



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

Council 10169

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



**Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism**

# Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> 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 July 17<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather.
- Don't miss spending time with Jesus during Adoration. There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the chapel. There will also be Adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# Family



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

*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) 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** every 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Community



- We got a wheelchair award for our wheelchair program. Thanks, Mike Gagne, for running this program and doing such a great job at it!
- We will have a **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of America** event on **July 4<sup>th</sup>**. We are planning on having patriotic music at the 9 a.m. Mass and after we will show a patriotic video message from Bishop Barron in the hospitality room. There will also be refreshments available in the hospitality room after as well.



# Life



- **Options for Women's** annual fundraiser will take place Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, two gatherings, at noon and 6:30 pm.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 purchasing an entire booklet for yourself, you can go online to our website where you pay your dues and purchase them there. Matt Tompkins will get you the booklet to you in person or through the mail. The link to purchase them is: <https://knights-of-columbus-10169.square.site/product/raffle-ticket-book/RWWRFR2FAPAMX77NOZTU6EKF?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](mailto:kofc10169@gmail.com)

# Council

# News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on July 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



- The **Altar Server banquet** was great! Thanks to all who helped! Those pictured above are just a few who came out to help. Thanks Phil McBride, Richard Frates, all the RCCW, and of course Deacon Jim, and the Cullen and McCrea families! That was some great food, Bill!

- Thanks to all who helped serve at the RCCW dinner as well.
- The council year is ending at the end of June. **Dues notices** will be sent out hopefully soon. New members have their dues waved for the first year. The state of Florida is increasing our per capita to \$14/person and despite that, we don't anticipate raising our dues. Regular members will still only pay \$25/year. If you know you aren't an honorary member and don't have a prior balance, paying your \$25 online is the easiest way to do it. We've received many online payments and will start sending out membership cards soon as well. Expect the notices and membership cards to be sent out at the beginning of July. The more online payments we get, the more we can save in postage. If you aren't sure how much you owe for dues, send Matt Tompkins an email at [kofc10169@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10169@gmail.com).
- Richard Frates has proposed that we go see a Lakeland Flying Tigers baseball game sometime. Stay tuned for more information.
- The new officer nominations were approved and the new officers are listed below:
  - GK: Derek Stross
  - DGK: Matt McMann
  - Chancellor: Oscar Loya
  - Recorder: Don Schluender
  - Treasurer: Bill Ross
  - Advocate: Lee Solano
  - Warden: Rich McCrea
  - Inside Guard: George Cherry Sr.
  - Outside Guard: Brian Ammons
  - 3 Year Trustee: Kevin Kullman
  - 2 Year Trustee: Mike McGee
  - 1 Year Trustee: Jack Thompson
  - Financial Secretary: Matt Tompkins (Appointed Position)
  - Lecturer: Art Pranno (Appointed Position)

# Treasurer's Report



Income through May was \$212,788 and expenditures were \$126,914. Our budget for next year will be under new business. Bill Ross presented the 2026 – 2027 budget resulting from an earlier group meeting. He described each segment, focusing mainly on proposed donation. The budget was approved with one amendment, that being the addition of \$500 for vestment for the altar servers.

## Help Needed

Are you interested in helping out our council, but don't know how? Do you want to become more involved? We are looking for someone willing to be in charge of sending out **get well cards** to brother knights who are sick or ill and **condolence cards** to the family of brother knights who have passed away. We have about 60 cards that we picked up at the convention to pass out. You could always delegate people to help and ideally you would get many brothers to sign the cards. However, we need someone to be the point of contact and in charge of the program. If you are interested, please contact Matt Tompkins at [kofc10169@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10169@gmail.com) or call/text (863) 669-3387. Even one of our new brothers could take on this roll. You don't need any experience with the knights to do this. You will be provided with contact information for all the Knights in our council.

# Star Council Award Tracker

We met all the requirements for Star Council! Thanks to all who helped us get this award! We don't do things just for awards, but they are a good indication that we are doing the right things.

**Member Recruitment:** 10 new members out of 9 required

**Fraternal Benefits Events attendance:** 14 attendances out of 14 required

**Faith Programs 6 points (4 points required):** Rosary (1 point), RSVP (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 7 points (4 points required):** March for Life (2 points), Special Olympics (2 points), Pregnancy Center Support (2 points), Silver Rose (1 point)

**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 (1 point)

**SP7 Form has been completed and turned into Supreme**

# Don't Leave Your Family Unprotected



Life happens and we all want to make sure our families are taken care of. 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. He is not a pushy insurance salesman, but only here to help you out. While many of us have good insurance from our jobs, not everyone does.

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.

# Welcome New Members

Let's welcome our latest two members in our council, Jon Putnam (bottom row, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right) and Skip Bach (bottom row, far right) They pushed us over the threshold for our member requirement for Star Council. We are so glad to have them and all of our 10 new members that we got this year! If you see them around, please welcome them into our council.



# Prayers



Please pray for Fran Cullen, Missy Spindler, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

*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.



## July Birthdays

Matthew Raspopovich  
Felipe Olivera  
Manuel Molina-Vega  
Nicholas Skulimoski  
Elden Johnson  
Dennis Dunn  
Martin Beriswill  
Richard Hubert  
Vincent Meriwether  
Gil Meisner  
Hector Flores  
Matt Tompkins  
Michael Shea  
Michael Prunier

## COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. Jolly Lukose  
Grand Knight: Derek Stross  
Deputy Grand Knight: Matt McMann  
Chancellor: Richard Frates  
Recorder: Don Schluender  
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