



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Agnes Council 14202

Naples, Florida

October 2026



Message from your Chancellor

Guillermo Perez-Lopez

Worthy Knights of Council 14202,

Welcome to October, when things begin to really move in our Fraternal Year!

We have been successful this fraternal year already in recruiting and fundraising. We held our first recruiting event over the Labor Day weekend that showed a new recruiting process rolled out and supported by Supreme, FL State Council and our 14202 Officers. The event yielded 15+ potential candidates, which is a record number for a single recruiting event. Thank you to DGK Bobby Drouin who led the Council effort and to those other Knights that volunteered for this event.

This was followed by a Parish/KofC fundraiser for Guest House on September 19/20 (Recovery Weekend) that was approved by our Chaplain and **Pastor Fr. Bob** and was championed by our District Deputy, **SK Jeff Vespo**. We had the honor of **SK Joe McGivney**, a relative of **Blessed Michael McGivney**, our Founder, staffing the event at each SA Mass along with his wife and our **GK Mark Crain**. That weekend was quite productive financially for Guest House with over \$13,000 raised. Thank you to those that contributed to Guest House.

We had five (5) candidates Exemplified in August, and nine (9) in September. We also have four (4) candidates for potential Exemplification in October, so this has been a good run toward our yearly quota of fifteen (15) new candidates. Remember, however, that we never stop recruiting- if you meet a fellow who seems a good fit for our organization, give them our pamphlets and explain to them why YOU became a member. Our **Financial Secretary George Pope**, **GK Mark Crain**, or I are available to help with the process.

On another front, I, your Chancellor, will be the SA Council lead on the Baby Bottle Drive in October and November. As you remember, we distribute empty baby bottles to our SA parishioners, with a leaflet inside explaining that the funds collected will go toward local Diocese-approved Pregnancy Centers and related Life initiatives. If you know a group that meets those criteria, give me their name and information. We will consider any names you send us.

This year we will distribute baby bottles at Masses on the weekend of Oct 31 and Nov 1 and collect the bottles **TWO WEEKS** later at Masses on the weekend of Nov 14 and 15.

Signup Genius is available to sign up for both weekends below (**in addition to signing up by contacting me or the GK**). **We really need your help again to make this happen covering 5 Church doors over 6 Masses each of the Drive weekends.**

Each signup slot is 15 minutes before the Mass and 15 minutes after. PLEASE sign up for the Mass you normally attend, and you bring a helper if you wish. Here are the links to each Sign up:

- Distribution Weekend Oct 31 and Nov 1- [Link](#)
- Collection Weekend Nov 14 and 15- [Link](#)

Hoping for a great fraternal year, and thanking each one of you for volunteering, which is what makes us successful in what we do for others.

Vivat Jesus!

Guillermo Perez-Lopez

Chancellor SA Council 14202

14202 Officer Installation

St. Agnes Council 14202 FY 2026-27 Officer Installation GK Speech September 19, 2026

Thank you, Worthy District Deputy.

First, I would like to recognize that the work we are about to do this next year would not be possible without the work of the twelve previous 14202 Grand Knights and hundreds of past Officers and Knights.

I want to talk about the Four Key Themes that underpin our busy 250+ Event Fraternal Year. The Themes are...

- 1. Greater cooperation**
- 2. Better Planning and Execution for the Present and Future Council**
- 3. Improve Council Events**
- 4. Better Technology Enablement and Communication**

1. Greater cooperation means...

- We (the Council, Assembly, and Columbiettes) present ourselves and work as a united St. Agnes KofC.
- The Knights of Columbus are first in line to help the Parish in areas of need and in times of trouble.

2. Better planning and Execution (Present and the Future Council) means...

- We broaden and enrich our volunteer support
- We broaden our knowledge for current and future Council leaders

3. Improve Council Events means...

- We adjust the frequency of KofC events to Parish and Council needs
- We simplify, vary, and re-evaluate our events and event menus

4. Better Technology Enablement and Communications means...

- Continued use of Automated Sign-up and RSVP tools, with use of traditional phone calls, emails, and texts
- Greater use of Broadcast emails and newsletter communications for recognition, Knight education, and Council visibility

Lastly, thank you all in advance for your help and for training me in the last year. We need the combined support of the Parish, the Knights, the Columbiettes, and again the key people, your spouses and loved ones, to make it all happen.

It is a true honor to serve as your Council 14202 Grand Knight.

Thank you

WGK Mark







September 17th Exemplification

Welcome our New Brothers

Justin Tineo
Vincent Mileto
Mike Colon
Jim Madore
Gregory Buck
Jon Scuderi
Gregory Castellano
Ronald Miron
Nelson Martin



Thank you note from the Seminarians

Dear Kof C council 14202,

I am so grateful for your support! We are just starting our classes after having a two week orientation, and I will be able to purchase supplies that I did not get before coming to seminary. I will pray in gratitude for your council and that God may bless you all abundantly. Please pray for my perseverance!

in Christ,
Timothy Jones ✝

Dear Knight of Columbus,

I would like to express my deep appreciation for the gift that you have given me. It will be very helpful in my time here as I am required to have different books and items pertaining to my studies. Please know of my prayers for you and your families, and please keep my brothers and I in yours. I am very humbled to have your prayer and support and I hope to repay you with prayers of my own. I hope to meet you all one day, maybe even as a priest! God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Jacob Weipert

JACOB WEIPERT

Dear Knights of the St. Agnes Council,

My name is Cristian Venancio and I am just beginning my first year of seminary. I am currently at St. John Vianney in Miami and learning what the year has in store for me.

I wanted to reach out and say thank you for the support you have provided. It's truly a blessing to be able to study for the priesthood and to know of your support. I am grateful for the council and each of its members.

This summer, I had the pleasure of visiting St. Agnes while serving as a missionary for Totus Tuus. Along with other missionaries, I had the honor of spending a week getting to know the youth of the parish. It was beautiful seeing how much the Lord moved in them from the first day to the last and not to mention how much more He has in store for them.

Once again, thank you all for your support. Feel free to reach out to me with any prayer intentions or for anything in general. Please know that you are all in my prayers as well as the entire parish community.

To Jesus Through Mary,

Cristian Venancio
Seminarist
Diocese of Venice
St John Vianney College Seminary
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Dear Knights of Columbus,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and support of my vocation.

May the Lord bless you abundantly and Repay you a hundredfold for your kindness.

Please know that you are in my prayers.

With gratitude,

Tobias López - Seminarian

8/22/2026

Gino Lira

Diocese of Venice

Dear St. Agnus Knights of Columbus

I want to thank you for your generous donation to the diocese and to me. Your donation is a monumental help to us because it definitely helps us with our expenses and eases our minds during our seminary formation. I cannot thank you enough for your love and generosity I thank God for you. I am excited for this new journey the Lord has called me on and I looked forward to the day God willing to serve the Church as a Priest. I will be praying for you knights and your church. & Please Pray For ME

The Lord Bless You And
KEEP You, The Lord Make
His Face Shine on You and
Be Gracious to You; The Lord
Turn His Face Toward you
and Give You Peace.

Numbers 6:24

SOME THINGS ARE TOO HEAVY TO KEEP CARRYING

There comes a time in life when many of us begin getting rid of things. We open a closet and discover clothes we have not worn in decades. We find boxes we have moved from one house to another without ever opening them, which raises an obvious question: if we have lived happily for fifteen years without knowing what is inside, how essential can it possibly be? Eventually we learn to ask a very useful question: Do I really want to keep carrying this? Sirach asks essentially the same question, only he is not talking about closets. He is talking about the heart: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight."

What an extraordinary image. We hug what is precious to us: a spouse, a child, a parent, a grandchild, someone we have missed. We hold something living close because love passes between us. There is warmth in the embrace. There is life on both sides of it. But resentment cannot embrace us back. It cannot love us. It cannot heal us. It cannot give us anything new. Yet we can hug an old wound like a prized possession, protecting it, rehearsing it, feeding it, forgetting that it is the only treasure that slowly consumes the person holding it. The event may have lasted five minutes. We can carry it for thirty-five years.

Then Sirach offers perhaps the wisest reason in Scripture for putting it down: "Remember your last days, set enmity aside." That sounds gloomy until we realize how freeing it is. Our days are limited. At some point, life becomes too precious to spend another day angry about something that happened in 1990. Peter asks Jesus, "How often must I forgive?" He thinks seven times sounds generous. Jesus essentially tells him, "Stop counting." Then He tells the story of a man whose enormous debt is forgiven, only to have that man immediately go looking for someone who owes him much less. He has received mercy, but mercy has not yet changed him.

We keep ledgers too. I called last time. She never apologized after everything I did for him. He should know what he did. And sometimes every entry is accurate. Forgiveness does not require us to falsify the books. It does not make abuse acceptable, betrayal insignificant, or automatic trust. Sometimes love requires distance. Sometimes wisdom requires boundaries. Forgiveness does not say, What happened did not matter. It says, What happened will not own what remains of my life. Every resentment keeps an account open. Every old injury keeps collecting

interest. We may imagine someone else is paying the debt, when often the debt is being paid with our own peace.

Psalm 103 gives us the deeper reason Christians forgive: God does not deal with us according to our sins. "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us." Before Jesus asks us to become merciful people, He reminds us that we are people who have received mercy. And if we live long enough, we discover that all of us need it. Life did not unfold exactly as we imagined. We made mistakes. We hurt people. People hurt us. Some relationships healed beautifully. Others never did. Some apologies came. Some came too late. Others probably never will. But we do not have to wait for another person's apology before deciding what kind of person we will become.

Forgiveness does not change the past; it simply stops the past from rewriting your future. It is a quiet declaration: What you did was real, but it will not be my architect. I will not let your worst moment design the rest of my heart. Perhaps one of the great spiritual tasks of later life is a kind of holy downsizing. Keep the people who loved you. Keep the laughter. Keep the gratitude. Keep the lessons learned the hard way. Keep the memories that still make you smile. Keep faith. Keep hope. Keep love.

But some things have occupied precious space long enough. The old grievance. The ancient argument. The apology that never came. The name that still tightens something inside us. One day, we will leave everything we possess behind. Sirach quietly asks whether there are some things we should leave behind before then. Perhaps today Jesus is asking only this: Do you really want to keep carrying this?

Because some things are worth carrying all the way home, resentment is not one of them.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

**Merciful Lord, You know what I have carried for too long.
You know the wounds that still hurt,
the words I have not forgotten,
and the apologies that never came.
Give me the grace to release what I cannot change.
Teach me to forgive without denying the truth,
to set wise boundaries without becoming bitter,
and to remember how patiently You have forgiven me.
As the years pass, teach me to travel more lightly.
Let me keep what matters: gratitude for what has been,
love for those You have given me,
hope for what is still ahead,
and faith that whether we live or die, we are Yours.
And when at last I come home to You,
let my hands be free of everything
that was never worth carrying. Amen.**

Upcoming EVENTS

October 2026

- Food Harvest- October Pickups and Deliveries
- October 2026 Eucharistic Rosary Congress- Kickoff Rosary at SA, - October 5, 9:00 am, **Saint Agnes Church** [RSVP](#)
- Council Officer and Director Planning Meeting - October 5, 4:00 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Assembly Business Meeting- October 5, 5:30 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Council Business Meeting- October 5, 7 pm, **Parish Center Hall** [RSVP](#)
- COR- October 6, 6:30-8 pm, Parish Center, Classroom [RSVP](#)
- Exemplification (pending candidates), FR October 9, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm, **Chapel** [RSVP](#)
- Parish Men's Retreat, **Postponed**, **SA Parish Center**
- COR- October 20, 6:30- 8 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Pizza/Bingo Fundraiser, October 23, 5:30-8 pm, **Parish Center Hall**
- Trunk or Treat- October 25, 6 pm - 8 pm, **Parish Center Parking Lot** [Volunteer](#)
- Assembly Officers Meeting – October 26, 5:00 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)

November 2026

- Food Harvest- November Pickups and Deliveries
- Baby Bottle Drive Bottle Distribution, October 31/November 1 after all Masses, Narthex [Volunteer to Prep Bottles](#) [Volunteer for Distribution of Bottles](#)
- Deceased Knight's Mass (Color Corps Procession), November 1, 9 am Mass, **Saint Agnes Church** [RSVP](#)
- General Election Day Poll Worker – November 3, 6:00 am- 8:00 pm, **Parish Center Hall**
- Exemplification (pending candidates), FR November 6, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm, **Chapel** [RSVP](#)
- Assembly 3094 Patriots' Ball, Saturday, November 7, 5:30-9:00 pm, **Parish Center Hall**
- 1st Family Breakfast (Veteran Theme)- November 8, after 7:30 and 9 am Mass, **Parish Center Hall**
- Council Officer and Director Planning Meeting– November 9, 4:00 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Assembly Business Meeting – November 9, 5:30 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Council Business Meeting- November 9, 7 pm, Parish Center, **Parish Center Hall** [RSVP](#)
- Fall Fraternal Benefit Event (FBE)- November 11, 6:30 pm, **Parish Center Hall**
- Pizza/Bingo Fundraiser, November 13, 5:30-8 pm, **Parish Center Hall**
- Baby Bottle Drive Bottle Pickup, November 14/15 after all Masses, Narthex and Church exits [Volunteer to Collect Bottles at Doors](#)
- COR- November 17, 6:30-8 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Day, November 21, 8 am-noon, Las Palmas (4170 Broken Back Rd, Naples, 34119) [Volunteer](#)
- Assembly Officers Meeting – November 23, 5:00 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)
- Council Officer & Director Planning Meeting- November 23, 6 pm, Parish Center, Classroom 1 [RSVP](#)



KNIGHTS & FAMILY IN NEED

*Father, we come before You with hearts burdened by urgent needs.
Please intervene in the lives of those who are battling severe illness, bringing
healing and restoration.*



October

Luis Perez	10/6
Louis Carabelli	10/7
Liam Whyte	10/13
Joseph Di Sabantonio	10/14
Raymond Cabral	10/15
Rudolph Drechsler	10/17
Santo Uglialoro	10/17
William Volmer	10/17
Pedro Rodriguez	10/19
Joseph Carlucci	10/22
Stanislaw Sokolowski Jr	10/24
Salvator Lampiasi	10/25
Walter Wilkerson III	10/26
Randal Scholl	10/27
David Quinlan Jr	10/31

November

David Williams	11/4
Dennis Gant	11/5
Carl Gross	11/6
Kevin Hallisey	11/6
John Pinson	11/6
Michael Smith	11/6
Alan Striebel	11/6
Donald Berry	11/8
Martinn Winters	11/12
Phil Dannunzio	11/13
Kim Borselli	11/14
Brian Nguyen	11/14
James Brown	11/15
Bernard Galiani	11/15
Gerald Massa	11/16
Jeffrey Vespo	11/19
Daniel Kniola	11/22
Peter Dresch	11/24
David Langendorfer	11/24
Ernest Rivera Jr	11/24
Joseph Albergo	11/26
Joseph Marino	11/26
Deacon Hugh W Muller	11/27
William Diamond Jr	11/28
Alain Valdivia	11/29

Phil Fischer FIC, FICF, MDRT



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2025 St. Agnes Parish - K of C Officers

Council 14202

Officer's

Luminaries

Chaplain	Very Rev. Robert Kantor, Pastor, K of C State Chaplain	Operations Manager	Jeff Vespo
Grand Knight	Mark Crain	District Deputy 60	Jeff Vespo
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Drouin	Vice Marshall 4th District	John Shelton
Financial Secretary	George Pope	Faithful Navigator	Bobby Drouin
Chancellor	Guillermo Perez-Lopez	Insurance - Field Agent	Phil Fischer
Recorder	Carmine Cavallaro	14202 Columbiettes - President	Jan Christopher
Treasurer	Christopher Carton	Florida K of C Charities	Talk to GK
Advocate	Patrick J Newton	Culture for Life	Jerry McGrath
Warden	Gregory Wendel	Presiding Officer Degree Exemplifications	Jerry McGrath
Lecturer	Joe Albergo		
Inside Guard	James Guilinger		
Outside Guard	Frank Migliarese		
One Year Trustee	Joseph Manhart		
Two-Year Trustee	Russell Scott		
Three-Year Trustee	Jerry McGrath		

Main website of the Knights of Columbus. It provides information about the organization, its history, its mission and programs	www.kofc.org
Florida State Council	https://www.floridakofc.org/
Provides resources such as insurance, investment, and charitable giving programs.	www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/index.html
News and information about the Knights of Columbus	https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html
Information about how to join the Knights of Columbus.	www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html
Lists of other Knights of Columbus councils near us	www.kofc.org/en/find-a-council/index.html
Public Relations handdbook	https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/for-members/2235-public-relations-and-publicity-guide.pdf
Social Communication hanbook	https://www.kofc.org/au/apps/oo/cm/en/odr/resources/member social communications_policy.pdf

Note from the Editor

This is OUR newsletter and your help is always needed and appreciated.

Our goals...

- Keep all our council brothers informed and up to date.
- Provide our members with a way to engage with everything our Council offers.
- Provide a channel for all members to communicate.
- Illustrate our past activities via pictures.
- Make it fun!
- **Please notify me**
 - if there are any corrections or additions.
 - If you have any events, pictures, awards, etc., that you think would interest everyone.
 - If you have any ideas or notes for the Good of the Order.

Fraternally yours,

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