

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

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# Knights Stand For Life

*I often wonder...was there something I could have done to help her?*

**I**s there any question that men suffer from abortion? We often assume the man is driving the abortion decision or that, at minimum, he is relieved that the woman has chosen abortion over raising a child out of wedlock. The account shared below, on a website called AbortionChangesYou.com, provides a different perspective from a married man.

My wife and I found out she was pregnant shortly after we were married. Even though we were having some difficulties adjusting to our new life together we were both very excited!

We were making plans for the baby, going to the doctor appointments, and smiling over ultrasound pictures. We believed the baby was going to be a little boy. We were going to name him Trevor.

Tracey started suffering from severe morning sickness. When she was very sick, she'd curse the pregnancy. I was worried about her—and about the baby. As the morning sickness continued, Tracey began saying she couldn't go through with the pregnancy.

One day she announced, "I'm going to get an abortion. I know how you feel about abortion, but I don't care. I'm having one no matter what you say or do."

Wow! What could I do? I realized in an instant that I was powerless.

I didn't argue with her; rather, I stayed calm and tried to support her decision. I secretly hoped that my compassion and prayer would change her mind. However, when



I think about it now, I think I could have reached out to others to seek their advice and resources. But I didn't do any of that. Instead, I drove her to the clinic. The staff at the clinic was upbeat and personable, but I felt terribly depressed.

When Tracey came out after the abortion, she looked worse than before she went in. It looked as though the life has been sucked out of her. I tried to grab her hand to help her to the car. She glared at me and said, "I don't need your F---ING help."

I took her home, and went to the pharmacy to fill her prescription for the bleeding and the pain. I did what I could to make her comfortable. I often think back and wonder if there was something I could have done to help her. Maybe there was—but I'll never know.

Tracey and I divorced, and we soon lost contact with each other. When I talked to her many years later, she brought up the abortion and started crying. She said she'd gone through therapy. It took me a long time to come to terms with what happened. When I see little children, sometimes tears spring up in my eyes and I envision Trevor—my son who never got a chance.

If you know of someone, man or woman, who has been touched by abortion, please share with them the website [www.RachelsVineyard.org](http://www.RachelsVineyard.org).



# Thank You For Stepping Up

By WGK Guillermo Bambach

**B**rothers, I want to start off by thanking everyone who stepped up to support the numerous activities we had during the month of September and early October.

These last five weeks were extremely busy for our Council starting with the Ministry Fair. I know many of you spend the weekend supporting the fair and over 1,500 Parishioners participated. The Blue Mass was held to show our appreciation to our first responders. We had a good showing of Brother Knights and Columbiettes and a great reception with plenty of food.

The Soccer challenge took place on Sep 12th, where we had 15 participants from our school and 2 from Faith Formation. Other activities included our monthly Prayer Vigil at the Kennedy Abortion Clinic, Road Side Clean-Up, Columbiettes Harvest Moon Bunco Fundraiser, 2nd Degree, RJS Fundraising events, Bowling and the commencement of 40 Days for Life on Sep 26th, to include Pro-Life Rosary decade before each Mass.

As part of the 40 Days for Life, this first Sunday of October, we joined forces with Resurrection Catholic Church for the Life Chain in Riverview by the Winn Dixie shopping center. It was an awesome event, with over 100+ Pro-Lifers attending to include our Assembly's Faithful Chaplain Fr. Eugene and a few Religious Sisters. As soon as we started the Rosary sharply at 3:15 PM, heavy rain set upon, but not a single man, woman or child left for cover. The rain promptly stopped at the conclusions of the Rosary. It almost seemed like the rain drops were tears from heaven.

The months of October, November and January are heavily focused on Right to Life activities, and as Knights and Catholics Gentlemen, we have a duty and responsibility to advance a culture of life. Most people fail to understand that being pro-life is more than just holding an ethical position.



To be truly pro-life, means to live and act accordingly. It means treating other people with dignity and respect, especially the most vulnerable. It means helping pregnant women in need, those who suffer from illness or disability, the elderly and those who are hungry. We must strive to transform society to one that deeply respects and cherishes human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

This duty and responsibility has been clearly communicated by our Pastor and Worthy Chaplain Fr. Dermot in his bulletin column over the past few weeks. So, Brothers lets continue exemplifying what the Knights of Columbus stand for "A People of Life and For Life"

In closing I want to leave you with a quote from St Teresa of Calcutta.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." - Mother Teresa

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# Before The Great Mystery

*I want to present a nother article from Msgr. Mike, pastor of St. Anne's in Seal Beach, California. Of course, the road references are going to be foreign – he is talking about California and Arizona roads through the mountains. But, the message here is universal, not limited to place or time. ~WDGK*

**T**hank God for caller-ID. You see, I have a loquacious friend. He's a very nice guy but he can be long-winded and some days I just don't have the time for it. What he says is usually interesting enough; lots of people tell him thought-provoking things (when they get a chance to get a word in, I suppose) and he tells me about what they have had to say, or something he read in the newspaper, or whether or not he is enjoying the novel he is currently reading (he has given me lots of good reading recommendations over the years.) If he was boring, I'd have long ago stopped his blabbing, but he's not. But short he is never.

I have a couple of other good friends whom I have to draw out. Just asking, "How are you doing?" does not get the conversational ball rolling very far. Their answers often consist of one or two words, "Fine,"

"Okay," "No complaints." "Tell me what you have been doing," can elicit, "Not much," or "Just the usual," or "I've been busy." Yet with them, particularly when we are sitting on the patio watching the colors of the sky change as the sun goes down, a little silence is welcome. It often reminds of Saint Peter when he told Jesus, "It is good for us to be here."

When I was young there always seemed to be so much to talk about. Everything was so new, we had to talk about it to make sure what we were describing was real. Can it be that people act in a way so different from the ways I was taught to act? Why would someone want to do this or that? It wasn't what I wanted.

Making a friend was the door to a new universe; you were freely given a glimpse into how another person experiences his or her life, how he or she values this

but not so much that. You are influenced by the other's enthusiasms and opinions and you get to share your own.

Later old friends can almost finish each other's sentences: "You remember that time when the car broke down?" "You mean when we were in the desert going to...? Where were we going?" "To Phoenix, of course."

"That's right, to Phoenix. Is that the time we watched thunder clouds build up crossing the desert

from left to right and it stormed down on us, just as we got under where they were?" "No that's when we were on 395 going to June Lake."

After such a long time almost everything has been said among such friends so all you need to do is say the right words to conjure up a memory. Few individual conversations are momentous, though when you are young they can seem so. What I remember is the bond that we formed over the years, talking about this and that, wondering about how our lives took unexpected turns or how a slice of startling words, heard at the right moment, sent us spinning

into a new but welcome orbit.

It reminds me of what Einstein once said to his friend, "You and I never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born."



# Respect Life Ministry Events

The Life Ministry is planning an exciting year of prayer events, educational opportunities, and LIFE activities. Let the light of LIFE shine as we put our faith in action! Refreshments will be served. Let us know if you will join us and bring friends. RVSP to [StStephenRespectLIFE@gmail.com](mailto:StStephenRespectLIFE@gmail.com)

October is a HUGE month for Life!!!

**1) Rosary.** If you would like to pray a decade of the Rosary before Mass during the month of October, just go to this link and sign up! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49abab2fabff2-prolife>

**2) 40 Days for Life.** If you are available to participate in the International 40 Days for Life campaign, Saint Stephen Parish day is 13 October 8am-5pm. \*\*Instructions: Go to the link below, either login or create an account, click on green 'signup for vigil' button, navigate to 13 October and then pick a time slot. We still have space available! <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/tampa/>

**3) National Life Chain.** If you're available on 7 October, 3-4 PM to link arms in prayer, we plan to join forces with Resurrection Catholic Church. Please go the link below to signup. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49abab2fabff2-national>

# Knights Honor First Responders

Every moment of every day, a legion of dedicated men and women stand ready to come to our aid, even putting themselves in harm's way so we might live in freedom and security. How can we ever repay these people in uniform who give so much, standing vigil for us and responding whenever duty calls? How can we ever thank them enough?

One way that our community shows its gratitude and expresses prayerful support for these servants in law enforcement and public safety is with the Blue Mass at St. Stephen Catholic Church. At this annual liturgy, we also pray for those among their ranks who gave their lives for all of us, and to offer our consolation to their survivors, spouses, parents, children, friends.



# Knights Support Columbiettes Bunco



Saturday evening, October 6 at the St Stephen FLC, the Columbiettes held their annual fundraiser (Bunco Night). They had their best turnout ever with over 70 parishioners in attendance. The ladies enjoyed a night of fellowship with their fellow parishioners along with a nice dinner with pans of food brought in from Olive Garden, drinks, wine by donation, and plenty of desserts. It was a good time had by all with prizes, raffles, and gift baskets.

The Columbiettes expressed their gratitude to the Knights for our help in making their evening such a success. There was a lot to do as they needed help with set up, the serving of food and drinks, as well as the dismantling of the tables, chairs and cleanup at the end of the night.

Additionally, we were able to make an urgent run to Publix for wine on their behalf as their initial supply had run out within the first half hour of the event, which allowed the Columbiettes to remain focused on their guests.

Lastly, due to restrictions on serving alcohol, Brother Knight **William Torres** was willing to donate his time to be the credentialed “bartender” for the night, which enabled our Sister Columbiettes to further their total fundraising effort. It was great to be able to reciprocate our support for our Columbiette sisters for all the support that they show the Knights throughout the year.

Helping out were several Knights including **John Simon, Barry Hamel, Randy Lee, and William Torres**. Though not in the picture, **Ed Veronick**, as he so often does, was working tirelessly before, during, and after the event.



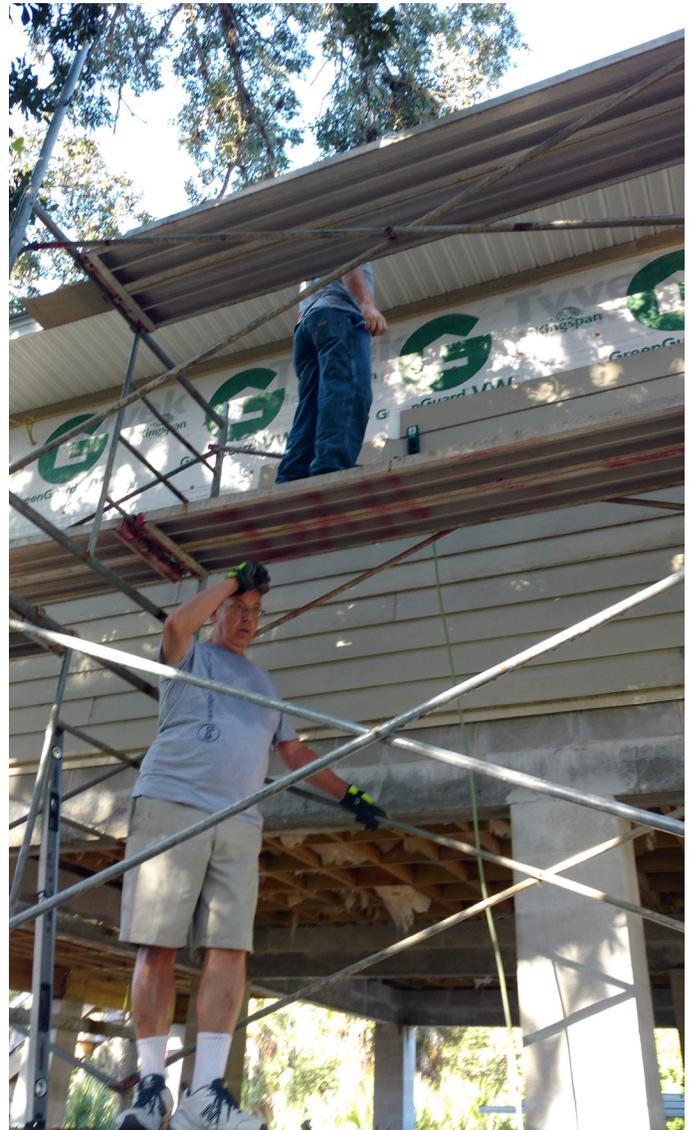
# Knights Support My Warrior's Place

**A**s you know, Brothers the basic principal of our Order is Charity and the basic principle of our Assembly is Patriotism. That is why we have embraced My Warrior's Place as one of primary causes that we support. You have heard Sir Knights **Steve Haines, George Badanich, Rich Sarnowski, Jerry Coffey** and **Mark Lovejoy** speak at length about My Warrior's Place at previous meetings. If you would like to learn more about this remarkable support facility for our Veteran's please check them out at [www.mywarriorsplace.org](http://www.mywarriorsplace.org)

On October 5th and 6th several Sir Knights from our Assembly stepped up to Support My Warriors Place in Ruskin with their current project, which is the construction of a (3) bedroom unit with common living room area. Our role with this project was to assist with the installation of siding on the unit. We had a great time and completed a large part of the project which is about 50% completed. The project is very important because it will provide temporary housing for those who have put their lives on the line for our safety and well being. Special thanks to S/Ks Rick Hughes, George Badanich, Denny Schulmerich and Mark Lovejoy for their help with this

On October 23rd the Knights accompanied the 6th grade of SSCS on a service trip to My Warrior's Place. Our objective was to assist the students while they perform physical service work to honor those who serve our country in the military, pray for soldiers who have died and their families and learn more about life after serving in the military.

My Warrior's Place is accepting donations of: Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, Gift Cards to Publix, Wal-Mart, Winn-Dixie, Dollar Tree, Target, etc. in any amount. Please let Mark Lovejoy or George Bandanich know if you are interested in donating.



# Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

[The blind man] threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." (Gospel for Oct. 28, Mk. 10:50-52)

**M**ost of us can probably recall requesting a meeting with someone influential, and then reaching a point in that meeting where he or she looked us in the eyes and asked, "So, what can I do for you?" We most likely prepared for this moment, and we clearly stated our need or wish. Brothers, can we imagine the Son of God speaking our own name and asking, "What do you want me to do for you?" It seems extraordinary. Even unbelievable!

And yet, this is exactly what Jesus invites us to do every day in prayer, reading and reflecting on Scripture, speaking to him about what is in our hearts. That's a meeting you and I would not want to miss.

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

When having a discussions with people this month (especially your family members), give them your undivided attention and do not look at your cell phones during the conversations. Secondly I challenge you to honestly attempt to answer Jesus' question to you, "What do you want me to do for you?"



St Stephen Council 14084 conducted an Admissions Degree on Tuesday evening, October 16, 2018. The honoree for this event is Father Timothy Cummings, Diocesan Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. Pictured are from left to right:

Worthy District 47 Deputy: Ed Sleyzak, Candidates: Ray Van Doorne, Alexander Alaynick, Robert Ferry, Pedro Castillo, Worthy Insurance Agent: John Ruckart, Worthy Council Chancellor: Ed Skrobacz

# Knights Step Up For RJS



# 2018 Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus lowered the age from 10 to 9 year old participants in 2012 to allow more youth the opportunity to participate. The competition is a 12 yard penalty kit into an open net with 5 scoring zones. Top corners are worth 20 points, bottom corners are 10 points and center is 5 points.

Each participant, boys and girls ages 9-14 compete in their age bracket. The youth have 3 practice kicks and 15 that count. The highest score in each age group continue on to the District, Region, and State competitions if they continue to score the highest points. In the event of a tie in any age bracket the youth are moved 15 yards from the net and shoot up to 12 additional kicks until a winner is determined.

At the Council level each youth that attends receives a participation certificate and winners receive a "Council Champion" certificate. District winner receive a medal. Regional and state winner receive a trophy.

This year our St. Stephen Catholic School had 15 youth that participated in the challenge:

- 9 year old Council Champion is Stephen Mills III.
- 10 year old Council Champion is Alexander Vega.
- 11 year old Council Champion is Xavier Rodriquez.
- 12 year old Council Champion is Dante Searls,
- 13 year old Council Champion is Allan Ricker!

Unfortunately we had no competitors enter in the 14 year old age group. From our "Faith Formation" classes we had two female Council Champions: Jadyn Bartling age 10, and Calleigh Eakle age 11!

Congratulations to the SSCS Council 14084 Soccer Challenge Winners! The next step for these young men will be the District Challenge which is to be determined. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday October 13 and may be held at St. Francis. We will inform the winners once the final arrangements have been made.





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**September Birthdays**

Anthony Westbrook, Anthony Rousseau, Brian Kieran, Charles Alaynick, David Czopek, David Dozier III, Dominic Cirello, Donald Decort, Edward Bejarano, Glenn Gervais, Jeffrey St. Amant, Joseph Varner, Keith Allen, Kevin Boudreaux, Luis Castillo, Michael La Pollo, Michael Bramble, Patrick Roach, Patrick Skidmore, Peter Haynes, Robert AVelasco, Roger Spinelli, Thomas Karnowski, William Ruppert

## Upcoming Events

October 26	Trunk or Treat
October 30	Planning Meeting FLC
November 3	Third Degree, Mary Help of Christians
November 13	Business Meeting
November 24	Fourth Degree, Orlando
December 1	Roadside Cleanup
December 15	Council Christmas Party, River Hills CC
December 16	St. Nicholas Breakfast FLC

Please check your Council website calendar for more details regarding these events: <http://www.kofc14084.org/>

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## Knight of the Month Family of the Month

This month's "Knight of the Month" is **Bill Brown**. Bill fully exemplifies the principles of our Order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. He has done tremendous work in supporting all our Right to Life activities. He is a permanent fixture at our Monthly Prayer Vigils, Life chain and an outspoken supporter for Life from the moment of Conception to Natural Death. He also supports and/or leads numerous parish ministries and just completed the 500 mile Camino de Santiago starting off in France and ending at the tomb of St James in Spain. Please join me in congratulating Bill Brown as the Knight of the Month

The Earl family has actively participated in all Right to Life activities in the Parish for over ten years, pretty much from the time I got involved in the Right to Life movement. They participate in all Payers Vigils, Life Chains, Foundations for Life Gala Remembrance Crosses, Pro-Life Baby Showers and March for Lives. Most recently the Rob developed the Life Team - Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives for the new Life Team ministry. He also co-led the initial meeting with Fr. Dermot and the Life Team Ministry kick-off meeting with over 50+ members in attendance.

Please join me in congratulating the Earl family (Rob, Tammy and 5 Daughters) as the Family of the Month.



*Congratulations to William Torres (far left) who recently completed his Third Degree into Knighthood. William is pictured with Jerry Coffey.*

*Also a "welcome back" to Brother Ed, who is an usher recently laid up with a broken foot, and is now back again serving as an usher at Mass. He is pictured with Denise Lee and Tim Donahue.*