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*OLMC Tex-Mex Dinner*

*Aug 17th, 2024*





## ***Words of Wisdom from our Grand Knight***

### **Becoming the Best**

**Cremona, Italy is located in the Tuscany region of Northern Italy and sits on the banks of the Po River. Cremona is recognized at the premier location for making the best violins, violas and cellos in the world. Wood for making these instruments is cut upstream and floated down the river to Cremona where they are stored in the water. The tannins in the waters of the Po River, absorbed by the wood, is what makes this wood so special in making the best sounding stringed musical instruments.**

**The first workshop we come to is that of Andrea Amati. He is considered to have been the patriarch of the first family to make stringed musical instruments in Cremona. The sign on the front of his shop states: AMATI – The Finest String Musical Instruments in All of Italy.**

**Further down the block is the shop of Giuseppe Guarneri. His family learned how to make fine stringed instruments from the Amati family. Their sign in the front of their shops states: GUERNERI – The Finest String Musical Instruments in the World.**

**Continuing down the block, proceeding to the corner, we come to the shop of Antonio Stratevari. His family also learned their trade from the Amati family. Their sign in the front of their shop states: STRATEVARI – The Finest String Musical Instruments on the Block.**

**The point of this story is that we do not need to be compared to others to become the best; rather by raising our own personal standards above others will certainly accomplish the same. The difference has been on full display on an ongoing basis. I joined our Council because of you, for your friendliness, your inclusiveness, and your dedication to these ideals.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Chuck Donelson  
Grand Knight**



# Knights of Columbus report rise in membership, charitable donations at annual convention

By Tyler Arnold



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Joe and Tiffany Ampe, with 11 of their 13 children, accept the International Family of the Year award from Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly at an awards session prior to the 142nd Supreme Convention in Québec City on Aug. 5, 2024. Joe Ampe, a Knight from Marquette, Michigan, and his family were recognized for their service to their parish and their community, particularly their efforts to deliver humanitarian aid to Ukraine, the home country of three of their adopted children. | Credit: Paul Haring

Despite a global rise in secularism, the Knights of Columbus reported a significant increase in membership and a record-high amount in charitable donations in 2023 at the group's annual convention in Quebec, Canada, this week.

Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly announced that the Knights' membership rose to 2.1 million members last year with 92,000 new people joining the fraternal organization — one of the best years for growth in the last century. He also announced that Knights spent more than 47 million hours “serving and sacrificing for the sake of others” and set a new record for charitable giving: \$190 million.

“Together, we build up families, parishes, and communities that are centered on Christ,” Kelly said in his Aug. 6 speech. “There is no greater task. It requires sacrifice and sometimes even suffering, but that’s what it means to be a disciple.”

“That’s what it means to be on mission,” he added, referencing the 2024 convention’s theme: “On Mission.”

The membership growth and charitable work spanned several continents.

Kelly noted a rise in membership in the United States, Ukraine, the Philippines, Mexico, and France. He also emphasized the rise in membership in South Korea — a country the Knights expanded to 10 years ago — and an increase in Cuba — a country in which the Knights and other Catholics faced severe suppression beginning in the mid-1900s.

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In the United States, Kelly said that half of the new members to join online were Hispanic, which is continuing to become a larger share of the American Catholic population.

Kelly expressed hope that the Knights of Columbus will continue to grow and envisions “a day when we will have 4 or 5 million.” He referenced a survey commissioned by the Knights of Columbus that found 7 million Catholics said they would be interested in joining the Knights and that one of the top reasons for not joining was that they had never been invited.

“Father [Michael] McGivney created the Knights to make that impact,” Kelly said. “And by inviting the first Knights to join him in a great work, he created a culture of invitation that we must carry forward. So today, I ask every Knight: Will you extend that invitation, that hand of brotherhood, to the next generation?”

Some of the charitable work noted in Kelly’s speech included efforts to rebuild churches and support Catholic communities in countries where Catholics face persecution, including Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon.

Kelly also announced two new initiatives in Africa: one in Nigeria and one in Benin.

Kelly announced a collaboration between the bishops’ conference in Nigeria and the Franciscan University of Steubenville to establish a national catechetical institute to support “the ongoing formation of priests and lay leaders.” He noted that more than 80% of Christians being killed for their faith live in Nigeria.

In Benin, a small country that neighbors Nigeria to the West, Kelly announced support for Sisters of the Company of the Savior to build a vocational training center for young girls “to discover their God-given talents and develop socially and economically.” He noted that girls are often targeted by terrorists and kidnapped in the country.

The Knights of Columbus Charity Convoys have also delivered more than 8.5 million pounds of relief supplies to communities in Ukraine and the organization’s Mercy Centers and programs have provided material and spiritual aid to more than 1.6 million refugees, according to Kelly. He said the Ukraine Solidarity Fund has provided \$17 million in humanitarian relief overall.

The Knights also awarded their “International Family of the Year” award to the Ampe family: The husband, Joseph, and his wife, Tiffany, adopted two children with Down syndrome from Ukraine.

Other charitable efforts included support for people suffering in natural disasters, such as the victims of the 2023 wildfires in Hawaii. The Knights delivered supplies and helped rebuild the affected communities, including a local Catholic school in Maui called Sacred Hearts. The Knights also provided financial support to 11 Catholic school teachers who continued to go to work despite losing their homes in the fires.

In his speech, Kelly noted that the Knights accomplished this work despite the rise of secularism seen in the United States, Canada, and throughout Europe, saying that “the days of easy faith are over.” He urged his fellow Knights to follow in the footsteps of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, the priest who founded the fraternal organization, and St. François de Laval, who served as the first bishop of Quebec.

“We must have the zeal of Bishop de Laval and Father McGivney,” Kelly said. “Like them, we must build and we must start by building up a new generation of Catholic men — men formed in faith and virtue; men prepared to be missionary disciples.”





# Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.



In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.**



Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.



#### Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



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**Our Local Silver Rose stop will be on Aug 26th at :**

**San Pedro Catholic Church**



[Silver Rose - Life Programs | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](http://SilverRose-LifePrograms|KnightsOfColumbus(kofc.org))

**14380 Tamiami Trl. North Port FL 34287**

**The Program will begin following the 8:30am Mass.**

**Contact SK Joe Frech for more details**

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## Bishop Dewane on Amendment #4

Bishop Dewane has asked all the parishes in the diocese to join in prayer to defeat Amendment 4 this November. Prayer is not a last resort - is a most powerful means to touch hearts, minds and lives. Beginning this weekend, we will offer the Prayer to St. Michael at the end of every Mass.

*St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.



Looking for a way to increase your

Impact on God's Kingdom here in SW FL ???

We are looking for a Knight to take over our yearly drive.



Want to learn more ?? Click the link and start your journey !!!

[TootsieRollManual.pdf](#)

The Columbus Charities Tootsie Roll Program is dedicated to providing life-based health care, learning and quality of life opportunities for children, teens, and adults with disabilities.

**PRAY TO  
PROTECT  
THEM  
BOTH**

**Vote No  
on Amendment 4**

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### Prayer to Defeat Florida's Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family,  
pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn,  
pray for us!



# Lecture's Minute

## *The Farmer & His Corn*



Darwin Reeck

For this month's Good of the Order, I'd like to focus on the start of our Council's Year - with a new slate of officer's and the work that our council is gearing up for to support our parish, our Pastor, and our community. Let me start with a quick story.

### The Farmer and His Corn

There was an old farmer who grew excellent corn. Every year he won the award for the best-grown corn at the local fair.

One year a news reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors, "How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering their corn in competition with yours every year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "Didn't you know? The wind picks up the pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

So it is with our lives...

Those who want to live meaningfully and well, must help enrich the lives of others, for the value of life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

Call it the power of  
collectivity... Call it a principle  
of success...

Call it a law of life.

The fact is, none of us truly wins until we all win!!!

Our council's work to support our parish, our Pastor, and community requires all of us Knights to pitch in as "farmers" to sow and share good seed. The seeds being our strong Catholic faith and our strong beliefs that will assist our Pastor in nurturing our parish and community. I ask all my brother Knights, on behalf of our Program Director, to volunteer your time and talents to work on one (or many) of our various Council projects. Together, we will all work as the "farmer" to sow good seeds within our parish and community!





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**\$40.00**

**The Council is 67% paid for this years. 1/3 to go !!!!**

You can paid your dues by reaching out to Brother Gerard Bernard at :  
[gabernard2000@yahoo.com](mailto:gabernard2000@yahoo.com) or  
Cell 561-308-3918



## Financial Report—August 2024

### Deacon Tom Status Report

Month Ending July 2024

July 2024	Revenue	Expense	Margin
Other Donations	3,215		3,215
Sock Hop	712	175	537
Supplies		96	(96)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,927</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>3,656</b>

### Council Status Report

Month Ending July 2024

July 2024	Revenue	Expense	Margin
50-50 Gen Mtgs	75		75
Badges / Shirts		31	(31)
Dues	880		880
Golf Outing		300	(300)
Miscellaneous		64	(64)
Mtg Refreshments		161	(161)
Other Donations			0
Pancake Breakfast	466	552	(86)
Per Capita		256	(256)
Sock Hop	175		175
Supplies			0
Taxes / Fees		61	(61)
Tillotson Hall Improvements		159	(159)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>1,584</b>	<b>12</b>

**OLMC Council #15821**

**Paul Grieco**

**Knight of the Month**

**August 2024**

**OLMC Council #15821**

**Joe Procopio & Angie Nuzzo**

**Family of the Month**

**August 2024**





## FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



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**DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

# #1818 News

Wednesday, Sept 11, Sarasota National Cemetery at 8:30am

**Saturday, Sept 15 Blue Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes at 12pm- CC Requested**

Thursday, Sept 19, Monthly meeting-5:30pm Rosary, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 9, Sarasota National Cemetery at 8:30am

Thursday, Oct 17 Monthly Meeting-5:30pm Rosary, 6 pm Dinner 7pm Meeting

**KofC Web Links :**



**When you see this HOT Links logo you can click and go right to the website.**



**The Official Website of the  
Supreme Council**

[Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization \(kofc.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization (kofc.org))



**The Official Website of the  
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[Knights Gear](http://Knights Gear)



**State of Florida KofC  
Home Page**

[Knights of Columbus Florida State Council \(floridakofc.org\)](http://Knights of Columbus Florida State Council (floridakofc.org))



## Steve Sellner Faith Director



### **Fellow Knights of Council 15821,**

My name is Steve Sellner, and I am thrilled to share my plans for our Fraternity through the Faith Program this year. Having been involved in many aspects of our council for years, I can confidently say that nothing has excited me more than this opportunity.

**Understanding My Role:** As outlined in the Faith in Action publication, our mission is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. When we joined the Order, we were reminded to continually form ourselves in the Catholic faith. This formation transcends mere facts or religious practices, fostering an authentic connection with a loving God and His son, Jesus Christ. Our programs are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way, equipping us for the spiritual battles we and our families face daily.

**Programs in Focus:** Supreme suggests several impactful programs, including:

- Assisting seminarians with tuition costs
- The Pilgrim Icon Program
- Maintaining the church kiosk
- The Rosary Program
- Creating opportunities for prayer and reflection
- Supporting parishioners with Sacramental Gifts

While we already participate in many of these programs, there are others I hope you will join me in experiencing this coming year. Education and participation are key to growing in our faith. I am working on ideas that will allow all of us to come together, enjoy ourselves, and deepen our faith. This will enable us to better spread God's word and help evangelize our families, parish, and community.

**Join Us:** Look forward to hearing from me by email, and please consider coming out, not to work, but to experience our faith and fellowship. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Together, let's make this year a remarkable journey of faith and brotherhood.



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Please Complete This form & return it to :

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As a reminder we have had some issues bad data on some of our OLMC Council #15821 records ( same as Supreme ). We are attempting to correct all the information so we can stay in touch with you all. With MOVES, NEW CELL PHONES, NEW EMAIL ADDESSES.....

## Fraternal Benefits Webinar Watch Party

You are invited to attend a Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits webinar watch party in the Chruch's classroom,

Tuesday Sept 10th at 6:30 pm. Pizza & Refreshments Provided !!! **This event is open to all of OLMC !!!**

We would love to have you attend & learn more about your financial future security !!!



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# Knights of Columbus®

## Sept / Oct Calendar



### Sept

5th	Council #15821 Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
6th	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am Mass
7th & 8th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bag handouts	OLMC	After Each Mass
<b>NEW &gt;&gt;&gt;</b> 10th	Benefits Watch Party / Pizza	OLMC	7:00 pm
13th	International Dinner Set up	Hall	8:30 am
14th	International Dinner Support	Hall	4:00 pm
14th & 15th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Food Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
20th	Pancake Breakfast Setup	Hall	8:30 am
22nd	Pancake Breakfast	Hall	7:30 am - Noon
23rd	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
28th	BSA 10 Commandment Hike	OLPH	All Day
29th	Fraternal Communion Bruch	Waterford	Noon

### Oct

1st	Hall Patio Pressure Wash Day	Hall	9:00 am
3rd	Council #15821 Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
4th	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am Mass
5th & 6th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bag handouts	OLMC	After Each Mass
12th	Set Up for Carmel Fest	Hall	8:30 am
13th	Carmel Fast	Hall	Noon -
12th & 13th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Food Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
19th & 20th	Keep Christ in Christmas Boxed Card Sale	OLMC	Each Mass
25th	Pancake Breakfast Set Up	Hall	8:30 am
26th & 27th	Keep Christ in Christmas Boxed Card Sale	OLMC	Each Mass
27th	Pancake Breakfast	Hall	7:30 am – Noon
28th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm





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## Immokalee Food Drive

Bag Pick Up : Sept 7th & 8th, After Mass

Food Drop off : Sept 14th & 15th, Before Mass

## Thanks For Your Support



Save The Date  
for Next Years  
**10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
OLMC  
Knights of Columbus  
Charity Golf Outing !**

**April 26th , 2025**



## Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday Aug 25th  
8:00 a.m. - Noon  
\$9.00 per person  
Kids Eat FREE !**

**Menu**  
Pancakes  
French Toast  
Scrambled Eggs  
Sausage  
Coffee & Tea  
Orange Juice

Tillotson Hall 241 Burney Road, Osprey, FL



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Announcing the First Annual...

**Deacon Tom Grant Memorial Scholarship Fund**



**SOCK HOP Dance Party**

November 2, 5:30-9:00 pm. Tillotson Hall

Rock and Roll, and relive those memories of your high school or college days. Dance, or watch the dancers enjoying the music played by the renowned DJ Bobby Gray from Wilkes - Barre, PA.

Enjoy Jumbo HeroHoagies, Chicken, Eggplant or Meatball Parm meals on an Italian roll prepared by our local celebrity food merchant, and fellow Knight, Ed Falco.



Get your tickets now. No Paying at the door. This will be a sell-out event. Limited to 120 Rock and rollers. Only \$35. Includes Music, Dance, Food. BYOB. Setups provided.

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**Join Us !**

We meet the first Thursday of each  
month in Tillotson Hall -7pm

**Charity Fraternity  
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**To learn more about the OLMC Knights of Columbus,**

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