

# INVOCATION

March 2026



Knights Take The  
Polar Plunge

# Knights Plunge for Special Olympics



The Knights of Columbus proudly participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge at Aquatica in Orlando on Valentine's Day, February 14. While the waters may not have been icy cold (but still chilly!), the enthusiasm and spirit of the day made for a truly memorable experience.

The Florida State Council was a major sponsor of the Polar Plunge this year and the membership led by Past State Deputy Robert Urrutia responded.

The Knights State Team, made up of ten dedicated men who had been fundraising for weeks in advance, raised an impressive \$16,500 and earned second place in the team fundraising category. Many organizations and companies were on hand to support Special Olympics, with participants donning creative costumes to show their enthusiasm. In honor of Valentine's Day, the Knights embraced the theme — and their festive costumes drew plenty of attention. Special Olympic athletes and attendees alike sought them

out for photos throughout the day.

A special congratulations goes to State Secretary Ed Sleyzak, who placed second in the individual fundraising category, raising more than \$4,000.

A special thanks to all the wives who attended and made it an enjoyable morning.

On February 13, **Council 14573**, the Ascension Polar Plungers, participated in a separate Polar Plunge at the beach. Several Knights and priests bravely entered the cooler waters of the Atlantic Ocean, raising \$4,500 for Special Olympics.

We are incredibly proud of our continued support of Special Olympics. Participation in the Polar Plunge is just one small part of the countless hours our Knights volunteer at the local level throughout the state. Thank you to all the Brother Knights who support this outstanding cause, their donors who financially supported and all those who helped make a meaningful difference in the lives of Special Olympics athletes.

# Remember Founders Day

Let me begin by saying how delicate and precious life truly is. After spending several days in the hospital, and at moments not even being certain if I would return home, I was reminded in a profound and humbling way that every breath is a gift from God. There were quiet hours of uncertainty, moments of reflection, and an overwhelming awareness that our lives are always in His hands. Through the intercession and prayers of so many of you—my wonderful brother Knights—I have been blessed to come home. For that, I am deeply grateful.

Founder's Month is not simply a time to commemorate history; it is a time to recommit ourselves to the mission. It is an opportunity to reflect on why we exist as an Order. We are not just another organization. We are Catholic men called to serve. We are husbands, fathers, grandfathers, sons, and brothers who understand that our vocation extends beyond our homes and into the heart of the Church. We are defenders of life, champions of charity, and witnesses to Christ in a world that desperately needs Him.

As we celebrate Founder's Day on March 29, let us do so with action. Our Lenten fish fries are more than meals; they are ministries. When we set up tables in the back of the church, when we greet parishioners with a smile, when we serve a plate of food with kindness and hospitality, we are doing more than fundraising. We are building community. We are creating a welcoming space where families gather, where conversations begin, and where men see firsthand the joy and strength of our brotherhood.

Those tables in the back of the church become places of invitation. They are where we draw in new members, where we speak about the mission of the Knights, and where we extend a hand to men who may be searching for something more. Many men today feel isolated. They long for purpose, for belonging, for a way to live their faith more fully. The Knights of Columbus offers that path. It gives

a man the opportunity to grow spiritually, to serve alongside other faithful men, and to become a stronger leader in his home and parish.

When we conduct full membership drives, we are not simply increasing numbers. We are inviting men into a life of service and discipleship. We are inviting them to stand for

charity, unity, and fraternity. We are inviting them to deepen their relationship with Christ and to bring their families closer to the Church. A man who joins the Knights does not walk alone. He becomes part of something greater than himself a brotherhood that supports him, challenges him, and prays with him.

The reason we bring men into the Knights of Columbus is simple and profound: we bring them to Christ. We know from our own experience that the Order changes lives. It strengthens marriages. It forms fathers to be spiritual leaders. It teaches sons what it means to serve. It provides widows and families with support and compassion. It calls men to step forward in faith when the world encourages them to step back.

My recent time in the hospital reminded me that our days are limited, but our impact does not have to be. Every call we make, every invitation we extend, every fish fry we host, every prayer we offer—these are seeds planted for eternity. We may not always see the fruits immediately, but God does. And He multiplies our efforts in ways we cannot imagine.

Brothers, we came out of difficult months. There are times when momentum slows, when energy wanes, and when distractions pull us in many directions. But now is the time to rise. Now is the time to recommit ourselves spiritually and fraternally. February and the months ahead must



*State Deputy  
Michael P. Gizewski*

be filled with renewed zeal. Let us approach Founder’s Month not casually, but with conviction. Let us make those phone calls. Let us personally invite men to join us. Let us stand proudly behind those tables and speak boldly about who we are.

I stand before you today not just as a brother Knight, but as a man who has been reminded how fragile life is and how powerful our brotherhood can be. I am grateful to God for bringing me home. I am grateful to each of you for your prayers and

friendship. And I am more convinced than ever that the work we do matters.

May we honor the legacy of Father McGivney by living our faith courageously. May we celebrate Founder’s Day with action and enthusiasm. And may we continue to bring men into the Knights of Columbus so that together we can bring families closer to Christ and strengthen His Church for generations to come.

## Food Drop Feeds 296 Families



**T**he monthly food drop at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Port Orange – coordinated by **KofC Council 8086** in conjunction with Agape Food Ministries – continues to grow with a second-consecutive record month in February.

On Friday morning, February 27, the distribution served 296 families and 877 individuals, offering 19,000 pounds of food – nearly 10 tons! – in only 55 minutes. That’s the equivalent of racing’s pit crew speed and coordination!

‘The pace, coordination and spirit on site were incredible to witness,’ said Juan Vega, Agape Director of Food Ministries. ‘I especially want to highlight the Knights. Their presence makes a real impact. They are always helpful and willing

to serve, but today felt different. Their team work, energy and leadership were truly phenomenal. To see how much they’ve grown with us through our monthly distributions honestly makes me very happy. We’ve all worked so hard to get this event to where it is today – and seeing them step into this level of strength and confidence really stood out.

‘Days like this remind us what’s possible when a community comes together with purpose.’

The next food drop will be on Friday, March 24, at 8 a.m. at the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church parking lot on 4675 South Clyde Morris Blvd. in Daytona Beach. All are welcome!

# Be the Light

*By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

“Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.” - Eph. 5:8

**B**eing an active Catholics and members of the Knights of Columbus helps us not only be bathed in the light of Christ but become that very light. The outward evidence of that is a holier individual and family. Lent is a graced time that roots out darkness and fills it with light. Prayer strengthens us. Fasting sharpens self-control. Almsgiving increases our generosity.

Aside from your council responsibilities, many of you serve in liturgical ministries or as catechists at your parish or serve food in a soup kitchen or give it out at a food pantry. Fish Fries and other seasonal events call us to service of our brothers and sisters in Christ and keep us busy.

In many parts of Florida, a seasonal crowd increases the tempo of activities and adds additional demands to our lives. I see the Knights in my parish in front of supermarkets and parish doors for the “Tootsie Roll Drive” to assist the handicapped, serve fish fries and breakfasts, drive food to the hungry through a local program called Collier Harvest, and soon help direct traffic in a crowded church parking lot at Easter. All that activity can tire us out. It is then that St. Paul’s

words to be the Lord’s light must help make us shine brighter.

As we move through these 40 days, we might get tired, but there will be reminders of coming Easter joy that keep us going. On the second Sunday of Lent the Church gave us the story of the Transfiguration, a mountaintop experience that was a glimpse into divine grandeur. It was a vision that Peter, James and John were told to keep to themselves until Jesus was raised from the dead.

As you go the extra mile this busy season, God will provide moments that will reveal the light of Christ to us too. It may come in the form of a smile from someone we serve, an affirmation from a brother Knight or the embrace of a family member. In addition to receiving these holy signs, be God instrument by giving them as well. In this way we will all keep moving forward on our journey be “light in the Lord.” Vivat Jesus!



*State Chaplain  
Very Rev. Bob Kantor*



*Knights on Bikes and St. Agnes Council 14202 Grand Knight Mark Crain with State Chaplain and Pastor Fr. Bob Kantor escorting the Silver Rose at St. Agnes Parish in Naples, where it was present for three weekend Masses in February. The Silver Rose was present at other Masses that weekend at Ave Maria and St. John the Evangelist parishes.*

# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.” (Gospel for March 22, Jn 11:16)

**L**ook at the bravery of Thomas! Jesus had just announced his intention to travel to Judea, where he had narrowly escaped getting stoned to death. Given the potential danger ahead, Thomas seems prepared for martyrdom. Later, of course, he and the other disciples would flee as Jesus was arrested, and Thomas would doubt reports of Jesus’ resurrection. As fallible humans, our strength and resolve sometimes collapse into weakness. May we always seek the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, even when the going gets tough.

## **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, as we continue through Lent, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross each week — in your parish community, with your family or individually — with the intention of receiving the courage to suffer for Christ. A good resource is the Catholic Information Service booklet *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations* ([kofc.org/shopcis](http://kofc.org/shopcis)).

## **Questions for Reflection:**

Are you a good disciple of Christ? How can being a Knight of Columbus help prepare you to take up your cross and follow him? Are you willing to suffer for your faith if called upon?

# Knights Presented Quilts of Valor

**O**ur Lady Queen of the Apostles Council #12376 was most recently able to coordinate an event with the Palm Beach chapter of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

On Sunday, January 18, 2026, a ceremony was held at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles church in Royal Palm Beach. Council member Anthony C. Vazquez, who coordinated this event with Quilts of Valor, served as emcee in conjunction with Ms. Theresa Anderson, group leader of Quilts of Valor’s Palm Beach chapter. Fourth Degree members of **Our Lady of Peace Assembly #2709** were also invited to provide the Honor Guard for the ceremony.

Beginning in 2003, Quilts of Valor was founded to provide service men and women with a symbol of comfort and support that represents what the Knights of Columbus believe in. Their passion is to help change the demeanor of those who have served from one of despair to one of hope and well-being.



The presentation of quilts was given to three members of **Council #12376**: Navy 3rd Class Edgar Burroughs, Air Force 2nd Class William Gormley and Army Specialist Raymond Glaubrecht. Pastor Father Andy Rudnicki was on hand and provided his blessing to use the church for the presentation.

# Back to Basics Tour

**D**istrict Deputy Greg Gully (District #17) hosted members of the Florida State Council at the Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall in Flagler Beach as part of State Deputy Mike Gizewski's "Back to Basics" tour.

All three councils in District #17 invited their members, wives, and fellow parishioners and guests to attend the meeting. In attendance were each respective Grand Knight from each council; **Notre Dame Council 10514** (Bryant Perszyk-Flagler Beach), **St. Mary's Council 11961** (Darren Molony-Bunnell), and **Mother Seton Council 17480** (Joseph Paul-Palm Coast).

There were approximately 90 members, wives, and guests in attendance. Attendees came from as far as St. Augustine and Jacksonville to the north and Port Orange to the south.

The evening began with a light meal. Deacon Brother Knight Stephen Johnson from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton began the meeting by leading the attendees in a decade of the rosary. This was followed by Grand Knight Bryant Perszyk of host Council 10514 introducing State Membership Director Danny McIntyre (who was accompanied by this wife, Carol).

Brother McIntyre talked about the importance of the Knights of Columbus in evangelization and strengthening the church, through both spiritual and corporate works of mercy. He emphasized the importance of communication on both a local and statewide basis. The Order's outreach to Catholic men to join us is crucial to the continued success we enjoy. Brother McIntyre interspersed three or four short (one or two minute) videos produced by the Supreme Council to bring additional clarity to his remarks.

State Membership Director McIntyre then introduced State Deputy Michael Gizewski for his presentation. SD Gizewski stated that he was impressed by the number of ladies present. He remarked that the support of wives and family members plays a crucial part in the success of, not



only individual Knights of Columbus councils, but his own personal efforts as state deputy to successfully lead a jurisdiction with approximately 57,000 members.

SD Gizewski touched on the many programs that the Florida State Council supports that 'piggyback' on the Order's Faith in Action Program. He encouraged each member to learn as much as they can about the state programs by going to the public portion of the Florida State Council website. He explained that every member in Florida can create an account at [www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org) and clicking on 'Member Login'. This will allow them to get timely information that is only available to members on the state's website. He explained that the Florida State Council has a 501(c)(3) called Florida KofC Charities, Inc. that is utilized to provide funding for local disasters, pro-life efforts, religious vocation assistance, provide coats for kids, food for families, and many other worthwhile charitable programs throughout the state of Florida.

The final part of program included a couple of short stories about SD Gizewski's personal life journey that brought him to where he is today.

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The stories were not only humorous at times, but deeply personal as they emphasized the importance that God has played in his life from childhood to the present. The program then concluded with questions being taken by SD Gizewski and State Membership Director McIntyre.

A very poignant moment occurred when an attendee asked about the inspiration behind the creation of the State Deputy pin for his tenure. State Deputy Gizewski responded that he has a special relationship with the Blessed Mother. He highlighted the inclusion of baby Jesus in the womb and how it connects to his strong Pro-Life position and a personal situation in his family that dates back forty-eight years. He explained that everyone has a personal story of how God has been present in their lives. God inspires us to use

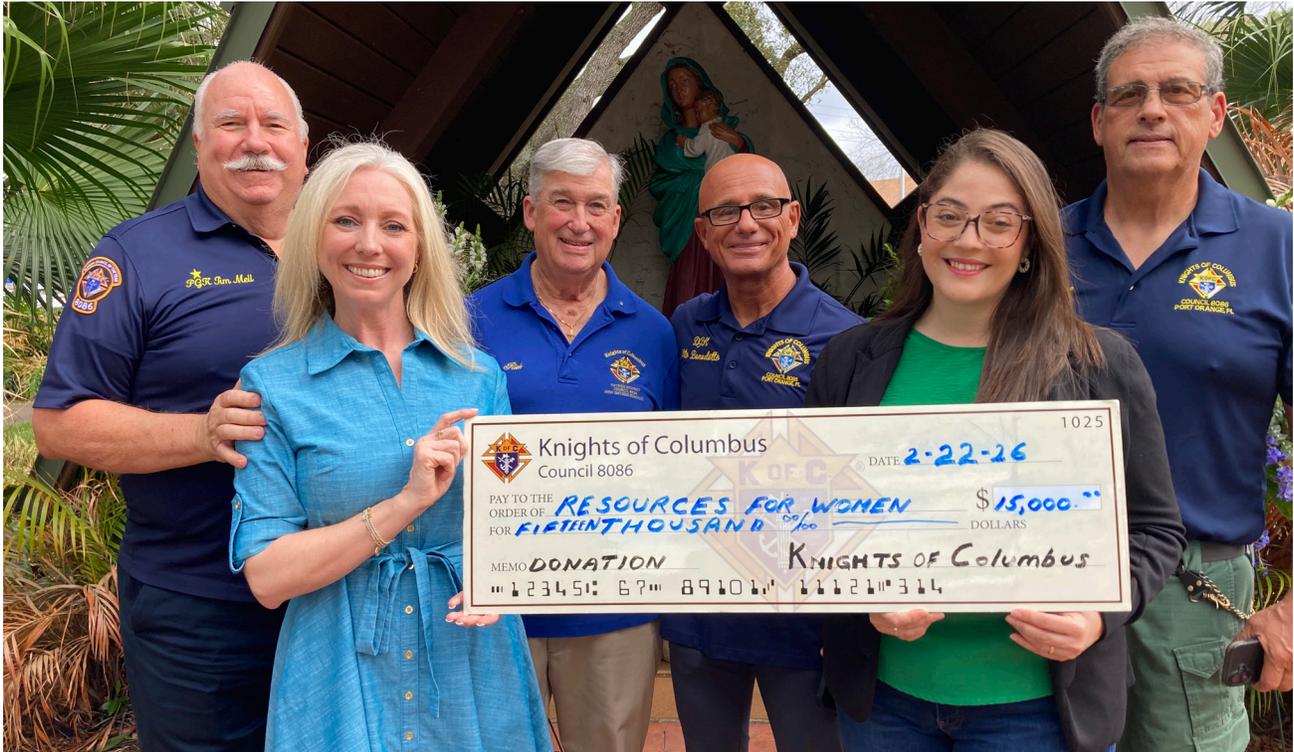
his graces to lead others to Him through leading by example.

Footnote: District Deputy Gully, et al, signed-up two attendees online using their cell phones at the meeting to join the Order. It's a truly a 'Back to Basics' answer: How do you get a man to join the Order? Ask them!

[www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/](http://www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/)



# Port Orange Councils Boosts Life



**T**wo Port Orange Knights of Columbus councils—**Our Lady of Hope Council 8086** and Church of the Epiphany Council 4934—recently donated a check for \$15,000 to Resources for Women, designated to strengthen services and resources for women in the Daytona Beach area.

The fundraising total reflects proceeds from the January 9 Celebration of Life at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, which culminated weeks of coordinated effort by Knights, families, parish supporters, and community partners rallying behind a shared mission: providing practical, compassionate support for women who need assistance, encouragement, and access to critical resources.

“We’re proud to stand behind the work being done for women right here in our community,” said Council 8086 Life Director Vito Benedetto. “This gift is about meeting real needs with real support—financial, material, and personal—so that no one feels alone when facing difficult circumstances.”

Based in Daytona Beach, Resources for Women

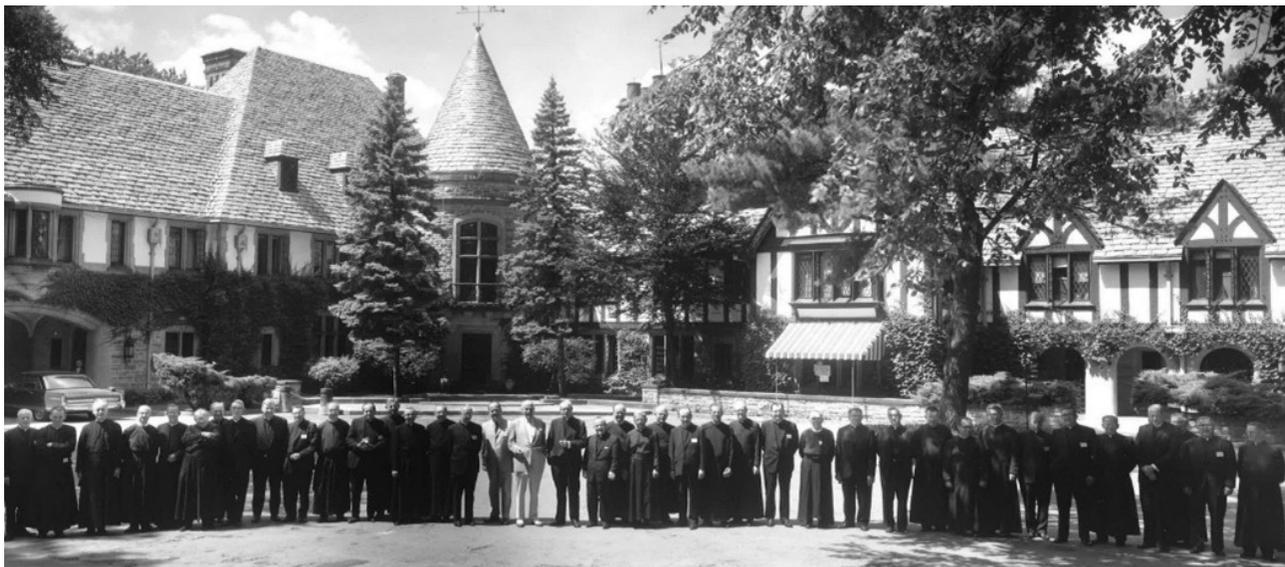
serves local women by helping connect them with vital support services and tangible aid to mothers and their new born. Council leaders noted that the \$15,000 contribution is intended to help expand the organization’s ability to respond to needs as they arise—whether through program support, supplies, or direct service capacity.

Members of both councils emphasized that the effort was driven by the Knights of Columbus’ long-standing commitment to charity and community service, and that the success of the fundraiser was a testament to what local volunteers can accomplish when working together.

Council representatives also expressed appreciation to everyone who donated, volunteered, and helped spread the word—underscoring that community generosity played a central role in reaching the milestone.

The councils said they look forward to continued collaboration on charitable initiatives throughout the year, with a special focus on supporting families and individuals in the greater Daytona Beach area.

# SD Promotes Recovery Sunday



**R**ecovery Sunday is an effective, parish-based fundraiser organized with the support of the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

This new Charitable Program is dedicated to raising awareness and financial support for Guest House, a non-profit dedicated to the health and wellness of Catholic clergy, women and men religious, and seminarians located in Lake Orion, Michigan.

Recovery Sunday was conceived by Florida State Deputy Michael Gizewski after becoming aware of Guest House during a dinner with Sir Knight Joe McGivney. With State Deputy Gizewski's leadership and vision, Recovery Sunday was born.

## About Guest House

Guest House is celebrating 70 years of compassionate, holistic healing. Founded in 1956 as a treatment center for priests struggling with alcoholism, Guest House began with a simple but powerful mission: to care for the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—and over the decades has expanded to serve Catholic clergy, women and men religious, and seminarians from around the world.

Since its founding, Guest House has helped

more than 8,000 individuals find hope, healing, and lifelong recovery from addiction and mental health challenges through holistic, evidence-based care grounded in 12-step spirituality.

In addition, Guest House provides educational programming for Church leadership, strengthening awareness around addiction and mental health. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Guest House provides more than \$1.5 million in uncompensated care each year, ensuring that no one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay.

## Joe McGivney

By the grace of God and the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney, Joe is a grateful recovering alcoholic. Last year, Joe McGivney came out of retirement to accept a full-time role as a Mission Advancement Specialist at Guest House. His number one priority is to help his Brother Knights conduct successful Recovery Sunday parish drives.

Joe is a blood relative of Blessed Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. He carries forward a powerful legacy of faith, service, and compassion. Serving the Servants of God We invite you to experience the joy of serving the Servants of God. Every council is encouraged to participate in Recovery Sunday.



To learn more, please reach out directly to Joe McGivney at: 561-629-2527 or email Joe at: [jmcgivney@guesthouse.org](mailto:jmcgivney@guesthouse.org).

To learn more about supporting the Guest House mission, scan the QR code or visit: [guesthouse.org/give](https://www.guesthouse.org/give).



## Fort Walton Beach to Host Fourth Degree

**S**t. Mary's Catholic Church in Fort Walton Beach will host a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 21, as the Florida District of the DeSoto Province takes the new ceremony to the Panhandle for the first time.

The ceremony will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 111. St. Mary Ave SW, Fort Walton Beach. The event replaces the exemplification originally scheduled for Panama City on the same date.

Unlike former years, family members and friends are encouraged to attend, Sir Knights who took the Fourth Degree prior to 2025 are also invited to learn the importance of becoming a Patriotic Catholic Citizen.

Registration will open at 9:30 a.m., followed by the ceremony at 11 a.m. in the church. The Exemplification banquet will be held at 2 p.m. in the parish hall, followed by Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Father Richard Dawson, Pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Defuniak Springs, will be the Exemplification honoree.



The candidate fee is \$90, including banquet, and the fee for a Priest is \$50. While the ceremony is free, the banquet fee for family, friends and observers is \$50.

The deadline is Thursday, March 12.

For planning purposes, upcoming Exemplifications include Naples on May 9 and Pembroke Pines (Miami/Fort Lauderdale) on June 13. The rescheduled date for the Feb. 28 ceremony at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine is yet to be finalized. Stay tuned to the Fourth Degree tab on [Floridakofc.org](https://www.Floridakofc.org) for additional details.

# 2026 Knights of Columbus Charity GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefitting the Santa Rosa Kids' House and the Knights of Columbus Council #7027



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**TANGLEWOOD GOLF CLUB**

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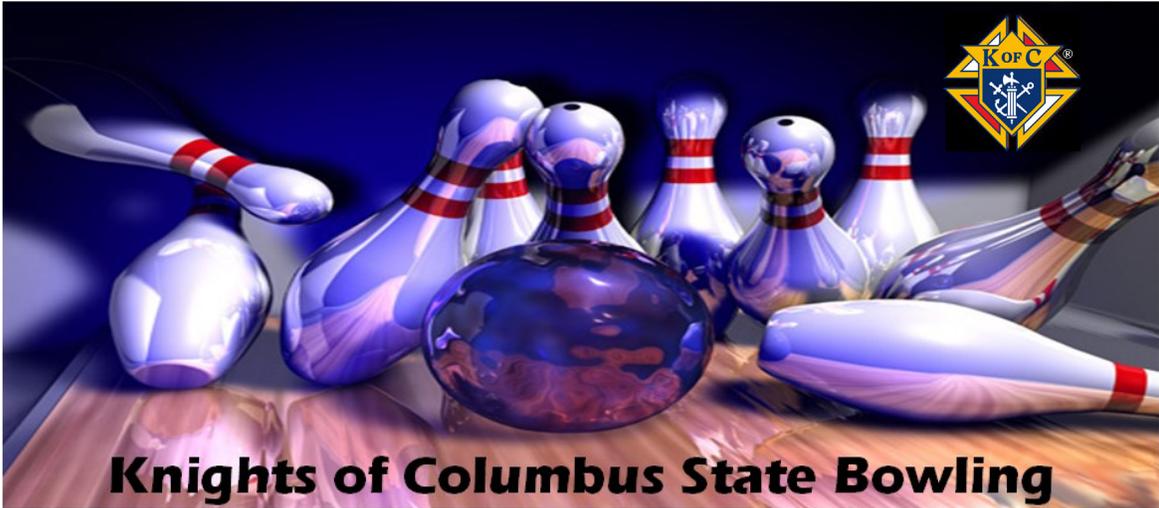
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Assoc. Fees	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
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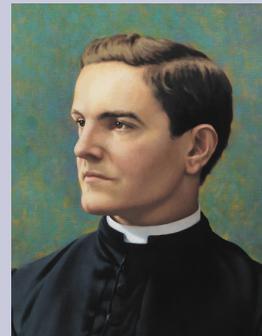
**Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney**

**G**od, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed 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 Blessed 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).*



## Is Your Personal Information Accurate?

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The 5-minute video describes how to log on or gain initial access, and reviews how to correct or confirm your personal information.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT

Evangelize and proclaim our faith, protect families, and perform works of charity.

Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order.

Build the Domestic Church through service, support our parishes, clergy, and communities.

Incorporate principled fiscal responsibility for charitable giving.

## The Florida State Logo



### Explanation of the Florida State Council Pin 2025-2027

“**OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST**” is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the Knights of Columbus in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives—into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St. John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ’s truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.

“**JESUS IN MARY’S WOMB**” is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

We are a fraternity of men who love our God, love our Family, and love our country. We protect the children, we salute our veterans, and we pray to our patron Blessed Michael McGivney. We do all unashamed and with pride because we understand that which is not against us is with us. For we are the Knights of Columbus protectors of the widows and orphans, and we wear it proudly so **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST and he shall enter.**

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