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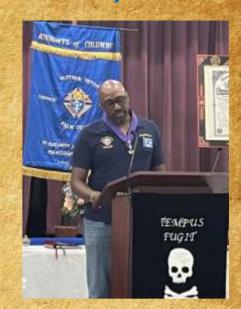
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Brothers, congratulations on an incredible year. As we stand at the threshold of 2026, it is a privilege to reflect on the impact we've made together. This past year was defined by our commitment to **Charity**, **Unity**, **and Fraternity**, and the sheer volume of what we accomplished is a testament to your dedication.

Reflecting on a Landmark 2025

Because of your hard work, we successfully navigated a packed calendar of faith-filled and community-focused programs. From the competitive spirit of the **Soccer Challenge** and **Free Throw Championship** to the deep spirituality of the **Eucharistic Procession** and the **Pilgrim Icon Program**, and the revamp of our **St. Michael's Ministry**, we reached every corner of our parish and community.

We stood for the vulnerable through Coats for Kids, Stand for Life, and the Americans for Disability Fundraiser. We also shared in moments of great joy and fellowship, such as the Frankie Valli Dinner Dance and the milestone celebration of Fr. Jose's Golden Jubilee.



Whether you were selling Thanksgiving and Christmas pies, supporting the Healing Mass, or organizing the Deacon Tom's Golf Outing, your presence made the difference. Every hour volunteered was a brick in the foundation of our Council's success.

Looking Toward the New Year

As we enter January, we are given a providential "reset." The start of a new year is not just about new calendars, but about renewed intentions. In the coming months, we will continue to build on this momentum, focusing on how we can better serve our families and our Church.

I want to personally thank each of you for your support. Being your Grand Knight is an honor, but the true strength of this Council lies in the brotherhood of men willing to say "Yes" when the call for help goes out. May the New Year bring you and your family's peace, health, and many blessings. Let us continue to work together to make 2026 our most impactful year yet.

Vivat Jesus! Joseph W. Paul Grand Knight Council #17480

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January Mark Your Calander

January 16-17, 2026, Talks by Dr .John Bergsma
January 17th March For Life
February 8, 2026, 2PM: Confirmation
March 16-18, 2026: Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Shawn

April 26, 2026, 2.30PM: First Holy Communion October 19-21, 2026, 6PM: Parish Mission by Fr.Tom McCarthy, OSA

District Deputy Message Greg Gully

January 2026

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we pause to give thanks—to God who has guided us faithfully through the month's past, and who now calls us forward into new opportunities for service, fraternity, and prayer. This is a moment not only to look back on what we've done, but to look ahead to what, by God's grace, we are yet to become. May this coming year renew the spirit of unity among our Brother Knights, strengthen our commitment to charity, and deepen our devotion to the principles that define us—charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. May our councils be beacons of hope in our



parishes and communities, reaching out with compassion to the poor, the lonely, and the forgotten. Let us ask God to bless our families, our Church, and our Order with peace, courage, and wisdom. May the Holy Spirit guide our hands and hearts in every act of service. And as we begin this new year, may we remember that each day is a gift—a fresh opportunity to bring Christ's light into the world through our actions, faith, and brotherhood. Speaking of gifts....please give the gift of brotherhood to a Catholic gentleman. A parishioner, neighbor, family member, or someone you do business with.

In Christ Vivat Jesus

SK Greg Gully
District Deputy 17
Knights of Columbus
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ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR FAMILY ON SOLID GROUND?

It's equasion every Catholic man needs to ask — and answer. God cath you to love your wife, raise your children and provide for your family in good times and bed. To lead with first in all you do

Invite a new member! Scan the code to get to the online application.

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Christmas Gift December 2025

The family #17480 adopted for this Christmas: 6 Children ages infant to 11 years old and their single Mom.

Presents were purchased with the money that Brothers so generously donated at the December meeting totaling \$1,046.



Blessed Michael McGivney's 1st Miracle

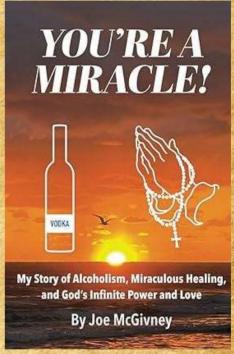
I'm on line at hotel in Orlando to get something quick to eat. Just me and one other person behind me. He has on a light blue shirt. So, I ask him if he is a District Deputy. He says nope I'm Blessed Father McGivney's 1st miracle!! This is Joseph McGivney in photo with me.

The "Joseph McGivney miracle" refers to two main stories: Joe McGivney's own miraculous recovery from severe alcohol-induced psychosis in 2020, where he woke up healed after doctors predicted lifelong care, attributing it to prayer and Father Michael McGivney's intercession; and the miracle connected to Blessed Father Michael McGivney (founder of the Knights of Columbus), specifically the healing of baby Mikey Schachle from a fatal condition (hydrops fetalis) in the womb, which led to McGivney's beatification. Both stories involve profound healing and connection to the Knights of Columbus founder, but involve different individuals.



District Deputy Greg Gully and Joseph McGivney





Doctors gave Michael McGivney Schachle "zero" chance of survival before his birth. Thanks to the intercession of Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, he was miraculously healed in the womb of a lifethreatening condition. Courtesy of the Schachle family

Daniel and Michelle Schachle with their son, Michael McGivney Schachle, 7, at the annual convention of the Knights of Columbus held Aug. 1-4, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee. | Joe Bukuras/CNA

New Years Resolution

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and merry Christmas.

All of us start the new year afresh. We make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year. Some years I do better than others.

But here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me.

First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable.

The same is true of all those other resolutions we make.

I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day...but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction.

I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step.

I might want to read more, so I can start by reading a chapter a day in a book.

You get the idea. The resolution has to be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can take a look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family appropriately protected.

I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

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Field Agent

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Byron E Jacobs Sr	01-20
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David J Flynn	01-27
John Zielinsky	01-27
Gerard J O Gara Jr	01-28
Jaime O Burns	01-30
Thomas E Jones	01-31
Stephen Moulton	01-31



Anniversary's

Byron E Jacobs Sr/Jeanne 01-24-1987



Friday November 28th

District 17 witnessed a heart-warming day of fellowship, charity, and community spirit during its Coats for Kids distribution with—an annual initiative that has become a beacon of hope for families in need. This year's event was made even more special thanks to the combined efforts of the



Brother Knights from Mother Seton Council 17480, led by GK Joseph Paul, and St. Mary's Council 11961, led by GK Darren Malony, who came together with one mission: to ensure that every child faces the winter season warm, confident, and cared for. With over 240 coats to distribute to needy children.

Held in a spirit of unity and compassion, the day brought together council members, parish volunteers, and families from across the district. Tables were lined with brand-new winter coats in a variety of colors and sizes, each one representing more than warmth—it represented dignity, love, and the Knights' unwavering commitment to service.

The Brother Knights arrived in full force, bringing their characteristic energy and enthusiasm. Their team worked seamlessly with the dedicated members of St. Mary's Council 11961 and Mother Seton council 17480 whose longstanding service to the community helped ensure the event ran with warmth and efficiency. Together, they greeted children with smiles, helped them find the perfect coat, and made each child feel special.

Parents expressed deep gratitude, sharing how meaningful it was to know their community stood behind them. Many remarked that the Knights' generosity lifted a burden during an already challenging season.

The event was not just about distributing coats—it was about strengthening bonds within District 17. Knights from both councils connected with one another, shared stories of their service, and recommitted themselves to the Order's core principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Events like this remind us that small acts of kindness can light up an entire community. Thanks to the dedication of Mother Seton Council 17480, St. Mary's Council 11961, and District 17 District Deputy Greg Gully, countless children will walk into winter with warmth—not only from their new coats, but from the love and care of the Knights of Columbus.

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Frank Sistrunk, Joe Lupo, Mike

, Joe Forte, and District Deputy Greg Gully.

Christmas Stars and Nativities

Bart Lore sells Christmas Stars and Nativities.

Proceed go to the Outreach Food pantry.



Army Navy Game - From Knightline

Since 2014, the Order has provided humanitarian assistance to suffering Christians in Iraq through the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. In that time, the Knights' support for Iraqi Christians has surpassed \$20 million, and the Order has held prayer campaigns and raised awareness about the plight of victims of religious persecution. Supported by the Knights from its inception, the Catholic University in Erbil has also spurred the success of several archdiocesan education initiatives — all of which help Iraqi Christians overcome the effects of religious persecution past and present.



Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy and midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy gather with Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA; Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly; and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore during halftime at the 126th Army-Navy football game in Baltimore on Dec. 13. (Photo by Paul Haring)

December Meeting Awards

Knight of the Month John Merced



Knight Family of the Month Dave and Aileen Knox

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Color Guard



4th Degree
Our Lady of
Guadalupe
December 12th
Rosary Procession







Fr. Jose Golden Jubilee
Celebration December 14th

CC Knights were Chris Daley Joseph Paul Richard Friese Wayne Gartman David Knox Mike Tennyson Mark Kurcin Jim Ladrido Welmon Pippen











Wreaths Across America December 13th

National Wreaths Across
America Day in 2025 will take
place on December 13, when
over two million wreaths will be
placed on veterans' graves
across more than 5,200
locations in the U.S. and
abroad, honoring those who
served in the military. This
event invites volunteers to
participate in the wreath-laying
ceremonies to remember,
honor, and teach about the
sacrifices of veterans.











Defending Life Alliance of Florida announces....

The 2026 March for Life

Jacksonville, Florida

Saturday, January 17, 2026

James Weldon Johnson Park. Downtown Jacksonville 135 W. Monroe Street.

Pro-Life Expo: 10 AM Speakers / Expo: 10:45 More Speakers, prayer service and March: 11:30

Some of the organizations who directly support us and this event:

LIVE ACTION • STUDENTS FOR LIFE OF AMERICA

40 DAYS FOR LIFE • LET THEM LIVE

FLORIDA RIGHT TO LIFE • CEC FOR LIFE

PRIESTS FOR LIFE SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

OPERATION SAVE AMERICA • THE JUSTICE FOUNDATION

NIFLA • OPERATION RESCUE • SEVEN WEEKS COFFEE

Confirmed speakers so far:

EMILY BERNING - LET THEM LIVE KIMBERLY BIRD - LIVE ACTION SARAH NEELY - OPERATION RESCUE LIANNA REBOLLEDO - LOVING LIFE

More information to follow.

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