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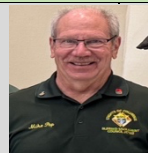
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2025-2026**

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COUNCIL #17162**



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Next General Council Meetings

Fr. James Gordon Family Center
DEC 15, 2025 & JAN 19, 2026, at 7:00PM
Meetings Every THIRD MONDAY of the Month



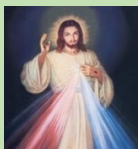
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IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT ANY OF OUR KNIGHTS IN COUNCIL #17162 BLESSED SACRAMENT PLEASE SEND An EMAIL or CALL our **WORTHY GRAND SIR KNIGHT TOM J. MARRAH Jr.**
e-mail: tmarrahjr@gmail.com or **Phone: (727) 945-4278**



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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Sir Knight Worthy Chaplain
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Fr. Rick's Message

Be Alert – Stay Awake

How time flies. It's already Advent! This season, we will hear from Jesus how important it is to Be Alert – Stay Awake. This theme is a call to spiritual vigilance, reminding us to be prepared for the coming of Christ. Let's explore what Jesus is getting at and what He wants us to understand.

Let me share a story with you. I recall a house fire where a family lost a loved one. They had planned to install a smoke detector for two weeks, but delayed it. This delay, while seemingly insignificant, had tragic consequences. In our spiritual lives, we often put off important tasks when they don't seem urgent. But some things, if delayed and lost, are irreplaceable.

Consider the missed opportunities to deepen our relationships. We desire to spend more time with family, yet daily tasks and obligations hinder us. We miss many chances to deepen our love with spouses, children, parents, siblings, and other loved ones. Reflect on what prevents us from talking with our loved ones, sitting down together, and sharing quality time.

I love that Publix commercial from a few years ago—perhaps you've seen it. It shows a son returning from college for Thanksgiving, and all his mom wants is to spend time with him. However, other distractions arise, and he leaves saying, "The guys are here," before walking out the door.

Mom's face reflects a deep emptiness that only her son can fill. When he enters and says, "The plans have changed," they sit down together and share a piece of pie, enjoying each other's company. I believe she bought the pie at Publix.

The son didn't miss his chance, and I want to say that the mother in this story is our Lord Jesus. He patiently waits for us to come to Him, waiting by our bedside when we wake up to say good morning. He desires to bless us with peaceful sleep.

He waits within us to fill the hearts of our family like nobody else can in this world. Most of all, he waits daily in Holy Mass and Holy Communion to be with us all day. And he says, "Well, I know you're working, and some of you, maybe many of you, can't be with me in Holy Communion every day."

That's why I'm here in the Tabernacle, waiting for you. There are many important people in your life, and I can only love through you. I also have many things I want to accomplish with you. Would you come and spend half an hour, or maybe even an hour, with me in the Chapel sometime during the day or early evening? We can start with 15 minutes to help us get to know each other better.

I want to say, "Let's not put stuff before Jesus that will soon mean nothing to us." Yes, it requires sacrifice, but it's better to give up some "things" than Jesus. Let's not delay in getting that smoke detector when we have the chance.

I read a lovely poem the other day which begins:
If you are ever going to love me, love me now, while I can know the sweet and tender feelings that flow from genuine affection.

Love me now while I am living.
Please do not wait until I am gone.
And then have it chiseled in marble – sweet words on ice-cold stone.
If you have tender thoughts of me, please tell me now.
If you are ever going to love me, love me now.

The Joy of the Incarnation: A Message from fr. Bibin Mathew I.C.

Brother Knights and Families,

As the beautiful season of Christmas dawns upon us, we pause from the busyness of the world to gaze upon the manger. The Nativity story is not just a historical event; it is the moment when the eternal Light of the World broke into human history, bringing a message of peace, hope, and Divine love.

This Light is the very foundation of our Order. It calls us, as Knights of Columbus, to put our Faith into action through radical Charity.

This Christmas, let us reflect on how we, as an organization, have striven to be the hands and feet of Christ. Every council meeting, every charity drive, every prayer service, and every time we have stood up for Family and Life—that is the radiance of the Christ Child working through us.

Our mission is to ensure that the joy and protection offered by the Holy Family are extended to every member of our community. Let us carry the spirit of the shepherds and the magi with us: approaching the Lord with awe and then returning to our homes and communities ready to share the good news through tangible acts of service.

May the peace of the Christ Child fill your homes, bless your families, and strengthen the bonds of our Fraternity. We wish you and yours a Christmas filled with grace, happiness, and the profound peace of knowing that our Savior is born.

Vivat Jesus!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Pastor

**Blessed Sacrament Church
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For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring. · Acts 17:28 ..



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WORTHY GRAND SIR KNIGHT MESSAGE

Brothers,

As we begin to celebrate the birth of Our Lord I want to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given Council 17162. I am proud to be a part of such a faithful, charitable and patriotic group of good Catholic and family men. It is an honor to be a part of all your lives.

We had such a good turn out for our Soccer Challenge events, our golf tournament, our membership drive and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Adoration.

We had over 20 kids, from 6 different councils attend the Regional Soccer Challenge. 9 of your council Brother Knights helped with set up, shoot out and clean up. We had 4 State officers help and learn how we have such successful Soccer Challenges. We had 4 Brothers from the participating councils help with the shoot out to give us 41 hours of volunteer time.

For our Donuts for Donations and Membership Drive we had 49 hours of volunteer time. We also recruited 5 new Brothers. This fulfilled our Star Council goal and has us 2 recruits short from double Star Council. We also raised over \$750 for our charity.

The Adoration for the Sacred Heart of Jesus saw 14 Knights attend and help with the services. A special thanks to Roger Kenneally for setting up on such short notice, it came off seamlessly. I look forward to our coming events, the Eucharistic Procession and picnic also our 4th Annual "Cruz In For Christ" Car Show.

In late February or early March, we will host the Silver Rose. State will give me the date we are to receive the Rose.

Brothers enjoy your Christmas season with faith, family, friends and joy in the birth of our Savior.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Marrah
Grand Knight



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To my brother Knights, I would like to re-introduce myself as your new Knights of Columbus insurance agent responsible for the protection and service of you, your families, and the families of your parish. I'm excited to get to know you and assist you with all your needs. My primary goal is to ensure that you and your family are properly protected and to serve as a reliable resource for any questions or concerns down the road. Although I take this responsibility from Anthony and the men before him, a few things will not change:

1. Your existing policies and coverage obviously remain in effect without interruption
2. Our agency is committed to your safety and Peace of Mind
3. I will be calling you to set up an appointment to sit with you, and your wife if you are married, to review and update your family service record.
4. You are welcome to contact me at any time 24/7. If I cannot answer your question I will find the answer for you.

Thank you for your brotherhood. I look forward to meeting everyone.
Also, I wish you & your Families a Peaceful & Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New 2026 Year

God bless,
Rick Parisi

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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 OUR NEW BROTHER KNIGHTS and KNIGHTS continuing their Knight's Journey, who are scheduled to participate in our 2nd "LIVE" 3rd Degree Ceremonial, to be held on December 04, 2025
 Scheduled NEW Knight Candidates:

- [1] (N) Christopher (Chris) Berry (17162); [2] (N) Phillip (Phil) Campanella (17249);
 - [3] (N) Robert (Bob) Demaio (17162); [4] (N) Jack Kelly (17162); [5] (A) John Lessl (17162);
 - [6] (N) Rev Fr. (Joe) Joseph O'Reilly I.C. (17162); [7] (A) Atty. Eric J. Paolino (17162);
 - [8] (N) Jeffrey (Jeff) Sandy (17162); [9] (A) Dan Sangiovanni (17162);
 - [10] (N) Thomas (Tom) Urban (17249); [11] (N) Bruce Villeneuve (17249)
- (A) = Advancing or refresher (N) = New Knight 17162 Blessed Sacrament_ 17249 St Jerome

Also Special Thanks to our New Area Knights 3rd Degree Ceremonial Team

We would also like to give a SHOUT OUT to our DECEMBER BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS



We would also like to give a SHOUT OUT to our JANUARY BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS

Knight Enrique Juarez	8th
Sir Knight Fr. Rick Pilger I.C.	15th
Sir Knight Allen Flexon	19th
Knight Brian Mullen	27th
Knight Tom Mireau	29th
Knight Michael Iannotti	30th



Knight Gerard Campanella.	04th
Knight Mark Witt	14th
Knight Kurt Hesser	22nd
Knight Tony Pietrusiewicz.	27th



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Priest of the People



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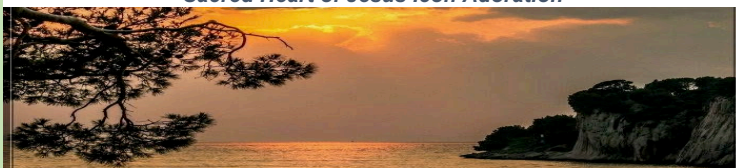
Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon Adoration



You're not walking alone. God is with you every step of the way, even when it feels hard.

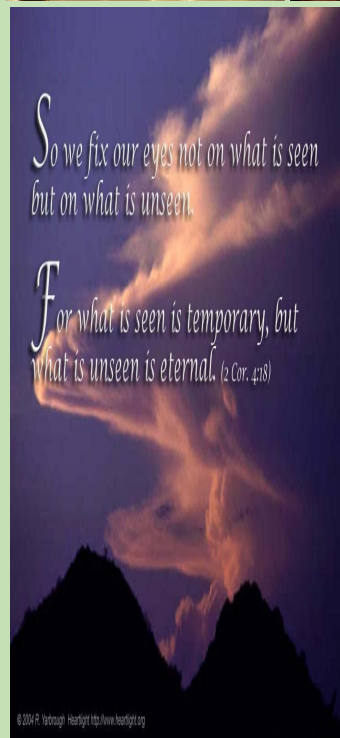


BL. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY HEROIC MEN



We don't know what tomorrow will bring. So don't stay mad for too long. Learn to forgive and love with all your heart. Don't worry about the people who don't like you. Enjoy the ones who love you.

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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen.

For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Cor. 4:18)



STRESS: Comes from trying to do it all on your own.

PEACE: Comes from putting it all in God's hands.



“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
“If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
“If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
“If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
“The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
“Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
“For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

— Mother Teresa



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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 Sir Knight Gregg P. Appel karokegal@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.



The main function of your little toe is making sure all the furniture in the house is in the right place.

This Southern Girl Can

GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE PEOPLE I CANNOT CHANGE.

THE COURAGE TO CHANGE DIRECTION WHEN I SEE THEM COMING.

AND THE WISDOM TO NOT TRY TO SMACK SOME SENSE INTO THEM WHEN I CAN'T AVOID THEM.

AMEN!

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UPCOMING EVENTS in MONTHS of DECEMBER - JANUARY

Thursday Dec. 4, from 6 to 9:00pm 1st-3rd Knights Ceremonial Degree Exemplification

Attire: Candidates or Advancing Knights_ Dark Sport Coat, dress shirt [tie optional], dark slacks.

Knights in observing, please wear Council's Polo Shirt. Spouses are welcomed to attend.

Refreshments and light sandwiches, provided at the close of Ceremony

Special Thanks to our New Area Knights 3rd Degree Ceremonial Team

Thursday Dec. 18, from 6:45pm to appx. 7:35pm_our Officers & Gen. Knights Member meeting

ALSO, from 7:40pm to about 9:30pm. Usual refreshments + BYO Beer & Wine are permitted in PC

Council 17162 Christmas Holiday Pizza Party !!!!

Polo shirts or Christmas festive attire is welcomed

Congrats to [3] Honorary Life Knights; Sir Knight Gregg P Appel Pkg (52 yrs.), Sir Knight James (Jim) Patton (51 yrs.) and Brother Knight Gary Signorelli (49 yrs.)

At the November general Knights meeting, Sir Knight Tony Romano was the 50/50 Winner !!!

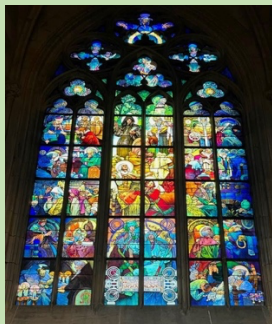
More info to come from WGSK Tom, Per Supreme, WE ARE STAR COUNCIL. Our Membership has surpassed 150% of our Goal. Thanks to "ALL" Knights who actively recruit New Knights.

Condolences to the Family of Sir Knight Paul Joseph Friederich, Sir Knight Paul is with Our Lords Army, his surviving widow were blessed with 66 years of Marriage. He is the Father of Brother Knight Mark Friederich, our Council's Worthy Recorder. A Life Celebration Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Largo. The attendance for his Celebration of his many friends & relatives was very Large. There were [9] area Priests who co-celebrated his Mass. A lovely reception was held in the Parish Hall.

Council #17162 BSC Photos of Recent Events



2025 Top 3 Sand Sculptures_ Treasure Island Visit of Fr. Gordon (Bald Eagle)



Fr Bibin & Fr Joe O'Reilly Safari outing Zoo Tampa

In Fr Joe O'Reilly's former parish in Kingscourt, County Cavan, Ireland, the stained-glass windows are renowned for their vibrant colors and intricate designs. Each pane tells a unique story from scripture or Irish tradition, illuminating the church interior with a warm, spiritual glow. Visitors and parishioners alike often remark on the artistry and reverence reflected in these windows, making them a cherished feature of the parish's rich heritage.



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Your Selection								
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Your Selection								
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100% COTTON POLO - FOREST GREEN - Pocket NO Pocket

SIZES	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE	XLARGE	2X	3X	4X	5X
Your Selection								
PRICE \$\$	\$32.00/ea	\$32.00/ea	\$32.00/ea	\$32.00/ea	\$37.00/ea	\$37.00/ea	\$39.00/ea	\$39.00/ea

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3rd Degree



Sir Knight Gregg P. Appel PGK

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