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RICHARD C. MADDEN COUNCIL #6629
CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM
May 2025



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Grand Knight
Tim McAuliffe



Chaplain
Fr. Raymond Carlo



My brother Knights, as we are saddened by the death of a beloved Pope Francis. I'm reminded of the humility that he had for all of us and want a significant time of the year that he would pass. I hope that everyone had a happy Easter and got to spend some time with family and friends as we move into May and June we still have more to do in our May meeting I'll be asking any of you if you would like to volunteer as an officers for next year as we will be celebrating a new grand night starting in the month of July.

Vivat Jesus
Tim GK Council #6629



Dear brother Knights,

A blest and joyous Easter to all y'all! Jesus is alive, He is risen, Alleluia!!!! That is the Christian message that we have been giving for 2000 years and that makes all the difference in our lives!

We have another great reason to rejoice! The diocese received the variance from Berkeley County so that the purchase of the property for the second Saint Claire's home for unwed mothers will now happen very soon! It is in the Cane Bay area not that far from Nexton. Several of our knights were there praying and supporting this effort for the variance. Thank you! It is just another of the wonderful works the Knights of Columbus do for others!

In the future, they will need help with many things like moving and other things! In the establishment of the first Saint Claire's home in Greenville county, the Knights of Columbus have been crucial! I know that we will do the same in this second one in our area!

Please keep that wonderful intention in our daily prayers. And always know that resurrection and new life can happen no matter how impossible or dead or difficult a situation seems. If the Holy Spirit is with us, (and Jesus is Emmanuel "God always with us!") then the Lord can bring new life and resurrection to any situation! Easter is not just something that happened one day, 2000 years ago with the empty tomb in Jerusalem. It can happen every single day in our lives!

Jesus is truly alive! He is truly risen! Alleluia!
God bless! Father Ray

Slate of Officers for Fraternal Year 2025-2026

Grand Knight	Jordan Haven
Deputy Grand Knight	Vincent P. Belken
Financial Secretary (Appointed)	Bill A. Williamson
Recorder	Austin W Fore
Treasurer	John M Starzyk
Advocate	Nathan P Hobbs
Warden	Gary Wilcox
Inside Guard	Ronald F Cyprian
Outside Guard	John S Pierrotti
Trustee 1st Year	Chris Mongone
Trustee 2nd Year	Rodney Profit
Trustee 3rd Year	Tim McAuliffe
Lecturer (Appointed)	Frank E. O'Dowd

Formal voting of officers will occur at the May General Meeting.

Council 6629 Calendar Raffle

The annual Calendar Raffle fund raiser is in progress. We are over half way to reaching our goal. Your contribution can make a real difference and help us achieve our goal of 1,000 tickets sold. Make a positive impact by helping your local council raise the money needed for our charitable work. Your family, neighbors and coworkers are probably familiar with many of the charities the knights support and would be glad to purchase a ticket. The additional incentive of the possibility to win a cash prize is a bonus. Just one ticket is good for 70 days and gives 70 chances to win! Tickets can be obtained at each monthly meeting, before and after mass or by contacting me at 412-334-4992.

Vivat Jesu!

Br. Mike Slezak

Investment Advisor

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Riverdogs Baseball price per ticket is \$23.65. Seats are located in upper reserved, sections 201-202. Each ticket will have a loaded value of \$10 that can be used at any concession or in the gift shop. Per their front office, you can get a hotdog, fries and a pop for under ten bucks. I will have a sign up sheet available as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
John E. Starzyk

Financial Secretary

Council remains IN GOOD STANDING with Supreme and State Councils. Dues notices for Fraternal Year 2025-2026 will be generated on June 15, 2025. To keep overhead cost low, the majority of the notices will be sent electronically to your email address on record. If you have moved or had a change in email or phone number in the past year please email me the corrections.

We will also be establishing the Budget for next Fraternal Year (FY) soon. If you would like to recommend a program/event for FY 25-26, please complete a Request for Budget application and email it to me or provide a hard copy. All Request for Budget applications must be submitted by June 3, 2025.

Vivat Jesu
Bill Williamson
Financial Secretary

Fraternal Year 2025-2026 Application for Budget Request

Members Name: _____
Membership #: _____

	Faith		Family
	Community		Life

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Request for funds approved _____ Approved amount \$ _____
Request for funds denied _____

Sick and Bereavement Part I

For those we pray: O Lord. Hear our prayer!

Philip Belken

Diana Bogart

Joe Branton

Zhareen Bulallacao

Stephanie Campbell

Carol Cunningham

Marc Davis

Kevin Fitzgerald

Pope Francis

Gantt Family

Barbara Grim

PSD Joe Gubeli

Deacon Kurt Herbst

Deacon Ron Kolonich

Judith McCarty

PGK Helen & Jose Mireles

PSD Bob, Nancy, Becky & Angela Mussat

Maddie Musselman

Julie McAuliffe

Ernie Nacco

Anita Nole

Robert Nowik

Kristen Phillips

Kathleen Pitiak

Pete Priem

Heinz Regenscheit

Christopher Riso

Greg Saylor

Ken Sharrett

Vito Spivale

Sharon Starzyk

Jerry Stout

Arlene Swartz

Sue Tileston

Tim Walters

Dennis Wells

Gary Wilcox

Sick and Bereavement Part II

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| ✝ Leonard Astfalk | ✝ Shirin Kopfmüller |
| ✝ Betty Abdon (wife of Br. Simeon) | ✝ Chuck Lichtenberger, PGK |
| ✝ Doug Aitken (Dick Gotheridge's brother in law) | ✝ Bonnie Levenhagen, Br. John's wife |
| ✝ Sandra Baker (Br. Joseph's spouse) | ✝ Connie Mc David (Br. Tom's wife) |
| ✝ Richard Barrineau | ✝ Mary Ann Moore (Br. Dennis' mother) |
| ✝ Gladys Bates | ✝ Roger Meunier |
| ✝ George Beckett | ✝ Lorraine Mineweaser (Bernie's spouse) |
| ✝ Albert Bellacicco | ✝ Rita Mineweaser (Bernie's sister) |
| ✝ Evelyn & Don Bloomer (PGK Tom's Mother and Father) | ✝ Joe Noll |
| ✝ Fr. Larry Bower | ✝ Patrick O'Rourke |
| ✝ Dominic Bria (former council member) | ✝ Peter O'Sullivan |
| ✝ James Coldwell | ✝ John Passarileo, PGK |
| ✝ Bambi Conrad (Br. James spouse) | ✝ Joe Bert Peck |
| ✝ Peter Cyprian Jr. (Br. Ronny's grandfather) | ✝ Robert S. Pitak, |
| ✝ Robert Correll | ✝ Angelo Prospero |
| ✝ Carol & Steve Dunlap PSD | ✝ Ronald Povero, PSD |
| ✝ Patrick Dunlap | ✝ Dotti Roberts and Len Roberts |
| ✝ John Dupont (Charter Member and PGK) | ✝ Robert Rybicki |
| ✝ Ed Elder and Josie Elder | ✝ Fred Seebode |
| ✝ Howard (Jerry) and Robin Ellis | ✝ Greg Seltzer, PGK |
| ✝ JW Garvin, PGK | ✝ Travis Seltzer (Br. Greg's son) |
| ✝ Susan Gotheridge | ✝ Jan Shaw (Br. Al's spouse) |
| ✝ Flo Grundy (widow of late PGK Chuck) | ✝ Betty Unwin (PGK Dave's Widow) |
| ✝ Mary Ann Heagerty (Br. Daniel's wife) | ✝ Rita Urko (Br. Paul's mother) |
| ✝ Lisa Helms (Br. Paul's wife) | ✝ Joyce Vega (widowed spouse of PGK Dave) |
| ✝ James R. Hughes (Br. James Hughes father) | ✝ Sharon Walsh and Jack Walsh |
| ✝ John and Laura Kersting | ✝ Rodney Ward (SJB Music Director) |
| ✝ Adrien Lussier | ✝ James Wilson (James Hughes' Father In law) |
| | ✝ Epifanio Zamora |
| | ✝ Our Deceased members |
| | ✝ All Deceased Men and Women Who |

Prayer for the Unborn

O God, who has given us the gift of life, we ask you today to bless all unborn babies. Watch over them as they grow and develop in their mothers' womb., that they may be born healthy and happy and be welcomed with tender love and deep joy. In a special way, we ask you to bless those babies who are unwanted and may never be born. Welcome them into your loving embrace that they find their love in you. Bless and guide all pregnant women, they might respect and cherish the gift of life growing within them. May they accept their child as an irreplaceable gift from you, Amen.



Member Birthdays

May

Name	Birthday
Ronald J Weigand	05-03
Joseph A Gilchrist	05-04
Dennis M Wells	05-08
Richard T Brisson	05-11
Joseph O Baker Jr	05-13
John J Donahue	05-13
Thomas S O Brien	05-13
Kurt L Hebert	05-15
Theodore T Musselman	05-15
Gary F Caccamise	05-21
Donald F Cullen	05-22
William Bladykas	05-24
Michael J Hostler	05-27
Kenneth R. Sharrett	05-27
Edwin W Westbury	05-27
John R Collier	05-29



Years of Service

May

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Anton C Mojwid	05-01-1978	47
Robert R Carreau	05-01-1983	42
Simeon Abdon	05-01-1984	41
Peter M Scholz	05-01-1984	41
Robert J Mussat	05-01-1985	40
Mr Ralph B Comp	05-01-1986	39
Rev Raymond J Carlo	05-11-1986	39
Richard H Kopfmueeller	05-01-1994	31
Joe H Branton Sr	05-13-1995	30
William Bladykas	05-03-1999	26
Jeffrey W Crowell	05-13-2002	23
Howard K Nance	05-13-2002	23

May

Name	First Degree Date/ Re-entry Date	Years of Service
Mr James A Norowski	05-08-2007	18
Rodney W Profit	05-22-2007	18
Herbert A Ladson	05-26-2008	17
John T Levenhagen	05-26-2008	17
Jason R Walsh	05-19-2009	16
William C. Maldonado	05-05-2010	15
Mark A Miller	05-15-2011	14
Mr Stevenson E Stabley	05-21-2015	10
Vincent P Belken	05-24-2016	9

At the beginning of the April Council Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight Jordan and PGK Rodney are shown presenting a donation from Calendar Raffle Proceeds to Shannon Wilkins, Assistant Director of Carolina Children's Charity. Shannon explained that the organization is dedicated to helping children born with birth defects and acquire diseases such as diabetes. They have been helping for 38 years having raised \$4.8 million dollars. They receive no funding from the Federal or State government. All of their work goes to help children in the low



March 19, 2025

ABLE & READY
People with disabilities CAN...

Dear Knights,

I just want to personally thank you for your generous donation of \$2000.00 this past week. We were able to cover one of our Cottages with movie tickets and lunch as an off campus activity as well as our remaining 9 more movie outings. The Parents and Guardians Association, C5226, appreciates your support now and throughout the year.

My parents and husband and I are members of St. John the Beloved and are proud to support you in turn.

Sincerely,

Kim Maxon
Treasurer, PBA of the Coastal Center

HELP OF SUMMERVILLE

HELP is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
"BRIDGING THE GAP"
Since 1975

February 13, 2025

Richard C. Madden Council
Knights of Columbus
PO Box 1546
Summerville, SC 29484

Dear Council Members,

Thank you so very much for your recent donation to HELP of Summerville. It will aid significantly in our helping to resolve immediate critical situations that threaten the well-being and stability of our neighbors-in-need, who come to us requiring assistance. Their critical situations most frequently involve the pending loss of essential basic needs: housing, utilities, and medical services.

We are truly grateful for your demonstrated awareness of critical needs in our community, for your support of our mission "to help those in need," and for your generous donation to use to assist our neighbors with critical needs. Again, Thank You!

Most sincerely,

Phyllis Atzinger
Phyllis Atzinger
Corresponding Secretary

For your records:
Your donation: \$1,000 Date: 02/05/25 HELP Tax ID#: 57-0624976

Assisting families in crisis in our community for over 47 years

P.O. Box 1871 Summerville, SC 29484 854-429-1859 HELPS@gmail.com

Fifth Sunday Rosary, March 30th



Thanks to PGK Chris Mongone
for the pictures



Fish Fry The last two events were held on April 4th and 11th. Here are our Fish Fry results for this year.

Gross Income \$4,835.93

Total Expenses \$1,577.89

Net Income \$3,258.04





Fish Fry Volunteers for either the 4th & 11th or both include: Bob Auriemma, Tom Bloomer, Denise Cyprian, Kevin Fitzgerald, David Hopkins, James Miller, Dennis Nacco, Anthony Nuzzi. Becky Nuzzi, Scotty Peirrotti, Francis Primaticco, Rodney Profit, Greg Saylor, Mike Slezak, Tim Smith, Angela Smith, John Starzyk, Steve Tyszko, Gary Wilcox, Dennis Wells, Bill Williamson. Youth volunteers included Elyha Maldonado, Owen Maldonado, Addelyn Reeves, Melissa Reeves. Ladies who brought combined on the 4th and 11th include Denise Cyprian, Jessica Hobbs, Ellen Mongone, Becky Nuzzi, Donna Regenscheit, Dawn Tyszko, Donna Villeponteaux, Nancy Wells and Carol Wilcox

The Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament hosted by Council 6629 and 11910 was held on the 5th of April at Summerville Country Club. The weather was sunny and warm for the 90 golfers who teed it up. Fr. Ray started the event off with a prayer and then the fun commenced.



The first three teams , based on the net score were as follows:

1st - Kurt Hebert, Steve Duca, Mike Russell, Carl Lundqist



Closest to the Pin - Pete Augustine



Longest Drive - Beau Smith



2nd - Veston Brock, Rick Brisson, Al Lang, Kevin Bruch



3rd - Vince Belkin, David Belkin, Kyle Wylie, Patrick Koulik



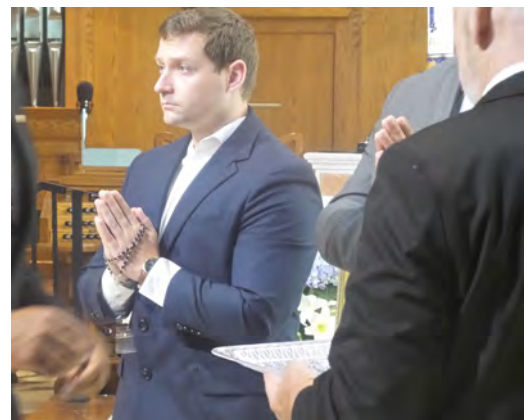
The tournament collected **\$16, 730.32** in total revenue. After the bills were paid we realized \$10, 926.71 for the council's to split based on the number of golfers per council. Our Council received **\$7, 087.03** which is a big increase over the (approx.) \$5, 300.00 of last year. This money will be added to our Special Needs Fund for disbursement as the Council deems appropriate. Much thanks to all those who participated and/or supported the effort in terms of donors or sponsorships. Next year's even is scheduled for the 18th of April. Mark your calendars!!

The Chrism Mass for the [Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston](#) in 2025 was held on Tuesday, April 15th at 11:00 a.m. at the [Cathedral of St. John the Baptist](#) in Charleston. This mass is a significant event where the bishop consecrates the sacred chrism and blesses the other holy oils to be used in the sacraments throughout the diocese. It also serves as a celebration of the priesthood. Among those pictured are Deacon Michael Gattas, who our council is sponsoring, Fr. Ray and Fr. Christopher Loester who we also sponsored during his time spent as a seminarian.



Thanks to Br. Ed Blinco for the pictures

Trial run of placing the lift in the cradle and position over pews. It took a little trial and error, but the group figured out it. With assistance Rick will now be able to replace burned out light bulbs safely. Volunteers; Rick Brisson, John E. Starzyk, Veston Brook, Bob Carreau, Tom Hollis, Rodney Profit, and Bill Williamson.



From the exemplification on Saturday, April 26th.



Welcome to our new brother Knights, Johnpaul King and Tim Morrison. Note: Due to operator error, the group picture weas unusable.

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The Patriot Post

*Knights of Columbus
Fourth Degree
Msgr. Richard C. Madden Assembly 1900
28 Sumter Ave, Summerville, SC 29483*



May 2025

ASSEMBLY 1900 OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024

Faithful Friar Fr. Raymond Carlo	
Faithful Friar Emeritus Msgr Chet Moczydlowski	
Faithful Navigator	SK Paul Urko
Faithful Captain	SK Rodney Profit
Faithful Pilot	SK Jim Miller
Faithful Comptroller	SK Jerry Stout
Faithful Scribe	SK Frank O'Dowd
Faithful Purser	SK Tim Smith
Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Pete Priem
Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Dennis Wells
Faithful Admiral	SK Rob McAnnar
Faithful Trustee	SK Bob Mussat

Thank you Commander SK Tim Smith and dedicated SK members of Assembly 1900 Honor Guard and Color Corp who continually answer the call of duty: April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday 3PM at St John the Beloved, May 3rd Confirmation at St John the Beloved 3PM, May 12th Flag Retirement Ceremony at Summerville Catholic School and May 26th, Assembly 1900 Memorial Day 2025 Remembrance Ceremony in Hutchinson Square, Main Stage 2:30-3:30PM. You make us proud!

I hope time and circumstance allow your attendance at the Memorial Day 2025 Remembrance Ceremony. Every American should take the time to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our great nation! Please submit your loved ones' name, military branch, date of death and conflict name to assembly1900@gmail.com for a "Badge of Honor" placement on the 2025 Tribute Wall of the Fallen. Also, you may submit a **brief** memorial of your loved one, sharing their response to the call of military service, a fond family memory or any attribute you wish to share. Due to Remembrance Ceremony time limitations, not all memorials submitted may be read that day.

So, grab your lawn chair or blanket and come on out! We are a grateful nation for those heroes that served, living and deceased for protecting the freedom we enjoy today! Hope to see you on the Square!

And a shout out to SK Robert Carreau and the Sir Knights of the Assembly 1900 newly established “Navigator's Circle of Sir Knights” for their response and contribution to our new Legacy Fund.

It is my honor to announce the nominations of Assembly 1900 Slate of Officers for Fraternal Year 2025-2026:

SK Rodney Profit, Faithful Navigator

SK Paul Urko PFN, Faithful Captain

SK Jerry Stout, Faithful Comptroller

SK Tim Smith, Faithful Purser

SK Dennis Nacco, Faithful Pilot

SK Bob Mussat PSD, PCFN Faithful Admiral

SK Frank O’Dowd, Faithful Scribe

SK Dennis Wells, Inner Sentinel

SK Pete Priem, Faithful Outer Sentinel

SK Chris Mongone, PGK Faithful Trustee 1 YR

SK Patrick Dermody PFN, Faithful Trustee 2 YR

SK Robert McAnnar PFN, Faithful Trustee 3 YR

Mark your calendars: the election will be the first order of business at the Tuesday June 10th Assembly Business Meeting.

American Flags for-sale



Please contact an Assembly Officer to purchase a flag

CLUB 6629

2025

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May 2025

- The Club's first quarterly meeting for 2025 was conducted March 18th, 2025. Attendance was about the norm; approximately 12 members in total were present.
- Being a member of our Knights of Columbus Council 6629, you are a member of Club 6629. I urge each one of you to come to the meetings and let your voice be heard, especially if you have any ideas to better the Club.
- Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm, June 17th, 2025, at the Legion Hall.

Travis Adkins

Travis Adkins was born on December 9, 1975 in Great Falls, Montana to Jack and Elaine Adkins - a faithful Catholic couple. When Travis was 6, the family moved to Bozeman, Montana. Travis loved the outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, camping and snowmobiling with his father.

Travis went to school at Bozeman HS and Kemper Military Academy. After graduation, he worked as a Contractor, painting, pouring concrete, and repairing small engines. In 1996 Travis had a son, who he named Trevor.

But Travis became restless and discontent with civilian life and felt called to the Military. His father, Jack, had served in the Army for 4 years in Vietnam during the early stages of the War. In November 2000 at 24-years old, Travis enlisted in the Army. He was deployed to Kuwait with the 101st Airborne Division in March 2003 and was an Infantry Fire Team Leader during the invasion of Iraq a month later.

At the end of his enlistment, he wanted to transfer to the 501st Airborne Infantry Division at Fort Richardson, Alaska. There were no slots, so Travis left the Army and came home. He enrolled at the University of Montana at Missoula and worked as a painting and concrete contractor.

But civilian life wasn't for Travis. In 2005, he re-enlisted and was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, NY. Training for his next deployment, Travis took on his job as team leader with a passion, preparing soldiers who had not yet experienced combat. He had found his niche; readying soldiers for battle.

Travis' Unit was deployed to Iraq in August 2006 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. They were assigned to an Area between the Euphrates River and Bagdad called "the Triangle of Death". Stationed near the town of Abu Sarnak, his Platoon was responsible for keeping the busy Route Caprice to Bagdad open and free of improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Over the following months Travis' platoon drove over this route hundreds of times. Twice the truck he was riding in was destroyed by an IED blast. Fortunately, Travis survived both attacks.

Travis was known for welcoming and mentoring young soldiers on their first deployment in a war zone and helping them overcome their fears. He was unusually calm and trusted by his men to make good decisions under fire. His soldiers believed that Travis always knew what he was doing.

On June 1st, 2007, Travis called his mother and father about 2:30 AM in Montana. They had not heard from their son in weeks and were greatly relieved. He told them that his deployment was supposed to be over in two months.

Later that day Travis was in the front passenger seat of his Humvee. Michael Kistel was the driver, the platoon medical officer was in the back seat and Sand Aijo was in the machine gun turret. They were listening to radio cross talk from the other Humvees when there was a report of 2 pairs of suspicious males on the road. Adkin's Humvee sped to the scene.

When they arrived, only 2 men were still there, but they were acting erratically - very fidgety. Aijo pointed the machine gun at them to make sure they didn't move. Travis and the medic got out of the Humvee and separated the two men. Both acted belligerently. Travis tried to search one of the men. When the man resisted, Travis grabbed him in a bear hug and realized that the man was wearing a suicide vest. Travis picked him up, slammed on the ground. Then he fell on top of him, covering him with his body to shield the Medic and the other two soldiers on the truck. Despite Travis' best efforts, the man under Travis was able to detonate his suicide vest, which was filled with ball bearings and other shrapnel. Most of the blast was absorbed by Adkins body. The second man rushed the Humvee, but the Medic and turret gunner Aijo shot and killed him. A Rapid Response Team raced to the site, but there was nothing they could do for Travis.

In Bozeman, Jack and Elaine Adkins were going about their day. Elaine was home when a jeep with 2 uniformed soldiers pulled into their driveway. They asked her to call her husband to come home. Jack and Elaine could not believe their son Travis was gone.

In Minnesota, 11-year old Trevor had locked himself out of the house at lunchtime and his mother came home from work to let him in. She was about to go back to work when 2 uniformed soldiers arrived and gave them the news.

The Funeral Mass was held at Resurrection Parish in Bozeman, Montana. Father Val Zdilla said of Travis: "Human lives were saved by his heroic action - that can never be forgotten or denied". He said Atkins was someone who truly lived out his calling in life by serving in the military. "We are all safer because of his sacrifice. We remember Travis and how his life made a difference. He was this nation's son".

After the Church service, a military escort led the funeral procession to the Cemetery. Along the route hundreds of people lined the streets, waving flags and holding their hands over their hearts. Motorcyclists from the Patriot Guard Riders escorted the funeral procession. Police and Fire blocked streets as the caravan went by.

Travis Adkins cherished the time he spent with his son Trevor and included him in all of his outdoor activities. At the Funeral, Trevor said: "I want him to be remembered as the best father that anyone could ask for, and also at the same time being the best soldier that anyone could ask for."

Lt. Colonel John Valledor, Adkin's Commanding Officer, knew that Travis had joined a select group of warriors who had fallen on grenades or bombs to save their fellow soldiers. Through his research he discovered that all of them had received the Medal of Honor. Colonel Valledor documented Travis Adkin's heroic actions and selfless bravery and recommended that he receive the Medal of Honor. The Army held a formal investigation, but rejected Colonel Valledor's recommendation, choosing to award Travis the Distinguished Service Cross. In August 2008, son Trevor and parents, Jack and Elaine Adkins, received the Award for Travis at Fort Drum, NY in front of his fellow soldiers and Battalion Commander Valledor.


However, ten years later in August 2018, Trevor, now 22-years old, received a phone call from the White House telling him that they would be calling back soon. A few minutes later, President Trump came on the phone to inform Trevor that a wider review of his father's heroic actions had been completed and that his father would be receiving the Medal Of Honor. Trevor said: "First he told me formally and then he talked with me for a good few minutes, personally as well".

Jack and Elaine Adkins would get the same call from President Trump in Montana a few minutes later.



The Medal of Honor is the highest military honor in the United States. It is reserved for those who have acted "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of their own lives, above and beyond the call of duty. The White House ceremony was held on March 27, 2019. President Trump presented the Medal of Honor to Trevor, Jack and Elaine Adkins and Travis' sister, Jennifer. Trevor said "He was a great soldier and a great father. He was my icon".

One of the young soldiers that Travis Adkins had mentored, (now) Sgt. Jared Venable, was at the White House ceremony. He said: "What I want people to realize is that what he did was very heroic and brave, and I'm not taking anything away from that, but I want people to understand the motivation behind it. He loved us ... what he did was all that, yes, but it came from just a place of intense caring, and a sense of duty, and a sense of honor."

May 2025

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				1	2	6-Collections for St. Carole's food pantry
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11-ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home 	12	13 Faithful Assembly 6PM @Legion Hall	14	15	16	17-ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home Armed Forces Day 
18- Church Picnic ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home	19	20	21	22	23	24-ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home
25-ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home 	26	27	28	29	30	31-Ministry Fair ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home

June 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 -Ministry Fair Collections for St. Carole's food pantry ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home	2	3--O/D Mtg 6PM --Council Mtg 7PM both @ the Legion	4	5	6	7--Collections for St. Carole's food pantry ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home
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15- ASAP Drive for St. Clare's Home.Family Night @Riverdogs. 	16	17-Club 6629 Meeting 6PM@Legion Hall	18	19	20	21 
22	23	24-Council Budget Meeting 6pm@Legion Hall	25	26	27	28
29-5th Sunday Rosary	30					

July 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1--O/D Mtg 6PM --Council Mtg 7PM both @ the Legion Hall	2	3	4 	5- Collections for St. Carole's food pantry
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