



Knights of Columbus

Council 2505

St. Joseph's Church

Lakeland, FL

February 2024

A message from the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers,

Friday February 16th starts up the Fish Frys again. We could use all the help we can get to make this another successful year. Would you please consider coming out to help? We have a spot for everyone, no matter your age, weight or height. Last year Knights met other Knights and Knights met Columbiettes. The week after the Fish Frys were over I had an empty feeling because I missed everyone who worked during these five weeks. I believed that the Brothers who worked developed a bond that made our Council stronger. We will serve from 4:30 until 7:00. Anyone that can make it at 4:00 would be a big help since people are waiting to get in by 4:30 and there is a big rush right at the start.

Starting February 20th on Tuesday nights a couple of newer Knights have volunteered to host a course called the "Eucharist." This will be held in the Parish Hall with the doors opening at 6:00 and the program starting at 6:30. Jay Bice and Daniel Wagner will be running this event. This is a five week series. Please consider attending this. This is a program to strengthen your faith during the Lenten season. Anyone and everyone is invited. We are inviting everyone from our Parish and surrounding Parishes. There will be refreshments for everyone. Jay has gone through this program before at another Parish and thought so highly of it he wanted to bring it here. Instead of giving up something for Lent why not commit to God to become closer to Him by attending this series?

A few days before our 100th Year Anniversary Celebration on January 21st it felt like the sky was falling down on me. Last minute problems, changes, and a "to do" list that kept growing seemed to put a lot of pressure on me. I wanted to make everything perfect for my Brother Knights, their wives and all the guests. I remember the night before asking myself why am I doing this to myself. Why not let someone else do this? Then I went to the 11:00 Mass on that Sunday where Fr. Tim presided over to close the Church's 125th year celebration and honor the Knights' 100th year celebration. This was a very nice Mass. Fr. Tim recognized the Knights throughout the Mass. During his sermon it seemed like Fr. Tim was talking to me. He said the biggest reason for joining the Knights is to serve God. To give your time and talents to Him. To honor Him and sacrifice for Him. Fr. Tim's sermon reminded me of why I am a Knight. It was at that moment I could answer that question as to why I am doing this from the night before. Although there are many other benefits to participating in the Knights the real reason was made clear to me by Fr. Tim.

This Lenten season consider giving of yourselves. It is more rewarding than giving up a bad habit and blaming it on Lent. We always want to tell people what we gave up during Lent. I gave up drinking, smoking, sweets, eating meat on Fridays, etc. We tell others of what we gave up as if we are martyrs during Lent. Wouldn't it be better to tell someone that you gave up your time, your soul, you opened your heart to God, and you gave of yourself during the season of Lent?

Vivant Jesus,

Mark Sagen

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Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Father Michael J. 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 Your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

Considering a 4th Degree?



Hello Brother Knights of Council 2505: This message is for those of you whom have not yet attained your 4th Degree. Please see below the schedule of 4th Degree Exemplifications scheduled in 2024 here in Florida.

May 11th, 2024 (Saturday) Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, Fla. Naples is about a 2 1/2 to 3 hour drive from Lakeland. It is just south of Ft. Myers.

June 15th 2024 (Saturday) Church of the Little Flower in Coral Gables, Fla; Coral Gables is near Miami.

August 25th 2024 (Saturday) San Juan del Rio Catholic Church in St. John, Fla (St. John is just south of Jacksonville, Fl and is about 190 miles from Lakeland (about a 3-4 hour drive).

The Exemplification is now open for wives and family members to attend the exemplification ceremony.

If you are interested in progressing and making your 4th Degree in our Order, ***or learning more about the 4th Degree***, please contact Charlie Stokes by phone at 863-899-6005 to discuss.

***A Very Special Program and Effort from our newest Brother Knights
Jay Bice and Daniel Wagner - Lectio Eucharist***



**Lectio:
Eucharist
Videos by Dr.
Brant Pitre**

- Presented consecutive Tuesdays at 6:30 PM for 5 weeks beginning February 20th*
- Saint Joseph Lakeland Parish Hall*
- Small group discussions follow videos*
- Snacks and light refreshments will be provided*

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #2505



Jay and Daniel will be presenting a series of videos and leading discussions through Lent in fulfilling our Supreme's message to promote the study and worship of the Holy Eucharist.

This program has been reviewed and welcomed by our Pastor and Brother Knight Father Tim who has agreed to support Jay and Daniel with the resources of the Parish Hall. Jay and Daniel will need our support in having some of our brothers lead table discussions after the videos. There will be walkthroughs and table leader coaching before the first event.

The series is open to everyone from our parish and the whole community as well. Please consider assisting in this program, working with your brothers, our Council, and our community in spreading the Word and the importance of the Eucharist. Contact Jay or Daniel to participate.

Lent is a busy time for reflection and service

We are reminded that Lent is centered in Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during the season. Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, has a group of thoughts and actions to review during Lent, among which are:

*It's a time for prayer
It's a time for fast
It's a time to work on discipline
It's about dying to yourself
Lent reminds us of our weakness
Reach out in Charity, and
Learn to Live Like Christ.*

Find the full list with brief explanations at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/10-things-remember-during-lent>

Lakeland St. Joseph Parish provides numerous opportunities to worship

Stations of the Cross – every Friday in Lent – a group of Council 2505 Knights will take a brief pause from the Fish Fry to lead the Stations on March 15th when our Grand Knight will lead the prayer from the Sanctuary

We need 3 Knights to be Cross and candle bearers – Contact Doug Cooper to volunteer (DougStJoe@gmail.com)

Lenten Vespers

- every Saturday at 3:30 PM (before the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass) in Lent. Vespers, or Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours the most recognized liturgy, second only to the Holy Mass.

This liturgy is said daily by all clergy and is composed of a cycle of prayers said throughout the day. Vespers is only a part of this cycle. To learn more about the Liturgy of the Hours
Click <https://divineoffice.org>

Lectio Eucharist

- our own guided study of Christ in the Eucharist

February Call for Volunteers



We're critically short of Volunteers for February –
 Pick an open square and call Bob Renna

KofC Tootsie Roll Drive 2024				
Publix Plantation Square		February 17, 2024		
Contacts:	Melissa Nagy / Jack Caldwell			
		10:00AM - 12:00PM	12:00PM - 2:00PM	2:00PM - 4:00PM
Saturday, February 17	Volunteer #1	Sagan	LaVelle	LaVelle
	Phone #1			
	Volunteer #2	Saisa	Saisa	
	Phone #2			
Publix Grove Park		February 17-18, 2024		
Contacts:	John Wentworth / Britnie Schumaker			
		10:00AM - 12:00PM	12:00PM - 2:00PM	2:00PM - 4:00PM
Saturday, February 17	Volunteer #1	Phillips	Cooper	
	Volunteer #2			
Sunday, February 18	Volunteer #1			Jones
	Volunteer #2			
Publix Southgate		February 17-18, 2024		
		10:00AM - 12:00PM	12:00PM - 2:00PM	2:00PM - 4:00PM
Saturday, February 17	Volunteer #1	Quirk	Quirk	Quirk
	Volunteer #2			
Sunday, February 18	Volunteer #1			Miller
	Volunteer #2			Mulligan

Lenten Fish Fry – A great time to give a little time and work with your brother Knights. A really good chance to re-connect!

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Council 2505
Lenten Fish Fry 2024
(every Friday Feb 16th – Mar 22nd)

St Joseph Parish Hall
4:30 – 7:00 PM

ITEM	PRICE
FRIED <u>FISH Dinner POT/ FRY</u>	\$14.00
BAKED FISH <u>Dinner POT/ FRY</u>	\$14.00
<u>SHRIMP Dinner POT/ FRY</u>	\$14.00
<u>COMBO Dinner POT/ FRY</u>	\$16.00
SOUP Clam Chowder	\$ 4.00
SALAD BAR ONLY	\$ 7.00

(All dinners include hush puppies, roll, salad bar and drink.)

A LA CARTE:

FRIED FISH	\$ 6.00
BAKED FISH	\$ 6.00
SHRIMP	\$ 6.00

Cash and credit cards accepted.

Take out orders available

***Please consider bringing a food donation for
the Catholic Charities' food pantry.***



This year we would like all Knights to assist in our weekly Friday Lenten event. Consider joining the effort on one of the Fridays for part of the evening greeting and serving our parishioners, their friends, and guests a meatless dinner.
Invite your friends.

Contact Mark Sagen or just show up and spend some valued time in service.

Move in Celebration

John Quirk has invited any Knights to attend the Feb 16th St. Vincent DePaul Cares Luncheon. If you would like to attend, please contact Mark Sagen by **Wed Feb 7th** so he can give John a head count from the Knights. msagen1@msn.com



MOVE-IN CELEBRATION

*Celebrating all those given a
hand up from homelessness*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
11:30AM

Food will be provided in addition
to giveaways for those recently
housed by SVdP CARES

**St. Joseph's Church of
Lakeland**

210 W. Lemon St.
Lakeland FL 33815

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 9TH

brandi@svdp.care or (863) 608-7078

**Transportation is available
for those that need it**



Protecting the Unborn

About 25 Knights and family members showed up for the March for Life event held on January 20th at Lakeland City Hall. Knights of Council 2505 provided food and beverages at St. Joseph's Church after the march.

Thanks to the Brothers and wives who helped with the cookout after the March for Life: Frank Katomski, Steve & Ruth Jones, Brian Krolak, Bob Renna, Bill Jack & Jasmine Thompson, Ken Dauphinais, Jay Bice, Rick Stevens, Travis & Dannie Maydish, Scott Phillips and Billy Antley. Thanks to all for giving up your Saturday morning to make our Council known to many people.



**Polk County
MARCH FOR
LIFE**

Starting At
Lakeland City Hall
Registration 9:00
Program and March
9:30 – 11:30

Ending At
St. Joseph Catholic Church
210 W Lemon St., Lakeland

**Saturday
Jan. 20th, 2024**

For more information:
[https://
www.facebook.com/
PolkCountyforLife](https://www.facebook.com/PolkCountyforLife)

Join us for burgers and cold drinks
Hosted by Council 2505
Knights of Columbus



February 14 - March 24
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
HELP SAVE LIVES IN LAKELAND!

With God's help here are the results

Over 20,000 babies saved
Over 200 abortion workers converted
Over 100 abortion clinics closed

Join the Vigil Feb 14 – Mar 24

Learn More - Contact us at

Lakeland40daysforlife@gmail.com

40daysforlife.com/lakeland

***And there is
more to be done.
Consider joining
the 40 Days for
Life Vigil.***

A time to remember – Council 2505 Celebrates its 100th year

With approximately 60 Knights and over 110 in attendance, our Council came together in what may easily be the most stellar occasion this year and perhaps many years past.

The evening began with an Honor Guard from Assembly 2546 escorting our own banner into the hall followed by a procession of honored guests including our St. Joseph Clergy, Knight leaders, civic leaders and representation from local Law Enforcement. Also recognized was our most senior Past Grand Knight Vincent Scevola (1975 – 1976).

The Knights were presented with a Proclamation from the City of Lakeland, by the newly appointed *Mayor Pro Tem*, Stephanie Madden and heard speeches made by our Grand Knight, Mark Sagen, our Pastor Fr. Timothy LaBo, our District Deputy Billy Antley, State Deputy Richard Hughes, past Grand Knights Dave Tebo Harden, Bob Renna, Steve Jones and a comedic sketch from one of our newest Brothers, the recently married Travis Maydish. The hall enjoyed drinks, dinner and desert and closed the evening with a toast with all the Knights and dancing with our dates.

Special thanks go out to the celebration's organizers, Mark, Steve, Bob, Charlie and others for making this truly a memorable event.



While able to share some of the photos of the event here, there are many additional photos in the Knights' Facebook page and a full set will be shared on the soon to be developed web site. (Please share any photos you'd like to archive on Facebook.)

Celebrating 100 Years of Service 1924 – 2024

Member Birthdays		
February		
Name	Birthday	Age
Mr Donald J. Bice	02-02-1951	73
Mr Philip J Maitino	02-07-1945	79
Mr Brian P Stevens	02-08-1981	43
Mr Gregory J Mc Cabe	02-10-1962	62
Mr Corbin J Trottier	02-11-2000	24
Mr Bernard C Steber	02-12-1934	90
Mr Peter J Bodolay	02-17-1957	67
Mr Thomas E Massarella	02-17-1964	60
Mr David K Tebo	02-19-1959	65
Mr James M Palmer	02-21-1964	60
Mr John R Rookey	02-24-1942	82
Mr Robert J Connors	02-27-1941	83
Member Wedding Anniversaries		
February		
Name	Date	Wife's Name
Mr David A Reilly	02-03-2018	Michelle Reilly
Mr John Quirk	02-11-2012	Enidza Ramos-Quirk
Wife Birthdays		
February		
Member's Name	Wife's Name	Birthday
Mr William	Nicole Breier	02-02
Mr Dale R Burzynski	Nikki Burzynski	02-02
Mr William E Phalen	Virginia M. Phalen	02-02
Mr Bobby J Brigman	Susi Brigman	02-13
Mr George H Riddle	Marilyn Riddle	02-17
Mr Gerald F Karels	Marianne Karels	02-26

A Note from Community Director Steve Jones

Greetings from your Community Director. We began the year with a bang. . Thank you so much to all that helped with the basketball challenge. Jack Jones showed up just to help but we convinced him to shoot and he took home the trophy.

How about that 100th Anniversary Gala? Our Grand Knight really outdid himself. If you were there, I know that you had fun and a really nice meal. If you weren't there, you missed a real treat.

We had a wonderful showing of Knights at the March for Life. Some walked and others prepared and served food to the crowd afterwards. In all, about 25 Knights were involved. Thanks to all who participated. You guys are awesome. Looking forward to February and Fish Frys and Tootsie Roll Drives.

The District Basketball Challenge will wrap up our sports for this year. We hope to do even more next year

Vivat Jesus,
Steve Jones

Community Director 863-529-9031 Stevedolphin750@gmail.com

February Important Dates			
February 8th	Thursday	Knights' Business Meeting (Rosary at 6:00 PM) (Meeting at 6:30 PM)	6:00 PM
February 12th	Monday	Exemplification Ceremony (Prep 6:30PM) (Ceremony 7:00PM)	7:00 PM
February 14th	Ash Wednesday	Lent Begins	
February 16th	Friday	Knights Fish Fry (Prep 4:00) (Service begins 4:30 PM)	4:30 PM
February 19th	Monday	Assembly 2546 Meeting Resurrection	7:00 PM

*Brothers – please take a few moments
to remember our Brother Knights*

*Deacon Ray Sakowski
Eric Thomas
Bob Hoffman*

*And their families in your
Prayers for the Sick.*



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*"Be anxious about nothing, but in all things by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." **Phillipians 4:6-7***