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**Improving the Lives
of Disabled and
Disadvantaged Veterans**

Assembly Donates to Steps to Recovery

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Gerard Powers Assembly 2882 recently donated \$1,000 and a supply of toiletries, clothing items and bedding to Steps to Recovery to improve the lives of disabled and disadvantaged Veterans in our community.

Ms. Lisa Hutcheson-Arroyo, Chief Administer of Steps to Recovery, gratefully accepted the donation stating, “Our goal is to provide services that foster change, promote healing and nurture growth within a philosophy based on the 12 Step Program of Recovery, ‘trust God, clean house and help others and this support is much needed and most appreciated.” Mason Stevenson, Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, stated, “As 4th degree members of the Knights of Columbus, we

are called to patriotic service and to financially supporting veteran-focused organizations such as Steps to Recovery. And we are honored to be able to assist Steps to Recovery, today and in the future.” The donation was made possible by a successful Valentine’s Day fund raiser conducted by the Assembly. Steps to Recovery is a non-profit organization that provides transitional housing for homeless Veterans that suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues. Further information about the services offered by Steps to Recovery may be obtained by contacting Ms. Lisa Hutcheson-Arroyo at lisa.hutcheson@steps-npr.org or 727-848-8100.

Council Presents Awards to Altar Servers



On Tuesday August 2nd, 2022, St. John Council 11281 Naples Florida, held a recognition dinner and awards ceremony for the Altar Servers of Saint John the Evangelist Church in Naples. Twenty – Six total Altar Servers received Award Certificates of Recognition for their service and dedication. Grand Knight Paul Curti presented the certificates to those Altar Servers present, with the assistance

of Rev. Fr. Mark Harris and the Altar Server Parish coordinator Kathy Bailie.

In addition, St. John Council provided Pizza and refreshments to all in attendance. The following day, August 3rd, all the Altar Servers were off to a prayerful day at Busch Gardens as part of the Parish “thank you” and recognition of their dedication to their Ministry.

Next Stop Orlando

By State Deputy Rob Urrutia

Time is going by quickly as the Supreme Convention has come and gone. I want to thank all the Delegates who attended the convention. Steve Zajac, John O'Toole, Joe James, Ken Jeffries, Ed Sleyzak, Rick Hughes, Mike Gizewski, Joseph Coicou, and Scott O'Connor. I believe we all can agree that Supreme did a great job.

We started Monday off with awards and a concert at the Grand Ole Opry house. We were entertained by the Hillbilly Thomists. For those of you who are wondering they are a band of friars of the order of Preachers. They started at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington DC. They were very entertaining. They were followed by the Craig Morgan and Country Music artist. Both shows were great.

The 3 major highlights from the actual convention were the Supreme Knights speech, The re-election of IPSD Scott O'Connor to Supreme Director, and the Keynote speaker at the Banquet Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York. I am sure that there will be videos of these talks on the Supreme website in the coming weeks.

I would also like to Thank Archbishop Pinder, Fr. Bob and Monsignor Tom for joining us to make the week even more enjoyable. A special Thanks go out to Charlie Marinelli, Ed Smith, Harry Whitford who attend the convention with their wives as guests and were a big help to my wife; Lucille, as the ladies did a fabulous job in setting

up the hospitality room. Our Membership director Danny McIntyre also attended the convention to try and pick up new ideas. Thank you to all for making it so special.

Next stop Orlando! We have big shoes to fill as the Supreme Convention will be held in Orlando Florida next year! Keep a look out for volunteer opportunities for the Florida Jurisdiction.

As for membership we had a very productive July! Remember our goal for this year is to have 195 councils (hopefully more) gain Star Council. Let's get moving on our volunteer opportunities, Membership drives, and make sure all councils are participating in the Insurance seminars! Each council must attend at least 2 with at least 14 different members (7 for each event) to qualify. Also, we had councils that lost Star Council due to the Safe Environment program not completed. Make sure your directors are compliant by September 15th Don't let this part drag out too. Let's all reach for the golden ring and make Star Council! This year.

Thank you all for the great things your council and districts are doing!



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Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, we do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

During the State Convention we took video interviews of some of the Dignitaries that honored us with their presence. You can

see the videos by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Please be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added. If you have any videos that you would like to add that shows your Council doing good works please email Jim Clark, Broadcast Media Relations and Production Director at jclark1@gmail.com.

Into the Breach

By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”
- Luke 1:46

This month we celebrate both the feast day of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney (August 13) and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15). Both remind us of our call as Catholics and Knights of Columbus. Blessed Michael started an Order that unites men in a noble purpose. The Blessed Mother opened her heart to God’s will in her life. We can all point to the things they “did” in life. But it was who they were in relationship to God that spurred their actions as part of God’s great plan.

This year’s 140th Supreme Convention in Nashville was a truly inspirational, graced time to center who we are as Knights on Christ. At a meeting of State Chaplains with our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, I had the chance to hear the spiritual and temporal path ahead for the Knights. The clear message was that our works will follow our faith and that the formation of our Knights as Catholics is the first priority.

The theme for the convention was “Into the Breach,” also the title of a video series produced by the Knights of Columbus to help men understand and unite around their roles as faithful men who lead their families in faith as responsible husbands and fathers. This series has been used successfully in many of our parishes/councils, even during the Covid-19 pandemic, when virtual online gatherings helped fill the gap of fraternity and spiritual development when in-person meetings were not possible.

The Knights of Columbus has never been more relevant to a world in need of inspired, faithful leaders. New initiatives and existing missions bolstered by needs unfolding in society will put Knights more than ever into the breach. This includes:

- New Faith in Action evangelization and formation offerings like video series and a men’s Bible study to help form Knights, their families, and others in the Faith

- Enhanced Life initiatives in support of women and children in a post Roe v. Wade era

- Participation in the Eucharistic Revival beginning in our country,

promoting Adoration and Eucharistic processions including movement of the Blessed Sacrament from the four corners of our nation to the upcoming Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis

In the words of our Supreme Knight, the emphasis on evangelization and spiritual development may represent a culture shift in our councils, not a break from what we are about, but rather a further development of who we are as Knights. As our faith grows and matures, the Order and our Church will be better for it. May our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord, not just by what we do, but by who we are! Vivat Jesus!



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An Eastern View of Mary

By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato

In the Eastern Church the Virgin Mary is known by a Greek word that accurately and specifically identifies her mission. That word is Theotokos. Translated into English, it describes who she is and what her mission was. The word means "God-Bearer". She is the mother of God and her mission in being the "God-Bearer" was to bring into the world the Messiah promised by God to Adam and Eve. How can a human, an imperfect being at that, be the mother of God Himself? This question becomes the crux of the problem in understanding this conundrum between God and imperfect humanity.

From this point on, our "faith" is going to be the mortar that cements our belief in the mystery of the Theotokos. It is the hinge pin on which the Promise of God of a Messiah to Adam and Eve and salvation history itself is based in and on. Non-Catholics sometimes have a problem with Mary until they see how important she is in the process of Salvation History.

Who is this woman called Mary? She is a human being born as all other human beings. Ah, except for one exception. God had a plan for her. God was going to accomplish the miracle of miracles. He was to unite Himself to humanity. He was going to unite Divinity with humanity. Mary, being born as all other humanity, inheriting the sin of Adam

and Eve, God would have to do something about that. Remember, Jesus said something about His Father. He said. "What is impossible for man is possible for God". So now we can talk about this exception in Mary. Where sin is God cannot exist, so now for the first miracle of miracles, God accomplishing the impossible. God preserved her from the sin of Adam and Eve. He



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created her as perfect as He created Adam and Eve from the moment of creation and before the Fall. She was Immaculate. As Mary announced to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, "I am the Immaculate Conception". And now the second miracle of miracles in this process of Salvation! God united Himself to Mary by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit and the child that came forth from Mary was the Messiah, True God, and True Man. She was truly the mother of God, the God-Bearer, the Theotokos.

In that virgin birth of Mary, Mary became the first disciple of Jesus and the first missionary working in the vineyard of

the Lord Jesus. Completing our celebration of the Falling Asleep of Mary, or as the Latin Church calls it, the Assumption of Mary on the 15th of August, Mary who intervenes for us in Heaven and in her Apparitions calls to join her, is still beckoning the people of God to join her, as missionaries, in that vineyard of Jesus. In Heaven she is still a missionary, intervening before the Throne of God for each of us and in her apparitions beseeching us to join her in making known the Name of Jesus and continuing His mission of building of the Church of God, who is Jesus Christ.

When God promised a Messiah to Adam and Eve, He executed that promise by placing into the world a hinge pin to continue the process of Salvation History. Again, that hinge pin was a child called Mary, Immaculate and fully prepared to be the Theotokos when she said with full maturity as a young child, " Be it done to me according to thy word". Our response to Mary when she calls us to help her in her missionary work is very simple: " Be it done to me according to thy word". In other words, "What will you have me do?"

Christmas In July

On the morning of Monday, July 25th 2022, Council 8095 of the Knights of Columbus in Plant City, FL delivered enough gifts to the Pregnancy Care Center of Plant City to fill a box truck. The Council places a Christmas tree in the narthex of St. Clement Catholic Church the first weekend of July and decorates it with paper tags of gifts suggested by the Pregnancy Care Center to fulfill their needs.

The generous parishioners of St. Clement then takes the tags, purchases their donations, wraps them, and then puts them under the tree throughout the month. On July 25th (Christmas in July) the Council then gathers all the donations that have been collected and delivers them. This greatly helps the center fulfill their mission of helping young and struggling families through education, support, counseling and material resources.

This has been a program that the council has been organizing for 6 years being created along with Father Michael O'Brien. The program has grown over the years and is a source of pride to



both the council and the church. Last year the Pregnancy Care Center estimated the total value of all the gifts to be \$5,397.42 with both Grand Knight Greg Richard and Pregnancy Care Center's Executive Director Sandi Nelson agreeing that this year had an even better turnout.

The council looks forward to continuing its support of the center throughout the year and will be working with them for projects including our spare change Baby Bottle Drive, budgeted donation, and Pro-Life events throughout October.

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Gospel for Sept. 11, Lk 15:7)

This Gospel reading links the parable of the lost sheep with the parable of the prodigal son. Together these parables remind us that God constantly seeks us whenever we go astray. We are all sinners, and like the prodigal son we must wake up, repent and return to the Father. When we do this, we find that he runs to meet us. My brother Knights, let us create some joy in heaven. Let us recognize that we are sinners in need of repentance and ask the Father for his forgiveness.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to watch the “Sacramental Life” episode of the Into the Breach video series, particularly reflecting on the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program.

Questions for Reflection:

Are there ways you see yourself as a lost sheep, a prodigal son? What concrete steps can you take to overcome sinful habits and avoid temptations? Do you “come home” to the Father to receive his mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation?

Fr. McGivney Pilgrimage Center

By Joe James, E-Membership Chair and DD 41

I was in New England on business in late July and took some time to go to New Haven, CT. to visit the sites of our Founding Father. My first visit was on Sunday morning at the Fr. McGivney Pilgrimage Center (formally known as the KofC Museum). I spent almost 3 hours walking around and visiting with the hosts at the front desk as I was the only one there at that time.

It was inspiring to kneel and pray before Fr. McGivney’s First Class Relic, see the history of our Order with the various Popes and learn even more about the history of the Knights and read about all the previous Supreme Knights and view photos, artifacts and Regalia from our beginning.

I then attended 5:00 PM Sunday Mass at St. Mary’s and was humbled again to pray at the casket of

Fr. McGivney who is entombed in the back of the Church and see the banner of the First Knights of Columbus Council, which I found out later was just reactivated a short time ago. The architecture is amazing and just being there as part of the history was a little overwhelming.



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On Monday, our Regional Growth Director Jose Jimenez arranged for me to meet with him at the corporate offices. While the staff attendance was light, due to many still working flex schedules or getting ready to attend the Supreme Convention, it was still exciting to see the training rooms and tour the Holy Family Chapel, which most of you would recognize as the setting for the new Exemplification Ceremony Supreme first put out and Brother Jose was a member of the team.

In my many years of being a Knight, I traveled the New England on several occasions, but never had an opportunity to visit New Haven. This has always been on my bucket list and I am thankful I had the opportunity to finally fulfill this one.



Annual State Bowling Tournament



On the weekend of April 23 & 24, 2022, Brother Knights, their significant others and in some cases, families, gathered together for the 68th Annual State Bowling Tournament in Jacksonville. The tournament was hosted by Council #4727, Bishop W. Thomas Larkin. Beneficiary of this year's tournament was the Diocese of St. Augustine Prison Ministry. The tournament is fully sanctioned by the USBC (United State Bowling Congress) and subject to USBC rules.

Participants began arriving on Friday evening, April 22 and were greeted with a welcome social at the host hotel with light food and drinks provided by the host council and tournament Director, Brother Ralph Mosley.

Saturday morning started at Jax Lanes with an Invocation and throwing of the first ball by Worthy Supreme Master of the 4th Degree, Brother Dennis J. Stoddard. After the moving invocation, he led things off with a strike! Bowlers then proceeded to get rolling. First with a singles set, followed by a doubles set.

Right after Saturday bowling, our annual meeting was held and chaired by Florida State

Bowling Association President, Bill Jarema of Council #13341, Sts. Cosmos & Damian. Then it was off to Mass, followed by an enjoyable evening in Jacksonville.

Sunday morning was kicked off with a prayer by host council Worthy GK, John Klinkenberg, followed by the team event and then we all said our farewell's until next year.

Results, with handicaps:

Singles: Brothers Matthew Morris of the host council led the way with an 824, followed by Joseph Quattrocchi of council #8120, Fr. Gerald F. Sullivan with a 731.

Doubles: Brothers Edward Dehner and Chris Fazio of council #13209, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini won with a 1490 and next were Joseph and Jennifer Quattrocchi with a 1450

Team: The host council did very well here. A team of Julie Mcleod, Billy Morris, Diana Morris and Matthew Morris took first place with a 2,789, just beating another host council team of Tom Guggisberg, Brian Heusinger, Tom Heusinger and Doug Welser, which had a 2,770.

A special thanks goes out to Tournament Director, Brother Ralph Mosley, and his

Co-Chairs, Brothers Tom Guggisberg and John Klinkenberg for a job well done. It should also be noted that Brother Guggisberg was able to secure handmade “Rugged Rosaries”, which were presented to winners of various events.

Please join us next year the weekend of April 22-23, 2023 in Orlando. We will be holding the tournament at the largest bowling center in the Southeast USA, the Boardwalk Entertainment Center in Orlando.

For further information, please feel free to contact State Bowling Association President, Bill Jarema (jaremabeach@yahoo.com) or Worthy Association Secretary/Treasurer Michael Schrader (mfschrad@bellsouth.net).



Council Supports Camp "I Am Special"



On August 1, 2022, the Knights of Columbus St. Johns River Council 10850 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church presented a \$5,000 check to Directors Kimberly Reed and Matt Schmitt with Catholic Charities’ Camp I am Special.

Council 10850 provides an annual donation to Catholic Charities’ Camp I am Special as part of its Faith, Family, Community, and Life programs. For the last 38 years, Catholic Charities’ Camp I Am Special, which is an American Camp Association accredited facility has fostered and celebrated the quality of life for children, teenagers, and adults with intellectual and developmental differences and other disabilities. Since 1983,

Camp I Am Special has provided a summer camp experience for children and adults with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities, providing activities that include crafts, talent shows, and swimming. It is made possible through private funding and in-kind donations, as well as an army of volunteers. The amount raised by Council 10850 paid for about 11 camper scholarships.

Council 10850 in Jacksonville, Florida is one of 17,000 Knights of Columbus Councils that make up the world’s largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service. Based on the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Order remains committed to strengthening Catholic families and parishes and to practicing faith in action through service to all in need.

Catholic gentlemen can join the Knights of Columbus now for free at: kofc.org/join

Council Sponsors Silver Rose

The Council organized and participated in the “Silver Rose” service, to honor Our Mother and pray for the sanctity of Life on August 8, 2022.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and members of the greater community join to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe was one of love and compassion, and her universal promise of help and protection to all mankind.

Worthy brothers’ Ron Sheldon and Richard Gallant transported the Rose to the parish on bikes and joined in procession by Elizabeth Searcy, one of the parish youths, functioned as the rose bearer. Members of the St. Paul choir accompanied in song Four Color Corps members who led the procession of the Silver Rose to the altar where Elizabeth placed it, on an awaiting table beside a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Reverend Fr. and brother knight Tom Lafreniere, the pastor of St. Paul of the Cross, said



Mass, which attended by over one hundred people including a group of ten local Latino workers who heard about the service. Brother Knights and other parishioners presented the readings and led the recitation of the prayers. Members of all of the district’s councils attended the service including the Regional Administrator for Region 6, Bill Van Keuren, and the local Field Agent. District Deputy, Bill Soldan commented that the event was a successful community effort to promote the protection of Life.

St. John Council 11281 Naples Florida has donated the Building a Domestic Church Kiosk to the St. John the Evangelist Parish. The Kiosk holds 15 booklets, including the Family Fully Alive booklet and the Into the Breach booklet. GK Paul Curti and Chaplain Rev. Fr. Mark Harris are coordinating the replenishment of booklets as well as having additional booklets available to parishioners at the Parish Gift Store.



National Eucharistic Revival

By State Secretary Rick Hughes

The 140th Supreme Convention, held in Nashville, Tennessee Aug 2-4, was a well-organized, inspiring event. After a couple of years of virtual Conventions, it was heart-warming to connect with Knights from around the world in the spirit of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

One of the most significant events during the Supreme Convention was the homily given by Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Bishop of the Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota, at the morning Mass on the second business day. Bishop Cozzens is heading up the three-year National Eucharistic Revival for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which began on the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 19. The National Eucharistic Revival is nothing less than a renewal of the Catholic Church in the United States around a central tenet of our faith, namely the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. As Bishop Cozzens says, “We want to see a movement of Catholics across the United States that are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic and then sent out on mission for the life of the world.” It is a sad fact that up to 70% of Catholics today do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. This, and the fact that Church today is simultaneously confronting scandal, division, disease, and doubt, are the prime motivations for this movement.

The National Eucharistic Revival is divided into three phases:

June 2022 - June 2023: Year of Diocesan Revival. This first year “invites diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to what Pope Francis has described as ‘a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ’—particularly the transforming power and mercy of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Each Diocese will offer events that encourage the faithful to grow in their understanding and devotion to Christ in the Eucharist, complemented

by online formation and resources that will raise up Eucharistic Missionaries at all levels of the Church!”

June 2023 – June 2024: Year of Parish Revival. “The second phase will foster eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.”

At the end of the second phase, a National Eucharistic Congress will take place July 17-21, 2024, at Indianapolis, Indiana, which will be the first in over 40 years. Immediately before this Congress, a set of National Eucharistic Processions will take place beginning in four places and ending in Indianapolis. The four places of origin will be in California, Texas, Minnesota, and New Haven, Connecticut, the birthplace of the Order. This, in itself, shows the recognition by the Bishops of the United States of the critical importance the Knights of Columbus will play in the National Eucharistic Revival.

July 2024 – July 2025 National Year of Mission. “From the Congress in 2024 through Pentecost of 2025, the entire American Church will be sent on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord with their local communities and beyond.” This phase will lead directly into Universal Churches’ Jubilee Year in 2025, with the motto “Pilgrims of Hope.”

Make no mistake — the National Eucharistic Revival is one of the most important endeavors in recent times that the Church in the United States has undertaken. As Knights of Columbus, we must all participate in this movement as the strong right arm of the Church.

So, what can we, as individual Knights and Councils, do to participate in and support this grassroots effort?

-- First, each of us must renew our own faith in the Eucharist. Take the time to do some spiritual

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reading. Make an effort to regularly attend opportunities for Adoration at your parish.

-- If your pastor allows it, schedule quarterly Holy Hours for your Council at your parish. If that cannot be done, make quarterly attendance at your parish's regularly scheduled Adoration as your Council's Holy Hour event. This will not only help to encourage all of our members in this renewal but will also serve as a demonstration to our parishes of the commitment of the Knights of Columbus to our faith. Remember that, for the purposes of the Columbian Award, Supreme has designated Holy Hours as a featured program, meaning that your Council can get two credits toward the Columbian Award in the Faith area by holding a minimum of four Holy Hours (one per quarter).

-- Train members of your Council to help conduct Eucharistic Processions and make your Council available to assist in Eucharistic Processions conducted by your parish and your Diocese.

-- Finally, stay tuned and promote Diocesan Eucharistic Events and parish revival activities,

and be sure your pastor knows that your Council is ready and willing to support in any way that it can.

Supreme has resources for Councils for both Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions, which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/fait-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab1>

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival, please go to the official USCCB site

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>

The National Eucharistic Revival is one of the most important movements in our time, and the Knights of Columbus will be in the thick of it. I encourage all Councils in Florida to make the Eucharistic Revival a priority for the renewal of faith among our members and to support the revival efforts and programs of our parishes and Dioceses.

Thank you, my brother knights, for electing me to represent Florida as one of the delegates to the Supreme Convention. While there I experienced Blessed McGivney's vision of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism with knights from all over the world! Each Mass was special because you could feel the presence of the Lord, especially when receiving communion. The choir was angelic! While in Florida's Hospitality Room, we met Sir Knights and their wives from many places in the world, had great conversations and exchanged world and state pins. In closing, the convention can be summed up in these words - "The moment is now. Our mission is clear. Preserve life. Protect the family. Promote the faith. The world needs men who will match these times. The Knights of Columbus are rising to meet this challenge." Vivat Jesus



Ken Jeffres

Why Join the Fourth Degree and the Color Corps

By Ken Jeffres, Vice District Marshal of St. Petersburg Diocese

I was elected to serve as an insurance delegate at the 140th Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN held on August 2-4, 2022. About ten days prior to leaving, it was suggested by John O’Toole, the Florida Master, that I bring my Color Corps uniform. He said that this would be a beneficial and enjoyable experience for me to process and pass along to the Color Corps in Florida. On the first day, we had our organizational meeting. This is where I met Sir Knights from various parts of the world.

Under the leadership of the SK Colonel Charles Gallina and his two assistants, we began our training. The Color Corps was organized by rank which included Vice Supreme Masters, District Masters, Former District Masters, District Marshals, Color Commanders, Faithful Navigators and Color Corps members. The Color Corps duties included posting guards at Adoration chapel, escorting the clergy at all Masses and leading the priests who were distributing the Eucharist to their positions at each Mass. The Color Corps also provided escorts for the opening and closing of the 140th Supreme Convention, as well as providing for the posting and retrieval of the other national colors. It was quite an honor to see the Color Corps of the 81st Air Borne out of Ft. Bragg, who posted and retrieved the United States flag.

As we were marching in on the opening day I kept thinking of my uncles. If only they could see me now. How proud they would be to see me carry on their tradition of being in the Color Corps. The uniform might be different, but we uphold the same tradition of honoring God, Church, and country

When you answer a call out for the Color Corps to attend a special Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the dedication of a church, wakes, funerals, escorts, or any religious ceremony, you have an incredibly special feeling that you as a Knight are doing God’s will. Your actions speak of your high priorities of the principles of our



order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I encourage my fellow knights who are of Third-Degree status to consider joining the Patriotic Fourth Degree and join the Color Corps of your local assembly. As a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, we are here to help the veterans with their needs. “The public appearance of the Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civil functions is an important activity of each assembly. By these public demonstrations, their loyalty and patriotism bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.

“Religiously Devoted and Patriotically Proud”



Evangelizing Our Faith

By State Marketing Director Ed Slezak

To attend the Supreme Convention was such an honor and privilege. To be a part of this great Fraternity of Catholic men and to see the Unity in our actions was fantastic.

The opening Concert at the Grand Ole Opry with the Hillbilly Thomists and Craig Morgan was a great way to start the week. The music was uplifting and Craig Morgan's testimony about his faith was very inspirational.

On Monday we had the hospitality suites open, and we were able to meet Brother Knights from all over the world. As our brothers walked around, we also exchanged pins. I was able to get 43 pins of the 74 jurisdictions that were in attendance. Each jurisdiction has different pins and during the time that they came and visited our Hospitality suite we were able to exchange our Florida pin for one of theirs. Some of the unique ones received were from Ukraine, Poland, South Korea, Philippines, Hawaii, and Alaska.

The rest of the week started with Mass each morning. To see all the clergy from across the world process in was a beautiful site. Parish Priests, State Chaplains, Bishops, Archbishops and Cardinals blessed us with their presence. The homilies made us realized that as Knights we have a responsibility to evangelize our Faith to our Communities and to Build the Body of Christ. We need to work with our Parishes to build and grow our Parishes. If we don't build up the Church who will?

As Knights, Catholic men, we need to evangelize our Faith. We need to be the example to our Parishes and our families as well all men that being a man of faith is what we are born to be. We need to be leaders in our Church and our families to build them better and stronger. The world, no, our communities and our families need us more than ever!!!!

You can see some pictures from the 140th Supreme Convention by clicking these links:



Gallery (floridakofc.org)
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Reflections on the Supreme Convention

By Charles V. Marinelli Jr., FL State Food for Families Chairman

I was asked by our State Deputy Rob Urrutia to write my experience as a non-delegate attending the Supreme Convention in Nashville TN at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Hotel.

This is not my first Supreme Convention. It was my third. I have gone as an alternate, as a delegate and this year as a non-delegate.

Ask me which time I had the most fun, it would be this time when I went on my own time. There is a lot to see at the Supreme Convention. The most impressive is the Opening Mass with the Priests, Bishops and Cardinals procession which takes 20-25 minutes. The television version is no comparison to being there in person. Supreme Convention delegates come from all 50 states, Canada and across the world where our Knights are present.

The next thing is our State Hospitality Room where all the other states come to visit and enjoy the flavor and specialty of the Florida Knights. Not every state or country has a hospitality room. Those who do, you can visit their rooms and enjoy the flavor of their hospitality. It is wonderful talking with the many knights and their wives

from other states and countries.

Going to the Opening Session and hearing from other countries how we here in America have helped them in many ways not only with money and food but with our prayers. Then the Supreme Knight's message on all that the Knights have done to support the people here and in other countries.

The object of this writing is not to ask you to be a delegate to Supreme Convention but to let you know that you can attend on your own time and have a lot of fun. You would need to register to go because without a badge you cannot attend any of the sessions or mass. Security is taken very seriously. There is no cost to register. There is a cost for the banquet dinner and ladies luncheon if you chose to attend. The hotel cost is usually a 3-night stay.

By the way the Florida State Council is hosting the 2023 Supreme Convention in Orlando. Keep in mind you do not have to be a delegate to attend the Supreme Convention. Just come, have fun and see the other side of the coin. We can share a good time and make a lot of memories.



Florida State Delegation to the Supreme Convention

Fraternal Year Success

By Supreme Director Scott A. O'Connor, IPSD – Florida

It is with great pleasure that I offer you and the Florida Delegation, my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the fine job of leading our delegation during the 140th Supreme Convention, Nashville, Tennessee over August 2-4, 2022.

I would also like to thank your lovely wife Lucille, and all the ladies who helped her decorate and conduct the Florida State Council's hospitality room. I know that everyone who visited during our "Open House" was please and enjoyed themselves.

On a personal note, I was very pleased with your delivery of the nomination speech, which no doubt positively affected the results. I also thought that you and the State Secretary, Brother Rick, did a good job (in short notice) of putting together the welcome preview speech for next years 141st Supreme Convention in Orlando.

Now that we have been properly motivated, let us all put forth the extra effort to see that next year you are walking across the state in receiving the COH award, which represents all the efforts of everyone on the Membership Team, which means EVERYONE.



Thank you again so much for the great hospitality and your leadership this past year, I know you will have continued success in this new fraternal year.

The Supreme Convention

This was my first Supreme Convention in my 26 years of being a Knight and I had the pleasure of representing Region 4 this year and would like to thank all of those who supported my nomination.

The excitement surrounding the Convention this year held in Nashville at the Opryland Hotel was vibrant as this was the first live convention in two years. The reports on our good works were outstanding as we continue to support those less fortunate and getting to see Miracle Mikey and here his story again, was very emotional.

One of the biggest highlights for myself and my wife Julie, was the States Dinner, especially when Ukraine was recognized when their "theme" song was played. The whole ballroom was cheering and waving their country's flags.

I look forward to next year's convention being in Orlando and being a part of it in any form or function.

Joe James, Delegate Region 4.

Making Florida #1

By State Treasurer Michael Gizewski

While at the Supreme Convention, I got to spend some time listening to our new Supreme Knight deliver a message of passion, hope and charity. I am amazed at the great works we do all around the world.

The millions of funds to support the Ukrainian people, the truckloads, the convoys of supplies with the trucks that say Knights of Columbus on them. There is truly no brother left behind. And the great works we are now doing for the mother after the child is born. We are really putting our money where our mouth is. We are so proud of our Councils in the State of Florida. You brother knights are the best in the Order. I know how hard you work to make Florida number #1. We are counting on you to do the same this year. I know you can do it.

On the 25th of every month, the District Deputies will be calling the Grand Knights and they will be telling the Grand Knights the five things' Councils can do to become a Star. I call it the five points of the Star.

- First, who is your Knight of the Month?
- Second, who is your Family of the Month?
- Third, where are you at with Round Tables?
- Fourth, where are you at with a Safe Environment?
- Fifth, how many members has your Council brought in this month?

Grand Knights just hearing these questions every month, you will have to succeed.

You were picked by your council to be the Grand Knight because they have faith and confidence in you. Your job as Grand Knight is to lead your Council to the Star. We are positive you can do it.



So may God bless you and may I thank you for your service to the Knights of Columbus, your Church and Community. Remember, you are somebody's hero.



The Power In The Room

By Insurance Delegate Steve Zajac

I would like to thank my brothers from Caucus 1 who sent me as the insurance delegate to the 140th Supreme Convention. What an honor and what a trip.

My ride up to Nashville was a great start for an awesome event. The hotel we stayed at was impressively beautiful with all the lush tropical gardens and waterways really beautiful. On Monday evening the conference started with a great concert with the headliner Craig Morgan that did not disappoint at the Grand Ole Opry. I was ushered on to a VIP buss that dropped us off at the Artists Entrance and into a VIP event. Oops! it was awesome :-)

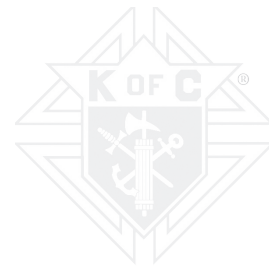
Tuesday morning, I started exploring all the venues associated with the convention. There was a fraternal lounge located in the first floor that had a Knights Geer store, some game stations, a lounge area and display area. I met Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson again as we went through a Ukraine display that was very moving. A member of the delegation was giving PSK a personal tour and I was able to listen as well. The pride he displayed as he explained what was really happening to them really stood out to me. I also got to talk to the Polish delegation and thank them for all the help they are providing to their neighbor even taking a moment to pray with them.

Opening Mass started with a procession that lasted over 5 minutes. 9 Cardinals, 60 Bishops and so many Chaplains. The power in the room was like someone wrapped me in a big blanket and was squeezing me ... it felt so good! All the Masses were so powerful. If you never had the privilege to attend a state's dinner it is something to experience. So much joy and celebration, it was a experience I won't soon forget. As the business sessions went on and we proceeded with our votes, votes that changed policies that affect millions of knights and family members I couldn't help to think how blessed I was.



On my ride home it seemed brighter and a more enjoyable ride, reflecting on the comradery with my fellow delegates, the people I met and look forward to meeting again. But the Ukraine and Polish delegations I will never forget and will continue to pray for daily.

Again brothers, thank you for this opportunity and God bless.



Obtaining the Circle of Honor

By State Warden Joseph Coicou

First, thank you for allowing me to represent our jurisdiction as a supreme delegate at the 140th Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN from Aug 2-4, 2022. As a pro-family organization, this was my first out-of-state road trip with my family of nine which took 12 hours to get from Palm Beach County to Nashville. As I told my delegates from Florida, I need the intervention of Blessed Fr. McGivney not to duct tape my children's mouths in order not to hear "are we there yet" a million times.

But all jokes aside, the Supreme Convention expressed the catholic or universal aspect of our faith since we have so many brother knights who came to this convention from so many parts of the world all working in charity, unity, and fraternity. The pandemic did not stop us, brother knights, from serving the church, community, families, and the culture of life. [Our Supreme Knight stated](#) the order worldwide donated 154 million dollars and 47.8 million in volunteer hours. This shows that with the virtue of charity and aid of the Holy Spirit, the pandemic could not stop the Knights of Columbus from doing good works in the world.

Lastly, there are three things we need to reflect on and do during this fraternal year. Based on [the homily of Bishop Spalding](#) of the Diocese of Nashville, we should 1) Support and Courage our pastors and the vocation of others, 2) Say to your family "I love you" and place our love to God first, and 3) continue to always go out to the margin, the least among us. I believe these are a good guide to live by this year and the years to come.



I hope we can work hard this fraternal year, so the Florida jurisdiction can obtain at least a "Circle of Honor," so we can be proud of our work while we host the 141st Supreme Convention in August 2023 in Orlando. So let us recruit not to make our numbers but to evangelize men to help them be more Christ-like through the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Iesus!



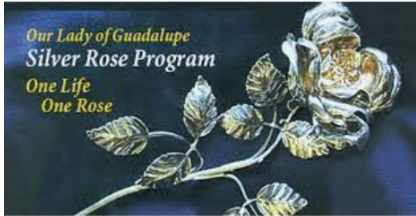
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August 11, 2022 through August 16, 2022	Archdiocese of Miami
August 17, 2022 through August 22, 2022	Diocese of Venice
August 23, 2022 through August 28, 2022	Diocese of St. Petersburg
August 29, 2022 through September 3, 2022	Diocese of Pensacola / Tallahassee

No reservations will be taken after June 24, 2022 and the final schedule will be announced on July 1, 2022. The Silver Rose will be delivered to the address shown on your reservation form no less than one hour prior to the start of your prayer service. Transportation and logistics to all churches is being provided by the Florida Knights on Bikes.

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