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February 2026

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From the Grand Knight

This past month, the Knights not only survived Central Florida's record cold, but as evidenced by the activities below, thrived.

We will begin our February newsletter with our largest exemplification of the fraternal year.

The January 27th exemplification saw seven men, either brought on to become new Knights or become raised to the Knighthood degree, formally known as the 3rd degree. David Micca, Doug Murphy, Javier Ros, and Louis Rosa joined the knights of Columbus that night, while Dan de Guzman, Jeff O'Brien, and Frank Tuozzo were raised to the Knighthood degree. A good number of family and friends looked on as these seven were exemplified and after the ceremony joined in for light refreshments in the Community room.





From the Grand Knight Continued

Our Council members joined those of our brother councils at Melbourne Central Catholic High School on January 24th to help with the K of C District Basketball Challenge. One of HNJ's students, Miles Olson came out first in his age category and will progress to the regional challenge on February 28th.



Once again, this time on January 28th, SK Bob Krenzer led the Knights in preparing a delicious Spaghetti dinner to scores of hungry FIT students, in the Chapel dining area. The FIT students went back to their dorms well fed and ready to continue their studies.



On January 30/31, Knights of Columbus members assisted Live4More to put on their semi-annual conference by helping with the purchase, set up and later cleanup of the breakfast served to the conference's participants. John Leonetti, the main speaker, kept all those in attendance glued to their seats with an inspirational presentation. Thank you to BK Johnathan Cyr, head of Live4More and a member of our Knight's council, and his team, mostly made up of our council's knights, for putting on a great conference.





From the Grand Knight Continued



At our February 3rd business meeting it was my pleasure to present a number of awards.



Knight of the Month - SK John Hilaman is a fixture at many of our events. He always volunteers to assist with kitchen activities for events such as: Fish Dinners and Mardi Gras. When the Knights sell tickets for these events, John will be found standing in the atrium with the event's poster. And, at this past year's Christmas Tree sales fundraiser, you could find John standing at the entrance of the Quonset Hut with a chainsaw **in hand**.



Family of the Month – BK David & Charlotte Cooley and Grandson BK Andrew Moore stepped forward to help make our Christmas tree fundraiser, a great success. David helped handle the administrative part of the sales and Andrew was the consummate sales person. In addition, Charlott, David, and Andrew have often helped with setting up the Life Center Hall for our activities, most recently, our 2025 Christmas party.

Certificates of Appreciation – Connor Petrillo, a sophomore at Melbourne Central Catholic High School and Wolfgang Thornton, an eighth-grade student at HNJ Catholic elementary school were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. Both young men helped with all aspects of our Christmas tree fundraiser from erecting and deconstructing the Quonset hut to unloading and selling the trees. Wolfgang also helped with the K of C/HNJ school pancake breakfast and Conner has been volunteering to assist with the HNJ Thrift shop.



On February 8, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community held their annual Parish Picnic and the Knights were there to help with the cooking, and to man a ministry table dedicated to spreading the word of the Knights. It was estimated that 500 parishioners attended the event on what turned out to be a pleasant day after a week of cold weather.



From the Grand Knight Continued



The Knights began selling tickets, on the weekend of February 14/15, for our upcoming Lenten Fish Dinners and for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance. Frank Tuozzo joined the Knights selling tickets and displayed the Certification he received during the last exemplification.



Tickets for both of our Lenten Fish dinners and for our St Patrick's day dinner dance will be sold in the atrium, for the next five weekends, after all Masses, and in the parish office during the week. Please support this effort by buying your tickets early.

 Lenten Dinners



On February 15, Joe and Gloria Mayer were presented with the Family of the Month award that they had previously been awarded but did not receive.





From the Grand Knight Continued



Other Activities by the Knights:

First Friday Rosary, February 6, led by SK Thom Fair was held in the Chapel with over 20 in attendance

Hearts Out to Haiti Dinner Dance fund raiser took place on February 14. SK Bernis Thorton led the knights in prepping, cooking, and plating the dinners served to the approximately 130 guests at the event. Tricia Greenleaf, on behalf of Hearts Out to Haiti, sent a letter of thanks to the Grand Knight for the work done by Bernis and those knights who assisted him. She ended her letter by saying, "We really could not have done this event without all of you and cannot thank you enough."

Coffee and Donuts Feb 15 – Once again SK Carl Oehmann and his trusted knights provided coffee and donuts to our parishioners and visitors after all Sunday morning Masses.

Vivat Jesus!

Peter Gioia
Grand Knight
Council 5845



February Events

Feb	3	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	6	7:00pm	1st Friday Rosary	Chapel
	8	1:15am	Parish Picnic	Pavilion
	14	TBD	Assist w/Hearts Out t Haiti Dinner/Dance	Kitchen/Life Center
	14/15	All Masses	Sell tickets to Lenten Fish Dinners/St Pat's Day	Atrium
	15	All Masses	Coffee and Donuts	Community Room
	17	7:00 pm	Planning meeting	Room 101
	21/22	All Masses	Sell tickets to Lenten Fish Dinners/St Pat's Day	Atrium
	24	7:00pm	Exemplification	Church/ Community rm
	26	6:30pm	Live4More Men's Conference Joe McGivney Speaker	Community Room
	28	9:00am	Basketball Challenge Regional Level	MCC Gym
	28	All Masses	Sell tickets to Lenten Fish Dinners/St Pat's Day	Atrium



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Brothers,

Do you have goals in mind for this year?

It may be February, but the year is still fresh. Instead of new year's resolutions, I like to think in terms of setting concrete, actionable goals. I recommend that at least once a year, you make it a goal to take inventory of your financial health.

You can start by asking yourself if you've experienced any major life events in the last year that may call for an update to your insurance plan or to acquire a policy for the first time. If you've gotten married, welcomed or are expecting a baby, changed careers or purchased a home, these are good reasons to evaluate your life insurance coverage.

Don't forget that if your life insurance policy is dependent on your current employer, you could be underinsured and only protected while you are still working.

It's also important to consider whether you're on track to maintain the lifestyle you want in retirement.

Do you know how much money you'll need to retire comfortably?

Finally, consider if you're missing an opportunity to grow your assets. With faith-based investment options through our affiliate, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can pursue your financial goals with products that adhere to Catholic investment guidelines.

It's not too late to set goals for 2026.

I'd love to sit down with you and conduct a complimentary needs analysis. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

And before I go, I'd like to share with you the story of our late brother Knight Brad Wolf. Brad was a past grand knight in Texas who chose to protect his family with a Knights of Columbus insurance policy. That decision became a lifeline for his family — allowing his wife, Dena, and their daughter, Riley, to remain in their home, free from the fear of financial hardship.

Lastly – if you have access to a video screen during your council meeting, we encourage you to play this video to council members or share another way.

Play Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hc-RSg3AyI0>

Vivat Jesus!

Best Regards,

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Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on what each of KofC and KoCAA can offer members directly



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Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church

Knight of the Month for February

John Hilaman

Family of the Month for February

David & Charlotte Cooley and Andrew Moore



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In Service To One,
In Service To All

Upcoming Events:

March 1-Sell Tickets to Lenten Fish Dinners/St Pat's Day after all masses

March 1-Silver Rose Icon Rosary for life at Unborn monument

March 3rd-Business meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101

March 6th-1st Lenten Fish Dinner, 5:00pm at Life Center Hall

March 6th- 1st Friday Rosary, 7:00pm at Community Room

March 7th-Laps for life, 9am-noon at MCC Field

March 7th-Basketball Challenge state level, 10:00am at MCC Gym

March 7/8th-Sell Tickets to Lenten Fish Dinners/St Pat's Day after all masses

March 11th-FIT Spaghetti Dinner, 6pm at FIT Chapel

March 14th & 15th-Sell tickets to Lenten Fish dinners/St Pat's Day, all masses, Atrium

March 15th- Coffee & donuts after all morning masses, at community room

March 17th-St Patrick Day dinner, 5:30pm at Life Center hall

March 17th-Planning Meeting cancelled, 7:00pm at Room 101

March 21st & 22nd-Sell tickets to Lenten Fish dinners/St Pat's Day, all masses, Atrium

March 22nd-HNJ Carwash Fundraiser at Friendly's Restaurant, 11am-2pm

March 24th-Exemplification, 7:00pm at church

March 27th- 2nd Lenten Fish Dinner, 5:00pm at Life Center Hall

March 28th-Men's Christ Renews Us retreat at Life Center Hall

March 29th-Fifth Sunday Rosary, 6:30pm at Chapel