



Knights of Columbus Blessed Sacrament Council 13240

KNIGHTLY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2024



September:
Our Lady of Sorrows

Upcoming Events

- Sept 5 - Council Meeting
Rosary @ 6:30PM
Meeting @ 7PM
- Sept 8 – Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
- Sept 12 – Assembly Meeting 7 PM
- Sept 14 – Exaltation of the Holy
Cross
- Sept 21 & 22 – Knights' Food
Drive Weekend
- Sept 21 & 22 – BSCC Ministry Fair
- Sept 29 – Feast Day of the Three
Archangels St Michael,
St Gabriel, & St Raphael

Golden Ticket Raffle is Back! *(Oct 2024)*

This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. We will be selling the tickets the first 3 weeks of October (we will be looking for volunteers to help sell them). We need donations of Florida Lottery Scratch off tickets. Our winners receive \$300 and \$100 worth of scratch offs, so we need donations. Bring the scratch off tickets (or cash and we will buy them for you) to the August Council meeting or give them to an officer at Mass.

Blood Drive is coming up in October

You can make an appointment by logging onto the One Blood website (<https://www.oneblood.org>) and selecting the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive on October 20th

Men, do you want to make a tangible difference?

Plan to join Life's Choices Women's Clinic for our Volunteer Advocate Training, where faith meets action. Learn to champion pro-life values, redefine fatherhood, and support and uplift expectant families, all while sharing the hope of Jesus Christ. By volunteering, you'll make a tangible difference in countless lives, guiding future generations toward hope, positive change, and a deeper faith. Together, let's foster a culture of responsible, compassionate fathers who lead with the heart of Christ.

27 East Pinehurst Blvd.

Eustis, FL 32726

Thursday, September 5, 2024

9am - 2pm

352.357.2202

26540 Ace Ave, Unit C108

Leesburg, FL 34748

Thursday, September 26, 2024

9am - 2pm

352.404.6116

There is no cost to attend this training. Light Breakfast and Lunch will be served.



September in Your Catholic Church

Prayer for the month of September: Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen!

Monthly Intentions for September 2024.

Pray for: For The cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Lecturer's Corner

By: Brother Pete Stauder

Amendment #4 to the Florida Constitution – Limit Government Interference with Abortion.

**Well, who would not like to limit government interference in our lives and choices!
A clever play on words that will lead many to mark yes on this without reading it or
understanding what they are voting to approve. Don't be fooled!**

**If approved this change will, among many other things, (1) remove parental consent from
a minor's decision to have an abortion and (2) cause litigation to challenge current laws
that cover such things as physician determination, licensing and sanitation, admitting
privileges, medical screening, waiting period and Medicaid funding of abortion. As
taxpayers we will bear the cost of the litigation to defend our position in all these cases.**

Vote NO on #4! Tell all your friends, family and anyone you meet.

In the news

**Wisconsin schoolteacher filed a lawsuit against the school district that fired him for not
using two transgender students preferred pronouns. The school district had previously
accommodated his religious convictions. His claim is the school district violated his First
Amendment Right of Freedom of Religion and Civil Rights under the Civil Rights
act of 1964, which protects employees from religious discrimination. We will watch to see
what the court's decision is. Stand up for your rights!**

Prevent Injury and Illness After a Storm

With the bulk of hurricane season still to go, let's look at ways to stay healthy after a storm moves through. As you begin to recover from a storm, please heed the following important advice.

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning: Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced by many types of equipment and is poisonous to breathe. Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline- or charcoal-fueled items inside your home, basement, or garage, or near a window, door, or vent. Don't run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open. Don't heat your house with a gas oven. If your carbon monoxide detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911. Seek prompt medical attention if you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseated.

Avoid floodwater and mosquitoes: Follow all warnings about water on roadways. Do not drive vehicles or heavy equipment through the water. If you have to work in or near floodwater, wear a life jacket. If you are caught in an area where floodwater is rising, wear a life jacket, or wear or keep at hand some other type of flotation device. Prevent mosquito bites by wearing long pants, socks, and long-sleeved shirts and using insect repellents that contain DEET or Picaridin.

Avoid unstable buildings and structures: Stay away from damaged buildings or structures until they have been examined and certified as safe by a building inspector or other government authority. Leave immediately if you hear shifting or unusual noises that signal that the structure is about to fall.

Beware of Power Lines: Beware of electrical and fire hazards. NEVER touch a fallen power line. Call the power company to report fallen power lines. Avoid contact with overhead power lines during cleanup and other activities. If electrical circuits and electrical equipment have gotten wet or are in or near water, turn off the power at the main breaker or fuse on the service panel. Do not turn the power back on until electrical equipment has been inspected by a qualified electrician. Do not burn candles near flammable items or leave the candle unattended. If possible, use flashlights or other battery-operated lights instead of candles.

Beware of hazardous materials: Wear protective clothing and gear (for example, a respirator if needed) when handling hazardous materials. Wash skin that may have come in contact with hazardous chemicals. Contact local authorities if you are not sure about how to handle or get rid of hazardous materials.

Pace yourself and get support: Be alert to physical and emotional exhaustion or strain. Set priorities for cleanup tasks, and pace the work. Try not to work alone. Don't get exhausted. Ask your family members, friends, or professionals for support. If needed, seek professional help.

Prevent musculoskeletal injuries: Use teams of two or more people to move bulky objects. Avoid lifting any material that weighs more than 50 pounds (per person). Stay cool. When it's hot, stay in air-conditioned buildings; take breaks in shaded areas or in cool rooms; drink water and nonalcoholic fluids often; wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing; and do outdoor activities during cooler hours.

Treat wounds: Clean out all open wounds and cuts with soap and clean water. Apply an antibiotic ointment. Contact a doctor to find out whether more treatment is needed (such as a tetanus shot). If a wound gets red, swells, or drains, seek immediate medical attention. Wash your hands. Use soap and water to wash your hands. If water isn't available, you can use alcohol-based products made for washing hands.

Wear protective gear for cleanup work: Wear hard hats, goggles, heavy work gloves, and watertight boots with steel toe and insole (not just steel shank). Wear earplugs or protective headphones to reduce the risk of equipment noise.

**Hey Brother,
Did you
Know.....?**

Vivat Jesus

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Big Month for these Brothers



Did you know that Brother John Proteau turned 90!

Brothers David Strickland, Paul Kleponis, GK John Martin, Rosario Sulsenti, Don Barone, and DGK Ralph Reuter helped him celebrate at the August meeting.

Which Saint said this?

*"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things!
You see my heart, you know
my desires. Possess all that I
am—you alone. I am your
sheep; make me worthy to
overcome the devil."*

Saint Agatha

Council 13240

Monthly Council Meetings are every first Thursday of the month at 7PM. We will pray the Rosary before the meeting starting at 6:30PM.

Assembly 3025 News

Monthly Meetings:
2nd Thursday of each Month at
7PM in the Adult Ministry
Building, 1190 Desoto Street,
Clermont FL

Want to become a 4th Degree Knight?

Talk to Steve Cruz or any of the
4th Degree Knights to take the
next step.



Birthdays

Michael Harris 09-01
John Knoblich 09-03
Timothy Ross 09-03
Lawrence Hull 09-05
Donald Gelinas PGK 09-06
Edward Pupo 09-06
George Selah 09-07
James Laria PGK 09-09
Edward McIntyre 09-11
Ronald Koenig 09-17
James Morris 09-17
Dr Samuel Wakim 09-17
Deacon Rafael Gonzalez 09-21
Eugene Landry 09-24
Peter Thorne 09-26
Donald Barone 09-27
Robert Ouellette 09-28

Spouse Birthdays

None on File

Anniversaries

None on File

Ordination Anniversaries

None

Years of Service Anniversaries

Paul Kleponis 50
James Devlin 33
Donald Gelinas PGK 33
Peter Stauder 32
Rev Roy Eco 31
Rosario Sulsenti FDD 26
Dr Edward Pauley 21
Joseph Roesch 21
Robert Sullivan 18
Allen Joseph Venezia 15
Larry Cassidy 14
James Batalitzky 14
James Morris 9
Dr Luis Ortiz 1

Thank You Cards from the community that we support

GREETINGS - PLEASE ACCEPT
OUR DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR
VERY GENEROUS DONATION TO THE
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER. AS YOU
KNOW, BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT
SITUATION, OUR NEED IS GREATER
THAN EVER. WE DEPEND ON
COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU
TO HELP AND SUPPORT US WHEN
WE NEED IT MOST. PLEASE KNOW
THAT YOUR DONATION OF \$1,500
WILL PROVIDE 7,200 MEALS. THAT
IS BECAUSE WE CAN FEED A FAMILY
OF FOUR - 3 MEALS A DAY FOR
4 DAYS - FOR \$10.

SO WE THANK YOU ONCE
AGAIN FOR YOUR KINDNESS,
AND WE HOPE YOU HAVE A
WONDERFUL DAY!

BEST WISHES -
SYLVIA SINNS
DONOR RELATIONS



**Did you know that? Our council provided
7,200 meals with our donation to the
Neighborhood Center of South Lake!**

GREETINGS -
THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER -
AND OUR FAMILIES - WANT YOU
TO KNOW THAT WE SO
APPRECIATE YOUR DONATION OF
FOOD DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT
TIME! IT IS TRULY AMAZING
THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO HELP
THESE FAMILIES WITHOUT
HAVING TO TURN ANYONE AWAY -
AND THAT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!

SO WE THANK YOU ONCE
AGAIN - AND WE HOPE YOU
HAVE A VERY GOOD DAY!

BEST WISHES -
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Special Olympics
Florida



July 16, 2024

"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt."
~ Athlete Oath ~



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#13240
720 12th St
Clermont, FL 34711-2096

Dear Knights of Columbus Blessed Sacrament Council #13240:

Thank you for supporting the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Florida with your recent gift of \$150.

Your generosity helps us provide year-round sports training, crucial health services, and life-changing leadership programs to children and adults with intellectual disabilities across the state. You are now part of a movement that demands inclusion, acceptance, and opportunity for all people.

Thanks to you, more than 70,000 athletes each year have the chance to make new friends, learn new skills, and experience the joy of competing in sports. You are truly making a difference in the lives of our athletes.

In the spirit of gratitude,

Sherry Wheelock
President & CEO

Special Olympics Florida is a 501(c)(3) organization. No goods or services were provided to above donor for this contribution.

Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Registration number: CH681. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (800-435-7352) within the State. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State.

Special Olympics Florida

1915 Don Wickham Drive, Clermont, FL 34711

Tel 352-243-9536 Fax 352-243-9568 www.specialolympicsflorida.org

Created by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation for the benefit of persons with intellectual disabilities.

**Knights Investment Corner****Life Insurance Awareness Month**

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need.

Christopher Kauffman, the historian, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, *Faith and Fraternalism*, notes on page 35, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. As a pastor, he didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice. I'd like every member to know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify their current insurance situation and financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on their current situation
3. Analyze – Conduct an Insurance Needs Analysis (Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls)
4. Recommend – Propose appropriate KofC products to help them meet their needs and goals
5. Implement – Work with them to implement the product solution they select (take the application, etc.)
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly (at least annually) for changes in their needs and goals and make appropriate recommendations based on those changes.

This is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help find solutions that fit within almost any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance can provide: protection from the risk of a significant change in lifestyle for the survivors, including not being able to stay in the house where they want to be or not being able to give your daughter the wedding she's been promised, or a child the college education he or she has been promised and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind.

That's where I can help.

Vivat Jesus!

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Are you a 1st or 2nd Degree Knight?

If you are a 1st or 2nd Degree Knight and want to be a 3rd Degree Knight, the staff is looking to hold an exemplification ceremony soon. Let the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight or the Financial Secretary know you are interested!

Step back into the council..... step up to the 3rd degree..... and get involved in the upcoming year!



Council Officers

Grand Knight – John Martin
Deputy Grand Knight – Ralph Reuter
Chancellor – Karl Grabowski
Recorder – Elliot Ogden
Financial Secretary – Dave Swathwood
Treasurer – Greg White
Advocate - Rosario Sul senti
Warden – John Proteau
Inside Guard – Chris DiPasquale
Outside Guard – Robert Sullivan
3 Year Trustee – Ed Smith
2 Year Trustee – Paul Kleponis
1 Year Trustee – Ken Krewson
Lecturer – Peter Stauder



Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator – Steve Cruz
Faithful Captain – Don Barone
Faithful Pilot – Edward Smith
Faithful Comptroller – Dave Swathwood
Faithful Scribe – Dave Swathwood
Faithful Purser – Elliott Ogden
Faithful Admiral – Rosario Sul senti
Inner Sentinel – Glenn Koch
Outer Sentinel – Robert Sullivan
3 year Trustee – Jim Batalitzky
2 Year Trustee – John Proteau
1 Year Trustee – Jack Moscato
Color Corps Cmdr – Gerald Sul senti

Grand Knight Notes

Brother Knights,

A big thank you to my those of you who helped work the hospitality weekend recently. We had a good turnout and I had an opportunity to meet a few of our new church members.

We have a busy schedule planned for the fall starting with the church ministry fair in September followed by the Golden Ticket raffle sales in October. I hope you plan to participate and support our membership and charitable efforts.

Join us on Thursday August 5th for our council meeting at 7pm at the social hall. We will have Luis Ortiz, the church Business Manager talking to us about upcoming church projects.

Vivat Jesus!
 John Martin
 Grand Knight



Did you know that the Knights of Columbus are underwriting the restoration of the 10-story bronze, marble and wood Baldacchino of St Peter's?

Council Administration

Financial Secretary

Is there anything that needs to be changed in your membership information? New phone number, Email..? Let the financial secretary know.
 The financial secretary is Dave Swathwood. Email: daveswathwood@gmail.com

Administrative issues

Do you know of a brother that is in need of assistance? Contact the Grand Knight so we can help our Brother Knights

Prayer Requests

- + Brother Mike Dybicz
- + Pat Cruz (wife of Steve)
- + Church Leaders
- + Those with no one to pray for them
- + Peace in war torn regions

Recently Passed Brothers

None

