



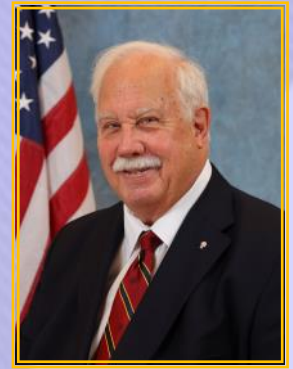
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*June 2025
Newsletter*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Osprey, FL
Council #15821*



Words of Wisdom from our Grand Knight



HOME SWEET HOME

After spending the last month in the UK, Ireland and Norway, my bride and I are very thankful to be home. While it was an extremely interesting trip, it made us value our everyday life even more. This was our first, and could be our last, trip outside of the US. This decision is based wholly on whether our oldest daughter can convince my bride that we need to accompany them to Rome and other parts of Italy next year.

First, I want to thank Rob Wucki, Terry Leary and Lou Nagy for filling in for me during my absence. They have a huge dedication to the well-being of our Council and our Members. Thank you to each of them. I also want to compliment you on supporting the recommendations of our Nominating Committee as the newly elected Officers will implement the 2025-2026 Budget that you also approved. The Budget is our Operating Plan of our next Program Year which the Officers and the various Program Directors will follow.

Finally, I want to share with you a few observations that I made during our trip through the UK, Ireland and Norway.

It rained every day but one on our tour of the UK and Ireland. No wonder it is so green.

I understand why Fish & Chips is so prevalent as both the UK and Ireland are completely surrounded by water.

I have never seen so many sheep anywhere in my life. But it was only on the menu once during our trip. I am curious as to how they use the meat from the sheep as the market for wool is nonexistent.

Like so many others over the past few hundred years, we DID NOT see the Loch Ness Monster.

I have come to the conclusion that the Norwegian people are the most polite and caring people that I have ever met.

And finally two things which I was totally unprepared for:

During visiting many Anglican Churches which were built 600+ years ago, they still contain many Catholic symbols which are not supported by the Church of England.

On our flight from Stavanger, Norway to Oslo, we had a mere 45 minutes between flights. Our travel agent told me that the Oslo airport is not that big. What the travel agent did not do was allow for us to be sitting in the last row of the airplane. When we finally emerged from the airplane, we had a short 20 minutes to make our next flight. With my wife's limited mobility, I figured that I would simply get on a later flight from Oslo to London Heathrow. After exiting the airplane and turning left, there was a lone wheelchair sitting in the middle of the concourse, ... unused. My bride took a seat in the wheelchair and we were off to our next gate which was on the exact opposite end of the airport. We made the flight as we were the last two passengers to arrive just prior to the door closing. The airport in Oslo is, in fact, very big.

In each case, Divine Providence played a role. You gotta' believe. Things happen for a reason.

I look forward to joining each of you as we implement our Program Plan for 2025-2026. We again should strive to attain the Star Council Award status and attain every planned objective of our Council. I do appreciate the role each of you play in making our Council successful and enjoyable.

Vivat Jesus!

Chuck Donelson



Lecturer's Minute



Darwin Reeck

The World's Six Best Doctors

Steve Jobs died a billionaire at age 56.

This is his final essay:

"I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In some others' eyes, my life is the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, my wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on my bed and recalling my life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in have paled and become meaningless in the face of my death.

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you, but you cannot have someone bear your sickness for you. Material things lost can be found or replaced. But there is one thing that can never be found when it's lost- Life. Whichever stage in life you are in right now, with time, you will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends. Treat yourself well and cherish others. As we grow older, and hopefully wiser, we realize that a \$300 or a \$30 watch both tell the same time. You will realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you fly first class or economy, if the plane goes down-you go down with it.

Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you can chat with, laugh with, talk with, sing songs with, talk about north-south- east-west or heaven and earth, that is true happiness! Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So, when they grow up, they will know the value of things and not the price. Eat your food as your medicine, otherwise you have to eat medicine as your food.

The one who really loves you will never leave you for another because, even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find a reason to hold on. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it. You are loved when you are

born. You will be loved when you die. In between, you have to manage!



**Deputy Grand Knight
Rob Wucki**



A Quiet Heart

I want to start by **THANKING YOU ALL** for your love, prayers & support as our family continues to support my Dad on his hospice journey. I never thought this road would be such a roller coaster of ups & downs, strap the seat belt a little tighter. Your support & check-ins have meant the world to me.

Last time I wrote you I said I would speak about my decision to become Catholic. As you may know, I grew up Lutheran in Chicago, I attended Lutheran Grade schools & a Lutheran High School. My Father was a Polish Catholic & my Grandmother Irish Catholic, so I always had a view of two forms of Christianity. My Dad eventually converted to being Lutheran, so the family was all one denomination. When Sandy I were married we were married at Holy Cross Catholic Church In Chicago, Sandy's family has always been a very devote Catholic family. Our boys Eric & Tim were baptized, made their 1st Communion, & were confirmed Catholic. For at least 25 years I was fine with attending church with Sandy as a Lutheran guest in the Catholic churches we were members of as we moved around the US. After we moved here to Osprey Florida things started to change, I had retired, life slowed down a bit & found time to relax a bit & enjoy life. The boys were off on their own lives, my time in Boy Scouts now as an adult leader had wrapped up, now what?

Sandy & I found time to travel to see the kids, Hop on a cruise boat (or Two) or work on our house here in Florida, so we were busy. But there started to be a hole that I just could not fill. I'm not sure I knew what that was at the time. We had been attending OLMC as guests on our visits to see Sandy's parents since the parish's early days, so making OLMC our new spiritual home was an easy choice. I had never felt as Welcomed at any of the wonderful congregations we belonged too as I did here at OLMC. Maybe being just a guest wasn't enough. I never hid I was Lutheran, our paperwork to join OLMC lists me as Lutheran. Day in & day out at church that didn't seem to matter, I was Welcomed.

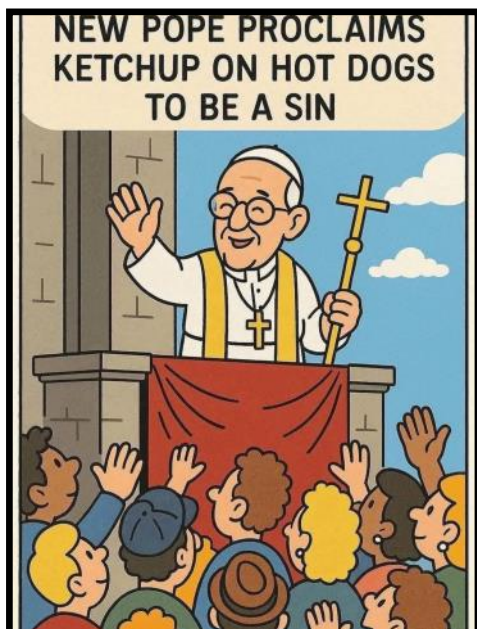
Even with our NEW OLMC home the hole was there, nagging at times. Me & Jesus were good (always have been), I didn't talk to Sandy much about it, not sure I could find the words to explain what I was thinking or feeling. Then over a very short timeline I had 4 things happen to me that set me on my new Catholic journey. Durning one of Father Richard's Homily's he spoke to me. A good Chicago boy his words touched me, I felt a connection. Secondly before a mass Deacon Tom was collecting the Good Book from the front of the church so it could process in at the start of mass. As he walked by I said "Stop him, he is stealing the book. "He stopped, looked at me, handed me (A Lutheran) the Good Book and said "I am not getting to far, this book is heavy "(And it is too). That interaction with Tom became a weekly Wink, Smile, Stop & say Hi (How Welcomed can you be ?). The third event was with Sir Knight Warren Augenthaler, Warren & Susan sit by Sandy and myself at most Sat afternoon masses. He poked from time to time to see if I wanted to be a Knight, I tap danced for a longtime (Months & Months) knowing I had to be Catholic to join. One Sat Warren asked again & I answered : " I can't join I am Lutheran ". With out missing a beat Warren said " **We can fix that .** " These first 3 events real had me questioning if I should become Catholic & fully join OLMC. The last event was one that would overwhelm me & fill my hole. While my mind & heart pondered change Sandy & I were on a cruise to the NE. We stopped in Quebec, one of our shore tours was to the Cathedral of St. Ann's. It is a wonderful place, please consider visiting if you are that way. You all know how I like to take pictures & I was doing so at St. Ann's when a lady approached me. She handed me a small plastic bag, It had a small hard dough ball & a note in French in it. She said to me " **Here , this has the answers to what you are looking for.** " **What ?** What did she say? I was overwhelmed with emotion, was I just reached out to by the Holy Spirit?

4 Times I was sent a message by the Jesus himself, this is the way to go. After returning to Florida I went to see Father Richard, me connecting with him provided a safe place to go, A way to move forward. Deacon Tom's friendship reassured me that this is the right place to move forward & Warren's offer to join the Knights gave me a new purpose with my time. Afterall when God extends his hand to you personally 4 times you had better listen.

It is only when our hearts are quiet & ready to listen that we hear God in our lives. To be given such a gift, a direct hand right from God !!!, I am so honored that he loves me so much he kept reaching out to my heart.

A very special THANK YOU to Fr. Fred, Fr. Richard, Deacon Tom, Dr Doris , Warren, Chuck & Darwin for all your support along this new path for me. The biggest THANKS goes to Sandy for always accepting me just as I am.

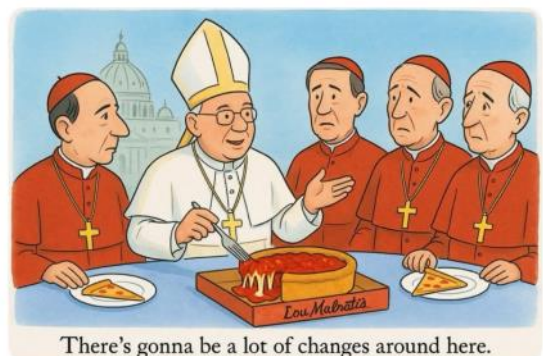
“Be still, and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10



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Chicago is officially on the map 📍



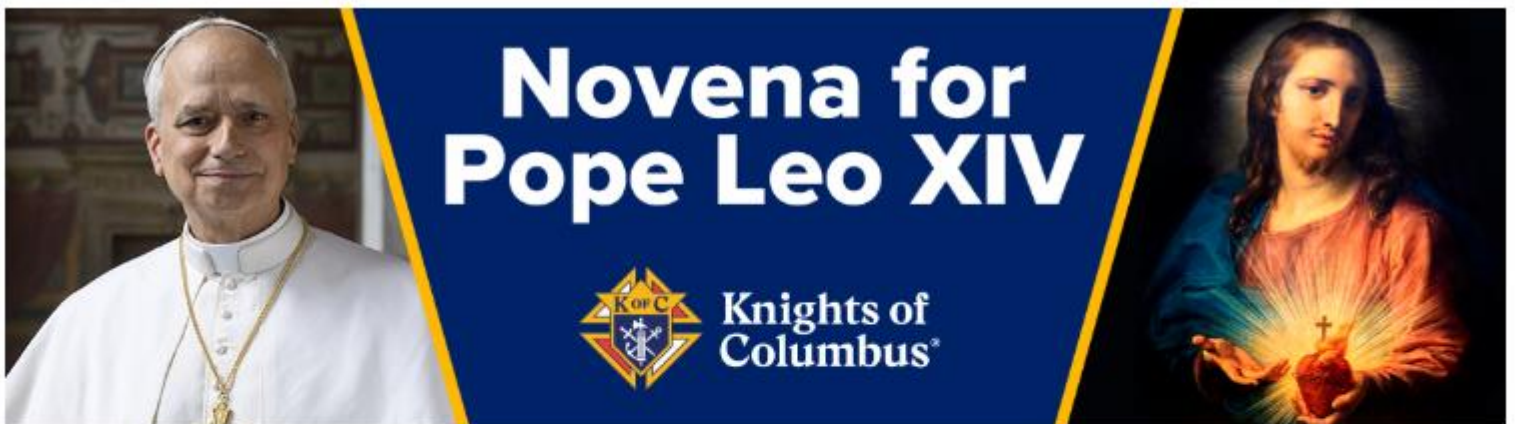
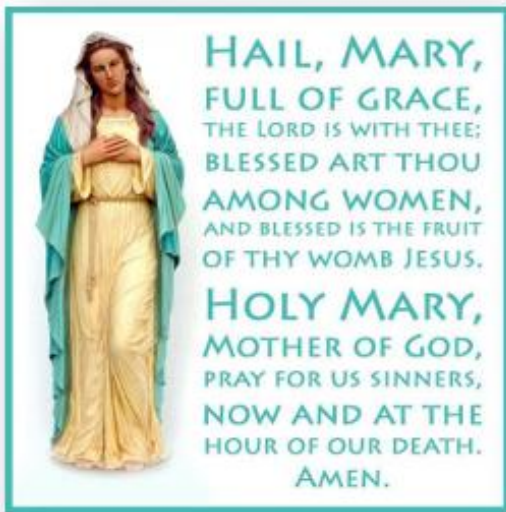
Google Groups Emails



The Council is trying something NEW, Using Google Groups email for our email lists.

This allows the council to maintain ONLY 1 MASTER Email list. Currently each individual Knights needs to maintain his own list. As we add members all of those lists need to be updated.

We can try this & see how it works. Please check your SPAM folder and approve the Welcome email to ensure you are seeing emails.



Join a Sacred Heart novena for Pope Leo XIV

You're invited to join the Knights of Columbus in a Sacred Heart novena for our new Holy Father and his intentions. The novena begins tomorrow, June 19.

Sign up at www.kofc.org/papalnovena and submit your own prayer intentions, which will be brought to Rome by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly during the Jubilee Year of Hope.



Hello from OLMC Ladies Auxiliary

Our last meeting on Monday, June 2nd. The weather was wet and those unable to attend were missed!

We opened with prayer and attended to meeting points.

Kathy McEntee generously thanked each of the years officers and presented them with a beautiful gift. Again, Kathy thanked all of us.



President:	Sandy Wucki
Vice President:	Tracy Frech
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Prayers work Miracles

Please pray for the continued good health of Joan Skornias daughter.

Pray for Dr. Jim Voskovitch as he recovers from his injury.

Pray for the healing of Dee Hamill's son, and for the healing of

Rob and Sandy Wucki 's father John.

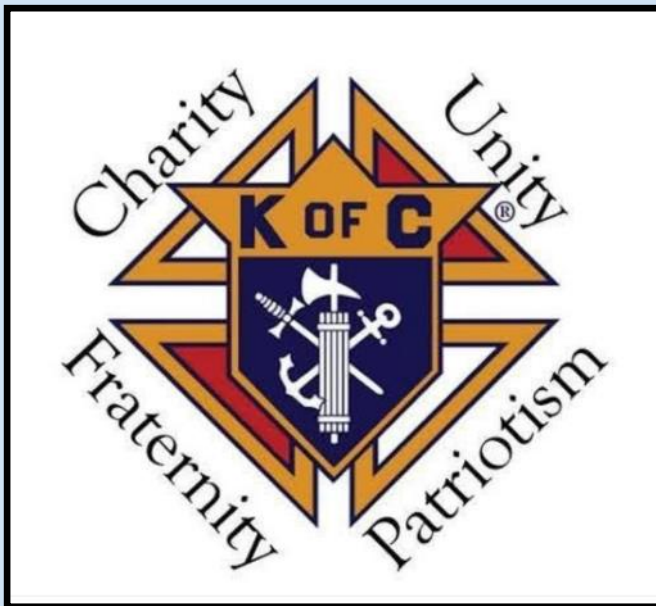
In Jesus name we pray.



The ladies next luncheon will be at Skilletts at Tamiami Tr. and Central Sarasota Pkwy on July 18. Don't forget to try a scone!

Our next meeting will be held at Tillotson Hall at 6:30 for the Installation of Officers. We are asked to arrive at six o'clock for a celebration dinner prior to the Installation.

We are 61 strong! Why not make it 62 or more? Come see what we are all about. We



OUR PRINCIPLES

4 Principles, 4 Reasons

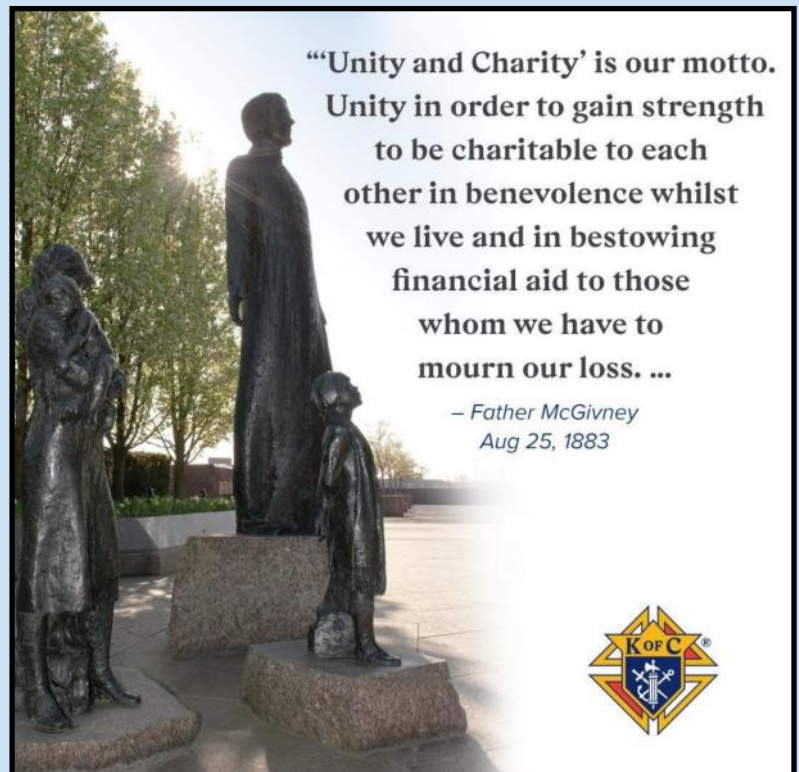
All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

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 Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do the good works of individual Knights, who gave more than 75.6 million service hours in 2017, illustrating how Catholics serve each other in fraternity and mercy.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.





Council #15821 Welcomes Our NEW 3rd Degree Knights !!!

Bill Morrison

Michael Ochoa

Bob Swarts



PATRICK E. KELLY
Supreme Knight



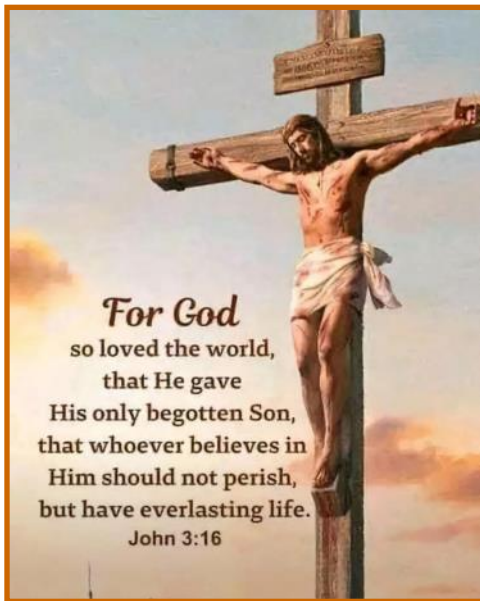
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"If we get the man right, we get everything right – the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who will say 'yes' to their God-given vocation." - **Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**

Where In The World Is Fr Fred ?



See Page 20 for the answer



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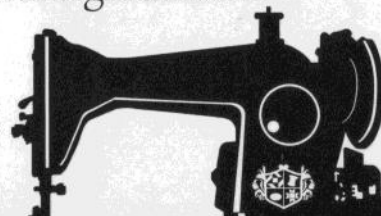
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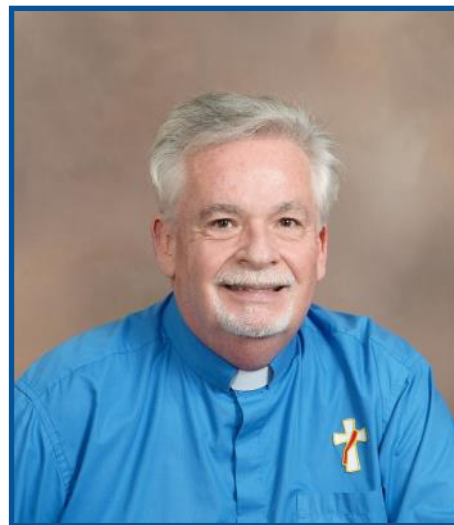
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	Revenue	Expense	Margin
50-50 Gen Mtgs	103.00		103.00
Dues	240.00		240.00
Exemplification		44.67	(44.67)
Food For Families		176.55	(176.55)
Golf Outing		353.10	(353.10)
Knight's Breakfast	371.00	721.88	(350.88)
Mtg Refreshments		100.00	(100.00)
Supplies		24.50	(24.50)
Taxes / Fees		507.78	(507.78)
Grand Total	714.00	1,928.48	(1,214.48)

Deacon Tom Status Report

May 2025

	Revenue	Expense	Margin
Interest Income	47.42	0.00	47.42
Other Donations	3,866.57		3,866.57
Grand Total	3,913.99	0.00	3,913.99



OLMC Council #15821

Dennis Pavlock

Knight of the Month

April 2025



OLMC Council #15821

Horatio Hoggard

Knight of the Month

June 2025



OLMC Council #15821

Joe & Tracy Frech

Family of the Month

June 2025





The Origin of Rosary Beads

by SK Joe Frech



When my mother was reaching the end of her life, I visited her and brought my rosary beads. We prayed the rosary together for the first time since I was in second grade when I made my first holy communion, so it was a special moment for both of us. I prayed the rosary with confidence resulting from the practice I received before each council and assembly meeting. I wondered how the rosary became a part of the Catholic heritage which prompted me to conduct some research into the origins of the rosary beads. The rosary can be prayed for any special reason, whether it's for special intentions, a way to deepen your faith or something that you do on a daily basis. Brother Joe Schulte said he prayed the rosary from memory while getting an MRI, which also helped pass the time.

Using beads in prayer was a means of keeping track of the number of prayers said, dating way before the Catholic religion was formed. Many faiths such as Hindus, Greeks, Buddhists and other religions had used and still use some type of beads to pray. In the third century, Christian monks used stones and prayer ropes to keep track of praying. In the early 1100s, Saint Alvery would recite 150 repetitive Hail Mary prayers each day. In 1214, Saint Dominic, the founder of the Dominican Order, started praying with rosary beads similar to the ones used today. In the late 1400s, Alan de Rupe of Brittany discovered the rosary and thought it would be a good idea to produce rosaries for the common man for their use to enhance their spiritual growth. In the early 1700s, Saint Louis de Montfort was a catholic priest who felt that praying to Jesus through Mary was a great way to show devotion to Mary. In 1917 in Portugal, the rosary was encouraged to be said daily requesting world peace during WWI. At this time the "O my Jesus..." was added and is the called "The Fatima Prayer." In 2002, Pope John Paul II started the "Luminous Mysteries," and called October 2002-October 2003 "The Year of the Rosary" which was meant to spread devotion throughout the world.

In Loving Memory

Marilyn Vidmar



How to recite the Holy Rosary

1. SAY THESE PRAYERS...

IN THE NAME of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *(As you say this, with your right hand touch your forehead when you say Father, touch your breastbone when you say Son, touch your left shoulder when you say Holy, and touch your right shoulder when you say Spirit.)*

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

OUR FATHER, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O MY JESUS, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

O GOD, WHOSE only-begotten Son by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCE each mystery by saying something like, "The third Joyful Mystery is the Birth of Our Lord." This is required only when saying the Rosary in a group.

2. IN THIS ORDER...

INTRODUCTION

1. IN THE NAME
2. I BELIEVE IN GOD
3. OUR FATHER
4. HAIL MARY
5. HAIL MARY
6. HAIL MARY
7. GLORY BE
8. O MY JESUS

THE FIRST DECADE

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21. GLORY BE
22. O MY JESUS

THE SECOND DECADE

23. ANNOUNCE
24. OUR FATHER
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34. HAIL MARY
35. GLORY BE
36. O MY JESUS

THE THIRD DECADE

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49. GLORY BE
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THE FOURTH DECADE

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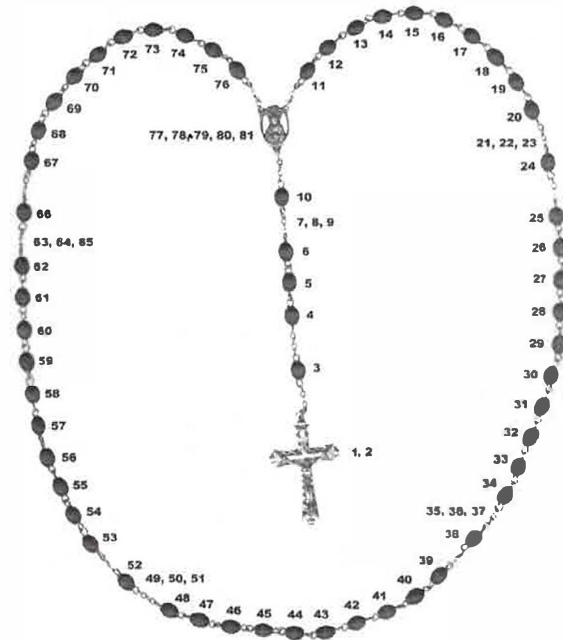
THE FIFTH DECADE

65. ANNOUNCE
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78. O MY JESUS

CONCLUSION

79. HAIL HOLY QUEEN
80. O GOD, WHOSE
81. IN THE NAME

3. WHILE TOUCHING THESE BEADS TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PROGRESS...



4. AND SILENTLY MEDITATING ON THESE "MYSTERIES", OR EVENTS FROM THE LIVES OF JESUS AND MARY...

On Monday and Saturday, meditate on the "Joyful Mysteries"

First Decade (Steps 9-22): The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
Second Decade (Steps 23-36): The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)
Third Decade (Steps 37-50): The Birth of Our Lord (Luke 2:1-21)
Fourth Decade (Steps 51-64): The Presentation of Our Lord (Luke 2:22-38)
Fifth Decade (Steps 65-78): The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

On Thursday, meditate on the "Luminous Mysteries"

First Decade: The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-16)
Second Decade: The Wedding at Cana, when Christ manifested Himself (Jn 2:1-11)
Third Decade: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15)
Fourth Decade: The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-8)
Fifth Decade: The Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist (Mt 26)

On Tuesday and Friday, meditate on the "Sorrowful Mysteries"

First Decade: The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-56)
Second Decade: Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26)
Third Decade: Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31)
Fourth Decade: Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary (Matthew 27:32)
Fifth Decade: The Crucifixion of Our Lord (Matthew 27:33-56)

On Wednesday and Sunday, meditate on the "Glorious Mysteries"

First Decade: The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (John 20:1-29)
Second Decade: The Ascension of Our Lord (Luke 24:36-53)
Third Decade: The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)
Fourth Decade: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
Fifth Decade: The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth



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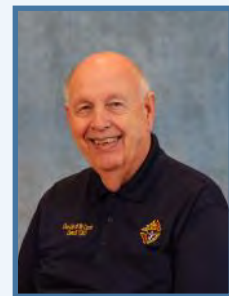
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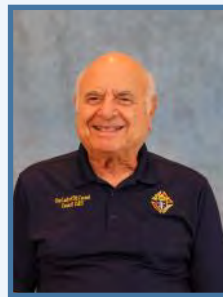
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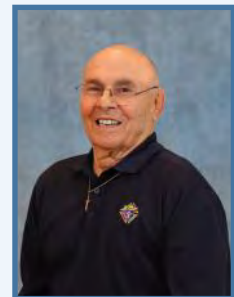
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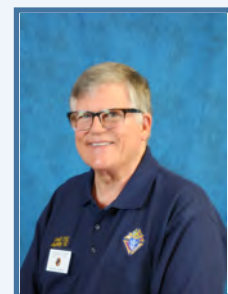
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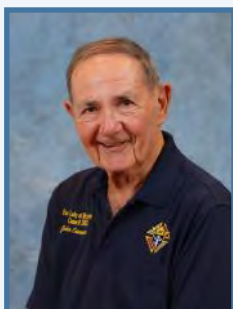
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#1818 News

June Assembly 1818 Meeting Date: Please mark your calendars, that Assembly 1818 will conduct our Monthly Meeting on Thursday, June 19th @ Our Lady of Lourdes located at 1301 Center Rd, Venice, FL 34292. This a special meeting starting at 600pm sharp and include spouses or significant others. We will also have representatives who will be receiving donation checks from the Assembly. There will be a Prayer List at sign-up and please add those in need of our Prayers when you sign in. If you haven't confirmed your attendance, we need to know NO later than Friday June 13th. Email me at mmilak33@gmail.com or call me at 941-380-7248 as we need to confirm the headcount and seating plans. If you already responded NO Need to do so again.

Assembly Awards Update

This past month we were notified that for the fraternal year of 2023-2024, the Assembly received both the Civic and STAR Assembly Awards. Many thanks to all who worked to make these awards possible for the 1st time in Assembly 1818 History. The Star Assembly Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, programs and overall excellence. The Civic Award recognizes that we conducted and reported at least four varied patriotic programs. And even better news we are right on track to qualify for both again in 2024-2025.



WINNERS OF THE 2023-2024 STAR ASSEMBLY AWARD



Many thanks to all who turned out in support of this effort the past week. Sarasota National Cemetery needed all these volunteers to place and retire flags for Memorial Day. For the placement day we had a total of 32 Knights, wives and friends in attendance and for the retirement we beat the rain storm as 29 handled the removal. This Memorial Day Weekend, these Volunteers Remembered our Heroes. Over 27,000 Flags were placed





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From left to right::

Sir Knight Marty Reis, 4th Degree Color Corp Commander

Newly Exemplified **Sir Knight Steve Vacca** of Our Lady of Lourdes

His Spouse

Newly Exemplified **Sir Knight Nick Colavito** of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

"Extreme right" the handsome one , **Sir Knight Anthony Hopfinger** PGK

Saturday 14th, Nicholas Colavito of our Council was Exemplified as a Sir Knight of the 4th Degree at St Ignatius Cathedral in Palm Beach, Florida.

With the addition of Sir Knight Nick, there are 25 Sir Knights in Council 15821, 4 of which were Exemplified this calendar year.

Sir Knight Nick will receive his Certificate and be presented to his Assembly, Assembly 1818, at the Assembly's Awards Dinner this coming Thursday at 6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Social Hall.

Vivat Jesus, Anthony H Hopfinger PGK



In Loving Memory

Rose Leah McDermitt





IMMOKALEE REPORT



Knight Horatio Hoggard

Community Director—Immokalee Food Drive

Estimated weight of food collected July 2024-June 2025: **31,372 LBS.**

Estimated Value of Food: **\$76,963.84**

Estimated Funds Collected July 2024-June 2025 **\$19,158.50**

Did you know?

- 49 million Americans struggle to put food on the table.
- 1 in 6 children in the U.S. does not know where they will get their next meal.
- Summer is a peak season for children to go hungry – a time when many do not have access to the good nutrition provided by school meal programs. Food banks become one of the main sources for food during these times.

*"Our relationship with God –
a God who, through Jesus,
has revealed his merciful face –
involves our giving food*

*to the hungry
and giving drink
to the thirsty."*

— Pope Francis

Food Drive



Faith In Action



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July Birthdays

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James M. Reilly

Benjamin L. Rusco

Leon R. Alvarez

David Strout



Where In World Is Father Fred ???

HOME !!! Osprey, FL

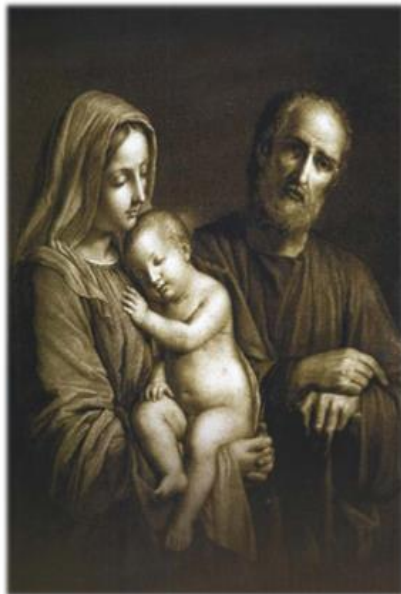
So happy to have him home with us !!!



On The Cover



In celebration of
Flag Day June 14th
& Independence Day
July 4th



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.

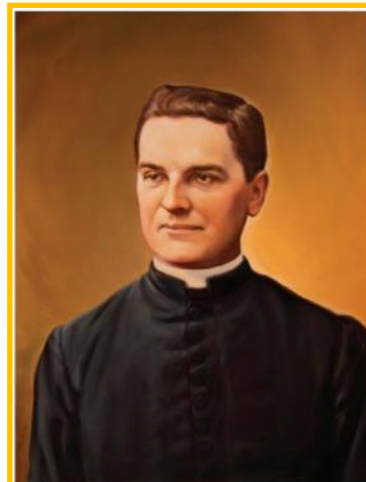
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



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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:
The Father McGivney Guild
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www.fathermcgivney.org



Flag Day is a holiday celebrated on June 14 in the United States. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution stated "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Flag Day was first proposed in 1861 to rally support for the Union side of the American Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation that designated June 14 as Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was officially established by an Act of Congress. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Consolidated Laws designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Federal law leaves it to the discretion of president to officially proclaim the observance. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, Chapter 1, Section 110 is the official statute on Flag Day. The United States Army also celebrates its birthday on this date.



5 Flag Trivia Questions

Quiz your friends and family with these five flag questions and answers:

1. **Is it ever appropriate to fly the flag upside down?** Answer: Yes, but only in an emergency. It means “Help Me! It’s an emergency! Call the police! I am in dire trouble and need immediate help!”
2. **How many versions of the American flag have been designed?** There have been 27 versions of the American Flag. However, the current flag—designed by a high school boy—has lasted the longest as no states have been added since 1959.
3. **Can the flag touch the ground?** Despite the myths, the flag can touch the ground and still be washed and used. However, if the flag is torn or damaged beyond repair, the tradition is to burn it with dignity. Most U.S. localities offer this service at no fee.
4. **How many U.S. flags made it to the Moon?** The U.S. flag has been placed on the Moon by an astronaut during six Apollo missions (11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17).
5. **Why must Old Glory be folded in such a specific way?** The U.S. flag is folded into a small triangle made of 13 folds. Each fold has a special meaning and symbolism. For example, the first fold represents life, while the third honors the veteran who has departed, and the fifth is a tribute to our country.



Stony Hill School, in Waubeka, Wisconsin, the site of the first formal observance of Flag Day



Why is the American Flag Red, White, and Blue?

The Continental Congress left no record as to why it chose these colors. However, in 1782, the Congress of the Articles of Confederation chose the colors for the Great Seal of the United States with these meanings:

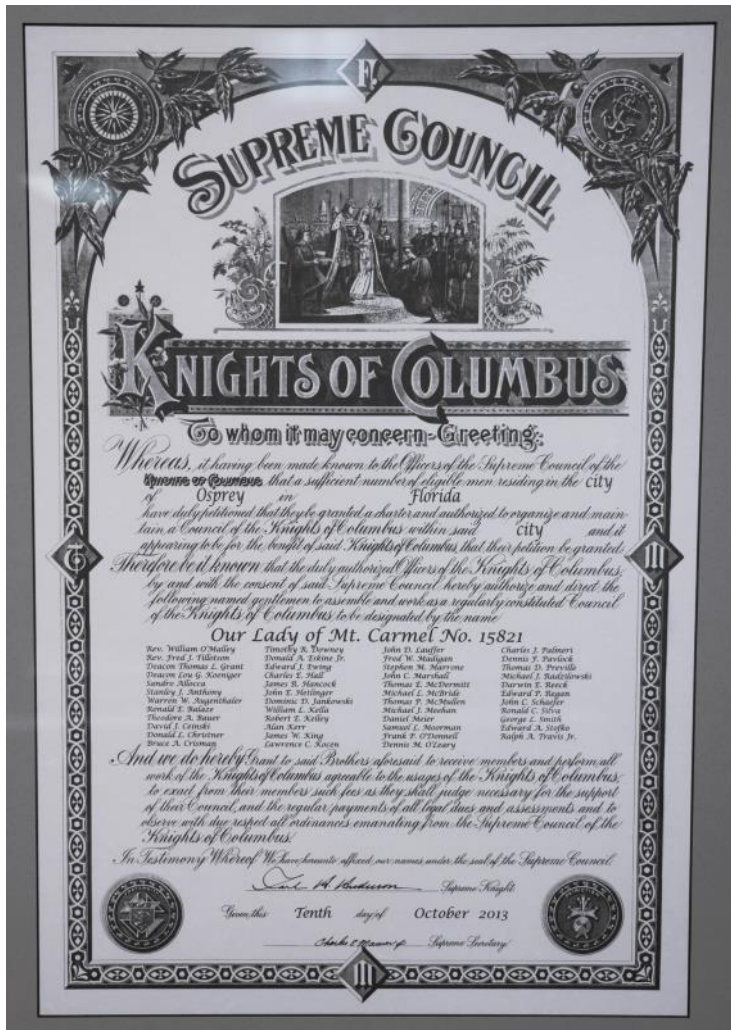
- **White** for purity and innocence
- **Red** for valor and hardiness
- **Blue** for vigilance, perseverance, and justice



Council Calendar July / Aug 2025

June	20th	Knights Breakfast Set Up	Hall	8:30 am	
	22nd	Knights Breakfast	Hall	After All Sun Masses	
	23rd	Officers Meeting (NEW & OLD)	Hall	7:00 pm	
	24th	KofC & LA Appreciation Lunch	Stoney	Noon	
	29th	Fraternal Communion Brunch	VRC	Noon	
July	4th	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am	
	5th & 6th	Immokalee Food Drive—Bags Handout	OLMC	After All Masses	
	10th	Council Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm	
	12th & 13th	Immokalee Food Drive—Food Collections	OLMC	Before All Masses	
	19th	Set Up OLMC Dinner	Hall	8:30 am	
	20th	OLMC Feast Day Dinner	Hall	Noon	
	21st	Officers Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm	
	24th	New Officers Installation	Hall	7:00 pm	
	25th	Knights Breakfast Set Up	Hall	8:30 am	
	26th & 27th	KofC Membership Drive Weekend	OLMC	All Masses	
	27th	Knights Breakfast	Café C ?	After All Sun Masses	
	Aug	1st	First Friday Mass	OLMC	8:00 am Mass
		2nd & 3rd	Immokalee Food Drive—Bags Handout	OLMC	After All Masses
7th		Council Meeting	Hall	7:00 pm	
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31st		Fraternal Brunch	TBD	Noon	





Immokalee Food Drive

Bag Hand Out After Mass

July 5th & 6th

Food Collection Before Mass

July 12th & 13th

We could use your help !!!

Please contact Knight Horatio Hoggard

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Menu

Pancakes

Eggs

Cinnamon Rolls

Sausage Patty

Coffee & O.J.



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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