



KNIGHTLY NEWS



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying God's many blessings. I would like to share a few important reminders and some exciting news as we continue our mission of faith, service, and fraternity together.

First, please join us for the Blue Mass on Saturday, February 8, at 11 a.m. This special Mass gives us the opportunity to come together in prayer and gratitude for our first responders, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and all those who selflessly serve our community. *Your presence is a meaningful way to show our support and appreciation.*

Next, our Grocery Distribution Program will take place on Thursday, February 27. This outreach effort is a true reflection of our call to charity and service. By working together, we are able to make a real difference in the lives of families in need. Last month, we fed 282 families. Please consider volunteering. We can always use extra help. Our volunteers are greatly appreciated.

I am also pleased to share some exciting news for our Council. **Council 8086 is beginning the process of forming a Knights of Columbus "Round Table" of college students at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.** We look forward to welcoming new members from Embry-Riddle into our Council and walking alongside them as they grow in faith and fraternity. With God's guidance and our support, we hope to help these Brother Knights one day establish a council of their own, further strengthening the mission of the Knights of Columbus within the university and our wider community.

Lastly, this is a friendly reminder to please complete the Annual Council Survey and submit it to Brother Tony Manzolillo. The survey is located on page 10. Completed surveys can be emailed to t.manzolillo58@gmail.com. Your input is important and helps guide the future direction and priorities of our Council.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your continued dedication, generosity, and commitment to Council 8086. It is truly a blessing to serve alongside each of you.

God Bless!
Ernie

OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086

FEBRUARY EVENTS

2/3	Officers Meeting, 7 pm
2/6	Rosary
2/8	Pancake Breakfast
2/8	Blue Mass for Police & First Responders, 11 am
2/10	Rosary, 6 pm Council Meeting 7 pm
2/18	ASH WEDNESDAY
2/20	Lenten Fish Dinner 5-6:30 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
2/21	Loaves & Fishes 10 am
2/22	Coffee/Donuts
2/24	Cor Sacred Heart 6:30 pm
2/25	Exemplification 6 pm
2/27	Grocery Distribution Program, 9 am
2/28	Fourth Degree Exemplification, St Augustine

Upcoming events

3/3	Officers Meeting 7 pm
3/7	Council Retreat 9 am



Dear Brother Knights,

In February, we begin the season of Lent. This season is marked by practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three exercises are staples for turning us slowly in the direction of where God wants us to be. It reduces our pride, our pettiness and our selfishness and self service. It causes us to depend on God and to serve others and we need God strength through prayer to do that.



This season has been with us for two millennia. There's a lot of wisdom in these practices to help us grow holier and wiser. It's not going to happen overnight, but it will happen overtime if you continue these practices and we all could use a little more of prayer fasting and arms giving.

**Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Matt**



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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK JOHN O'MAL-



Congratulations to Council 8086 for another impressive month, with 14 new members in January! That's 85 for the year, 567-percent, and only five away from 6-Star Council. That's unbelievable for a large council with a hefty membership requirement.

The Celebration of Life expanded its new format from a cocktail party to a sit-down dinner banquet. It was an exceptional evening. The room was professionally prepared, the food was excellent and the program was informative. Life Director Vito Benedetto and his team did an excellent job in our bid to save lives – and enhance the lives of new-born children.



February's schedule includes the Blue Mass at Our Lady of Hope at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8, as we thank our local law enforcement and first responders. It will be the safest Mass you ever attend!

Let's keep the momentum going for our next big gala, Casino Night at Our Lady of Hope on Friday, April 10. Please consider buying a ticket for the raffle to win a Ford Bronco as we raise needed funds for Catholic schools of the Eastern Deanery, including Father Lopez Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Elementary School.

Third Degree Knights are encouraged to attend the next Fourth Degree Exemplification, that will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, in St. Augustine. This will be Florida's first outdoor exemplification, held under the giant cross at the National Shrine of Our Lady La Leche. It will also be held at dusk. Please see our Assembly Faithful Navigator Andy Duzek for details.

*SK John O'Malley,
District Deputy 20 "Men on a Mission"*

Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

24 Feb — 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart

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.**

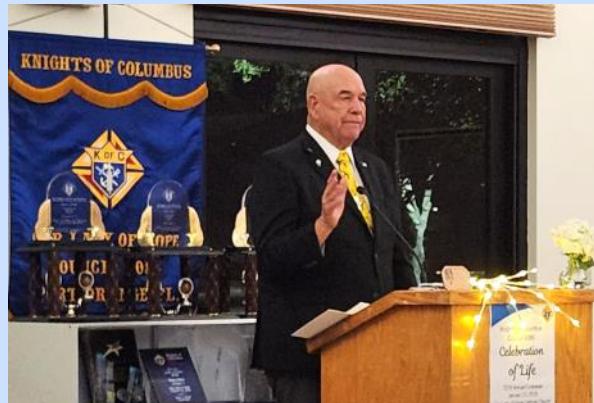
To view the FL State Council info, click below: <https://www.floridakofc.org/>

Faith in Action LIFE DINNER



On January 10, Council 8086 held the third annual Celebration of Life Dinner. Words cannot adequately thank our Deputy Grand Knight Vito Benedetto and his wife Gina for all they did to raise funds to save the lives of the unborn and to help moms, who choose life for their babies.

"As Knights of Columbus and as Catholic Gentlemen, it is solely our belief that all life is sacred from conception until natural death. We, as brothers, will defend the lives of the unborn as Our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us. Our mission with this Life Saving Event is to raise monies for the continued support of women's pregnancy centers and to also raise awareness that no one person has the right to end the life of the unborn and that abortion is a sin," said Vito.



PHOTOS BY SK JACQUES ROCH

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.



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.**

Family of Month Program

Designed to promote/support the development of strong Catholic families

Each month, Knights councils around the country select one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day to be their Family of the Month.

To be selected as Family of the Month, the family should stand out as an exemplary model to others in the parish. They do not need to be a Knight Family. For our Council, they do have to be Our Lady of Hope parishioners.

If you know a family in our parish who emulates Catholic values and demonstrates them regularly by serving God and our parish, you can nominate them for the Council 8086 Family of the Month. All nominations should go to Vito or Ernie.

KNIGHTS JAN MEETING



SK Adam Schmidt presents the Shining Armor Award to Gianni Teta.



Birthday Boys



Our Council presented a farewell gift to SK Dave Dollieslager, former Grand Knight and Trustee, in recognition of his dedication and long standing service to Council 8086 and OLOH.



FOM Joan Stewart



KOM Gianni Teta



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Fr Matt Mello

Father Matt Mello is proudly recognized as Knight of the Month for Council 8086 in appreciation of his outstanding service as our pastor and spiritual leader.

Under his leadership, Father Matt has not only strengthened our parish spiritually, he has also thoughtfully developed the parish and its many ministries, **fostering growth, collaboration, and a renewed sense of mission**. His guidance and example continue to inspire our Council to serve with charity, unity, and fraternity with a purpose.



In addition to serving as the pastor of Our Lady of Hope, Fr Matt provides unwavering support for the **right to life**, to **feed and care for the needy and homeless**, and advocates for **Catholic Education** through his roles as the Diocesan Eastern Deanery Vicar Forane, Diocesan Catholic School Board Member, Co-Chairperson of the Fr Lopez High School Board.

Additionally, working with pastors from congregations throughout Volusia County, Fr Matt is leading the interfaith effort – appropriately named F.A.I.T.H. – to work with community leaders and residents to address social injustices and provide affordable housing for low income families.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Tom & Celie Anderson

Our January Family of the Month Tom and Celie Anderson enjoy volunteering together with several OLOH ministries. The couple relocated to Port Orange in 2015 from Queens, New York. Cecile is originally from the Caribbean Island of Grenada.

Tom and Celie joined OLOH when they moved here. They started attending Sunday Mass two years ago, after a lengthy absence from the church.

As everyone who knows them would attest, they are very joyful people who are committed to helping others. Tom is very active with the Knights. Together, Tom and Celie help decorate the Church for Christmas, volunteer monthly with the Grocery Disbursement Program (GDP), serving meals at church events and other Knight activities.



"We enjoy the satisfaction of helping the church and helping those less fortunate than us," said Tom.

Monthly McGivney Message



A PURE SOUL

Father McGivney possessed to a heroic degree

many outstanding virtues and qualities that make him worthy as a model for our lives and an intercessor for our needs. A fellow priest praised his “indomitable will” in carrying out difficult tasks, yet Father McGivney was also known for his sense of humor, welcoming demeanor, and preaching that attracted even non-Catholics to St. Mary’s Church.

One of the more touching moments of his priesthood came in January 1881, when he offered a Requiem Mass for a woman he had visited often during her illness. In his eulogy, Father McGivney said the woman was one of the purest souls he had ever known and that he hoped to be as well prepared for death as she was when his time came.

His expression of heartfelt sentiments for the deceased along with a gentle warning to all about the need to prepare for death was typical of this strong, compassionate priest. *In this new year, we do well to take his words to heart.* Toward this end, in our 2026 monthly emails, we will explore the virtuous character of Father McGivney and seek to draw closer to him in prayer and action.

Brian Caulfield,
Vice Postulator
guild@kofc.org

OLOH FISH DINNERS



Fridays' during Lent

ADULT - FRIED, FRIED SHRIMP OR
PRE-ORDER BAKED FISH

HUSH PUPPIES, COLESLAW, FRENCH
FRIES

KIDS- MAC/CHEESE, FRIES, SODA

DESERT COOKIES



Adult \$12

Kids \$6

Beer \$2



Join ASAP – Council Incentive

Provide life saving support to women and children in your community – join ASAP!

Council Benefit:

- Earn an additional \$250 donation for one pregnancy resource center or maternity home your council supported through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program.

The Bonus:

- The top 10 recruiting councils will also receive an additional \$750 for the pregnancy resource or maternity home, bringing the total incentive to \$1,000 for those winners!
- Please note, the top ten recruiting councils will be chosen based on the February 1st through March 31st time frame.

The Requirements:

- Exemplify a minimum of 3 new members from 02/01/2026- 03/31/2026
- Participate in the ASAP program (min. \$500 donation) any time from 7/1/25 - 6/30/26
- To qualify, councils must apply for ASAP through the online form at kofc.org/asap or this link. Councils that have already received a grant through ASAP in the 2025-26 fraternal year do not need to reapply. This \$250 will be in addition to the standard amount your council already earns(ed) as part of the standard ASAP program.

Help your council's impact reach new heights this year. Extend the hand of brotherhood and encourage Catholic men to Join ASAP!

*For Insurance jurisdictions only. Other restrictions apply.

FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM



Council 8086
Our Lady of Hope
Port Orange, Fl

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



Knights 8086 Round Table @ ERAU



So we are obtaining a lot of college students into Council 8086. We welcome them and they are the future of our council and the KofC. Please welcome them into our council.

We ask you to check out this link to learn more about college students in the KofC. We now have a KofC 8086 “Round Table” in ERAU.

Persevering Through Challenges

At the 60th annual College Councils Conference, Knights representing colleges and universities across North America were encouraged to be “ambassadors for Christ,” stepping forward in faith and leadership to revitalize the culture around them. “Life gets hard for a lot of reasons, and you will experience trainwrecks in one form or another,” Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said in keynote remarks. “But persevere through those challenges and be that sturdy shelter of friendship for others.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RrrgUOUgdw>



[College Councils Conference 2025 Recap](#)

Each year, College Knights of Columbus from across the nation gather for the College Councils Conference to be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and mission. Held at the birthplace of the Order and the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney, the conference brings together young men committed to living their Catholic faith through charity, service, and leadership. Participants are formed by Supreme officers and inspired through shared fellowship with fellow college Knights who face the same challenges—and opportunities—on campus today. Join us at the 2026 College Councils Conference and be equipped for the mission.

EMBRY-RIDDLE

Aeronautical University



**COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 6:30PM AT ALLEN CHAPEL AME CHURCH
580 GEORGE ENGRAM BLVD, DAYTONA BEACH, 32114**

HAVE YOU OR A LOVED ONE BEEN AFFECTED BY
FLOODING?

IS THE HIGH COST OF HOUSING SHRINKING
YOUR FAMILY BUDGET?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH
MENTAL ILLNESS, ADDICTION, OR UNJUST
CRIMINALIZATION?

BECOME A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

JOIN FR. MATT AND YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS IN
WORKING TO BUILD A MORE JUST COMMUNITY.

SEE LOUIS GRECI TO SIGN UP AND BECOME
PART OF OUR LADY OF HOPE'S JUSTICE
MINISTRY TEAM.

LOUIS GRECI 386-295-2707



Together, we move
mountains!



RALLY - Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY - Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 6:30pm
at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

CELEBRATION - Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church

On Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., the community will gather at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church for the Nehemiah Action Assembly, a powerful witness to faith in action through FAITH (Faith in Action through Interfaith Teamwork).

Inspired by the prophet Nehemiah, who united the people to rebuild what was broken, this assembly brings people of faith together to stand for **justice, dignity, and hope**. Through prayer, unity, and respectful public action, **FAITH** seeks meaningful solutions to local challenges and invites community leaders to commit to positive change.

Members of the **Knights of Columbus** will assist with **parking and hospitality**, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all who attend. The Knights are proud to support **Father Matt** in this important endeavor, standing with him in service and fraternity to help make faith visible, active, and exceptional.

All are encouraged to attend and be part of a community united in purpose, compassion, and hope.



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](#)



Membership Enrollment Form

Yes! I am a baptized Catholic man over the age of 18 and a practicing Catholic. Please sign me up for e-membership in the Knights of Columbus at no cost for the first year (a \$30 value)!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Parish: Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 Parish City, State: Port Orange, FL

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

Preferred Language: ____ English ____ Français ____ Español ____ Other: _____

Member Referral Number: _____

By signing below, I attest to the accuracy of all the information provided above.

Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.

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February BIRTHDAYS

2 Dennis Flesch	13 Roger Klaus
2 Justin Kealhofer	13 Steven Morris
3 Joseph Comforto	14 Brian Hand
3 Hugh Everly	15 Daniel Weimer
3 Anthony Montalvo	15 Mike Willems
3 Bill Piper	17 Nick Amicone
3 Adam Schmidt	17 Gerald Homb
4 Ray Levesque	17 Tom Jeziorski
6 James Ammann	18 John Balloni
8 Rich Lovas	18 Chris Marchese
8 Joesph Polese	19 John Jez
9 Cameron Stewart	22 Paul Leonard
10 Robert Pearson	22 Robert Shearin
11 Mike Domann	24 Trent Berning
11 Steve Roy	24 Tim Mell
12 Joseph Myers	24 John Nelson
12 Daniel O'Brien	25 John Cameron
12 Joseph Potter	26 Joseph Valenti



Knight's Intentions

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

Kim Allen, Dave Arundel, Audrey Borowski, Jim Gallo, Bill Gardi, Gruzi, Lorraine Kaehly, Marilyn Kliment, Stephen Martino, Doreen Taylor, Issy White, Col Maureen Wojciechowski.

*Please Pray for the Repose
of the Soul of our Brother*

SK Gary Hunt



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

**Our Council 8086 Per Capita Dues of \$816.42 paid to Supreme Council
in January 2026**



FROM: MAJ MIKE MIGS

Mainland HS AFJROTC hosted their annual military ball at the OLOH social hall. This was Maj Mike Migs last military ball as he will retire in June. Vito and his gang of helpers did a fantastic job setting up, serving, bussing, and cleaning up the hall. Nearly 120 cadets and guests, including the Mainland HS Principal, were extremely impressed with the impeccable service provided by our Knights and a few spouses. Mike said the kids had a memorable time, the adult guests enjoyed a great evening, and the Knights were a big part of this hugely successful event. Thank you to all!

Faith in Action

SHINING ARMOR AWARD



To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during their first fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- Be involved in at least three Council service programs.
- Attend at least three Council meetings.
- Meet with their Council's insurance representative.
- [Recruit at least one new member.](#)

When you complete all tasks report your success to the Council Chancellor to process.

JOIN TODAY



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Columbus®**



**HELP US TO HELP OTHERS, A FEW HOURS A YEAR CAN
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. Council 8086, Our Lady of
Hope Church. CLICK THE QR CODE or
CONTACT JAKE MAYS AT: JAKEMAYS007@GMAIL.COM**

Faith in Action Help OLOH—Golf



Below is a link to the OLOH church website where potential golfers and sponsors can find information about playing in or sponsoring the 2026 Father Ray O'Leary Memorial OLOH golf tournament. All proceeds derived from the tournament directly benefit our OLOH youth group ministry. As discussed, I hope that you will include the link in future correspondence to our Brother Knights.

<https://www.ladyofhope.org/golf-tournament>

John R. Cameron, PGA

Executive Director/Secretary

Daytona Beach Jr. Golf Assn., Inc.

386-679-9372

JRCPGA@outlook.com



Faith in Action Car Raffle Tickets



VOLUSIA COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Fundraiser CAR RAFFLE

2024 Ford Bronco Sport

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OR PUT VALUE TOWARD YOUR CAR OF CHOICE AT MULLINAX FORD

**TICKET: \$100
Donation**

SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE
TICKETS & VIEW CONTEST RULES



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Council 8086

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 50CHEVYPIKUP@GMAIL.COM