (Charlie Ballschmieder), and we honored the outgoing Grand Knight, Worthy Ralph Neller. The 2025-2026 Council Officer Installation Ceremony was held on Saturday, August 9th, in the Sprit Center, following the 4:00 pm Corporate Communion Mass.

An organization meeting of the Program / Committee Directors will be scheduled. All new Knights from last year and this year will be invited to attend a Council Program informational meeting. Below is the present Council Committee Roster. Please let me know if you are interested in joining one, or more, of the committee's.

On Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, I met with Fr. Nick. We reviewed the Councils 2025 - 2026 Faith in Action Plan, the 2025 - 2026 Council Budget and the upcoming schedule. We discussed the Parish needs for our support as well as the Council's needs for Parish support. I will discuss the results of this meeting at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Officers Meeting and the September 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

The Council is planning a Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, September 14, in the Sprit Center following the 8 am and the 10 am Mass.

Our first major Council fundraiser is the Baby Bottle Campaign to be held in October. All funds raised are donated to the Community Pregnancy Center. Please volunteer a little time to support this major fundraiser.

Thank you,  
Scott Deahna,  
Grand Knight

COMMITTEES & STAFFING ASSIGNMENTS

	Nr 1	Nr 2	Nr 3	Nr 4	Nr 5	Nr 6	Nr 7	Nr 8	Nr 9	Nr 10	
<b>Committee Name</b>	Membership and Retention	Surviving Spouse	Respect for Life	Special Olympics	Social	Food for Families	Cruise Rafting	Publicity	Habitat for Humanity	Good of the Order	Christmas Choir Concert
<b>Chairman</b>	John Spinale C		Neil Corrado C	John Cesare C	Kevin Deady - C	Jim Meyd C	Don Flynn C	Derek Nall C	Jim Alexander C	Jim Meyd C	R. Neller
<b>Members</b>	Kevin Deady	Carol Spafford	Brian Harbino C	Al Ferrigno	Judy Deady C	Dan Bulinski	Steve Melchione	Mark Lawrie	Don Martin	Don Martin	
	Al Ferrigno	Denise Callahan	Jim Meyd	Corey DeVito	Nancy Han		Gary Ellis		J. Alexander	Tony D South	
	Joe Dean	Carol Murray	Joe Dean				Margot Ellis				
	C. Ballschmieder	Joyce Parth	Ed Plankley				Don Bulinski				
		Madanya Tiffany	Frank Mostlein								
		Sally Reed	Imada Mostlein								
			Joe Kingood								

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	Nr 11	Nr 12	Nr 13	Nr 14	Nr 15	Nr 16	Nr 17	Nr 18	Nr 19	Nr 20	Nr 21
<b>Committee Name</b>	Citizens w/Disabilities	Parish Picnic	Food and Beverage	Meeting Set-up	Scholarship	Spring Baseball	Christmas Party	Coffee & Donuts	Council Shirts / Hats	Golf Committee	Pancake Breakfast
<b>Chairman</b>	Corey DeVito C	Jim Meyd C	Hank Peppard C	Steve Melchione C	Steve McInay C	Charles Cullin C	Jim Meyd - C	Corey DeVito C	Phil Arsenault	R. Berberich C	Don Martin C
<b>Members</b>	Steve Stumpf	Ken Berberich C	Charlie Ballschmieder	Lynn Quartermain	Jack Rodman	Dr. S. Wyr C	Joe Bracy - C	Rich Lawler		R. Neller/C. Cullin	Jack Rodman
	Joe Sommer	Hank Peppard	Ted Kovacic	Joe Pelletier	Max Streibel		John Rodman	Hank Peppard		C. Perleau/C. DeVito	C. Ballschmieder
	C. Ballschmieder	Gary Garvin	Jack Rodman		J. Meyd		Ted Kovacic			R. Carver/ Ed Powers	Jim Walsh
	Hank Peppard	Joe Kingood	Joe Sommer		Greg Sokolik		Hank Peppard			R. Maguire/M. Struber	Dave Bracy
	C. Perleau	Joe Sommer			Larry Wait		C. Ballschmieder			G. Ellis/K. Deady	Gary Ellis
	Phil Arsenault	Jeff Nocelli			Corey DeVito					R. Lamb/S. Spinale	Chris Perleau
	Rich Marcella						Baigh Neller			E. Plankley/P. Procopio	Ted Kovacic
										J. Dickey/L. Quartermain	Sue Bracy
										Myron Fedecy	Rich Marcella
											Hank Peppard

# Faith in Action

## CELEBRATION DINNER -

On Friday, August 8th, we held our annual Celebration Dinner at Stoneybrook, where we recognized the Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and Past Grand Knight Ralph Neller along with a new award name in honor of SK Joe Tiffany.



The Joseph Tiffany STAR Recruiter Award was presented by Madalyn Tiffany to Charles Ballschmieder for exceptional achievement in bringing new members to our Council



Ralph Neller receives the Past Grand Knight plaque from GK Scott Deahna in recognition of two-years of service to Council #7826



GK Scott Deahna presents Dave and Sue Bracy with the FY 2024-25 Family of the Year Award.



GK Scott Deahna presents Ralph and Carol Neller with the July Family of the Month Award

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**GK Scott Deahna with the “STAR Council Award**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCIL 7826 -**

At the celebration dinner, GK Scott Deahna shared with the attendees the “Star Council” award presented to #7826 for the fraternal year of 2024-'25.

Congratulations to the Officers, Committee Chairs, Members and their Wives/Significant others, and all who volunteered to make our Council so special at STM. This award for excellence is shared by all who gave of their time, talents and treasure to make the fraternal year of 2024-'25 such and outstanding success!

To achieve "Star Council" status in the Knights of Columbus, a council must excel in multiple areas:

Membership Growth

Meet or exceed the established membership growth quota set by the Supreme Council, earning the "Father McGivney Award."

Insurance Growth

Achieve a significant increase in insurance membership within the council, qualifying for the "Founders Award."



Columbian Award

Conduct a robust number of service programs across the four categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) and submit a completed “Columbian Award” application.

Compliance with Safe Environment

Ensure all council members have completed necessary training and background checks as per the organization's safety protocols.



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## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2025-26 -

On Saturday, 8/9, we conducted a Council Corporate Communion at the 4:00 PM Mass. Immediately following the 4:00 Mass the 2025-26 Council Officer Installation Ceremony took place in the Spirt Center



Officers form a living cross to symbolize that their leadership must be rooted in Christ and their administration must reflect Catholic lay leadership.



Fr. Daniel blesses the officer's medals



Front row: Ken Berberich, Ed Powers, Steve Melchiore, Steve McElroy, Kevin Deady, Dan Martin (fill-in for Jack Spinale), Scott Deahna.  
 Back row: Joe Pelletier Jr (hidden), Lynn Quartermaine, Derek Noll, Corey Devito, Joe Dean, Larry Hull, Dan Bulinski.

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A memorial Mass for PGN Johnnie Turner was held on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Mass at St. Thomas More was followed by a military service at the Sarasota National Cemetery. Johnnie's memorial service was well attended by the Knights. Worthy Dan Bulinski provided a wonderful eulogy. The following is an excerpt from Worthy Dan's eulogy.

Johnnie grew up having to overcome tremendous obstacles, primarily racial discrimination. He went to school in a segregated one room school house. He told me that in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade he spent most of his time helping teach the younger children than learning anything himself. As a result, he found high school to be very difficult but through determination and work he was able to graduate and join the Army where he achieved the highest rank possible for an enlisted man, Sargent Major. He also went on to college and graduated with a Masters degree. While serving his country in France, Johnnie met Monique his wife of over 60 years. His military service included a tour of duty in Vietnam and assignment to the Pentagon. After over twenty years of service, Johnnie retired from the military but returned to the same position at the Pentagon the next day as a civilian.

In 2011, Johnnie, Bob Haas and John Wojtyna restarted the Knights of Columbus Council at St. Thomas More. The Council had gone dormant sometime in the 1980's. John Wojtyna and Bob Haas were the first two Grand Knights while Johnnie held other officer positions, including Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight. In 2017 Johnnie became the Grand Knight, serving until 2019.

Over the years, Johnnie was known for his humility, his work ethic, his concern for others his humor and joyful disposition. Here was a man who became a 'Sargent Major in the Army and worked at the Pentagon in Washington DC., and yet he would do anything and everything necessary to achieve our success. No task was too small for him nor too big. It is difficult to think of an activity or event of the Knights that Johnnie was not involved with.

It seemed that Johnnie was often drawn to volunteering for kitchen duty. He often grilled burgers, brats or hot dogs for our Council meetings. He worked in the kitchen for the Parish Christmas party and for the pancake breakfasts. He worked the friers at the Spring training baseball concession stands, occasionally sampling his French fries to make sure they were done well.

The Knights of Columbus wasn't Johnnie's only volunteer activity. Over the years, he served as a Hospitality Minister, a Money Counter, a member of the Parish Council and worked on the fund raising committee to build the Chelsea Center.

We will miss Johnnie for all that he did for our Council and St. Thomas More; but, most of all we will miss him for the wonderful person he was. Please keep him and Monique in your prayers.



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**KNIGHT OF MONTH - DAN BULINSKI**

Dan Bulinski was presented with the Knight of the Month Award. The Grand Knight thanked Dan for leading the July Council Meeting and for coordinating the July Exemplification Ceremony.

Congratulations Dan!



**FAMILY OF MONTH - JIM & BETH MEYD**

PGK Jim Meyd and his wife Beth were selected Family of the Month. Jim and Beth are very active with the council and the parish. Activities include hospitality ministers, food pantry support, Good of the Order coordination, the Prayer Shawl ministry and preparing our councils memorial wreath for Johnnie's memorial service.

Congratulations Jim and Beth!



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ASSEMBLY 3089  
OUR LADY OF CHARITY



### Faithful Navigator's Message

Hello Brother Knights,

These are exciting times for the Assembly. At our upcoming September Assembly meeting we will be having our 2025-2026

Assembly Officer Installation Ceremony that will be presided over by Past State Master Charlie McLaughlin. The incoming officers represent councils from all across the district and I am excited to be working with them (some being elected to an office position for the first time).

Also, for the first time in eight years, we have a Faithful Friar (the council equivalent of a Chaplin)! Father Nick Thompson from St. Thomas More Parish has agreed to be our Spiritual Leader and I am elated! For those of you who have yet to meet him, I will tell you that his enthusiasm is contagious, his energy is bountiful, and he will be a guiding force for our Assembly.

Our fall fundraiser has been announced and your councils have received the advertising flyer giving all the details. We rely so much on our councils for support. Please consider attending, passing the word, or donating to this event—even if you are not a member of the Assembly. We have but just two fundraisers a year so support from you is vital for the success of these events. Rest assured that after event expenses, 100% of the monies raised will go to our Veteran Charities which include:

Operation Warrior Resolution, Bay Pines Veterans, and Tunnels to Towers—all local organizations. I am a firm believer that home town money ought to serve needs of our home town Veterans.

God Bless,

Dr. Steven Wyer FDD PGK PFN

Faithful Navigator

Color Corps Commander

**Faith In Action**

**A Fine Evening of  
Premium Scotch, Bourbon, Cigars, and Food  
~ Hosted by ~**



7386 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, Fl



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

Our Lady of Charity Assembly #3089

~ Proceeds to benefit ~

**Veterans Charities**

**Date is October 25th starting at 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm**

~ Suggested Donation of \$60.00 ~

**1 Premium Cigar - Pouring of Premium Scotches and Bourbons  
Pulled Pork—Mac & Cheese—Cole Slaw**

**Cash, check, and credit card accepted at the door**

**Raffle featuring items related to the evenings theme.**

**\$5.00 for 3 tickets—\$10.00 for 7 tickets**



**Parish News**



Thank you to all the Food Bank volunteers and spouses for their personal participation and monetary support. Given today's economy, they will serve between 75-100 families in need every week.

The weekly bulletin lists the items that are critically needed.



**Barbara Siano Dir. of Religious Education**

My name is Barbara Siano and I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to serve the St. Thomas More community as your new Director of Religious Education. My husband Jim and I recently moved from Connecticut with our dog, Skyler. For the past nine years, I was blessed to serve as DRE at St. Peter Parish in Danbury. We have four grown children who continue to be a source of joy in our lives.

As I begin this new chapter, I feel deeply honored to walk with all of you on our shared journey of faith. I look forward to growing together in Christ, nurturing the faith of our families, and building a strong, spirit-filled community.



## Committee Corner

### RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRY -

The August Newsletter highlighted Sarasota's three Major and Distinct Pro-Life Ministries which are financially supported by our council. Those being the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center (SMPC), the Community Pregnancy Clinic (CPC) and SOLVE homes. This month we are highlighting additional activities our council supports.

#### 40 Days for Life and 40 Days For Life 365:

The 40 Days for Life campaign, held each spring and fall in more than 600 communities worldwide, seeks to unite the body of Christ in prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness. Its mission is to foster repentance, ask for God's favor in transforming hearts, and work toward the ultimate goal of ending abortion. For the last 8 years, our STM Knights, along with STM Parishioner's spend one full day in one hour increments to pray outside Sarasota's Regional Planned Parenthood location on 736 Central Ave in downtown Sarasota. We also have been dedicated in our efforts to join the 40 Days for Life 365 worldwide initiative with other parishes, Knights groups and have committed to pray at Planned Parenthood each month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 9AM to 1PM.

In October, we typically have other important events planned in conjunction with our commitment to support 40 Days for Life. The annual parish wide Baby Bottle campaign is always led by one of our Knight families and coincides with one of most important liturgical celebrations, The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.



#### Sarasota Prayer Walk for Life:

This event takes place around the same time as the annual March for Life in Washington DC (January). It begins with 8:30 Mass celebrated by the Diocesan Bishop in January at St. Martha's RC Church in Sarasota is followed by a shuttle bus that takes Mass goer's over to Sarasota Planned Parenthood to peacefully gather and pray. It is always an uplifting event when we pray as the Body of Christ

#### 9 Days of Prayer for Life:

We join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, in January preceding the National March for Life Wednesday, This is a private vigil and You can sign up to get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more in English or Spanish. Sign up at -

#### Summary and invitation:

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

For Life,  
Neil & Brian

## Committee Corner

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS -

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

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

There are no Special Olympics activities in our local area during September.

If you would like more information regarding the Area 7 Fall Classic or to register, Please see:

[https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console\\_type=event\\_list&event\\_id=3296&console\\_id=0197&ht=1](https://www.cervistech.com/acts/console.php?console_type=event_list&event_id=3296&console_id=0197&ht=1)



**Special Olympics**



### Volunteer Opportunity in Collier County



### 2025 Area 7 Fall Classic Flag Football and Pickelball

**Sunday, September 7th**

**Location:**

Veterans Community Park  
1895 Veterans Park DR, Naples, FL

**Time:**

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

## Council Good of the Order

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

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



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

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, and Thomas Reed

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



September 2 - Stephen Zavada Jr  
 September 5 - Johnny Matos  
 September 6 - Stephen Cerjan  
 September 6 - Stephen Tasch  
 September 7 - Fr. Patrick Long  
 September 9 - Pablo Londono  
 September 9 - Kenneth Russo

September 11 - Gary Garvin  
 September 11 - Christopher McDevitt  
 September 12 - John Koitsch  
 September 12 - Kevin P Maguire  
 September 12 - John T Spinale  
 September 14 - John Ladowicz  
 September 14 - Ed Powers  
 September 15 - Daniel F Flynn  
 September 17 - Eric S Dudley  
 September 17 - Michael Piscopo  
 September 22 - Dennis J Armstrong Jr  
 September 23 - PGK Jon Engelbretson  
 September 23 - Kenneth Levanti  
 September 24 - Thomas J Flamminio  
 September 26 - Ronald J Mc Cluskey  
 September 28 - James M Alexande  
 September 29 - Allen F Hillman III

### 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 Melchiore – 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  
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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, September 3rd, at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- The Officers’ Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on Monday, September 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chelsea Center.
- The August Council Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on Thursday, September 25th between 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.
- The September Social is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> at Dockside Waterfront Grill in Venice at 5:30 p.m. This is an order from menu, self-pay event.



## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need?

Maybe you wonder about this every once in a while, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

According to the most recent Insurance Study performed by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association ("LIMRA"), 40 percent of American adults say they need life insurance or need to obtain more life insurance coverage.\*

That's a lot of people wondering, "What if?" What if you need more? What if you're not prepared for the unexpected? Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

**Young adults.** If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.

**Those with accrued debt.** Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.

**Those who are married.** Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone. Life insurance can help provide security for the unknown.

**Those with children.** Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

**Small business owners.** You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensuring your business would operate if the unexpected happens.

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs.

Don't wait — ensuring you and your family are protected can be quicker and easier than you may imagine. Set up time to meet with me and we will start the process together. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,  
Brian DeBlauw



Calendar

# COUNCIL #7826 SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

St Thomas Knights, Holidays in United States

Sep 2025 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Labor Day	1	2	3 Early Rosary @ 7:30AM KofC Mass @ 8:00AM Officers Mtg @ 7:00PM @	4	5	6
7 Assembly Mtg @ STM	8	9	10 Council Mtg @ 7:00 PM @	11	12	13
14 Coffee & Donuts	15	16 Degree Exemplification @	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 PrayerWalk at Planned Social Event @ Dockside	25	26	27
28	29	30 Early Rosary @ 7:30AM KofC Mass @ 8:00AM Officers Mtg @ 7:00PM @	1	2	3	4 Baby Bottle Drive



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