

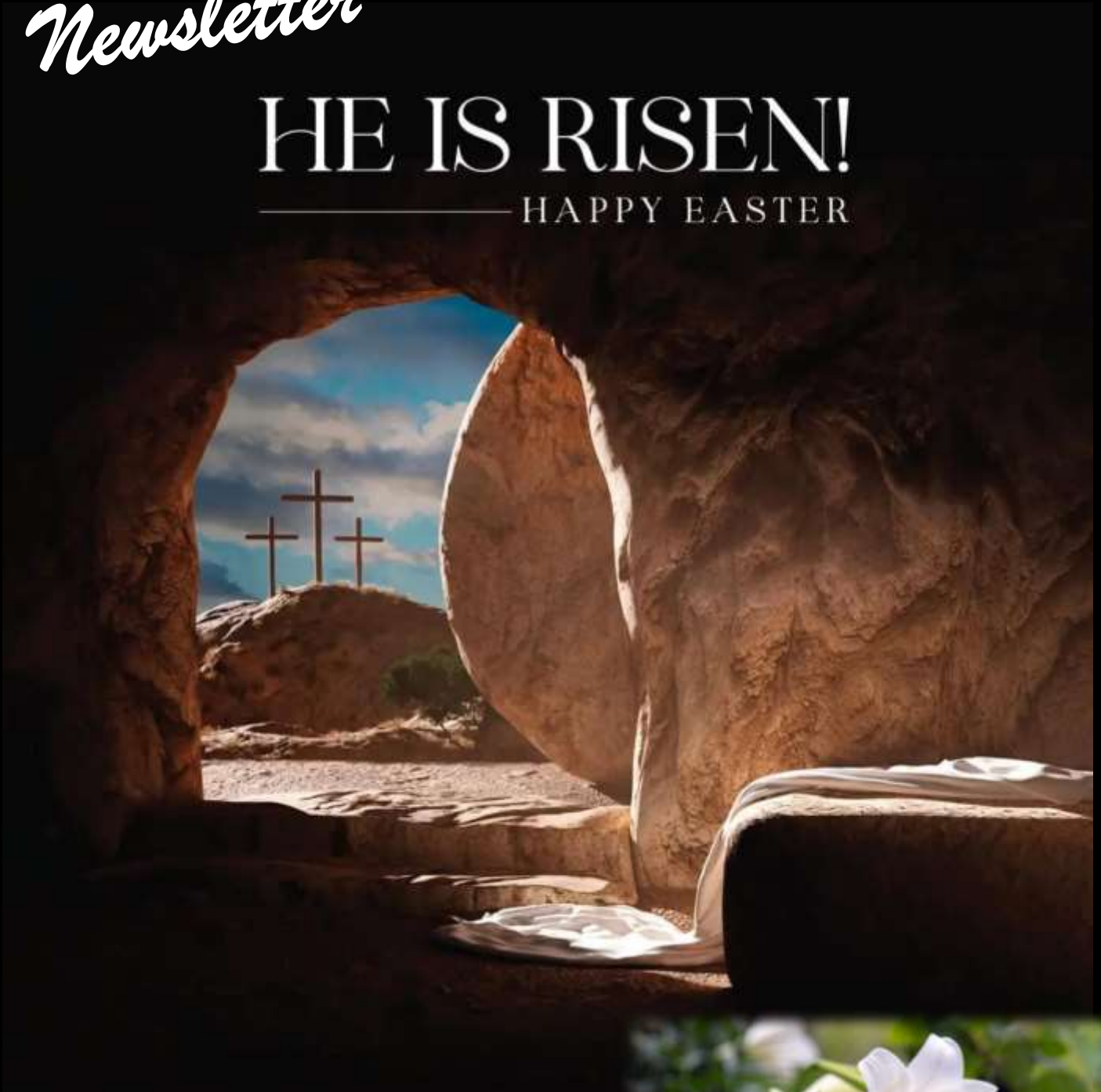
April 2025

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Osprey , FL

Newsletter

HE IS RISEN!
—HAPPY EASTER



**Knights of
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Council #15821



Words of Wisdom from our Grand Knight

ONTO THE FINISH LINE

We have had a rather great year in our Council. From the start, we had an Operating Plan for the year, and we followed it. Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to the Council's success. We should be able to fulfill most of our objectives of our Operating Plan by the end of this month.

Looking forward, our Nominating Committee lead by Lou Nagy and assisted by Ron Balaze and Mike Monville, has completed their work and will present their Slate of Officers to the Council at our monthly Council Membership Meeting next month in May. Our election of new Officers will be at the Council Membership Meeting in June.

Gerard Bernard has already had one meeting to start the budgeting process for our 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. He has one more meeting scheduled in the middle of the month. He will present the final Draft Budget to the Officers at their meeting later this month. Once approved by the Officers, the Budget will be presented to the membership at the May Council Membership Meeting for discussion. The final Council Budget for 2025-2026 will be voted upon by the general membership at the Council Membership Meeting in June.

The Council calendar has gone through two revisions and updates so far and the final revision will occur at the Officers Meeting later this month. Our Final version of the 2025-2026 Council Calendar will be reviewed and distributed to the general membership after our Council Membership Meeting in May. You are already aware that timely revisions and updates do occur during the year and updated versions of the Council Calendars will be distributed in a Microsoft Excel format as needed.

One of the things that we noticed early on in this Program Year was that a vast majority of our fund raising activities were in the last half of the year. When you review this year's calendar, I would strongly suggest that we look for fund raising activities to fill in the first half of the year. Over the past two years, we have upgraded two of our fund raising activities to a level that some of our minor charitable contributions have been diminished. Our Golf Outing went from raising around \$5,000 for general charitable purposes to almost \$15,000 for specific charitable purposes. With the start of the Deacon Tom Grant Scholarship Fund, our Christmas Party proceeds which we used for general charitable purposes now will go directly to the Deacon Tom Scholarship Fund.

I am not complaining about either function. Both are very important, both need to be funded and supported, but we have lost opportunity for general fund raising to fill the needs of other items on our path to Star Council. We need fund raisers to fill the voids left by consolidating charitable support for these two major efforts. The first half of the year is essentially wide open to providing opportunities to plan fund raising efforts for these "smaller", but essential, charitable donations. We need ideas from you on how to go about creating and accomplishing these smaller fund raisers.

Two final items, by the time this newsletter is distributed, I will have set the date for our Annual Appreciation Luncheon to thank our members and the Ladies Auxiliary for the tremendous amount of time and effort put into all of our functions and events this year. I will announce the date and location of our Luncheon at the next Council Membership Meeting. And finally, our next Exemplification will be on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at Tillotson Hall at 7:00 PM. Please attend to show support for our new members.

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck Donelson
Grand Knight



Chaplain's Minute



Lent ends at sundown on Holy Thursday and then we enter the three holiest days of the year, with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. They are, as the USCCB says, one liturgy spread over three days, as we remember the Last Supper, Jesus' Passion and Death and, on the holiest night of the year, His Resurrection. I will briefly reflect on Holy Thursday and Good Friday but want to focus especially on the importance of the Easter Vigil.

Holy Thursday gives us the chance to reflect on the Last Supper, on Jesus' last meal with his disciples, when he washed their feet (as we will do on Holy Thursday night), and when we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood, and we remember Jesus' betrayal. Deacon Harry and I will wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a symbol of our call to serve you, the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Good Friday, of course, we remember Jesus' Passion and death. In that service (which is a service, not a mass) we always hear John's account of Jesus' Passion, and we have the opportunity to venerate the cross. This service is, of course, deliberately stark and simple with very little music and begins with the priest and the deacon normally prostrating on the floor before the altar. The altar is bare until Communion time and there are also no candles until Communion time.

And, of course, the Easter Vigil is a celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. But the Easter Vigil is so much more than that. If you have never been to an Easter Vigil, I would strongly encourage you to attend one. Many people say that the Easter Vigil is too long but, although it is 2 hours plus, if you attend an Easter Vigil you will know that the time goes by very fast; it doesn't seem that long! There are so many wonderful parts of the service, and I want to unpack those briefly in this month's reflection.

The service begins with the service of light. We gather in darkness and light a fire as a reminder of the light of Christ's Resurrection which we celebrate on that night. The Easter Candle (also known as the paschal candle), is lit from the fire, is blessed and is then carried in to a dark church. Everyone is given small tapers which are lit once the paschal candle has entered the church but the light of the candles is the only light in the church. I pray an opening prayer and then Mark Lyda will sing the Exsultet, a long and beautiful prayer celebrating Jesus' Resurrection from the dead.

We then have a long Liturgy of the Word, with up to seven Old Testament readings along with accompanying psalms and prayers, but at least three readings; we have 4 readings and psalms and prayers. Those seven readings relate some of the key moments of how God has moved in human history beginning with the story of creation, and on through Abraham being asked to sacrifice Isaac, through the journey through the Red Sea through to the promise of God pouring out his Spirit on us.

After the Old Testament readings, for the first time in 7 Sundays, we sing the Gloria, usually with greater joy because we haven't sung it since before Ash Wednesday! During that time all the lights in the church are turned on, and the bells are rung, as another sign of the great joy of that night. Then, after a New Testament reading we sing Alleluia for the first time in 7 weeks!

After the gospel, and the homily, we have the third important part of the Easter Vigil, when we renew our baptismal promises and are sprinkled with Holy Water as a reminder of that baptism. But first, as we are blessed to have two adults to be baptized, this is when we celebrate their baptism. There is a prayer of blessing over the water and then Bob and Dakota will be baptized. After that we celebrate their Confirmation and the Confirmation of four other adults being received into the Church, and the Confirmation of two other Catholics who have never been confirmed. The Easter Vigil is always the most joyful night of the year but, when celebrating a baptism or a Confirmation it's even more joyful, especially to see an adult baptized!

Then, after any baptisms or Confirmations have been celebrated, Mass continues as normal including First Holy Communion for those newly baptized and those received into the Church. Having attended dozens of Easter Vigils I can certainly assure you that, if you want to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection, the joy of the Easter Vigil is far greater than Easter Sunday; there's an intangible joy that makes the Easter Vigil so much more of a celebration even than Easter Sunday, and I hope that you will join us this Easter Vigil to see what I mean!

Fr. Anthony Armstrong, O.Carm.



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



Meet Tobias Lopez



Our Council is financially providing assistance to **Seminarian Tobias Lopez** from the Diocese of Venice in his pursuit of becoming a priest. Tobias is currently a freshman attending St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, and is from Naples, Florida. Our best wishes and prayers, go out to Tobias!



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

Please report all favors received:

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**District Deputy
Dr. Rich Zahn**



My involvement with the Knights of Columbus started January 6, 1963 when I turned 18. My father guided me to the KofC Hall and I was initiated into the 3rd degree. He held about every office in the KofC from Grand Knight in the 3rd degree to Faithful Navigator in the 4th degree, he was also in the Honor Guard. I still remember watching him getting ready for Honor Guard ceremonies with the robes, sword, and Chapeau. He seemed to be involved with the KofC all his life. From the time I joined right up to now I have been involved with many Councils in many states, even in foreign countries, thanks to the US Air Force. I have also held many positions, guard, recorder, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, District Warden, and currently District Deputy. Each officer position required hours of work with the current position being the most demanding. The most enjoyable part of being District Deputy is attending council meetings, and presenting awards to deserving councils and individuals. District Deputy is the most rewarding officer position I have ever held in the Knights of Columbus.

The Florida State Logo



Financial Report

Council Status Report

March 2025

	Revenue	Expense	Margin
50-50 Gen Mtgs	106.00		106.00
Golf Outing	8,525.00		8,525.00
Knight's Breakfast	1,281.00	736.65	544.35
Silver Rose		22.86	(22.86)
Supplies		24.50	(24.50)
Taxes / Fees		197.53	(197.53)
Tootsie Roll Drive	8.00		8.00
RSVP		500.00	(500.00)
Fish Dinner	873.78	2,430.66	(1,556.88)
State Conventions		165.00	(165.00)
Grand Total	10,794.65	4,077.20	6,717.45

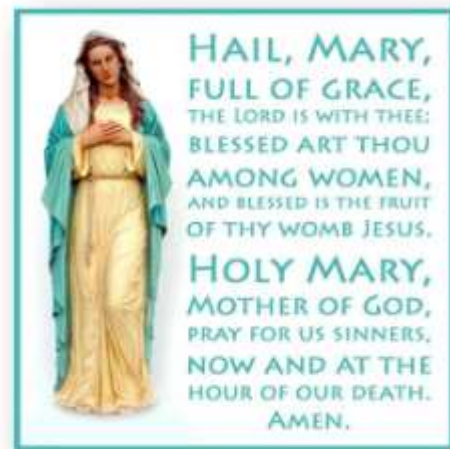
Deacon Tom Status Report

March 2025

	Revenue	Margin
Interest Income	43.99	43.99
Other Donations	600.00	600.00
Grand Total	643.99	643.99



Your first thought
in the morning
should be
"Thank you".



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Don & Pat Crandell

Family of the Month

April 2025





Lecturer's Minute



Darwin Reeck

The Boulder and the Gold

There once was a king who decided to do a little experiment. He had a giant boulder put right in the middle of the street. He then hid near the boulder to see who, if any-one, would try to move it out of the way.

First, some wealthy merchants walked by. They walked around the boulder, complain-ing that the king hasn't been maintaining the roads very well.

Next, a peasant walked by, heading home with his arms full of food for his family. When he noticed the boulder, he put his groceries down and attempted to move it out of everyone's way. It took him a while to move it, but he eventually succeeded.

After the peasant gathered up his groceries to carry on home, he noticed a bag lying in the middle of the road, just where the boulder once was.

He opened the bag to find that it was stuffed full of gold coins, along with a letter from the king saying that the bag's gold was a reward for the peasant to keep.

The king gave this gift because the peasant had taken the time and energy to move the boulder out of the road for the convenience of others who would be traveling the road in the future.

The Moral:

The peasant in this story was taught by the king that every obstacle you face offers an opportunity to improve.

If you're able to push through moments that are challenging, you may end up being much better off than you were before you started trying.

This story also offers a lesson of personal responsibility.

If you see a job ahead of you, don't leave it for the next person to do. Rather, step up and get the job done to help the people who come after you.

Where In The World Is Fr Fred ?



See Next Page for the answer



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50/50 Winners



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State Award Recognition by SK Joe Frech

As you know, our council normally selects and recognizes Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. This year, we have decided to expand recognition to the State level. I am proud to say that between Chuck and I, we have submitted 12 awards to the State level. The Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and the Chaplain of the Year awards have not been announced yet, but I have provided a list of other awards that have been nominated to State and are not secret:

Publicity Activities Report – Our monthly newsletter written and edited by Rob Wucki.

State Council Program Award – Food for Families lead by David Strout

Altar Server of the Year Award (age 7-12) Lukas Stephen Sellner

Altar Server of the year Award (age 13-18) Adam Lyda

I would have nominated John Calkins, John Lauffer and Ed Regan for Altar Server, but they just missed the age cut off, age 18.

Vocation Support Report – Tobias Lopez (picture and write-up is in the newsletter this month)

Family Activities Report – Lead by David Strout

Faith Activities Report – lead by Steve Sellner

Community Activities Report – lead by Steve Sellner

Life Activities Report – lead by Mike Weisenbach

Thank you for all you do!



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.



Exemplification

May 15th 7:00 PM

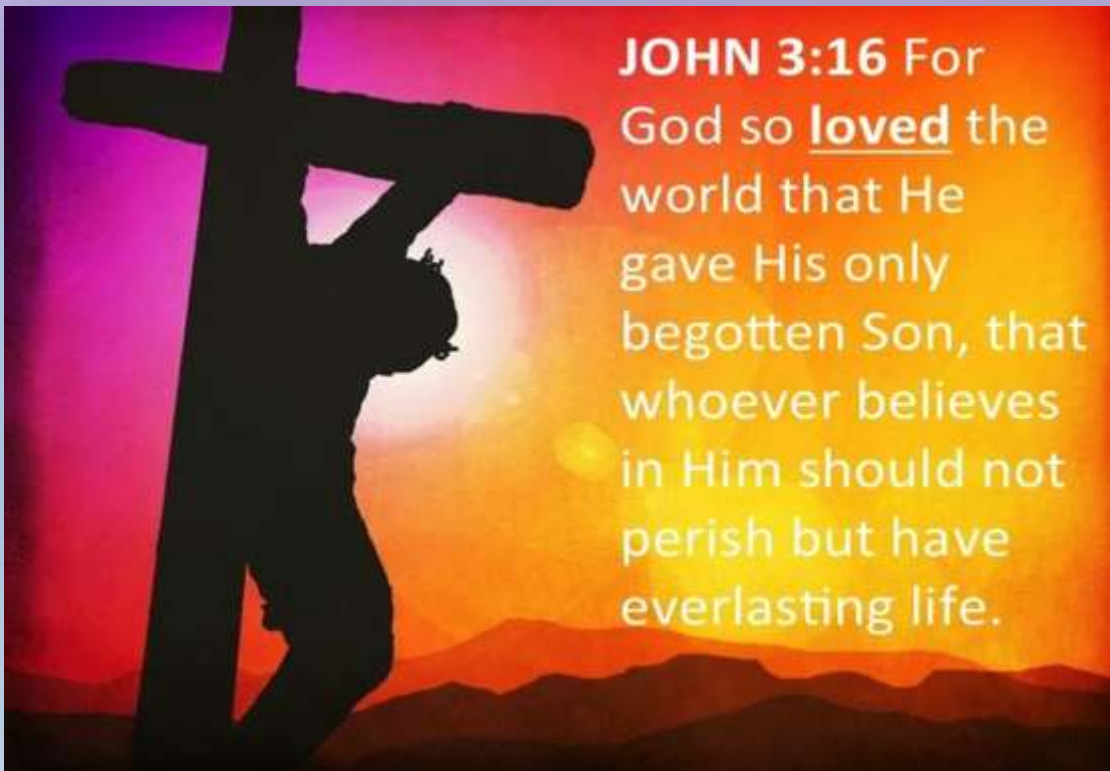


Please
Join Us

Tillotson Hall 7:00 PM



Come & Meet
our new
Brothers



JOHN 3:16 For
God so loved the
world that He
gave His only
begotten Son, that
whoever believes
in Him should not
perish but have
everlasting life.



IMMOKALEE REPORT April 2025

We had a good collection. Full van 3300 lb estimate
\$2.50/lb \$8,250 plus money \$1928 total of :

\$10,178

Faith In Action



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

Thank You all for your support !!!



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

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR YOUR RETIREMENT YEARS?

Every day people die, and people retire. It is important that your household financial strategy provide funding for retirement and for premature death.

According to government statistics in 2024, **68.4%** of people 65 and older have <\$50K funds available for retirement.

According to Life Insurance and industry trends in 2024, only **52%** of Americans have a life insurance policy. Today, more than 100 million Americans are uninsured or underinsured when it comes to life insurance.

If your family's financial household fits into one of these categories....you should be very concerned! More importantly, are you ready to do something about it?

The foundation of your family's Financial Pyramid is **Life Insurance**, which provides a safe and low risk investment with substantial monetary benefit. The tax-free benefit of life insurance can help put your family in a better financial position with respect to the above challenges.

Your membership with the Knights of Columbus will entitle you to a complimentary financial review and provide you with access to our complete line of financial services to meet your retirement and survivor income needs.

As a Brother Knight, I can help your family build financial success long-term!



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2025 CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



St. Mary Academy



Where In World Is Father Fred ???

A> Arrecife , Canary Islands

B> Lanzarote, Carnary Islands



April Assembly 1818 Meeting Date Change: A reminder to mark your calendars, that Assembly 1818 will conduct our Monthly Meeting on **Thursday, April 24th @ 512 Substation Rd, Venice, FL 34285**. This change is due to our normal date fall on Holy Thursday. Rosary starts at 530PM, our meal will be served at 6:00PM. There will be a Prayer List at sign up and please add those in need of our Prayers when you sign in.

NO VETERAN FORGOTTEN CEREMONY: On Wednesday, April 9th, 2025, the Veteran Service will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery. The gathering time is 8:45 as the entourage typically leaves to the Internment Shelter by 8:50. The Ceremony begins at 9 AM. Please wear your Assembly shirt and bring your spouses and friends.



Exemplifications: Exemplifications for 2024/2025: Sir Knights we have 12 registered for this Exemplification and need 2 more to meet our quota of 14 to achieve Star Assembly. So, reach out to a 3rd degree and contact Marty or Tony to get them registered and further details.

<p>For Further Information Contact:</p> <p>Robert Urrutia PSD, Master Florida Jurisdiction 407-486-7883 Robert.S.Urrutia84@gmail.com https://www.floridakofc.org/April-Exemplification</p>	<p>Registration ends April 19</p> <p>April 26, 2025</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Angels 12905 State Road 70 East Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202</p> <p>Registration at 9:30 AM Exemplification at 11:00 AM Banquet at 1:00 PM Mass at 3:30 PM</p>
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More details on any other dates as they become available. Continue to reach out to 3rd Degree friends and encourage them to join us. Contact Marty Reis or Tony Hopfinger who have all the details and forms.

Thinking about becoming a 4th Degree Knight?

Reach out to Sir Knight Joe Frech at 703-505-3153 or frech.j1959@gmail.com

The 4th Degree Exemplification: Will be held on Saturday April 26, 2025 at Our Lady of Holy Angeles in Lakewood Ranch. This is the 1st NEW Exemplification Ceremony to be held in Florida. Starts at 11:00 AM and will Conclude with Mass at 330PM.





Council Calendar

May & June 2025



May	1st	Council #15821 Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
	2nd	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am
	3rd & 4th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bags	OLMC	After Each Mass
		Deacon Tom Grant Collections	OLMC	All Masses
	10th & 11th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
	11th	<i>Mothers Day Flowers</i>	<i>OLMC</i>	<i>All Masses</i>
	15th	<i>3rd Degree Exemplification</i>	<i>Hall</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>
	16th	Set Up for Knights Breakfast	Hall	8:30 am
	18th	Knights Breakfast (special date)	Hall	After Masses
	27th	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
June	5th	Council #15821 Meeting (Elections)	Hall	7:00 pm
	6th	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am
	7th & 8th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Bags	OLMC	After Each Mass
	14th & 15th	Guadalupe Food Mission – Collection	OLMC	Before Each Mass
	14th	OLMC Dinner	Hall	5:00 pm
	20th	Set Up for Knights Breakfast	Hall	8:30 am
	22nd	Knights Breakfast	Hall	After Masses
	23rd	NEW Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm
	29th	Fraternal Communion Brunch	TBD	Noon





Deacon Tom Grant

Memorial Scholarship Fund



Deacon Tom Grant

"In loving memory of Deacon Tom Grant, who faithfully served our parish for many years, we invite you to support a scholarship fund established in his name. This fund will provide educational opportunities for the children of our parish, carrying forward his legacy of faith, service, and devotion. Thank you for helping us continue his remarkable legacy."

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April 26/27 & May 3/4

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**April 26th
2025**



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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
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\$125.00 per Golfer

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Knights Breakfast

Sunday, April 27th

After Each Mass
Tillotson Hall

Menu

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs

Sausage Patty

Fruit Cup

O.J. / Coffee

\$9.00 adult
Kids eat **FREE!!!**

Menu

Pancakes

Eggs

Donuts

Sausage Patty

Coffee & OJ



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Breakfast

Sun May 18th

Special Date !!!

After Each Mass
Tillotson Hall

\$9.00

Kids Eat FREE !





Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Council #15821

Bags Distributed May 3rd & 4th After Mass
Food Collected May 10th & 11th Before Mass

Help Donate to Those in Hunger,
Immokalee Food Drive



What We Need

Biggest Food Item Needs

Pinto Beans - Dry
Canned Goods (meat, soup, veggies, fruit)
Rice - Dry
Cereal (store brand OK)
Pasta (any kind)
Maseca (flour tortilla mix)

Other Needed Food Items

Saltines (or similar crackers)
Peanut Butter, Jam, Jelly
Cans of Juice (46 oz.)
Canned Tomatoes
Jars of Baby Food
Cooking Oil (48 oz.)

Biggest Non-Food Item Need

Medium & Large Disposable
Diapers (sizes 3, 4 & 5)

We also accept Cash or Make Checks Payable to
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month in Tillotson Hall -7pm

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To learn more about becoming an OLMC Knight of Columbus,

Please reach out to Knight John Canevari

C 941-441-5242 or johncjac1@gmail.com

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