



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
AVE MARIA COUNCIL #14697
OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Grand Knight’s Message

Brothers,

Thanks giving is next month and the start of Advent is the following weekend. This is a time where we usually wrap up activities and turn our attention to family and the celebration of the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The same applies this year as we wrap up 2025. we have the picnic at the end of this month, a Veterans Day event to support, the Hometown Christmas event, the annual Eucharistic Procession and the annual observance of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All of these things enhance the Parish Community and the Ave Maria community. The Knights of Columbus has grown to be the right hand of the Parish and a helping hand in the community. It is your participation in Council supported events that has been the cause of our success.

We need all of our Knights to join in. If every member of Council could find an activity they support or donate 5 hours a month to the varied programs we work on, we could generate over 17K hours of service. This would be a 100% increase over our current amount of around 8K hours a year.

To those chosen Brothers who are so consistent with your gift of time, I say thank you! You have truly demonstrated the devotion to Parish and Community that Fr McGivney was seeking.

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!



We had a winner!

Our inaugural Oktoberfest was a huge success. Everyone had a great time and it was an intense effort for the volunteers. We had over 200 volunteer hours on the day of the event. With around \$10K in revenue and expenses just under \$5K, we should have around \$5K in donation to the Food Pantry/Soup Kitchen.

Special thanks goes to Jim Kukalis and his Steering Committee for their vision and hard work! Needless to say, we had a lot of folks come out for late September. Brother Kevin reported cooking and serving 600 brats in the first two hours of the event! Plans are already in the work to address the speed of the serving line and ticketing. We will also have more beer taps next year! Thank you to all who volunteered to help raise money for a worthy cause!



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Fraternal Year 25-26 Officers & Chairmen

Officer	Name
Grand Knight	John Lanham, PGK
Deputy Grand Knight	Daniel Hamilton
Chancellor	Robert Schoenborn
Recorder	Paul O'Keefe
Treasurer	Kevin Schang, PGK
Advocate	Paul Bruno
Warden	Sergio Patto
Inside Guard	John McGuire
Outside Guard	Michael Horne
One Year Trustee	Ralph Petragnani
Two Year Trustee	John Strysik
Three Year Trustee	Michael Baldasari
Financial Secretary	James Kukalis
Chaplain	Fr. Mark Ruckpaul
Lecturer	Kevin Schang

Program Director	John Lanham, PGK
Faith Director	Deacon Jeff Ball
Vocations Chairman	Stephen Roser
Community Director	Kevin Schang, PGK
Life Director	Daniel Hamilton
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	Vacant
Retention Committee	Mike Baldasari
Retention Committee	Ralph Petragnani
Retention Committee	John Strysik
Head Usher	John Lanham, PGK
Lighthouse Project	Don Rizer
SSSC Chair	Tom DiFlorio
St Peter Ministry	Don Rizer

Calendar of Events

NOTE: These are planned & subject to change. Please review the Upcoming Activities email for the most up-to-date information.

Date	Event / Meeting
10/20/2025	Assembly Business Meeting
10/20/2025	Council Business Meeting
10/24/2025	Holy Hour
10/25/2025	Parish Picnic
10/25/2025	Trunk or Treat
11/1/2025	Football Concession
11/6/2025	Food Pantry Day
11/8/2025	Football Concession
11/10/2025	Assembly Officer Meeting
11/10/2025	Council Officer Meeting
11/11/2025	Veterans Day Military Night Celebration
11/12/2025	Soup Kitchen Day
11/13/2025	Exemplification of New Knights
11/15/2025	Adopt a Spot

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.



Program Reports

Faith

Parish Men's Retreat

No Report this month.

Usher Ministry

Usher Hours for the calendar year now stand at 3188 hours.

Lighthouse Evangelization

The two Kiosk's continues to serve the community and provide a revenue stream for the Council. Gross receipts from February 24 to October 15 were **\$4,143**.

Good of the Order Rosary

Our Goal is 300 rosaries for the Good of the Order this year. We are at one hundred fourteen for the new fraternal year starting July 1.

St. Peter's Ministry

There are only **18** active members, which includes a few seasonal Knights. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact **Don Rizer** (dcrizer@yahoo.com).

RSVP (Seminarian Support)

No report this month.

Ave Maria Parish Support

No Report this month.



Program Reports

Community

Feed Ave Maria

Four requests made and delivered in past month.

Blessings,
Pete Battle

Food Pantry

Phil DiPietro has relocated to Ocala. Brothers Dennis Popiel & Smith Dawson have agreed to step up and co-lead the effort. The transition is in progress and further information will be shared next week.

Soup Kitchen

The number of clients we are serving is 100 to 110 Monday through Friday. On Tuesday, October 14, we served German Pretzels, donated from our Knights Council. The clients were greatly appreciative of the donation.

Brother Don Rizer

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

Event was a huge success. Current expenses were \$4997 and gross revenue from the event was about \$10,000.00. final numbers will be reported next month.



Program Reports

Family

Life

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

No Report this Month.

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 WARRANTS

October 2025

#32	Bank Debit	\$35.00	Return Check Fee
#33	Publix	\$150.00	Feed Ave Gift Cards
#34	Gordon Foods	\$174.34	AMU Football #3
#35	Sam's Club	\$346.09	AMU Football #2 & #3
#36	Trophy Case Ft. Myers	\$250.28	Usher Badges
#37	Sam's Club	\$159.80	Football #3 & Fall Festival
#38	Publix	\$34.48	Football #2 and Soap
#39	U Dump We Pump	\$325.00	Octoberfest
#40	B & L Ace Hardware	\$6.99	Twisty Ties Football Lights
#41	Robert Scoenborn	\$70.79	K of C Que Cards
#42	My Party Rental	\$890.00	Octoberfest Tent
#43	Gorgon Food Service	\$987.21	Octoberfest Food
#44	Grill-n-Fill	\$37.05	Replacement Regulator Hose
#45	Gordon Foods	\$119.07	October Fest Missing Brats
#46	Publix	11.74	Octoberfest Ice
#47	Trophy Case Ft Myers	\$118.11	Roser Plaque/Usher Badges
#48	Hafenkapelle	\$1500.00	Octoberfest Band



Financial Reports cont'd

Treasurer Report

STARTING BALANCE SEPTEMBER: \$11,029.52

DEPOSITS: \$14,685.70

DEBITS: \$6277.20

ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER: \$19,438.02

CURRENT OCTOBER DEPOSITS:

\$00.00

CURRENT OCTOBER DEBITS:

\$285.66

CUURRENT OUTSTANDING ALLOCATIONS: \$288.90

CURRENT COUNCIL WORKING BALANCE TO DATE: *\$18,863.46*

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER BALANCE: \$13,527.90

SEPTEMBER DEPOSITS: \$44.10

SEPTEMBER DEBITS: 00

ENDING SEPTEMBER BALANCE: \$13,527.90

CURRENT CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE TO DATE: 13,572.00



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