

FAMILY OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

Our jurisdiction's Family of the Year began its association with the Knights of Columbus 13 years ago. He has served his council as Deputy Grand Knight, Warden, Chancellor, Program Director, and Membership Director. The family is a consistent participant in the Parish's Wednesday Night Rosary and they consistently assist the Pastor in numerous church projects. He is a Team Member of the Parish Safety/Security Detail, keeping a watchful eye over all large assemblies at the church and surrounding area. The Detail during the recent pandemic worked with the pastor to set up "drive-up communion," people travelled as far as 80 miles to receive communion at this setup. The wife in this family is a member of the Parish Ladies Sodality Group, responsible for many social functions such as picnics, parish dinners and other events. She is a Parish Rosary Maker where the members make and distribute thousands of rosaries. Last year her group distributed an estimated 15,000 rosaries. She is also an usher at the church.

The couple hosts an annual picnic for handicapped members of a local mental health facility. His involvement has spread to the Council and the activity has the Council preparing food and serving it. Over 40 residents and 22 staff members were served meals in this past year's event. He organized the Christmas Angel Tree Program last year and ensured 100% participation. Our Brother Knight is a lifetime member of the AMVETS, American Legion and a Muscular Dystrophy Association coordinator for the US Postal to get a good turnout. Recently, he Service Union. The family donates to several charities, to include, Little Sisters of the Poor, EQTN, Catholic Sharing Appeal, Fisher House and St Jude Hospital. They sponsor a child in Africa through the Unbound Program. These examples,

however, do not adequately chronicle the many kindnesses and good works done by this family in secret.

The family was selected as the model family for the Council because they are always there to help others, always thinking of ways to get people involved in the love of God, love of family, promoting the church, and, of course, the Knights of Columbus. This family has been involved in community and life activities their entire marriage. When new members join the Council and when they observe and spend time with this family and their passion for love, family and God they want to be a part of what this family is doing. We believe that this family and this Brother Knight are models for the Florida State Council and Knights of Columbus and its virtues of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to introduce the Florida State Council's 2023 Family of the Year, the Bevel family of Franklin, his wife Joanna, members of Fr Howard J. Lesch Council 7667, Todd Alber, Grand Knight.