



***Knights of Columbus***

***Council 2505***

***St. Joseph's Church***

***Lakeland, FL***

***May, 2025***

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### *A message from the Grand Knight*

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Brother Knights,

A young boy and his father were walking on a beach one morning when they came upon thousands of starfish washed up on shore. They didn't know why these starfish washed up but the young boy picked up one and threw it back in the ocean. Then he threw another starfish back into the ocean, and another and another. Finally, his dad said to his son "there are so many starfish washed up you can't make a difference." The young boy looked up at his father for a while then picked up a starfish and threw it in the ocean and said "I made a difference for that one." The boy continued throwing starfish back into the ocean repeating those same words.

I believe that is how charity works. All of you who are Knights of our Council are part of the charity that our Council participates in. Whether it is money we donate, items for our Parish, events we put on, or events we volunteer at. Whether you participate or not, the name The Knights of Columbus that you belong to is there.

The thing with charity is almost all the time you don't get to see how you made a difference. We don't see how standing outside of a Publix with a can and vest, on a hot afternoon may have helped a person with special needs. Or how our donation to our Food Bank may have helped someone who is down on their luck and hungry. We don't get to see two parishioners meet at a Knights Fish Fry or Breakfast and become friends and how that friendship changed those families' lives. Hopefully when we get to heaven it will be revealed to us how what we did here changed peoples' lives.

There is a theory called The Butterfly Effect. It basically says a small action could have surprisingly large and far-reaching consequences, even if they seem insignificant at the time. It is the ripple effect. Last year members were asked to donate an extra \$10 with their Knights' membership dues for Seminarians. Most members did that and our Council doubled the donation given. Who knows what impact your \$10 donation made? Maybe one of the seminarians was thinking of leaving and our donation changed his mind. Maybe later in life he becomes our Bishop one day. This may not have happened without your \$10 donation. Even a smile at someone could make a big impact in people's lives. Don't pass up an opportunity to take a small action that could end up changing a life, a community, or even the world.

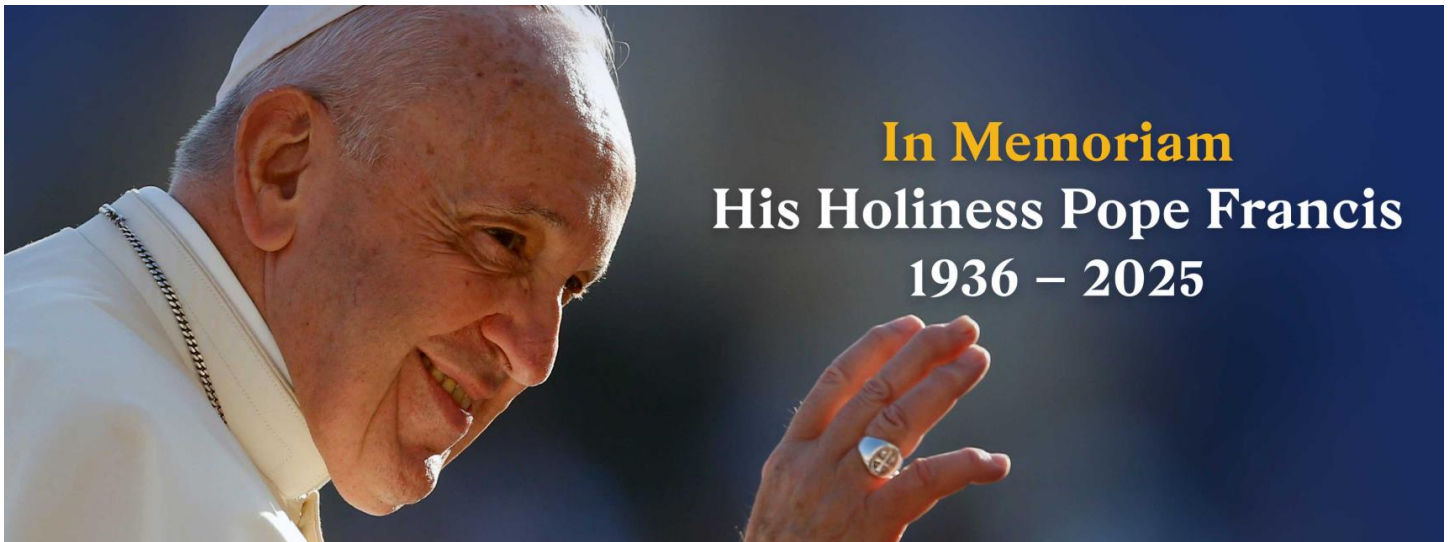
Mark Sagen

### **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.



**In Memoriam**  
**His Holiness Pope Francis**  
**1936 – 2025**

### **Excerpts from Supreme's *On a "Journey of Fraternity"***

***Knights join in prayer for Pope Francis on the anniversary of his pontificate and recall a decade of "unfailing support"***

***"And now, we take up this journey: bishop and people," he [Pope Francis] continued. "This journey of the Church of Rome which presides in charity over all the Churches. A journey of fraternity, of love, of trust among us. Let us always pray for one another. Let us pray for the whole world, that there may be a great spirit of fraternity."***

***"When I [Supreme Knight Anderson] heard those words, I felt the way our first supreme knight, James T. Mullen, must have felt 131 years ago when he heard Father Michael J. McGivney speak of our Order's call to charity, unity and fraternity," he wrote. "The pope's address was a clear call to these virtues, which are the fundamental principles of our Order."***

***"In the years since, the Knights of Columbus has consistently drawn inspiration from Pope Francis' call for the faithful to go out to the peripheries, his emphasis on charity and fraternity, and his deep devotion to St. Joseph. Pope Francis, in turn, has repeatedly expressed his appreciation for the Order's fidelity to the successor of St. Peter and commitment to serve all in need."***

**See: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2023/april/journey-of-fraternity.html>**

## ***Easter Breakfast for the Parish***

Council 2505 presented a free breakfast for all families on Easter morning. Approximately 20 families took advantage of the pancake, egg, sausage and potato offering with a selection of sugar-laced cereals to the younger and young at heart attendees.



*Scott Phillips and Charlie Stokes serve a long line of hungry parishioners while Steve Jones flips more pancakes in the background.)*

## ***Interested in Taking Your Fourth Degree?***



**Knights of Columbus**  
**FOURTH**  
**DEGREE**  
**EXEMPLIFICATION**

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

The next Exemplification for the Fourth Degree is June 14<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral of St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens. Registration closes on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Contact Charlie Stokes (863.399.6005) or Doug Cooper (954.589.9446) by May 12<sup>th</sup> for more information. Or use the Florida State Council link <https://www.floridakofc.org>.



# Annual Elections Next Business Meeting

The annual election of Officer's for our Council will be held on May 12th 2025 business meeting.

The nominating committee recommends the below 3rd Degree members for the listed position for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year.

The current slate is as follows:

Role	2024-2025	2025-2026
Grand Knight	Mark Sagan	Scott Phillips
Deputy Grand Knight	Scott Phillips	Ken Dauphinais
Chancellor	Doug Cooper	Doug Cooper
Recorder	Brian Krolak	Brian Krolak
Treasurer	Richard Miller	Richard Miller
Advocate	Ken Dauphinais	Vincent Miozzi
Warden	Travis Maydish	Travis Maydish
Inside Guard	Mike Mc Farland	Mike Mc Farland
Outside Guard	Bobby Brigman	Bobby Brigman
Trustee	Bill Thompson	Bill Thompson
Trustee	Steve Jones	Mark Sagen
Trustee	Robert Renna	Robert Renna

***Additional nominations and a confirming vote will take place at our regular business meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Please attend this meeting and make your voice count.***

***The remaining positions will be appointed by the new Grand Knight for the 2025-26 Fraternal Year: Chaplain, Lecturer, Faith Director, Family Director, Community Director, Life Director and Membership Director. Charlie Stokes will continue as Financial Secretary for this third year.***

***There are many opportunities to serve in any of the program areas.*** All of the Directors would welcome your assistance in developing and presenting the many programs produced by our Council throughout the year.

***Take the first step.*** Reach out to the current Directors (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) to see where you can join in for the 2025 – 2026 year.

## ***Family of the Month***

*Family of the Month for February was Kim Cruz/Jose Croche Family, recognized at the last fish fry for 2025 on April 11<sup>th</sup>.*



Besides serving the parish as our Parish Center Receptionist, Kim also serves the parish as the Columbiettes' president, both roles that keep her very involved in a full range of activities.

## ***Tootsie Roll Drive Ends with a Solid Showing***



*The last leg of the 2025 Tootsie Roll Drive was completed on the steps of St. Joseph Church on Divine Mercy Sunday. The daily total exceeded \$400 raising this year's program total to nearly \$3,000. 100% of the collected funds will be split between Special Olympics and ROAR. Congratulations to the program director SK Bob Renna and thanks to all the brother Knights who contributed a couple of weekend hours to collecting at various Publix stores. Thanks again to Publix for allowing our program to be presented at various store locations.*

# Important Dates

Member Birthdays		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Age</i>
Mr Vincent C Scevola	05-01-1930	95
Mr David A Reilly	05-03-1984	41
Mr Eugene F Day	05-20-1933	92
Mr Eric Thomas	05-20-1966	59
Deacon Raymond J Sakowski	05-21-1957	68
Mr Christopher R Tebo-Hardin	05-22-1992	33
Rev. Julius Glen Lopez	05-23-1963	62
Mr Thomas R Uetz	05-27-1934	91
Fr. Francois Charles	05-30-1978	47
Wife Birthdays		
<i>Member's Name</i>	<i>Wife's Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Mr Travis Cole Maydish	Danica Maydish	05-02
Mr Eric Thomas	Adriana Thomas	05-09
Member Wedding Anniversaries		
<i>Member's Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Wife's Name</i>
Mr Steve Patton	05-05-2012	Colleen Patton
Mr Patrick D Koegler	05-10-2012	Carol Koegler
Mr Matthew Shanley	05-21-2016	Mary Shanley
Mr James M Palmer	05-22-1988	Diane Palmer
Mr Daniel F Pilka	05-23-1986	Cindy Hardin - Pilka
Mr Kenneth M Zimmerman	05-28-1983	Debbie Zimmerman
Member Ordination Anniversaries		
Fr. Tim LaBo	11-May	1986

## Special Birth Day

Congratulations to Our Worthy Warden Travis Maydish and his wife Danica upon welcoming into the world their daughter **Faustina Marie** on Tuesday, April 15th 2025. Baby Faustina came in at 21 inches long and weighed 8.5 pounds. Please keep Faustina, Danica and Travis in your prayers

<b>April Calendar</b>			
<b>May 5th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Officers' Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>May 8th</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Knights' Night</b>	<b>6:30 - ?</b>
<b>May 12th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Council Business Meeting</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Special Olympics</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting Resurrection</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday - Sunday</b>	<b>State Convention</b>	<b>Various</b>

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

*Contact Doug Cooper [Dougstjoe@gmail.com](mailto: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***