



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

Grand Knight’s Message

Brothers,

Thanksgiving Day is almost upon us and we have much to be thankful for. We have doubled our annual donation to the Food Pantry thanks to the Oktoberfest team. The Council is looking to help fund four Brother Knights in the Parish Adult Choir as they prepare for the honor of performing at the White House next month. We have just concluded the most successful AMU Football Concession season in the four years we have helped AMU.

At the same time, our success is tempered. A few Knights’ households will be missing a couple of our Brothers with the passing of Brother Paul Hegele & Brother Peter Boivin. Please take a moment to pray for these families as they move into the holiday season without their loved ones.

I am thankful for the support my Brother Knights have given to the Council and look forward to a very successful 2026. Happy Thanksgiving!

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!

Deck the Halls!

November 23 marks the end of the liturgical year and the following weekend is the start of Lent. With Thanksgiving Day intervening. There is a rush to convert the Piazza and Church Grounds for the Christmas season.

This year the Parish needs volunteers at 9 am on November 24th to complete the dressing out of the lawn and Piazza for Christmas. This includes preparing the creche, the Christmas tree and lighting the Palms. If you can help, sign up today using the QR code or the link below.

<https://forms.gle/Jqr9XZqKbfmqnmpU9>



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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 |

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 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.

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|------------|---|
| 11/17/2025 | Assembly Business Meeting |
| 11/17/2025 | Council Business Meeting |
| 11/20/2025 | Catholic Culture Series |
| 11/21/2025 | Holy Hour |
| 11/22/2025 | Decoration of the Grounds for Christmas |
| 12/1/2025 | Advent Retreat |
| 12/2/2025 | Advent Retreat |
| 12/3/2025 | Food Pantry Day |
| 12/3/2025 | Advent Retreat |
| 12/5/2025 | Hometown Christmas |
| 12/8/2025 | Assembly Officer Meeting |
| 12/8/2025 | Council Officer Meeting |
| 12/10/2025 | Food Pantry Day |
| 12/10/2025 | Soup Kitchen Day |
| 12/12/2025 | Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Walk |
| 12/13/2025 | Eucharistic Procession |
| 12/14/2025 | Guadalupe Celebration |

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

Save the Date, Parish Men's Retreat is January 10th

Usher Ministry

Usher Hours for the calendar year now stand at 3412 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 **\$4,609**.

Good of the Order Rosary

Our Goal is 300 rosaries for the Good of the Order this year. We are at one hundred forty-seven 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

Five requests made and delivered in past month.

Blessings,
Pete Battle

Food Pantry

Bruce Kuhle, Mike Shmina and I were our K of C Council's volunteers to work in the Guadalupe Social Services Food Pantry in Immokalee on Thursday, November 6, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. After group prayer with all employees & volunteers at Guadalupe Social Services, our activities included:

Unpacked and sorted nonperishable foods onto labeled shelves.

Nonperishable food was packed in grocery bags as listed on the pantry entrance door for distribution to Food Pantry recipients on Monday, November 10, 2025. All available shelves for these bags were fully stocked.

Unloaded a large pallet containing cases of Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Tomato Sauce from the delivery truck and placed them on designated shelves according to category. Inspected and segregated leaking or otherwise damaged cans of Tomato Sauce.

Organized the refrigerator and freezer, storing perishable produce in the refrigerator and meat in the freezer.

A new room was found at the far end behind the last row of storage shelves in the food pantry, where large grocery bags for distributing nonperishable items are kept.

After finishing, all the various opened cardboard containers and trash were thrown away.

Grocery bags will be distributed only on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in November.

Catholic Services has appointed a new Food Pantry Manager who has not yet commenced duties. The assistant introduced in October 2025, David, was available to respond to any inquiries.

Bruce Kuhle, Michae Shmina and I evaluated the most effective staffing for the Food Pantry. Given the pantry's limited space and narrow aisles, we concluded that an optimal team would consist of no more than four Knights.



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Food Pantry (*continued*)

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Pictured Brothers Michael Shmina and Bruce Kuhle - Feeling good & spiritually satisfied after working in the Guadalupe Social Services Food Pantry in Immokalee on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Vivat Jesus!

Dennis Popiel

248-765-6335

Soup Kitchen

The number of clients we are serving is 100 to 110 Monday through Friday. Shelf stable products are always welcomed.

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

Community

Oktoberfest

Final Report—Donation was \$5016.00. The Oktoberfest will be added to the Council fundraising schedule.



Jim Kukalis presents the check for the Oktoberfest to the staff at Guadalupe Social Services.



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

November 2025

| | | | |
|-----|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| #49 | Gordon Foods | \$285.66 | AMU Football #3 & Fall Festival |
| #50 | Vista Print | \$58.28 | SSSC Friends/Family Tickets |
| #51 | ACH Payments | \$7.52 | Website fees & E-Catholic |
| #52 | Sam's Club | \$57.28 | Football #3 & Fall Festival |
| #53 | Publix | \$38.23 | AMU Football #3 Ice |
| #54 | Publix | \$30.69 | Fall Festival Ice |
| #55 | Gordon Foods | \$2129.49 | Church Picnic Food |
| #56 | B & L Ace Hardware | \$99.61 | Propane & Drill Bit |
| #57 | Sam's Club | \$94.18 | Church Picnic & Football \$4 |
| #58 | Publix | \$35.22 | Church Picnic Ice |
| #59 | Oil Well Craft Beer | \$544.00 | Octoberfest Beer & Root Beer |
| #60 | Publix | \$34.72 | AMU Football #4 Ice |
| #61 | ACH Payment | \$19.65 | Website Fees & E-Catholic |
| #62 | Guadalupe Social Services | \$5016.34 | Octoberfest Proceeds |
| #63 | Gordon Foods | \$117.56 | Football #5/MA Yard Sale |
| #64 | Sam's Club | \$123.66 | Football #5/MA Yard Sale |
| #65 | SWFL Print | \$246.40 | SSSC Tickets Printing |
| #66 | Publix | 36.38 | Football #5/MA Yard Sale Ice |



Financial Reports cont'd

Treasurer Report

STARTING BALANCE OCTOBER: \$19,438.02

DEPOSITS: \$4001.76

DEBITS: \$3025.06

ENDING BALANCE SEPTEMBER: \$20,414.72

CURRENT NOVEMBER DEPOSITS:

\$6810.32

CURRENT NOVEMBER DEBITS:

\$5594.71

CUURRENT OUTSTANDING ALLOCATIONS: \$544.00

CURRENT COUNCIL WORKING BALANCE TO DATE: *\$21,086.33*

CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT

BEGINNING OCTOBER BALANCE: \$13,572.00

SEPTEMBER DEPOSITS: \$44.17

SEPTEMBER DEBITS: 00

ENDING OCTOBER BALANCE: \$13,616.17

CURRENT CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE TO DATE: 13,616.17



Financial Reports cont'd

FALL YARD SALE 2025 **MASTER ASSOCIATION**

| ITEM | QUANTITY | COST |
|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| HOT DOGS | 25 | \$50.46 |
| HOT DOG BUNS | 125 | \$5.47 |
| CHIPS | 0 | \$0.00 |
| WATER BOTTLES | 30 | \$3.00 |
| COOKING WATER | 2 gallons | \$4.59 |
| SODA | 10 | \$5.50 |
| ICE | 2 16lbs bags | \$9.09 |
| RING POPS | 5 | \$2.30 |
| PRETZELS | 25 | \$12.00 |
| EXPENSES | | \$89.41 |
| INCOME | | |
| CASH SALES | | \$149.00 |
| CREDIT SALES | | \$6.00 |
| TOTAL SALES | | \$154.00 |
| TOTAL PROFIT | | \$64.59 |

Worker List: Ralph Petragnani, Kevin Schang, Daniel Hamilton, Mike Baldesari



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WORKER LIST: Kevin Schang, Dan Hamilton, Ralph Petragani, Thomas Flynn, Mike Baldasari, Bob Jernejcic, James Crier, Don Trabbic, Andrew Wall, Ruben (Woodie) Kirby. Perry Martin, ** Cindy Schang, ** and Carrie Putnam**

**volunteers

GAME #2

Money in: Food/Drinks=\$383.00 Credit Card=\$585.20

TOTAL=\$1118.20

50/50=\$150.00

EXPENDITURES:

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Hamburgers | \$81.00 |
| Hamb Buns | \$10.74 |
| Hot Dogs | \$73.49 |
| Hot Dog Buns | \$14.32 |
| Potato Chips | \$6.24 |
| Nachos | \$17.40 |
| Nacho Cheese | \$20.00 |
| Bottled Water | \$12.00 |
| Cooking Water | \$7.96 |
| Coke | \$17.88 |
| Diet Coke | \$10.20 |
| Sprite | \$26.88 |
| Ice | \$30.03 |
| Ring Pops | \$5.60 |
| Paper, Towels, Boats, Trays | \$64.36 |
| SUB TOTAL | \$398.10 |



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TOTAL REVENUE

\$720.10

WORKER LIST: • Kevin Schang, Dan Hamilton, Ralph Petragnani, Mike Baldasari, Bob Jernejcic, James Crier, Don Trabbic, Clayton Briggs, Paul Keefe, Henry and Alan Wittmeyer, John Stryzik, ** Cindy Schang, Perry Martin** and Carrie Putnam**

**volunteers

GAME #3

Money in: Food/Drinks=\$500.00 Credit Card=\$561.32 **TOTAL=\$1179.32**

50/50=\$118.00

EXPENDITURES:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Hamburgers | \$97.17 | |
| Hamb Buns | \$14.82 | |
| Hot Dogs | \$73.50 | |
| Hot Dog Buns | \$17.00 | |
| Potato Chips | \$9.50 | |
| Nachos | \$14.00 | |
| Nacho Cheese | \$20.00 | |
| Drinking Water | \$12.00 | |
| Cooking Water | \$7.96 | |
| Coke | \$19.38 | |
| Diet Coke | \$10.20 | |
| Sprite | \$19.38 | |
| Ice | \$30.03 | |
| Ring Pops | \$7.60 | |
| SUB TOTAL | \$352.54 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | \$826.78 |



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**volunteers

GAME #4

Money in: Food/Drinks=\$536.00 Credit Card=\$774.53

TOTAL=\$1448.53

50/50=\$138.00

EXPENDITURES:

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Hamburgers | \$115.27 | |
| Hamb Buns | \$18.02 | |
| Hot Dogs | \$147.00 | |
| Hot Dog Buns | \$20.00 | |
| Potato Chips | \$11.50 | |
| Nachos | \$10.50 | |
| Nacho Cheese | \$30.00 | |
| Drinking Water | \$8.80 | |
| Cooking Water | \$8.00 | |
| Coke | \$19.38 | |
| Diet Coke | \$15.30 | |
| Sprite | \$19.38 | |
| Ice | \$34.72 | |
| Ring Pops | \$8.00 | |
| Pretzels | \$24.00 | |
| SUB TOTAL | \$489.87 | |
| TOTAL REVENUE | | \$958.66 |



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WORKER LIST: Dan Hamilton, Ralph Petragani, Mike Baldasari, Bob Jernejcic, James Crier, Kevin Schang, Ruben Kirby, Francesco Carlos, Perry Martin** & Cindy Schnag**

**volunteers

GAME #5

Money in: Food/Drinks=\$782.00 Credit Card=\$734.79
50/50=\$275.00

TOTAL=\$1791.79

EXPENDITURES:

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Hamburgers | \$129.56 |
| Hamb Buns | \$21.48 |
| Hot Dogs | \$151.38 |
| Hot Dog Buns | \$21.48 |
| Potato Chips | \$8.64 |
| Nachos | \$17.40 |
| Nacho Cheese | \$30.00 |
| Drinking Water | \$16.00 |
| Cooking Water | \$8.00 |
| Coke | \$38.76 |
| Diet Coke | \$19.38 |
| Sprite | \$38.76 |
| Ice | \$36.38 |
| Ring Pops | \$12.00 |
| Pretzels | \$48.00 |
| Propane | \$25.00 |
| Jalapeno Peppers | \$7.00 |
| SUB TOTAL | \$629.22 |



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TOTAL REVENUE \$1162.57

WORKER LIST: Dan Hamilton, Ralph Petraghani, Mike Baldasari, Kevin Schang, Steve Atkinson, Henery Wittmeyer, Alan Whittmeyer, Dan Avramdvich, Don Trabec, Reubin Kirby, Cindy Schang**, Perry Martin**, and Carrie Putnam**

** volunteers

TOTAL INCOME \$7212.60

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2543.84

TOTAL REVENUE \$4668.76