



**Knights of  
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**Council 10169**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton  
January 2026 Council Newsletter**



**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**

# Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Mary grotto or in the chapel at 7pm, depending on the weather. This is also the same time as the fish fry, but we will still have the rosary for those who want to do it.
- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on February 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 am Mass. There will also be **Adoration** on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7 pm in the chapel. Come out and bask in the presence of our Lord.
- We will also say a **rosary** before our monthly business meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. All are welcome!
- **Men's bible study** is now back to about the original time every Sunday from about 9:15 am to 9:45 am in the hospitality room. You don't need to register, just show up.

# Family



- Congrats to the Cullen family, our first **family of the month** for January 2026!

*Do you know of a family who would make a great family of the month? Email us at [kofc10169@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- A brother from Phoenix reached out to us to see if we can help his friend in the Lakeland area build and install a wheelchair ramp at their house. The friend is in rehab, but will need one when he gets home in late February. If you are interested in helping, contact Matt Tompkins at [kofc10169@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10169@gmail.com). We already got two good leads on people that might help. Thanks Rich McCrea and Greg Rieger.
- Thanks to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations at Church. Many hands made light work.
- The essays for the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest are being judged. Stay tuned for more details.
- Support our 4<sup>th</sup> degree and first responders by attending the **first responder's dinner** on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Talk to Don Schulender for tickets, but they can also be purchased at the door. Tickets are \$30/person.

# Life



- Thanks to all who **Marched for Life** on January 17<sup>th</sup>. There were between 50 and 100 people in total at the event and we had about 7 people from our council.
- **Catholic Days at the Capital** will be February 10 – 11. Some women from Resurrection attend and the presence of we Knights would be a positive addition. Talk to Don Schulender for more information.

## 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 next **Fish Fry** will be Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm to 7 pm. We then start our Lenton fish fry season every Friday beginning February 20<sup>th</sup>. Come out one Friday to help. We will be busy.
- 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, please contact Keith McDonald at [elfolks123@aol.com](mailto:elfolks123@aol.com)

# Council

# News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on February 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Attending the meeting is the best way to stay up to date with what's going on in our council and parish community.
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. We want to welcome **Joe Koch** and **Jim Wells** who just became a full member of our council.
- The Annual **State Convention** is coming up from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending and representing our council, let us know. The event will be held at the beautiful Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando and our council will pay for your hotel room, for the duration of your stay. We need two primary delegates to attend and two alternates if the primary ones can't make it. Contact Derek Stross or Matt Tompkins if you are interested. We will nominate the delegates at the next business meeting.
- 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](mailto:kofc10169@gmail.com).
- Do you have any ideas for events that our council should do? Don Schulender has proposed that we do something in July to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of our country. What should we do? Email us some ideas at [kofc10169@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10169@gmail.com).

## Treasurer's Report



The treasurer reported income through December was \$104,503 and expenditures were \$57,786.

## Star Council Award Tracker

**Member Recruitment:** 2 new members 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 (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](mailto:Andrew.Burke@kofc.org). His website is [kofclawandusagency.com](http://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 pray for Joe Cavenagh, Carlos, Dolly, and Fran Cullen.

Do you know someone who is sick and needs a little lifting up? We have get well soon prayer cards that we can pass around for brothers to sign at our business meeting.

*Do you have a prayer request? Email it to Matt Tompkins at [kofc10169@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## February Birthdays

Thomas Fisher  
Luis Cardenes  
Ned Panara  
Mike Del Bovo  
Kevin Aburto  
Edwin Vega  
James Barrios  
Jorge Figueroa  
Don Schluender  
Stanley Jankowski  
Will Shimp  
William Minozzi

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: **TBD**

Grand Knight: Derek Stross

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