NOVEMBER 2024



KNIGHTLY NEWS

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

October was another action packed month for our Council . In this issue, you will see many pictures of our Knights in action.

Charity and faith are at the heart of all we do as Knights. I am so proud of how our Knights put their faith into action to help our parish community prepare for Hurricane Milton and then respond afterwards to help those who were impacted. Our members worked together to save the homes of several of our brothers and parishioners keep their repair costs and aggravation to a minimum. Thank you to the Knights who helped, especially the group of our brand new members who made a significant impact!

In October, our Council also honored our clergy. As you know, we have an outstanding clergy led by our great Priest Fr. Matt Mello! *However, when I call him with updates I keep getting President Ronald Regan*?

We had our annual Fall Dinner/Dance. I thank all who helped in providing a needed stress relief to our Knights.

Brother Hank Nolin had a great week selling Bronco Raffle Tickets to benefit our Catholic Schools. If you haven't gotten a ticket, they would make a nice gift to someone during the holidays.

Please pray for our brothers and families in need...of prayers.

Check out the KofC Supreme Video "Fatherhood" <u>Why Strong Fathers</u> <u>Are So Needed | Into the Breach</u>

God Bless!

Ernie

OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086 Report NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/1	HOLY HOUR, 7 am
11/2	VETERAN DINNER, 5 pm
11/5	OFFICERS MEETING, 7 pm
11/10	PANCAKE BREAKFAST
11/12	COUNCIL MEETING 7 pm
11/16	LOAVES & FISHES, 10 am
11/22	FOOD DRIVE 9AM-12PM
11/22	GDP, 8 am
11/22	COATS 4 KIDS OLOH, 9am
11/24	COFFEE & DONUTS
11/26	Cor NSB, 630pm

UPCOMING MASS SCEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: From now on, if a Holy Day is on a Monday, it will be a Holy Day of Obligation and Mass will be held. The first one is the Immaculate Conception on Dec 9.

-11/1	All Saints Day 8:30 am & 6:30pm
11/6	Mass of Remembrance. 6:30 pm
11/28	Thanksgiving Mass 10 am (No 8:30 am Mass)
12/9	Immaculate Conception 8:30 am & 6:30 pm (No Vigil Mass)
12/24	Christmas Eve 4pm, 6pm & 10pm
12/25	Christmas Day 7:30am, 9 am & 11 am
12/31	Solemnity of Mary Vigil 6:30 pm
1/1	Solemnity of Mary 10 am (No 8:30 am Mass)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER A Message from Fr Matt Mello

Dear Brothers in Christ,

In Catholic tradition, November is indeed a month dedicated to praying for the dead, especially for the souls in purgatory who are on their journey to heaven, but have yet to reach it fully. These souls benefit from our prayers as part of our enduring Catholic practice of remembrance and intercession for the deceased. In contrast, we honor the Saints—those holy men and women who have already achieved heavenly glory. The Saints do not need our prayers but, as our spiritual advocates, they intercede on our behalf when we seek their help.



This time of remembrance coincides with an important civic moment in the United States: Election Day. Voting is a cherished right and responsibility in our democracy,

a hard-won privilege secured through the sacrifices of countless Americans. While the Church does not endorse any specific candidate, it does encourage us to exercise our right to vote, which honors those sacrifices and contributes to the common good.

As we approach this election, let us also commit to praying for our country, our leaders, and the values we hold dear. Whoever is elected to lead should have our prayers for courage, wisdom, and integrity to act in ways that honor the ideals of our nation and, above all, align with God's guidance.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Matt



2024-2025 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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Knights Help Parishioners & Their Brothers









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Brothers of Council 8086 helped 38 families, (not counting our own homes) to prepare for Hurricane Milton by putting up shutters and moving furniture.

After the hurricane, we helped our brothers who took on water in their homes to prevent black mold invasion and moved ruined furniture. It was truly a busy time for the Council.

Heartfelt thanks to all who helped! Our efforts were deeply appreciated by our brothers and parish members. We were truly "Men on a Mission."

Pictured are some action shots of our Council in action. Tiring, but needed work for sure.



FAITH IN ACTION HURRICANE KNIGHTS | MILTON











BE PREPARED FOR NEXT YEAR'S HURRICANCE SEASON

Build A Hurricane Kit

https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit





DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT SK JOHN O'MALLEY

I would like to thank the Knights from each of our councils for stepping up during Hurricane Milton. *The Hurricane Knights of Council 8086 helped 38 households prepare for the emergency, and followed up by helping several Brother Knights overcome serious damage to their property.* Knights from Sacred Heart Council 4934 and Epiphany Council 12569 also played a significant role in helping their parishes prepare and recover.



We're off to a great recruiting year – ranked second in the state at mid-month, only one new member behind Flagler Beach! Currently, we need only seven new members for 2-Star Council!

Our next scheduled Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10, following our regular meeting at the Father O'Leary Parish Center.

Our next Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Sacred Heart's parish center at 6:30 p.m. It's open to all Catholic men over 18 – a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith. *The attendance was off at the last two meetings – please make an effort to try to attend!*

Keep up the great work! SK John O'Malley, District Deputy 20

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

Hurricane Knights Council 8086



Thankyou for Your Help with Hurricane Milton.



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FAITH IN ACTION 8086 HONORING OUR CLERGY

CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY

This year's Clergy Appreciation Day Mass on Oct 20 was particularly edifying as all Knights promised their continued support for the priesthood, the Church, and the common good of our community.

Knights are most recognizable to parishioners as color guards at masses, especially for special masses such as funerals, First Communion, Confirmation, and Ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood.

Also, at any given mass, Council 8086 Knights participate as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lecturers, ushers and when needed as alter servers.

In the color guards, the 4th Degree Knights appropriately carry swords as part of their uniform. The Knights are truly our warriors in today's Catholic Church.













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Council 8086 hosted another fun night out for Our Lady of Hope parishioners and their guests on October 19 at the annual Fall Dinner Dance.

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and skills to make the Dinner Dance a success: Tim Mell, Vito Benedetto, Bob Gillikin, Bill Piper, Mike DeGuire, Roger Packard, Mike Klement, Dan Rubino, Bob Thomas, Ray Zall, and our bartenders Sherrie and Carol Gold.

We also want to thank Maureen Kealhofer and the awesome servers from OLOH Youth Group; Lou Greci, who always gets the best raffle prizes, and his wife Michelle, for organizing and selling the tickets; and Jim and Marianne Baskin, and all of those, including many wives who helped set up for the dinner and cleaned up at the end of the evening. And, as always thank you John and Chiquita Rodgers!





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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: SK Brian Hand

After Hurricane Helene devastated parts of Georgia, SK Brian Hand answered the call from Samaritan's Purse to provide much-needed emergency relief. Brian was part of a dedicated team of volunteers who spent four days helping a devasted family save their home. "By the time we finished, they had hope and joy back. They had their home back to a certain degree and at least could start to feel good again," said Brian, noting that the homeowner was in tears and praising Jesus for sending us. Saying that Jesus does answer prayers."



A member of Council 8086 since 2022, Brian, his wife and daughter moved to Port Orange from Fairfield, CT, nearly 10 yrs ago. They fell in love with the area after coming down to visit his wife's parents. So much so, that he asked his company, which had a division in Tampa, if he could relocate to Florida.

Brian volunteers with the Knights as much as his work schedule permits. But, he would like to do more. "I believe it was in James where it is written that 'faith without works is dead'," said Brian, who loves going to Mass to honor and worship our Lord. "The Church and the people of the Church are my community. It is through the church that my loved ones will find our way back to our real home in Heaven."



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: SK Lou and Michelle Greci

If you've ever won a gift card at a Knights of Columbus event for the sought-after Malibu Grill VIP Dinner or another delicious meal, you have SK Lou Greci to thank! Lou has been helping the Knights raise money by securing gift cards from many local businesses for over 10 years. Lou and his wife, Michelle, also work together to set up and run the Raffle Table at our special events.

The Grecis also volunteer as OLOH Program Directors for F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Towards Harmony). Every year, 30 congregations from throughout Volusia County come together to ask elected officials to address community problems. As a new year starts for the grassroots ministry, the Grecis are working to get more OLOH parishioners to get involved and attend F.A.I.T.H. meetings. A member of Council 8086 since 2012, Lou served as Treasurer for 4 years. He is also a past Purser of Assembly 2794. Lou currently volunteers with Loaves and Fishes and the Grocery Food Drop, sings



in the OLOH Choir and serves in the Assembly 12569 Color Guard .

Michelle is also very active in our parish. She's served as an usher for the past seven years and is a six-year member of the Council of Catholic Women.

The Grecis will be celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary this month — on Nov 27. *Congratulations*!!

Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

Nov 26 – 630 pm at Sacred Heart, New Smyrna Beach

Men attending do not need to be Knights of Columbus. 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.

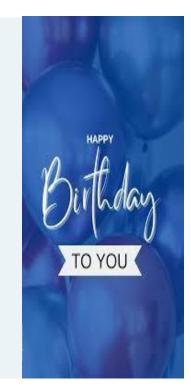
Contact SK John O'Malley at 386-631-6889 or jomalley1@cfl.rr.com for more information.



November BIRTHDAYS

Aldo Marino	1
Dave Vaden	1
Robert Stanton	2
Jerry Steele	5
Todd Carlin	8
Ryan Starosa	9
Andrew Giannini	10
Anthony Semione	10
Bob Thomas	10
George Chatley	11
David Roberts	11
Jeffery Samluk	11
William Millson	12
Kenneth Robinson	12

John Rogers	12
Richard Adamski	13
Ronald Holland	17
Robert Riccio	20
Thomas Antalek	21
Christopher Acebal	26
Rudolph Dolezal	26
John Feore	26
Stephen Marchese	26
Reinaldo Cintron	27
Kenneth Tracy	27
Ernest Izummuo	29
Eugene Cicone	30
William Madison	30





On Clergy Appreciation Day, we also celebrated Fr Paul's birthday, which was the same day. HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER PAUL!!

SHINING ARMOR AWARD

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

 Be involved in at least three council service programs.



- Attend at least three Council business meetings.
- Receive their Second (Formation) and Third (Knighthood) degrees.
- Meet with their Council's insurance representative.
- Recruit at least one new member.

Knight's Intentions

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

Walt Kaehl's Mother-in-Law Geri Ruso, Michael Kennedy's Mother Nancy Jo Kennedy, John King, Barbara Parziale, Bill Piper's daughter Nikki and Anita Vigara.



Florida K of C Charities, Inc

Worthy Brothers,

The Florida K of C Charities has set up a campaign to assist those suffering the effects of Hurricane Helene and Milton.



Please scan the QR Code or click on this link:

https://tinyurl.com/kofccharities

FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Friday, Nov 22 at 9 am

Our Lady of Hope Church

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

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Faith in Action FUNDRAISER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Win This Ford Bronco!

For the second year, the 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 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!*

The winning ticket will be drawn at the second annual Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, Feb 28, 2025 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church.

The Car Raffle is possible thanks to generosity of event gold sponsor – Our Lady of Hope parishioner Larry Mullinex, owner of Mullinex Ford.



Tickets can be purchased online by scanning the Car Raffle QR Code. Parishioners will also have an opportunity to see the Bronco Sport in person and buy printed tickets over the next several months. Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus Council 8086 are bringing the SUV to Catholic schools and parishes, and community events across Volusia County.

The proceeds from the Car Raffle will benefit the seven Catholic Schools in Volusia County. The goal is to help make a faith-based education affordable for more children and to make needed improvements at our Catholic schools.

Catholic schools provide students with a solid education rooted in high academic standards and steeped in Catholic faith and tradition. The many benefits of a Catholic Education include an emphasis on religious values, low student-teacher ratios, high achievement and, locally, 98 percent of students at Father Lopez High School go onto higher education after graduation.

For more information, contact SK Ernie Jackson, at <u>50chevypickup@ gmail.com</u>.