

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. SEBASTIAN COUNCIL #8009



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## MEETING DATES

May 9<sup>th</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup>  
July 11<sup>th</sup>

Meetings will continue to be available via Zoom. The link will be sent in an email on the second Tuesday of the month in the meeting reminder.



## Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

Happy Spring! I hope this edition of my quarterly newsletter finds you and your families well. As we move into the spring season, let us not forget that our Council remains active throughout the year. I would like to thank all members that have stepped up after the recent call-outs for help I have been sending out. I am aware I ask a lot of you but do try and attend all events with you. I am very happy to say it has been great to see so many of you, with your families, attending our monthly meetings and social hours. I hope this participation continues.



As we move forward, we will continue to run the weekly coffee & donuts before and after Sunday masses, as well as host the monthly breakfast throughout the remainder of the year. We are still cooking for a few other ministries and assisting the Parish as needed. Our next major fundraiser will be the Caring Center for Women's Ultrasound machine; more information will be shared. We will also be launching a strong campaign for 'Say No on 4' in an effort to prevent an outrageous abortion protection law from being passed.

I welcome comments and suggestions from all members and hope to see more faces at upcoming Parish events, meetings and in support of our upcoming campaigns. Consider why you became a Knight and the principles that guide our order – Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism and that you will look to participate when volunteer opportunities arise.

Vivat Jesus  
GK George Darmetko

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Dear brother Knights,

Greetings of Peace.



May the joy and peace of Risen Christ be with you and with your families. We are continuing our journey through the Easter Season towards Pentecost, the celebration of the birthday of the church and coming of the Holy Spirit.

As a Faith Family, we had a great Lent and Holy Week. Participation of the various ministries and Mass attendance were encouraging. Faith is alive here at St. Sebastian! Let us keep it that way and work together to make it even livelier.

As Knights, we were involved in all that was happening at St. Sebastian; I thank you for that. Let us look forward to being part of all the good things to come in our Faith Family.

As men, Fathers and Brothers, we all have a great responsibility to be the leaders of our families and Faith Family. Being aware of that responsibility as Christian men, let us reach out and help various ministries of our Parish in what ever way they need our help. Let us try to be there for each other.

May Christ, risen from the dead, continue to help us to rise from all the deaths of our lives.

Fr. Antony Pulikal

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On Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we hosted a welcome barbecue dinner for the newcomer ministry and the RCIA members. This dinner was a successful event and was attended by 30 new members of our Faith Family. We will continue to work with these ministries going forward to make this an annual event held on the Wednesday following Easter Sunday. We look forward to sharing more information next year.

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## Council #8009 Website



Brother Ray has our website up and running and has taken over the role as our webmaster. You are encouraged to login to our website, [www.KOC8009.org](http://www.KOC8009.org), where you will be able to update your personal information and find out about Council activities, etc.

To login, please enter your member # as your username; your password is your birthday (mmddyyyy). Any questions or trouble with using the site, please contact Ray Wesely ([kofc8009stsebastian@gmail.com](mailto:kofc8009stsebastian@gmail.com)).



With such a successful response to our weekly Sunday *Coffee & Donuts*, we will continue hosting throughout the remainder of 2024. Following the 7:30am and 9:30am masses, please join us for complimentary coffee, juice, chocolate milk, donuts and bagels with assorted cream cheeses.



**Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, following the 7:30am and 9:30am masses for a complimentary breakfast of homemade pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee, milks and tea.**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**- Donations gratuitously accepted -**



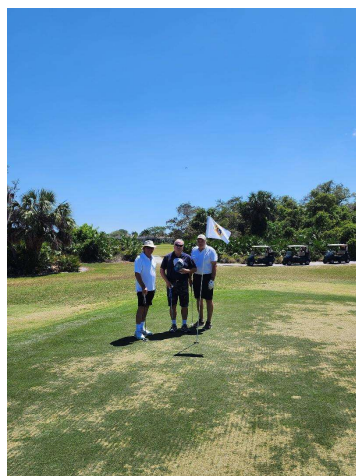
## 2024 Golf Tournament Recap

Another successful golf tournament on the books! This year our tournament raised over \$6,000. I want to extend my sincere thanks to all those on the golf committee who worked so hard and generously donated their time and resources in support of this annual event especially Siri Barletta, Jerry Rott, Kathy Terrebonne, Anthony Tomasi, Mark Barletta and Pat Schneider.

We had a banner year for donations and sponsorship and will begin working in the fall towards our 2025 event scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please enjoy some highlights of the day below.



Rank	Name	Score
1	George Darmelko	
	Scott Peaplan	
	Brian Menk	2 <sup>nd</sup> 60
1A	Mike Pelice	
	Kyline Pearson	
	Fary Foster	
	Meghan McLean	3 <sup>rd</sup> 66
1B	Susy Wilger	
	Kathy Terrebonne	
	Estine Specter	
	Josune Elevis	7 <sup>th</sup> 62
17	Tom Spence	
	Tom Murphy	
17A	Paul Santocruz	
	George Marshall	5 <sup>th</sup> 61
	Dave Frankin	
	Frank Rapp	
	David Zuber	
	Matt Kough	1 <sup>st</sup> 60
16	Anthony Tomasi	
	Anthony Tomasi III	
	Michael Tomasi	4 <sup>th</sup> 55
16A	Scott Carigco	
	Joseph Tomasi	
	Dan Liso	
	Wes Lay	5 <sup>th</sup> 55
15	Kuba Green	
	Jennie Samson	
	Cammy Provencher	
	Daphne Porto	
14	Pat Cappi	
	Tony Stanika	2 <sup>nd</sup> 66
	Eric Engach	
	Pat McMillan	
14A	Greg Gardner	2 <sup>nd</sup> 64
	Fred Peppe	
13	Robert Saffro	
	Michael Nyborg	1 <sup>st</sup> 50
	Frank Warecke	
	Lynn Warecke	
	John Warecke	
	John Simmons	70
	Wade Walker	
	Kenny Backer	
13A	Taylor Heinz	
	Ryan Bardeen	3 <sup>rd</sup> 64



# THE PROJECT

In March, members of our Council participated in the **22 Crosses For Veteran Suicide and Prevention Project**. This started as a project for the area's 4<sup>th</sup> degree assemblies and evolved into a district-wide event supported by three assemblies and four councils. We received many words of thanks and appreciation from the community and will be recognized by Columbia Magazine later this month. Thanks to those who gave their time with daily visits to raise a cross on the grounds of St. Helen's Church in Vero Beach, especially Nate Berry, Ryan Matthews, Frank Miceli, Pat Schneider, Charlie Mitchell and Mark Barletta.



We completed another successful Lenten Fish Fry dinner event. This year, we averaged 150 meals per service. The break in scheduling our dinners impacted our overall turnout, but we have been given the go ahead to schedule dinners throughout Lent all next year. I would like personally thank Charlie Mitchell and his 'kitchen crew' for all the hard work and long hours in preparing and serving meals. A big thank you to those who volunteered to clean our kitchen each week which allowed the cooks and servers to leave once service was complete. I look forward future Lenten dinner events which brings our Faith Family together.



We are still in the midst of our little league season. Come out and lend a hand as we are looking to have a steady Tuesday crew and Thursday crew at the Barber Street Sports Complex concession stand. Cooking and set-up between 5:00pm and 7:00pm. It is a lot of fun, gives back to the community and provides us a little time together in support of our team – the Sebastian Wahoos. Please contact me if you are interested. Special thanks to Anthony Tomasi, George Libby, Frank Miceli, Pat Schneider, Mark & Siri Barletta, Bill Ryan and Charlie Mitchell.





Congratulations to Ms. Paisley Yenny, Christ in Christmas winner ages 8 – 10. Paisley’s drawing was submitted to state ahead of the March 21<sup>st</sup> deadline after winning the district and regional entries. Our other winners were not able to attend our April dinner and their awards will be forwarded to them. Thank you, again, to all who participated and thank you to the Hall Family for organizing our annual Breakfast with Santa program. A special thanks to Deb Bova, Director of Faith Formation, for coordinating all the beautiful drawings submitted for this event.



**A ‘Knight’ Out – Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

We returned to our monthly *Nights with Knights* following the Lenten season. We have changed gears and moved from BigShots Golf to Vero Bowl at the request of our members. The event was very well attended with 15 in attendance bowling two games. Our next *Nights with Knights* out will be in May – more information will be shared when the date is scheduled. All Brothers are welcome with their families to enjoy a fun night out.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*\*some details announced soon*



**Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10:30am**

Service recognition at Pelican Landing Assisted Living  
Event Contact: GK George Darmetko

Wreath laying at Riverview Park Veterans Memorial  
Event Contact: Mark Barletta



**June Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity**

Date to be Announced

Held at St. Helen's Church, Vero Beach



**Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

Officer / Director Installation and Dinner



**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Trunk or Treat

Followed by the Welcome Back BBQ for the Knights and Families



**Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

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**Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Faith Formation / Fraternal Benefits Recruitment Night



**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast with Santa