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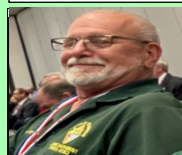


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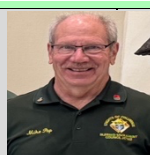
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COUNCIL #17162



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Next General Council Meetings

Fr. James Gordon Family Center

Aug 18, 2025 & Sept 15, 2025, at 7:00PM

Meetings Every THIRD MONDAY of the Month

DONUTS FOR DONATIONS

Supports "That Man is You" Sunday Aug 10th
Supports "General Disaster Relief" Sept 14th
Supports "General Disaster Relief" Oct 12th



Pastor Knight
Fr. Bibin Mathew IC
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"Sea of Green" Council Polo Shirts*

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ANY OF OUR KNIGHTS IN COUNCIL #17162 BLESSED SACRAMENT PLEASE SEND An EMAIL or CALL our **WORTHY GRAND SIR KNIGHT TOM J. MARRAH Jr.**
e-mail: tmarrahjr@gmail.com or **Phone: (727) 945-4278**



OFFICERS PLANNING MEETING

EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH—6:00pm

GEN. KNIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING

EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00pm



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Worthy Chaplain Sir Knight Pastor Fr. Rick's Message

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

My Brother Knights, let us pause for a moment to welcome the living Presence of Jesus in our hearts and our gathering.

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.” (Gospel for July 13, Lk 10:36-37)

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord’s call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man’s suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, poor, homebound, or others.

Questions for Reflection:

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?

6:30pm Parish Center.....Our 1st “LIVE” 3rd Degree Ceremonial Exemplification August 21st

BROTHER KNIGHTS,

The Council is very excited to Announce, that our newly formed, area 3rd Degree Ceremonial Exemplification Team will be coming to our Council #17162, on August 21, 2025. They will administer the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Exemplification for any Knight, who needs any of these [3] Degrees. In addition, we will welcome NEW Candidate Knights, who are joining our very active Council, on their Journey to Knighthood.

If you are a current Knight, in any of the levels of Knighthood, we ask that you arrive to the Parish Center at 6:30pm. Please wear your “Sea of Green” Council polo shirt with dark slacks. Please present your Members Card to our Worthy Warden Knight Alexander Buettell, upon entering. For our “NEW” candidate Knights, please wear a dark sport coat, dress shirt & tie, (Clergy exempt on dress attire). The Exemplification will start at 7:00pm. Spouses are welcome to attend. The Ceremony is about 1 hour. Also, there will be sandwich wedges and refreshments afterwards.

We also are asking all Council #17162 Knights, wearing your Council polo shirts, to make every effort to attend this Event, in support of your Brother Knights.

Special thanks to our Worthy District Deputy, Sir Knight Bill McClelland Pgc, the entire Exemplification Team, and our Worthy Grand Sir Knight Tom Marrah Jr, and Worthy Chaplain Fr. Rick Pilger, for their KofC Council Leadership of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Seminole, FL. Lastly, thanks to fellow Knight, Pastor Fr. Bibin Mathew for his guidance and support of our Council.



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WORTHY GRAND SIR KNIGHT MESSAGE

Brothers,

We are embarking on our new Fraternal Year, and I hope you all will be active in the many events we will be hosting and participating in.

In August we will be hosting Donuts for Donations. On Sunday August 10.

On Thursday, August 21, at 6:30 pm, an in-person Exemplification will be held in our parish center.

On Saturday August 30 at 6 pm, will be our District Deputy's Faith Movie Night, to be held in KofC Fr. Lopez Hall in Pinellas Park.

The school Soccer Challenge will be held on Friday September 19 from 8am to about 11am.

We will have a Fraternal Benefits event at 9 am in our parish center on Sunday September 21.

On Sunday October 5 we will be hosting the Blessing of the Animals, starting at 1 pm.

Then on Saturday October 11, we will be hosting our golf tournament. Brother Knight Mike "Pop" Popovich will be sending out additional info about the golf Tournament.

For Saturday October 18, at 8 am we will host the District Soccer Challenge in BSC sports field.

On November 15, at 8 am we will host the Regional Soccer Challenge. I ask that you participate as much as possible in the planning and operation of these events.

Please attend as many events as you can. Experience and share in Fraternity, Faith, Family and Community with your fellow Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Marrah

Grand Knight



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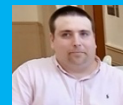
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From the desk of our Worthy Lecturer

Dear Brother Knights of Columbus Council 17162,

Your dedication to faith, charity, and service stands as a beacon of hope and strength in our world. You embody the principles of unity and fraternity, demonstrating that true brotherhood is built on compassion, selflessness, and a shared commitment to uplifting others.

Please know that through your acts of kindness, whether supporting our parish, helping those in need, or standing firm in your values, you are living examples of what it means to serve with heart and conviction. You inspire those around you to embrace the call to faith and action, showing that even the smallest gestures of goodwill can spark profound change in others.

As you continue your journey, may you find renewed strength in our mission. Keep pressing forward, knowing that your work is not just appreciated—it is vital. The world needs leaders like you, men of integrity and faith, who step forward courageously to make a difference. May you always feel the support of our Blessed Sacrament community and the guiding hand of God in all that you do.

Stay steadfast, stay inspired, and keep being the light for others.

Brother Rick Willis

Lecturer Council #17162



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Are you interested to Advance your Journey to full Knighthood ??
If you presently have your 1st Degree, 2nd Degree & 3rd Degree Exemplifications are available to you at ZERO cost. A Knight's continued Journey to full Knighthood, is viewing a brief Virtual Exemplification video.

In addition, our Order's final Degree is the Patriotic 4th Degree. For the 4th Degree, there is a nominal fee. In most cases your Council would Sponsor one of their dedicated Knights. There is 4th Degree Assembly Regalia, which is purchased, again at a nominal cost, paid for by the advancing Knight.

Discuss with WGSK Tom Marrah Jr. Council's about partial compensation to defray cost.

Contact our Council's Advocate & Membership Director;
Sir Knight Gregg P. Appel Pkg. Cell # (727) 244-2832 and email
address of karokegal@gmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS

As you promote and strive to recruit NEW Brothers to JOIN our VIBRANT COUNCIL
We have ACHIEVED and will receive the KofC STAR COUNCIL AWARD for 2024-2025

Council would like to Welcome Recent New Knights or Reactivated Knights;

Knight Michael "Mike" J Iannotti..... May BDay
Knight Clayton T Lundy.....April BDay
Knight John W Mulligan.....Oct BDay
Knight Atty. Eric J Paolino.....June BDay

We would also like to give a SHOUT OUT to our BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS for AUGUST;

Sir Knight Anthony "Tony" Cistone
Knight William B Daniels
Knight Timothy "Tim" J Dailey
Knight Roger M Kenneally
Knight Terry L Loudermilk II
Sir Knight Keith Smith Pkg
Knight Gus (Age 96) Walsack
Knight John A Wethern
Knight Anthony J Zielmanski

We would also like to give a SHOUT OUT to our BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS for SEPTEMBER;

Sir Knight John Bibby
Knight Allen J Foreman
WDG Knight James "Jim" Hebbel
WTRS Knight Ryan Inman
Sir Knight Michael "Mike Pop" Popovich
Knight Earnest R. Radicchi



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Our Holy Father POPE LEO XIV

**Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
for the 143rd Supreme Convention
of the Knights of Columbus
August 5, 2025**

Dear friends,

I am pleased to greet all of you gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. I also greet those who are participating virtually in these opening ceremonies.

You are meeting during the Jubilee Year of Hope, which encourages the Universal Church, and indeed the entire world, to reflect on this essential virtue, which Pope Francis described as "the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring" (Spes Non Confundit, 1). I'd like to reflect briefly with you on this important virtue.

As Catholics, we know that the source of our hope is Jesus Christ, and he has sent his followers in every age to bring the good news of his saving Paschal Mystery to the entire world. The Church has always been called to be a sign of hope through the proclamation of the Gospel in words as well as in actions. In a particular way during this Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.

Your founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, understood this well. He saw the many needs of immigrant Catholics and sought to bring relief to the poor and suffering through his faithful celebration of the sacraments as well as through fraternal assistance, fraternal assistance which continues on to this day.

This year's Convention has the timely theme of "Heralds of Hope," reminding all Knights of Columbus of the invitation to be signs of hope in your local communities, parishes, and families. In this regard, I commend your efforts to bring together men in your communities for prayer, formation, and fraternity, as well as the many charitable efforts of your local Councils throughout the world. In particular, your generous service to vulnerable populations, including the unborn, pregnant mothers, children, those who are less fortunate, and those affected by the scourge of war, brings hope and healing to many and continues the noble legacy of your founder.

With these brief words, I offer my good wishes for the work of the Supreme Convention, which I entrust to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. Amen

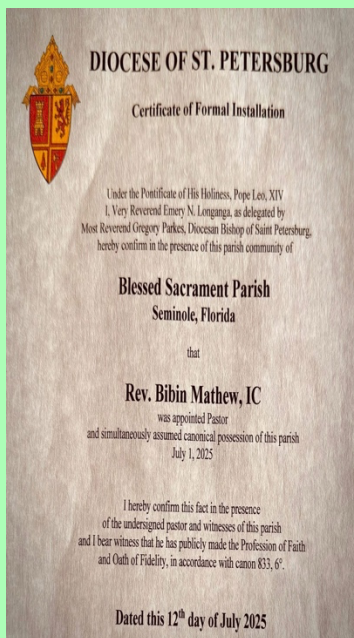


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Council #17162 BSC Photos of Recent Events





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PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS IN NEED

If you or a family member is need of prayer, the Lord hears your request through the prayers of your brothers and/or their families.

Please email me with prayer requests to karokeya1@gmail.com

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, I turn to You in this time of illness or distress. Dearest Comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with Your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. We place our worries in Your hands.



Heavenly Father, we humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

What is Prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things in accord with his will.

It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man.

Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

True prayer includes purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold faith that goes beyond what we understand, and watchfulness that protects us from temptation.

ALWAYS ENDING ON A SMILE

Everybody loves a good laugh. As Proverbs 17:22 declares, "a joyful heart is good medicine." There's something about laughter that can restore the soul and provide some much-needed relief from some of the stress and pains of everyday life.

TILL DEATH DO US PART ; An officer pulls over a man and a woman for driving their late model Mercedes coupe 20 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. The officer approaches the car, and says, **"I stopped you because you were going 75 in a 55 zone"** .

The driver replies, **"No sir, I was going just a little over 55."** The woman says, **"Oh Stuart! You were going at least 80 and hit the brakes when you saw the cop car on the side of the road!"**

The man gives his wife a dirty look. The officer says, **"I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken taillight."** "Broken taillight?" the man replies. "I didn't know about a broken taillight. "The woman exclaims, **"Stuart! You've known about that taillight for weeks!"** The man gives his wife another dirty look.

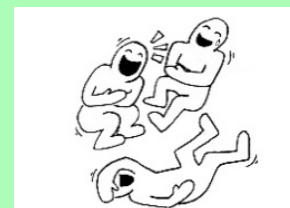
The officer then says, **"I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."**

"The driver replies, "Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car. **"Stuart,"** the woman says, **"you know you never wear your seat belt!"** The husband finally bursts out, **"Can't you just keep your mouth quiet, woman!"**

The officer, taken back by the driver's tone of voice takes a moment, and then says,

"Ma'am, does your husband always talk to you this way?"

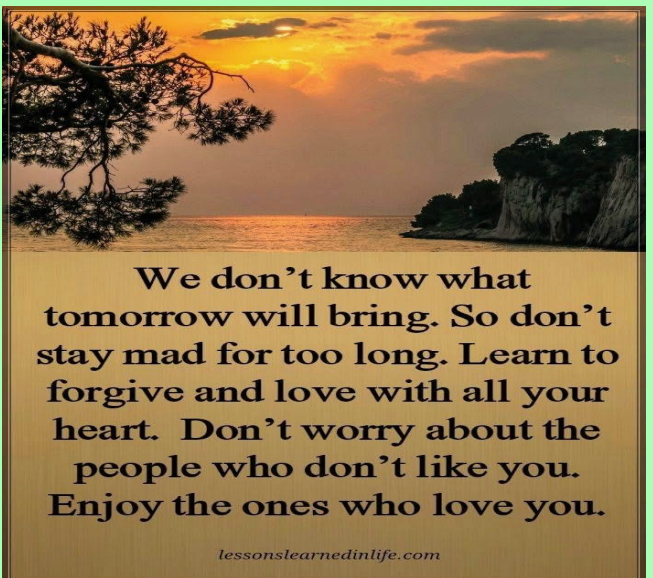
"No, not really" she says, **"Only when he's drunk."**





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2
✠ Steven (Steve) E	✠ Gerardo Roman ✠ Heaven: Donald (D ✠ John C Bauer's I		● 9am Appointment	✠ David (Dave) M		✠ Ryan Inman's bil
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		✠ Bart Kilkenny's I				● 4pm (G) Mass Cal
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Donuts at BSC ✠ Donald (Don) Fr				✠ Brandon G Livin ✠ Gus Walsack's t	✠ Roger M Kenne	✠ Dennis (Denny)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
✠ Terrence (Terry)	● 6pm Council Offic ● 7pm Council #171		✠ Anthony (Tony) ✠ William (Bill) B C	● 6:30pm Degree E;		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		✠ Arthur (Art) Phil			✠ Anthony (Tony)	✠ John A Wetherr
31	Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6
✠ Terrence (Terry)	✠ Michael (Mike) C Labor Day					

