

Newsletter—Jan 2025



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Osprey , FL

Council #15821





Words of Wisdom from our Grand Knight

“ALL OF US”

On January 6, 2025, I watched a YouTube video from PragerU about “Girling the Boy Scouts”. This video claims to chart the downfall of the traditionally male youth program which used to be referred to as the Boy Scouts of America. The video claims that their downfall has been caused by the repeated attempt by outside forces, mostly feminist, to emasculate the organization. The emasculation was done under the pretense of “inclusivity”.

In 2015 the Boy Scouts of America, a Youth Program in the United States that was 100% male oriented, under pressure of its lack of inclusivity, allowed openly gay Scoutmasters or Adult Leaders to be accepted. Shortly after that, the BSA opened its doors to boys claiming to be trans Scouts. In 2019 the organization added girls to its program as the boys siblings accompanied the boys on some weekend family campouts. Last year they changed their name to Scouting America.

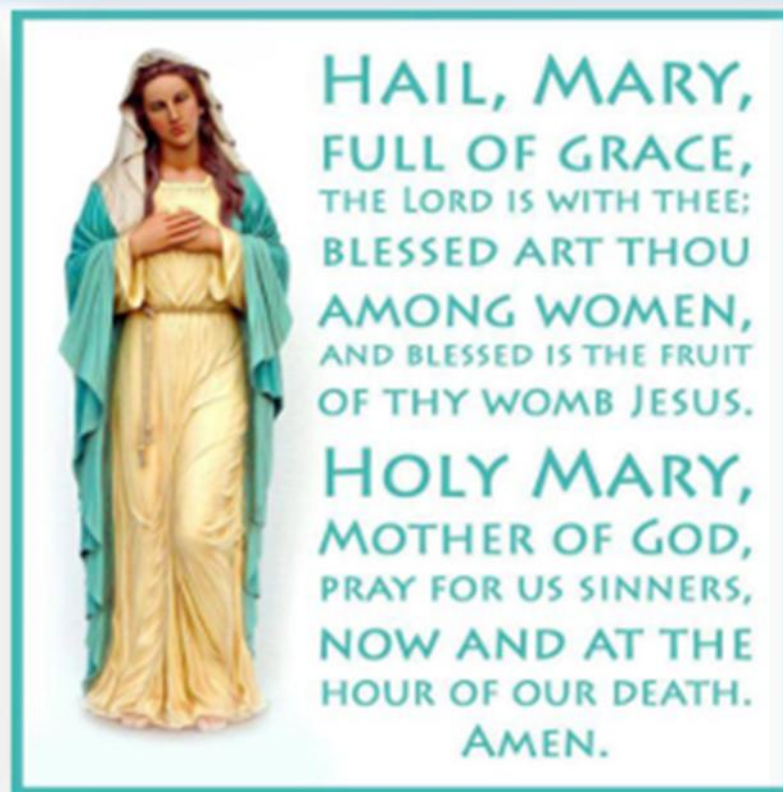
Having been an Adult Leader in the Boy Scouts of America for over 43 years, I saw all of this happen. Here in Southwest Florida, we did not have this issue and it was not even remotely considered. My role at the time was to lead and train other, mostly new, Adult leaders. If these new Adult Leaders were properly trained, then they would be able to properly create an interesting program for the male youth that they served. It worked for a very long time; more than 100 years.

The Knights of Columbus shares a much different story. While it is 100% male, and the organization has been very active for much more than 100 years, 143 years in fact, it is in no way affected by the outside influences demanding greater “inclusivity”. As we attempt to compare the two organizations, I know that the twelfth point of the Scout law states that “A Scout is Reverent”. When a boy was being reviewed upon his application to become an Eagle Scout, if he could not tell us that he believed in God, then he would fail. Later in my Scouting career, that was changed to an Eagle Scout applicant must believe in a Supreme Being. On one occasion, I was on a review team which was confronted by a Scout’s belief in a celestial being controlling the universe. While he did not believe in God or in any god, he had a belief that satisfied the updated rule.

As we all know, the Knights have a profound moral compass. To maintain the Knights original founding principles, they are fully intertwined in what we do and why we do it. In 143 years, history has had a profound affect on the Knights as it has with many other fraternal organizations. There have been many laws passed by both the federal and state governments to correct many of the original reasons to form these fraternal organizations. However, the core principles of the Knights remain unchanged:

- Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.”
- Unity – None of us is as good as all of us.
- Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Knight’s top-rated insurance program continues to do this today.
- Patriotism – Members of the Knights are patriotic citizens and are proud of their devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both.

I am very proud to be a member of the Knights and of Council 15821, and especially to be part of “all of us”.





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Spaghetti Dinner





Lecture's Minute

Is The Jar Full ?



Darwin Reeck

A philosophy professor once stood up before his class with a large empty mayonnaise jar. He filled the jar to the top with large rocks and asked his students if the jar was full.

His students all agreed **the jar was full.**

He then added small pebbles to the jar, and gave the jar a bit of a shake so the pebbles could disperse themselves among the larger rocks. Then he asked again, "Is the jar full now?"

The students agreed that **the jar was still full.**

The professor then poured sand into the jar to fill up all the remaining empty space.

The students then agreed again that **the jar was full.**



The Metaphor:

In this story, **the jar represents your life** and the **rocks, pebbles, and sand are the things that fill up your life.**

The rocks represent the most important projects and things you have going on, such as spending time with your family and maintaining proper health. This means that if the pebbles and the sand were lost, the jar would still be full and **your life would still have meaning.**

The pebbles represent the things in your life that matter, but that you could live without.

The pebbles are certainly things that give your life meaning (such as your job, house, hobbies, and friendships), but they are not critical for you to have a meaningful life.

These things often come and go, and are not permanent or essential to your overall well-being.

Finally, the sand represents the remaining filler things in your life, and material possessions. This could be small things such as [watching television](#), browsing through your favorite [social media site](#), or running errands.

These things don't mean much to your life as a whole, and are likely only done to waste time or get small tasks accomplished. The Moral:

The metaphor here is that if you start with putting sand into the jar, you will not have room for rocks or pebbles.

This holds true with the things you let into your life. If you spend all of your time on the small and insignificant things, you will run out of room for the things that are actually important.

In order to have a more effective and efficient life, pay attention to the "rocks," because they are critical to your [long-term well-being](#).

Feb 6th

Thursday Jan 9th at 6pm

Membership Directory



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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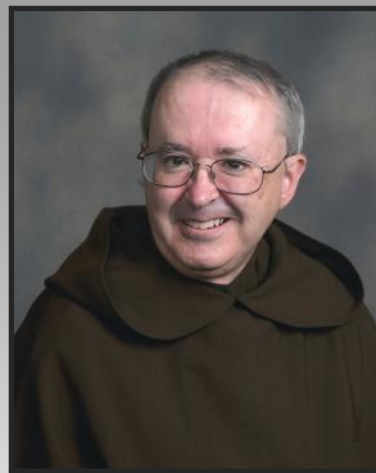
Feb 6th

Before our **Jan 9th** council meeting we will be taking pictures & collecting information for the **Winter 2025** edition of the **Photo Directory**. Remember per KofC Bylaws we can **ONLY** use data you provide & approve. You have to **OPT IN** to be included in this directory. See Rob for more information. **262-646-0855**





Chaplain's Minute



Sir Knight Father Anthony Armstrong O.Carm.

Dear Brother Knights,

I wanted, in this bulletin, to share a bit more about our upcoming Lenten Mission, which will take place here from Monday 17th February until Wednesday 19th February. This is the first Mission that we have held in the parish for a number of years and should be a blessed few days in the life of the parish. The Mission will be led by 3 Dominican priests from the Angelicum college in Rome.

The theme of the Mission is “The Presence of God” and is focused very much on the power of God’s presence with us in the Eucharist. The three Dominicans will preach at all the masses the weekend before the Mission starts to explain more but I wanted to share a few things with you first.

Firstly, this Mission team has celebrated this Mission in many different dioceses throughout the US and have, in recent years, celebrated Missions in this Diocese at Epiphany Cathedral and at Incarnation, both of which were very well received. Secondly, a word about the format of the Mission. On all three days of the Mission the talks will start at 8.30am (after the regular 8am morning mass) and at 7pm. The talk will be the same morning and evening so it’s fine to, say, come to the Monday morning talk and then Tuesday and Wednesday evening; the input will be the same.

Thirdly, the Wednesday will be the climax of the Mission, and will be an early pre-Lenten Reconciliation service. As at our usual Reconciliation services, there will be a number of priests available to hear confessions both at the morning and evening service. Also, on the Wednesday, there will be a Eucharistic healing service, which is truly a powerful and intimate encounter with the Lord.

The whole Mission, but especially the Eucharistic healing service will, I hope and pray, lead everyone attending closer and closer to the Lord, especially through knowing and experiencing his presence in the Eucharist. I would warmly encourage everyone to consider attending what I am sure will be a powerful and life-changing experience.

With prayers and best wishes,



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Financial Report



Council Status Report December, 2024

	Revenue	Expense	Margin
50-50 Gen Mtgs	168.00		168.00
Christmas Cards	45.00		45.00
Christmas Dance	1,055.00	1,506.46	(451.46)
Dues	40.00		40.00
Golf Outing	1,000.00	553.71	446.29
Mtg Refreshments		100.00	(100.00)
Pancake Breakfast	726.00	117.28	608.72
Taxes / Fees		323.35	(323.35)
Grand Total	3,034.00	2,600.80	433.20

Deacon Tom Status Report December, 2024

	Revenue	Margin
Taxes / Fees	19.11	19.11
Interest Income	55.60	55.60
Grand Total	74.71	74.71



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OLMC Council #15821

Lou Nagy

Knight of the Month

January 2025





Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

#1818 News

Thursday, January 16, Monthly meeting (Renewal of Obligation) Please wear your 4th degree uniform or dark suit and tie. 5:30 P.M. Rosary, 6:00 Dinner and 7:00 meeting.

Saturday, Feb 8th, Valentines for Vet's 6:00pm San Pedro Church Hall - See Chuck for tickets

Wednesday Feb 12th, Sarasota National Cemetery @ 8:30am, Optional Breakfast after

Thursday Feb 20th, Monthly meeting 2 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00 pm meeting
Missing Man Table & Remembrance of deceased 4th degree Knights.



Thinking about becoming a 4th Degree Knight? Reach out to Sir Knight Joe Frech at 703-505-3153 or frech.j1959@gmail.com The next close Exemplification is on April 26th in Lakewood Ranch area.

When you think about the Knights of Columbus, the first image you may have is the 4th Degree Knight wearing their distinct uniform at church functions, acting as ushers for the Pope and showing their respect at funerals. Each degree within the Knights of Columbus represents a core principle, the 1st degree represents charity, the 2nd degree represents unity, the 3rd degree represents fraternity, and the 4th degree represents patriotism. The 4th degree patriotism was added in 1900 to show that the Knights are loyal to both God and country. Knights becoming a member of the 4th degree, hold the title of "Sir Knight," and volunteer to participate in the color and honor guard ceremonies which is the group that wears the uniform.

The primary function of the 4th degree assembly is to serve veterans programs, active duty catholic programs including funding for seminarians preparing to become Catholic Chaplains in the Armed Forces, and other military programs. The 4th degree assemblies make contributions to many veterans programs including disabled veterans programs, veteran recovery programs, and many more. The 4th degree Sir Knights helps keep patriotism alive in their councils and church by setting a good example by reminding everyone that patriotism is part of the Knights of Columbus, as demonstrated by saying the pledge of allegiance in addition to prayers before each council and assembly meeting.

On a personal note: I decided to become a 4th degree knight because I wanted to learn and understand the full order of the Knights of Columbus. I have also served in the military and I have a high level of patriotism. You may ask yourself, what happens once I become a 4th degree knight? Once you become a 4th degree Sir Knight, you will belong to an assembly which is similar to a council, except that all assembly members are 4th degree knights and guests are not permitted to attend. You will be a member of a council at your church and an assembly member which includes all 4th degree knights from several councils. You will have a separate membership card for the 4th degree which also includes annual dues. The assembly has leadership similar to a council, but in comparison, the assembly head is called Faithful Navigator while the head of a council, is called the grand knight. One of the monthly activities I find to be very moving is attending the No Veterans Forgotten ceremony at the Sarasota National Cemetery. A full military funeral is rendered to those that passed during that month and had no one attend their funeral. Consider joining the 4th degree. You have a lot to gain and nothing to lose.



Faith In Action



FAITH



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LIFE

Thank You !!!



David C. Strout
Program Director

IMMOKALEE REPORT

Happy New Year and many thanks to all who helped make both the Knight's Immokalee Food Drive and the Christmas Giving Tree huge successes!

For December, the Immokalee Food Drive for Our Lady of Guadalupe collected over \$1800 in monetary donations and 3100 pounds of food valued at \$7750 for a total value of over \$9500.

As this is December, the 6 month half-fiscal year report follows. In the past 6 months, our Knights have collected 13,452 pounds of food (6.7 tons) generously donated by our parishioners and valued at \$30,002. In addition, parishioners donated \$8589 for a total value of \$38,591 in food and monetary donations.

These are staggering figures, and they represent the selfless commitment of our Knights of Columbus and the incredible generosity of our parishioners. It solidifies OLMC's standing as the largest donator of food and money to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Immokalee, Florida.

Let us not forget that our Knights also worked diligently to collect and load thousands of children's gifts into a 26' truck, and drove it to Immokalee, after spending many hours bagging and categorizing the toys for distribution. In addition, about 50 new bicycles were delivered.

Although it is difficult to place a monetary value on a truckload of expensive new toys, categorized and delivered 100 miles away, an estimate of over \$30,000 is not unrealistic.

I take this opportunity to personally thank all the Knights of Columbus Council 15821 for their tireless efforts in making these programs enormously successful, and a special thanks to all the parishioners who generously donated food, money and gifts. You all made Christmas special for hundreds of children who otherwise would have had little to celebrate. THANK YOU ALL!



Where In The World Is Fr Fred ?



See Page # 18 for the answer



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Immokalee Food Drive

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thank You for Your Support !!!

**You Are
Awesome !!!**



**Your Last
6 Months of
Support Has
Been OFF The
Charts !!!**



OLMC's Next Immokalee Food Drive is:

Bag Pick Up : Feb 1st & 2nd After Mass
Food Drop off : Feb 8th & 9th Before Mass

"No one has ever seen
God; if we love one
another, God abides
in us and his love
is perfected in us."

1 JOHN 4:12



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& Calvin Fladzinski

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Saturday, April 26, 2025

**at The Waterford Golf Club
Venice, FL**

10TH Annual Charity Golf Outing

7am – 7:45am Registration &

Breakfast by: Chick-fil-A®

**8:30am Shotgun Start
Four Person Scramble**

All proceeds to benefit:

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CONTESTS:

- **HOLE IN ONE – Sponsored by:**
1st Hole in One Wins a New Car!!!



- **Men & Ladies:**

- Top Teams
- Closest to the line
- Closest to the pin
- and more...



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Phone

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Email

Phone

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Email

Phone

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Email

Phone



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Jan / Feb / Mar 2025
Knight of Columbus
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Council #15821
Calendar



Jan	23rd	#15821 Exemplification	Hall	7:00 pm
	24 th	Knights Breakfast Set Up	Hall	8:30 am
	26 th	Knights Breakfast	Hall	7:30 am
	27 th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
Feb	1 st & 2 nd	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bag handouts	OLMC	After Each Mass
	1 st & 2 nd	Tootsie Roll Sales @ OLMC	OLMC	After Each Mass
	6th	Council #15821 Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
	7 th	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am
	8 th & 9 th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
	8 th & 9 th	Tootsie Roll Sales @ Publix	Publix	See Ron
	23 rd	Set Knights Breakfast & Serve	Hall	7:00 am / TBA
	24 th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
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	7 th	Set Up & Serve Fish Dinner Week 1	Hall	2:00 pm / 5:00 pm
	8 th & 9 th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
	14 th	Set Up & Serve Fish Dinner Week 2	Hall	2:00 pm / 5:00 pm
	15 th	Set Up for Joe / Pat Celebration	Hall	8:30 am
	16 th	Joe / Pat Celebration	Hall	Noon
	21 st	Set Up & Serve Fish Dinner Week 3	Hall	2:00 pm / 5:00 pm
	22 nd	Set Up for Knights Breakfast	Hall	8:30 am
	23 rd	Knights Breakfast	Hall	7:30 am
	24 th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
	28 th	Set Up & Serve Fish Dinner Week 4	Hall	2:00 pm / 5:00 pm
	30th	Fraternal Communion Brunch	TBD	NOON



**Knights of
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**Sun Jan 26th
8 am to Noon
Tillotson Hall**

Knights Breakfast

\$9.00 Adult
Kids are **FREE !!!**

Menu

**Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patty
Donuts
OJ / Coffee**



OLMC



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Tootsie Roll Drive

**February 1 - 2
After All Masses**



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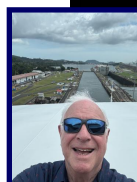


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Father Fred was at the Panama Canal in his picture.

Where will he be next month ?

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

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Please reach out to Knight John Canevari

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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 Unity