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KNIGHTLY NEWS



OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

My hat is off to my fellow brothers who worked hard to make 2025 such a success for 8086! To give you an idea of how much our Council accomplished in support of OLOH, Fr Matt, our local community and KofC objectives, here is a quick Year in Review of our good works:

- **We are now saying the Rosary before our meetings, assisting OLOH to better serve our Hispanic parishioners, and continuing Cor and building our Faith.**
- **We hosted 10 Grocery Distribution food drops and have fed over 2,700 local families.** Additionally, we provided MREs, blankets and money to the homeless. And, we support the monthly OLOH Loaves and Fishes program that help homeless and others in need of food, clothing, and hygiene items.
- **Provided \$15,000 funding and manpower to upgrade the OLOH technology in the Parish Center and \$5,000 financial support to OLOH Catholic youth.**
- Continued to build houses and provide financial support to the **Habitat for Humanity Program, people with disabilities, Coats for Kids and Special Olympics.** Our "Life" Program" donated funds of over \$30,000 to provide anti-abortion initiatives and to care for children after birth. And, through the Car Raffle and Casino Night, we helped to grow our Catholic Church by **providing over \$90,000** to our local Catholic Schools.
- We also had fun at October Masquerade Ball, Veterans Dinner, Church Picnic and our Christmas Party...**And we still found time and manpower to do almost all the activities designated by the Supreme KofC "Faith in Action."**

If we want to continue doing and giving at these levels, we need to continue to bring in new members, especially younger men who are the future of the Knights and our Church. Just like the pro-football teams gain new blood each year to stay at the top of the game, we need to recruit new members.

Here are membership stats: current headcount is 354, 240 members over age 60. In 2025, we dropped 18 to the affiliate council (didn't pay dues for two years), and 19 brother died. Total loss was 37. Which is about the same for the last three years.

If our Council wants to be vibrant for the next five years, we must all be recruiters! **It is our duty to recruit members - to evangelize our Catholic faith.**

God Bless!

Ernie

JANURARY EVENTS

1/1	Bingo for Vets
1/3&4	Tootsie Rolls
1/9	Life Dinner setup
1/10	Life Dinner
1/11	Breakfast KofC
1/13	Council meeting 7pm
1/13	VA to KofC 8086
1/13	AI to KofC 8086
1/22-25	Rolex KofC work
1/23	GDP Food Drop 9am
1/25	Donuts & Coffee
1/25-25	Bishops Ride KoB
1/27	Cor at Epiphany 630pm

Upcoming events

2/6	Rosary 730am
2/8	Breakfast
2/10	Council meeting 7pm
2/21	Promote Good Friday
2/22	Donuts
2/24	Cor 630pm
2/27	GDP 9am



Dear Brother Knights,

As we start the month of January, we are reminded that we begin a new year we start over. Let us look forward to building our organization and our church with a new vision a new outlook. We come refreshed from the great gift of Christmas The Lord's rebirth in our heart. May we always focus on the love of others especially the less fortunate, let us continue to pray for one another.



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 New Year!
Congratulations to Council 8086 for meeting and surpassing the hefty membership requirement for Four-Star Council! We needed 60 members to achieve that level and **were up to 71 as of December** (460-percent). **That's only four away from Five-Star, with 15 new members alone in the month of December.**



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

Including the Special Olympics mailing in November, **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, educate seminarians and saving (and enhancing) lives.**

Our next **Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at Epiphany, at 6:30 p.m.** Our main topic will be the next 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.

Our next **Fourth Degree Exemplification will be at St. Mark the Evangelist in Tampa on Saturday, Jan. 31.** Just announced is a very special outdoor ceremony at the giant cross at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine. Please attend the Assembly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22 at OLOH or see Faithful Navigator Andy Duzyk for details. **The Fourth-Degree state biennial meeting will be Saturday, April 18 at Our Lady of Hope – the first time we have hosted this meeting.**

Interested in surfing (web)? Visit the KofC Supreme site, kofc.org, or the Florida State site, floridakofc.org. Once on the Florida site, click on State Newsletter to see the latest issue of the Invocation.

SK John O'Malley.

District Deputy 20 "Men on a Mission"

Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

Jan 27 — 6:30 PM at Epiphany

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/>



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

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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.

1981 8/25



First VA Benefit Session: Jan 13— After Council Meeting

Our area has many military veterans who need help receiving benefits. Council 8086 Grand Knight Ernie Jackson has coordinated with the local VA Services to start a new program to help all veteran Knights and those most in need —local homeless vets — apply for disability housing, life support or medical benefits.

Scott Olson, Volusia County Veterans Director, has agreed to help this worthy cause. The vision is for the VA to send a representative to meet with vets at a location that is easily accessible for those who are homeless and or lack transportation.

Council 8086 has appointed SK Jake Mays as our POC to help coordinate dates, times and locations. ***The first session is being held at OLOH so that all vets in our Church have the opportunity to participate. It will be held after our Council Meeting on January 13, 2026 in one of the classrooms. Vets should bring your DD214 and ID.***

The Assembly has requested to take over the program after Jan 13. Locations will be publicized. And you vets can continue to contact Jake. He will set you up with your time to get help. Email Jake at jakemays007@gmail.com.



Knights Meeting



Birthdays



KOM Rich Kortez



FOM The Baskins



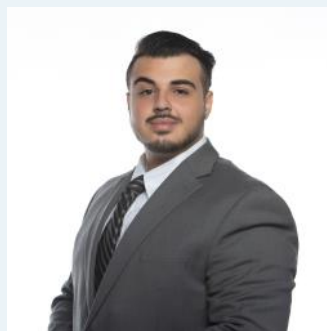
KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Gianni Teta

Gianni Teta joined the Knights in August of 2025. He was born and raised in Queens, New York, and relocated to Daytona Beach in 2023. His motivation for moving was to obtain a higher quality of life, more financial opportunity, and to have more freedom.

Upon settling here, he immediately searched for a new church. OLOH was his first choice, and he says he hasn't looked back since.

Even though Gianni works full time, he is actively involved in Council 8086 programs, notably Habitat for Humanity & the monthly Food Distribution.

Gianni feels it's important to be an active member of our church because as Christians, he believes it is simply what we are called to do. "Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ calls us to help the needy, feed the poor, and to clothe the naked; and that is exactly what our church is already doing," he said, noting that *"I've quickly realized how much these acts of selflessness not only change the lives of others, but feed our own soul."*



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: Angel Tree Chair - Joan Stewart

Christmas was brighter this year for over 300 local children thanks the OLOH Angel Tree Ministry and the generosity of our parishioners.

The Angel Ministry was started 5 years ago by parishioner Joan Stewart.

God's work starts every year for Joan and the other ministry volunteers about three months before Christmas. They get the names of **parishioners and neighbors who need help providing Christmas gifts for their children.** This also includes families who utilize the OLOH Pantry.



Using the wish lists provided by the parents, Joan and a small group of volunteers make an angel for each child with their name, age and gender; and place the angels on the special tree that is set up in the church Narthex. **Then, the magic of Christmas happens. Our parishioners select an angel and fulfill that child's Christmas wish.**

After all of the donated toys and other items are returned to the church, volunteers sort the items and place the gifts in a bag for the families to pick up for Christmas. **This year, 342 children from 132 families benefitted from the OLOH Angel Tree!**

In addition to the Angel Tree Ministry, Joan is actively involved in several other parish ministries. She lectures at weekend and daily masses, volunteers at Bingo and writes articles for the monthly OLOH magazine. She is also a **member of the Offertory Team, Crusillo and Barbara's Hope.** Additionally, she previously served as secretary and spirituality commissioner for the OLOH Council of Catholic Women.

Joan feels it's important for her to "show up beyond weekly mass." *When Joan joined OLOH, she became committed to its growth. She says, "This gives me a sense of purpose and fulfillment, which benefits me spiritually and gives me meaning as I age."*

FAITH IN ACTION

Christmas Gifts for Kids



FAITH IN ACTION

Decorating Our Lady of Hope Church





The story of the “Right Family” by Mike Migs.



SK Mike Migs put on a very good Knights Christmas Party...thanks Mike for the good time. It was reported by many that the Food was very good, music was great and program of events were a lot of fun.



Council 8086 painted a house two coats in just four hours. **Way to GO Knights.** Yea they were a bit sore the next day but it was for a great cause.

Hope your interested in helping next time. Contact Dave at 386-299-1268



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

Knights Helping Homeless with Food & Blankets



Besides the monthly GDP to 358 families in need people; the Knights 8086 provided 288 Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) valued at \$8,064 along with five boxes of blankets (value unknown). MREs have 3,200 calories per meal. Pictured is Mark Provenzano & Roger Packer loading cars with MREs and Blankets to take them to selected homeless in our area.

Knights on Bikes—helping new mothers ASAP



ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) is a featured program of the KofC to support pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

SK Mike Godbout, Orlando Diocesan Chairman of Knights on Bikes established a ride where all participants bring a box of diapers to support SK Vito Benedito's Celebration of Life program on January 10th.



What organizations can you support through ASAP? Non-profit (501c3 – U.S.) pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes that do not provide, refer for, or promote abortion, and are welcoming of Catholics, are eligible. Contact Dave Vaden at Dave@davevaden.com if interested in Knights on Bikes and Vito Benedetto vbenedetto65@aol.com if you are interested in helping with our ASAP.



KNIGHTS GDP at OLOH Dec. 12th

Grocery Distribution Program—Florida Catholic Charities Record Shattered when Council 8086, OLOH Parishioners, Students from Fr Lopez HS, and Sacred Heart served **355 families**, this was a great accomplishment in just 2 hours and 15 min.



FAMALIES RECEIVE CAR LOAD OF FOOD

Faith in Action Record Breaking



355 Families Served



January BIRTHDAYS

1 James Annunziata	19 Eric Marsh
3 James Albano	20 Paul Deren
3 Bob Menello	20 Steve Martino
3 Neil Oishefski	21 Poerre Boivin
5 Joseph Watson	21 John Reilly
6 Steve Thumbek	23 Chris Hadzewycz
11 James Foy	23 Ken Weaver
11 Jason Volssak	25 Chuck Steinmann
13 Rob Brock	28 Ed Dailey
14 Mike Miglioranzi	29 Bill Browning
14 Arnold Sevcik	29 Brewster Butters
15 Alex Domico	29 Thad Chapman
15 George Maloney	29 Robert Novell
15 Dana Morris	29 Jerry Sergeant
16 Gerald Groncki	30 Frank Johnson
18 Nicola Bunetti	31 Pasquale Santovasi Jr.
18 Robert Krelevich	



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*

**John L. Trovato
Tom Krycz**



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



Knight Special Olympian—SK Jarrett Helm



This are some excerpts from Jarrett Helm's talk to all the Florida State KofC Officers in December 2025.

Jarett has competed in Basketball, Power Lifting, Relay, Pentathlon, shot put, high jump, cycling where he has won many medals.

As the Grand Knight, I admire Jarett for his courage in athletics but most of all for the GREAT man that he has become.

It is special notice of recognition that the PARENTS of Special Olympic Athletes as they are the "real heroes" because they believe in their children, got things started and they do what they do out of sheer love.

My name is Jarrett Helm. I am a fourth degree Knight. So was my grandfather. I am a member of Counsel 8086, a Sir Knight of Assembly 2794, where I am VERY proud to serve as a member of our Color Guard.

I get to meet new friends on my own teams, but I have made great friends ALL over the state! We stay in touch and it is like we just saw each other when we compete again the next year. We cheer each other on; we help each other up when we fall. We celebrate each other's wins and are there for each other when we may not win, but we were BRAVE in our attempt!

I started in Special Olympics in Alabama in 2016. I was 27 years old and never knew I could be an Athlete. It is one of the most amazing journeys in my life, so far. I have not been invited to compete at Nationals yet – but I hope to someday.

Last year, I was on the field at the State Games as a member of the Color Guard, to help raise the flag over the Opening Ceremonies. I was not just an Olympic Gold medal athlete – I was a Knight that day!

When I am not competing, I am working part time helping a fellow Knight in my paid job, working at a local condo as a Maintenance Helper. My wages help support my love of sports that I compete in – and my passion for FISHING! I love to fish. I fish on the beach, on the river, and sometimes, I go out fishing in a boat and pull in some REALLY big fish!

A fellow Knight encouraged me to join the local fishing club and compete with him. It has been a blast! And just two months ago, the Club elected me to be the WEIGH MASTER for the Club!

And what about Knights of Columbus in my life? My faith has always been my center. The Knights of Columbus offers me an opportunity to be with men of faith, who are good men.

They provide me with a strong faith-focused group of true friends, whose mission is to do good for others. And they do. Especially for Special Olympics. I live the Motto: "Let me Win, but if I cannot win, let me be BRAVE in the attempt." I know we can make this happen, fellow Knights!





FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Friday, Jan 23 at 9 am

Our Lady of Hope Church

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



Council 8086
Our Lady of Hope
Port Orange, FL



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 Chanselor to process.

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Faith in Action From: Pope Leo XIV



Dear brothers and sisters, since the Word was made flesh, humanity now speaks, crying out with God's own desire to encounter us. The Word has pitched his fragile tent among us. How, then, can we not think of the tents in Gaza, exposed for weeks to rain, wind and cold; and of those of so many other refugees and displaced persons on every continent; or of the makeshift shelters of thousands of homeless people in our own cities? Fragile is the flesh of defenseless populations, tried by so many wars, ongoing or concluded, leaving behind rubble and open wounds. Fragile are the minds and lives of young people forced to take up arms, who on the front lines feel the senselessness of what is asked of them and the falsehoods that fill the pompous speeches of those who send them to their deaths.

When the fragility of others penetrates our hearts, when their pain shatters our rigid certainties, then peace has already begun. The peace of God is born from a newborn's cry that is welcomed, from weeping that is heard. It is born amidst ruins that call out for new forms of solidarity. It is born from dreams and visions that, like prophecies, reverse the course of history. Yes, all this exists, because Jesus is the *Logos*, the Meaning, from which everything has taken shape. "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (*Jn* 1:3). This mystery speaks to us from the nativity scenes we have built; it opens our eyes to a world in which the Word still resonates, "many times and in many ways" (cf. *Heb* 1:1), and still calls us to conversion.

To be sure, the Gospel does not hide the resistance of darkness to the light. It describes the path of the Word of God as a rugged road, strewn with obstacles. To this day, authentic messengers of peace follow the Word along this path, which ultimately reaches hearts – restless hearts that often desire the very thing they resist. In this way, Christmas gives fresh impetus to a missionary Church, urging her onto the paths that the Word of God has traced for her. We do not serve a domineering Word – too many of those already resound everywhere – but a presence that inspires goodness, knows its efficacy and does not claim a monopoly over it.

This is the way of mission: a path toward others. In God, every word is an addressed word; it is an invitation to conversation, a word never closed in on itself. This is the renewal that the Second Vatican Council promoted, which will bear fruit only if we walk together with the whole of humanity, never separating ourselves from it. The opposite is worldliness: to have oneself at the center. The movement of the Incarnation is a dynamics of conversation. There will be peace when our monologues are interrupted and, enriched by listening, we fall to our knees before the humanity of the other. In this, the Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church, the Star of Evangelization, the Queen of Peace. In her, we understand that nothing is born from the display of force, and everything is reborn from the silent power of life welcomed.

Faith in Action Car Raffle Tickets



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