



*Knights of Columbus*

*Council 2505*

*St. Joseph's Church*

*Lakeland, FL*

*September 2024*

*Celebrating 100 Years of Service 1924 - 2024*

### *A message from the Grand Knight*



At our August Business Meeting there was a lot to discuss. The meeting was a little long but the month of September and October are the busiest months I have ever seen for our Council. I want to thank the Knights who attended. There were some of our newest Knights to our Council that were there: Kevin Thompson, Butch Scheffer, J.J. Niekro and Joseph Muti. As a Council we welcome you. As I said in the beginning the next couple of months will be the busiest I have ever seen a Council take on and we could use your help. Here is a list of things we are taking on:

On Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> the Church is holding a Ministry Fair after all the Masses. If you attend one of the Masses on Saturday and Sunday and can stay a few minutes after Mass to man our Knights of Columbus table it would be a great help. If anyone is interested in the Knights tell them what we do or tell them your personal story.

Thursday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> is our Monthly Business Meeting. All Knights are invited. We pray the Rosary at 6:00 and the meeting starts at 6:30, Room 103 in the McDonald Building.

Our St. Joseph Church has asked us to be of service to them. They have asked us to paint the Parish Hall. This will start on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be prepping the hall the first day before we can actually start painting. We will be starting at 9:00 in the morning.

Friday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> is the Police Academy Dinner. We have supported this event for many years. It is a very nice time. Steak Dinner and silent auction. All the Police Dogs are there to take pictures with.

Saturday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> The Knights are holding the Hockey and Soccer Challenge at our Church. Both events are going to be held at the same time. We need help with scorekeepers, announcers, retrievers, on the grill cooking hot dogs. There is a place for everyone to help no matter your age or physical ability.

On Saturday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, the Women's Emmaus is having their Annual Fundraiser Dinner/Dance. They have asked the Knights if we could cook and do dishes for them. We could use help in the kitchen that night.

Thursday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Options for Women is having a Luncheon and The Knights Social is that night. Here is a day you don't have to make anything to eat.

Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> The Knights are hosting Octoberfest in the Pavilion and Knights Field. We need every Knight to help with this event.

If you would like more info or would like to volunteer or attend and event please email me.

Vivant Jesus,

Mark Sagen msagen1@msn.com

### 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.

## Celebrating Fr. McGivney's Birthday

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, eighteen Brother Knights attended a Mass commemorating the 177<sup>th</sup> birthday of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. Concelebrating the Mass were Brother Knights Fr. Francois Charles and Fr. Frank Buck (Council 2505's Chaplain). Brother GK Mark Sagan served the Mass. Fr. Buck gave a brief homily on the life of Blessed McGivney and the history and mission of our Brotherhood. Afterward, a luncheon was sponsored by Council 2505 at Fred's. Many Knights and their spouses attended.





# A Special Exemplification

Council 2505 celebrated the Exemplification of Kevin Thompson, the son of our Brother and Council Trustee Bill Thompson on August 7th. GK SK Mark Sagan and District Deputy SK Billy Antley officiated at the ceremony with our Brother Fr. Francois Charles offering the Invocation and Closing Blessing. Pledges made by Program Director Gary Page, Trustee SK Bob Renna, and Trustee Bill Thompson. Kevin is a third generation Knight, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.



Member Birthdays		
Name	Birthday	Age
Mr Bill D Buchanan	09-01-1955	69
Mr George H Riddle	09-02-1941	83
Mr Lawrence R Tapley	09-05-1951	73
Mr William J Thompson	09-12-1973	51
Mr Steven W Lannon	09-15-1961	63
Mr Charles James Stokes	09-19-1956	68
Mr Albert P Marshall	09-20-1955	69
Mr Michael Paul McFarland	09-21-1957	67
Mr James Joseph Connelly	09-22-1962	62
Wife Birthdays		
Member's Name	Wife's Name	Birthday
Mr Gary L Cavender	Tana Cavender	09-02
Deacon Josue G Diaz	Jackeline Diaz	09-21
Mr Michael Paul McFarland	Helen McFarland	09-28
Member Wedding Anniversaries		
Name	Date	Wife's Name
Mr Louis E Stella	09-23-1995	Lucy Stella

## ***Reminder from our Community Director***

### **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.

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### **Sports Challenges coming soon**

The Community Director and his assistant Mike McFarland need help with upcoming sport's challenges. We will need a lot of assistance to pull off our first *combined soccer and hockey challenge events*. To help improve participation, we are holding the events together. Youth may participate in one or both events.

This fun event will only work smoothly if we have a lot of help. In addition to lining up players, chasing balls and field pucks, we will be preparing food for everyone so we will need help there too.

So bring your kids and grandkids, have fun and support one of the Knight's programs. The date is Saturday September 14th. Setup starts at 8 am and you will be home by noon. Email me at [stevedolphin750@gmail.com](mailto:stevedolphin750@gmail.com) and let me know if you can help.

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***Busy Month Ahead – Plan to attend a meeting or volunteer for one of the events***

<b>September Calendar</b>			
September 5	Thursday	Officers Meeting	6:30 PM
September 6	Thursday	First Friday Holy Hour and Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
September 7 - 8	Saturday and Sunday	Ministry Fair Pavilion	After Masses
September 11 - 13	Wednesday - Friday	Parish Hall Painting Project	9:00 AM
September 13	Friday	Police Academy Dinner Honoring Heroes	5:30 PM
September 14	Saturday	Hockey and Soccer Challenge Pavillion and St. Jos. grounds	8:00 AM
September 16	Monday	4th Degree Meeting St. Joseph	6:00 PM
September 21	Saturday	Emmaus Women's Dinner	6:00 PM
September 26	Thursday	Options for Women Luncheon	12:00 PM
September 26	Thursday	Knights Social	6:00 PM
September 30	Monday	District Benefit Night	6:00 PM

<b>September Volunteers Needed</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>eMail</b>
September 7 - 8	Saturday and Sunday	Ministry Fair Pavilion	Charlie Stokes Gary Page	<a href="mailto:cstokes9@tampabay.rr.com">cstokes9@tampabay.rr.com</a> <a href="mailto:GARYJPAGE@YAHOO.COM">GARYJPAGE@YAHOO.COM</a>
September 11 - 13	Wednesday - Friday	Parish Hall Painting Project	Mark Sagan Doug Cooper	MSAGEN1@MSN.COM Dougstjoe@gmail.com
September 14	Saturday	Hockey and Soccer Challenge	Steve Jones	stevedolphin750@gmail.com
September 21	Saturday	Emmaus Women's Dinner	Mark Sagan Brian Krolak	MSAGEN1@MSN.COM VBKROLAK@GMAIL.COM
October 13	Sunday	Oktoberfest	Ken Dauphinais	Kendauph@gmail.com

# Say NO to Amendment 4

Statistics show that only 50% of Catholics have registered to vote and only 50% of these voters come out to vote.

It is critical that more Catholics and non-Catholics alike register and vote, particularly to reject Amendment 4, which will effectively remove all constraints on abortion in Florida.

*Amendment 4 is a proposed Amendment to our Florida Constitution that would enshrine abortion as a constitutional right. The proposed language of Amendment 4 is vague and misleading, and could be construed to allow abortion up to birth, for any reason or no reason* (Source: <https://www.noto4.org/amendment-4>)

Since this is a proposed change to our constitution it will be **extremely** difficult to reverse this law, should it pass.

What can **you** do?

- Register to vote and ask others to do so
- Check the election calendar and your polling place
- Inform yourself - review materials available on various websites  
<https://www.flaccb.org/abortion-amendment>  
(Florida Council of Catholic Bishops)  
<https://www.noto4.org/amendment-4>
- Show up and vote **NO**.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES 2024	
October 7th	Deadline for new voter registration or updates to existing registration
October 24th	Deadline for Request to Vote by Mail Votebymail@Polkelection.com 863.534.5888 for info Vote must be received before Nov. 5th
November 5th	Election Day

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




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**Why *you* should  
become a **Knight****

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or having exclusive access to top-rated  
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then the Knights of Columbus is the  
organization for you.



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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 in your



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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](mailto:Dougstjoe@gmail.com) to have your contribution included in next month's newsletter.*