

### **Continuous Service Write-Up - Jim Jumpeter**

Jim became a parishioner of St. Francis By The Sea after retiring in the spring of 2017. Shortly afterward, he was invited to join the Knights of Columbus and became a Knight in September of that year. In February 2022, he was asked to serve the Parish as an Usher—a role he gladly accepted and continues to fulfill today.

As a Knight, Jim became actively involved from the start. He served in several Officer positions and, in June 2023, was elected Grand Knight of Council 10668. Under his leadership during the 2023–2024 fraternal year, the Council earned the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's highest award for local Councils. During that period, the Knights conducted numerous programs and events that generated donations benefiting Parish Ministries, Programs for Exceptional People (PEP), College Scholarships, Special Olympics, Seminarians, St. Francis Catholic School, Sandalwood Community Food Pantry, the Pregnancy Center, and other local charities. Over the past six years, the Knights have raised more than \$300,000 in charitable contributions.

In September 2019, Jim received the honor of becoming a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. He has served in multiple Officer roles within Fourth Degree Assembly 2280 and now leads the Assembly as its Faithful Navigator. As a member of the Honor Guard, Jim has participated in many Faith activities, including St. Francis Catholic School 8th Grade Graduations, First Communions, Confirmations, Funeral Services, and support for the Surviving Spouses of Brother Knights. As Faithful Navigator, his top goal last year was the installation of a Veterans Memorial Monument to honor the Veterans inurned in the Parish Columbarium. This year's goal is to complete the project with the installation of flagpoles and dedication markers.

In November 2023, Jim joined the "That Man Is You" Thursday morning men's prayer group, an organization dedicated to equipping men to face the spiritual challenges of our time and inspiring them to lead lives of heroic service to a calling greater than themselves.

Jim has been involved in numerous Parish events including Adult Faith Formation, Called by the Spirit Discernment Retreat, Corpus Christi Adoration, Christmas Tree & Nativity set-up, Parish Picnic, and St. Francis Catholic School projects. Most recently, Jim was invited to serve on a Discipleship Formation Team led by Jennifer McGlynn, Director of Faith Formation. The team's mission is to help the Parish build a community of intentional Disciples and to develop a Vision that provides a Discipleship Pathway—to know Jesus, to love Him, and to live for and with Him.