



DISTRICT CHRONICLE  
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DISTRICT DEPUTY WELCOME MESSAGE

Where is your District Deputy from and how did he get here?

I was born on December 2, 1975 and raised in Long Island, New York where I attended a local Catholic School. Upon turning 12 years old I was asked to join the Columbian Squires, later going up the ranks to be Chief Squire, Nassau/Suffolk Conference Chief Squire, and eventually becoming elected to be NYS Marshall Squire.

After graduating high school and turning 18, I was presented with a form 100. All three degrees were taken within two months. Not long after, a form 4 was presented to join the Patriotic Degree and along came a Cape and Sword.

On the evening of my Third Degree the then Grand Knight asked me to join with him and become an Officer and Squires Youth Director, which I proudly did for ten years. Upon being elected Grand Knight of the largest Council in the State Of New York, I met a young las named Kellianne. We dated and were engaged on Valentines Day 2003 and were married July 9, 2004. During my tenor as Grand Knight the Council remained strong, achieving Star Council, Contest of Champions, and the State Deputy Award. Upon completion of my term we decided to visit Florida and some family who lived here. My wife decided to walk into a bank and was immediately hired. Within two weeks we had packed our place in New York and headed back to our new home of Sarasota.

I remember walking into a Council on Fruitville Road and introducing myself. Next thing I know there's not only a Form 100, but also a Form 4 being handed to me. The following month nominations were being held where I was nominated for Faithful Scribe and elected the following month. Several months later my wife and I decided it was time to build a family and later adopted our first child Samantha in 2011. Being a dad, husband, full time employee, and being an active member was a bit challenging at first. After serving as Financial Secretary, which was a time-consuming position, I later took on two terms as Faithful Navigator. Upon conclusion of that term my wife and I decided to take a trip back to New York to visit family and friends. The evening we were leaving Florida I received a call that I would be nominated to serve as Grand Knight. I proudly continued to serve the Council and its members.

In 2014, my wife and I decided to grow our family and Thanksgiving week our daughter Ava was born. It was an exciting time of our lives being able to celebrate the holidays, introduce our new daughter to her family, and watching with joy as our two children formed an immediate bond.

The next biggest challenge would be when I received a call from the FSC State Ultrasound Chairman, followed by the State Secretary asking me to serve as the next State Ultrasound Chairman. I accepted with pride knowing that this is one of the most important positions to chair.

At the State Convention this past May I was asked to serve as District Deputy, I accepted and knowing the Councils I would be tasked to preside over I knew it was going to be a fantastic journey ahead.

The most important thing is to remember those who helped along the way and never forget how and why everything was accomplished. Never forget the rock besides any member, our wives, as they truly are the ones who keep our Sails strong and straight.

How quickly our Fraternal Year is going as we already heading into September; as a District we are rocking and rolling along. In September we have two degrees coming up; even if your Council has no Candidate please try to attend and support the new members taking their degrees along with sharing some time with your fellow Brother Knights.

In the month of September all Councils should be doing the following:

September 1 - Ordering the Substance Abuse Kit & Essay Kit  
Helping Life & Vocations Fund Begins

September 30 - Quick Start to Star Finishes

Council Budgets should have all been approved by now and it's up to all of us as a TEAM to make sure Charities receive our good deeds.

Our District is one that I consider the STRONGEST in the area; this is only due to each of you and your members' countless hours of dedication. Let us continue on this path and reach for the STARS. I am here to assist you in any way that I can.

It is an honor to serve as your District Deputy. Let us always be mindful that we are the Largest Catholic Fraternal Family Pro Life Organization in the world today. We are the Defenders of Life for those who do not have a voice, the Unborn.

May God continue to bless our work for charities and each other and may God Bless the United States of America.

Fraternally,

Vivat Jesus

SK John T Gearon III, PGK PFN

District Deputy 51

# Form #100 Belongs in All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A  
NEW MEMBER  
TODAY!**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## DISTRICT DEGREE SCHEDULE

ADMISSION DEGREE – SEPTEMBER 17 at St Thomas More Council 7826

FORMATION DEGREE – SEPTEMBER 24 at Incarnation Council 15332

KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE - OCTOBER 19 at St Patrick Council 13307



## **NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT**

### **St Thomas More Council 7826**

Grand Knight Ken Berberich

In August they held their monthly business meeting and held their second pancake breakfast and social at Phillippi Creek Oyster Bar.

The Council is currently working on their Parish Picnic, which will be held on September 15, 2019.

Baby Bottle Campaign and Council Membership Drive will be held during the month of September.

Under Pro Life events for September they will be attending the Knights Fever Ball on Saturday September 21, at Columbus Hall benefiting My Choice Pregnancy Center.

On Saturday September 28, they will attend the second annual Sarasota Laps for Life Event at Nathan Benderson Park.

September Social will be at Docksides Grill.

### **St Patrick Council 13307**

Grand Knight William Renn

At the August Council meeting, Grand Knight William Renn, Officers and Members presented Scholarship winners along with presenting a check to Pastor Father Robert for the elementary school level. Congratulations to all the winners.

St Patrick Fall Fish & Chicken Dinners first one of the season will be on September 20, starting at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be a TV raffle – please come and find out more details.

### **St Michael the Archangel Council 14845**

Grand Knight Len Myers

Monthly Business meeting third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in St Michael the Archangel Parish located in Siesta Key. The Council is actively looking for ways to help the Parish to rebuild from the Hurricane a few years ago. Next month there will be more details on how we are doing as a Council.

### **Incarnation Council 15332**

Grand Knight Dr. Steve Wyer

On August 10, 2019 held the District 51 Organizational Meeting, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Chancellors, and Financial Secretaries of the five area Councils attended. Prior to the meeting Incarnation Council served Breakfast to those attending.

Saturday September 28, 2019 Incarnation Council will host a Cigar & Scotch Evening at Maduro Cigar & Bar for the State Vocations Fund. Please Contact the Grand Knight Dr. Steve Wyer for details

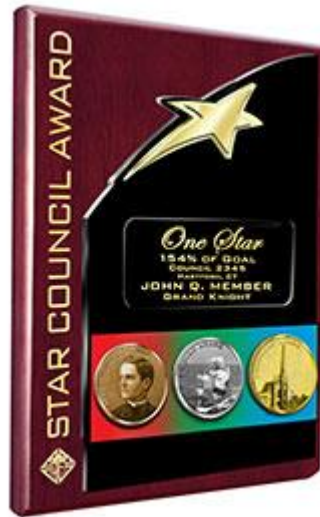
Supreme Council has awarded Incarnation Council 15332 with the Family of the Month for July 2019. Please join with me and congratulating Brother Paul Turner and family.

### **St. Pius V Council 15781**

Grand Knight David Clough II

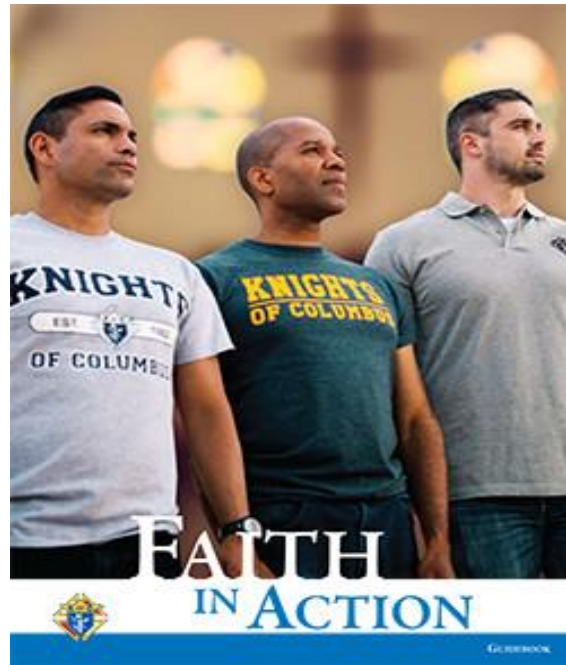
Council Meetings are held each month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7:00 PM. Prior to the Council Business Meeting – at 6:30 PM a Rosary is held at Christ the King Church, which is connected to the meeting room. Members are welcome to join. Pancake Breakfasts are held and it's a great time to meet a fellow Brother Knight of St. Pius Council.

## SUPREME COUNCIL NEWS



On Behalf of District 51 CONGRATULATIONS  
To the following Councils  
7826 St Thomas More  
13307 St Patrick  
15332 Incarnation  
15781 St Pius V  
Great Job – Well Done

## FAITH IN ACTION



Supreme has required each Council to participate in 16 out of 32 programs plus Membership & Insurance quotas in order to achieve Star Council.

Where does your Council stand currently?

Are you meeting the requirements?

Now is the time to begin

## Faith in Action Program Model

Four areas have defined our brand from the Beginning and are the core reason for our success:

**Faith**

**Family**

**Community**

**Life**



## SARASOTA LAPS FOR LIFE EVENT



Our Lady of Victory Council 3358 will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sarasota Laps for Life Event on Saturday September 28, 2019 at Nathan Benderson Park.

\$35.00 Per Person, Contact Brother Joseph Gina at [josephSgina@outlook.com](mailto:josephSgina@outlook.com) or District Deputy John Gearon III, 941-320-4745 / [johngearonDD51@yahoo.com](mailto:johngearonDD51@yahoo.com)

Family 5K Fun Walk / Run

Hope to see you there.

The Laps for Life Event is providing support to My Choice Pregnancy Center which is located at 5277 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234





**FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL NEWS**

Submitted by John T Gearon III, PGK PFN DD

Each Council in District 51 has received raffle tickets. The winners need not be present to win.  
Winning Tickets will be drawn at the Annual Florida State Convention in May.



**2019/2020**  
Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus

**\$45,000**  
**Charity Raffle**

**1st Prize - \$25,000**  
**2nd Prize: \$10,000**  
**3rd Prize: \$5,000**  
**(5) \$1,000 Prizes**

**Donation \$1.00-**  
*Donor need not be present to win.*  
**2020 Drawing will be held on**  
**Saturday, May 23, 2020 at**  
**the Hyatt Hotel, Orlando, Florida**

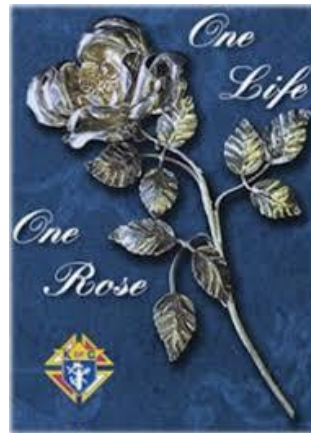
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Registration #: CH18054, [www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org)  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROGRAMS



SILVER ROSE



ULTRASOUND



COATS FOR KIDS

Worthy Brother Knights, these are just a few of the many programs we can become involved with. Don't wait to be asked to assist, if you have an hour a month to help, ask the Grand Knight of your Council or your District Deputy any time.

ONE NEW MEMBER – PER MONTH

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE DEDICATION TO OUR ORDER

DISTRICT DEPUTY

JOHN T GEARON III, PGK PFN