



Knights of Columbus®

Council 10169

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton November 2025 Council Newsletter



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on **December 19th** at the Mary grotto or in the chapel at 7pm, depending on the weather.
- There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on December 5th after the 9:00 am Mass. There will also be **Adoration** on December 18th from 6 pm to 7 pm
- We will also say a **rosary** before our monthly business meeting on **December 8th** at 6 pm. All are welcome!
- **Men's bible study** is every Sunday from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in the hospitality room. This is a great fraternal activity and it also enhances our spiritual life. You don't need to register, just show up. We may need to adjust the time with the changing Mass times. Stay tuned.
- Thanks to all who came out for our Icon of the Sacred Heart Holy Hour! It was great and we hope to do more of these in the future!
- Our council will be sponsoring a seminarian and Fr. Angel and Fr. Zack will help decide who we choose.

Family



- Congrats to the Montealegre family, our **family of the month** for November! They also helped the entire time for the Thanksgiving meal prep on Thanksgiving Day.

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



- Thanks to all who came out to our **Trunk or Treat!** He had more treaters than trunks this year, but next year we hope to have a better turnout.
- Thanks as well to all who helped out with the **Special Olympics** in Orlando!
- The Regional **Soccer challenge** was held and two kids from our council participated. Both came in first place for their age groups.
- The **Giving Tree** is still going on at Church. Take a name off the tree and help make a child's Christmas special. Our council is also sponsoring an entire family.
- 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.

Life



- **40 Days for Life** concluded November 2nd. Thanks to all who supported this.
- 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's 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 1st **Fish Fry** of the season will be Friday December 5th 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 December 8th 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.
- Our **Christmas party** will be on December 13th starting at 5 pm in the parish hall. Come out for free food, fun, and fellowship. The **Family of the Year** and **Knight of the Year** will be announced at this event. We will be sending out an email to all members to vote on Family and Knight of the Year. Please let Derek Stross know if you can make it so he can plan on how much food to have. His email is 3dstross@gmail.com.
- 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. Please fill out the Join / Transfer to our council form on our website if you haven't already done so. We will be in touch as to when the next **degree exemplification** will be held for new members or those who don't have up to a 3rd degree. We want to welcome **Rich Sweeney** and **Walt Tyson** who recently joined.
- 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.

Treasurer's Report



The treasurer reported income through October was \$84,639 and expenditures were \$45,869

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 pretty 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 and all veterans.

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.



December Birthdays

Jason Bayes
Deacon Edgardo Cruz
Joe Mirandi
Bill Ross
Mark Ousley
Ryan Scannell
John Lyons
Mario Zapier
Jesus Christ

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