



**Knights of
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Council 10169

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



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on June 8th at 6 p.m. before our next business meeting. We will also have the rosary at the Mary grotto or in the chapel at 7pm on June 19th. Don't forget that there is a Fraternal Webinar starting at 7 PM on June 8th as well. Details are in this newsletter.
- What a treat we had with Art and his wife playing for everyone during adoration in May! Don't miss this great time to be with Jesus! There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on June 18th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the chapel. There will also be Adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday June 5th 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 Gagne family, our **family of the month** for May!

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 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Come to our **Family Social Night** 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.

Community



- We have given out about 11 chairs so far this council year and donated \$1500 towards the wheelchair mission. If you would like to get involved with this ministry, let Mike Gagne or us know.
- Don Schluender is working on a **250th Anniversary Celebration of America** event on **July 4th**. We are planning on having patriotic music at the 9 a.m. Mass and would like to have photos of veterans who served our country displayed as well. If you know someone who served our country or served yourself, please send a photo to Don Schluender at dschluender@verizon.net. We are also considering having a speaker and refreshments after the event. If you can help with this in any way let Don know.



Life



- Polk County for Life is planning on doing a youth program for the Fall. Stay tuned 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>

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.

Council

News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on June 8th 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 Annual **State Convention** was this past Memorial Day weekend and it was great! We got to see the John Marrella, the Supreme Secretary, Louis Prevost, the brother of Pope Leo, and a relative of Fr. Michael McGivney! Check out the photos and videos from the event on our Facebook group. There is a link to the Facebook page on our website. There will also be photos posted to our website as well.
- The **Altar Server banquet** will be on June 12th. Contact Deacon Jim if you would like to help in any way. His email is Jspindler@rcclakeland.org
- There will be a **Eucharistic Procession** at St. Joseph's Church on June 7th, after the 11 AM Mass for the feast of Corpus Cristi. They will process around the parking lot for about 20 minutes. Feel free to join them after Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lakeland.
- The council year is ending at the end of June. Dues notices will be sent out sometime in June for the next council year. 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.

- Thanks to all helped serve at Eagle Fest!
- Thanks to all how helped out at Special Olympics in Orlando on 5/16!
- The new officer nominations are listed below and will be voted on at our June meeting:
 - 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)
- The council voted to give \$1000 to Briana, the daughter of Maria Jimenez who recently passed away. There will be a second reading next month.

Treasurer's Report



Income through April was \$180,725 and expenditures were \$118,627.

Position Available

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 get many brothers to sign the cards, but 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 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 are so close to getting Star Council. We just need about 7 more people to watch a fraternal benefits event and we need one more person to join. June is the last month in this council year. Let's get this done!

Member Recruitment: 8 new members out of 9 required (1 more required) We have the last required member, Jon Putnam, and he is set to be exemplified on June 18th at St. Anthony Church at 6 p.m. If you are free, please come to the event and welcome him into our council.

Fraternal Benefits Events attendance: 7? attendance out of 14 required (We are still checking to get a final attendance number. See Fraternal Benefits Night information below)

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. 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.

Welcome New Members

Wow, what a turnout! We had 6 new brothers join our council on May 15th! We are so glad to not only get some six new brothers, but also our beloved Fr. Jolly as one of them! If you see them around, please welcome them into our council.



From Left to Right: Fr. Jolly, Matthew Raspopovich, Ian Lancaster, Joe Orecchio, Leslie Scofield, and Nicholas Skulimoski

Fraternal Benefits Night

We need your help to complete our requirement for getting Star Council this year! We still need about 7 people to watch one in order to get the founders award. If you haven't watched one yet this council year, PLEASE spend an hour or so and help us with this event on June 8th. Even if you don't need insurance, please help us check this box. Your wife can watch as well and we will still get credit.

This event is happening during the same time as our next business meeting, so we are especially asking those who won't be attending the meeting to watch.

The topic will be **How your field agent can help your family** and the date will be **June 8th** at 7 p.m. It's about an hour long.

To register for the online event on June 8th, click the following link:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9168683882726404949>

When you click the link, it will ask you to enter some contact information. Make sure you enter your council number 10169 where it asks for the council number. After you sign up, you will get an email confirming that you signed up and they will give you a link in the email to click on when the date and time arrives to watch.

This is not only an opportunity to learn more about how the Knights can help you, but watching this will help our council as well. Please help us with this! You can also scan the QR code below on your phone to sign up for the event.



Prayers



Please pray for Fran Cullen

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.



June Birthdays

Cesar Aburto
Miguel Beato
Rich McCrea
Tim Lewis
Leo Solano
George Cherry Sr.
Jeff McDonald
Michael McGinnis
Ronald Henkelman
John Propst
Andrew Klaber
Guido Chavez
Robert Hillier
Angel Sanchez
Dan Santangelo
Alfred Gonzalez
Terry Boyer
Braulio Zorrilla
Dr. Greg Cook

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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