



**St. Thomas More Council #7826**  
**Knightly News for May 2015**

My Brother Knights,

It is that time of the year when some of you begin your trek North. We will miss you as we continue to enjoy the long, sunny, slightly warm and moderately humid days of June, through September. We wish you a safe trip and look forward to your return in the Fall. Please stay in touch by reading the monthly newsletter on the website.

Welcome to our new Brothers, as well as those who have transferred to our council, in the last month:

Matthew Chapman    James Clark                      Richard Hull

Thomas Perry

Please take the time to introduce yourself to them and get to know them at your next council meeting.

Congratulations to our Knight of the month for March, Peter Barry. Peter designed and obtained the Memorial Plaque for our departed Brothers. The plaque was unveiled at a dinner with the widows of our departed Brothers in attendance. Peter is a Trustee and Chairman of our Council's Awards Committee. Thank you Peter for all you do for our Council.

Our April Social was held at Stoneybrook Country Club on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our special guests were Men's Club President, Roger Grenier and his wife Nancy and our new Pastor Father Joe Clifford. It was the largest turnout for an event for our Council with 94 people in attendance. Father Joe spoke to the group about his background, family and experience as a priest and pastor in Florida. The evening

was a great success and we extend our thanks to Stan and Carol Szafranski for putting this event together.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> we held an Ice Cream and Cake Social for the First Holy Communion recipients at St. Thomas More. We presented each Communicant with a gift of a Children's Bible. The event was well attended and we received many favorable comments from the families of the children.

Also on May 9<sup>th</sup>, The Knights of Columbus council at Saints Peter and Paul in Bradenton hosted a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree ceremony. Members of our council completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree were:

Matthew Chapman	Richard Hull
Edward McManus	Thomas Perry

Members completing the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree were:

Gary Basara	Matthew Chapman
Neil Corrado	Richard Hull
Thomas Kennedy	Ted Kovacic
Robert Manghillis	Edward McManus
Thomas Perry	Edward Wolfe

Congratulations Brothers on achieving full Knighthood in our Order. Your progress is another indication of the dedication that exists in our Council.

Mark your calendars. Our next Social will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Oaks Club. Cocktails (cash bar) begin at 6:00 with dinner at 6:45 . Menu includes choice of three entrees. Cost is \$34.00 per person. Contact Larry Hall at [nancyorlarry@comcast.net](mailto:nancyorlarry@comcast.net) or call 941-924-2828 for reservations.

On June 20, 2015, we will have a Corporate Communion at the 4:00PM Mass at St. Thomas More, followed by the Officer Installation Ceremony in the Spirit Center, followed by Cocktails and Dinner also in the Chelsea Center. The dinner will be catered by Gecko's and should be excellent. Further details will be forthcoming. Please try to make this event. If you cannot make the Mass or the Installation ceremony, please join us for dinner. Let's maximize our turnout!

Our Holiday Party will be held at Stoneybrook Country Club on November 21<sup>st</sup>. In addition to dinner, we will have a DJ providing music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Be sure to attend as this promises to be a great party!

The following Brothers will have added one more candle to their Birthday cake in May. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them.

John Sullivan (May 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Brian Palmer (May 6<sup>th</sup>)

Charlie Ballschmieder (May 9<sup>th</sup>)

Dave Rancourt (May 12<sup>th</sup>)

Joe Avellino (May 18<sup>th</sup>)

Phil Mentz (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

Chuck Turnwald (May 19<sup>th</sup>)

Robert Bremer (May 24<sup>th</sup>)

Steve Fenner ( May 25<sup>th</sup>)

Gary Ellis (May 30<sup>th</sup>)

John Rodman (May 30<sup>th</sup>)

The "Good of the Order" included the following people in need of our prayers. Please keep them in our constant prayers:

Joanne Ballschmieder (wife of Charlie)

Gerhard Glaesel

Annie Hayes (Jerry's wife)

Paul Mehalso

Margaret Mentz (Phil's wife)

Blanca Talero (Gilberto's wife)

Sue Zava (Fred's wife)

Martin Goodrick

Eugene McNany

John Jumet

Dan White

Stan Szafranski

Phil Mentz

Our departed Brothers

If you would like to order a name badge for your wife, they are \$10 and can be ordered by contacting Larry Faeth. Email Larry with the spelling of your wife's name at [lfaeth@aol.com](mailto:lfaeth@aol.com).

Council shirts can be ordered from Tony D'Alberto. It is important to wear a council shirt to our meetings as well as a number of our events during the year, so that you can be recognized as a Knight. Tony offers a variety of styles and colors at reasonable prices. You can email Tony at [threadz@aol.com](mailto:threadz@aol.com).

Finally, it is an honor to serve as your Grand Knight. I thank you all for your support. I welcome anyone and everyone's suggestions on how we may continue to improve in any area whatsoever. If there is anything on your mind, please share your thoughts with me at [danb6002@comcast.net](mailto:danb6002@comcast.net).

Vivat Jesus

Dan Bulinski