



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mother Seton Palm Coast
Council # 17480



Join us: Third Thursday at 6 PM

4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast 32137



Grand Knight Ralph Esposito Message

January 2025

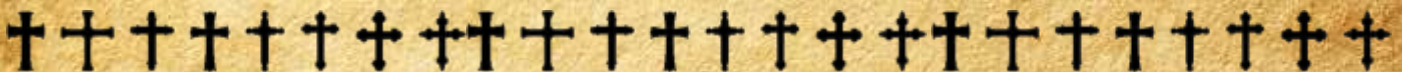
I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas Day. This has always been my favorite time of the year. Although it can be a stressful and depressing time for some, we can not let that overtake the true meaning of the Christmas season. A time for celebration with friends and family, eating, sharing gifts and spreading cheer. But what do many forget? This is the birth

of Jesus. He is the reason for the season. People forget to smile, to give of themselves, either financially, or by serving others. It's not always about money, and how much you throw in the red can. It can be checking on an elderly neighbor. Someone on your block that has no one to do this. It can be about inviting someone to your house for Christmas dinner, or for a cup of coffee. It can be dropping off some food, or freshly baked cookies. How about, it can be seeing someone at a store, overwhelmed by their small children that they are sorry they cannot afford something for them. Giving them a few dollars to help, or even helping them load up their car. We are so blessed that we have friends, family, having enough health to do what we do. But here is where my problem lies. What is wrong with doing this the entire year? As Knights of Columbus, that is what we strive for. Giving of ourselves twelve months a year. I am so blessed of what I have in life. Everything God has granted me with, more than enough. I hope that all us Knights can be an example for all to see. We can never do enough for the needy, as times are more pressing than ever. Let's make a New Years Resolution together, shall we? How about all of us doing one more act of charity every single month, in addition to what we normally do. Help an elderly person lift something heavy into their vehicle. Not laying on the horn, losing our patience. Saying thank you more often. Saying I love you to family, always. We need to have the Christmas spirit 365 days a year! This would give Jesus, and many others much happiness,

Have a happy, safe and healthy 2025 my brothers!

Ralph Esposito

Grand Knight Council 17480 #630-362-4450



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JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1. We will be having a Live Exemplification in January, most likely the first Sunday, (5th). I will have further details as soon as all details are ironed out. This will involve all three District 17 Councils.

2. Saturday January 11th:

Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix/Island Walk, from 9a-5p.

3. Wednesday, January 15th:

Please take note that due to a wedding at Seton Hall that Friday, they will need the Thursday to decorate the Hall. Our meeting will be moved up one day to the 3rd Wednesday, which is the 15th. Same start time, same venue



Happy New Year. We are blessed to live in the GREATEST country in the world. We are doubly blessed to be CATHOLIC, and the triple blessing is to be Brother Knights.

I have put together a District 17 LIVE exemplification team. It will be devised of the GK from Notre Dame, St Mary's and Mother Seton. I have asked Worthy FDD Kevin Ryan to be the presider and he graciously accepted. **All exemplifications will be live from now on.** I will speak more about this at our monthly meeting.

As I stated in December our primary focus will be on membership and helping your council to achieve their goals. Your council is adding new members, performing fraternal benefit events and faith in action programs. Star Council is the goal. However Double and triple star are not out of reach. You do NOT need to wait for a membership drive to offer a Catholic gentleman the gift of membership. That Catholic gentleman you see in church every week is a prime candidate for the invitation to join our brotherhood. In unity and fraternity, we can accomplish this.

Every faith in action program is a membership opportunity. Your next fraternal benefits event needs to be open to entire parish. Even if they are not KofC brothers. I have asked each GK to plan this event and our phenomenal Worthy Field Agent, Larry Kennedy, will show nonmembers the blessing of being a Brother Knight. Brother Larry is one of our best recruitment tools. Second only to a non KofC's wife!! If the wife wants the husband to become a Brother Knight, then we all know that answer.

Supreme commissioned CARA, of Georgetown University, to perform a survey. Of the 10 million Catholic men surveyed they found that 7 million would become a KofC if they were asked!! We have 2.1 million men in our order internationally. Why aren't we asking men to join us?

Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with that invitation.

Blessings to all for a healthy and prosperous 2025!

Vivat Jesus



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

JANUARY 2025

And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:11a) The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recalls the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The Magi recognize the newborn king and offer him homage. This great feast occurs during the liturgical season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Eve and continues through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During Christmas time, we all remember and celebrate the reality that God assumed our human nature and became a little child.

May this season also remind us to recognize the dignity of all children — including unborn children — today.



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to work toward greater recognition of the sanctity of unborn human life by participating in a peaceful pro-life demonstration or supporting a pregnancy resource center.

Questions for Reflection: Do you look upon the lives of children — and all people — with respect, recognizing the dignity of human life? What more can you personally do to protect and support life wherever it is threatened or in need? Are there ways you can witness to others — in word or deed — to foster awareness of the sanctity of life?



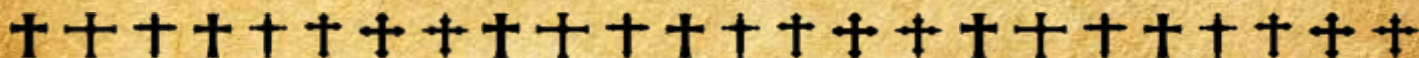
Chaplain's Archdiocese Dinner Dance
Saturday, January 18, 2025
Dinner - Dancing 6:00 - 9:30 PM
Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall
Flagler Beach, FL
Music Featuring
Tim Rippey, CBS Recording Artist
Chicken or Salmon Dinner
Proudly Supported by
Bob Calabrese  **Corpus Christi Assembly 2810**
386-547-9312 **Knights of Columbus**
Greg Wilson
651-470-5781

\$35 per person
 50/50 Drawing

Brother Knights

We had 16 tickets to sell, thus 2 tables of eight. We are already down to 12, so please attend if at all possible. It is for a great cause. I have all of the details in the attached flyer, so please check it out. You can reach out to me, or our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joseph Paul. Call with any questions please.

Grand Knight Ralph Esposito



Insurance Check-Up for 2025

January 2025

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

All of us start the new year afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 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 has to 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 take a 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!

For More information contact:
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Field Agent
Message
Larry
Kennedy





Merry Christmas!

This holiday season, we thank our clients for allowing us to be your premier partner for Catholic investing. For prospective investors, thank you for turning to us as a trusted source of information to help you make informed financial decisions.

As a Catholic investment firm that uses our profitability to help support the charitable work of our parent company, Knights of Columbus, we're particularly proud of that charitable impact during the Christmas season. When you invest with us, you're not only making investments compliant with Catholic social teaching — you're also making a difference for kids who've received warm jackets through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program, hurricane victims helped by local Knights of Columbus councils, and many others this past year alone.

At Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, we believe your investments can do well for your portfolio — and do good in the world. We're eager to continue that in the new year. And if you're not already a client, we invite you to join us.

May the joy of Jesus' birth fill your homes and your hearts this Christmas. We look forward to serving you in 2025.

Tony Minopoli
President and Chief Investment Officer
Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors



January Birthdays

James P Brdar	01-01
Mauricio Sanchez	01-01
Bernard A Sill	01-02
Manuel C Amaral	01-03
Lee Bentzley	01-04
Christian J Vorndran	01-05
Christopher De Garza	01-07
Michael Heil	01-07
Celso C Samaniego	01-09
Joseph R Sousa	01-10
Michael G Miller	01-13
Henry N Diguilio Sr	01-14
Antonio A Bico	01-15
Greg Gully	01-15
Mario Ganuza	01-19



Charles Restagno	01-20
Frank J Ascone	01-21
John C Williames	01-22
Edwin J Siroy	01-23
Antonio M Neto	01-24
Thomas M Sedlak	01-26
David J Flynn	01-27
John Zielinsky	01-27
Gerard J O Gara Jr	01-28
Jaime O Burns	01-30
Stephen R Fedak	01-31
Thomas E Jones	01-31

Christmas Pie Sale December 22nd

Pies (\$15) Apple, Cherry, Pecan,
Coconut Custard Pies

Crumb Cakes (\$20)

Apple C.C., Blueberry C.C.,

**Cookies (\$3 for 1-4 pack, or \$5 for
2-4 pack)**

Choices are: Oatmeal Raisin, White
Chocolate Macadamia
Nut or Chocolate Chip.



**Joe Lupo
and Joe
Forte**



Tootsie Roll Drive

Saturday January 11th:

Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix/Island Walk, from 9a-5p.
This is located near the intersection of Palm Coast
Parkway and Old Kings Road.



Proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive
will benefit local agencies that provide
various support to persons with
developmental disabilities, including
diagnosis, family support,
transportation, and education services.
**We Need More Help For This To Be A
Success!**





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS MEETING/DINNER

DECEMBER 19ST AT 6PM

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESS!!!



**Knights donating the toys to Katie
Allio for Aid in Support After
Pregnancy Families.**



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Decorating led by the
office staff of Elizabeth
Foran and Jose
Valverde.

Thanks to the Knights who
assisted the office
staff in decorating
the Church.



Stars of Hope Update



Thanks to Bart Lore's dedication, it has been another successfully year for the Stars of Hope program. This was the third year of the program to raise money for St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Outreach Food Pantry.

THIS YEAR'S TOTAL RAISED \$620.00!

Also, a special thanks to Lowes, Home Depot, Builders Choice and Sherwin Williams for supplying the materials at little or no cost.



Hurricane Milton Knights in Actions



The crucifix in front of St Elizabeth Ann Seton fell over during the recent hurricane Milton. Knights of Columbus members loaded it on Brother Mike Tennyson's truck.

Brother Wayne Friday and Andrew Santos poured concrete for the cross base so that the crucifix can once again be proudly placed in front of the Church.



Palm Coast Knights of Columbus donates \$41,000 for city's first Safe Haven Baby Box



By [Sierra Williams](#)
4:27 p.m.
December 10, 2024

A Safe Haven Baby Box allows parents in crisis to safely and anonymously drop off infants to a first responder location at any time. The box immediately notifies first responders a baby is inside. Palm Coast's Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council #10514 is donating over \$41,000 to install a Safe Haven Baby Box at Palm Coast Fire Station 25.

"It has been a wide-range community that is behind this project," Knights of Columbus Deputy Grand Knight Bryant Perszyk said.

Safe Haven Baby Boxes is a national nonprofit that builds and maintains these boxes. The box is installed in the wall of a first responder facility, with a door on the outside and inside. A person on the outside can place a baby safely inside the box, which then alerts first responders to come retrieve the child.

The nonprofit also provides a 24-hour hotline for mothers in crisis. Palm Coast Fire Chief Kyle Berryhill said that when the box is installed, Safe Haven Baby Boxes will provide training on how the box works.

"This would be, essentially, a 911 call that would be generated by this box for a child," Berryhill

Perszyk said the box would include a packet for the parent that describes what rights the parent is giving up by placing their child in the box.

This would be the fourth location in Florida to have a Safe Haven baby box installed, according to the nonprofit's website. The other three Safe Haven boxes are located in Crystal River, Newberry and Ocala, Florida.

The Baby Box is meant to be a last resort, Berryhill said. The Knights of Columbus suggested Fire Station 25, located at 1250 Belle Terre Parkway, is it is considered to be the most centrally located in Palm Coast, he said.

Florida passed its own Safe Haven law in 2000, which was expanded by Gov. Ron DeSantis in May 2024.

Except where there is actual or suspected abuse, the law allows any parent to anonymously leave a newborn infant, no older than 30 days old, with any firefighter, EMT or paramedic at any fire station or emergency medical services station. The parent can also do so at any emergency room.

A Safe Haven Baby Box removes the face-to-face aspect of these drop-off requirements, Berryhill said.

The total cost of the purchase and installation of the box is \$40,956, with an annual fee of \$500. Purchasing and shipping the box to Palm Coast will cost \$16,306 while constructing and installing the box will cost \$24,650.

Upon Berryhill's recommendation, the council agreed to let the Knights of Columbus organize the purchase and installation of the Safe Haven Baby Box.

"If this saves even one life, it's worth it," council member Ty Miller said.

Though the box's lease will have to be through Palm Coast and Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Perszyk said, the Knights of Columbus intends to pay the annual \$500 maintenance fee for the box.

Vice Mayor Theresa Carli Pontieri did ask about the potential liability of having the box installed.

"The last thing that I would want is to see us, in our efforts to do a good deed, wrapped up in any litigation with a parent that maybe puts their child in one of these situations and then comes back and tries to reclaim the child," she said.

Berryhill said the PCFD has run the proposal by City Attorney Marcus Duffy already. As the fire stations are already Safe Havens under Florida's law, the stations have signage informing people of the law. Berryhill said it wouldn't be an issue to install such signage next to the box when installed.

"We believe that we are within the same risk profile that we are in as a Safe Haven based on the 2000 law with this box," he said.

Perszyk said that the Knights of Columbus has worked with organizations across the city to fundraise for the box — not only has his and Palm Coast's other Knights of Columbus groups donated toward the box, but so has the Kiwanis Club and the Belle Terre Elementary School's Kiwanis K-Kids have fundraised for and donated to making the box a possibility.

"This has been a total community event," he said.



Palm Coast Fire Station 25 on Belle Terre Parkway.
Image screenshot from Google Maps

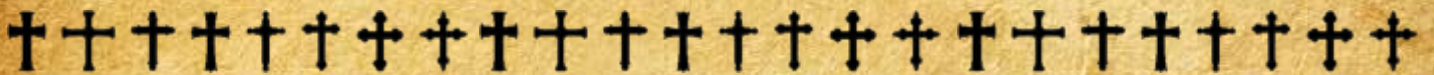


December Meeting Awards

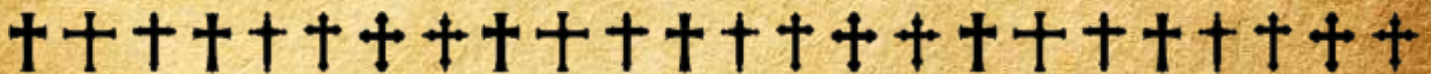
**Knight of the
Month**

Ken Wall

**Ken also received
an award honoring
75 years as a
Knight of
Columbus.**



**Knight Family
Of the Month**
Joe and Dora Forte



**Joe Lupo received a
commendation from
Supreme Knight
Patrick Kelly**



My Brothers Keeper

The gift from GOD is found in each of us and is meant to be shared!
Be there for one another and GOD's gift in this will be revealed!

[John 3:16](#) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



The opening program: MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

STEP ONE: CHOSE A BOTHER KNIGHT TO MAKE A CONNECTION WITH
The need is to anchor ourselves with ONE other Knight.

ECC 4: 9 -10 Two are better than one: They get a good wage for their toil. If the one falls, the other will help the fallen one. But woe to the solitary person! If that one should fall, there is no other to help.

It is not by accident that Jesus sent his disciples out by twos.

[Mark 6:7](#) He summoned the Twelve* and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

You and I are clearly aware of the lack of interaction that happens when we get busy in our lives and that it can become the loss of friends, family, and even in our relationship with GOD. If we miss the day-to-day interaction with others that we know, the outcome means we are not on the Path of Christ. And the foundation of the Knights, no matter how much we do as Knights for the community, the actions are not being fulfilled in the full presence of discipleship as in this we often miss the spiritual aspects of humanity when others or even ourselves need it the most. A good relationship must be worked at and when we practice this it extends itself to everything around us. Especially when we make prayer a part of it. Our need to seek out others and to find a consistent relationship with other men of like mind gives us solace in what we are doing when what we are doing is in reflection and confirmation. All of us understand this as we are truly believers in the path that Christ has set before us.

If we ensure that our brother and every part of his life is secure in our faith, then he in turn ensures all the challenges that we face are supported. We as well are filled with joy. We then have someone to share with. In this JOY we give grace to GOD by our actions just as being able to know how to turn to GOD in our needs. As our brother will help to direct and remind us to seek out GOD in both the challenges and the joys. GOD will be there for where two or more are gathered in his name, Jesus said, “There am I”.

God Bless
Deacon Ed



Keep Christ in Christmas

1-2 grade
winners



2nd Prize Kyler Timper



1st Prize Jaliyah Williams



3rd Prize Dulce Maria Dominguez



Keep Christ in
Christmas

3-4 grade
winners



2nd Prize Marcus Marrerro



1st Prize Sophia Alea



3rd Prize Ava Mistie



**Keep Christ
in Christmas**

**5-6 grade
winners**



**1st Prize
Ariana Alicea**



2nd Prize Nora Farrell



3rd Prize Marleigh Manimbo



**Keep Christ
in Christmas**

**7-8 grade
winners**



**1st Prize
Maianne Doctora**



**2nd Prize
Sophia Girgus**



**3rd Prize
Lacy Robinson**

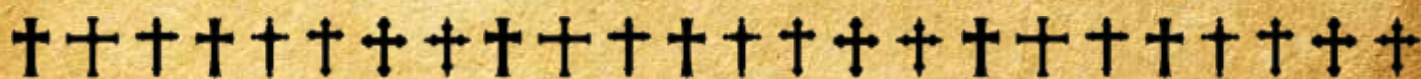


Builders First Source Award



Builders First Source, Lowe's, and Home Depot received awards and a meal in appreciation for their contributions of building materials for the Seton Hall project. The meal included chicken, macaroni and cheese, deli sandwiches, chips soft drinks and water.

Lowe's Award



Home Depot Award



4th Degree

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe at SEAS



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
GOLF CART RAFFLE
(YOUR CHOICE THE GOLF CART OR \$10,000)
ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!



**TICKET
PRICE
\$100 EACH**

Raffle will take place once all
300 ticket are sold.

Tickets will be sold at the
Parish Office and after all
Masses starting in December.