



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

AVE MARIA COUNCIL #14697

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER

Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

This month, we are switching our monthly reporting system to a newsletter. As we move forward this will allow us to convey information to the Council more effectively while managing the monthly reports to streamline the monthly business meeting. Thank you for your support and patience as the officers and chairman have worked to adjust to this new method of monthly reporting.

Next month, marks the change to the new Fraternal Year, new faces are assuming new roles as officers and we have another year of service to the Church, the Ave Maria Community and Ave Maria University. One of the priorities for the coming fraternal year will be to ask each Brother to join in and help with a piece of the overall operation of the Council. While some of my Brothers have done a tremendous amount of work across a broad spectrum of the Council's programs, we need everyone to contribute a few hours a month to continue the success we have enjoyed in the last several years. If you have an interest in faith-based programs, look at that section of the newsletter and see what interests you and give that some time. The same applies to family, life and community efforts.

I am honored to serve as your Grand Knight again for the next fraternal year and I look forward to working with all of you as we serve as the faithful right hand of the Church in Ave Maria.

Respectfully Submitted
John Lanham
Grand Knight

PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES. PRAY FOR THOSE LISTED ON THE GOOD OF THE ORDER AND THE REVIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE ON COUNCIL ACTIVITIES. REMEMBER PAGE 2 HAS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES! IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, WE CAN HELP YOU PUT IT TO GOOD USE!

Another Council is getting a Blessing

This Fall, another K of C Council will be getting a very special boost! It is with regret that I share that Brother John Krzyminski has announced that he is leaving Ave Maria and his family is heading for a destination in the mid-Atlantic states.

John has been a very dedicated Knight in Ave Maria. He has served as one of the main ushers for the Sunday 7:30 pm Mass. He has always been at my side during the Triduum Services every year which requires multiple hours of effort over three days. If a special event at the Church needed an usher, frequently Brother John was there to serve.

He has been the mainstay of our Tootsie Roll drive as his family faithfully worked every Tootsie Roll event. If there was need for help at one of our many community cooking events, Brother Krzyminski was there providing support!

On behalf of the Ave Maria Council, we wish Brother John and his family the best as they continue their life adventure. We hope (selfishly) that they will miss Ave Maria and come back soon.

While Brother John is out of state for this month's meeting, we hope that he will join us at the July Business meeting so that the Brothers may wish him farewell in person.



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Fraternal Year 24-25 Officers & Chairmen

Officer	Name
Grand Knight	John Lanham, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	Stu Grzenkowicz
Chancellor	Robert Schoenborn
Recorder	Smith Dawson
Treasurer	Kevin Schang, PGK
Advocate	Jeffrey McManus
Warden	Pedro Battle
Inside Guard	John McGuire
Outside Guard	Michael Horne
One Year Trustee	Michael Baldasari
Two Year Trustee	Ralph Petragnani
Three Year Trustee	Michael Miano
Financial Secretary	James Kukalis
Chaplain	Fr. Mark Ruckpaul
Lecturer	Smith Dawson

Program Director	John Lanham, PGK
Faith Director	Deacon Jeff Ball
Vocations Chairman	Stephen Roser
Community Director	Kevin Schang, PGK
Life Director	John Lanham, PGK
Health Service	George Anastasiades
Public Relations	
Family Director	Robert Schoenborn
Membership Director	James Kukalis
Recruitment Cmte 1	James Kukalis
Recruitment Cmte 2	Robert Schoenborn
Recruitment Cmte 3	Mike Baldasari
Insurance Promotion	Michael Mena
Retention Committee	Mike Baldasari
Retention Committee	Ralph Petragnani
Retention Committee	Michael Miano
Head Usher	John Lanham, PGK
Lighthouse Project	Don Rizer
SSSC Chair	Tom DiFlorio
St Peter Ministry	Don Rizer

Calendar of Events

6/16/2025	Assembly Business Meeting
6/16/2025	Council Business Meeting
6/18/2025	Assembly Fraternal Event
6/20/2025	Holy Hour
6/22/2025	Corpus Christi Procession
6/26/2025	Totus Tuus Cookout
Date	Event / Meeting
7/3/2025	Food Pantry Day
7/4/2025	July 4th Blessing of the Bikes/Parade
7/9/2025	Soup Kitchen Day
7/10/2025	SSSCO Steering Committee
7/14/2025	Assembly Officer Meeting
7/14/2025	Council Officer Meeting
7/15/2025	Exemplification of New Knights
7/18/2025	Holy Hour
7/21/2025	Assembly Business Meeting
7/21/2025	Council Business Meeting

On this page is the current list of Council Officers and Committee Chairmen. It also lists the upcoming activities for the Parish, the Council & the Assembly through the next Council Business meeting.

Committee Meetings will be added to this calendar starting in the new Fraternal Year, July 1st.



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Program Reports

Faith

Parish Men's Retreat

No Report this month.

Usher Ministry

Corpus Christi Procession as after the 10 am on June 22nd. Extra Ushers are needed for the anticipated attendance. Usher Hours for this calendar year stand at 1703.

Lighthouse Evangelization

The two Kiosk's continue to serve the community and provide a revenue stream for the Council. Gross receipts from February 24 to May 13, were \$1,903.

Good of the Order Rosary

We continue to serve 85 to 100 clients Monday through Friday. Shelf-stable foods are always welcome.

St. Peter's Ministry

There are only 16 active members, which includes a few seasonal Knights. We need to add some additional Knight's to help. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Don Rizer (dcrizer@yahoo.com).

RSVP (Seminarian Support)

Financial Support for the new Fraternal year will be directed to Conner Cameron, a Donahue Academy graduate. Dominic Jahnke has currently ceased seminarian studies

Ave Maria Parish Support

No Report this month.

Community

Feed Ave Maria

No Report this month.

Food Pantry

Stan Smolinski and I volunteered at the Food Pantry in Immokalee on Thursday, June 5th between 9:00 and 10:30 AM.

We performed the following tasks as directed by the Food Pantry manager:

1. Emptied one pallet of non-perishable food items and placed them in designated locations on the storage shelves.
2. Opened and removed from boxes various non-perishable food items and placed them on shelves by specific food item category (ie. fruit, vegetables, pasta, beans, soup, etc.).
3. Emptied 50 pound bag of pinto beans, placed them into separate 2 pound plastic bags and sealed the bags with mechanical device.

Having completed all of the aforementioned tasks by 10:30, and given no further tasks to perform, we left the Food Pantry at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brother Phil DiPietro

Soup Kitchen

We continue to serve 85 to 100 clients Monday through Friday. Shelf-stable foods are always welcome.

Catholic Essay Contest

No Report this month.

Sunshine State Steak Cook off

Steering Committee is meeting and preparing for the Fall Campaign to promote the Steak Cook-Off

Oktoberfest

Steering Committee is meeting and will have more information next month.



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Family

Soccer Shoot out

No Report this Month.

AMU Summer Youth Retreat

No Report this Month.

Fraternus

No Report this Month.

Fidelis

No Report this Month.

Donahue Academy

\$1000 donated to the Donahue Academy Football team to support the purchase of new helmets.

Life

March for Life

No Report this Month.

Tootsie Roll Campaign

No Report this Month.

ASAP (After Pregnancy Support)

No Report this Month.



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Financial Reports

Financial Secretary Report

FINANCIAL SECRETARY WARANTS

June 2025

#198	Walgreens	\$33.23	Office Supplies
#199	Sam's Club	\$73.33	Memorial Day Picnic
#200	Augustine Institute	\$585.62	Lighthouse Inventory
#201	Gordon's Food	\$320.95	Memorial Day Food
#202	Publix	\$18.19	Ice Memorial Day Picnic
#203	Sunshine Ace Hardware	\$28.61	Fuel Hose Grill Replacement
#204	Ave Maria Catholic Church	\$1000.00	Fidelis Donation
#205	Donahue Academy	\$1000.00	Football Helmet Donation
#206	Ach Payments	\$1.11	Website Transaction Fees
#207	John Landham	\$500.00	Convention Expense

Treasurer Report

STARTING BALANCE MAY: \$38,566.66

DEPOSITS: \$69.73

DEBITS: \$20,773.53

ENDING BALANCE MAY: \$17,862.86

CURRENT JUNE DEPOSITS:

\$353.01

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CURRENT OUTSTANDING ALLOCATIONS: \$3101.62

CURRENT COUNCIL WORKING BALANCE TO DATE: \$14613.14