



*“ They obeyed the king, and went on their journey;  
and all at once the star which they had seen in the  
east was there going before them, till at last it stood  
still over the place where the child was. They, when  
they saw the star, were glad beyond measure; ... ”*

*Matthew 2:9-10*



## THE COMPASS

Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus  
Fr. Michael Cottrell Council 7672  
St. Francis of Assisi Parish Grove City, Florida

### December 2018 - Winter

#### Grand Knights Report:

Gospel text (*Mt 8,5-11*): When Jesus entered Capernaum, an army captain approached him to ask his help, “Sir, my servant lies sick at home. He is paralyzed and suffers terribly”. Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.” The captain answered, “I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will be healed. For I myself, a junior officer, give orders to my soldiers. And if I say to one: ‘Go’, he goes, and if I say to another: ‘Come’, he comes, and to my servant ‘Do this’, he does it.”

(Continued below)

## Grand Knights Report: continued . . .

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those who were following him, “I tell you, I have not found such faith in Israel. I say to you, many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of heaven.”

Today, Capernaum is our city and our village, where there are sick people, some we know, others anonymous, often forgotten because of the hectic rhythm of life that we lead. Loaded with work, we rush about non-stop without thinking of those who, due to their illness or for whatever other circumstance, remain marginalized from the frenetic activity of our world. However, Jesus told us: “Truly, I say to you: whenever you did this to these little ones who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40). The great thinker Blaise Pascal follows this idea when he says that “in his believers, Jesus finds himself in the agony of Gethsemane until the end of time”.

The centurion of Capernaum does not forget about his servant who is ill in bed, because he loves him. In spite of being more powerful and having more authority than his servant, the centurion is grateful to him because of all his years of help and appreciates him very much. Because of that, he approaches Jesus, and in the Savior’s presence, manages to make an extraordinary confession of faith, seen in the liturgy of the Eucharist: “I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my servant will be healed” (Mt 8:8). This confession is based on hope; it comes from the centurion's faith in the Lord and, at the same time, from his feeling of lack of personal worthiness, which makes him aware of his own neediness

We can only approach Jesus with a humble attitude, like that of the centurion. That way we can live the hope of Advent: the hope of salvation and life, of reconciliation and peace. Only he who acknowledges his poverty and realizes that the meaning of life is not to be found in himself, but in God, in turning his life over to Him, can really have hope. Let's approach Christ confidently, and, at the same time, make the centurion's prayer our own.

Fr. Joaquim MESEGUER Garcia  
(Saint Quirze del Vallès, Barcelona, Spain)



Reminder:

Brothers, it's extremely critical that each Knight maintain their volunteer hours. Please remember to sign-in for your volunteer hours at each event. Those hours include not just Knight projects; any volunteering you may do such as Outreach,

Hospice, Veterans home, Pregnancy center; any hours spent in service to our parish or community. Ed Wilson must submit to our supreme master our hours of contribution for the year. In the past, we had to guess but know it is way below the actual time. Let's show them just how much we do contribute because we are a very generous contributor to our parish and community.

**November** was a very active month for our Knights.

11/02/18	Friday	7:30pm	All Souls Day Mass/Memorial for deceased members of council. After mass, the Ladies Auxiliary conducted a tribute to those who have gone before us. served cake and coffee after the program
11/04/18	Sunday	12:00pm	Parish picnic: The Knights served ice cream cones and sundaes to the parish guests. Provided cleanup after the event was over. Thanks to Bob and Trudy Ryan for their efforts which contributed to our overall success.
11/11/18	Sunday	8:30am	Pancake breakfast: served 146 meals to our parish guests. Again, served biscuits and sausage gravy with great success. Fun time was had by all.
			Nun's visit: Knights donated \$200.00 to assist in their continued effort to provide housing and food to the orphans in the Ukraine.
11/11/18		2:30pm	Veterans Day Mass at Sarasota National Cemetery

Blessings to all  
 Donald Kasson – Grand Knight  
 Council 7672 – Grove City

**Knights of Columbus District 51  
 Report of Bill Jagenow, District Deputy:**

**Subject:** Consecration to the Holy Family

Worthy Grand Knights,  
 Please read the following and try to promote this consecration with your parish and council. We are a Catholic Men's organization and we need this time of prayer with our parish, brother Knights and families. We have a month to prepare. I will do my part if your will do yours.

Vivat Jesus  
 Bill Jagenow, District Deputy 51  
 (See Consecration Document Below)



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## *Consecration to the Holy Family*

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Dear Worthy Sirs,

This December we have an amazing opportunity to entrust thousands of families to the patronage of the Holy Family. Our hope and goal is for as many families as possible to begin preparations this Advent for a consecration to the Holy Family to take place on Dec. 30th, the Feast of the Holy Family. As you may know, the 30th is a Sunday. Because it falls on a Sunday, we were hoping the consecration could take place at the end of each Mass. This way it would require minimal effort on the part of the council and parish, and give that many more families the opportunity to participate in the Consecration. Of course, this is at the discretion of the pastor, but something I am hoping you will discuss with him and your council.

Any consecration requires adequate spiritual preparation. I would like to direct you to the resources we have to help guide and prepare families at [www.kofc.org/consecration](http://www.kofc.org/consecration). In addition to these resources you could also direct them to the [Keep Christ in Christmas](#) prayer materials and [Building the Domestic Church](#) kiosk booklets, "A Scriptural Rosary for the Family" and/or the booklets on Mary and Joseph.

Again, we encourage you to advertise this to your council families and fellow parishioners soon so they can prepare and dive more deeply into the season of Advent and the Incarnation. You will also want to order the [prayer cards](#) for the day of the consecration. These and other program materials can be ordered through Officers Online under Family Programs.

If you have any questions please contact your state Family Directors. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your council brothers.

Call to action:

1. Discuss as a council and with your pastor about coupling the Consecration to the Holy Family with Mass on Dec. 30th.
2. Advertise this to the parish to provide adequate time to prepare for Consecration throughout Advent.
3. Direct parishioners to printable support documents or order more online.
4. Order Prayer Cards for the day of the consecration.

Thank you for your time, and I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas!

Sincerely in Christ + Sean Pott + Program Manager, Faith Initiatives  
Knights of Columbus



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*From our Spiritual Advisor  
Deacon Bob Godlewsky*

*Meditation for the Month of  
Christmas:*

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During his travels, Jesus showed his love for the people who followed him by curing their many sicknesses and feeding them. We can imitate his love this Advent Season by praying for the sick and contributing food for those without. Not only at Christmas and Thanksgiving are meals needed for the poor, but all year round there are food banks and soup kitchens that need replenishing.

St. Francis of Assisi Church has a very active food bank which is operated all year by many volunteers. Each of us can do a little, maybe give only one can, many of us together can do a lot. We all know Jesus was a thoughtful and kind man. Deep down I think we all have some of his thought-fullness and kindness; it's just a matter of letting it show. We are so occupied and busy with so many things, that helping others, especially people we don't know, can easily be put off till later. It can be put on the back burner for a long time.

Many of us are now scurrying around trying to find the perfect Christmas presents for the special people in our lives while still doing our jobs and taking care of our obligations. Who has time for anything else? People who want to put into action some of their inner Christ, that's who! Why don't we all add a few other people to our list, people we don't even know, and do what we can? Maybe we can help make it possible for somebody to experience Christ at Christmas who would not otherwise do so.

But as I said, let us not limit our giving to Christmas alone. People need to experience Christ all year round. "My heart is moved with pity for the crowd," Jesus told his apostles. Many hearts are moved with pity. But there's a big difference between pity that moves to action and pity that remains a mere spectator.

**"May You and Yours experience a Holy and Peaceful Christmas" - Deacon Bob**



Dear Ladies and knights,

Wow! Just like that, we're in the middle of the holiday season.

During November, the members of The Ladies' Auxiliary have been busy supporting the Knights and doing a little good of our own. On All Soul's Day, The Knights and Ladies, held a Memorial Mass, followed by a service and reception to honor our deceased members. The Kahler's did an outstanding job, coordinating the beautiful tribute.

The Ladies worked with the Knights to co-host the dessert house at the Parish Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the variety of delicious treats. Speaking of deliciousness, the Pancake breakfast that was held at the parish hall on November 11, 2018 was a success.

Each month, we join The Knights in supporting a worthy cause. Many needed items were given to The Veteran's Home in Punta Gorda to honor the men and women who served our country.

The ladies were able to bless six families with plentiful Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets. Peggy Milillo, one of our newest members, coordinated the project. Thanks to the generosity of the ladies this was a most successful project. The baskets were well received and very appreciated by the recipients. Everyone involved felt great. It truly is better to give than to receive.

We finished up the month at a quarter auction. Lots of fun was had by all who attended, especially Ron and Karen K., who were the grand prize winners of a cruise for 6 on Lemon Bay.

The Christmas Dinner Dance was held on December 1, 2018. Everyone who attended had a magical night. The dinner, music and fellowship were all wonderful. Nobody wanted the party to end...we could have danced all night.

Coming up in December, we're looking forward to Breakfast with Santa and Lessons & Carols.

***Wishing you all a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas***

Virginia Aynes, President



**Knights Birthdays - December 2018**



**Happy Birthday Brother Knights**

## *Meditative Writings on St. Francis of Assisi: December 2018*

### The Burning Passion of St. Francis of Assisi

By Brian Kranick (Excerpt No.5)



While praying intently in a chapel at San Damiano in 1205, and kneeling devoutly before a large Byzantine crucifix, Francis heard the voice of Jesus. He saw the lips on the image of Jesus move and heard the voice of Jesus say to him, “Francis, go, repair My house, which as you can see, is falling completely to ruin.” Three times Jesus spoke this to him. Francis was overwhelmed by the miraculous vision, and sought at once to repair, literally, the chapel at San Damiano. Initially he sold some of his father’s possessions to pay for the repairs at the chapel. Later, under direction from the Bishop, he understood that it was wrong for him to have taken his father’s wealth. At last, to the astonishment of the Bishop, his father, and many witnesses, Francis stripped his fine garments off piece by piece, and renounced all his possessions, save a hair shirt he had on. With this nakedness, Francis officially detached himself from his father and the world, and embraced a life of poverty.

Author: Brian Kranick. Excerpt taken from “The Burning Passion of St. Francis of Assisi” Brian is a freelance writer focusing on all things Catholic. In addition to other studies, he has a master's degree in Systematic Theology from Christendom College. He has spent years working as an analyst in the Intelligence Community, and currently resides with his wife and three children in the Pacific Northwest. See his blog at: [sacramentallife.com](http://sacramentallife.com).

See the entire article in “Catholic Exchange October 4, 2016 go to <https://catholicexchange.com/burning-passion-st-francis-assisi>



## The PATRIOT

Newsletter of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 2782  
Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month  
7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall



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★ Important upcoming events for our Assembly and Council to be announced for ★  
November and December. Watch your email for “Blast” announcements from  
Brother Steve Aynes.

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### **Letter from the Faithful Navigator:**

I would like to start off by wishing everybody a Happy Holiday Season. This year our Assembly has brought a lot of smiles to the faces of those people our Assembly has touched and helped. I am very pleased with all the preparation our Sir Knights have given, to our activities including the Ball Games, the Parade, collection of supplies for the Vets, and much more.

I have a lot of people to thank. Without your help our Assembly wouldn't have completed our goals to help those who are not as lucky as we are. Please keep those people in your prayers during our holiday season. And thank a Vet for his or her service, because without them we wouldn't be celebrating these holidays.

Again, from my family to yours, MERRY Christmas and Happy New Year.

God Bless.

Joe Pizzuto, Faithfull Navigator

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### ***Knight's Notes, Highlights and News.***

**Recent Events:** This past month has been full of activities and events to keep our membership educationally, socially, prayerfully and charitably engaged.

★ **Educational Opportunities** At our last Council social-hour we had a representative from the •“**Green Dot**” program who told us how their organization worked toward providing a “Safe Environment” for our Community and how we might become more involved in this effort on a daily basis.

★ **Social Opportunities**, The •***Parish Picnic*** was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our brother Knights were dishing out Ice-Cream sundaes at the “Ice Cream House. The •***Christmas Dinner Dance*** provided a night of great food, fellowship and dancing for those in attendance. From all reports we will have to make room for more attendees next year. One attendee summed it by saying “We could have danced all night.” Don’t forget our •***Sunday Pancake, Biscuits and Gravy Breakfasts*** and our •***Spaghetti Dinners***. The biggest charity of the year for our regional Florida Knights of Columbus Councils, the •***“Sugar Bowl Show of Shows”***, was held on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Venice Performing Arts Center to raise funds for the Diocese of Venice Catholic Charities organization which serves those in financial hardship in our parishes, throughout the diocese. A •***Quarter Auction Evening*** was held on Wed. evening Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at the local American Legion hall.

★ **Prayerful Opportunities** were plentiful this past month of November.

•***All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance*** on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with the reception which followed in memory of deceased members of the Order and their families. Locally, we sponsored the •***Annual Blessing of the Animals*** at the Ann Dever Paw Park in Englewood. On a diocese wide basis, the •***Annual Veteran’s Day Mass at the Sarasota National Cemetery*** on November 11<sup>th</sup> was supported by our area Knights of Columbus Councils. On a weekly basis, our Brothers and their families are encouraged to attend •***Weekly Eucharistic Adoration*** Tuesday morning following the 8:15 AM Mass. And with our Council’s instituting the practice of •***Recitation of the Rosary*** before our monthly general Council meetings we are striving to become a more prayerful community.

★ **Charitable Opportunities** during the month took several forms. The •***Collection and Delivery of Toiletry and personal items to our homeless veterans*** in Punta Gorda, an ongoing activity on the part of the Knights took place on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The successful •***Coats for Kids Program*** took place this past month with a collection of donations from the public at a local Wynn-Dixie. Through this campaign our Knights were able to deliver 120 sweatshirts and coats to our two local elementary schools, to the delight of all and none too soon, taking place just as our cold-snap arrived.

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**Upcoming Events :** The month of December is one of solemn celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Feast is an occasion for people to come together, as a congregation of the faithful to liturgically mark this singular event that has changed the course of history for all mankind for all eternity. It has also had the profound cultural effect of drawing us together with family and friends. As a result,

we have relatively few planned council and parish events until after Christmas. There are however, several activities worthy of note here:

### December 2018:

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★ **Prayerful Opportunities:** •*Advent Lessons & Carols* will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. on Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. The liturgical program will bring together voices and attendees from several congregations in our area under the direction of our own Director for Liturgy and Choir, Nadine Goodrich, •*Corporate Communion Mass* for Council 7672 Sunday December 30<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:00 am Mass, at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

★ **Social Opportunity** - Following the Mass, Knights and their family members are invited to join together for a •*Communion Breakfast* at “The Hills” Country Club on Rotonda Circle.

★ **Charitable Opportunities:** Looking to the future we are planning a •*Collection and Delivery of Toiletry and personal items to our veterans* to two different facilities as an ongoing activity on the part of our Knights. Details about the two veteran visitations can be obtained from Sir Knights Bob Ryan or Gil Ulrich.

### January 2019:

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★ **Prayerful Opportunities:**

- Walk for Life at St. Francis of Assisi Church Grounds* - January 11<sup>th</sup>, 11am-1pm.
- Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis of Assisi Church*- January 19<sup>th</sup>

★ **Charitable Opportunities:**

- *Tootsie Roll* - January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Publix at Merchant’s Crossing

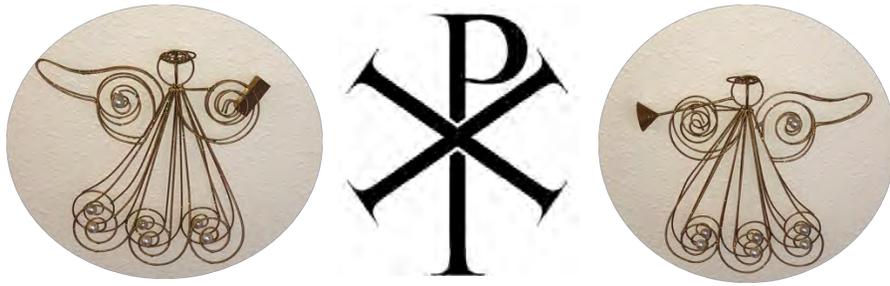
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### Monthly Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Willian E. Lori:



We frantically prepare for Christmas, buying gifts and decorating our homes. But will we prepare our soul with the same sense of urgency, purpose and care? Advent is a sobering time of reflection on the second coming of Jesus. “What would you do if Jesus came to spend the day with you?” May we meet him with open arms and pure hearts.

**The Challenge:** This month, recalling that we do not know the “day or the hour,” I challenge you to go to confession, and make a commitment to go monthly thereafter as a means of maintaining vigilant care over your soul. Second, I challenge you in the coming month to forgive someone who has hurt you in some way



*For the Good of the Order  
December 2018*

Brothers and Sisters,

This month we celebrate three astounding truths of our faith which are in themselves each a profound mystery. On December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mary was conceived free from Original Sin. On December 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, God incarnate, who promised us the gift of eternal life. He came to redeem us.

Today we pray for the living who are sick or ailing as well as those who have left this earthly life and have entered into an eternal life with God. This is truly a season of miracles and wonders.



Please pray for our Brother Knights and their family and friends:

- Helen Anderson • Gil's Wife Peggy • Susie Frost • Robert Berro
- Lee Reser's Son Jeff • Larry Kocen's Wife • Don Striplin
- Dave Sants and his Wife • Ann Reser
- Bruce McDonald and his Parents and In-laws

Special Prayers for the repose of the soul of Jerry Price whose Funeral will be held at St. Francis of Assisi on December 17<sup>th</sup>.



**Friday, December 7, 2018**

Greetings from the USCCB,,

Your one-day reminder for The Bishops' Call to Prayer Friday intention is here! Thank you for joining the USCCB and thousands of Catholics praying and fasting every Friday for the renewal of a culture of life and marriage, and for the protection of religious liberty in our country. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!

**This Week's Intention**

*Through the intercession of the Immaculate Conception, may all human life be protected from conception to natural death.*



## *Season's Greetings to the Knights of Council 7672*

*Meet the Pregnancy Careline Center's new babies, who arrived during the past year!  
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.*



Over 2,000 years ago a baby  
changed everything.

*Merry  
Christmas*

All of us at Pregnancy Careline  
would like to wish you and  
your loved ones a  
enjoyable and peaceful  
holiday season and new year.



### *Meet our Seminarian Sponsored by the Knights of Council 7672:*

#### **Seminarian Carlos Encinas**



Carlos was born in Corrientes, Argentina and has explained that he wants to become a priest so he can more fully give his life to our Lord. Carlos wants to comfort God's people and proclaim God's goodness and love, especially for those in need.

Carlos was recently ordained, becoming a Transitional Deacon, and is currently in his final year of study at St. Vincent DePaul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach studying Theology. He looks forward to his Priestly Ordination in 2019



## Event and Meeting Calendar

Knights of Columbus Council 7572



## December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 First Sunday of Advent Parish 40th Anniversary Year Mass 10:00am - 11:00am</p>	<p>3 Officers Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm Assembly Meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Admissions Degree at Saint Joseph (Bradenton) 6:30pm - 8:30pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Knights/Ladies Christmas Dinner Dance Preparation 5:00am - 6:00pm @ SFOA Parish Hall Christmas Dinner and Dance 6:00pm - 10:00pm @ SFOA Parish Hall Immaculate Conception</p>
<p>9 Pancake Breakfast with Santa 8:30am - 11:30am</p>	<p>10 Ladies Auxiliary Officers Meeting 5:30pm - 6:00pm Social and Speaker 6:00pm - 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Parish Advent Lessons and Carols 6:30pm - 10:00pm</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Corporate Communion Breakfast 11:30am - 1:00pm @ The Hills Restaurant - Rotonda Golf &amp; Country Club</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>					

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Parish Event

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## Event and Meeting Calendar

Knights of Columbus Council 7672

Calendar: January 2019



### January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mary, Mother of God, Holy Name Day				
6 Serenity	7 Officers Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm Assembly Meeting 7:30pm - 9:30pm	8	9	10	11	12
13 Pancake Breakfast and Blood Mobile 8:30am - 11:30am	14 Ladies Auxiliary Officers Meeting 5:30pm - 6:00pm Social and Speaker 6:00pm - 7:00pm Business Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm	15	16 Admissions Degree at Incarnational (Sarazola) 6:30pm - 8:30pm	17	18	19 Respect Human Life - Walk for Life 11:00am - 12:30pm Formation Degree at Saint Joseph (Brodenton) 6:30pm - 8:30pm
20 DOV Mass for Widows & Widowers - Epiphany Cathedral 3:30pm - 4:30pm	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24 Spaghetti Dinner 4:00pm - 7:00pm	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Tookie Roll Program @ Publix at Merchant's Crossing		

Legend:

KoC Business

KoC Event

Other Event