



# Sword & Shield



Council 4726

Assembly 1500

Winter Haven, Florida

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## Meeting Nights

Council 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:00 pm

Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon 7:00 pm

Bldg Assoc 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs 7:00 pm

Columbiettes 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs 6:00pm

### From the Grand Knight

Rod Mullen



The start of the year has been hard on us as a Council. We have lost in a short time two brothers and two Grand Knights from brother Councils. Haines City; we lost Joe Lopez, and from Lake Wales we lost William Powell. Our Brothers, Gary Loser and Larry Cardarelli. God Bless them all. They will be hard to replace. At this writing we have Jim Sierra in the Hospital for tests. Pray God He is alright. He is a big part of our activities at the hall, especially in Bingo operations. I hope for more to step forward to help us in this activity. The proceeds are vital to our Charity activities. We can certainly use the help. Even if it is for a few hours a week. Chuck Langbein is in the Life Care Center for rehabilitation on his legs. He fell a couple of weeks ago and did some damage.

Kudos go out to Rick Ochoa, Ray Taylor, Mike Wadsworth, and Tony Corrente for serving the Homeless at the Church of the Nazarene and to Peter Verrill and Burt Goddard who brought in food for the hungry. Also mention goes to Jim Borkowski for following through with Larry Cardarelli's last request of supplying the Spina Bifida Foundation of 10 wheelchairs for those with the terrible affliction. John Jennings helped with the unloading of the vehicle and placing them in the Hall until proper storage can be arranged. Incidentally, a Foundation name is going to be set up by the Spina

Bifida Organization. People will be able to pick up and use the wheelchair in the size that is appropriate and return them for others to use. Larry loved this organization.

Another project this past month was the placing of the crosses in memory of the unborn. Led by Ray Taylor and Judy Hammen, the Confirmation class placed the crosses in the yard in front of the Church. Tony Corrente provided orange juice and doughnuts for the group. John Richards who now works at the Church was on hand to help oversee the operation and provides assistance and advise where necessary. Also present was Jon Redinbo and his son. Were it not for these hardy helpers, it would have taken us longer to place the crosses. It was cold on Saturday morning.

The first week of January was a busy one as per usual. The Knights met at the hall and took down the Christmas decorations and put them away. All I can say to the Columbiettes is they are all back in the attic. This helped the Columbiettes because it gave them some free time. Pizza helped spur the Knights on.

We have many other projects coming and assistance would be appreciated. Knights, stop by at on of our meeting nights and see if you can help. The meetings are the first Thursday of the month for the Building Committee, the second Monday of the month for the Assembly and the third Tuesday of the month for the Council.

Bring a friend.....

God Bless

Rod

Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Bakeless Bake  
sale after all masses St.  
Joseph

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - Degree at 6:30  
pm

Feb 17<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday





## Fourth Degree Renewal of Obligation



I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul with the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay just like the generous love You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend. Then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.





## Helping Hands at the Church of the Nazarene



Happy New Year! (Better late than never).

Of course, the new year brings us to...making resolutions. That is a good thing! But being cooped up and working from home for the better part of the year have given all of us plenty of time to think about the things we need to change. All of us want to resolve to do those things that will lead to happier, healthier lives.

Some of the most common resolutions are to lose weight, get in shape and exercise more. Others resolve to stop smoking.

If you think about the spiritual, many new year's resolutions concern having a more centered prayer life or receiving the sacraments more often for those who feel comfortable attending Mass.

Many of my friends think more about quality time...quality time spent with their family and friends; those that are most important in their lives.

As you think about family, one resolution I can help you keep is to update your Family Service Record and take stock of your financial goals. Are you where you want to be? Do you have a plan? We have a brand-new tool to use to help analyze your financial needs; Profiles Professional. With this tool you can see if there are any gaps in your coverage and how close you are to achieving your goals and aspirations.

Some members are not aware of all the products we have to offer: Life insurance, long term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities. These products can help protect your family in all the financial situations where you might find yourself. Life insurance protects your loved ones financially if you are not here to help provide. And with the pandemic, many are taking stock of what they have to protect those they love. Disability income insurance provides a paycheck if you are sick or hurt and can't work. If your company offers some, do you know how much, for how long and is it taxable? I can help sort that out. Long term care insurance protects those assets you've worked so hard all your life to accumulate. Don't deplete all your savings for a care event when the Knights can take on that risk. With all the concern about market volatility and the health of Social Security, our fixed rate annuities guarantee a minimum interest rate for life, a company investment strategy based on Catholic teaching and an income stream you cannot outlive.

What's most important to you and your family? There is no cookie cutter answer. That's why I meet with members and their spouses...and we can meet virtually over the computer...to first determine what issues are of most concern to you. From there I can help analyze where you are in relation to your goals and develop a strategy to get you where you want to go. All done with a virtual appointment over your computer and at your convenience.

As your field agent I'm a brother taking care of brothers. Resolve today to meet with me and ensure that at the end of this new year, your will be closer to your goals.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Shaver, FIC, FICF

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## The Lam Family – January Family of the Month

### Bulletin Supporters

Larry & Bernadette Feit  
Bob & Jane Thibodeau

### Memorial Committee

Chuck Langbein  
Charles Proctor

### Franciscan Missions Stamp Program

The Franciscan Friars have asked us to help with their stamp program by sending them cancelled stamps. They use these stamps in their mission work to help the hungry and needy people. When you get a letter with a stamp on it, please cut it off, put in an envelope and bring to the Council. There is a box just inside the Council's lounge door where it can be deposited. This is especially important toward the end of the year when people get stamps on Christmas cards. I have asked my community to save them for us. maybe you could do the same. When we get a box full Jim Riley will send to the Franciscan Friars in Wisconsin.

### Medical Equipment

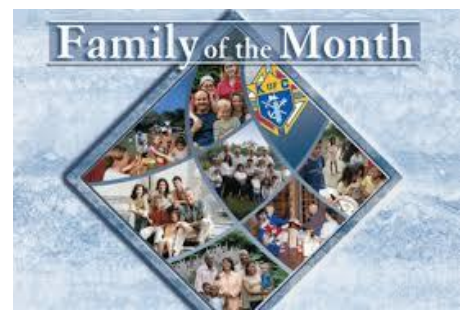
Dear Brother Knights, If you have a walker, cane, crutches, wheel chair or other items you no longer need, and you would like to donate them to the Council, please contact Mike Wadsworth at 863-224-6490 Email [mikey.1952@gmail.com](mailto:mikey.1952@gmail.com) Mike will pick the items up and make them available to brother Knights that can use them.

Pictures in the newsletter are contributed by Carlos Ayunta as well as many members of the Knights! We appreciate everyone's contributions! We also welcome submissions for events. Send to Tom Berdis [tberdis@gmail.com](mailto:tberdis@gmail.com) or 863-224-2906



# FAMILY OF THE MONTH

## VERRILL FAMILY



Peter and Lenore have been members of Saint Joseph Winter Haven for 44 years. They moved here from Brooklyn, New York as newlyweds when Peter accepted a position as a Physician at Gessler Clinic PA. They have two adult married children, Michelle and Peter Jerome and one adorable granddaughter, Lorelai.

Father Vincent Smith was very instrumental with bringing Peter into the church. Lenore is “a crib catholic”. Because of the wonderful influence of Father Smith, both Peter and Lenore went on a Cursillo weekend and later Peter and Lenore became involved in RCIA as sponsors and helping to teach others about the Catholic faith.

Peter and Lenore had fun as volunteers at the school fairs, working during the Thanksgiving holidays to prepare meals for the less fortunate, going to Guadalupe Mission and distributing meals to the families there, they were also involved in helping with things during Lent. Lenore enjoys baking tins of cookies for Meals on Wheels at Christmas time and Peter always helps deliver them for distribution. They were Eucharistic Ministers for many years. Lenore was in charge of the Church Nursery where parents could drop off their little ones before the 10 AM Mass.

Lenore has volunteered at St. Joseph in many areas such as librarian assistance, PTO president and held position at the school as teaching assistant in kindergarten, assisted in the cafeteria as well as PE coach. She also worked as the principles assistance and took a position as science assistant until her retirement.

Peter was the first cantor at our parish and joined the Cantabile Choir of which he has been a member of for over 40+ years. He also plays the trumpet at Christmas and significant feast days. Lenore is also a member of the Cantabile Choir and they are both in the Resurrection Choir, the Bereavement Ministry and Ministry of Prayer and Mercy.

Peter is a Third-Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and has been MC for their appreciation dinners. Peter was the chairman of the Alive in Christ Campaign, past member of the St. Joseph and Santa Fe School Boards and our Parish Council.

Both Peter and Lenore have been very involved Christ Renews His Parish and they have been involved with our Baby Bottle Campaign here at St. Joe's for years; a project near and dear to their hearts. When their children went on to Santa Fe Catholic High School they added to their list of special volunteerism and became Co-Presidents of the PTO. Lenore was Grand Master of the Santa Fe Gala fund raising. They helped with campus cleanup, painting, and worked in whatever capacity was asked of them.

Peter and Lenore were both honored to be awarded the Knighthood of Saint Gregory Personalized Scroll and Medal from Pope Benedict at a dinner given by the Diocese of Orlando and presented to them by Bishop (now Archbishop) Wenski. Saint Joseph's is their love, their home and they will do just about anything asked of them usually with a smile and a “yes”.



## KNIGHT of the MONTH

### Jim Riley

An affable man who likes to shake a leg. Jim has been the man of all seasons for the Knights who he so proudly represents. His skills are many: an airplane pilot, a locksmith, he calls numbers at Bingo, distributes money to patrons, leads the prayers when praying the rosary, and he is a sound man at St. Joseph's during the Mass. Who am I describing? James Bond? He seems to be everywhere. Jim is a longtime patron of St. Joseph's Parish and came to Winter Haven in answer to an ad for a Flight Instructor. Jim is the Chairman of several different projects. The Rosary which he took over after the passing of Bob Barczynski, also the Keep Christ in Christmas billboards. He also is our stamp Chairman. Jim, well done, and our eternal thanks,...God Bless



## Past Grand Knights

Harlan L. Newton*	1958-59
Michael Trabulsy*	1959-60
Omer R. McDuff*	1960-61
Paul D. Wells	1961-62
Raymond R. McKenna*	1962-63
Joseph W. Higgins*	1963-64
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Vance G. Layton*	1965-66
Charles E. Langbein, Jr.	1966-67
Norman J. Lenahan*	1967-68
Eddie Smythe*	1968-69
James J. Waters*	1969-70
Ralph Diaz*	1970-71
William McLin*	1971-72
Matthew McEnaney*	1972-73
Joseph Whitehurst, Sr.	1973-75
Charles E. Langbein, Jr.	1975-77
James Nallan*	1977-78
Gerald Roach	1978-80
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Neal W. Oliver*	1987-88
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John Gabrick	1991-92
Tom Norton	1992-94
Mark Smurr*	1994-95
Mitchell Blackwelder	1995-96
Peter Noor*	1996-97
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Aaron Corkum	2003-04
Ron Feschak	2004-05
Thomas D. Nantz	2005-07
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Everett Evans	2009-10
Charles Proctor	2010-11
Russ Moulton	2011-12
Mike Lopez	2012-13
Bob Gillispie	2013-14
Mike Carter	2014-15
Tom Berdis, Jr.	2015-16
Brian Hartpence	2016-18
John Richards	2018-20
*Deceased	



Chuck Langbein, Maureen Loughlin, Cindy Walter, Paul Wells, Kayla Berdis, Bob & Jane Thibodeau, Bob Nelson, Joe Hydowski, Kevin Truex, Kathy Thompson, John McNabb, Mike Lopez, Lynne Richards, Rod Mullen, Jim Sirera, Doug Murray, Tony Garcia, Trish Ochoa, Jim Zentgraft, Paul Wells, Everett Evans, Mike Wadsworth, Ed Hunter

Our continued prayers for all military personnel, Christians who are persecuted, children around the world, spiritual leaders, public officials and for those who need prayer.





*Pray the Rosary Daily*

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