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


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## LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #17249 RECEIVES TOP AWARD


The **K of C Divine Mercy of Jesus, St Jerome Catholic Parish, Largo FL**  **Council #17249** has received the distinction of Star Council the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council  Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

Upon request from our Pastor Sir Knight Fr. Tom Morgan to create and form a Knights of Columbus council within St Jerome Catholic Parish in Largo, FL, our new council was chartered in April 2019. We started with 18 Knights, who transferred from other Councils. Under the leadership of our Worthy Sir Grand Knight Pete Grasso Jr and a team of dedicated Council Officers, presently our council's membership exceeds 80 Knights, including our Knights from our Parish Clergy.

Some of our 1<sup>st</sup> year Community Events consist of the following:

-  We enjoyed our brotherhood with several evenings of Family Mass and Corporate Communion
-  We are known as the "Sea of Blue" Knights in our new Council's royal blue polo shirts
-  We helped to organize and provided Knights for St Jerome Parish Community Trivia Night
-  We assist the St Jerome's Community Food Pantry in our Parish's Ed Kilroy building
-  We supported the Parish's annual children & family costume Halloween festival, music & candy
-  We provide shuttle assistance from parking lot to the Church for our congregants during Masses
-  We held several successful membership drives within the Parish
-  We hosted our council's first Knight & families Christmas Carols sing-along Holiday party
-  We held monthly community breakfasts with a worker teams of 10-15 Knights serving & cooking
-  We sponsored a video Order of Exemplification Degree Ceremony for current or new Knights
-  We provide traffic control for Saturday confessions and drive thru distribution of communion
-  We note in memoriam: four of our beloved Knights are now in Our Lord's Army of Knights: Worthy Warden Knight Alfonso Ramos, Knight Mayor (Bob) Robert DiNicola, Sir Knight (Bill) William C. DeVarti, and this month Sir Knight (Charlie) Charles S. O'Toole

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