



# Knights of Columbus®

# KNIGHTLY NEWS



## OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



### Grand Knight's Report

**Brother Knights,**

**Our Council continues to be busy.** In this issue, you will see info about Catholic Schools which is a top priority to Fr Matt. **Pgs 3-4**

Good news - we have obtained all of the help needed to run

Casino Night. So, if you aren't scheduled to help, please consider getting a ticket. Come have fun and, at the same time, help our local Catholic Schools.

In celebration of Valentines Day, this issue also features photos submitted by our **Brothers of them with their Valentine. Many great couples! Pgs 8-9**

**Men on a Mission:** See Page 7 to read about our February Knight of the Month Brother SK Mark Provenzano's exemplary work helping the homeless, and about our Council's new Community program "Helping the Homeless." The program will be activated when the homeless are in an emergency situation, such as the recent extremely cold temperatures. Contact program chair SK Adam Schmidt, if you want to help the homeless during an emergency.

**Page 10 is dedicated to our Brothers who volunteers at the Daytona 24hr Rolex Race,** chaired by SK Roger Packard. We will be back this month for the Daytona 500 and qualifying races. Our work at the Track helps us raise good monies for our charity efforts.

**Our GDP food drop continues to be a huge community success.** *We thank everyone that helps, both Knights and friends/wives. P14.*

And, we had a "lone rider - SK Rick Polo," who represented 8086 in the Bishop' Annual Ride to help raise money to battle drug abuse.

**Mark Your Calendar: Hope to see many of you at the Council Retreat on March 1.**

**We are "Men on a Mission" of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism!**

**God Bless!**

*Ernie*

### FEBURARY EVENTS

2/4	OFFICERS MEETING, 7PM
2/7	ROSARY/HOLY HOUR, 7 AM
2/9	PANCAKE BREAKFAST All Masses
2/11	COUNCIL MEETING, 7PM
2/13-23	RACE TRACK Fundraiser
2/15	LOAVES & FISHES 10 AM
2/23	COFFEE & DONUTS
2/25	Cor, Scared Heart 6:30PM
2/28	GDP, 7:30 AM (Grocery Drop Program)
2/28	CASINO NIGHT 6 PM

### LOOKING AHEAD:

3/1	COUNCIL RETREAT
3/4	OFFICERS MEETING, 7PM
3/9	PANCAKE BREAKFAST All Masses
3/11	COUNCIL MEETING, 630 PM
3/22	LOAVES & FISHES, 10AM
3/25	Cor MEETING OLOH, 6:30 PM
3/28	GDP, 7:30 AM
3/22	COFFEE & DONUTS
4/12	SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

## A Message from Fr Matt Mello

Dear Brothers in Christ,

We are about three weeks away from our highly anticipated **Casino Night**, and I want to take this moment to thank you and the other councils for the incredible work you're doing for our Eastern Deanery Catholic Schools. **This event promises to be a night of fun and entertainment, and we're thrilled about the opportunity to make a significant impact.**

One of the evening's highlights will be the raffle of the **Ford Bronco**! As of now, we have raised a remarkable \$60,000 for Catholic schools in just over two years, and we are confident that **Casino Night** will help us surpass that total. I also want to emphasize, both in this message and in our social media outreach, that this success is thanks to **you—the Knights of Columbus**. Your sponsorship and leadership in running this event are invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for your dedication.

Special thanks go out to **Our Lady of Hope Council**, which is playing significant role in making this event possible. I urge you to contact all the Knights in Volusia County and encourage them to participate. This is a mission that unites us in service, and their involvement will only make our efforts stronger.

**Why do I call this event historic?** Because I truly believe that 30 years from now, this fund will grow to over **\$1 million**, and we will look back proudly on how it all started—with a vision, hard work, and faith— from \$20,000 to a **legacy that will sustain and support Catholic education for generations to come.**

**Thank you, Brothers, for everything you do.** *Your efforts embody the mission of the Knights of Columbus, and I am honored to serve alongside you in this cause.*

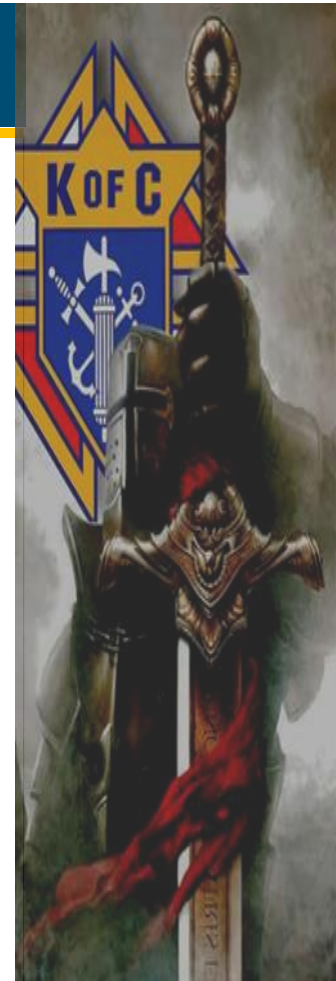
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

**Father Matt**



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## 8086 HOAST CASINO NIGHT & CAR RAFFLE

*For the second year, Eastern Deanery parishes are working together to raise funds for Volusia County Catholic Schools.* This school year there are two fundraisers. The first one is a Car Raffle for a 2023 Ford Bronco Sport. The like-new SUV boasts a sun roof, tow package and plenty of extras. It comes with a 6-year/100,000 mile Ford Factory Warranty. The cost for a raffle ticket is a \$100 donation. Only 700 hundred tickets will be sold! Drawing is at Casino Night.

All schools in the Catholic Eastern Deanery of Volusia County have benefited from last year's event and will again benefit this year. They will receive more funds. Plus, they will benefit from the Catholic School Endowment, which is being established with the Catholic Foundation of Central Florida. This is currently the only Endowment of this type in the State of Florida for Catholic Schools. So, schools in the Eastern Deanery will continually see more funds available each year as more people donate to this great cause.

**What makes a Catholic education special?** Catholic school education is rooted in the conviction that human beings have an exceptional aptitude for success, Catholic Schools provide education for the whole student in the form the spiritual, intellectual, physical, psychological, social, moral principles, and religious capacities to each child. Catholic education isn't just about learning about Catholic values, Catholic schools teach high academic standards and core values, which are highly valued by all higher levels of education. Catholic Schools also provide children with love, generosity, responsibility, self-discipline, and much more.

## CASINO NIGHT

### Support Local Catholic Schools

Friday, 28 Feb, 6pm at the OLOH Parish Center

Get tickets with QR Code in Bulletin, Church Website or at Church Office



Council 8086  
**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**\$50 Casino Night Ticket includes**  
\$200 "Casino Money" | Hors d'oeuvres | Drinks  
Professional Gaming Tables | Roaring 20s Photo Booth



**HELP MAKE A CATHOLIC EDUCATION  
POSSIBLE FOR MORE LOCAL KIDS**

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUNDRAISERS**

*Eastern Deanery parishes are working together to raise funds  
for Volusia County Catholic Schools through two fundraisers:*



**2023 Ford Bronco Sport**

\* Like New \* 6 Year/100,000 mile Ford Warranty  
\* Sun roof \* Tow Package \* Lots of Extras

### **BRONCO CAR RAFFLE**

**TICKETS: \$100 Donation**

**Only 700 Available**

- Must be 18 years old to Participate
- Don't Need to be Present to Win
- Contest Rules on OLOH Website

Special thanks to  
**mullinax** 



**CAR RAFFLE DRAWING WILL BE HELD**

## **Friday, February 28**

**Our Lady of Hope Parish Center | 6 – 9:30 PM**

## **CASINO NIGHT**

**Dress to Impress — Roaring 20's Theme!**

**\$50 Casino Night Ticket includes**

**\$200 "Casino Money" | Hors d'oeuvres | Drinks  
Professional Gaming Tables | Roaring 20s Photo Booth**

**THREE WAYS TO GET CAR RAFFLE & CASINO NIGHT TICKETS:**  
Scan the QR Codes | VISIT [Ladyofhope.org](http://Ladyofhope.org) | Buy In Person Sundays After Masses

For info, contact SK Ernie Jackson, Council 8086, [50CHEVYPICKUP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:50CHEVYPICKUP@GMAIL.COM)



**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!**



## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT SK JOHN O'MALLEY

We're off to a great start for 2025 – which is past the halfway point for the Columbian Year! **Council 8086 is third in the state with 30 new members, and has hit all of the key criteria for Two-star Council.**

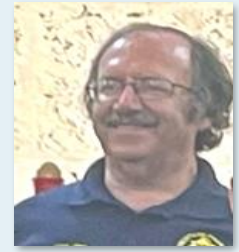
**Fraternal Benefit Events are great** (we're already met our quota), but I would advise every Brother Knight to meet with our Field Agent, Jim Booritch. He'll give you many great ideas for planning your financial future in a very low-key setting. He gave me several good ideas of how to utilize several under-performing assets.

**I also want to congratulate Council 8086 for its continued work with the monthly grocery pickup and Mark Provenzano's efforts in helping our unhoused population.** It was great to see the quick response with blankets and MREs prior to the recent cold snap. Also great working with the volunteers from Embry Riddle at the grocery pickup.

**Looking ahead, we've got the state convention in Jacksonville at the end of May.** Right now, we've got the important and time-consuming task of documenting the important contributions of our entire membership. We're privileged to have Tim Mell coordinating our efforts – he's the best man in the state for the job!

**Don't forget our second Casino Night on Friday, Feb. 28, benefiting our County's Catholic schools.** *You might wind up driving away in a new Ford Bronco!*

*SK John O'Malley,*  
District Deputy 20



## Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

**February 25 — 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Church**

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](mailto:jomalley1@cfl.rr.com) for more information.



## Tootsie Roll Sales ONGOING

Consider signing up for a two hour shift.  
No experience necessary.

**Interested in helping - Contact SK Joc Roch, 407-934-4372**





## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: SK MARK PROVENZANO

**SK Mark Provenzano is being honored this month for his tireless work as a Good Samaritan and advocate for the homeless, notably during the harsh January winter temperatures.** For the past 15 months, Mark has been helping the homeless in our area by buying and distributing blankets, clothing, coats and food; taking their dirty clothes to the laundromat and cleaning them; and money to those in need, and by securing donations for this cause.



Mark, who has been a member of OLOH parish with his wife Suzanne and family for the past eight years, also volunteers in our Council with the Tootsie Roll Drive, Loaves and Fishes, Grocery Distribution, Casino Night and the Food Pantry. But, his passion is to help the homeless.

*His reasons are personal.* The Connecticut native was homeless himself during a brutal winter when he was 17 years old. So he can relate to how those in need feel. He feels the homeless are forgotten and do not have the resources to help better their lives.

**Mark should be commended for his outstanding efforts in saving lives this winter and for making a difference in the lives of many who need a hand up.** *Our Council is responding to Mark's advocacy by creating a Helping the Homeless Program to assist his efforts with resources and manpower. Please see Page 7.*



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH: GREG & LIZ LILLY

**The Lilly Family has been active members of Our Lady of Hope for three generations.** Our February Family of the Month Greg and Liz Family were married in 1989. They followed in Greg's parent's footsteps, providing a faithful upbringing to their two children in our parish.



When Greg decided to become a Knight in Council 13 years ago, he and his son Aaron went through their Exemplification together. They also advanced up to Third Degree together. Aaron, his wife Julie, and 17-year-old son Noah, are continuing the family involvement in our parish. Aaron serves in the liturgical orchestra at the 9 am mass, playing various instruments.

Their daughter Shaina, a former theology teacher at Fr Lopez High School, currently attends Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Melbourne with her husband and three children, where she is the Youth Director, and is involved in Faith Formation, the OLOL School and the Tecum Ministry for young adults.

The Lillys consider the Church to be an extension of their home and fellow parishioners as part of their family. "We tried to raise our children with that in mind so that they always consider Church...no matter where it is in the Catholic community, a second home they can always come to," said Greg.

Greg and Liz are both actively involved in many ministries here at OLOH. Greg currently serves on the AV (Audio Visual) team, the Cursillo Ministry, Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Ministry, and the FOCCUS Marriage Preparation Ministry. He formerly served as as Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Cursillo Secretariat for the Diocese of Orlando, and Prison Ministry.

Liz currently heads the Lector Ministry, serves in the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Ministry, FOCCUS Marriage Preparation Ministry and AV team with Greg and is actively involved in the Cursillo movement. Additionally, she recently joined the parish staff on a part-time basis as the Communications Assistant.

*Greg noted, "Our parish family is a blessing. When you're part of a close family like OLOH, the experiences and memories are too many to list."*

## COUNCIL STEPPING UP TO HELP... SK PROVENZANO AID HOMELESS

When Florida saw some of the coldest temperatures in over 10 years, **Sir Knight Mark Provenzano**, who at one point in his life was homeless and is now a successful businessman, sprung into action to help save lives in the Daytona area.

With the help of Catholic Social Services in Orlando and local residents from New Smyrna Beach, **Mark gathered up blankets, gloves, coats and meals ready to eat, and spent several days distributing the much-needed items to the freezing and hungry homeless.** He also takes their well worn clothes, washes, dries and returns the items to the homeless so they will have clean clothes.

**Mark is also a advocate for the homeless.** He feels it's important for those who are fortunate to have a roof over their heads every night understand the plight of the homeless. He has taken time to speak with students at Fr. Lopez Catholic High School about his personal homeless experiences so they have an understanding of how difficult life is for the people living on the streets in our communities.

Mark has been providing life essentials and making life a little better for the homeless in our area—doing all of this on his own dime for a long time. But, as the need continues to grow, he needs help. That's why Council 8086 is now partially-funding these important, life-saving efforts.

**Council of 8086 is now establishing a group of Knights who, when Mark sounds the alarm for help, will muster and go out with him to help the homeless.** This effort is headed by another Brother, who was also homeless at one point in his life—Sir Knight Adam Schmidt. **If you want to help in any way, please contact Adam or Sir Knight Dave Dollieslager, who is the Chair of Loaves and Fishes, which has a broader focused program for the homeless and down trodden.**

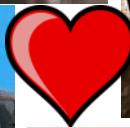
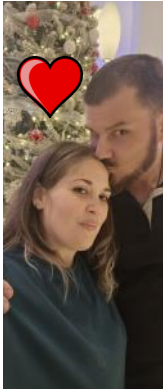


*Mark talking at Fr Lopez High School about his homeless experiences.*



*Mark helping homeless veterans and needy families.*





### Saint Valentine's Day

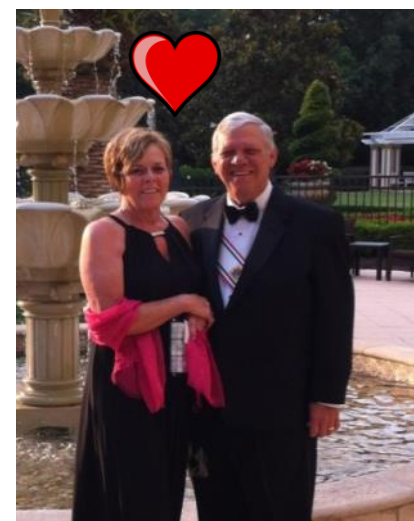
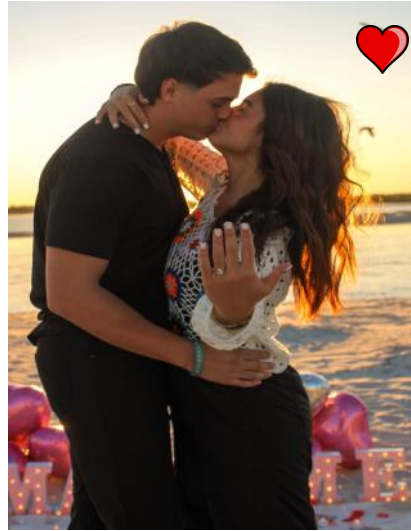


O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things and to selfishly love one another.

O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.  
Amen.









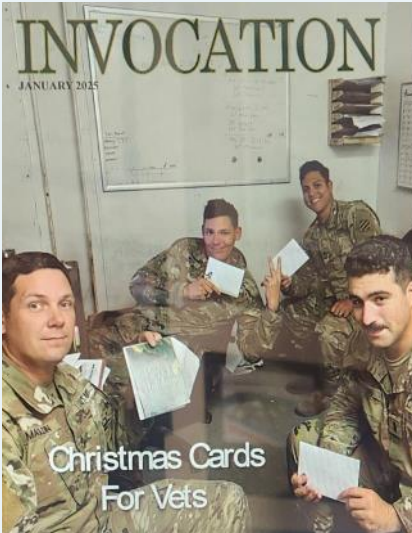
## KNIGHTS DON'T LET COLD WEATHER STOP THEM

Special thanks to all of our Knights who worked in unseasonably cold, rainy weather at the Daytona International Speedway January 23-26 during the 2025 24-Hour Rolex Race and qualifying races!!



## Faith in Action

## BROTHER KNIGHT & SOCIABLE SENIOR HELP ARMY



### COUNCIL 8086 IN THE STATE NEWS:

Our Brother Knight Bill Millson and his girlfriend fellow OLOH parishioner Barbara Juskiewicz, were featured in the January issue of the *Florida State Invocation* for collecting over 3,500 in brightening Christmas for the soldiers stationed at Ft Stewart, GA.

Special thanks to District Deputy SK John O'Malley for writing the story. **Click the link below to read the story:**

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## Knights in Action

## SK JACQUES ROCH BECOMES A US CITIZEN

**Congratulations to our Brother SK Jacques Roch!!** On Feb 29, Jacques successfully completed the lengthy naturalization process by passing the citizenship interview and test, and finally taking the Oath of Allegiance during a patriotic Naturalization Ceremony.



*SK Jacques Roch is pictured holding his Certificate of Naturalization and with the supporters who went with him to Orlando for the Naturalization Ceremony: (Top) Marilyn Marchese and Pat Waggoner, widows of our two beloved Brothers SK Steve Marchese and SK Jim Waggoner, and Barbara Parziale's daughter Danielle and granddaughter Arianna Lavelle. That evening, Jacques was showered with love and support by his friends at beautiful patriotic surprise dinner party.*





*From Ashley Camacho—Knight Mom & Wife (Posted with permission from her Facebook Page)*

Tonight was a fun little treat for our little family. Chris, the girls' and I were nominated as Family of the Month by members of the Knights. There are so many incredible families that deserve this much more than we do. With that said, it was a huge honor to be recognized tonight for the little things we do around our parish which is so minimal compared to so many families. We have always wanted our girls' to know how much Our Lady Of Hope Catholic Church means to us and to continue the work that we are doing long after we're gone. Looking forward to a fun year ahead with our immediate family and church family. Thank you Debbie Jackson for the beautiful flowers!

# FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

**Friday, Feb 28 at 9 am**

Our Lady of Hope Church

**Need Food Come Get Food. NO COST!**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE FOOD**



**Council 8086**

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Dennis Flesch	13	Steven Morris
3	Joseph Comforto	14	Brian Hand
3	Hugh Everly	15	Daniel Weimer
3	Tony Montalvo	15	Deacon Willems
3	Bill Piper	17	Deacon Amicone
3	Adam Schmidt	17	David Holliday
4	Ray Levesque	17	Mike Lewis
6	jim Ammann	18	John Balloni
8	Joesph Polese	21	Mike Laheta
10	Robert Pearson	22	Paul Leonard
11	Mike Domann	22	Bob Shearin
12	Joseph Myers	24	Eric Kapuza
12	Dan O'Brien	24	Tim Mell
12	Joseph Potter	24	John Nelson
13	George Cline	25	John Cameron
13	Roger Klaus	25	John Humphries
		26	Joesph Valenti



## Knight's Intentions

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

Tom Antalek, Chuck Armstrong, Holly Clark, George Cline, Jackie Dailey, Tony Delmonte, Lee DeGuire, Perkey Henderson, John Hoag, John King, Anya Koszas, Vince LaVigna, Steve Martino, Hank Nolin, Jacques Roch, Gerri Russo, SK Deacon Dave Sekel, Sam Tedesco, Anita Vigara, Robert Yer, Jr., Jerry Wojciechowski, Dave Sekel and Ben Willems Family

## The Catholic Family in a Post-Christian World | The Mission of the Family SUPREME COUNCIL

God has a plan for marriage and the family. By understanding God's goal for family life and its relationship to the world, families will be better prepared for the challenges of living this vision in modern society. Copied below is a link to Supreme's You Tube video on the Catholic Family:

[https://youtu.be/V2\\_fVfgVpRg?si=VjkrSqe7hZQ607PQ](https://youtu.be/V2_fVfgVpRg?si=VjkrSqe7hZQ607PQ)



## Grocery Distribution Program (GDP) Continues with Success



*Knights and other volunteers get the stations ready on Jan 24.*



*Thanks to the Emory Riddle Crew Team for help-*

