



Knights of Columbus

Council 2505

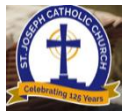
St. Joseph's Church

Lakeland, FL

February, 2025

Completing Our First Century of Service 1924 - 2025

A message from the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers,

When I was a young boy, I remember my dad coming home from work to eat lunch. As soon as he got through the door, he would turn on the radio. It was always tuned to Paul Harvey. Even as a small boy Paul Harvey held my interest because he was a great storyteller who had a remarkable radio voice. In **1965** Paul Harvey aired a speech call If I Was the Devil. This speech has so much meaning today and Paul Harvey's prediction of what the devil would do is so true fifty years later.

IF I WERE THE DEVIL

If I were the devil.....If I were the Prince of Darkness, I would want to engulf the whole world in darkness, and I'd have a third of its real estate, and four fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree – Thee. So, I would set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first – I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please".

To the young I would whisper that "The Bible is a Myth". I would convince them that man created God instead the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is "square", and the old, I would teach to pray, after me, "our Father who art in Washington...."

And then I would get organized. I'd educate authors how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

If I was the devil, I'd soon have families that war with themselves, churches that war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions- just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every school door.

Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography- soon I could evict God from the courthouses, then from the schoolhouses, and then from the house of Congress, and in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

If I were the devil, I'd take from those who have, and give to those who wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious, and what do you bet? I couldn't get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I could caution against extremes and hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on TV is the way to be, and thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I'd just keep right on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, "good day."

If you have never heard of Paul Harvey look him up on the internet. Even though he is long gone his stories are still relevant today.

Vivant Jesus, Mark Sagen

Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that You glorify Your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*), through Christ our Lord. Amen.

March 5 (Ash Wednesday) is the beginning of the 40 Days for Life Campaign to end abortion. |There will a Kick Off Rally on Sunday Mar. 2 at 1 PM at the Options for Women PHC on S. Florida Avenue.

HELP SAVE LIVES IN



Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community

Vigil location: Outside Lakeland Women's Health Center at 4444 S. Florida Avenue

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: Maryanne Stevens
Lakeland40daysforlife@gmail.com

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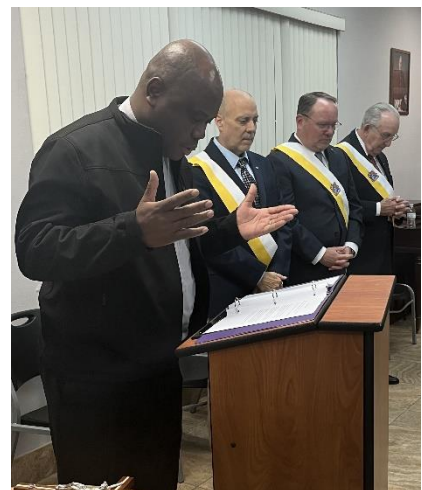
January's Exemplification highlights Unity and Fraternity Between our Lakeland Councils



Council 2505 hosted the Exemplification ceremony for 9 Knights from the 3 Lakeland Councils on January 14th. St. Joseph Council 2505 welcomed David Brady, Clay Tucker, Mike Gannaway, and Vincent Miozzi, as 3rd Degree Knights. St. Anthony Council 11651 welcomed Jaime Lugardo, Alan Kermis and Stephen Simeone into Council 11651. Resurrection Council 10169 introduced Matt Gull and Bill Noah into Knighthood at the event.



District Deputy SK Billy Antley presided over the ceremony with Deputy GK Scott Phillips reading the Promise of Faith; Trustee Bill Thompson reading the Promise of Unity; and Trustee SK Bob Renna reading the Promise of Faith. Brother Father Francois Charles led the opening and closing prayers.





*Brother Knights of Council 2505 thanks for signing up for February's drive; however, **we still need volunteers for March**. Please block off your calendar to assist the Council in our annual undertaking of Tootsie Roll Drive; all proceeds this year will benefit our donations to the statewide Special Olympics Program and also to ROAR a local housing program for developmentally handicapped adults in Lakeland.*

The dates for the Tootsie Roll drive are: Feb 22 and 23 and Mar 8 and 9.

Times that we volunteers are each Saturday from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm (you will only work a 2 hour segment) and the Sunday dates will be from Noon till 4:00 pm; again, you will only work a 2 hour segment.

Any questions, please contact our Tootsie Roll/Life Director Bob Renna at: 863-646-0129 or 863-397-8801. Get your reservation time in quickly to Bob Renna.

Family of the Month Steve and Ruthie Jones



SK Steve and Ruthie Jones were awarded Family of the Month for November 2024.

GK Mark Sagan presented the certificate to Steve during the January Business Meeting for the Jones family's long term contributions to our parish family and to the Knights of Columbus Council 2505.

Steve is the Council's Director of Community Activities and has led multiple programs such as Special Olympics and many youth programs for our parish and regional events.

Steve also organized our Council's Disaster Preparedness / Relief program for this busy hurricane year.

Time Capsule Update



Chancellor SK Doug Cooper and Trustee PGK SK Steve Jones put the finishing touches on the 100 Year Jubilee time capsule before filling it with messages from our Brothers, our Bishop John Noonan, our Pastor Fr. Luis Salazar and our Council Chaplin Fr. Frank Buck and with copies of our roster, our financials, our newsletters and other materials. A complete list of the contents to be placed in the time capsule will

be read out at the next Business Meeting on February 13th, beginning at 6PM.

The inscription on the capsule reads: "To be opened February 2075 by the Knights of Columbus' Grand Knight in the presence of his brother Knights."

Some Examples of notes to the future Knights

A BLESSING TO COUNCIL 2505

FROM OUR WORTHY CHAPLAIN FR. FRANK BUCK

Good and gracious God. You have guided Council 2505 for one hundred years as they lived out their faith through acts of Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Through their actions, they have strengthened the faith of each other and of the people they served.

We ask Your continued blessings and guidance on Council 2505.

May their Council continue to be a force for good as proclaimed by Father Michael McGinney.

May the guiding principle of their Council be supported by a strong faith in Jesus Christ and desire to serve others in His Holy Name.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



January 13, 2025

Beloved St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 2505:

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this holy Jubilee Year. As you complete the commemoration of your Centennial Year, know of my prayers of gratitude for you for serving the good people of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the surrounding community through faith in action. Your prayerful support of Vocation to the Priesthood; your ministry to serve the poor with God's gracious mercy; and your attention to the sacred gift of life from conception through natural death are so important as you offer Jesus the Eucharist by your very being.


I am grateful for your request to be one to fill the time capsule to be opened in 2075 by your future brother knights. Today we hear Jesus proclaim, "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). The sustaining truth of Jesus' words will be proclaimed in the year 2075. May the Knights of Columbus Council 2505 be attentive to His Word and minister to His people as you do today.

May you be the invitation to come, follow Him.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando

Lent Begins March 5th – A time of preparation

<i>Adult Lenten Study</i>	<i>Mary</i> <i>by Dr. Brant Pitre</i> <i>March 11, 18, 25 and April 1</i> <i>6:00 pm-8:00 pm</i> <i>St. Joseph Parish Hall</i> <i>Study materials and refreshments will be provided</i>
	

Brother Knights Jay Bice and Daniel Wagner continue their Prayer and Study Programs in conjunction with St. Joseph Religious Education in a new chapter in the Lectio series dedicated to more deeply understanding Mary, the Blessed Virgin and Mother of God.

In this 8 part series, Dr. Pitre explores why Mary is so important to Catholics and why so many people have been devoted to her over the centuries. Dr. Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

Please contact Jay or Daniel if you have questions or would like to assist them in this program.

March for Life Well Represented by Council 2505



Approximately 20 members of Council 2505 and their spouses participated in January 18th's March for Life. An annual event supporting the end to abortion, the group heard speeches from community and religious leaders in the Lakeland area.

The Knights prepared a lunch for all marchers at St. Joseph's after the event, numbering about 70 participants.

Knights Needed for 2025 – 2026 Council Activities

Thanks to all who submitted your "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity." Now is the time to plan and commit to serving in one of the Activities we embrace as part of our Knighthood.

It's easy to consider which activity you'd like to participate in if you review the line items on the

Survey. Council Activities are listed in the left side columns. You'll see that under every Activity type there is a line stating "Miscellaneous Activities." This presents you with the opportunity to propose an activity or project you can lead or are already leading or participating in an activity not listed on the form.


There is room for many different projects or programs in addition to the ones we plan for as our "standard" programs such as the Lenten Fish Fry, or Tootsie Roll Drive or Lectio programs.

It's up to you on how, when and where to serve as a Knight.

For more information on Activity Programs contact:

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	
20__ Individual Member Worksheet	
INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS	
Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.	
Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.	
To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.	
COUNCIL HOURS	ASSEMBLY HOURS
Faith Activities (where applicable)	Faith Activities (where applicable)
a. Refund Support Vocations Program	a. Refund Support Vocations Program
b. Church Facilities	b. Church Facilities
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries
d. Religious/Vocations Education	d. Religious/Vocations Education
e. Prayer & Study Programs	e. Prayer & Study Programs
f. Sacramental Gifts	f. Sacramental Gifts
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities
Family Activities (where applicable)	Family Activities (where applicable)
a. Food for Families	a. Food for Families
b. Family Formation Programs	b. Family Formation Programs
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	c. Keep Christ in Christmas
d. Family Week	d. Family Week
e. Family Prayer Night	e. Family Prayer Night
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	f. Miscellaneous Family Programs
Community Activities (where applicable)	Community Activities (where applicable)
a. Coats For Kids	a. Coats For Kids
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	b. Global Wheelchair Mission
c. Habitat for Humanity	c. Habitat for Humanity
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	g. Hospitals/Health Organizations
h. Columbian Squires	h. Columbian Squires
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	i. Scouting/Youth Groups
j. Athletics	j. Athletics
k. Youth Welfare/Service	k. Youth Welfare/Service
l. Scholarships/Education	l. Scholarships/Education
m. Veteran Military/VAWS	m. Veteran Military/VAWS
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities
Life Activities (where applicable)	Life Activities (where applicable)
a. Special Olympics	a. Special Olympics
b. Marches for Life	b. Marches for Life
c. Ultrasound Initiative	c. Ultrasound Initiative
d. Pregnancy Support	d. Pregnancy Support
e. Christian Refugee Relief	e. Christian Refugee Relief
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	f. Memorials to Unborn Children
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	g. Miscellaneous Life Activities
Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)	Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)
Visits to the Sick	Visits to the Sick
Visits to the Bereaved	Visits to the Bereaved
Number of Blood Donations	Number of Blood Donations
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families
TOTAL	TOTAL

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Jay Bice for Faith and Family 330.307.2321 | Steve Jones for Community 863.529.9031

Bob Renna for Life 863.646.0129 | Gary Page Activity Director 580.242.1095

Important Dates

Member Birthdays		
Name	Birthday	Age
Mr Donald J Bice	02-02-1951	74
Manuel Velazquez	02-04-1994	31
Mr Philip J Maitino	02-07-1945	80
Mr Brian P Stevens	02-08-1981	44
Mr Gregory J Mc Cabe	02-10-1962	63
Mr Corbin J Trottier	02-11-2000	25
Mr Bernard C Steber	02-12-1934	91
Mr Peter J Bodolay	02-17-1957	68
Mr Thomas E Massarella	02-17-1964	61
Mr David K Tebo	02-19-1959	66
Mr James M Palmer	02-21-1964	61
Mr John R Rookey	02-24-1942	83
Mr Kevin I Thompson	02-25-2004	21
Mr Robert J Connors	02-27-1941	84
Wife Birthdays		
Member's Name	Wife's Name	Birthday
Mr William Breier	Nicole Breier	02-02
Mr Dale R Burzynski	Nikki Burzynski	02-02
Mr William E Phalen	Virginia M. Phalen	02-02
Manuel Velazquez	Bethany Velazquez	02-02
Mr Bobby J Brigman	Susi Brigman	02-13
Mr George H Riddle	Marilyn Riddle	02-17
Mr Michael C Gannaway	Cheryl Gannaway	02-25
Mr Gerald F Karels	Marianne Karels	02-26
Member Wedding Anniversaries		
Name	Date	Wife's Name
Mr David A Reilly	02-03-2018	Michelle D. Reilly
Mr John Quirk III	02-11-2012	Enidza Ramos-Quirk

February Calendar			
February 6th	Thursday	Officers' Meeting	6:30 PM
February 7th	Friday	First Friday Holy Hour/Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
February 13th	Thursday	Council Business Meeting	6:00 PM
February 17th	Monday	4th Degree Meeting Resurrection	6:00 PM
February 22nd 23rd	Saturday Sunday	Tootsie Roll Drive	10 AM - 4PM
February 27th	Thursday	Fraternal Benefits Night at St. John Neumann Parish	6:30 PM
February Volunteers Needed			
Date	Day	Event	Contact
February 22nd 23rd	Saturday Sunday	Tootsie Roll Drive	Contact Bob Renna 863-646-0129 or 863-397-8801

A Message from our Financial Secretary

My Brothers All:

I'm hoping each of you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and are off to a great New Year.

As the Financial Secretary of the Council I am required by the Supreme Council for each fraternal year to verify each member's current mailing address, phone numbers and email address. We currently have 134 members in the Council, and as you can imagine if I have to telephone each member individually to verify this information that this would be a tremendous labor intensive task.

In early February, I will be sending out a Council wide e-mail requesting that you respond to me with your: full current mailing address, your phone #'s and your current e-mail address. Please DO NOT PUT "SAME".

My e-mail address is cstokes9@tampabay.rr.com and if you have any questions you can also call me at 863-899-6005 or text me; Just a reminder that I don't have all 134 members programed into my cell phone so if you text me or leave me a message, please include your full name in the text or voice mail message. I will return your phone calls and text message.

Charlie Stokes
Financial Secretary
Council 2505

In Brief

Fraternal Benefits Night

This is an important part of our Knighthood in which we are offered many programs and products for insuring and providing for the financial security of our families.

The next Fraternal Benefit night will be held at St. John Newmann parish hall 6:30 PM Thursday February 27th. Information and materials will be provided as will light refreshments.

Your wives are welcomed and encouraged to attend. And your non-Knight friends and their wives are also welcomed.

State Convention Attendees

This year's State Convention is May 23rd - 25th in Jacksonville Florida. We will need 2 delegates and 2 alternates. Please think about this so we can put this together at our February Officer's Meeting. If you have any questions please call Mark Sagan 815 791-8352.

*Have something to share, an idea for an article or
are you leading an event?*

*Contact Doug Cooper Dougstjoe@gmail.com to have your
contribution included in next month's newsletter.*

*"Be anxious about nothing, but in all things by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." **Phillipians 4:6-7***