



Knights of Columbus

Council 2505

St. Joseph's Church

Lakeland, FL

July, 2025

A message from the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers

The torch has been passed, and we bid farewell to a most worthy Grand Knight in Mark Sagen. I'm sure he's tired of all the accolades, but once again I say, "Job Well Done." to Mark. I know he will be an active part of our Council going forward.

Mark was always the first to say that this Council's success was due to a team effort. This is 100% true, and that is why I am so confident that the fraternal year ahead will also be successful.

There have been a few title changes but, essentially, we are the same group of guys, with the same strengths, the same goals, and the same desire to serve. In recent years, we have accomplished so much, and we have helped many people. We work with the principles of our Catholic faith in mind, and we strive to honor the legacy of the Knights of Columbus and Father Michael McGivney, and to support our Church.

In the fraternal year ahead will continue to do good works, and maybe some new things as well, and to build upon our strong foundation. With the help of all of you, our success is assured.

Thanks to all and God Bless,

Vivat Jesus

Scott

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.

Council 2505 well represented at the 121st Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council

DD PGK SK Billy Antley, PGK SK Mark Sagan, and PGK SK Charlie Stokes attended the State Convention in Jacksonville.



***Find more Information regarding the State Council Meeting at
<https://www.floridakofc.org/2025-State-Convention>***

Knights Sponsor a Farewell Luncheon

On June 29th Fr. Francois Charles, Deacon Ray Sakowski and Deacon Jason Bullman were celebrated for all their service to our parish in an overflow luncheon in the Parish Hall.

Fr. Zach served as host for the afternoon, offering kind words (and a few jokes) as he introduced each of our honorees who offered fond remembrances and grateful thanks for their time at St. Joseph.

Father François Charles, our Parochial Vicar, will be serving a similar role in a large Haitian congregation at St. Andrew's Parish in Orlando starting July 1st. (standrewchurch@standrew-orlando.org). Father Charles has asked to remain a Knight in our Council.

Deacon Jason, a brother Knight and lifelong St. Joseph parishioner, will be serving at Resurrection parish. In his talk, he recalled his life at St. Joseph including his parochial school years and his receipt of the *Sacraments of Initiation, Healing and Service* while at St. Joseph's Parish. He co-founded *The Catholic Men of Lakeland*, a group of Catholic men regularly meeting to pray and practice our Catholic Faith. Additionally, he is a widely published Catholic influencer in his work with *Word on Fire*, an international ministerial organization, and has recently published a book through Ave Maria Press entitled "*Praying with the Psalms.*"

Deacon Ray will now be serving at St. John Neumann in Lakeland. In his brief talk, he recalled his first visit to St. Joseph's church building stating "*it felt like I was home.*" Deacon Ray received his Holy Orders while a St. Joseph parishioner.

Grand Knight Mark Sagen closed the afternoon's program with some much anticipated witty and heartfelt remarks, including the often remembered leg wash story. (Come to our next meeting for the full story.)



Santa Fe Cleanup – Knights in Action

When presented by a request from Santa Fe High School (the Diocese of Orlando's westernmost secondary school) for assistance in preparing its grounds for a new set of Stations of the Cross plaques, the Brother Knights of Council 2505 immediately began its planning to assist.

The Knights responded to a request made by Santa Fe's Rev. Deacon George Ferraifi by organizing a work party assigned to remove a long line of mature palm hedges and prepare a worshiper path for students, parents and faculty. The project was completed in one morning, giving the school ample time to prepare for the new Stations to be erected.



Pictured: Rev George Ferraifi, Ken Dauphinais. Jack Jones, Tim Tailer, Mike McFarland, Bill Thompson, Travis Maydish, Scott Phillips, Mark Sagen, Bobby Brigman, and Jim Schmidt. Not pictured: Butch Scheffer and Doug Cooper.

In addition to the cleanup, Council 2505 also contributed a substantial monetary sum to support other Santa Fe improvement projects.

Installation of Officers

On June 12th the newly elected Council Officers were installed in St. Joseph church in a ceremony led by our District Deputy, SK Billy Antley. After the Installation, a reception was held in the Parish Hall all with light food and dr inks served.



L. Outgoing SK Mark Sagen open the ceremony.

R. Incoming SK Scot Phillips addressed the newly installed officers for the first time.



L. The officers take the oath administered by DD SK Billy Antley.

C. DD Antley awards each Knight their Medallion of Office.

L. Jasmine Thompson takes over for the DD in awarding her husband's medallion to him.

Council 2505 Officers 2025-2026



Top Row: Matt Shanley, PGK SK Mark Sagen - Trustee, SK Fr. Frank Buck - Chaplain, Bobby Brigman – Outside Guard

Row 2: Richard Miller – Treasurer, Travis Maydish - Warden, Daniel Wagner - Lecturer, Vincent Miozzi - Advocate, Brian Krolak – Recorder, PGK SK Billy Antley – District Deputy FL Assembly 31, Andy Burke – Family Insurance Field Agent

Row 3: PGK SK Bob Renna – Trustee, Jack Thompson, Bill Thompson – Trustee

Bottom Row: SK Doug Cooper – Chancellor, SK Scott Phillips – Grand Knight, SK Ken Dauphinais – Deputy Grand Knight, PGK SK Charlie Stokes – Financial Secretary

Not in Picture: SK Mike McFarland – Inside Guard

Important Dates

Member Birthdays		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Age</i>
Mr Richard Anthony Kelly	07-06-1948	77
Mr Graham E Moore Jr	07-06-1949	76
Mr Michael J Kennedy	07-13-1957	68
Mr Leon T Holzer	07-14-1974	51
Mr David Pagán	07-14-1955	70
Mr Magnus C Nwachukwu	07-17-1954	71
Mr Michael C Gannaway	07-22-1977	48
Mr Thomas A Waller	07-23-1951	74
Mr Gaetano A Pizzuti	07-24-1967	58
Mr Carmen J Stambone III	07-27-1961	64
Wife Birthdays		
<i>Member's Name</i>	<i>Wife's Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Mr David M Hurban	Carol Hurban	07-04
Mr David K Tebo	Tina Marie Tebo	07-07
Mr Gregory J Mc Cabe	Deborah McCabe	07-09
Mr Rick B Stevens	Maryanne E. Stevens	07-10
Mr James Joseph Connelly	Claudia H. Connelly	07-12
Mr William F Rousseau	Beverly Rousseau	07-18
Mr John Quirk III	Enidza Ramos-Quirk	07-24
Mr Donald J Bice	Marianne Bice	07-28
Member Wedding Anniversaries		
<i>Member's Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Wife's Name</i>
Mr Michael C Gannaway	07-09-2005	Cheryl Gannaway
Mr Ray G Meche	07-15-1988	Jency Meche
Mr Steve V Jones	07-17-1970	Ruth Jones
Mr John W Williamson	07-20-1991	Jennifer Williamson
Mr Thomas E Palmer	07-21-1990	Liz Palmer
Deacon Raymond J Sakowski	07-23-1983	Marianne Sakowski
Mr Gaetano A Pizzuti	07-25-1997	Coleen Pizzuti

July Calendar

<i>July 7th</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Officers' Meeting</i>	<i>6:30 PM</i>
<i>July 14th</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Council Business Meeting</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>
<i>July 21st</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>4th Degree Meeting St. Joseph</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>
<i>July 26th</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>District 31 Meeting Winterhaven</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>
<i>July 31st</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>3rd Degree Exemplification St. Joseph Church</i>	<i>7:00 PM</i> <i>6:30 PM Candidates</i>

Family of the Month

The Knights recognized the Bullmans as the June Family of the Month



In Brief

Brother Andrew Burke reminds us of some of the battles Catholics won



Knights of Columbus - June 25 at 4:12 PM ·

On June 1, 1925, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of Catholic schools and parental rights, striking down an Oregon statute that required all children to attend public school. Backed by the Order's financial and moral support, the case — *Pierce v. Society of Sisters* — remains a cornerstone of legal arguments for educational and religious freedom a century later. Read more: <https://ow.ly/wfew50WgoLt>

Read the entire link contents for some terrific insights about the Knights' Charity.

Just in – Council 2505's Family of the Month, the Masters, were recognized by Supreme as May Family of the Month for the State of Florida. This is the second time Council 2505's families have been recognized by Supreme.

Congratulations to the Masters.

*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***