



Knights of Columbus®

KNIGHTLY NEWS



OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Good job brother Knights on the National recruiting challenge from Supreme. **Thanks to a great team effort we took 1st place in our territory.** We earned a total of \$2250 from Supreme and National Spotlight TV crew to come visit a council event. So now, **the next Supreme recruiting activity is "Go for Two" where individual Knights can win \$1,500** but the deadline is 31 December 2025. See more info about this inside.

If you can please help Save a Life by attending our **"Celebration of Life" on 10 Jan 2026** in our Parish Center. The meal is free and any contributions goes directly to saving an unborn babies life. Contact Vito at vbenedetto65@aol.com.

Thanks to our local Fire Dept. and SK Jim Baskin for setting up a CPR and 1st Aid class. Great attendance and hopefully it helps someone along the way.

If you are a veteran that needs help with disability, medical or finances our January meeting the Volusia County Veterans Services will present information. **And he will take a meeting with individuals to discuss your personal military account. At a little bit later date we will set up a session for homeless veterans.** So bring your DD214 ready and set up your appointment now with our activity POC SK Jake Mays at jakemays007@gmail.com.

Both Debbie and I wish you a peaceful, happy and holy Christmas. May God be with you, your family and friends.

God Bless!

Ernie

DECEMBER EVENTS

12/2	Officers Meeting 7pm
12/5	Rosary 745am
12/7	Knights Christmas Party 5pm
12/9	Rosary, Spanish 545pm
12/9	Council meeting 7pm
12/11	Turn in State Raffle Tickets
12/12	Food Drop GDP 9am
12/14	Breakfast (all Masses)
12/16	Cor at OLOH 630pm
12/24	Christmas Vigil 4pm Family Mass 6pm Christmas Mass 10pm
12/25	Christmas Masses 7:30am; 9am; 11am
12/28	Donuts & Coffee

Upcoming events

1/1	Bingo for Vets
1/10	Right to Life Dinner
1/13	VA comes to KofC 8086
1/16	Bishops Ride KOB
1/22-25	Rolex KofC work

Dear Brother Knights,

As we prepare our hearts and minds during this Advent season, let us reflect on the joy and hope that comes with the birth of our Savior. **Advent is a time of spiritual renewal**, and we invite everyone to join our parish **Penance Service on Tuesday, December 16**, with two opportunities to participate: **10 AM** and **6:30 PM**.

In this season of giving, we also remind ourselves of our mission to care for the poor and the needy. Thanks to your unwavering support and generosity, our mobile food drop and food pantry services have made a tremendous impact this year. **Since launching the mobile food drop last year, we have fed over 8,100 families**—*This is a testament to the love and compassion that drives our community.*

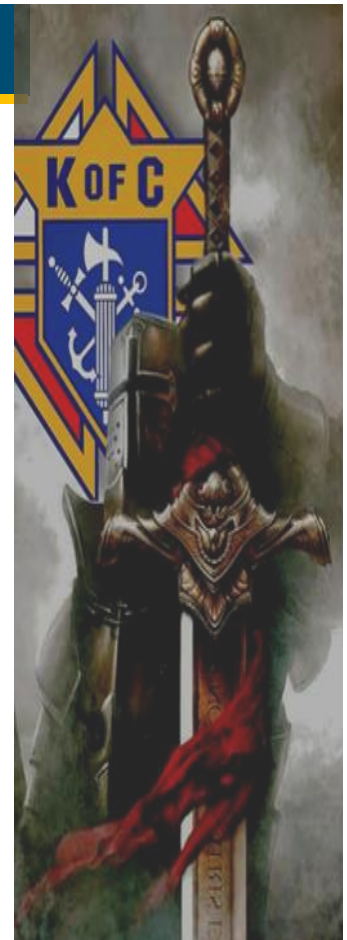
December is the month when we celebrate our Lord's. When we open our presents on the 25th let us remember our God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ our savior. In gratitude, our response to God's love is to Love others and spread the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. **Thank you, Brothers for your work of charity and efforts to promote fraternity in our organization in our church. The Lord bless you and your family this holy season .**

As Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Matt



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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK JOHN O'MALLEY



Best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas season!

Congratulations to Council 8086 for winning the Fishers of Men Award, announced back in June by Supreme. The four-month competition included a cash prize of \$2,000 and a film crew from Supreme to film a special event, to the council with the top overall recruiting council in each of the KofC Insurance territories.

No. 1 in the Southeast Territory – comprising 13 states and Puerto Rico – was Council 8086 with 51 new members. That's enough to make three-star council. Since then, 8086 has recruited additional members. 8086 was also second in the state for percentage, gaining an additional \$250.

If you recently receive an envelope from Florida KofC Charities with motto, "Florida Knights support Special Olympics," please consider returning it with a small donation. There will also be a similar envelope for vocations in December and the popular KofC Helping Life mailing labels in January.

The three programs make up the "Triple Crown." **Last year, only ONE of the 260 councils in Florida earned the Triple Crown.** Our individual small gifts add up, and will significantly impact the tremendous work of Special Olympics, educating seminarians and saving (and enhancing) lives.

Our next Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Sacred Heart, at 6:30 p.m. Our main topic will be the fourth chapter in the life of our Founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney. Everyone is invited to join us for an hour of prayer, reflection and fellowship.

Looking ahead, our **December Cor meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Our Lady of Hope at 6:30 p.m.** We will get back to the fourth Tuesday when we resume in January.

District highlights: Nov. 22 Epiphany car show. Corporate Communion, Nov. 30 at the 10 a.m. Mass at Epiphany; Dec. 7, Sacred Heart Breakfast with Santa and **OLOH Christmas Party**; Dec. 13, Special Olympics reception and lunch at Epiphany, 12569 and 8086 combination.

Fourth Degree: **Dec. 4 bingo, Dec. 15 cookout, and Jan. 1 bingo** – vets get no holidays. Our next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be at St. Mark the Evangelist in Tampa on Saturday, Jan. 31.

SK John O'Malley.

District Deputy 20 "Men on a Mission"



Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

Dec 16 — 6:30 PM at OLOH

OPEN TO ALL MEN IN OUR PARISH. They do not need to be a Knight.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.



Contact SK John O'Malley at 386-631-6889 or jomalley1@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Are you disabled? If so, please register with **Wes Wengren,**
[**wwengren429@gmail.com**](mailto:wwengren429@gmail.com).

To view the FL State Council info, click below: <https://www.floridakofc.org/>



Knights of Columbus
Council 8086

Celebration of Life

2026 Annual Fundraiser
January 10, 2026
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church
Port Orange, FL

Saving the lives of the unborn one at a time

Vito M Benedetto
Life Director
Vbenedetto65@aol.com
631-388-1051

Faith in Action

HABITAT for HUMANITY

Council 8086 Presents \$1,000 to our local Habitat for Humanity. Pictured (Lt to Rt) SK Dave D. (Council POC), Jennifer P. (Director of Ops), Jose C. (Restore Manager), Brittany A. Director Programs, SK Tim M. (Council Program Director), Front—SK Tom Mies (Council Door Guard). Taking photo is SK Ernie J. Grand Knight. 8086.



GET YOUR SHIRT

8086 Knights Shirts

TO ORDER: Contact Lacey's

503 Herbert St | 4burgnow@gmail.com | 386-767-0932

POLO: \$42-\$45, XXL \$2 extra
DRIFIT T-SHIRTS: \$10, XXL \$2 extra
COTTON T-SHIRTS: \$8, XXL \$2 extra

Features 8086 Logo, US Flag, Your Name

OTHER STYLES AVAILABLE: MEN ON A MISSION
Crewneck Sweatshirt: Small-XL \$18, XXL \$20, 3X \$22

Hoodie Sweatshirt: Small-xl \$26, XXL \$28, 3X \$30

Full Zip Up Hoodie: Small-XL \$32, XXL \$34, 3X \$36

****These prices are for screen-printing of Men on a Mission logo.**

Keep Christ

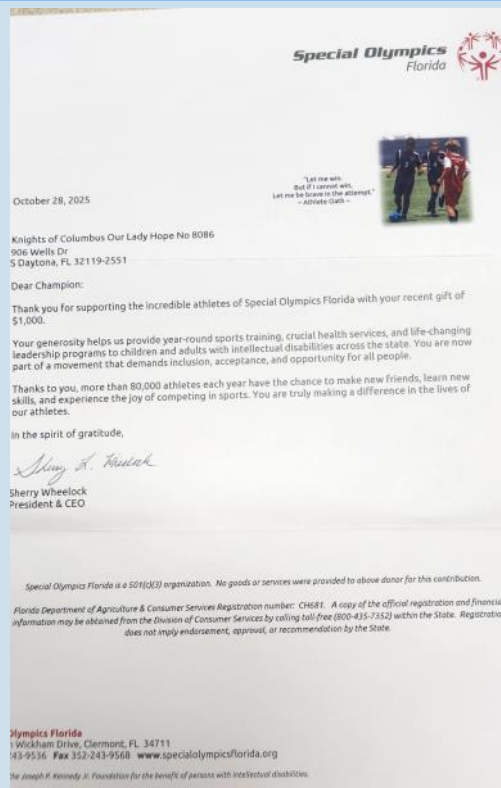
In Christmas



CLICK HERE

https://youtu.be/N_aIRiWd9oM?si=0gD1-SwILhGWwVHi

Thanks from the Special Olympics



FAITH IN ACTION

Knights on Bikes



Knights on Bikes rode throughout Central Florida for a monthly ride. Organized by SK Mike Godbout the Orlando Chairman. Picture was at the first stop at Seminole Harley Davidson.

FAITH IN ACTION

COUNCIL 8086 HELPING VETERANS



Our area has many veterans that need help receiving benefits. Some homeless and others just needing some help, such as disability benefits, housing, life support and medical.

Council 8086 is starting a program to help veterans with the VA benefits. Scott Olson the Volusia County Veterans Director has agreed to help this worthy cause. The vision is that the VA will come to and easy place for the veterans to facilitate homeless and people lacking transportation.



We have appointed our POC as SK Jake Mays that will help coordinate with dates, times and locations. The first session will be after our Council Meeting on 13 Jan 2026 in one of the classrooms, bring your DD214 and ID. Contact Jake and he will set you up with your time to get help. Email Jake at jakemays007@gmail.com.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Richard Kortes

Last month, a homeless young man was wandering the church area. T-shirt and flip flops is all he had. When he was approached and said he just became homeless that day. The temperature was going to drop to in the 40s with rain for days. He was scared and crying and no where to go.

Richard (a brand new Knight) heard of this challenge to this young man. Right away Richard did the most noble and honorable thing by following Jesus's teachings. Richard offered the young man to stay at his home to avoid the cold and rain.



Along the way Richard offered this young man some fatherly advice and guidance and linked him back up with his family. Richard's actions are in the highest individual standards and emulates what being a Knight is all about. Therefore, we honor Richard as the Knight of the Month for Council 8086.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Jim & Mary Ann Baskin

Both from Greenville, Pennsylvania. Although it is a very small town, they met at college.

The Baskins moved here in 1999 after 25 years of marriage. They had spent their married years living on the coast of Lake Erie, and decided to move to the sunshine. The first thing they did was to find a Catholic Church, and landed at OLOH.

One of the first couples they met was John and Mary Hoag. You could not ask for better ambassadors for OLOH. They were asking for help to man a booth at the Daytona 500 to raise money for the Church. They worked with them at the race and that was baptism by fire!



Jim became a Knight eight or nine years ago and was delighted to hear at his first meeting how much service and good deeds we do. The first thing he got involved in was Habitat for Humanity. Since then, he was Faith Director, Community Director, Warden, and tries to help in every activity Knights do. He is a member of the AV ministry. Marianne and Jim are both Ministers to the Sick & Homebound, and she formerly taught Faith Formation. They both participate in Loaves & Fishes when they can. Jim is also a member of Assembly 2794. He enjoys Veteran's support activities.

Being active in our church gives them both a sense of community and purpose, has blessed them with lasting friendships, and keeps us closer to God.

They attend most dances, gatherings and Church activities. That in combination with spending time with their three daughters and six granddaughters keeps them pretty busy! They make frequent trips to Pennsylvania to spend time with Marianne's father who is 99, and is still a Knight. He was a founding member and first Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Assembly in Greenville.

Marianne enjoys cooking and baking, and walking on the beach. She has been a registered nurse for the past 48 years.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Rosary

Hispanic
Ministry

**Tuesday, December 9th
at 5:45 pm in the church**

Refreshments will be served in
rooms 6&8

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
and
the Hispanic Ministry



CPR, 1st Aide and AED Training

This month, our Council Learned how to conduct emergency life saving measures to save lives. Our instructors were from our Port Orange Fire Station #73. About 35 Knights and wives attended. After action remarks were very good about the training all received. We know this training was very valuable.





Knights Helping Veterans

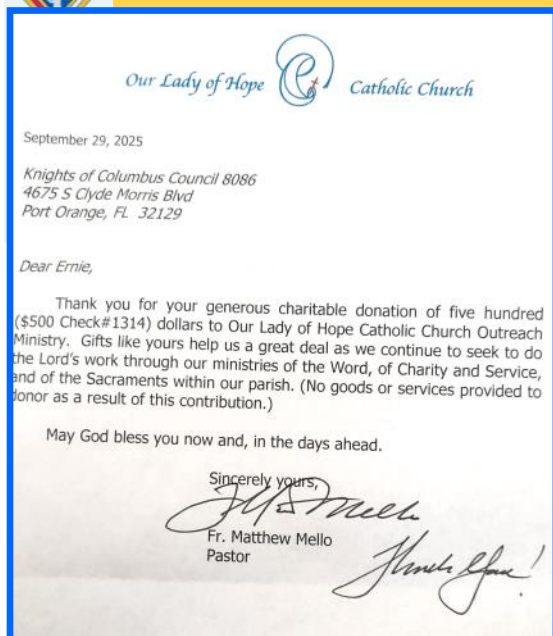
For any questions or requests, [1-800-MyVA411](tel:1-800-MyVA411) ([1-800-698-2411](tel:1-800-698-2411)) is always the right number.

[Veterans Crisis Line](#): [988](tel:988) and press 1, [Chat](#), or Text [838255](tel:838255)

[Homeless Veteran Resources](#): [1-877-424-3838](tel:1-877-424-3838) or [Chat](#)



Knights Tidbits



If you do something cool and noteworthy, send me your pics in JPEG format and a sentence about your pic and I will start to publish them.



Helping Make Christmas Brighter for our Troops.

Special thanks the Sociable Seniors, Barbara Juskiewicz and Knight Bill Millson for collecting 4,700 signed Christmas cards & delivering them 3rd Infantry Division, Ft Stew-



SK Tom Antalek wins award for his movie



SK Rob Brock and SK Mike Godbout are making a recruiting video ad for the Knights 8086. It will be done soon.



Knightly Tidbits—Sam & Jean Depart



Sam & Jean Tedesco are moving back North to be with family. It is sad to see them go, they will be missed! They were honored by the Council, the Assembly, friends and Our Lady of Hope of Columbus for the great work they did in supporting Jesus, Fr. McGivney, OLOH and the KofC. God Bless them and walk with them on their next life adventure.

PATRICK E. KELLY
SUPREME KNIGHT

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November 15, 2025

Salvatore S. Tedesco
12 Dietrich Road
Ballwin, MO 63021

Worthy Faithful Navigator and dear Brother "Sam"

As your Brother Knights honor you for your outstanding service to the Order, and especially for your work for the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild, I wish to join them by offering these few words of commendation.

Since joining the Knights of Columbus in 1989, you have stepped up in many leadership roles and in doing so have touched the lives of both fellow members and the needy that have been the recipients of charitable outreach. You have served as Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faithful Admiral, Faithful Navigator, and a host of other council appointments.

You are also a respected Brother Knight whose advice and counsel are invaluable to the council and assembly you serve. It is Knights like you who have helped our Order grow and thrive over the years, and I am personally grateful for all you have done and all you will continue to do.

Allow me also to greet all the Knights who will pay their respects.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly
Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

PEK:bvc



The Florida State Council is proud so many Florida Councils were recognized on the Fishers of Men membership incentive program. The program ran from July 1 to October 31. Councils were grouped by territory. Florida is one of 14 jurisdictions in the Southeast Territory. Incentives were awarded to the top 3 councils in total number of new member intake, and for the top 25 councils in percentage attainment of the annual membership intake goal.

Florida had the top council in the territory for total new member intake. Congratulations to Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 in Port Orange. They brought in 51 new members during the 4-month incentive period. They won \$2000 for a council/parish event. They will have a film crew from Supreme at the event to document what they did and how they recruit, so the rest of the world can learn from their success.

Florida had 10 of the top 25 councils in the Territory for percentage of quota gained during the 4 months. These councils were also eligible for cash awards to be used for a council/parish event. The top 3 finishers received special recognition with larger awards.

Florida is proud of St. Peter the Apostle Council 15779 in Trinity who finished second (380%) and earned a \$1000 award.

4th through 25 place finishers receive a \$250 award. Florida has 9 councils in that group.

Please join us in congratulating these councils:

13207 Father John Patrick Council Gainesville 360%

8086 Our Lady of Hope Council Port Orange 340%

9720 Live Oak Council Live Oak 320%

10663 San Juan Bautista Council Miami 320%

13118 St. Anthony Council Fort Lauderdale 262.5%

13654 San Patricio Council Miami Beach 240%

13483 Saint Cecilia Fort Myers 220%

5407 North Jacksonville Council Jacksonville 200%

17915 Saint Stephen's Council Winter Springs 200%



Congratulations to all Florida councils who were recruitment active during the first four months of the year. Didn't achieve the goal your council set? There's time to make up for the shortfall. Embrace the concept of Fishers of Men where all brother knights are encouraged to invite men to join our Order. Many of these winning councils set a new standard for this fraternal year and have already exceeded what they did over a full year in the recent past. Your council can achieve more as well.

Thanks,

Michael Gizewski
State Deputy

Danny McIntyre
State Membership Director



Earn \$1,500: also help Habitat 4 Humanity

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS

★★★★★ Member Incentive ★★★★★

GO FOR TWO!



To recognize brother Knights who "go for two", members who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2025, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500! 10 second place winners will receive a customized K of C-branded football.

Recruit four men in that time frame to be entered into the drawing twice!

A cash prize means you get to choose how you celebrate – whether it be tickets and gear for your favorite team, a tailgating experience at the game, a celebration with friends and family, the choice is yours!

* For insurance jurisdictions only. Other restrictions apply.

ReStore
Southeast Volusia Habitat for Humanity
Presents a

Christmas CARNIVAL

Save the Date for a fun way to celebrate Giving Tuesday! We will have activities for all ages, store discounts, games, raffles, food, and more!

December 2nd
722 S. Dixie Freeway,
New Smyrna Beach, FL

ReStore Open from 9AM - 5PM



HabitatSEV.org

Faith in Action

HONOR OUR HEROES

Blue Mass
Feb 8th, 2026
11am

Come celebrate and honor our brave.
Pancake breakfast to follow Mass.
Displays on site.
The safest mass you will ever attend.



Faith in Action 3rd Degree On Demand

Earn your 3rd degree by clicking on link below and watching the video. The KofC conducts an **"On Demand—Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity."**

Click Here: [On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity - 1359367](#)



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OR 773-963-2419**



SALUTE DINNER—HONORING our VETERANS

Brother Knights of Council 8086 & Sir Knights of Assembly 2794,

Our November 8th “Salute to Veterans” dinner and program was very successful! As The Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, and the 3 Year Trustee of our Council, I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation for all of your help and support; not only planning this annual patriotic event, but also for your attendance as well.

Approximately 240 veterans & significant others attended.

We honored 4 of our own veterans with Quilts of Valor:

SK Retired MSG Hank Nolin
Maureen Kealhofer
SK Retired Lt. Commander Nick Stuart
SK Ray Zall

We honored the Gold Star Family of Air Force 1st Lt. Laura Piper, who was shot down over Iraq, with a Quilt of Remembrance.

Looking at the YouTube video, you see that our guests had a good time. There was enthusiastic singing, saluting, and respectful honoring of our Country and those who served our country.

We will continue to look for opportunities to improve this KofC patriotic event

Special acknowledgment and salute to GK Ernie Jackson, OLOH office staff especially Liz Lilly, Fr Matt, Major Mike Miglioranza & Cadet Captain Layla Kaplan, Ms. Debra Main & Lisa Kealhofer.

On behalf of the planning team,





SALUTE DINNER—HONORING our VETERANS



Faith in Action

Exemplification

Ten new Knights attend the 18 November Exemplification. SK Tim Mell was as the Knight of Honor for this Exemplification. The Exemplification was Chaired by SK Dave Vaden.





Honors @

Council 8086 Meeting



Faith in Action

Food for Families

FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Friday, Dec 12 at 9 am

Our Lady of Hope Church



Council 8086

**Need Food Come Get Food. NO COST!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE FOOD**

December BIRTHDAYS

2 Nick Restieri
 7 Jarrett Helm
 7 Robert Williams
 8 William Connolly
 9 Sam Willett
 10 Ray Longo
 10 Fred McCracken
 12 Darryl Garow Jr.
 13 Nick Mateo
 15 John Layden
 20 Cameron Alconero
 20 Jared Alconero
 20 John Thomas
 21 Jim Baskin
 23 Paul Regish
 25 John Uakawwullulu

26 Carter Groezinger
 27 Ed Kramer
 31 Ed Marusa



Knight's Intentions

Please pray for our Brothers and their Families who are sick or in need:

Jimmie Scott, Jim Amngan, Dave Arundel, Chris Arundel, Bill Browning Family, Gene Cicone, Dave Domann, Tom Kyrz, Fonzie Langiotti, Stephen Martino, Steve Morris, Michael Orris, Mike Popp, Sam Tedesco, Carol Zall, Bill Sileo, Gene Cicone, Gary Hunt, Chuck Greiner, John & Mary Hoag, Jim Gallo, Douglas Graves, Macy Koschen, David Noland, Gerry Grillo, Luther Davidson, Lorraine Kaehl-Yahner, Marilyn Kliment.

*Please Pray for the Repose
 of the Soul of our Brother
 SK Victor Fonseca*



Eternal rest grant unto him,
 O Lord. And let perpetual light
 shine upon him. May he rest in
 peace. Amen.

Faith in Action Car Raffle Tickets



VOLUSIA COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser **CAR RAFFLE**

2024 Ford Bronco Sport

- * Like New * Ford Warranty *Premium Package Extras
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Donation

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Viva las Vegas!

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING
CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

Friday, April 10, 2026 at 9:30 PM

Our Lady of Hope Parish Center | Port Orange

DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

FOR INFO, CONTACT 50CHEVYPICKUP@GMAIL.COM



Council 8086