

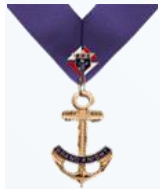


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# KNIGHTLY NEWS



OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



## Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

In this edition, you can read about the following:

- ***Our softball team could always use new talent!***
- ***We are concluding our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.*** Due to the hard work of SK Jacques Roch, Walt Kaehl and their volunteers, we raised a significant amount of money to help Kids with Disabilities. Special thanks to Jacques, who even though this was a difficult time for him, his never-ending dedication to the Council, OLOH Church and the mission of tootsie rolls were exemplarily.
- ***SK Vito Benedetto did an awesome job with raising dollars for "Right to Life" at the Cocktail Party.*** Special thanks to Vito and his wife Gina, who put in countless hours planning the event and making the amazing appetizers and dessert.
- ***More pics of the last leg of the Daytona Track fundraiser.*** Thanks guys for making significant money for charity. And thanks SK Roger Packard for heading this activity.
- ***Special Olympics is coming soon...Please get involved if you haven't had the chance.*** Awesome cause where you make a difference.
- ***Lastly, the car raffle and Casino Night went very well.*** Gross numbers are looking like we raised about North of \$90,000 to help our local Catholic Schools. *Thank you 8086 because this year we were in charge of the entire operation. Great job to "Our Men on a Mission!"*

God Bless!

*Ernie*

### MARCH EVENTS

3/1	COUNCIL RETREAT
3/4	OFFICERS MEETING, 7PM
3/5	ASH WEDNESDAY Mass: 8:30 AM, 6:30 PM Liturgy: Noon
3/7	SEAFOOD FRIDAY Parish Center, 5-6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 PM
3/9	PANCAKE BREAKFAST All Masses
3/11	COUNCIL MEETING, 7 PM
3/14	SEAFOOD FRIDAY Parish Center, 5-6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 PM
3/15	LOAVES & FISHES, 9am
3/18	Cor MEETING OLOH, 6:30 PM
3/21	SEAFOOD FRIDAY Parish Center, 5-6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 PM
3/28	GDP, 7:30 AM  SEAFOOD FRIDAY Parish Center, 5-6:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:30 PM
3/22	COFFEE & DONUTS
<b>MARK YOUR CALENDAR</b>	
4/5	SPECIAL OLYMPICS, 8AM
4/13	BREAKFAST

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Lent invites us to embark on a sacred journey—a time of ascent toward spiritual renewal and deeper communion with God. This season calls us to leave behind the familiar and embrace the challenges that lead to transformation.

Lent holds a dual purpose. It is a period of preparation for both the faithful and the catechumens—the new members who will soon be welcomed into the community of believers. For the devout, Lent is a call to deepen their commitment, while for the uninitiated, it is an invitation to experience the profound mysteries of faith that culminate at Easter.

Ash Wednesday and extending until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, Lent is marked by days of unique solemnity. Ash Wednesday and the events of Holy Week stand apart, their sacred observances overshadowing the ordinary flow of weekdays, remind us of the gravity of our journey and the importance of spiritual reflection.

Lent are three key spiritual practices: *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*. Through prayer, we open our hearts to God, seeking guidance and strength for the path ahead. Fasting, meanwhile, is not merely about abstaining from food or pleasures—it is a deliberate act of self-denial that strips away the superfluous, and sustains our spirit. In this practice of self-mortification, we find humility and a reminder that our lives are not our own. Almsgiving further refines our spiritual journey. By sharing our blessings with those in need, we detach from the allure of material wealth and reaffirm our commitment to the service of others. This act of charity not only benefits those who receive, but also liberates our own hearts.

Let us embrace these practices with sincerity and dedication. May this season of holiness and renewal inspire us to relinquish our attachment to worldly things and to trust wholly in God's providence.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Matt



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**Our Lady Of Hope Knights Softball Team plays in the Port Orange Recreational League.**

The team is comprised of men, 18 years old and above. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 8086, the team plays under the banner of the Our Lady Of Hope Roman Catholic Church. While most of the players are members of our Council, a few do not attend our church. Many of the team members are long time team members, who have developed lasting friendships with each other.

**The team plays for fun, but with a strong will to win.** Knowing that we are a religious-affiliated team playing in a secular league, we try to represent both the Knights and our Church well. We have a good reputation and good relationships with other teams, who we have been playing against for multiple seasons. *If you are interested in playing, please contact SK Bob Murray at [rmurrayjr@cfl.rr.com](mailto:rmurrayjr@cfl.rr.com).*

# 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

**Why is Council 8086 regarded as one of the top councils in the state of Florida?**

*Just look at what we're doing in the four areas of Faith In Action:*

**FAITH:** Our Lady of Hope hosted a retreat, open to all parishioners on Saturday, March 1. Also, we will be hosting the Cor Initiative, open to all men over 18, on Tuesday, March 18, along with helping our Pastor Father Matt host the F.A.I.T.H. Nehemiah Action Assembly on Tuesday, March 25.

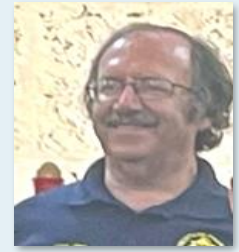
**FAMILY:** The Knights will be playing a key role in the annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 4. During the Picnic, we will host youth competitions in soccer, free throw shooting and hockey, in addition to cooking for the free event.

**COMMUNITY:** The Knights partner with the Diocese of Orlando and Second Harvest for a free grocery distribution on the morning of the fourth Friday of each month. We distribute food to about 200 families every month. Responding to an urgent request by SK Mark Provenzano during the recent cold snap, we donated blankets and MREs to homeless in our community. GK Ernie Jackson formed Community Homeless Helpers, which will mobilize when the temperature drops below 40 degrees. SK Adam Schmidt is POC.

**LIFE:** Terry Cassidy Memorial Coastal Laps for Life will continue in a new format this year. The walk will be part of the annual parish picnic on Sunday, May 4. Previously, the event was held at Father Lopez Catholic High School, raising funds to purchase and place 14 ultrasound machines to faith-based women's centers. The recent cocktail party raised \$13,000 toward an ultrasound machine and ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) donations.

As you can see, there is a wide range of activities underway with Council 8086. *Please feel free to pick one or two programs that interest you and get involved!*

*SK John O'Malley,*  
District Deputy 20



**Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA**

**March 18 — 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](mailto:jomalley1@cfl.rr.com) for more information.



**Check out the FL KofC News**  
**8086 is on the front page again!**  
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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: SK MIKE KLIMENT

**SK Mike Kliment is the March Knight of the Month.** Mike has been a dedicated, hardworking Knight in our Council for seven years. He is also a Fourth Degree member of the Assembly.

Mike has volunteered countless hours working in the OLOH Kitchen. He is a staple at our Sunday KofC Pancake Breakfasts, where he helps oversee the kitchen area. He can also be found in the kitchen or behind a grill, cooking at other events such as the concession stand during the Lakeside Jazz Feast and our annual Christmas Party. Mike also volunteers at any event where he can lend a hand, including all of the Daytona Speedway fundraisers, Duck Derby ticket sales, Coats for Kids, Special Olympics and the monthly Drive-Thru Grocery Distribution.



The Cleveland native, who moved to Florida in 1971 to get away from the snow, says proud to be part of the Knights of Columbus. “The brotherhood in our Council is exceptional,” he said, noting that “I enjoy being part of KofC to help give back for all the blessings our family have received.”



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH: SK TED & LINDA MORRELL

**Our Family of the Month— SK Ted and Linda Morrell — have been active members of their church community their entire married life.** Ted began his journey with the Knights of Columbus, Council 3424, in the small upstate New York Italian village of Ravena. In 1968, after Linda graduated with a nursing degree, the Morrells got married and moved to the Albany area where they were active in both parishes where they lived and the Albany Diocese.

**In 2010, the couple retired to Port Orange, joining longtime friends.** They got involved in the OLOH parish right away. Ted started ushering, which he has done continuously for the past 15 years. The next year, he took his Fourth Degree and joined the Color Corps. Over the years, Ted served as Outside Guard, Trustee and photographer for the Council and Faithful Sentinel for the Assembly. A regular in the kitchen for Pancake Breakfasts, he’s known as “the bacon man.” Currently, the Lifetime Member serves as the Stewart in charge of the Healing and Memorial Ministry, participates in the Tootsie Roll Drive and Ultrasound Initiative, and works closely with Paul and Patty Gloeckler on the Respect Life Commission. Until recently, he participated with Habitat for Humanity, Coats for Kids and the Road Clean-up.



Linda, who was inducted into the Albany, NY Diocese Cornerstone Ministry in 2010, brought many years of ministry experience with her to OLOH. She served for years on the Parish Council and the Stewardship Committee, and held positions in the Council of Catholic Women. As a member of the Faith Formation. Linda was instrumental in bringing CLOW (children’s Liturgy of the Word) to the 9 am Mass. She continues to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Lector. She was At OLOH she is a member of CCW, serving as Leadership, Spirituality, Membership Commissions and Committees.

Linda also volunteers at the Lawrence E Whelan Children’s Begin Again Grief Center as a facilitator for the younger children’s group (5-10yrs) who have lost a significant member of their family. She is also instrumental at the Center’s annual Camp Begin Again at Cracker Creek, where children from surrounding centers come and meet others suffering the same tragedies they are experiencing. **In recognition of her outstanding work at the Center, Linda was nominated as “Volunteer of the Year” in 2018 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court.**

Together, the Morrells are active in the Loaves and Fishes Ministry, since its inception in 2014, and the newly -formed Rosary ministry. They also volunteered together for three years at our local Hospice, making breakfast for the patients.

The Morrells believe that their faith is the basis for all of their relationships. When moving and making new friends, they feel it is important that “we all share the same closeness of our God.” Ted said they are blessed with many wonderful friends. Their very first friends at OLOH were the late John and Pat Ingria. “John was my mentor for joining the Fourth Degree,” said Ted, noting “I miss him dearly.”

As the chair of the Casino Night and Bronco Car Raffle Fundraising Committee, I want to thank all of our Knights and their spouses who worked so hard on both of these major fundraisers —and to everyone who purchased raffle and/or Casino Night Tickets.

Special thanks to the volunteers who took the Bronco to parishes/schools throughout Volusia County, the talented Kitchen Crew, awesome servers from Cursillo; ticket takers/sales/mailling & tallying, & Lou Greci for gift cards.

Additionally, there’s one group of very special people who I want to recognize — the Steering Committee for both Fundraisers. It took months of planning to put together two fundraisers of this caliber. *Special thanks to these dedicated Knights and their spouses (names listed on the right), who have been working together since August, for all you did to make Casino Night and the Car Raffle such a Roaring Success!*

**God Bless!**

**Grand Knight Ernie Jackson**

**VOLUSIA COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

- ◆ Our Pastor Father Matt Mello
- ◆ SK Ernie Jackson
- ◆ Maureen Kealhofer
- ◆ SK Vito Benedetto
- ◆ SK Bob & Nancy Gillikin
- ◆ Debbie Jackson
- ◆ Liz Kaehl
- ◆ SK Paul McNamara
- ◆ SK Tim Mell
- ◆ SK Hank Nolin
- ◆ SK Bill & Mary Piper
- ◆ SK Adam Schmidt
- ◆ Leigh Svajko, President Fr Lopez High School





*The winner of the much-anticipated fundraising raffle for the 2023 Ford Bronco Sport is Jennifer Stears of New Smyrna Beach. The winning ticket was drawn Feb 28 at the second annual Casino Night Fundraiser for Volusia County Catholic Schools. Stears is pictured in front of her new Ford Bronco with OLOH Pastor Father Matt Mello and parishioner Larry Mullinax, owner of Mullinax Ford who sponsored the Raffle. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets!*







### TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE WILL HELP KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

Thanks to the efforts of our longtime Tootsie Roll Drive Director SK Jacques Roch, Co-director SK Wes Kaehl and all of the Knights who volunteered to help with the fundraiser over the past six weeks, our Council collected \$4,900 to help local children with intellectual disabilities.



#### ASSEMBLY CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Assembly 2794 Faithful Navigator Sam Tedesco congratulated SK Jacques Roch on becoming an American citizen by presenting him with the Citizenship Award. Congratulations Jacques!

## FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Friday, March 28 at 9 am  
Our Lady of Hope Church



Council 8086

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

## **COCKTAIL PARTY RAISES FUNDS FOR ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE**

Our Council recently hosted the highly-successful second annual Evening with the Knight's Cocktail Party Right to Life Fundraiser.

**Special thanks to our Deputy Grand Knight Vito Benedetto for organizing this event and all that he does to lead our Council's Pro-Life efforts!**

Thanks to Vito, his wife Gina, the volunteers who helped at the elegant fundraiser and everyone who donated to the worthy cause, the event raised \$13,000 in resources needed for our Council to help fund the next Ultrasound Machines that are used by the local pregnancy crisis centers to help pregnant women decide to choose life.



**Behind the Scenes:** Vito's wife Gina worked for months trying different recipes until she found the best ones to serve at the cocktail party. All of the delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts were made from scratch by Gina and the volunteers, who helped her in the kitchen.





## Honoring Special Olympics Athletes

### **Honoring Special Olympics Athletes Knights from Councils 12569 and 8086**

in Port Orange recently combined their efforts to honor Special Olympics athletes and their families at a Christmas Luncheon at the Church of the Epiphany Family Center. More than 250 Special Olympics athletes and their families attended the event.

Knights from Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 coordinated the food pickup, and joined Knights from Epiphany Council 12569 in serving the meal. A highlight of the day was the presentation of a check for



\$1,000 to Special Olympics from Council 8086 by Past Grand Knight Roger Packard, Point of Contact Tony Manzollilo and SK Jarrett Helm. Helm, the Special Olympics State Pickleball Champion, who recently received his Fourth Degree, volunteered on the serving line rather than join his fellow athletes at the meal.

### **UPCOMING—Special Olympics 2025 Northeast Region Summer Games**

**Saturday, April 5 | Mainland High School | Daytona Beach | 7:30– AM to 5 PM**

Volunteers are needed to help with timing and congratulating the Special Olympics athletes. Athletes will be competing in soccer, bocce, cheerleading, basketball and tennis. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please our Event POC Tony Manzollilo at [t.manzollilo58@gmail.com](mailto:t.manzollilo58@gmail.com)

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

**Our Council made over \$6,000 for charity by loading and unloading NASCAR Trams during Speed Week 2025. Special thanks to all of the Knights who volunteered at the Daytona Speedway that week and in January during Rolex.**

**SK Roger Packard headed up the fundraiser event, which makes a significant impact on our ability to help people.**

**Daytona Speedweek**

- Mike Kliment
- Michael DeCilla
- Rommel Yu
- Gary Hunt
- Ron Holland
- Jim Baskin
- Jim Arundel
- Dennis Flesch
- Tom Mies
- John Nelson
- Richie Smatt
- Aldo Marino
- Bob Murray

**Rolex —24 hrs. of Racing**

- Gary Hunt, Sam Tedesco,
- Dennis Flesch, Michael DeCilla,
- Steve Retzer, Jerry Sergent,
- Ron Holland, Dan Rubino,
- Matthew Mrnacaj, Jim Baskin,
- Mike Kliment, Pat Santovasi,
- Richie Smatt, Tony Semione,
- Ernie Jackson, Bob Murray,
- Paula Murray, Rommel Yu,
- Jacques Roch, Jarrett Helm
- Louis Ralston, Vito Benedetto



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Louis Rosa	19	Mary Torrey
2	Joe Valley	20	Ron Salzman
7	Carlos Hernandez	21	Matt Kocisko
7	Davis Mays	22	Todd Seger
10	Nick Benvenuti	24	Doug Bolas
11	Ed Brown	26	Mark Riley
12	John Clig	28	Bruce Campbell
13	Gary Hunt	29	Steve Careccia
13	Rich Smatt	29	Russell Faller
14	Sean Heegan	31	Ernie Jackson



## Knights' Intentions

*Please pray for the Health & Healing of Pope Francis*

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

Chuck Armstrong, Holly Clark, George Cline, Jackie Dailey, Lee DeGuire, Tony Delmon-  
te, Bob Dytkowski, Perkey Henderson, John Hoag, John King, Anya Koszas, Hank Nolin,  
Roger Packard, Jacques Roch, Gerri Russo, Deacon Dave Sekel, Joan Silva, Ed Slezak,  
Sam Tedesco, Anita Vigara, and Ben Willems Family, Maureen Wojciechowski, and  
Robert Yer, Jr. , Steve Morris

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

**SK Jerry Wojciechowski**



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

## Knights Combat Human Trafficking and Exploitation From SUPREME COUNCIL

Polish Knights have partnered with the Arise Foundation to support the Pontes Association, an organization helping to care for women and teenage girls from Ukraine and their children. They focus on supporting these women by caring for the whole human person and helping them find a safe and legal path into the Polish labor market to support themselves without fear of exploitation. Please pray for these women and girls.



Announcing a  
**NEW Fund**  
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**Volusia County  
Catholic Schools**

# Volusia County Catholic Schools Endowment Fund

Providing tuition assistance and technological enhancements for the benefit of Catholic Schools in Volusia County. All who value Catholic education are invited to contribute!



**The Catholic Foundation**  
of Central Florida  
Inspire Giving. Fund God's Work.

**Below is the link that you can get into the foundation to make a donation:**

<https://cfocf.org/volusiacatholicschoolfund/>



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