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2025-2026 Recap

30 % Increase in Member Donations over 2,000

25 % Increase in Tootsie Events 37 Council

Direct Donation to Recipient 25 Councils reported

Total Donations 1.5 Million with 10% response.



Moving Forward 2026-2027 Goals

Increase Commitment to
Charites to 60,000 Knights
and 325 Councils reporting



Charities is defined with
two Categories
Member Charitable Giving
Council Charitable Events



Organization Meeting 2026

Al Connizzo
Member Donation
Campaign Director
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Organization Meeting 2026



- Together, Florida Knights can transform lives through faith-filled charity
- 60,000 plus members 350 Councils
- September 2026 to March 2027
- Giving Challenge-Like Catholic Faith Appeal
- Monthly Direction
- Regional Administrators, District Deputies, and Grand Knights
- Goals



Organization Meeting 2026



Key Points

- 15 to 20 % or less of Council members attend meetings
- 325 Councils how do we reach those members
- Previous 3 mailings: Special Olympics, Vocations, Helping Life
- New - 7 Month Campaign



Organization Meeting 2026



Encourage donations to

1. General Fund
2. Helping Life
3. Vocations
4. Disabilities

Two distinct paths Individual
Donations Council Events



Organization Meeting 2026



“Every Knight. Every Council. Every Gift Matters.”

Email Campaign

“Live Blessed Michael McGivney’s Mission.”

Charity

“Charity with Transparency and Purpose.”

Monthly reports Available by Council

“Faith in Action Across Florida.”

Results matter.



Florida K of C Charities
John Coliton
Events & Disabilities
Campaign Director



Our Mission



- Florida Knights of Columbus Charities exists to support and expand the charitable works of our Councils
- District Deputies, the link between the State Council and more than 325 Councils serving their communities every day.



Our Mission



- Your leadership will determine how many Councils participate, how much impact we create, and how effectively we tell our story.
- Key Message: Every Council can make a difference. Every District Deputy can multiply that difference



Why Events Matter



Our events are more than fundraisers.

- Support people in need
- Strengthen our Catholic faith
- Increase visibility of the Knights of Columbus
- Build stronger Parish and Community relationships
- Create opportunities for Membership growth

Key Message: Events are how we turn our mission into action.



Statewide Opportunities



August – Blessed Michael McGivney Feast Day

- Vocations programs, Seminarian support, Prayer and faith activities

October – Columbus Day & Respect Life Month

- Community outreach, Pro-Life activities, Family-centered events



Statewide Opportunities



December – Tootsie Roll Campaign & International Day of Persons with Disabilities

- Support Special Olympics, Support individuals with disabilities, Increase community awareness

Key Message: A statewide calendar creates statewide impact.



The Tootsie Roll Challenge



Goal:

Every District Deputy commits to having at least one Council conduct a Tootsie Roll fundraiser annually.

Benefits:

- Supports Special Olympics, Supports disability programs
- Raises public awareness, Demonstrates commitment to service



The Tootsie Roll Challenge



3 Forms required:

- Tootsie Roll Order form
- Tootsie Roll Final Report
- Form 13100 Reports funds received and fund designation or Direct to Recipient.

Key Message: Every district should participate.
Every Council should consider becoming involved.



No Report? It Didn't Happen



Reporting is critical to measuring our impact.

Required Forms:

- Form 13100 – Reports funds received and fund designation.
- Form 13102 – Required when donations are designated for a specific purpose.



No Report? It Didn't Happen



Required Forms:

- Direct Donation to Recipient Form – Used when Councils make donations directly to charities or organizations.

Key Message:

Reporting allows us to recognize Councils, track impact, and share success stories.



The Opportunity Before Us



Last year, 25 Councils Reported, \$680,000 in Direct Donations

What if: 100 Councils Reported? What about all 325 Councils? The documented charitable impact could reach several million dollars annually!!

Key Message: The impact already exists. Our job is to capture and report it.



Your Call to Action



Beginning July 1, we will launch an educational initiative to help Councils understand programs, forms, and reporting requirements.

We need every RA's & District Deputy to:

- Promote statewide events
- Encourage Council participation
- Support Tootsie Roll campaigns
- Ensure reporting is completed
- Share success stories



Your Call to Action

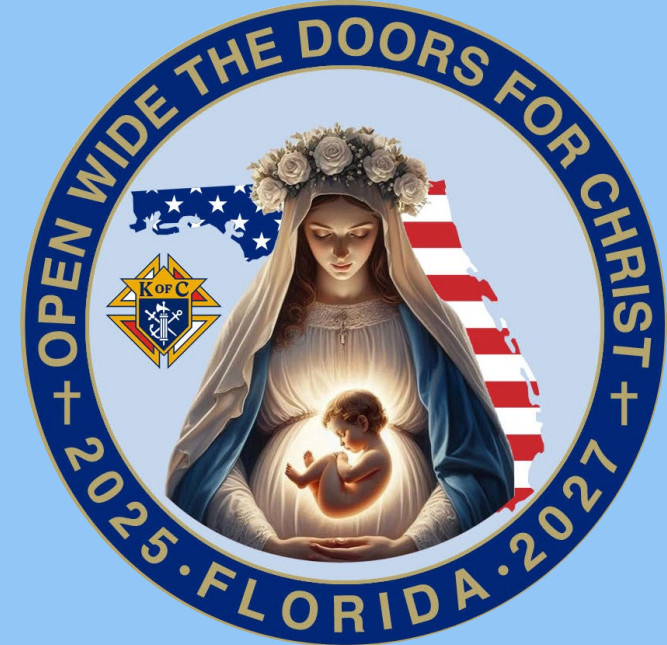


Together, we can increase participation, document our impact, and strengthen the charitable mission of the Knights of Columbus across Florida.

"Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus."



Florida K of C Charities, Inc
Jerry Graceffo
State Raffle Chairman



2026 Raffle Summary

- Total Revenue - \$ 63,434.90
- Total Expenses - \$ 38,500.00
- Revenue to Council - \$ 42,286.00
- Council Participation – 208
- Approximately 11,000 Books Sold



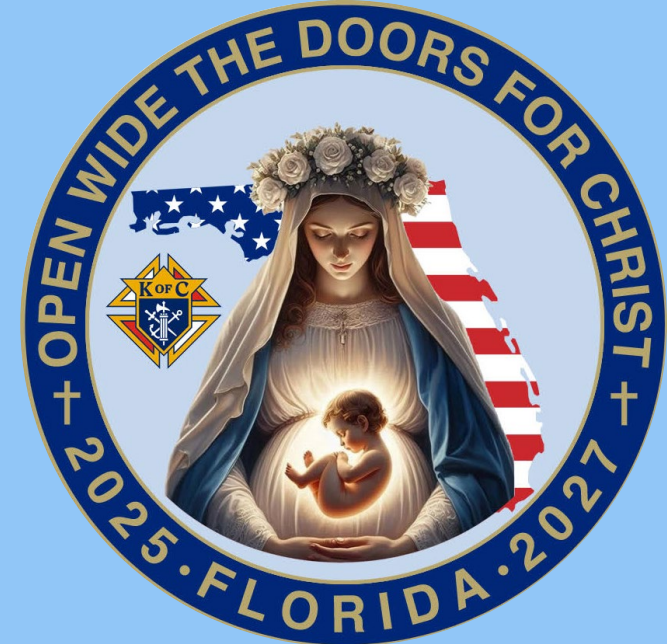
2026/2027 Raffle

First Prize \$ 25,000

Second Prize \$ 5,000

Third Prize (2) \$ 1,000 each

Council keeps **\$5.00** for their programs
\$5.00 returned to Florida State Council



Quick Start Drawing Dec 4th
One prize to seller \$250

Early Bird drawing March 12th
One prize to seller \$400

Ticket books and payment must be
returned 1 week before draw date



Final Drawing May 28, 2027
State Convention

Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando
Winner need not be present



Solicitor / Seller win too:

Seller of 1st Prize Winning Ticket - \$500

Seller of 2nd Prize Winning Ticket - \$250

Seller of 3rd Prize Winning Ticket - \$100 each



Checks Payable To:

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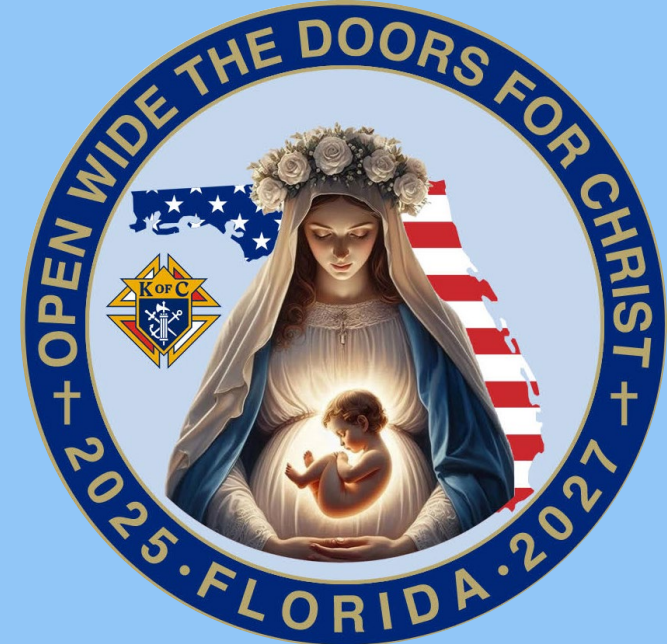
All ticket stubs and back covers with staples removed must be returned by May 15, 2027

See raffle rules – posted on website



Official Rules

- Donations for tickets
- Random drawing
- Need not be present to win
- All prizes paid by Florida State Council
Knights of Columbus
- Winner responsible for taxes



Key Takeaway's

- Communication – Council Coordinator
- Ticket / Solicitor Information
- Verification / Posting of Results



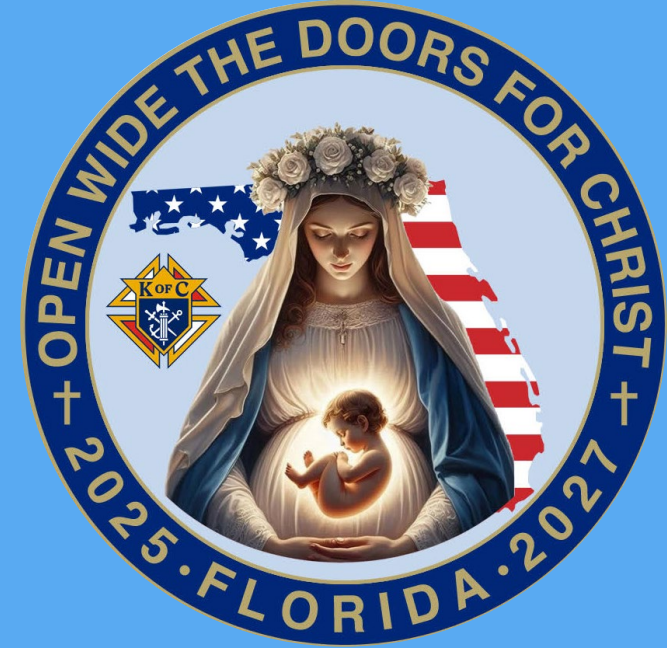
Florida K of C Charities
Eugene Dolecki Chairman
Ron Kosey Coordinator
Florida State Council
Vehicle License Plate .





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- Two Main Reasons
- Visibility for the Order
- Donations Income for K of C Charities



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Protocols for Getting Specialty License Plates

Authorization by State Legislature and Governor

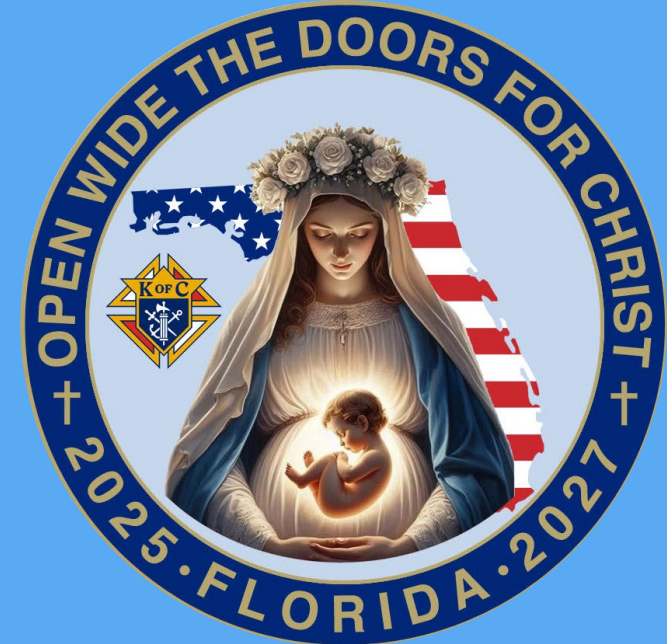
Minimum of 3000 Vouchers Required to Complete



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- Price – Same as Standard Plates Plus \$25 Surcharge
- Additional \$15 for Personalized Plate
- Declaration of Interest (Sign Up Sheets) to Confirm Project Credibility



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Steps to Complete Project

October - 3000 Signatures of Interest

November – Present Completed Packet to State

March – Legislative Session

May – Provide New Design to FLHSMV



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Steps to Complete Project

- September – FLHSMV Advise Starting Date for Vouchers
- Need 3000 Vouchers Sold to Enable Project to Continue
- 24 Months to Complete Sale of 3000 Vouchers
- State Will Notify K of C When 3000 Sales Have Been Made



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Financial Projection

- 3000 Plates - \$60,000
- 5000 Plates - \$100,000
- 10000 Plates - \$200,000
- Renewals Must Remain Above 1000 to Continue Plate

