



Knights of Columbus®

Council 10169

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton August 2026 Council Newsletter



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on September 14th at 6 p.m. before our next business meeting. We will also say the rosary at the Mary grotto or in the chapel at 7pm on September 18th depending on the weather.
- Don't miss spending time with Jesus during Adoration. There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on September 17th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the chapel. There will also be Adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday September 4th in the main sanctuary.
- **Men's bible study** is every Sunday from about 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the hospitality room. You don't need to register, just show up.
- Mark your calendars for **November 3rd**. We will have a Holy Hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. like we did last year for the **Icon of the Sacred Heart** that will be displayed in the Church for that week. We will also have refreshments after in the Parish Hall.

Family



- Congrats to the McCrea family, our **family of the month** for August!

Do you know of a family who would make a great family of the month? Email us at kofc10169@gmail.com or let Bill Ross, our family director, know.

- **Food for families:** Help us serve the needy at the food pantry behind the field at Resurrection School every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Come to our **Family Social Night** on September 28th and every 4th Monday at 6 p.m. in the hospitality room for some free food and fraternity. This is a great way to get to know your fellow brothers and their families. Let Derek Stross know if you are coming so he can plan how much food to bring. This month (September) we will have the **officer installation** during the social night.
- Rich McCrea is trying to set aside a Tuesday night once a month to help the food pantry. Stay tuned for more information.

Community



- Thanks to all who helped at the liturgy seminar for the laity on August 22nd!
- We continue to get requests for wheelchairs. If you would like to help out in this area, contact Mike Gagne at mgagne1005@gmail.com.
- We are planning on doing the council **soccer challenge** on October 9th. Stay tuned for more details.
- We will also prepare **meals for the needy** on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, in the Parish Hall. Deacon Jim will soon be passing around a sign-up sheet at our next meeting if you want to help. Donations will also be accepted and collected at the next three meetings to help buy the food and supplies we need.
- Matt McMann is cooking up something spooky. Stay tuned for more information on our 2026 **Trunk or Treat** event at the Church parking lot around Halloween.

Life



- **Options for Women's** annual fundraiser will take place Tuesday, September 29th, two gatherings, at noon and 6:30 pm. See Don Schluender if you are interested in attending and donating to this event.

Calendar

Do you want to stay up to date with what is going on in our council? Check out our events calendar by clicking the link below. The birthdays of your fellow brothers are also marked on the calendar as well:

<https://www.kofc10169.org/calendar>

Do you want to get our KofC events merged with your mobile device's main calendar app? Send Matt Tompkins an email at kofc10169@gmail.com with your name and email address and ask to receive calendar notifications.

Fund Raising

- Remember to help support **Bingo**, our biggest fundraiser, and the lifeblood of our income! We are still a little short in help. If you can only help once a month or even once a year, we would love to have you! We have it every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Doors open at about 4 pm if you want to come early to help set up. We also have Bingo every Sunday from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Santa Fe. If you would like to find out more information about helping out contact Don Schulender at dschluender@verizon.net.
- **Raffle Tickets** are available for the \$25,000 drawing at the State Convention next May 2027. You can either sell them to someone else or buy them yourself. Our council gets to keep half of the amount we raise and the other half goes to FL State KofC Charities.
 - There are 4 tickets in a booklet and the tickets are \$3/ticket or \$10/booklet
 - The one who sells the booklet gets entered into a smaller drawing for a monetary prize as well. The more booklets you sell, the better your chance to win.
 - If you are interested in donating and entering into the drawing, you can purchase an entire booklet for yourself. Go online to the following link to purchase the booklet:
<https://knights-of-columbus-10169.square.site/product/raffle-ticket-book/RWWRF2FAPAMX77NOZTU6EKF?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>
 - If you just want to sell some booklets to others, let Matt Tompkins or Derek Stross know. You can email us at kofc10169@gmail.com

Council

News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on September 14th from 6:30 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m. in the hospitality room located by the bell tower at Resurrection. Stay for food and fraternity after the meeting. We will say a **rosary** starting at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting starts. Attending the meeting is the best way to stay up to date with what's going on in our council and parish community.
- We still have many members who haven't paid their dues. No matter how involved you are with our council, please consider at least supporting us through the small annual dues.
- We had a great outing at the Lakeland Flying Tigers game! Thanks to Richard Frates for setting that event up! Do you have an idea for a social event, let us know.
- Follow our Facebook group by searching Knights of Columbus Council 10169 in the Facebook search bar or clicking on the Facebook icon on our website www.kofc10169.com.
- Keep recruiting new members!
- Welcome **new transfer members** to our council! They are Jurandir Araujo Jr., Ian Caauwe, and Jarrod Gasper

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does my membership card only say 3rd degree when I'm 4th degree?

At the council level, your membership card will only show 3rd degree. If you are also a 4th degree Knight, you will get a separate membership card every year after you pay your 4th degree dues.

Why does my membership card say 1st or 2nd degree?

The degree ceremony used to be broken into three separate ceremonies. Some people only did one or two ceremonies. If you never completed all three and would like to become a full 3rd degree member, join us for our next degree exemplification ceremony to get brought up to 3rd degree. We will announce the date when we plan on having the next one.

Treasurer's Report



Income through July was \$19,320 and expenditures were \$4076

Help Needed

Contact us at kofc10169@gmail.com or let Derek Stross or Matt Tompkins know if you are interested in any of the following roles:

1. Person to send get well cards and condolence cards to those in need. We have the cards already.
2. Membership Director: We need someone who is good at talking with people. You will be the one who reaches out to new people to show them the ropes.

Star Council Award Tracker

Member Recruitment: 0 new members out of 10 required

Meetings with Insurance Agent: 0 meetings with Insurance agent out of 11 required

Faith Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Family Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Life Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Community Programs 0 points (4 points required):

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We have a **new field agent** for our area. There isn't any white smoke, but his name is **Christian Segovis**. To make a free appointment with him, call him at (863) 602-0392. Also check out our website at <https://www.kofc10169.org/insurance> for more information on what free benefits all members get.

Prayers



Please pray for Fran Cullen, Missy Spindler, the 18 OCIA parishioners, Dan Santangelo's wife, and Art Pranno.

Do you have a prayer request? Email it to Matt Tompkins at kofc10169@gmail.com or mention it at our meeting to get it posted in the newsletter.

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.



September Birthdays

Deacon Jim Spindler
Jim Strollo (Deceased)
Andres Hernandez
Eric Bradner
Dr. Martin Grace
Bill Robertson
Rev. Reynord H Araya-Morales
William Noah
Craig Heller
Rafael Villavicencio
Adolfo Artega
Araujo Jurandir - New

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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