



THE COMPASS

Newsletter of the Knights of Columbus
Fr. Michael Cottrell Council 7672 of St. Francis of Assisi Parish Grove City, Florida

December 2019

The Shepherds - Called to witness!



“In the same country there were shepherds awake in the fields, keeping night-watches over their flocks. And all at once an angel of the Lord came and stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone about them so that they were overcome with fear. But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; behold, I bring you good news of a great rejoicing for the whole people. This day, in the city of David, a Savior has been born for you, the Lord Christ himself. This is the sign by which you are to know him; you will find a child still in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger. Then on a sudden a multitude of the heavenly army appeared to them at the angel’s side giving praise to God and saying, Glory to God in high heaven and peace on earth to men that are God’s friends.

When the angels had left them, and gone back to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, Come let us make our way to Bethlehem, and see for ourselves this happening which God has made known to us. And so they went with all haste, and found Mary and Joseph there, with the child lying in a manger. On seeing him, they discovered the truth of what had been told them about this child.

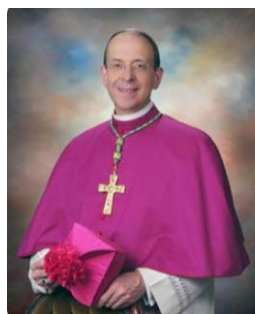
All those who heard it were full of amazement at the story which the shepherds told them; but Mary treasured up all these sayings, and reflected on them in her heart. And the shepherds went home giving praise and glory to God, at seeing and hearing that all was as it had been told them.”

(The Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 2, vs. 8 - 20)

[This passage is taken from “The Holy Bible: A translation from the Latin Vulgate in light of the Hebrew and Greek originals”. This full translation of the Bible written in modern English was authored by Monsignor Ronald Knox and first published in 1944.]



**Knights Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
St. Francis of Assisi**



**Supreme Chaplain : Archbishop Willian E. Lori:
Monthly Challenge - December 2019**

“John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: “A voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’” (Gospel for Dec. 8, Mt 3:1-3)

We are all familiar with the sense of panic that sets in when guests are due to arrive at our home. With people coming any minute, we rush to finish the cleaning and make the final preparations. My brother Knights, in this Gospel passage we find John the Baptist racing through the house, calling on everyone to prepare for the guest of a lifetime: Jesus Christ. This is our common task every day of Advent: to inspect every corner of our spiritual house and clean out the clutter, for Christ’s arrival is at hand. Let us pray for the grace to repent and prepare our souls for the coming of our Lord..

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to fast or abstain from meat one day a week to prepare for Christ’s coming. Second, I challenge you to help prepare for Christ’s coming through the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program or by simply wishing others a “Merry Christmas.”

Council 7672 and Assembly 2782 Sends Happy Birthday Wishes to our Brother Knights



September 2019 Birthdays: (23 Members)

*Laurence Altenburg
Joseph Borg
Richard Buszka
Francis Cappello
Joseph Cappello
Matteo Caputo
William Doody
Anthony Einhorn*

*Michael Henry
Richard Hurley
Michael Johnston
Mormand Leclerc
James McCorkle
Michael Meehan
John Morsch
Edward O Neill*

*Anthony Palermo
Billy Sasser
Cosimo Serino
Cody Stanton
John Stanwix
Nicholas Wadden
John Wilkinson*

October 2019 Birthdays (18 Members)

*Richard Beal
John Cannon
Antonio Caputo
Joseph Cunningham
Scott Daughenbaugh
Robert Godlewsky*

*Ron Kacprowicz
Brandon Kain
William Kelly
Thomas Kisiday
William Kralick
Salvatore Massulli*

*Charles Russo
John Sciandra
Donald Shirk
Mark Smith
Rosaire Tardif
Carmine Vailelli*

November 2019 Birthdays (10 Members)

*Jim Brantner
Hugh Brotherton
Patrick Canning
Phillip R. Cousino*

*Angelo Favara
Joseph Kuczynski
Dominick Stabile
Kenneth Swain*

*Jan Turzanski
Edward Wilson*

December 2019 Birthdays (18 Members)

*Thomas Brunner
Paul Cappello
Ernest Francis
Nicola Iommelli
Phil Jeleniewski
Carmine Laterra*

*Francis Lomento
Paul McCarthy
Bruce McDonald
Gerald Mroczkowski
Timothy Mulligan
Leon Reser*

*David Roach
Robert Ryan
James Soravilla
Raymond Tafelski
Richard Woodcroft
Richard Young*





Editor's Note December 2019:

Our editorial staff and contributing writers and photographer wish you and your family and friends a most blessed and rewarding Christmas.

During this past year, we have issued seven Compass Newsletters. four have been bi-monthly with the last three being monthly format. This December issue is our most recent edition.

We have been blessed with a small but devoted Editorial staff including writers and our photographer, Richard Woodcroft. Our writers include our Deacon, Bob Godlewsky. We thank him for his inspirational articles. In addition we have welcomed another new contributor Brother Joseph Gallagher who has called us all to become more involved and active in our Council and Assembly activities. We thank our Auxiliary President Virginia Aynes and Past Grand Knight Don Kasson for their reports during the year.

A special thanks goes out to Penny Fleming who makes it possible to get the Compass out to you by email. Bless you Penny for all that you do.

We could not have served you our readers without all of them.
Please consider joining our Compass team in 2020.
May you have a blessed Christmas. Your Editor



Merry Christmas !

The Patriot

4th Degree Assembly 2782



"Our Season's Greeter"

*May the Blessings of Christ Be Yours
this Christmas*

Announcements from . . . Sir Knight Charles Kahler

Schedule for Collection Drives during Social Meetings next Year.

The following is a line-up of the local organizations that we will be sponsoring through collections at our monthly Social Meeting for the 2019 - 2020 Fraternal Year. For the next four months we will be collecting requested supplies by this schedule:

2020 January 2020 Meeting - - - - School Supplies
 February 2020 Meeting - - - Hospice House
 March 2020 Meeting - - - - - Veterans
 April 2020 Meeting - - - - - Baby Shower

Other Upcoming Events for next Year, 2020. . . .

Parish Walk for Life - On **Saturday morning, January 18th 2020** all parishioners and the general public are invited to join our Knights on the campus of St. Francis of Assisi to participate in the **Annual Walk for Life**.

This is a walking pilgrimage with prayers for the unborn and their mothers. Those unable to make the walk are invited to pray in the church during the walk. A free will offering will be collected and donated to support the "Life Affirming" work of the Pregnancy Careline Center in Port Charlotte which serves our area.



Florida Knights of Columbus - Annual Financial Support for Seminarians

You recently received a mailing seeking your support for our Diocesan seminarians. If you have not already sent in your donation, we encourage you to reconsider and to donate **today**. This appeal recently renamed "The 12 Apostles Fund" helps defray the rising cost of educating and training our Seminarians. It's never too late to contribute to this most worthy work.



Donations may be made on the Knights of Columbus State website at <https://floridakofc.org/> or be made to Mark W. Lynn, Vocations Program Chairman. His address is 66 Tropical Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176. For further information contact him at: lynnmark@bellsouth.net.

URGENT Request : Don't forget to complete and submit your ANNUAL SURVEY. Submit to Ed Wilson, our Financial Secretary. (Find copy the next page below.)

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

20 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES / FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS / BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20 .

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) HOURS OF SERVICE

a. RSVP Program	<input type="text"/>
b. Church Facilities	<input type="text"/>
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	<input type="text"/>
d. Religious/Vocations Education	<input type="text"/>
e. Prayer & Study Programs	<input type="text"/>
f. Sacramental Gifts	<input type="text"/>
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	<input type="text"/>

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	<input type="text"/>
b. Family Formation Programs	<input type="text"/>
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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

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h. Columbian Squires	<input type="text"/>
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	<input type="text"/>
j. Athletics	<input type="text"/>
k. Youth Welfare/Service	<input type="text"/>
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m. Veteran Military/VAWS	<input type="text"/>
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	<input type="text"/>

LIFE ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

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Pancake Breakfast / Blood Drive / January 12th, 2020

The Knights of Columbus of St. Francis of Assisi Church, will sponsor a blood drive Sunday, January 12th, during our pancake breakfast. The Big Red Bus from "OneBlood" will be at the church parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All will receive a free pancake breakfast, a T-shirt, a Culvers coupon, a Bealls donors discount coupon and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Your donation helps save lives.

The pancake breakfast will be from 8:30 a.m. to noon.


The delicious meal includes:

- ★ Pancakes,
- ★ Scrambled-Eggs
- ★ Sausages
- ★ Biscuits and Gravy
- ★ Orange Juice
- ★ Coffee or Tea

Made with love by our Knights of Columbus, Council 7672.

Cost is \$6 children under 12 eat free.

Proceeds go to support our local charities.
THANK YOU.



DONATE BLOOD

#Donate4Life

Sunday, January 12, 2020
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Church

All donors will receive a FREE OneBlood Long Sleeve T-shirt, a FREE Pancake Breakfast, a FREE Culver's "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" coupon, a FREE Bealls extra 15% discount coupon and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online at www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code #9797

ID REQUIRED

ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. *Not transferable. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.

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