Knights of Columbus®

Council 10169

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

October 2026 Council Newsletter



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- Please attend our **Sacred Heart Holy Hour** from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 3rd (Election Day). Just like last year the **Icon of the Sacred Heart** that will be displayed in the Church for that entire week. We will also have refreshments after the Holy Hour in the Parish Hall. We hope to get a great turnout. Last year's Holy Hour was beautiful!
- The next **Rosary** will be on November 9th 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 November 20th depending on the weather.
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is every Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the chapel. There will also still be Adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass on every first Friday in the main sanctuary. Don't miss the Sacred Heart Holy Hour with Adoration as well as mentioned above.
- **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.
- **That Man is You** is held in the hospitality room every Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m. A short video is presented and then everyone breaks into small groups to discuss. It is very good for men of all ages, but especially for younger men with families.

Family



- Congrats to the Frates family, our **family of the month** for October!

  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 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- We will not have our **Family Social Night** until January 25th due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Normally it's every 4th Monday at 6 p.m. in the hospitality room for some free food and fraternity.

Community



- We have done a lot of good with our wheelchair program. If you would like to help out in this area, contact Mike Gagne at mgagne1005@gmail.com. We only have one 20 in. wheelchair left and need to order some more.
- Thanks to all who helped at our **soccer challenge** and **free throw challenge**! There will be a **district soccer challenge** on October 30th from 4 pm to 5 pm. We ask volunteers to show up at 3 pm.
- We are also planning on having a **Trunk or Treat** event at the Church parking lot on Friday October 30th as well. This event will be from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Volunteers show up at 3:30 pm to help get ready. We need more help at the **soccer challenge**, but show up around 3:30 pm and if we have enough helpers for one event you can help with the other one.
- We will also prepare **meals for the needy** on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, in the Parish Hall. Show up from 6 am on Thanksgiving Day in the Parish Hall (cafeteria) to help. This will go through about noon depending on how long it takes to clean up.

Life



- **40 Days for Life** runs through 11/2. During this time, we are called to pray and fast for the end of abortion. If you feel called to also pray in front of the Lakeland Women's Health Center on S Florida, visit the website below to sign up. www.40daysforlife.com

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.

- **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 donating and entering into the drawing, you can purchase an entire booklet for yourself. Go online to the following link to purchase the booklet: 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

Council News



- Join us for our next **business meeting** on November 9th 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.
- Thanks to all who recently paid their dues. If you haven't paid or been active, please consider at least supporting us through your small annual dues.
- Keep recruiting new members!

- The first **Fish Fry** will be the first Friday in February.
- The winners of the council soccer challenge are:

Local Council Level Winners October 9, 2026

Age	Boys	Score
9	Walker, Owen	120
10	Pedersen, Thomas	90
11	Hinds, Dominic	105
12	Oretga, Amado	165
13	Tompkins, Joseph	85
14	Cerimagic, Matteo	110
Age	Girls	Score
9	Padilla, Geraldine	85
10	none	
11	Razura-Constanino, Juliette	80
12	Maloney, Katherine	170
13	Simon, Emma	115
14	none	

- Welcome to our new transfer members! Charles Mountain, Oreste Marconi, Anthony Tessier, Jackson Busch, Scott Blair, J. Araujo, Mark Birch, Tom Waller, and Randy Mazure
- We also have two new guys waiting to get an exemplification. They are Dave Ryan and John (Jack) Vonesh.
- Christmas is right around the corner and we hope to have another Christmas party sometime in December. Stay tuned for more information. There will also be voting for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year leading up to the party.

Treasurer's Report



Income to date is $ 46,407 and expenditures are $ 45,566. $509 is committed for food pantry blessing bags.

How to Get Involved

You can contact us at kofc10169@gmail.com to get more information on any of the following:

1. Become our **Membership Director**: We need someone who is good at talking with people. You will be the one who reaches out to new brothers to show them the ropes. (Contact Derek Stross or Matt Tompkins)
2. Help prepare **Thanksgiving meals** on Thanksgiving Day. (Talk to Deacon Jim if you are interested.)
3. Help at Resurrection and Santa Fe **Bingo**. (Just show up)
4. Help at **District Soccer Challenge** on 10/30 (Just show up)
5. Help at **Trunk or Treat** on 10/30 (Just show up)
6. Come fill the pews at the **Sacred Heart Holy Hour** on November 3rd.

Star Council Award Tracker

Member Recruitment: 0 new members out of 10 required
Meetings with Insurance Agent: 2 meetings with Insurance agent out of 11 required
Faith Programs 2 points (4 points required): RSVP
Family Programs 2 points (4 points required): Food for Families
Life Programs 4 points (4 points required): Pregnancy Center Support, Special Olympics
Community Programs 2 points (4 points required): Habitat for Humanity

Insurance



Andrew Burke is back as our insurance agent. His contact info is: 863-456-8965
Email: Andrew.Burke@kofc.org
Website: kofclawandusagency.com
Meet with him if you are interested in getting a financial review and seeing what insurance products the Knights of Columbus offer.

Prayers



Please pray for Fran Cullen, Missey Spindler, 18 OCIA people, and Dan Santangelo's wife Janice.

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.



November Birthdays

Tom Colla
Don Cooper
Denis Grant
Tom Ward
Bill Cullen
Martin Ocampo
Arthur Moore
Jose Fonseca
Skip Bach
Thomas Plunkett
Dr. Juan Nicolas Barrios
Joseph Orecchio
Anthony Galluppi

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. Jolly Lukose

Grand Knight: Derek Stross

Deputy Grand Knight: Matt McMann

Chancellor: Oscar Loya

Recorder: Don Schluender

Financial Secretary: Matt Tompkins

Treasurer: Bill Ross

Lecturer: Arthur Pranno

Advocate: Leopoldo Solano

Warden: Richard McCrea

Inside Guard: George Cherry

Outside Guard: Brian Ammons

3 Year Trustee: Kevin Kullman

2 Year Trustee: Mike McGee

1 Year Trustee: Jack Thompson