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Knights of Columbus

Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
Fr. Stephen Langlade, Council #18358

Grand Knight Message

Brother Knights,

As we begin a new fraternal year, I would like to thank each of you for your continued dedication to Fr. Stephen Langlade Council. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Grand Knight, and I look forward to working alongside each of you as we continue our mission of serving our Church, our community, and one another.

At our recent elections, many of our officers were re-elected to continue serving in their current roles. Their willingness to remain in leadership reflects their commitment to our council and provides the continuity needed to build upon the successes of the past year. I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to those officers who have completed their terms of service. Your time, leadership, and dedication have helped strengthen our council, and we are grateful for the many hours you devoted to advancing the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Please join me in welcoming our newly elected officers and program directors who are stepping into these responsibilities for the first time. Your willingness to answer the call to serve is greatly appreciated. I know each of you will bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and commitment as we continue the important work of our council.

I would also like to recognize the outstanding work of our Nomination Committee. Their thoughtful efforts in identifying and encouraging qualified Brother Knights to serve in leadership positions helped ensure a smooth and successful election process. Thank you for your dedication to the future of our council. A special word of appreciation goes to Brothers Kenny and Reedy Darville for representing our Council as delegates at this years State Convention. Having the opportunity to meet the Popes brother and the Governor of Florida on the same trip must have been a check on someones bucket list.

As we look ahead, I encourage every Brother Knight to stay active, invite new members to join our ranks, and continue living our faith through service. Together, we can accomplish great things when we work as one brotherhood united in Christ.

Thank you for all you do for our council. May God continue to bless each of you, your families, and our parish as we begin another year of faithful service.

Vivat Jesus!



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COMMUNITY

Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and parish, they accomplish great things.

Income & Expense Report

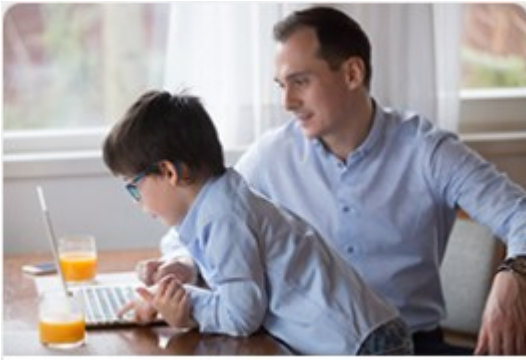
INCOME ACCOUNTS:

Activities		
Fund Raiser	6762.30	
Total Activities:		6762.30
Assessments		
Dues	870.00	
Miscellaneous	30.00	
Total Assessments:		900.00
Council Gift	60.00	
Total Council Gift:		60.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME:</u>		<u>7722.30</u>

State of Florida KoC Honors Fr. Jose as Chaplain of the Year



Fr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil receives the 2026 Blessed Michael J. McGivney Award as the Florida Knights of Columbus Chaplain of the Year during a ceremony following Mass on May 31, 2026, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Pictured with Fr. Jose are District Deputy Greg Gully and Mother Seton Council Grand Knight Joseph Paul. The award is named after Blessed Michael J. McGivney, the parish priest who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to support Catholic families, widows, and orphans. He was beatified in 2020 and is recognized as a model of priestly service and charity. The award is given to a priest who exemplifies the qualities of Blessed Michael McGivney himself: priestly zeal, dedication to parish life, support of families, promotion of charity and fraternity, spiritual leadership of the Knights, and faithful service to the Church. (Grand Knight Note: We will be nominating Fr. Steven every year until he is selected by Supreme) *Article contributed by Br. Larry Clark*



LIFE

"Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II, 1995). The urgency of the threat to a culture of life in our world cannot be misunderstood. The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends...

Newsletter Info

Hello Brothers! Here are a few info bullets on how our new publication will work:

- It will be published quarterly
- It will be distributed electronically and in print if requested by members
- Its purpose is to inform members about council activities, events, achievements, and relevant community or faith-based news
- Politics can be fun to debate—but not in this forum
- Submit articles for the newsletter to the editor. Publication will depend on Chaplain/Grand Marshall approval.
- Try to keep articles to 200-500 words.

This newsletter is a work in progress so expect improvements. Let me know your ideas.

Vivat Jesus

Mathew Rodeck, Editor

Statewide and National Notes

District 12 Org Mtg July 11

FS/FC Serminar July 11

RA Mtg w/State Dpty July 18

DD Mtg w/State Dpty July 25

Blessed McGivney's B-Day Aug 12

RA Mtg w/State Dpty Aug 15

DD Mtg w/State Dpty Aug 22

Patriotic Dinner Dance Sept 11

Dist. 9 Org Mtg Sept 12

RA Mtg w/State Dpty Sept 19

DD Mtg w/State Dpty Sept 26

Father Steven Message

Dear Father Langlade Knights,

Greetings in Christ. Hope that you are having a blessed Summer and able to share some quality time with your family. During this year as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the independence of our Country, we have so many things to give thanks to God for. We are so immeasurably blessed to be both Catholic and American! Let us never take those blessings for granted.

As you know, the seating inside our church is limited. Since we have grown in number of parishioners the seating arrangements have become increasingly important at Mass. We still have enough seats for everyone, but systematically arranging where people sit is the key. We have tried to reserve two pews for "families" since there

have been a few families that have left our parish since they cannot sit together as a family. We need more "Ushers" at Sunday Mass. I know that some of you already serve as Ushers and I am truly grateful to you! May I please ask if any other Knights would like to become an Usher to contact David Mathias, Lainie Horowitz or myself. Just email us or call that office at: 904-692-1366. I would be extremely grateful if you would be willing to serve as an Usher at weekend Mass. Thank you for your service and faithfulness to our parish.

God bless,
Fr. Steven



Officers List

Chaplain:	Rev. Steven Zehler
Grand Knight:	Daniel P. Haley
Deputy Grand Knight:	Jerry A. Dusseau
Chancellor:	John M. Alexander
Financial Secretary:	Benjamin C. Heise
Treasurer:	Billy "Gene": Johnson
Recorder:	Frank Sette
Warden:	Robert J. Alvarez
Advocate:	Matt Rodeck
Inside Guard:	Joseph R. Routhier
Outside Guard:	John Serino
One-Year Trustee:	Eugene J. Bannon
Two-Year Trustee:	Roy M. Albert Jr..
Three-Year Trustee:	Anthony J. Cirote Jr.
Lecturer:	Michael J. Daly
Program Director:	Cecil F. Gibson III
Faith Director:	Joseph G. Joyner
Vocations Chairman:	VACANT
Community Director:	Daniel P. Haley
Life Director:	VACANT
Health Service:	VACANT
Public Relations:	VACANT
Family Director:	Michael J. Daly
Membership Director:	Kenneth R. Darville
Recruitment Committee 1:	VACANT
Recruitment Committee 2:	VACANT
Recruitment Committee 3:	VACANT
Retention Chairman:	VACANT
Insurance Promotion:	VACANT
Event Director:	Cecil F. Gibson III
Newsletter Editor:	Matt Rodeck

Membership Notes

Membership is 41 Knights which includes 7 members added since 1/1/2026

Remember to wear your Knight's shirts on the first Saturday/Sunday of the month

Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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.

Upcoming Council Events

KoC Officers Meeting	July 8	1845-1945
KofC General Meeting	July 15	1900-2000
KoC Officers Meeting	August 12	1845-1945
KoC General Meeting	August 19	1900-2000
KoC Officers Meeting	Sept 9	1845-1945
KoC General Meeting	Sept 16	1900-2000

The Camino de Santiago de Compostela

Many of you have likely heard of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela—"The Way of Saint James"—but may not be familiar with its profound spiritual significance and rich history within our Christian faith.

The Camino de Santiago is a network of ancient pilgrimage routes that converge at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. This magnificent cathedral is believed to house the earthly remains of St. James the Greater, one of Christ's twelve apostles and the patron saint of Spain.

St. James was among the three disciples chosen by Our Lord to witness the Transfiguration. Following Christ's Ascension, he devoted his life to proclaiming the Gospel, traveling as far as Spain to spread the Good News of salvation. According to tradition, after receiving a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary, James returned to Jerusalem, where he was martyred for his faith. He became the first of the apostles to suffer martyrdom when he was beheaded by order of King Herod Agrippa.

Unable to bury him in Jerusalem, his followers carried his body by boat to the coast of Spain, landing at Iria Flavia (modern-day Padrón). There they laid him to rest in a hidden tomb. Over the centuries, the location of his burial was forgotten. Then, during the reign of King Alfonso II of Asturias in the ninth century, shepherds were reportedly guided by a miraculous star to the site of the long-lost

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FAMILY

Father McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. His vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength. The majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless...



FAITH

Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to...

tomb. The place became known as Compostela, traditionally understood to mean “Field of the Star.” News of the discovery spread rapidly throughout Christendom, and by the end of the ninth century pilgrims from across Europe were making the journey to venerate the Apostle. Construction of the great cathedral began in 1075 and it was consecrated in 1211. For more than a millennium, Santiago de Compostela has stood as a beacon of Christian faith and devotion.

Following the conclusion of the Reconquista, in 1492 under the reign of Spain’s Catholic Monarchs King Ferdinand II of Aragon and Queen Isabella I of Castile, Pope Alexander VI formally recognized the Camino as one of the three great pilgrimages of Christendom, alongside Jerusalem and Rome. For centuries, countless faithful have undertaken this sacred journey as an act of prayer, penance, thanksgiving, and spiritual renewal.

Today, the Camino remains a vast network of routes stretching across Europe through France, Portugal, Germany, Poland, Ireland, and many other countries, all leading to the tomb of St. James in northern Spain. Pilgrims walk for many reasons. Some seek a deeper relationship with God, others pray for healing, discernment, or gratitude for blessings received. Still others are drawn by the Camino’s history, culture, and challenge. Yet for many, what begins as a walk becomes something far more profound.

In recent decades, the Camino has experienced a remarkable revival. In 1993, UNESCO designated the pilgrimage routes a World Heritage Site. That same year, approximately 100,000 pilgrims completed the journey. By 2025, more than 500,000 pilgrims received their Compostela—the certificate awarded to those who complete at least 100 kilometers of the pilgrimage with a spiritual intention. Pilgrims now come from nearly every nation on earth, making the Camino one of the most international expressions of Christian pilgrimage in the modern world.

The Camino is more than a walk. It is a journey of faith—a path where hearts are opened, burdens are surrendered, friendships are forged, and Christ is encountered in prayer, in the beauty of creation, and in the kindness of fellow pilgrims along the way.

May we all be inspired by the courage, perseverance, and devotion of St. James. And may we, in our own lives, continue to walk faithfully in the footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

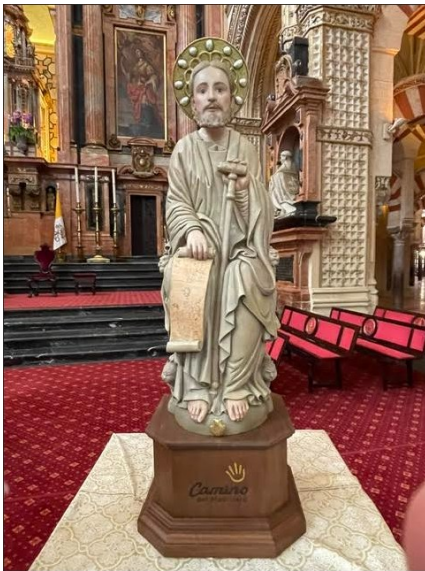
“Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.” Psalm 84:5

Back on July 25, 2025 Ria and I were inducted into the Universal Archconfraternity of the Apostle Santiago. (The Brotherhood of St. James). As members of the Order our mission is to promote the veneration of St. James, assist with the care of pilgrims, and preserve the religious-cultural heritage of the Camino de Santiago. We have already walked 4 Caminos but we wanted to do more. So we contacted our dear friend and soul mate Lorenzo in Spain and asked him if he would arrange a Camino tour so that we could share our experiences with others. To that end Ria and I will be setting out on our fifth Camino de Santiago this September. This time, we’re especially excited to be bringing along a group of 16 pilgrims from the St. Augustine area—15 of whom will be experiencing their very first Camino. Over the years, friends and family often ask us, “Don’t you get tired of doing the same thing over and over?” The simple answer is no—absolutely not. In truth, there are many reasons why we feel called to return again and again. There is, of course, the religious aspect. We’ve been deeply blessed in our lives, and the Camino offers us a meaningful way to give thanks to the Lord for all He has done for us. There’s also the spiritual side—something a bit harder to put into words. It’s about seeking deeper meaning, slowing down, and reconnecting with something greater than ourselves.

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For us, there's an added personal connection as well. Both of our ancestors came from the very regions we'll be walking through, so in many ways, it feels like we are quite literally walking in the footsteps of those family members who came before us. And then there is the physical journey. There's something about walking long distances day after day that transforms you—body, mind, and spirit. It's difficult to fully explain, but those who have done it understand. Please enjoy the pictures below.

Buen Camino,
Bob Alvarez
Brother Knight and Warden



Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, May we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Upcoming Holy Days

July 3: Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle
 July 11: Memorial of Saint Benedict (Patron Saint of Europe)
 July 22: Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
 July 25: Feast of Saint James the Apostle
 July 26: Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne (The parents of the Virgin Mary)
 July 29: Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
 August 6: Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord
 August 10: Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 August 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary > Note: It's a Sat.//Not a holy day of obligation
 August 24: Feast of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle
 August 29: Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
 September 3: Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
 September 8: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Her birthday)
 September 14: Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Prayer List

April 2026

Jerry Dusseau – surgery for ankle and hernia, Jerry's son Steve – doing well.
 N. Anderson : J. Masters son has cancer.
 Pat Budd for continued recovery.
 Mat Rodeck's wife Dawn is ill.
 Gene Johnson's wife Elizabeth Johnson has cancer.
 John Sorenno – Knee surgery
 Nick Anderson –Jullie master's son
 David Matthias – hip surgery
 Kenny Darville – for his health
 Tom Rivers – has shingles

September 15: Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
 September 21: Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 September 29: Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and

May 2026

Tim Nevel
 Kenny and Reedy for this trip.
 Susie (Wayne's sister-in-law)

June 2026

Danny Byer 93 elderly – Roy Albert
 Lue Palasak bad MVC and lost his wife during – friend of Reedy Darville



