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Council 10169

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
December 2025 Council Newsletter**



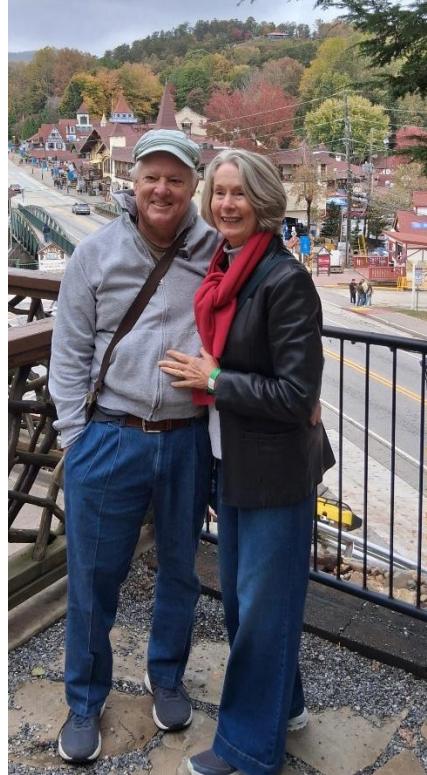
Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on January 16th at the Mary grotto or in the chapel at 7pm, depending on the weather.
- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on January 2nd after the 9:00 am Mass. There will also be **Adoration** on January 15th from 6 pm to 7 pm in the chapel.
- We will also say a **rosary** before our monthly business meeting on January 12th at 6 pm. All are welcome!
- **Men's bible study** is now every Sunday from 11:15 am to 12:15 am in the hospitality room. Occasionally, the hospitality room is booked so it will be moved to another location. Contact Richard Frates or Deacon Jim for more information. This is a great fraternal activity and it also enhances our spiritual life. You don't need to register, just show up.

Family



- Congrats to the Finch family, our **family of the month** for December!

We would like to recognize more good families. If you know of a family who would make a great family of the month, please email us at kofc10169@gmail.com.

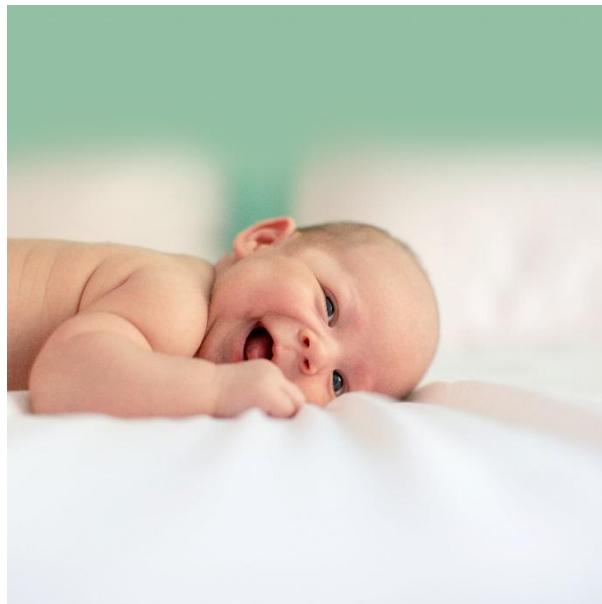
- **Food for families:** Help us serve the needy at the food pantry behind the field at Resurrection School every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Community



- We still have 5 **wheelchairs** to give out. If you know an individual or organization who needs one, reach out to us or Mike Gagne.
- Thanks to all who helped make the church look nice for Christmas!
- Mike Gagne is also organizing a Catholic Citizenship Essay contest. Stay tuned for more details. Contact Mike Gagne if you would like to be involved with this.

Life



- Mark your calendars, the Lakeland **March for Life** will be on January 17th at 9:30 am with lunch provided afterwards by St. Joseph's council. We will meet at City Hall.

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>

Fund Raising



- Our 2nd **Fish Fry** of the season will be Friday January 2nd from 4 pm to 7 pm. We always need extra help cleaning up after 7 pm and could use some help before and during as well.
- Thanks to all of those who 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 out 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, please contact Keith McDonald at elfolks123@aol.com
- We still need help selling raffle tickets. If you are interested in selling some let Derek Stross know.

Council News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on January 12th from 6:30 pm to about 7:30 pm 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 pm before the meeting starts.
- Thanks to Bill and Fran Cullen, Rich and Linda McCrea, Derek Stross and all who helped make out **Christmas party** great!
- We welcome all those who have expressed interest in **joining our council**. Feel free to join us for any events and business meetings as a guest. We hope to have a **degree exemplification** in January for new members or those who do not have up to a 3rd degree. We want to welcome **Martin Grace** who just became a full member of our council.
- Please attend the **First Responders dinner** on January 31st from 6:30 pm to about 8 pm in the parish hall. Come out and support our first responders.
- The Council received a request for help in college tuition expense for Maria Jimrnez' daughter Briana, for St. Leo University. The context was described as Maria has coordinated religious education at Resurrection with the help of Briana, prior to Maria' serious illness. Afterward Maria continued assist as a volunteer. Briana is involved in student government at St, Leo, is activities coordinator for the Latin American Association and an honors student. The Council, in a first reading, approved \$2000. A second reading will be required.

- Thanks to all who provide us with lots of good photos from our events! If you take a good photo and want to share it, email it to Matt Tompkins at kofc10169@gmail.com.



Awards

Congratulations to Richard Frates our Knight of the Year for 2025 and to the Schluender family for being our family of the year for 2025!



Treasurer's Report



The treasurer reported income through November was \$90,589 and expenditures were \$47,153

Star Council Award Tracker

Member Recruitment: 1 new member out of 9 required (Transfers don't count)

Fraternal Benefits Events attendance: 1 attendance out of 14 required

Faith Programs 6 points (4 points required): Rosary (1 point), *RSVP scheduled (2 points)*, Holy Hour (2 points), Pilgrim Icon (1 point)

Family Programs 4 points (4 points required): Family of the Month (2 points), Food for Families (2 points)

Life Programs 6 points (4 points required): *March for Life scheduled (2 points)*, Special Olympics (2 points), Pregnancy Center Support (2 points)

Community Programs 6 points (4 points required): Soccer Challenge (1 point), Wheelchair program (2 points), Helping Hands (1 point), Habitat for Humanity (1 point), *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest scheduled (1 point)*

Insurance



Andrew Burke is our insurance agent. He will help look at your individual situation and make recommendations as to what insurance or financial products would be best suited to you. The Knights of Columbus offers competitive rates for many types of insurance, so if you think you might need insurance, contact Andrew and make an appointment at no charge. To make an appointment with him, call him at 863-456-8965 or email him at Andrew.Burke@kofc.org. His website is kofclawandusagency.com. Also check out our website at <https://www.kofc10169.org/insurance> for more information on what free benefits all members get.

Prayers



Please continue to pray for Fran Cullen, Bill Ross, Joe Ertel, and Missy Spindler.

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.



January Birthdays

Martin Frasco
Gary Bishop
Anthony Garifi
Phil McBride
Erwin Cotto
Dale Wojdyla
Matt McMann
Amaury Rivera
Greg Rieger
Clyatt Mills
Salvatore Ambrosino

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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