

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

September 2019



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT  
Avery Marchetti  
has participated in the  
**SOCCER CHALLENGE**  
KofC Council 1404  
September 7, 2019

## 2019 Soccer Challenge

# Council Hosts 2019 Soccer Challenge

*By Community Program Director Ed Veronick*

On Saturday, September 7, 2019, the St. Stephen Knights of Columbus Council held the annual Soccer Challenge. This event is a free kick from 12 yards into an open net divided into 5 zones. Top two corners worth 20 points, bottom two corners worth 20 points and a large center worth 5 points.

Each participant, boys and girls ages 9-14, have 3 practices to warm up, then 15 kicks that are counted and totaled when done. The winner in each age group boys and girls receives a Council Champion Certificate and ALL who try receive a Participation Certificate. Winners move to the District, then Region, and finals are at State Level.

Thank you to my brother Knights who helped support this event which would not happen without them: Mark Lovejoy, Rich Sarnowski, Jerry Coffey, Hart and T Hart Fisher, and Greg Wilcoxen. I also want to thank our Grand Knight Alex Czopek and Deputy Grand Knight Ed Skrobacz for their support.

Our 9 year old winners were girls Gianna M, and Noah T with Ethan D as runner up for boys! Our 10 year old winners were Avery M. for girls and Jacob H for boys. We also had runner up for girls Noel P and boys Adrian R, with Seamus E also competing. Our 11 year old winners for girls was Isabel Z and boys Gabriel D, with boys runner up Johann C and challengers of Ethan M and Jarod D.

Our 12 year old winners for girls were Calleigh E and Angel R. Congratulations to all young men and women who participated in this years event. The "Runners-Up" in each age group will advance to next level if the Winner is not available.

Best of luck to you all who advanced to the District Challenge and beyond. I hope to see you all again next year.

Many blessings to the parents for bringing the youth out to compete as well. Thank you also to the St. Stephen School and Faith Formation for their continued support.

Thank you all for supporting our Faith in Action Programs. It is my honor to serve as the Coordinator for this event.



# Worthy Grand Knight Report

By WGK Alex Czopek

I believe in the concept of “PAYING IT FORWARD”, which is the very essence being a Knight. It’s about compassion. It’s about kindness and faith. It’s about making a difference in our parish and our community. You cannot do everything, but you can do something. You have the ability to make a difference.

Our annual Blue Mass, held on 9/10, was a success due to the efforts of many brothers. Chuck Alynick did a very nice job coordinating the event, Ed Veronick coordinated the reception, Rick Gnatowsky led the Color Corps at the Mass. Thanks to everyone who attended and worked to make the event a success. We will do even better next year.

Our Soccer Challenge was also a success. The upcoming District Soccer Challenge is scheduled for 11/19/19. Thanks to Ed Veronick for his efforts for our youth.

Please give your attention to several notable opportunities to participate in the life of this Council and our parish:

- Saturday, October 12th, Knights of Columbus Diocesan Chaplain Rev. Tim Cummings will be co-presenting a Day of Reflection at the Bethany Center in Lutz. The program will start with breakfast at 8AM, followed by presentations, lunch, Mass, Adoration and Confession. Our worthy Financial Secretary has all the details and sign-up information
- St. Stephen Ministry Fair is this coming weekend (9/21 and 9/22) and will be held after all Masses in the FLC. The Knights will have a table, and we need the help of every brother to staff our station and greet our parishioners. This is a significant opportunity to reach out to men of the parish who may not know the Knights well, men who could benefit from membership in our Council.
- Raymond James Stadium fund-raising effort is the centerpiece of our Council’s ability to help others. We are counting on you!

I’d like to recognize our Family of the Month. Mark and Anna Mae Lovejoy devote so much of their time to PAY IT FORWARD in many ways. Mark coordinates our Bowling League each spring and fall. Mark also is very involved in My Warriors Place, devoting time and energy to this noble cause.

Mark is an officer in the 4th Degree and is leading Assembly 3418 fund raising efforts for this year. He volunteers at events such as the Soccer Challenge. He

serves this Council as Advocate. I could go on with much more, but please join me in recognizing this family for what they do for so many.

Our Knight of the Month is Greg Wilcoxon. Greg has stepped up to assist Ed with the Squires, serving as Deputy Counselor to the Squires. He also volunteered for the Soccer Challenge. We appreciate and recognize Greg for his efforts with our youth.

The concept of PAY IT FORWARD is ancient. We can find it explored in literature ranging from Ancient Greek comedies to Benjamin Franklin’s letters. Another perspective: You can never pay back; but you can always pay forward.

## A quote from Archbishop Fulton Sheen

We justify want of faith by saying, “I don’t go to church, but I am better than those who do,” as one might say, “I don’t pay taxes or serve the nation, but I am better than those who do.” (1972)



# Disaster Response Team

By District Deputy Ed Sleyzak

**H**urricane season is here and we need to be prepared just in case we have a storm that hits our areas. It has been a year since Irma went through our area and just recently, we dodged a bullet with Dorian.

The Florida State Council has created a Disaster Response team to help Brother Knights, widows and people who are in need to get the help they need as fast as possible. There are 2 forms that have been sent out to the Councils to help gather information about what skills members have so that they may be able to respond after a disaster. You can click on this link, [Disaster Repose Forms](#), to get to the forms so you can fill them out and send them to your Grand Knight. Please try to get these forms completed by the end of September.

The Knights of Columbus are also collecting funds to help with the recovery in the Bahamas. You can make the donation on the Supreme Website or go to [www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org) and you will see the donation button on the front page. You can also mail your checks to Florida State Charities and write Disaster Fund in the memo line. Please mail your donations to the address below:

Stephen A Ring  
Florida State Charities  
8298 Spicebush Terrace  
Port St. Lucie, Fl 34952

As we head into the last couple of months of the Calendar year, I want to remind the officers that I have challenged them all to recruit one new member by the Admissions degree in December. The recruitment of one new member by the officers will either exceed your Council's goals or get you halfway there. You can also get them to sign up as an e-member by going to [www.kofc/joinus](http://www.kofc/joinus). You can also get credit by inputting your membership number during the process.

Are you interested in becoming part of the Degree teams? I am looking at putting together another Admissions Degree team. If you are interested, please let me know. I am in need of at least 6 men who would be committed to memorizing the parts over the next several months and committed to being part of the team that would hold a degree every other month. Please email me at [edsleyzakdd@gmail.com](mailto:edsleyzakdd@gmail.com).

We have several Degrees in the upcoming months:

- September 21st- Formation Degree (2nd) St. Stephen
- October 19th- Admission Degree (1st) - St. Stephen
- October 26th- Knighthood Degree (3rd) St. Stephen
- November 16th - Formation Degree (2nd) St. Stephen
- November 30th- Patriotic Degree (4th) - Orlando

I want to thank you all for the hard work and dedication to the Order. You are the boots on the ground that make the Knights of Columbus the great organization that it is.

Please know that I am available anytime if you have a question or just need to talk.

We do what we do not for the individual glory, but, for the greater good of all.

*Vivat Jesus*



# Supreme Monthly Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” (Gospel for Sept. 8, Lk 14:27-28)

**I**n more than four decades as a priest and bishop, I’ve been involved with building a number of new churches and schools. We often start by “dreaming big.” Then reality hits: What are we willing to spend? Jesus is asking each of us a similar question about our life of faith. In our lifelong journey to become saints, are we regularly sitting down to consider the cost and fully prepare ourselves to pay it? My brothers, above all other things, may we always prepare to carry our crosses and give our entire lives to Christ.

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

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the life of one of the martyrs and how he or she was prepared to pay any price to follow Christ. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program or read Into the Breach on your own with a particular eye toward how we can best prepare to carry our crosses.

## **Questions for Reflection:**

What cross is Christ asking you to carry in your life? Are you willingly taking up the cross and seeking to follow Christ or trying to avoid the cross? In what concrete ways can you imitate the martyrs’ total commitment to Christ?

# 40 Days For Life

*By pro Life Director Jason O’Neill*

“The Holy Father greatly appreciates the dedicated work that you and everyone involved in 40 Days for Life are engaged in to promote respect for the lives of all unborn children. His Holiness assures you of his prayerful support for you, your colleagues and all those whose prayer, fasting and sacrifices are saving countless lives and giving glory to God.” - Pope Francis via Vatican Secretariat of State

**T**his month our council joins other Knights and thousands affiliated with the 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion in America. The 40 Days for Life campaign is model after the 40 days Christ was tempted in the desert. For 40 days, we mobilize and pray to end abortion.

To understand the significance of this campaign, let’s explore how successful 40 Days of Life campaigns have been so far. Since its founding in 2007, the 40 Days for Life campaign is now a worldwide movement with amazing results:

- Over 1,000,000 volunteers
- In 855 cities

- In 61 nations
- Over 6,428 campaigns
- Over 16,004 lives saved
- Over 191 abortion workers quit
- Over 14 abortion clinics closed

The success of the 40 Days for Life campaign is a testament of devotion and prayer to protect human life. The success of the 2019 40 Days for Life campaign for our order and council counts on all of us. Together through fasting, prayer, devotion and time – if we can even save one life, our efforts will be worth it.

## **PRO-LIFE CALENDAR OF EVENTS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019**

- September 14 – Prayer Vigil at All Women’s Center, Kennedy Boulevard at 8AM
- September 25 – 40 Days of Life Campaign Begins
- October 12 - Prayer Vigil at All Women’s Center, Kennedy Boulevard at 8AM

# Altar

*Msgr. Mike is the Pastor of St. Anne's in Seal Beach CA. In this article, he writes about the experience of altar boys back in the 1960's. For me, it brings back memories of my time serving at St. John the Apostle in Linden NJ. Interesting reading! Grand Knight*

**Y**ou had to be at least a fifth grader to even be considered. Your teacher could veto you if you didn't have proper deportment in the classroom. In those days you also had to be male; that's why the parlance then was that you were an altar boy. I was no good at sports, but I could take direction; I hoped to shine as an altar server.

First, you had to be trained and the training was so important that one of the priests did it. At the first session in church, he handed each one of us a card with the Latin we were to memorize. (Note for our younger parishioners: before the sixties, Masses were said in Latin, the language of the Roman empire.)

The actual Latin was on one line and then a syllable by syllable guide to help you sound the Latin out phonetically was underneath. One line was in black and the other was in red. "Let's get started," intoned the priest. He said a line of the Latin and then we repeated it back to him. There were about twenty of us recruits. The hardest part was the prayer servers said at the end of the offertory; the first word was "suscipiat," but the rest of the prayer was a real tongue twister.

Some of us once had a contest to see which of us could say the "suscipiat" prayer the fastest. It was like having secret knowledge that none of the girls—who were so smart—in the fifth grade knew. After we learned the Latin, Father would take us out of class in groups of five to show us where to stand and what to do at the altar. He told us that we had to learn our moves because no priest wanted to tell servers what to do during Mass. We had to know our parts.

He showed us how to bring up the wine and the water, how to wash the priest's hands, when to stand and when to kneel, etc. There was a tricky maneuver after communion when two servers would go up to the altar, each taking an item and then crossing over to put our items on the other side of the altar. When done well, it was like a great basketball move, all teamwork and timing.

In those days, people knelt at a communion rail and the



priest went down the line stepping to the right to ALTAR SERVER go to the next person; to the priest's right, the altar server was to hold a paten, something like a gold plate attached to a handle.

The server's job then was twofold: move your feet quick enough that the priest didn't stumble on your feet; and hold the paten under the chin of the person receiving communion so that any fragments of the host would be captured on the paten. Someone discovered that

stepping along the carpet generated static electricity and you could send a charge to someone receiving communion if you got the paten close enough to his or her neck. This, of course, was not something a good altar boy would ever intentionally do, but it was almost irresistible when it was the neck of one of your friends during a school Mass. (Not that I ever did such a thing, no, not me, never.) In the sacristy both before and after Mass you had to know your priest's preferences. Some would want to engage you in conversation while others wanted you to keep your mouth shut and stand quietly in your place next to the door out to the sanctuary. Usually whatever priest was assigned to the early Mass would not want to chit-chat. It was way too early.

Another thing: we had to be careful to hang up our cassock and surplice properly after Mass. This was essential because if the women who laundered the servers' vestments found them askew—or worse, piled on the floor of the closet—they would complain to the priest in charge and no priest wants to be nagged by the holy women. I remember being called back into the sacristy after Mass to rehang my surplice because it had slipped off the hanger.

What I liked about altar serving was that I could see what was going on. When you're a kid in the pew, all the adults in front of you blocked your view. But also, I liked participating; in those days the people in the pews were mostly witnesses of what the priest did in the sanctuary; some people said their rosary during Mass. But on the altar with things to do, an altar boy was in on the action. What's not to like?



## A Day At The Rays



# Patriotism Day Celebrates Veterans

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor John F. Scully Assembly #3418 of Riverview is sponsoring a Patriotism Day Celebration on Wednesday night, November 6, 2019 at Bloomingdale Pizza from 4:00PM to 9:00PM. The evening will feature Patriotic songs led by a local Men's Ensemble and guest speaker Kelly Kowall of My Warrior's Place in Ruskin.

Bloomingdale Pizza will donate 10% of all sales to Assembly #3418, including takeout, when you mention "Knights for Vets" from November 4th through November 7th. There will also be a 50/50 contest and a raffle for Baskets of Cheer and other great prizes on November 6th. Proceeds will be used by the Assembly so support the VAVS (VA Hospital Veteran's Services) and My Warriors Place in Ruskin.

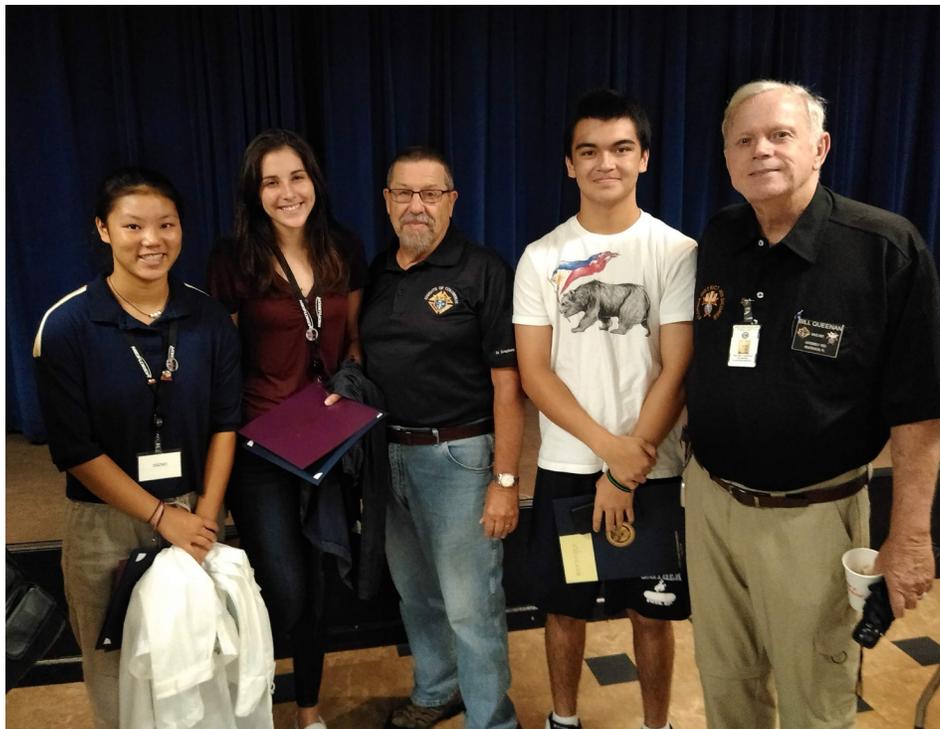
The K of C Monsignor John F. Scully Assembly #3418 sponsors meals at the James A. Haley Fisher House for

the family of loved ones who are patients at the hospital, provides Thanksgiving Meals for Veterans, provides personal hygiene products for inpatients at the VA



Hospital, and regularly donates books, magazines, DVDs and CDs to the VA Patient Library, valued at over \$6,000 over the past three years. Additionally, the Assembly is a regular supporter of My Warriors Place. MWP is a retreat for Veterans founded by Gold Star Mother, Kelly Kowall. You can find out more about My Warriror's Place by going to [mywarriorsplace.org](http://mywarriorsplace.org).

So come join us on November 6th for a wonderful patriotic date night at Bloomingdale Pizza located at 4334 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico, FL 33594. Enjoy delicious pizza or other great entrees while supporting our Veterans.



## VA Interns Receive Gift Certificates

The three VA Summer Interns we sponsored were awarded a \$50.00 gift certificate, accompanied by a Certificate of Recognition on July 29, 2019. Pictured with candidates are S/K Rich Sarnowski and S/K Bill Queenan Assy 1850. Not pictured (photographer) S/K Jerry Coffey.

# Personal Examples of the Power of Prayer

By DGK Ed Skrobacz

**T**his month I'd like to mention the power of prayer and how it impacts life's challenges. God's help through the power of prayer is available for all kinds of requests and issues. present your requests to God and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus and perform miracles

Life certainly has many challenges. My loving wife Susan and I have been fortunate to have loving children, family, friends, the brother Knights and many others who have supported us thru our life's challenges over the years. Here are a couple of examples of the power of prayers that we have personally experienced.



under his wings and inspired me. He even got me a job at his company.

I was able to obtain an Associate Degree in two years with almost a perfect 4.0 GPA. After that, I was able to transfer to a university and obtained a BS & MS degree. I have served as a structural professional engineer, bridge designer, adjunct professor and mentor for more than 35 years. I am convinced that prayers led me to Ray, and I am convinced that the lord brought Ray into my life. I continue to keep in touch with Ray and feel that he made a huge impact on my life.

Several years ago, my wife Susan became ill. This was totally unexpected as she led a healthy life, exercised and ate healthy. After a brief hospital stay, she was diagnosed with stage 3 ovarian cancer. We were totally shocked

In high school, (like many kids) I rebelled and hung around with the wrong group. I was told I may not graduate, and I remember how my parents prayed every day for me, WOW. In my senior year in high school, I was so fortunate to meet a professor (just by a chance) named Ray, who taught engineering at a local community college. Ray became my mentor and took me



and couldn't understand how this could be. I would have never expected this. Everyone at our church and my KOC council in NJ prayed for us.

Susan had surgery and completed a long chemotherapy treatment. The doctors told us that there was a good chance that the cancer would come back and undertaking a clinical trial for another year may be the way to go. We continued to pray a lot. We had become very close to a visiting priest at our church whom we had not seen in a long while.

We asked the Lord to give us direction and a sign. We asked for several weeks and finally one Sunday in church the doors into the worship area opened wide and the visiting priest and deacon appeared to us in a profound manner. This was a magical moment and we knew that God was answering our prayers. Susan did the clinical trial for a year and was able to beat the cancer.

Life will certainly be filled with challenges for all of us. We all have examples from our personal lives where prayers worked. Now, I want to thank all the brothers who are praying for us as I battle Parkinson's disease. I am convinced that the prayers are helping, and I will continue to fight this.

*God bless you all.*

# Life Insurance Awareness Month

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need.

I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance, and about half of those are underinsured. So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding.

That book, "Faith and Fraternalism," notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, whose breadwinner was suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament.

That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice, and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement

6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

Vivat Jesus!



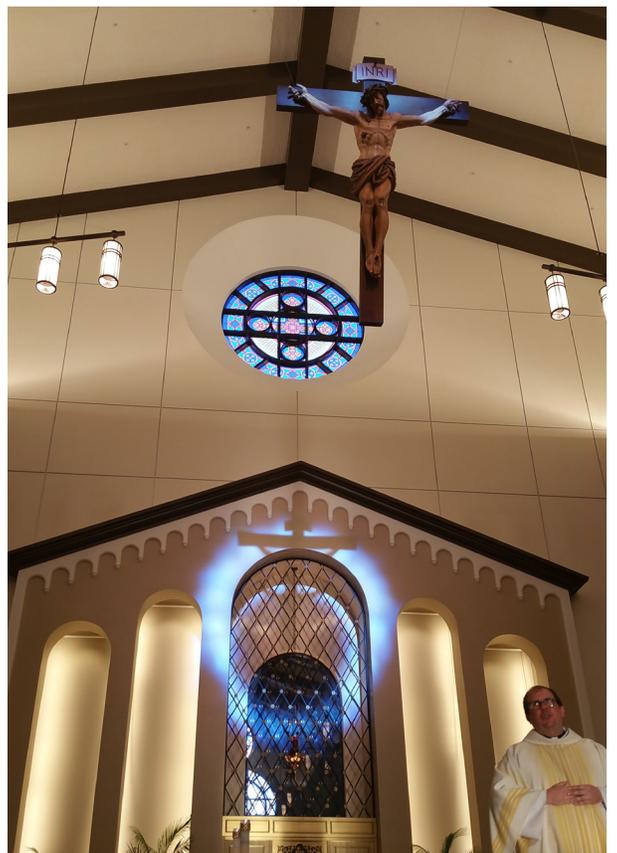
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# Blue Mass



# The Power of Prayer

By Worthy Lecturer Roland Tiso

While thinking about what I would present to you, I reflected on the significance of this decisive month in our nation's recent history and more significantly, how desperate times inevitably lead us to call upon our God through the power of prayer.

There are two dates that immediately come to mind in September; the end of the greatest and most devastating war in world history, WWII on 2 September 1945, and the terrorist assault on America on 11 September 2001. In both WWII and the Global War on Terror, our Presidents turned to our God through the power of prayer to guide them and the nation through the challenges that America faced.



Perhaps the most poignant moment in this regard occurred on the night of June 6, 1944, when President Roosevelt went on national radio to address the nation for the first time about the Normandy invasion. His speech took the form of a prayer, and he asked his fellow Americans to join him in prayer.

"Almighty God," he said: "Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity. Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith."

He went on to speak of the challenges ahead not only for our soldiers, but for, "the fathers, mothers, children, wives, sisters, and brothers of brave men overseas, whose thoughts and prayers are ever with them." Help us, Almighty God," he said, "to rededicate ourselves in renewed faith in Thee in this hour of great sacrifice. As we rise to each new day, and again when each day is spent, let words of prayer be on our lips, invoking Thy help to our efforts. And, O Lord, give us Faith. Give us Faith in Thee; Faith in our sons; Faith in each other; Faith in our united crusade. Let not the keenness of our spirit ever be dulled. With Thy blessing, we shall prevail over the unholy forces of our enemy. Thy will be done Almighty God, Amen."



FDR's prayer that night is one in large measure that could be said every day. Our great President Reagan would say some 40 years later, "We are never defeated unless we give up on God." and "Without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure."

Fifty-six years after the victory in the great World War II, President George W. Bush would again turn to prayer in the aftermath of the devastating attacks of 9/11 that had such a profound effect on all of us.

He reminded the nation that Scripture says: "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." I call on every American family and the family of America to observe a National Day of Prayer and Remembrance, honoring the memory of the thousands of victims of these brutal attacks and comforting those who lost loved ones.

We will persevere through this national tragedy and personal loss. In time, we will find healing and recovery; and, in the face of all this evil, we remain strong and united, one nation under God."

It has occurred to me over the years how busy our God must be. But I have always believed that he hears everyone;

he knows when to intervene, and perhaps when not to.

I learned many years ago not to bother him with frivolous requests to score touch downs on Saturday afternoons, but I breathed a huge sigh of relief when he



answered my prayer to protect me on a dark, barren road outside of Al Kut in eastern Iraq on 1 November, 2003, when, caught in a heavy cross-fire engagement, I prayed for his mercy that I might live to see my wife and children again and He was there for me.

But many of you know full well the power of prayer. How fortunate; how blessed we are that our God always has each one of us and our country in his sights.

*God Bless!*



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St Stephen Council #14084

Our principals are **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. Members of the Knights of Columbus know that – together – we accomplish far more than any of us could individually. You can count on the help and encouragement of your brother Knights as we work to support St. Stephen Parish and make life better in our community.

#### **Spiritual Programs:**

- ✓ Annual “Blue Mass” for first responders and families
- ✓ Annual “Day of Reflection” for Knights
- ✓ Supporting “Right to Life” including prayer vigils
- ✓ Annual Memorial Mass for departed brother Knights
- ✓ Quarterly K of C Corporate Mass
- ✓ Annual Mass for Special Olympics and Disability
- ✓ Annual Renewal of Marriage Vows

#### **Social Events:**

- ✓ St. Nicolas Breakfast
- ✓ Clergy Appreciation Dinner
- ✓ “Day at the Rays” and tailgate event
- ✓ “Knight at the Lighting”
- ✓ Bowling League (Fall and Spring)
- ✓ Annual Christmas Party (with Men’s Club)
- ✓ Annual “Ladies Appreciation” event (with Men’s Club)
- ✓ RJS Appreciation Dinner for volunteers
- ✓ Annual installation ceremony/dinner

#### **Community Service Programs:**

- ✓ Family of Month for St. Stephen Parish
- ✓ Support for Special Olympics and Incredibull games.
- ✓ Annual “Pro-Life Baby Shower”
- ✓ Soccer Challenge at St. Stephen School
- ✓ Basketball Challenge at St. Stephen School
- ✓ Road Clean-Up
- ✓ Tootsie Roll Drive (supporting designated charities)
- ✓ My Warrior’s Place support
- ✓ Alter Server Appreciation BBQ
- ✓ Student Graduation BBQ
- ✓ Color Corps of the Patriotic Degree
- ✓ Support for St. Stephen Parish including Angels’ Among Us, set up of the Crèches, “Trunk or Treat” at St. Stephen School, Fish Fry during Lent, Communion and Confirmation greeters, parking for Christmas and Easter.

**The Knights of Columbus help men put faith into action and give back -- in our community and in our parish**

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## Adopt a Road—Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful



*The Adopt A Road Clean Up for Q3 will be conducted on Saturday October 5th in front of the church starting at 8:00AM. Any Knight, family member of a Knight or parishioner over the age of 12 is invited to participate. The participants clean up both sides of Boyette road from Tarragon to Bell Shoals. Gloves, bags and water provided. It takes approximately 2 hours. All are welcome to attend.*

## Upcoming Events

September 21	2nd Degree FLC Ministry Fair
September 22	Ministry Fair
September 25	40 Days For Life
October 5	Roadside Cleanup
October 12	Day of Reflection
October 19	Columbiettes BUNCO
October 20	Corporate Mass 11:30 am
October 25	Trunk or Treat 4:45 pm
October 26	Third Degree, SSCS
November 9	Patriotism Day - Bloomingdale Pizza
November 12	Memorial Mass
November 16	Foundations for Life Gala, Higgins Hall

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

## Are You A Member?

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics.

Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting



devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members.

To join the Guild, register online at: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

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