



# THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

June-July 2025 Blessed Sacrament Council #17162



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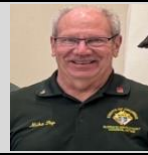
**June-July  
2025**

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL #17162**



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### Next General Council Meetings

**Fr. James Gordon Family Center**

**June 16, 2025 & July 21, 2025, at 7:00PM**

**Meetings Every THIRD MONDAY of the Month**

#### **DONUTS FOR DONATIONS**

Support for Church Repairs Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Supports Pinellas Hope Ministry July 20<sup>th</sup>  
Supports "That Man is You" August 17<sup>th</sup>



*Special Thanks to all Knights in our "Sea of Green" Polo Shirts who passed out Flowers to Mothers at ALL Masses*

**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.**  
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**OFFICERS PLANNING MEETING**

**EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH—6:00pm**

**GEN. KNIGHTS COUNCIL MEETING**

**EVERY THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH—7:00pm**



## ***FR. Rick's Meeting in Rome***



A few thoughts on my trip to Rome.

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Summary of the Major Superior Meeting

On May 18, 2025, Pope Leo XIV shared with us the motto for his papacy, "In the One, we are one." He chose the name Leo, continuing the thinking of Pope Leo XIII, who wrote in his encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, "It is the soul, which is made after the image and likeness of God. There is here no difference between rich and

poor, master and servant, ruler and ruled. For the same is Lord over all."

The workshop and Major Superior Meeting I attended in Rome with our Father General, Marco Tanghetti, his counsel, and provincials followed the same theme, one in Christ Jesus. Amazingly, our meetings ended two days before Pope Leo shared with us his motto.

We spent three days in a workshop on communication and leadership. We grew in our understanding of each other by listening to the person more than the ideas.

Collaboration and honest communication through discussion of ideas and feelings create community while breaking down division and exclusion. In a session, we learned the steps to never be afraid to share with a brother or sister what you are honestly thinking and feeling. Problems result when we don't.

On the first Saturday, we visited local basilicas and places important to our Founder, Blessed Antonio Rosmini. The following week, we were blessed to pray and share our views on various topics to help us all grow in our calling to greater charity and fulfill the will of the Lord.

As we look forward to the future, I was inspired by the thoughts and experiences of our brothers from different cultures. Our shared desire to follow Pope Leo's call, "In the One, we are one," was evident. We look forward to the future that is one filled with hope and inspiration for all members of our Institute and the Church we serve.

Please keep Fr. Tanghetti, our Superior General, and his curia in your prayers as they discern the Lord's way for us in the next few years.

How exciting!

Fr. Rick Pilger, IC  
Provost for Ireland/USA

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## **Our Worthy Chaplin – Sir Knight Pastor Fr. Rick's Message**



**Pastor FR. RICK PILGER**  
**Sir Knight Worthy Chaplain**  
**Love Your Neighbor !**

Fr. Rick Pilger, IC

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## **Worthy Chaplain Sir Knight Pastor Fr. Rick's Message**

**Peace be with all of you, good brother Knights.**

**It is an exciting time for all of us in the Catholic Church to welcome a new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. His 1st words to all of us were the words Jesus left us after his resurrection, "Peace be with you."**

**These were not only words but were filled with intent and meaning. Pope Leo has written a letter to President Putin to end the war with Ukraine. He calls us to move forward in faith without fear. We walk with him, "hand in hand with God and one another!"**

**He quoted St. Augustine addressing the 1.4 billion Catholics he now shepherds, 'With you, I am a Christian, and for you I am Bishop.' Our Holy Father is calling all of us to review our personal relationship with our Lord Jesus and commit to the daily conversion of our hearts and lives to Him. This means constantly striving to align our thoughts, words, and actions with the teachings of Jesus and the Church.**

**It's a simple call that can have a profound impact on our relationship with God and with one another. Spend a few quiet moments with the Lord before you go to bed. Examine your conscience, and do not be afraid to look honestly at all you said and did that day. Ask Jesus if he is pleased with your words and actions, or do you need to repent and ask his mercy?**

**Stay close to the Lord and speak your mind and heart from peace, knowing what St. John the Baptist knew so well, "He must increase. I must decrease." Let us never impose our ideas on others; instead, let us seek to listen and understand them first. This is how we discover the will of the Lord in all things. Let us follow Jesus, not our own way.**

**I will close with one of my favorite quotes from St. Julian of Norwich, who wrote in the 11th century, 'The person who loves us most is the person who knows us at our worst and still loves us.' This is Jesus, and we can be His presence to each other when we experience His merciful love ourselves. Stay close to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a powerful Sacrament that allows us to confess our sins and receive God's absolution, and do not leave it for more than a month. Bring your family. Jesus asks so little of us for all that He suffered.**

**Peace be with you, good Knights.**

**Fr. Rick .....June 5, 2025**



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## **WORTHY GRAND SIR KNIGHT MESSAGE**

*Worthy Brothers,*

*June brings us to the end of another Fraternal Year, and July will begin our new Fraternal Year. This past year has been a moment of grace and strength, because of the support we have been to each other and our Parish Community.*

*Your prayers, your actions and your faith has given me pride to have been called your leader. You have all been great examples of Catholic gentleman of faith and action. You are truly Knights.*

*I look forward to act as your Grand Knight through our next Fraternal Year*

*I want to thank the Brothers who served as Council Officers during this last Fraternal Year. I want to thank the Brothers who stepped up as Council Officers to lead our Council through our next Fraternal Year.*

*I am looking forward to working with all of you in strengthening our Catholic Faith, building and supporting our Parish community, helping our local Community, and in making our Council a strong and lasting fraternal organization in our Parish.*

*I also continue to commend all my Brother Knights for their dedicated service, sharing your Time & Talents with all our Charity Events, in support of our Community and Parish*

*Through our visibility during these functions or events, the Clergy and I have received many compliments from the Congregation, with the wearing of your "Sea of Green" Council #17162 polo shirts.*

*God Bless You All  
Vivat Jesus !!*

*Tom Marrah  
Grand Knight*



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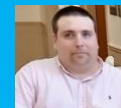
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Last month, we discussed making sure your financial house is in order to minimize any tax liabilities that may arise from a larger estate. There are numerous financial options that can reduce taxes and provide more assets to your family or charity. This month, we'll address the need to review beneficiaries on life insurance, bank accounts, mutual funds, etc. Absolutely an item to review with your financial planner, lawyer, etc.

Beneficiary designations at death take precedence over the provisions of a will or trust. Regardless of the planning that has been done for distribution of the estate, if there is a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries, that person or persons will receive the asset at death. These beneficiary provisions have from time to time been challenged in court, but if the beneficiary and the contract were legal, turnovers are rare. Also, Florida is not a community property state, rather follows Equitable Distribution rules. What that means is that assets are not necessarily divided equally, especially in cases with an ex-spouse and current spouse. If you're divorced, and get remarried, who gets your inheritance? What if you've not been remarried?

Who do YOU want to get your inheritance? Example, maybe your ex-spouse has majority custody of your children and pays most of their expenses. Maybe it's your desire for them to have 100% of insurance money instead of "Equitable Distribution." If wills and beneficiaries do not have updated designations, you could be leaving your heirs lots of financial, legal, and family headaches when it's your turn to go home.

Updating beneficiaries on all financial documents is vitally important. This is especially true with Life Insurance contracts. It is also true for stocks, mutual funds, and other equity you may hold at time of death. And if you move to a Community Property state like California, Texas, Tennessee, and others, the rules of distribution can be altogether different.

Bottom line as always, consult with your financial planner, CPA or legal advisor, or Contact our Council's Ins. Agent. Make sure your documents are updated with just a little bit of time and paperwork. Hope that helps.

Are you interested to Advance your Journey to full Knighthood ?? If you presently have your 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. For the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, there is a nominal fee. In most cases your Council would Sponsor one of their dedicated Knights. There is 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please Contact our Council's Membership Director;  
**Sir Knight Gregg P. Appel Pgc.** Cell # (727) 244-2832 and email address of [karokegal@gmail.com](mailto:karokegal@gmail.com)



***GREAT NEWS to ALL Area Councils, we now have a Newly formed District 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification Team. They will present (our 1<sup>st</sup> dry run) "Live" Exemplification of our KofC Ceremonials. All knights are encouraged to attend. BRING "Candidates". Place: in the Parish Center, at 7pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, of St Jerome Church, Host Council #17249***



**Our Holy Father EL Papa..... POPE LEO XIV  
Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost  
1<sup>st</sup> Pope from United States of America and Peru**





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## DONUTS FOR DONATIONS

The Knights of Columbus Council



#17162 BSC Seminole had a very successful Doughnut Drive last Sunday and all the proceeds went to The Fisher House at the V.A. The Fisher House is where military families can stay free of charge while their loved

one is in the hospital.

## MEMBERSHIP DRIVE Held at BSC CHURCH\_ACTIVITY RECAP

1. We had [3] inactive Knights, now in Readmission, previously in our or other Councils
  - a) Atty. Knight Eric J Paolino, his email is [epaolino@gmail.com](mailto:epaolino@gmail.com) Contact our Knight for more info
  - b) Knight John W. Mulligan, his email is [usc1985@gmail.com](mailto:usc1985@gmail.com) Contact our Knight for more info
  - c) Knight Michael (Mike) J Iannotti, email is [mikeiannotti@gmail.com](mailto:mikeiannotti@gmail.com) Contact our Knight for more info

Please Brother Knights, give them a warm "Welcome"

2. We also have the potential of [2] NEW Candidates to start their journey to Knighthood
  - a) Parishioner James (Jim) Pequita, recruited by KofC Ins. Agent Tony Crevello
  - b) Parishioner Seth Jackson, recruited by Sir Knight Gregg P Appel

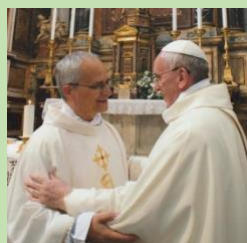
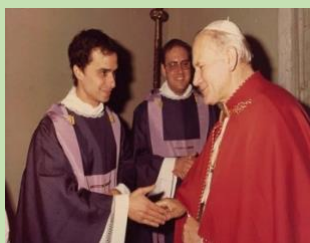
Brother Knights, if asked, please answer general questions that they might have.

**UPCOMING FALL EVENT; Sir Knight Mike Pop has a tentative [72] man GOLF OUTING, in October 2025**

**REMINDER:** Any active Knight, who would like to observe our Area's 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification, Being held on June 22, 2025, at 6:45pm, in the Parish Center at Host Council #17249 Divine Mercy of Jesus Largo, FL on Hamlin, are encouraged to attend. Dress Code; Council Polo shirt

**\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\* Our BSC Council #17162 Installation of 2025-2026 Council New Officers, will be held during the 10:00 Mass, in the Sanctuary, on July 13, 2025. Dress Code; Officers Dark Suit w/ tie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights Polo shirt with dark slacks. Reserved Knight's section to gather together, with Family.**

**PLEASE always support our dedicated Parish Clergy, Deacons, Visiting Priests, Sacristans, Altar Servers, and all the Various Church Ministries, in addition to our BSC School Staff & Teachers, as they prepare for the 2025-2026 School Year. We are Blessed in having a very Vibrant Church and Community.**



Bishop Prevost & John Paul II Bishop Prevost & Pope Benedict Cardinal Prevost-Pope Francis KofC Supreme Knight-Pope Leo XIV DA BEARS



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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 [karokega1@gmail.com](mailto:karokega1@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.

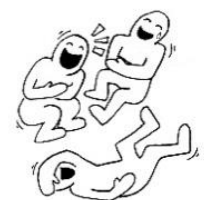
The officer then says, **"I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."**

"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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Images of recent Parish Events and from the 2025 KofC FL State Convention, Jacksonville, FL 05/23-05/25









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Google Calendar - June 2025

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	
15 Donuts for P Father's Day	16 6pm Council 7pm Council	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20	21	
22 3rd Dgr. Exer	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	Jul 1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	>

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