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August 2025

Grand Knight - Bryant Perszyk





Brothers All,

The fraternal year got off to another quick start with the council's participation in the Flagler Beach 4th of July parade. Thanks again to Jim Butler for the coordination with the Rotary Club and to all the Knights and

their families for the awesome participation. We were well represented at the event (see photos, page 9).

Brothers if you have not already paid your yearly dues, please see our FS Mike Greene at the next meeting or send him your check. It is a lot of work for Mike to coordinate this, so let's make his task a little easier and get the dues paid.

As mentioned at our July meeting Brother Nick Caruso has arranged for us to present a "Defensive Driving Class". The class will be on Saturday Aug. 9th starting at 9AM in the parish hall. The cost is \$20 per person for the workbook. Wives and family are welcome to attend. If you did not sign up for the class at the meeting, please let Nick (516-567-7761 or grandpanick5@gmail.com) know so that the agent can bring enough materials. It is suggested that you bring your insurance's declaration page with you. Depending on your policy you could be eligible for a 5 – 10% discount.

The council has been tasked with selling state KofC raffle tickets this year, they will be available at the Aug. meeting. The books contain 4 tickets selling for \$3/ticket or \$10 per

book. The council will keep \$4 per book distributed to its charitable programs. The proceeds are earmarked for the Florida KofC charities (more info, bottom of page 2).

We will have a membership weekend the 16 – 17 of August. So, let's start now recruiting the Catholic gentlemen we meet at Mass. It is super simple for men to join. Just go to www.kofC.org/join to sign up. We will host a live Exemplification in early September at SMdM (more details will be discussed at the August 6th meeting.

A reminder that Bingo is starting back up the 1st Tuesday in August. If you are free join John, Tim, and the rest of the team for a day of excitement (see flyer, page 7).

Be aware that Wednesday, August 13, is the feast day (memorial) of Blessed Michael McGivney. The feast day is the center of a three-day devotion that marks Father McGivney's birthday (August 12, 1852) and the day of his death (August 14, 1890). Thus, we can celebrate a McGivney "triduum," and you may want to pray a novena to Father McGivney, from August 6-14. Bring your heartfelt petitions to Blessed Fr. McGivney and ask for his powerful intercession before God.

Mary Queen of the Knights, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus, Bryant

Council Chaplain - Fr. Manny Lopez



Brothers in Christ,

On August 15th we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. The Catholic Church teaches that when Mary's earthly life ended, God assumed her, body and soul, into

heaven. In the Eastern Rite of the Church, it is called the "Dormition of Mary". As you drive west out of Ormond Beach on Route 40 there is an Eastern Rite Church on the outskirts of town. The name of the church is Holy Dormition (Holy Sleep) Church.

The belief in the assumption of Mary was a widely-held tradition and a frequent meditation in the writings of saints throughout the centuries. However, it was not defined officially until the past century. In 1950, Pope Pius XII made an infallible, "ex cathedra" statement in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* officially defining the dogma of the Assumption. The decree was seen as the formalizing of long-held Christian teaching.

Scott Hahn, former Presbyterian Minister and Catholic convert, has an excellent explanation of the Assumption, referencing both the Old and New Testaments, that provides insight into this Catholic doctrine. There is an eight minute or so video produced by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology on his explanation. It can be viewed on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=momjlXorYo4

I ask that you prayerfully meditate on Mary's Assumption. It offers a precursor to what all of the righteous can expect at the final judgement.

Mary, Queen of the Knights, pray for us! Blessings, Fr. Manny

District Deputy – Greg Gully



Brother Knights,

Our new fraternal year is one month old, and your council officers have been officially installed. A dynamic and impactful District 17 organizational

meeting was held, where your officers attended a 2-

meeting that encompassed an important agenda setting out the goals for your council to achieve the Star Council award. Some of the things we discussed were membership, Faith in Action Programs, establishing a COR meeting, and fraternal benefit events. (Pictured L-R: State Membership Director Dan McIntyre, DD Greg Gully)

We are excited to announce our goal for each council to host 3-4 membership drives. Additionally, we strongly encourage EACH Brother to, PLEASE, sign up a new Catholic gentleman as an E-Member. This process is simple and fast. After signing up a prospect, have them accept the invitation email immediately.

We strongly encourage you to participate in as many council functions as possible. By participating, you can actively share and strengthen our faith, unity, and fraternity. Your involvement is crucial to our success and the growth of our community.

> I have also requested that each council recite one decade of the rosarv at the start of every meeting. Reciting one decade of the rosary is a powerful way to strengthen our shared faith. We are a faith-based Catholic fraternity first and foremost, and what better way to express this than praying together.

I am incredibly honored and thrilled to be the District Deputy for the best group of

Catholic men in the State of Florida. Let's work together to continue to make District 17 the shining city in the darkness of today's world.

Vivat Jesus! Greg

Tues Aug 5, 2025 Wed Aug 6, 2025	August 2025 Calendar 11:30am – 3:00pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm Officer's Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)				Mark your Calendar						
Wed Aug 0, 2023	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Pre-Meeting Meal (SMdM Parish Hall)	August 2025			5	iday Saturday				
	7:00pm – 8:15pm	Business Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		
Tues Aug 12, 2025	11:30am – 3:00pm	BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Wed Aug 13, 2025	All Day	Feast Day of Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Fri Aug 15, 2025	All Day	Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Sat -Sun August 16-17	After all Masses	Membership Week-end	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Tues Aug 19, 2025	11:30am – 3:00pm	BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Tues Aug 26, 2025	4:30pm – 6:30pm 11:30am – 3:00pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall) BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)									

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Tues Sept 2, 2025	11:30am – 3:00pm	BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)
Wed Sept 3, 2025	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Officer's Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
•	6:00pm – 6:40pm	Pre-Meeting Meal (SMdM Parish Hall)
	7:00pm – 8:15pm	Business Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Tues Sept 9, 2025	11:30am – 3:00pm	BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)
Thurs Sept 11, 2025	8:15am – 11:30am	9-11 Memorial & Blue Mass (Veteran's Park)
Tues Sept 16, 2025	11:30am – 3:00pm	BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)
•	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Tues Sept 23, 2025	11:30am – 3:00pm	BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)
Sun Sept 28, 2025	10:00am – 10:45am	SMdM Parish Breakfast (Parish Hall)

September 2025							
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Have something newsworthy? Send to: mboullion@hotmail.com (Editor's Note: All items or articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the 20th of the month.)

BINGO (SMdM Parish Hall)



11:30am - 3:00pm

2025-26 Charity Raffle Prizes

First Prize: \$25,000 Second Prize: \$5,000 Third Prize (2): \$1,000 \$3/ticket or \$10 per book of 4

Drawing Saturday, May 23, 2026 @ State Convention in Orlando

Tues Sept 30, 2025

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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." Matt 28:19 Vocations are Everybody's Business. Pray for Vocations!

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So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:17



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Eucharistic Adoration

"... could you not watch with me for one hour?" Matt (26:40)

Members of Notre Dame Council 10514 have committed to spend one hour a month in Eucharistic Adoration. The Knight's Holy Hour takes place in the Adoration Chapel at Santa Maria del Mar Church from 11:00 AM to Noon each Friday. The request is for a volunteer to commit to either the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Friday of each month. Any member that would like to commit to one Holy Hour per quarter, can sign up for the 5th Friday of the month. The Knight's Holy Hour times and reminders will be available through the Ministry Scheduler online program. Members can also volunteer for times other than on Friday morning. Although not required, members are asked to wear their green Notre Dame Council shirt to Adoration. Contact Bob Conochalla: (859) 509-2108 or bconochalla@gmail.com

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy "Charity, Unity, Fraternity"

This is an exciting time of year for two reasons.

First, our 143rd Annual Supreme Convention is taking place in Washington D.C., August 4-7. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly will lead us in celebrating the successes of our Order over the last Fraternal Year.

He will announce the number of volunteer hours completed, the amount of charitable donations made, and more. That impact is only possible through our work right here on the local level. I hope that you take as much joy in being a Knight and making a difference as I do.

I encourage you to watch the livestream of the Supreme Convention at kofc.org/convention. Or, if you're unable to watch live, you will be able to find news articles and videos on the website during and after the convention.

Second, I am excited as we begin a new Fraternal Year. There's much work to be done in our community as always. I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day we celebrate August 13, will watch over our efforts this year and that we will continue to grow in charity, unity, and fraternity. If you've benefitted over the past year from any aspect of your experience with the Knights — whether

through faith-based activities, volunteer work with your brothers, getting a handle on financial matters or something else—I encourage you to invite a friend or family member into that experience with you. Let's share that brotherhood with others.

I pray, too, that through the intercession of our founder, God will bless our families abundantly this year.

As always, I am available to discuss how Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family financially. I hope you will avail yourself of this important benefit of being a member of our Order.

Vivat Jesus! Larry Kennedy

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Jerry Chabon 8/1 Shawn Madden 8/1 Joseph Palma 8/4 John Olivet 8/6 Deacon Manny Almeida 8/7 Steve Neyer 8/7 Tom Hanlon 8/10 Victor Silva 8/10 Craig Martin 8/11 Ronald Coyle 8/13

Happy Birthday

Daniel Coyne 8/14 Guy Deluca 8/14 David Rogers 8/14 Ron Wolak 8/14 Steven Axne 8/15 Brian Stevens 8/15 Mark Germann 8/15 Bill LaPietra 8/16 Paul Lacasse 8/17 Larry Osborne 8/18



Chaz Sobczak 8/19 Steve Scifo 8/20 Drew Hoffman 8/23 Anthony Santagata 8/23 Kevin Martin 8/25 Robert Calabrese 8/26 Thomas Connor 8/28 Terry Hagan 8/30 James Rossow 8/30 Christopher Mckenna 8/31



Happy Anniversary

John & Judy Cospito 8/8/1982 Pat & Jacque Mulvihill 8/9/1969 Richard & Mary Beth Carr 8/12/2011 Paul & Amy Motta 8/18/2018 Tony & Kathyrn Piccirilli 8/19/1967 Victor & Sofia Silva 8/24/2001 Len & Carol Dignard 8/29/2017 Stephen & Judith Waters 8/29/1959

Does your spouse know that you haven't given us your anniversary information?? If your anniversary is not listed, please email your information to our financial secretary, Mike Greene: OLPLPCouncil@gmail.com

"OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST" is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the KofC in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives, into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St. John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ's truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.

"JESUS IN MARY'S WOMB" is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

So, OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST and he shall enter.









Knights of Columbus Council 10514 Remembrance Ceremony



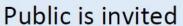


Flagler Beach 9-11 Memorial



Thursday, September 11, 2025 8:15 AM – Veteran's Park (Flagler Beach) 9:30 AM – Santa Maria del Mar Blue Mass



























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Community

4/25

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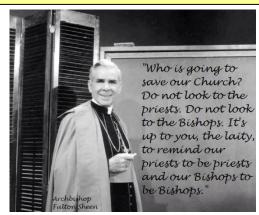
or enroll online at: fathermcgivney.org





300 Club Winners (June 2025)

William Barron (\$50) — Palm Coast Tony Dos Santos (\$50) — Palm Coast Len Dignard (\$25) — Palm Coast George Benoit (\$100) — Palm Coast



Knights of Columbus Bingo

EVERY TUESDAY AT SANTA MARIA DEL MAR PARISH HALL
SMdM PARISH HALL DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 AM
A FREE LUNCH IS SERVED AT 11:30AM WHEN YOU BUY A
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GAMES

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PGK Pin Presentation

GK Bryant Perszyk presented PGK Jerry Chabon his Past Grand Knight Pin at the July council business meeting. GK Perszyk leadership over the last fraternal the council received a number of Council at the convention. Notre requirements to receive the Star Council achieving their for



thanked PGK Chabon for his vear. He reminded the council that awards from the Florida State Dame Council 10514 also met the Council Award from the Supreme membership goal as well as

implementation of the Order's Faith in Action programs.

PGK Chabon now serves as the council's Three Year Trustee. He was also appointed to serve as chairman of the council's Charitable Contribution Committee.

Grand Knight Perszyk Outlines Council Goals for 2025-26 Fraternal Year

GK Bryant Perszyk highlighted a number of council goals that officers have established for the upcoming fraternal year:

- Star Council (Membership Quota is 15, goal is Triple Star)
- Youth Scholarship Program increase to \$1,000 for each student (four scholarships)
- Charitable Contributions appointed PGK Jerry Chabon to lead a committee to review council charitable contributions
- Renovation of SMdM St. Joseph statue
- Blessed Fr. McGivney Mural Partnership with SMdM Parish for a church mural
- FIRE Foundation financial support for special needs children in Catholic schools

These were just some of the new programs and initiatives being planned and added. GK Perszyk encouraged members to continue to volunteer, assist, and most importantly, pray for a successful year.







2025 Flagler Beach July 4th Parade Notre Dame Council 10514

























Council Spotlight

Knight of the Month

Family of the Month

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July Pat Farley

July Jerry & Carol Chabon

Mary, Queen of the Knights, intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing

SICK (Listing is for 3 months, but can be renewed for another 3 month period by notifying newsletter editor)

Brenda Moffa, wife of Bro. Ken Moffa (3)

Barbara Flach, wife of Brother Nate Flach (3)

Brother Ray Ruggiere (3) Brother Bill Mania (3)

Judy Cospito, wife of Bro. John Cospito (3)

Shane Ryan, son of Bro. Kevin Ryan (2)

Brother Jim Romer (2)

Janice Scifo, wife of Bro. Steve Scifo (2)

Odilia Tatasciore, wife of Brother John Tatasciore (2)

Mark Hoffman, son of Bro. Drew Hoffman (1)

Brother Dennis Raffaelli (1)

BEREAVED (Listing is for one year)

Brother Art Giliberti (8/24)

Amy Provan, daughter of Bro. Ken Peckham (8/24)

Brother Gerard Sweeney (9/24)

John Berman, father-in-law of Bro. Bob Conochalla (9/24)

Brother Matt Gallagher (11/24)

John Ryan, father of Bro. Kevin Ryan (11/24)

Brother Tom Donaghy (11/24)

Maureen Ruggiere, wife of Bro. Ray Ruggiere (12/24)

Brother Tony Santagata (1) Brother Kevin Ryan (1) Brother David Rogers (P) Brother Anthony Cataline (P)

Linda White, wife of Bro. Don White (P)

Deacon Brother Bill Senger (P) Brother Alan Pawlowski (P)

Terri Slattery, mother-in-law of Bro. Rob Mariani (P)

Barbara Elias, mother of Bro. Dave Elias (P) Helen Graff, sister of Bro. Andy Graff (P)

Brother Denis De Souza (1/25) Brother Richard Smull (2/25) Brother Tom Wegleitner (3/25)

Gina Rinalli, mother of Bro. Don Rinalli (3/25)

Duane Berreth (3/25)

Brother Anthony Trocchia (5/25)

Bro. Robert Lepri, father of Bro. Alex Boullion (6/25)



Prayer for the Healing of Loved Ones

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our loved ones who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them from danger, and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, that Your bountiful goodness may be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, Source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth, to the Kingdom of heavenly peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these departed souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (August)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." (Gospel for Aug. 31, Lk 14:11)

One lesson of this parable in Luke's Gospel is that when you exalt yourself, there's nowhere to go but down. In the life of a disciple of Christ, we are called to develop the virtue of humility. We are

called to self-giving service to others, not self-serving advancement of ourselves. Let us strive not to seek worldly honors in an egotistical spirit, but rather to live as servants to others so that God may exalt us to eternal life.

This month, in which we celebrate the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney on Aug. 13, I challenge you to pray each day the Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney or the prayer for his canonization — and take time to reflect on his humility in serving the people of God.

Questions for Reflection:

- Do you sometimes struggle with the sin of pride?
- How can you be at once humble of heart and yet bold in living and proclaiming your faith?
- What living examples of humble service have you found in your own life?

Lecturer's Report - George Melendez

If I Were the Devil by Paul Harvey (1965 Radio Broadcast)



"If I were the devil ... If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — Thee. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first — I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.

To the young, I would whisper that 'The Bible is a myth.' I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington...

And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I were the devil I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil I'd make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil I'd take from those who have, and give to those who want until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

And what do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution against extremes and hard work in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing."

Paul Harvey, good day.

Officers Installed

Council 10514 Officers for the upcoming 2025-26 fraternal year were installed by DD Greg Gully on July 17th.

The Assembly 2810 Color Corp members escorted each officer as they were installed.

DD Gully was assisted by Pastor & Chaplain Fr. Manny Lopez.



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