

Knights of Columbus®

Osprey, FL

Newsletter Sept 2024









Support for Immokalee







This year's contributions of food and money to the Immokalee Mission (Our Lady of Guadalupe Social Services) were excellent. The generosity of our parishioners and the dedication of our Knights of Columbus have made OLMC a leading donor of food and financial assistance to Immokalee.

Last fiscal year, the Knights delivered over 10 tons of food, two truckloads of Christmas gifts and \$20,000 in monetary donations to Immokalee. In human terms, this food will feed 200 people for one year, and the money will support the Mission and its many services to the poor.

Your contributions of toys to the Giving Tree at Christmas bring holiday joy to many children who otherwise would have little to celebrate. Know that your generosity helps alleviate the cycle of poverty in this region of the Everglades.

Guadalupe Social Services is more than just a USDA certified food bank. They provide drug and alcohol counseling, prenatal support, housing, education, legal aid and medical care, all of which are supported by your donations.

Witnessing the poverty and suffering in this area is a sobering experience, and it is heartening to know that we at OLMC are doing our level best to provide some measure of comfort to the needy.

The Knights of Columbus Council 15821 thank you all for your continued generosity, and we look forward to another successful year of support for the people of Immokalee.

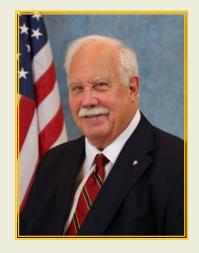
David C. Strout

Program Director



Thank You!!







Words of Wisdom from our Grand Knight

DOING WHAT IS RIGHT

We are less than two months away from a national election, and the emails, texts and mail are becoming quite overwhelming. Personally, I have gone from receiving two or three texts daily to over 40. I have no idea how anyone got my phone number, but I am routinely deleting text messages that have anything to do with the upcoming election. The same is true of the numerous "paid political advertisements" that the US Post Office delivers.

As we look to November 5th, I am sure that all of us are ready to fulfill our civic duty and vote. This is not a political statement, rather one of doing what is right as a citizen of the United States of America. While who you vote for is, ultimately, up to your own individual conscience, I do want to make you aware of one specific item which will be on your ballot in November. This one item is a moral issue for all Catholics and we should all be united in opposing Florida Amendment 4.

Florida Amendment 4, the Right to Abortion Initiative, is on the ballot in Florida as an initiated constitutional amendment on November 5, 2024.

- A "yes" vote <u>supports</u> adding the following language to the Florida Constitution's Declaration of Rights: "... no law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider." Amendment 4 would maintain the current constitutional provision that permits a law requiring parents to be notified before a minor can receive an abortion.
- A "no" vote <u>opposes</u> amending the Florida Constitution's Declaration of Rights to provide that the state cannot "... prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider."

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops have said in their statement regarding Amendment 4:

"Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protection 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. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion. These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment"

Floridians Protecting Freedom, which describes itself as "a statewide campaign of allied organizations and concerned citizens working together to protect Floridians' access to reproductive health care and defend the right to bodily autonomy," sponsored the initiative.

The Florida Bishops go on to say: "Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition."

I strongly suggest, and urge you, as a practicing Catholic man, to fully understand the ramifications of this amendment if passed, and to not only vote against Florida Amendment 4, but also urge your friends, family and others to vote against Florida Amendment 4.

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck Donelson Grand Knight Council 15821

Culture of Life



DAILY PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death, by the Resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, and never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the Treasure Coast pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



On Thursday Aug 8th our KofC #15821 Hurricane team meet and reviewed the steps we will take to protect the chruch in the event of a major Hurricane. We also support Brother knights after the storm if needed.

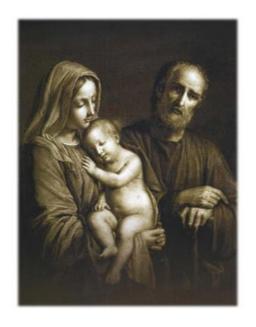
If you would like to help please contact: Mike Monville Cell 813-309-0558



WHY **WOTE NO**ON AMENDMENT

Amendment 4 – Not What it Seems – Way Too Extreme





A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.



Amen.



Chaplin's Reflection

By: Father Anthony



Twin Towers 9/10/01

I am writing this short reflection the day after the anniversary of 9/11 and so I thought that, this month, I would reflect on that anniversary and link it in to what our 4th degree exemplification ceremony says about the importance of patriotism. One of the online dictionary definitions of patriotism says that it is "the feeling of love, devotion, and a sense of attachment to a country or state." Patriotism is something that, as with everything else, is good when it is in a healthy balance. I, as an immigrant to these shores, look forward to that day when I can make that pledge of allegiance that we say at every meeting as I become a US citizen. It is right and just to be patriotic about our country, or the country of our birth. But, the far end of the patriotism scale can lead to jingoism and exclusion of others not born on these shores, something which is not healthy!

And, when I was looking at patriotism in the Knights, I learned that the first 4th degree exemplification took place on George Washington's birthday, a deliberate nod to the patriotism that is an important part of being a Knight, and is the pillar of the 4th degree. Those of you who are 4th Degree Knights know the healthy emphasis of patriotism that is part of being a 4th Degree Knight, a patriotism that is far from jingoistic or exclusive, and a patriotism that places country above all else other than God.

I had a blessed vacation with my family this year visiting both Colorado and New York and, one of the sites we visited in New York was Ground Zero, and the 9/11 Museum. I had visited Ground Zero on a number of occasions and, as so often when I visit these national memorials, I'm struck by how tasteful and profound and dignified these memorials are.

But, whilst I had visited Ground Zero a number of times, I had never had the opportunity to visit the 9/11 Museum which was a powerful reminder of the horrors of that day. Both the Memorial and the museum are good examples of what true patriotism is. It is tasteful, profound and dignified and is a patriotic reminder of that awful day, and of the thousands and thousands who were killed on that day and in the decades afterwards. Ground Zero and the 9/11 museum show a healthy patriotism that, rightly, remembers the dead, but doesn't do so in a jingoistic way. And it shows that the patriotism that is the pillar of the 4th degree can be lived out in our daily lives. May all those who died on 9/11 and in later years rest in peace, and may all their families and friends who still mourn their loss, know God's peace and God's comfort.



#1818 News



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

Monday, Nov 11, Bishop Mass Vet Day Sarasota National Cemetery Time TBD***

Wednesday, Nov 13, Sarasota National Cemetery, at 8:30am

Thursday, Nov 21, Monthly meeting-5:30pm Rosary, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting











Team always smiling after a long hard summer !!!

Thanks for all you do !!!!



KofC **Christmas Concert**

Sat Dec 14th

Featuring Dave DeLuca



Save The Date



Council Nametags











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Knights Gear







By:

SK Ron Balaze PGK
Outside Guard

HAPPY 11th ANNUVERSARY OLMC K of C COUNCIL15821

As we celebrate our 11th anniversary as a council, we should remember our beginning. Council 15821 was Chartered on October 10, 2013. The primary individuals involved in the start of the council were Sir Knight Larry Kocen, our District Deputy at the time Sir Knight Michael Costanza and our pastor Fr. Fred Tillotson O. Carm. There are forty-seven (47) brothers on the original Charter. Our first Council meetings were held in a classroom at the church. We met there until Tillotson Hall was purchased through the foresight and hard work of Fr. Fred. Members of our council provided much of the labor in the painting and repairing of the hall which was formerly a Baptist Church.

We are on our eighth Grand Knight since the start of Council 15821, and they are:

Brother Knight David Ceinski

Sir Knight David Tschanz

Sir Knight Larry Kocen

Sir Knight Bruce Crisman Sir Knight Ronald Balaze

Sir Knight Anthony Hopfinger

Brother Knight A.J. Magliolo

Sir Knight Chuck Donelson

October 2013 - June 2014

July 2014 - June 2015

July 2015 – June 2017

July 2017 – June 2019

July 2019 - June 2021

July 2021 – June 2023

July 2023 - June 2024

July 2024 –



The officer position of Chaplin is an appointed position and can only be filled by a priest. Our council's first Chaplin was Fr. Bill O'Malley O. Carm. We didn't have Chaplin for a while, although Deacon Tom Grant served as Council Spiritual Director for a number of years. At the present time we are honored to have our Pastor Fr. Anthony Armstrong serving as Chaplin for Council 15821.

Our council has grown from the original 47 to 100 plus members since 2013. We have been active in many charitable functions since our beginning including Citizens with Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive), Special Olympics where we provide financial aid and provided volunteers to help with softball, football, basketball and bowling before COVID stopped these activities. Habitat for Humanity is another organization we still support financially and provided volunteers to before COVID.

Council 15821 has earned many Supreme and State awards since its inception. These include Triple Star Council, Double Star Council, Star Council (many times), Membership Achievement, First Place Publicity Activities. First Place Newsletter and Florida Council of the Year.

That is a brief history of our council and as we move forward from our 11th anniversary. I am sure there will

be many great and exiting additions to it.



Lecture's Minute

The Soccer Ball Story



Darwin Reeck

SOCCER BALL STORY



I want to share an uplifting story about charity – the story of Chuck Herman, a Fire Chief in Rochester, MN who died in a freak accident on August 4, 2011 while cutting down a tree, having it catch, twist, and fall in a different direction than intended, killing him instantly.

Chuck and his good friend, John, had recently started a non-profit entity called "Great Deeds", with the idea of performing random acts of kindness, as often as the opportunity arose, with as little as ten or twenty dollars – lunch or groceries for hungry strangers, books, socks, shirts – whatever occasion arose to thank someone or help someone in a small way and for any reason.

Shortly after forming their non-profit, Chuck rode his motorcycle to South Dakota. Stopping at Wall Drug to stretch his legs, he stood in

line to buy a \$20 t-shirt and, while waiting, decided that he already had too many t-shirts. He got back on his bike and continued his journey. In the distance he could see inclement weather approaching so he turned North to avoid it. Several miles out of town he noticed a little white church with lots of cars in the lot. He pulled in and after hearing a wonderful message he shook the pastor's hand and handed him the \$20 bill, suggesting that he take his lovely wife to brunch. The pastor handed it back and directed him to Lily, a parishioner who was about to head to Africa for a two-week mission trip.

Lily was about to use her valuable vacation time to volunteer at an orphanage in a small city in Zimbabwe, bringing clothing, donations, and Bibles. After a short chat Chuck handed her the \$20 bill and instructed her to buy soccer balls for the kids to play with. She reluctantly agreed, thinking the \$20 would be better spent on something else when there was so much need. Chuck doubted the money would end up where he requested but finished his vacation and returned to Rochester.

Deeds" alive.

Lily arrived at the orphanage, met the director, and saw all the latest improvements. She advised the director of the promise to buy soccer balls for the kids and he balked at the idea, saying it was too dangerous. She pointed to the adjacent lot and asked him about using that space. Still, he cited that it was too dangerous as the lot was full of broken glass, sharp objects and needles. She then volunteered to clean it up herself and he finally agreed. As she began to clear the lot of debris others pitched in to help. The director drove her to the local sporting goods store to purchase the balls. On the way, Lily noticed some idle earthmoving equipment. She persuaded the director to pull over and she asked the owner/operator to clear the lot for them. He declined, stating that he didn't do charity work. When they arrived at the store there was "Closed" sign in the window. Lily knocked incessantly until someone came to unlock it. The owner pointed to the sign and said that he was going out of business. She pleaded with him to look for soccer balls. He told her there was a barrel in the back she could look through. There she found three uninflated soccer balls and asked the owner to blow them up for her. Instead, he gave her a pump and an inflating needle and took her \$20.

On the way back to the orphanage she persuaded the director to stop and talk with the equipment operator again. Again, he said "No". She kept this up for two more days and he finally agreed to clear the lot since he had no other work. Not only did he clear it but seeded it with left-over grass seed from another project. Local craftsmen fashioned simple soccer goals and the kids were excited to play soccer on a real field.

Lily returned to South Dakota and as she was planning her next trip two years later, she learned from the director that, since her last visit, word had travelled throughout the area of her efforts and others began renting the facility. They were able to purchase all the supplies, food, clothing, and textbooks they needed to run the orphanage with money left over, all because of her \$20 purchase of soccer balls.

Since then, bleachers and benches have been added, the sporting goods store re-opened, the community is thriving, and the neighborhood is safe. Hundreds of soccer teams from the surrounding area are using the soccer complex and Chuck's donation of \$20 has turned into a million-dollar windfall and soccer facility in a poor town in Zimbabwe, keeping his dream of "Great Deeds" alive.













PLAC English Dinner Sat. Sept 14th, 2024





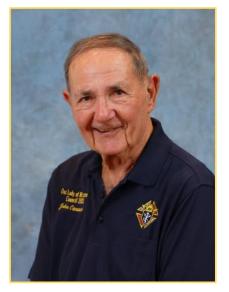














A Message from

John Canevari

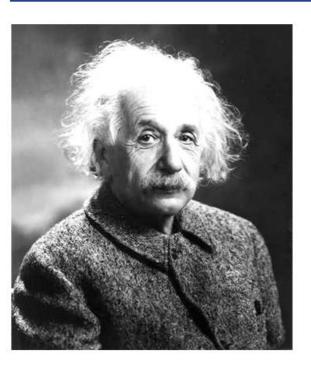
Membership Director

We need volunteers for all the masses the weekend of October 5&6 to support our 1st quarterly Knights recruitment program. We will have recruitment stations outside of each church door. We want a minimum of two knights at each station to meet with all interested Catholic men about possible involvement in our council and our parish.

Please reach out to me to help.

Cell: 941-441-5242 or Email: johnjac1@gmail.com

Six Observations about Life from Albert Einstein



- "We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them."
- "Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind."
- "A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new."

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; but I'm not sure about the universe."

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."



The Florida State Logo





IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE COST OF GOING FOR IT..YOU SHOULD SEE THE PRICE OF STAYING EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE.







OLMC Council #15821

Terry Leary

Knight of the Month Sept 2024





OLMC Council #15821 Stewart & Kathy McEntee Family of the Month

Financial Report

Council Status Report

August 2024

	Revenue E	xpense N	/largin
50-50 Gen Mtgs	71.00		71.00
Bank Money	300.00	300.00	0.00
Dues	320.00		320.00
Mtg Refreshments		121.95	(121.95)
Other Donations	100.00		100.00
Pancake Breakfast	345.00	212.30	132.70
Taxes / Fees		316.67	(316.67)
Grand Total	1,136.00	950.92	185.08

Tom Grant Status Report August 2024

	Revenue E	xpense	Margin
Other Donations	930.00		930.00
Sock Hop	599.02	201.84	397.18
Grand Total	1.529.02	201.84	1.327.18



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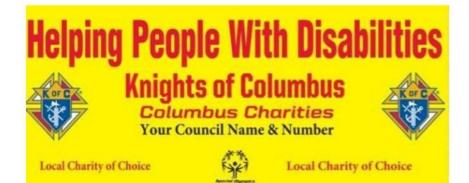


Tootsie Roll Drive

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.



TootsieRollManual.pdf (kofc-wa.org)









2024

Oct	1 st	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 & 6 th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bag handouts	OLMC	After Each Mass
	12 th	Set Up for Carmel Fest	Hall	8:30 am
	13 th	Carmel Fast	Hall	Noon – 4 pm
	12 th & 13 th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Food Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
	19 th & 20 th	Keep Christ in Christmas Boxed Card Sale	OLMC	All Masses
	25 th	Pancake Breakfast Set Up	Hall	8:30 am
	26 th & 27 th	Keep Christ in Christmas Boxed Card Sale	OLMC	All Masses
	27 th	Pancake Breakfast	Hall	7:30 am – Noon
	28 th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm

Nov	1 st	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am Mass

2 nd	Deacon Tom Grant Sock Hop	Hall	5:00 pm Start

2 nd & 3 rd	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bag handouts	OLMC	After Each Mass
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7 th Council #15821 Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
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9 th & 10 th Guadalupe Food Mission – Food Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
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16 th & 17 th Keep Christ in Christmas Sales	OLMC	After Each Mass
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22nd Pancake Breakfast Set up Hall 8:30 am

23rd & 24th Guadalupe Food Mission – Food Collection OLMC Before Each Mass

Keep Christ in Christmas Sales OLMC All Masses

24th Pancake Breakfast Hall 7:30 am to Noon

25th Officers Meeting Hall 7:00 pm

27th OLMC Thanksgiving Dinner Set Up Hall 8:30 am



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

For more information or to request a prayer card:

Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510 Email: guild@kofc.org



www.fathermcgivney.org

Respect Life Month

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October 2024



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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment Vote No on Amendment 4

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. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion. These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

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.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

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!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski Archdiocese of Miami Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito Diocese of Palm Beach Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane Diocese of Venice Most Rev. John G. Noonan Diocese of Orlando

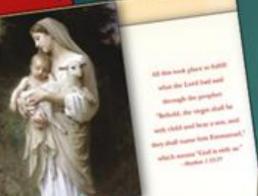
Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes Diocese of St. Petersburg Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier
Diocese of St. Augustine

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado Archdiocese of Miami

¹ Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5) which would be invalidated by Amendment 4 and parental *notice* of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.

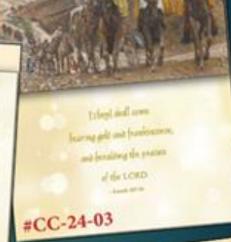


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Sun Sept 22nd 8 am to Noon Tillotson Hall

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Sausages
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Saturday Nov 2nd

5:30pm-9:00pm Tillotson Hall



Get your tickets after all weekend Masses. This will be a **SELL OUT** so don't delay. Sorry but there will be NO tickets at the door.

\$35.00 per person

Administered by the Knights of Columbus #15821

Includes Music, Dance, Food & Fun.
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Proceeds go to the Deacon Tom Grant Scholarship Fund



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Knights of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council #15821





WHAT IT MEANS T

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

Are you a practicing Catholic Man and over the age of 18? Are you new to the parish or a part-time resident and want to meet other men who share your values and interests? If you answered YES to these questions, we invite you to:

Recruitment Weekend Oct 5th & 6th After ALL Masses to Learn More

I then heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

Charity Fraternity Patriotism Unit