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Council 11961 St Mary  
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**Grand Knight Message**

**Charity  
Unity  
Fraternity**

**JULY 2024**



**Joseph Maretti**

***As we begin our new year I am excited and nervous as I take the Grand Knight's position.***

***I am excited by the way we all came together and made great strides in accomplishing many difficult tasks.***

***The fish fries were a great success that required hard work and teamwork.***

***The challenge of cooking back to back days to serve so many was another task done well. All of our Directors did a great job. We made star council again through all of this. Our newest members were very active and willing to do whatever was necessary to get it done. Thanks so much for the leadership Joe***

***Juric showed in getting us to star council and adding new members.***

***I am nervous as I will need all the help I can get to try to make this year bigger and better.***

***I will try to do my best to make this happen, but I need your support.***

***I am looking forward to serving you and willing to take all suggests you may***



**Greg Gully  
District 17 Warden  
Knights of Columbus  
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I am honored to be chosen as District Deputy 17. I follow 2 giants in Former District Deputy Kevin Ryan and Paul Gloeckler. I have learned much about being a DD from both honorable men. I can honestly say if I am half as effective as these 2 Worthy Brother Knights then District 17 will be successful.

2023-2024 fraternal year was extremely successful. Well deserved honors have been bestowed on FDD Kevin Ryan. 3rd place in Florida in membership and All Star District awards. All 3 Councils have also received numerous awards. St Mary's star district, Mother Seton double star district and Notre Dame double star district. Along with many other awards for each council.

2024-2025 fraternal year has begun. We welcome new officers including Grand Knight. I will work diligently to assist the council to attain and surpass the successes of last fraternal year. Unified we can achieve this.

2024 is also a contentious election year. Politics has no place at council meetings. That being said Amendment #4 is NOT political. The Knights have been on the front lines of life issues since their inception. Amendment #4 will be discussed and prayerfully defeated. Now more than ever we need EVERY Brother Knight to stand boldly for life. This is our time to do everything in our power to defeat the cult of death. I implore you to make a visit to the abortion mill in Jacksonville to pray for the Moms and Dads that feel like murder is their only option. Stand with signs educating voters on amendment #4. Speak with everyone you know. We must defeat amendment #4.

Lets get to work on 2024-2025 because we are called to be Knights and that is what Knights do!

Vivat Jesus

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Larry Kennedy FICF MDRT  
Field Agent/Central Florida  
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### Fraternal Benefits

I always think of July as being the midpoint of the summer. I hope your summer is going well and you're getting to enjoy it. Summer vacations, kids out of school, lots of outdoor sports, tending flowers and vegetable gardens. Seems like there is so much more to keep up with than during the winter. Maybe that's what makes it seem like summer goes so fast and winter drags on. Summer will be gone before you know it!

For this month a couple of thoughts come to mind. A case that came up recently had to do with the ownership of life insurance policies. If you have policies on dependent children, it's wise to have a contingent owner listed. A parent is most often the owner of the child's policy, but often there is no provision made on the policy should that parent pass away. Having a contingent owner listed in this situation makes for a smooth transition of ownership. That's one of the many things I can help with when I review policies for you.

Fraternal benefits come with being a member of the Order. One of these fraternal benefits is known as the Spouse's Right to Apply. This benefit is spelled out in each of our insurance contracts and provides a widow with the right to apply for any of our products for up to one year after her husband's death so long as he was an insured member at the time of his death. It's another good reason to become an insured member with the Order. It gives that right to your spouse. One of the advantages of meeting with me is to review just these kinds of situations. I hope to put your mind at ease.

There are many more fraternal benefits. When I meet with a member and his spouse, I try to make sure I explain all of them that are pertinent. This is all in addition to our financial needs analysis tool that can help determine needs. I think this analysis and the insurance products we offer are two of the most worthwhile benefits the Order provides. This is a robust and cutting edge platform that is used throughout the life insurance industry. We used to use a much simpler form called the Family Service Record to help keep track of important household information if the need ever presented itself. Now one of the benefits I provide to you and your family is to go through this financial needs analysis and help determine where you are now and where you want to go. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a baseline or periodic check-up is a wise idea.

I appreciate the trust you've placed in me and the opportunity to serve you! Enjoy the summer!

Vivat Jesus,  
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### **300 CLUB WINNERS** **JUNE \$50 Winners**

Donald Gendron #93, Janet Jones #123  
Fran Kiceina #99, Louise Capozzi#216

**2nd Quarter Winner**  
Terry Picucci #36



## St. Mary Knights of Columbus, Council 11961 Officers 2023-2024



Grand Knight  
Joe Marotti



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Deputy GK  
Darren Molony



Chancellor  
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Treasurer  
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Warden  
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Joe Beck



Outside Guard  
Paul Przbysz



1 Year Trustee  
Rich Frieze



2 Year Trustee  
Ron Kiceina



3 Year Trustee  
Joe Jurec



Lecturer  
Dr. Jim St John



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Fr. Rafal Mazurowski

### JULY 2024 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (Gospel for July 28, Jn 6:5)

Jesus can do anything, but he often expects his disciples to participate in his work. Notice that although

Jesus performs the miracle, it is the disciples who find the boy with the loaves and fishes, distribute the food and collect the leftovers. We must reject the error of quietism — the idea that activity has little to no place in our spiritual life — and recognize that we have an active role to play in Christ's sacred mission.

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to support one effort to serve the poor and those most in need in your community.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you recognize that Christ has work for you to do in this life? When you see suffering around you, is your first response to consider what Christ might be asking you to do? How can you grow in your awareness of the tasks Christ is asking you to undertake?



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Don Gendron 7/1, Joseph Nacci 7/4, Bob Barrett 7/7  
Br. Patrick Gemmato 7/8, Kulus Kish 7/9, Sonny Demartino 7/10  
Christopher Grecek 7/16, Francis Smith 7/18, Bob Stearns 7/21  
Peter Capozzi 7/23, Wallace Burns 7/24, James Dupuy 7/24  
John Schulten 7/24, Charles Lundy 7/27

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### Council Committees



Brothers, welcome our new Brother Knight, Tom Conway. Tom joins us from Massachusetts. He joins our other new members, Billy Lindroth, Ken Fehner, Don Worthington. Welcome Brothers



**Remember July 7th at 5:00PM, and every first Wednesday of the month, Director Mike Gossman leads us in Rosary for Life. Let's join him.**



*Justino Moreno*

## Priest shortage in the Catholic Church

Worldwide, the number of priests in 1970 was 419,728. In 2017, there were a total of 414,582 priests. While the total number of priests worldwide has therefore remained relatively stable since 1970, the Catholic population has nearly doubled, growing from 653.6 million in 1970 to 1.229 billion in 2012. In 2012 the global **number of candidates for the priesthood also showed its first decline in recent years.**

The number of parishes with no resident priest pastor has grown from 39,431 in 1970 to 49,153 in 2012. **The number of parishes without a priest does not include the thousands of parishes that have closed or merged due to a lack of priests.**

***We are supporting two fine Seminarians Justino and Mason. Please continue to pray for them and also for an increase in vocations.***



*Mason McGovern*

## "Into the Breach"

**The councils in our District have been holding "Into the Breach" seminars. Our Faith Director Darren Molony has reserved the Parish Center for the 3rd Friday of the month. Our next is July 19th at 11:00AM at the Parish Center. The sessions have proven to be worthwhile, strengthening our Faith and Brotherhood.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wed July 3rd Rosary For Life 5:00  
 Thur July 4th Independence Day  
 Thur July 7th Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00  
 Sun July 7th St Mary's Fellow. bkfst after 9:30 Mass.  
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***If you know any Brother or family member in distress please notify one of my officers.***

MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing

Joe Jurec Family, Nacci Family, Pat Tolleo, Joan Beck,  
 Bob Stearns and son, Dan Nagy, Joe Rios Family, John Ruck,  
 Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel



**Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.**

by Hannah Hiester June 7, 2024



## **Nearly 150 people were rescued from violence in Haiti thanks to the courage of two Florida Knights**

Deacon Benny Matos (left) and Anthony Marinello stand in front of the Sikorsky S-76 helicopter they flew to rescue Americans in Haiti this past March and April. (Photo by David González)

CV NEWS FEED // Two Florida Knights of Columbus who flew three helicopter rescue missions into Haiti this spring saved 143 trapped people.

The Knights of Columbus newsroom reported that Florida Congressman Cory Mills on March 10 asked Knight Anthony Marinello to fly into Haiti and rescue a group of American citizens who had been trapped by gang violence as they visited an orphanage in the country's capital, Port-au-Prince. Marinello was the 13th pilot Mills' office had called. The other 12 were unable or unwilling to take on the mission.

### **Helicopter Heroes**

Nearly 150 people were rescued from violence in Haiti thanks to the courage of two Florida Knights. Marinello, a former law enforcement pilot, called Benny Matos, a close friend and colleague, to enlist his help.

"When he said these Americans were serving an orphanage, the first thing I thought about was Father McGivney and his care for orphans," Matos told KofC. "My 'yes' was instant after that."

Matos, Marinello, and two other men entered Haitian airspace around 2:30 a.m. on March 12, then touched down for 67 seconds to receive 14 trapped American citizens. After minor complications at an airport in the Dominican Republic, where they stopped to catch a shuttle to Santo Domingo and change planes, they made it back to the U.S.

According to KofC, the Florida government asked Marinello to do another rescue mission within days of completing the first, as the government estimated that 400 to 600 state residents were trapped in Haiti. The second mission was performed in coordination with Haitian officials, but complications and encounters with armed Haitians slightly impeded the mission, leading to a narrow getaway with 14 evacuees safe in the helicopter.

Marinello and Matos eventually made a third trip, where they flew back and forth between the northern city of Cap-Haïtien and Port-au-Prince in the south, picking up groups of eight to 10 people from the capital. KofC reported that the two Knights were personally responsible for the rescue of 143 people out of over 700 evacuated from Port-au-Prince. However, they remained humble and brushed off comments about heroism, saying that they just did their duty.

"Our code—and anyone else who's served in law enforcement—is that we respond when someone's in trouble," Matos told KofC. "It didn't matter if it was average Joes or corporation presidents. All we knew was that people needed to be saved, and that was enough for me."

"When you get the call, you have to go," Marinello added. "Some jobs are just more dangerous than others." According to KofC, Marinello explained to his wife why he went on the rescue missions.

"She'd ask me, 'Why must you help those people? Why do you put yourself at risk?'" he said. "Because, I told her, who's going to help them if I say no? I was the 13th helicopter company they called. The 12 in front of me all said no. So at what point do you say yes?"

"Sometimes you have to sacrifice and put your life on the line for others," he added.

*Let us remember and pray for our Brothers who are no longer with us, Francis A. Bock, John A Carey, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen and Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May Our Lord welcome them home.*

