



Knights of Columbus

Council 2505

St. Joseph's Church

Lakeland, FL

November 2024

Celebrating 100 Years of Service 1924 - 2024

A message from the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers,

Any Brother looking to make his Exemplification of the 4th Degree please contact Charlie Stokes at 863 899-6005. There is an Exemplification on Saturday November 30th in Winter Garden Florida. Registration will start at 9:30 am with the Exemplification starting at 11:00. There will also be a ladies gathering during the Exemplification. There will be a Banquet and Mass afterwards. All applications must be into Charlie by November 15th. This is the closest 4th Degree Exemplification in our area each year. If you want to become a Sir Knight don't delay.

On Tuesday November 12th our Council will be hosting an Exemplification. As of now our Council has four candidates. It would be very nice for our Council to show its support by coming to this Exemplification. The ceremony will start at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Usually the ceremony is about a half hour to forty-five minutes long. Your family is invited to come.

Saturday November 9th is the Special Olympics at the Wide World of Sports Complex at Disneyworld. If you would still like to volunteer you can try volunteer@sofl.com or call John Robles at 352 988-7998. We will be volunteering at Flag Football. The time is 7:30 am -2:00. They provide all volunteers with tee-shirts and lunch. The past couple of years we have been done before the scheduled time.

There is no Social in November due to Thanksgiving. The October Social was very good. The dinner was a shrimp boil with salad and desserts. Our speaker was Fr. Luis who talked about his life from a child until becoming our Pastor. I learned a lot about Fr. Luis and have much respect for him in his journey to becoming our Pastor. Sadly, there were not many people that attended. The officer's will be discussing the future of our Socials at the next Officer's meeting.

On November 3rd Sunday we end daylight savings time. Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday otherwise you will be an hour late for Mass.

Don't forget Thursday October 31st is Halloween. Try to take off the mask you wear all year and really scare everyone.

Vivant Jesus,

Mark Sagen

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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.

The Brothers Bulman win the District Soccer Challenge

Two of our Council Soccer Challenge winners went on to win the District Challenge for their age group. Jeremiah and Gabriel Bulman will compete in Regional Competition in Melbourne on November 16th. District Deputy Billy Antley presented their medals before Mass.



Many thanks to our District Deputy Billy Antley for sponsoring the event and to Resurrection Knights for hosting.

Also, thanks go out to our Assistant Community Director Mike McFarland and Jack Jones for helping out at the event.

Gabriel and Jeremiah Bulman, as winners of the District 31 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge, will travel to Melbourne next month to take part in Regional Competition.

Good luck men!

October Social - Our Paster Describes Life Before Priesthood

If you missed the social in October, you missed quite a treat. Our Pastor, Father Salazar spoke about his interesting and unusual journey to becoming a priest. In addition, our Grand Knight, Mark Sagan, out did himself by putting out a most wonderful shrimp boil and entertained us with some comical quotes. It was a great night.



An Important Note for Veterans from Our Financial Secretary

Good evening my Brother Knights of Council 2505: Congressman Scott Franklin's Office has organized a **VET FEST** for all Veterans on Saturday, November 16th, 2024. The event will be held from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium, 2301 Lakeland, Hills Blvd. Lakeland, FL 33805. Free admission and parking. This event is intended to *assist all veterans and their families.*

The Event will feature Veteran Service Providers and Resources including:

1. VBA Claims Assistance
2. Healthcare Enrollment
3. Toxic Exposure Screening
4. Employment Assistance
5. Housing Counseling
6. Mental Health Services
7. Constituent Services
8. Transportation Services
9. Women's Health

The primary focus is on delivering vital services to veterans and their families. Veterans and their families are not required to sign up or register in advance for this event. It is open and welcoming environment for all.

If you are going to attend the event; I personally would recommend that you bring a copy of your DD 214 as this may help you; but if you don't have a copy, still come and the reps from the agencies can help you obtain a copy of your DD 214.

Should you have any questions, contact me: Charlie Stokes, Financial Secretary at 863-899-6005 cell phone or by email at cstokes9@tampabay.rr.com.

To All Brother Knights:

Share this with your friends and neighbors who have served!

*Special tip of the hat to our **Brother Charlie Stokes** for bringing this to our attention.*

November Calendar

November 7th	Thursday	Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
November 9th	Saturday	Special Olympics Disney / ESPN	All Day
November 9th- 10th	Saturday Sunday	Collections for the Military Archdiocese	After All Masses
November 12th	Tuesday	Exemplification of 4 New Knights in Parish Hall	6:45 PM
November 14th	Thursday	Business Meeting (Rosary before @ 6:00)	6:00 PM
November 18th	Monday	4th Degree Meeting	6:00 PM

November Volunteers Needed

Date	Day	Event	Contact
November 9th- 10th	Saturday Sunday	Collections for the Military Archdiocese	Steve Jones stevedolphin750 @gmail.com

November 5th is
Election Day.
Vote early or on
the 5th but be
sure to vote.

*Have you voted
yet?*



Oktoberfest – a Parish Family Get-together

A great time was had by all who attended the 2024 St Joseph's Oktoberfest. The Oktoberfest Planning Committee would like to thank all those who volunteered their talent, effort, and countless hours to make this event a success.

As most of you may know, Hurricane Milton, required that we postpone a couple of weeks. While this delay created a scheduling conflict for some, a total of 61 Knights, Columbiettes, Women's Emmaus, students of Santa Fe HS, and others volunteered.

Our turnout wasn't as high as expected, which may have been due to Milton as well as competing community activities; however, all who attended enjoyed the food, entertainment, and getting together with our Parish family. We've learned a lot working through the logistics of planning an event of this size such as licensing, insurance, sponsorships, and numerous other issues and concerns which presented themselves throughout the planning process.

We believe the knowledge we've gained while planning will go a long way as the Knights develop future events at St. Joseph's. Again, a big Thank You to all involved.

Ken Dauphinais And The Oktoberfest Planning Committee



Too many photos to post and describe.

From our money folks to the Knight bartenders, Emmaus, Columbiettes, our servers (with the chief cook in the background), tables full of guests, Father leading the games, Ken (our Oktoberfest Team Leader) setting up a ticket draw, a raffle winner and to a final goodbye, a great day with all having fun.

Disaster Preparedness:

Hurricane season is in full swing. If you haven't thought about it, do so now. All you really need is a plan in place. If you stay at home, what do you need to survive a week or more without electricity? Have a generator, did you test run it yet? Do your trees need attention? If you evacuate, where will you go?

I'm preparing a list of Knights with various skills and assets to help other Knights in need if a Hurricane should hit us. So if you have ladders, chainsaws or other helpful emergency equipment, or if you can just help a fellow Knight give me a call to get on our volunteer list.

Remember that it might be you that needs help so the bigger the list of volunteers the better.

Steve Jones
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A note from our Community Director

Congratulations on our Disaster Preparation as all in all, it seems we fared well through the storm. Some plans had to change, like the Octoberfest.

One of our members, however, John and Barbara Duncan suffered significant damage to their home rendering it unlivable until repaired.

Our Council prepared and delivered support via our Council's ***Knights in Need*** program.

Another member of our Council who is out of town, Al Marshall, generously gave up his home for the Duncans to stay while repairs are made. Please keep the Duncan's in your prayers as they deal with one of our worst fears as Floridians.

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In Brief

For all 4th Degree members and hopefully some of our other Knights who are patriots, we are collecting donations outside St Joseph's on 9-10 November.

These funds will be sent to the Archdiocese of the Military Services to support seminarians who will eventually become Chaplains in all branches of military service.

We are all aware of the shortage of priests. It is even more dramatic in the military where our troops, particularly in remote areas, are desperately in need of their counsel.

Please plan to assist us that weekend after Mass.



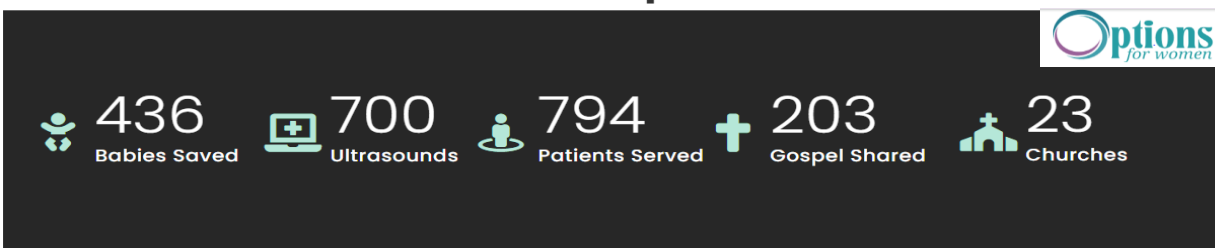
Archdiocese
for the Military
Services, USA



Assembly 2546

The Options for Women Luncheon initially scheduled for Sept 16th had been postponed to October 15th due to hurricane Helene. Our Council was represented along with Knights from other District 31 Councils at the rescheduled event.

2023 Impact:



At the Luncheon, Options for Women Executive Director Marilyn Paul reported considerable growth in Options' program, saving the lives of hundreds of babies through its programs of services and information.

Council 2505 presented a significant donation again this year as part of our planned charity program.

Member Birthdays

Name	Birthday	Age
Mr Jeffrey S Hynes	11-01-1962	62
Rev Timothy P Labo	11-09-1958	66
Mr John H Graham	11-10-1950	74
Dr Sergio B Seoane	11-10-1959	65
Mr Patrick D Koegler	11-11-1932	92
Mr Gary J Page	11-11-1953	71
Mr Marshall Parker	11-11-1963	61
Mr Louis E Stella	11-12-1956	68
Mr Daniel F Pilka	11-13-1959	65
Rev Frank G Buck	11-16-1943	81
Mr Michael J Monahan	11-17-1986	38
Mr Harry Oldham III	11-18-1946	78
Mr Kenneth E Stadelman	11-21-1952	72
Mr William E Phalen	11-22-1933	91
Mr Kenneth M Zimmerman	11-24-1957	67


Member Wedding Anniversaries

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Mr John H Graham	11-04-1978	Leticia Graham
Mr James Joseph Connelly	11-22-2013	Claudia H. Connelly
Mr John D Duncan Sr	11-22-1969	Barbara Duncan
Mr Joseph R Muti	11-24-2023	Nina Muti
Mr Kenneth E Stadelman	11-24-1972	Susan Stadelman
Mr William Breier	11-25-2006	Nicole Breier
Mr Magnus C Nwachukwu	11-29-1986	Maryjane A. Nwachukwu


Wife Birthdays

Member's Name	Wife's Name	Birthday
Mr Frank A Kotomski	Theresa Kotomski	11-06
Mr Charles L Battle	Linda (Myra) Battle	11-15
Mr Michael J Kennedy	Dianne Kennedy	11-22

Keep in mind, we're all recruiters of Catholic men.




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Why Join?



We have plenty of hand out materials describing our principles as Knights as well as materials describing our Faith in Action programs. Please reach out to me, Doug Cooper, our Financial Secretary, Charlie Stokes, or our Grand Knight, Mark Sagen for materials, referrals, or coaching.



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*"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***

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.