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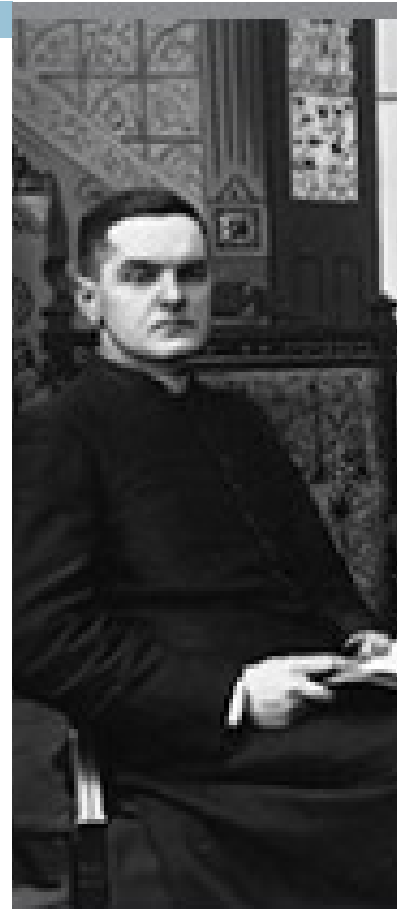
Saint Ambrose Catholic Church
Fr. Stephen Langlade, Council #18358

Grand Knight Message

Fellow Knights,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that we introduce a new chapter in our council's journey: the launch of our official newsletter. This effort would not have been possible without the dedication and vision of our Advocate, Mathew Rodeck. Several months ago, Brother Rodeck shared his desire to create a quarterly publication that would strengthen communication, highlight our accomplishments, and keep us focused on the road ahead. That vision is now a reality! Mathew, we are grateful for your vision, leadership, and commitment to our brotherhood.

As we reflect on the past year, we have much to be proud of. The 150th anniversary ornament production and sales took a bit to get off the ground but ultimately concluded with a positive outcome. We have heard from many parishioners how beautiful the ornaments are, and I can personally attest that when I hung the wooden St. Ambrose ornament on our tree, I had an amazing feeling of pride that our council created these keepsakes. During Lent, we hosted two successful fish fries, where we remained committed to providing the highest quality dinners to our parish community. Just as importantly, we ensured that any unused fish and deserts were donated to those in need through St. Francis House and Dining with Dignity, extending our impact beyond the parish walls. We all came together to make these dinners successful, but I would be remiss if I did not highlight the leadership and attention to detail that Brother Cecil Gibson provided. I have heard rumors that Michelin is considering awarding a star to Chef Gibson. Our reverse raffles continued to be an exciting and effective way to raise funds for the church's building fund and capital campaign, while our church cleanup efforts reminded us of the importance of stewardship and service to our spiritual home. . CONTINUED ON PAGE 2



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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.

Financial Report

Financials for 1st Quarter are:

Total income: 1/1/2026 thru 3/30/2026 \$ 7692.30

Total Expenses: 1/1/2026 thru 3/30/2026 \$ 5258.87

Net Gain as of 3/28/2026: \$2433.43

This includes Income and Expenses associated with our Second Fish Fry 3/27/2026

These are very good numbers for a council that has not yet celebrated its third anniversary.

Grand Knight Message, continued:

The peacefulness of nature throughout the campus and the satisfaction of physical labor has a special place in a man's heart. We also came together in a more solemn and meaningful way as we celebrated the life of our brother, John Cirota. His memory remains a blessing and a reminder of the deep bonds we share as Knights. His son, and our brother Knight Tony, keeps John's spirit alive in our council.

Growth has been another blessing for our council. Since June 2025, we have increased our membership from 34 to 41 active Knights. Each new member strengthens our mission and brings fresh energy to our work. We look forward to continuing to welcome new brothers into our ranks. We may have a small council but our percentage of participation is mighty!

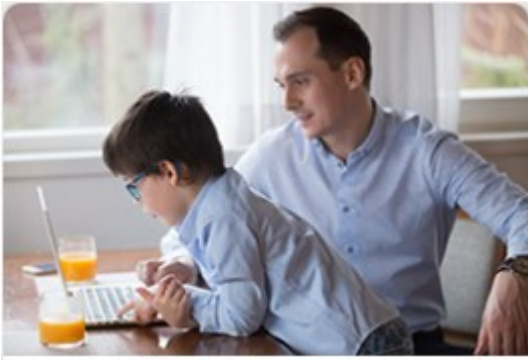
Looking ahead, there is much to anticipate. For the first time, our council will be represented at the Florida State Convention, with Kenny and Ready Darville serving as our delegates. This is an exciting milestone and an opportunity to connect more deeply with the broader Knights of Columbus community. Additionally, we will hold our officer elections in June, an important moment to reflect on our leadership, consider taking on a different role, and prepare for the future.

Brothers, thank you for your dedication, your faith, and your service. Together, we continue to build a stronger council, a stronger parish, and a stronger community.

"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company," George Washington

Vivat Jesus!

Daniel Haley
Grand Knight



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! Welcome to our Newsletter! 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

Family of the Month Form

10784 Form deadline April 15

RA Meeting with the State

Deputy April 18

Florida District, Biennial

Meeting April 18

122nd Annual Florida State

Convention May 22

Father Steven Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to St. Ambrose Parish in the last several months. Your service to our parish is a shining light. The Christmas tree ornament for the 150th Anniversary was absolutely beautiful! Then your service for the parish clean-up day, the Reverse Raffle, and the Fish Fry have been outstanding! I cannot thank you enough for your many hours of time and dedication. You are to be commended. But most of all, thank you to those Knights who were able to make the "Consecration to Jesus through Mary" on March 25, 2026. You will be blessed by your "yes" and for making this spiritual journey. Let us continue on in our fraternal commitment to: charity, unity and fraternity.

Peace in Christ,
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 April 8 1845-1945
KofC General Meeting April 15 1900-2000
Florida District Biennial Mtg April 18
KoC Officers Meeting May 13 1845-1945
KoC General Meeting May 20 1900-2000
KoC Officers Meeting June 10 1845-1945
KoC General Meeting June 17 1900-2000

Lecturer Message

The Via Lucis

With the arrival of the great Feast of Easter, when we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord, our Lenten observances of intensified prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are completed. Hopefully, all these practices have deepened our personal conversion. Praying the Stations of the Cross has deepened our appreciation and understanding of Jesus's profound love for us, while we yet sinners, he died for us, emptying himself out upon the Holy Cross. The Easter season, with its promise of new life and the bright light of salvation has arrived. But now what? How can we maintain the momentum in our prayer life, and perhaps walk even closer with Jesus during this season of light?

Did you know the Salesians developed a devotion for the Easter Season that mirrors the Way of the Cross? It is called the Way of Light, or "Via Lucis" in Latin. It also consists of 14 stations. These stations are rooted in Holy Scripture, focusing on the wondrous deeds of Our Lord from the Resurrection, until the Church's founding at Pentecost.

After announcing the Stations, one prays the following prayer:

L: We adore you, O Risen Christ, and we Bless you!

R: Because by your resurrection you have given life to the world.

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"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Ávila



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...

Then a verse of scripture corresponding to the station is read, and one spends a little time in mental prayer reflecting on the station. The stations are:

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| 1. The Resurrection. | Matthew 28:1-7 |
| 2. The Empty Tomb. | John 20:1-9 |
| 3. Mary Magdalene Encounters Jesus. | John 20:11-18 |
| 4. Jesus on The Road to Emmaus. | Luke 24:13-19, 25-27 |
| 5. Jesus Breaks Bread at Emmaus. | Luke 24: 28-35 |
| 6. Jesus Appears to the Apostles. | Luke 24: 36-43 |
| 7. Jesus Gives Power to Forgive Sins. | John 20:19-23 |
| 8. Jesus presents himself to Thomas. | John 20:24-29 |
| 9. Jesus at the Sea of Tiberias. | John 21:1-9,13 |
| 10. Jesus forgives Peter and assigns him Supremacy. | John 21: 15-17 |
| 11. Jesus gives the Apostles the Great Commission. | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| 12. The Ascension. | Acts 1: 6-11 |
| 13. The First Novena. | Acts 1: 12-16 |
| 14. Pentecost. | Acts 2:1-6 |

Concluding Prayer:

L: Take and carry the light of the Risen Christ to the brothers and sisters you meet.

All respond: Amen.

Now, if you have a lot of spare time, perhaps you could pray the “Via Lucis” every Saturday or Sunday during the Easter Season. However, Brothers, if you are like me, and time is at a premium, I would suggest spending 10 to 15 minutes praying and meditating on just one of the Stations of Light during the fourteen weekends from Easter Sunday until Independence Day Weekend (4th of July). Either Saturday or Sunday would be fine. I can always carve out an extra 10 or 15 minutes on one of those days. The “Via Lucis” is an excellent devotion to keep the momentum of our prayerful Lent continuing into the Easter Season and beyond. As Christians we share in the Church’s mission to bring Christ’s light into the world. Jesus did many amazing things, in fact, the closing of John’s Gospel says:

“There are still many other things that Jesus did, but if they were written in detail, I doubt there would be room enough in the entire world to hold all the books to record them” John 21:25

Yet, I suspect there was not one thing that Jesus’s did, that was not first rooted in Prayer. Let us also root all our actions in the solid foundation of quality prayer time with Jesus, so when we depart this life and we encounter Jesus ourselves, we can also proclaim as Thomas did:

“My Lord and My God” John 21:28

Vivat Jesus

Michael Daly, Lecturer

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

Maundy Thursday April 2
Good Friday April 3
Holy Saturday April 4
Easter Sunday April 5
Sunday, April 5
Cinco de Mayo May 5
Mother's Day May 10
Ascension Day May 14
Pentecost May 24
Whit Monday May 25
Trinity Sunday May 31
Corpus Christi June 4
Flag Day June 14

Prayer List

January 2026

Pat Budd (continued prayers)
Jerry Dusseau (recent surgeries)
Libby Johnson
Kenney Darville (recent passing of wife Tina)
Jack Donnelly (recent passing of wife Linda)

February 2026

Dawn Rodeck
John Serino (Knee Surgery)
Nicholas Anderson (Cancer) Son of Julie Masters & nephew of Brother Tom

March 2026

Jerry Dusseau (recent surgeries)
Kenney Darville (cont'd prayers) recent passing of wife Tina & recent hospital visit

