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## Mother Cabrini Council #12155

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Brother Knights,

Thanks to those who helped with the 5th Sunday Rosary and Recruitment Weekend at the end of July. Hopefully, by the time you read this message, we will have exemplified more new members on 22 Aug. Remember, YOU are the recruiters for OUR council – continue to ask Catholic gentlemen to join the order. It's easy and free online at KofC.org.

I hope you took the opportunity to attend the Marauders baseball game honoring the Knights of Columbus on 29 Aug. At this typing, I had 21 people signed up. I'm sure it was a great time (unless it rained).

Here's a great opportunity - Tidewell Hospice and its Honors Veterans Program is bringing retired Air Force, Colonel Mark Tillman, Air Force One's pilot and commander on 9/11 to speak at the Van Wezel in Sarasota on September 13th at 10:00 am. This event is **FREE**, but you must register.

Fraternally,

John T. Kreger IV, Grand Knight

District Deputy Report



My Brothers of Mother Cabrini Council on August 12<sup>th</sup>, I held my District Meeting. The meeting was attended by the four councils of District 49. I shared information from the Organizational meeting the State held in July. I would like to thank the council for hosting the meeting. And especially my Warden and your GK John Kreger.



Fraternally,

John Hanson, District Deputy



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## Father's Corner



The inner state that is reflected in a noble bearing is called “grace” when it is seen in movement. Gracefulness bespeaks an economy of force. The repetition, the constant practice of gracefulness — i.e., training, especially in such disciplines (once known as the manly or martial arts) as horsemanship and swordsmanship — builds up a reserve of force. The fine manner, which is to say the patience and serenity of temper that marked a true gentleman, whether a Christian knight waiting on another or the Japanese *samurai* engaged in a tea ceremony, was this power *in repose*. The expression “quiet strength” attempts to describe it. It kept the ruffian from besetting the quietly seated *samurai*. The same wordless message may be communicated by a young Marine lieutenant (an “officer and a gentleman”). We may see him in civilian clothes and drinking beer, but everything about him says, without menace, “I’m not someone you want to mess with.”

The ideal Christian knight was as formidable kneeling motionlessly and silently in prayer before an altar as he was with a broadsword in hand and a battle-cry on his lips. Of course, we know from Scripture that Our Lady, who is all grace and whose stillness in prayer cannot be equaled by any other human being, is as “terrible as an army in battle array.” ...Religion’s role in the creation of knights, and thus the Church’s involvement in the profession of arms, began when the “Truce of God” was first instituted. New knights had always sought to have their swords blessed as families today will still have in a priest to bless, for instance, a new home. With the “Truce,” the clergy began to exact a vow before they would bless. The vow was that the knight’s arms would be used to defend the weak and defenseless, especially women and orphans, and churches. The vow, being religious in character, conferred on the soldier a dignity in society analogous to that of those who also took religious vows: monks.

Gradually a very elaborate ceremony, the *Benedictio novi militis*, developed for the blessing of knights and their arms. It required of the candidate that he make confession, keep a vigil of prayer, and fast. He then bathed, after which he was vested with a white robe. The bath and robe were symbols serving to impress on him that purity of soul was necessary for his career as a knight to be truly noble. After his investiture in the white robe, the candidate knelt before an altar in the presence of witnesses, often as not renewed his baptismal vow, and finally pronounced his vow of chivalry — the one whereby he swore to employ his arms in defense of the defenseless. Then his sponsor, the knight conferring his new rank on him, struck him lightly on the neck with a sword (this was the actual dubbing) in the name of the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost and St. George (the patron of chivalry). Only after all this was done would the new knight’s sword, placed on the altar, be blessed.

The religious aspect of knighthood became more marked once the Crusades began. Now the knights who went on Crusade vowed to rescue the Holy Land from Mohammedan rule and also to defend pilgrims making their way there. For undertaking their mission, the Church conferred on the knights privileges enjoyed by no one else, like the remission of all penances.

At the beginning, the vow taken by the crusading knights was of limited duration — two or three years, depending on how far a knight had to travel in order to reach the Middle East. However, when the Christian warriors of the First Crusade succeeded in taking Jerusalem, there arose the necessity of having a standing army to defend the Holy City from Mohammedan reconquest. This is when history saw the birth of the great military orders whose members took a fourth monastic oath: to wage unceasing warfare against the infidel Mohammedans. Doubtless it was in these orders, where the religious and military spirit became fused and whose story deserves to be told on its own, that chivalry of a specifically Christian character reached its highest development. Yet, the heroism of such “secular” crusaders as Richard the Lion-Hearted and King St. Louis IX also deserved to be sung, and was.

*Taken from "Chivalry and Our Lady" by Gary Potter*





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That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

Why you should sign up for TMIY? This Saturday morning venue will direct the father for a better understanding of his role in relationships to God and his family. One fact that this program reveals how much time God wants to spend with you. According to the TMIY team that is 2.5 hours a day, having you start with 15 minutes a day, then building to your top potential. Another reason is understanding the spiritual warfare faced by being baptized a son of God. This program develops ways to improve your pray life and increase you bonds with your family. Please consider joining TMIY in September.

For more information please see the web site, or use QR code to sign-up.. <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you>



<— You may  
sign up here



TMIY starts soon. Register today!

THAT MAN IS YOU! is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. The Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Through living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, their hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain them on their spiritual journey, the men will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God. Come and give it a try, we recommend coming for at least 2 sessions. Please view the video: [\(553\) TMIY - The Vision of Man Fully Alive - YouTube](#)



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## Faithful Navigator



Brother Knights, mark your calendars! Mother Cabrini and Holly Cross Councils will have a Flag Waving on Sept 11th from 7am to 8am at the corner of Chin Rd and 301. Bring a flag, and show your patriotism and join us in waving the flag proudly. Let's come together and celebrate our love for our country. See you there! Brother Keven Almengual



## Community

### Habitat for Humanity:

Last month I mentioned that I have been involved with volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Just a few words to give you some idea of what this great organization does. When you invest your time with Habitat for Humanity you're helping to build homes, futures, and hope in your community. Their motto is No experience required, we'll teach you everything you need to know. This is a perfect opportunity for someone who wants to learn new skills working alongside contractors, skilled tradesmen, homeowners you will also learn team building. Spending a day or even a few hours helping others can be a great reward when you see the smile on the faces of those deserving new owners. After all, isn't this what Knights do, help others? If you would like to volunteer and be part of making your community and someone's life better you may contact Barb Slater at [bslater@manateehabitat.com](mailto:bslater@manateehabitat.com) or call Barb at 941-748-9100. Fraternally, Hank



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**Life**



The St Francis Cabrini Respect for Life program is currently seeking a new program director to lead its efforts in promoting a culture of life in the community. This joint initiative by the Knights and St. Frances Cabrini Church aims to raise awareness about the sanctity of life and support those who are vulnerable. The program will include prayer vigils at the Planned Parenthood Center in Sarasota every Thursday, which will be attended by members of both organizations. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or know someone who would be a good fit, please contact Brother Ray Parker, the Life Program Director. Respect Life Advocates will continue to fight for the Life of the Unborn. Together, we can make a difference in our community.

On August 13th, we hosted the Big Red Bus Blood Mobile, which collected 24 units of lifesaving blood. Each unit has the potential to save 3 lives. The Parish's response was impressive. Thank you to all that donated. The next opportunity to donate will be October 15th, please help support this much needed activity.



## Mother Cabrini Council #12155

### 2023 - 2024 Officers

Chaplain	Fr Joseph Gates	941-776-9097	Outside Guard	Osiel Villarreal	941-405-6207
Grand Knight	John T. Kreger IV	941-993-9988	3-Year Trustee	Hector Morales	412-478-1264
Dep Grand Knight	Ron Merigold	941-417-9766	2-Year Trustee	Tom Bradley	941-524-5264
Chancellor	Wayne Waletich	763-381-2923	1-Year Trustee	Thomas Januszka	732-690-8391
Warden	Sal Curcio	516-242-3013	4th Degree Rep	Keven Almengual	727-798-0525
Recorder	Ray Parker	813-748-9064	Field Agent	Ron Moliterno	850-855-2245
Financial Secretary	Bob Wombacher	941-323-1658	District Deputy	John Hansen	941-744-7324
Treasurer	Paul Dadowski	412-849-1529	District Warden	John T. Kreger IV	941-993-9988
Advocate	Henry Burmeister	224-402-0558	Faithfull Navigator	Paul Dadowski	412-849-1592
Lecturer	Hank Stefanski	216-276-1402	Community Director	Hank Stefanski	216-276-1402
Lecturer	Hank Stefanski	216-276-1402	Family Director	Tom Bradley	941-524-5264
Inside Guard	Samuel Villarreal	941-243-2022	Life Director	Ray Parker	813-748-9064



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My Brother Knights of Council 12155 - I am so thankful to be part of your monthly newsletter. I look forward to sharing some insight to your Knights of Columbus benefits and how, together, we can protect you and your family.

I believe it is always important to start with the “Why” in our lives. Here is my “Why”. After retiring from a gratifying banking career in September 2020, I moved to the area to be near my daughter and my only grandchild. I prayed for guidance on my next adventure. I wanted to continue to grow, serve others and get closer to my God and my Catholic Faith.

Through the help of my own Field Agent, I was blessed to find this amazing opportunity that checks all my boxes. This is my vocation, not a job! As your financial services agent, and brother Knight, I have dedicated myself to serving you.

Today, we face many challenges in planning for our future and financial stability. I believe it is very important for members to understand what fraternal benefits are available to them and know what they can do for you.

Every situation is unique. That is why we start with understanding your needs and wishes and create a plan made specifically for you and your family. **Our focus will start and always be based on protecting your family’s financial future.**

With a wide range of products—life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you look at your family’s financial situation now and for the years to come. All this while you deal with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church social teaching.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I’ve been trained to help you through that important process. Sit down for a short meeting with me and we can use our newest and most advanced financial needs analysis platform that the Order has ever had. I’ll take the time to gather information from you and put together your individual plan. If appropriate, I will make recommendations to help you meet your goals... As always, you’re under no obligation.

You have worked so hard for your family and it is my job to help you protect all that you have accomplished.

I look forward to visiting with you!

**Ron Moliterno**

**Field Agent**



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Council

**Correction:** Last months newsletter listed Ray Parker's phone number for Recorder incorrectly, the correct number is 813-748-9064. (Sorry Ray!)



Mother Cabrini Council #12155 celebrated a momentous occasion on August 22nd as it held its second exemplification ceremony this year. The event was a grand success and saw the induction of six new members into the council. SK Father Joseph Gates led the ceremony in opening and closing prayers. All team members performed their duties with great diligence and dedication. The new members who were inducted

into the council were equally enthusiastic and committed. They included 4 new members, and 1 transfers for Mother Cabrini Council, and one new member for Holy Cross.

Each of them expressed their gratitude for being given the opportunity to become a part of such a noble organization and pledged to uphold its values. Also present at the event was our Field Agent Ron Moliterno. Presiding Officer John Kreger spoke about the importance of community service and the role that organizations like Mother Cabrini Council #12155 play in making a positive impact on society. Overall, the exemplification ceremony was a resounding success and a testament to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. The new members are sure to bring fresh perspectives and ideas to the council, and we look forward to seeing all that they will accomplish in the years to come.

## Mother Cabrini Council #12155 Receives Top Award

Mother Cabrini Council 12155 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities. In the last fraternal year, Mother Cabrini Council 12155 donated over \$26,000 to local charities and those in need.



New Flags! - The council purchased 4 new flags for use at all meeting. Their first use was at the Exemplification ceremony. The new flags are: Papal Flag, POW/MIS Flag, State Flag, and the K of C Flag.

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## Knight's News

### Painting Party:

It was great to see so many Brothers show up on both 21st and 22nd to help out with painting the classrooms. By the end of Monday, we had completed about half of the work and were able to finish up on Tuesday. Thank you to all who helped make this happen!



**Car Show:** - Father Joseph has given us the green light for the upcoming Car Show! If you're interested in lending a hand or participating in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to Brothers Sal Curcio and Jim Recupito along with the DGK. The event is scheduled for January 13th. Will share more details as they become available in the coming months.

### DUES ARE OVERDUE!

FS Bob Wombacher reports that one month into the new fraternal year 30 Brothers have not remitted their dues. Please relieve FS Bob from the effort and expense of mailing out 2nd and 3rd dues notices. Please find the mailed dues notice and send it in today!

### Roadside Cleanup:

A firm date for our roadside cleanup is now scheduled for Saturday October 14. We will meet at 8:15am for assignments, equipment distribution and a safety meeting, and depart the Cabrini Center at 8:45am. Coffee and donuts will be available and will leave the Cabrini center at 9am. We should be completed by 12 noon at which time we will have pizza and soft drinks available. Last April we had 13 brothers volunteers lets see if we can beat that number. I will have a sign up sheet at each meeting or you can contact me at 216-276-1402— Hank







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Picture provided by Florida Catholic

Congratulation to Brother Osiel Villarreal in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Dewane on May 26th. Osiel was born and raised in the Parrish area and was baptized in the church. Over time he fell out of his faith, but with the guidance of his mother over the last 6 months has returned to his faith through different activities with the church. Confirmed to the church in May, and also joined the Knights in May. In June was elected to the Inside Guard, and also Knighted to the Fourth Degree and receiving the Title Sir Knight. Per Osiel *"Jesus has been behind everything that he has done in the last 6 months, and everything is done for the Love Of Jesus"*.

## Notes / Calendars

### New Shirt Orders

If you did not have a chance to order your new shirts or would like additional ones please contact the DGK or Tom Raffa

Happy Birthday to the following brothers in September

HECTOR	SALCIDO	6
JAMES	GREGORY	8
RUSSELL	ZIMMERMAN	8
JAMES	MURPHY	9
PAUL	AMBURGEY	11
SALVATORE	CURCIO	13
WILLIAM	WAGNER	16
MICHAEL	FABEC	19
RON	MERIGOLD	23
LUKE	LESTER	26
LOUIS	DUMAIS	27
HENRY	STEFANSKI	28
OSIEL	VILLARREAL	28

Tidewell Hospice and its Honors Veterans Program, in partnership with Tidewell Foundation, are bringing retired Air Force Col. Mark W. Tillman to our community for a presentation honoring America's veterans and first responders.

**Col. Tillman, Air Force One's pilot and commander on 9/11, will speak: 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall.**

As the nation's 12th Presidential pilot, Col. Tillman was pilot and commander of Air Force One from 2001-2009. He was at the controls on September 11, 2001. He was the first pilot to fly the Commander-in-Chief into a war zone in Baghdad, Iraq, for Thanksgiving dinner with the troops in 2003.



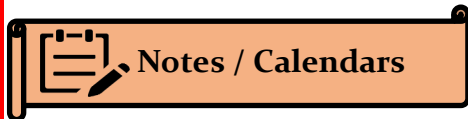
The Knights are providing lunch for the participants of the "Family Faith Formation" that will be taking place once a month. The first lunch will be on Sunday September 24th. Any brother that

would like to help with preparing the lunch for the participants would be appreciated. If you would like to help out please contact DGK.




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Remember to mark your calendars for the upcoming meetings at The Mother Cabrini Center! Third-degree meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month, while fourth-degree meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Both meetings start at 7 pm sharp, so be sure to arrive on time. See you there!

## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wen	Thru	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>That Man is You - MCC 6:30 coffee/ Doughnuts program starts 7:00 am</i>
10	11 <i>Flag Waving</i> 	12	13 <i>Tillman Foundation, 9/11 talk @ 9am</i>	14	15	16 <i>That Man is You - MCC 6:30 coffee/ Doughnuts program starts 7:00 am</i>
17	18	19 <i>4th degree meeting 7pm, Mother Cabrini Center</i>	20	21	22 <i>Register for Culture of Live Confer- ence dead- line (Oct 13- 14)</i>	23 <i>That Man is You - MCC 6:30 coffee/ Doughnuts program starts 7:00 am</i>
24 <i>Faith For- mation Lunch Youth Soccer Challenge</i>	25	26 <i>3rd degree meeting 7pm, Mother Cabrini Center</i>	27	28	29	30 <i>That Man is You - MCC 6:30 coffee/ Doughnuts program starts 7:00 am</i>