



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

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**Grand Knight’s Message**

Brothers,

Christmas is almost here and soon we will celebrate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. I wish all of My Brother Knights and your families a Merry Christmas and a wish for 2026 to be the best year ever for you. We have accomplished so much this year as a Council. I am honored to have served as your Grand Knight and to have worked with my brothers as we have served Holy Mother church and the Ave Maria community.

Thank you for your generous gift of time and talent to help others!

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!**

**Appreciation Brunch 2025**

In conjunction with the Annual Appreciation Brunch, this year we asked for \$5 per person to help cover the back log of Memorial Bricks we need to place on the Church Piazza. We hoped to cover the bricks for our two Brothers who recently passed away, Brother Paul Hegele and Brother Peter Boivin. Sixty people attended.

Thanks to the generosity of our Brother Knights, over \$1000 was raised for the effort. We have only 4 Knights left to give a memorial to!

The plan is to have all of them done and dedicated on the Council’s next anniversary, 02/02/2026—our 17th anniversary as a Council. Stay tuned for details!



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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.

12/15/2025	6p	Assembly Business Meeting
12/15/2025	7p	Council Business Meeting
12/16/2025	7p	Exemplification of New Knights
12/18/2025	630p	Advent Penance Service
12/19/2025	630p	Holy Hour
12/20/2025	230p	Nativity Play
1/1/2026	9a	Food Pantry Day
1/3/2026	745a	Adopt a Spot
1/10/2026	7p	Assembly Dinner
1/12/2026	6p	Assembly Officer Meeting
1/12/2026	7p	Council Officer Meeting
1/13/2026	7p	Exemplification of New Knights
1/14/2026	10a	Soup Kitchen Day
1/17/2026		Ave Pro-Life March

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 now February 28th due to a lack of availability at the University.

### **Usher Ministry**

Usher Hours for the calendar year now stand at 3858 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 December 8 were **\$5,465**.

### **Good of the Order Rosary**

Our Goal is 300 rosaries for the Good of the Order this year. We are at one hundred sixty-one 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](mailto: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**

No Report this month

### **Soup Kitchen**

The number of clients we normally serve is 100 to 110 Monday through Friday. On Wednesday, November 26 a Thanksgiving Dinner was served to approximately 150 clients. The dinner consisted of 16 Turkey's, 40 pounds of veggies with cheese sauce, 20 pounds of cranberry sauce, 20 pounds of stuffing, 30 pounds of candy yams, 20 pounds of corn bread and 10 pumpkin pies. A big thank you to Knight Carl Lucas, Joe Novoty and Linda Rizer for their help in shopping, preparing and cooking this meal.

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**

No Report this month



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# Program Reports

## *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**

No Report this Month.

### **Knights on Bikes**

Ave Maria Council #14697 assisted the Knights on Bikes with their annual toy drive for the Golisano Children's Hospital with a donation of \$500. They put it to good use and brought some glad tidings by motorcycle!



## *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 WARANTS

November 2025

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#67	ACH Payment	\$.35	Fiserv Pmnt Serv
#68	James Kukalis	\$282.58	Octoberfest Expenses
#69	James Kukalis	\$99.90	Tax Form 990 Filing Fee
#70	Cash	\$150.00	SSSC Ticket Start up
#71	Ave Maria Catholic Church	\$3200.00	Choir Trip to White House
#72	St. Augustine Institute	\$251.20	Lighthouse Inventory
#73	ACH Payments	\$208.05	Website/process Fees
#74	Ave Maria Assembly 3862	\$3375.00	Vet Dinner On Line Sales
#75	Ave Maria Columbiettes	\$378.88	Hometown Credit Card Sales



# Financial Reports cont'd

## *Treasurer Report*

STARTING BALANCE NOVEMBER: \$20,414.72

DEPOSITS: \$8988.82

DEBITS: \$9740.26

ENDING BALANCE NOVEMBER: \$19,663.28

CURRENT DECEMBER DEPOSITS:

\$4788.27

CURRENT DECEMBER DEBITS:

\$3961.93

CUURRENT OUTSTANDING ALLOCATIONS: \$382.48

CURRENT COUNCIL WORKING BALANCE TO DATE: *\$20,107.14*

## **CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

BEGINNING NOVEMBER BALANCE: \$13,616.17

NOVEMBER DEPOSITS: \$41.48

NOVEMBER DEBITS: 00

ENDING NOVEMBER BALANCE: \$13,657.65

CURRENT CAPITAL RESERVE BALANCE TO DATE: 13,657.65