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Our Lady of Hope Council 8086

Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights,

What an incredible month for Council 8086! Thank you to all our brothers, families, and volunteers whose dedication continues to strengthen our council and community.

- **Duck Derby was a great success. Congratulations to all the winners!**
- **Coats for Kids is underway, helping ensure children in need stay warm this season.**
- **Pancake Breakfast saw record volunteer participation, showcasing our council's spirit of service.**
- **Our first-ever Ruck for Jesus was a wonderful opportunity for faith, fellowship, and brotherhood.**
- **The Council Dance was a tremendous success. Special thanks to Ashley Camacho and everyone who helped make the evening possible.**
- **Council 8086 is making history! The Embry-Riddle Exemplification was a huge success, bringing us closer to establishing a new Knights of Columbus council on campus. Thank you to all who contributed their time and talents, and a special thank you to Dr. Ernest Jackson for his outstanding leadership and commitment to this mission.**

Finally, we warmly welcome our newest Brother Knights. We look forward to serving alongside you as we continue our mission of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Vivat Jesus!



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2026-2027 Council Officers

Chaplain	Father Matt Mello
Grand Knight	Vito Benedetto
Deputy Grand Knight	Jake Mays
Chancellor	Adam Schmidt
Financial Secretary	Wes Wengren
Treasurer	Jacques Roch
Warden	Dave Carson
Recorder	Walter Kaehl
Lecturer	Dcn Stephen Gross
Advocate	Ernie Jackson
Inside Guard	Tom Mies
Outside Guard	Zak Laina
Outside Guard	Dennis Flesch
First Year Trustee	Pete Ensel
Second Year Trustee	Bob Gillikin
Third Year Trustee	Tim Mell
District Deputy	John O'Malley



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A Message From Our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of November, the Church invites us to remember in a special way all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. November is traditionally dedicated to praying for the faithful departed, reminding us of our belief in eternal life and the promise of the Resurrection.

We begin the month celebrating All Saints Day, honoring those who now share in the glory of heaven and enjoy eternal communion with God. On All Souls Day, we remember those who have died in God's friendship but are still undergoing purification in purgatory as they prepare to enter the fullness of heavenly glory. Our prayers for them are a beautiful expression of our faith, hope, and love.

As Knights of Columbus, we remember especially our fallen Brother Knights, whose lives of faith, charity, fraternity, and service have strengthened our councils, our parishes, and our communities. We also remember our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners who have touched our lives and gone before us in faith.

November reminds us that our Christian responsibility does not end with death. Through the communion of saints, we remain united in prayer with those who have gone before us. May we continue to remember them at Mass, in our Rosaries, and in our daily prayers, trusting always in God's infinite mercy.

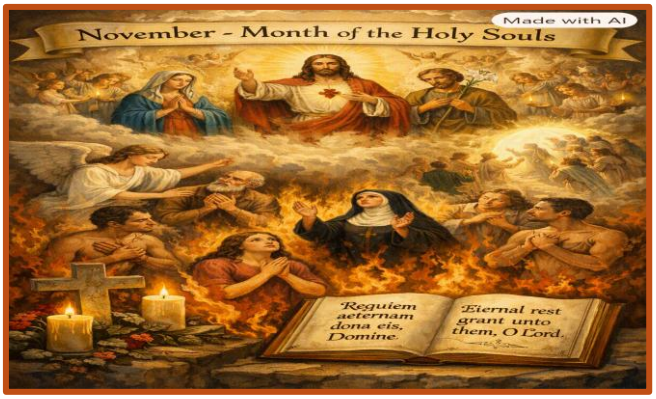
May this month of remembrance also inspire us to live our own lives with greater faithfulness, charity, and commitment to Christ, knowing that our earthly journey ultimately leads us to our eternal home.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us, as we pray for all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Father Matt Mello





"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." — *1 Peter 3:15*

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District Deputy's Report

Worthy Brother Knights.

Council 8086 continues to earn statewide recognition for its outstanding growth and service. The council has welcomed 68 new members this Columbian Year, achieving 453% of its membership goal and moving within seven members of earning Five-Star Council status. The council also leads Florida in helping new and associate members complete their financial review meetings with Field Agent Jim Booritch, an important requirement for Star Council consideration.

A recent Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University brought in 17 new Knights, advancing efforts to establish a college council on campus.

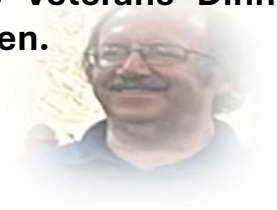
Statewide, the Knights of Columbus continue to serve communities affected by hurricanes through financial assistance and volunteer support. The Florida State Council provided aid to the most heavily impacted districts and parishes, while Knights across the state helped make several major diocesan events possible.

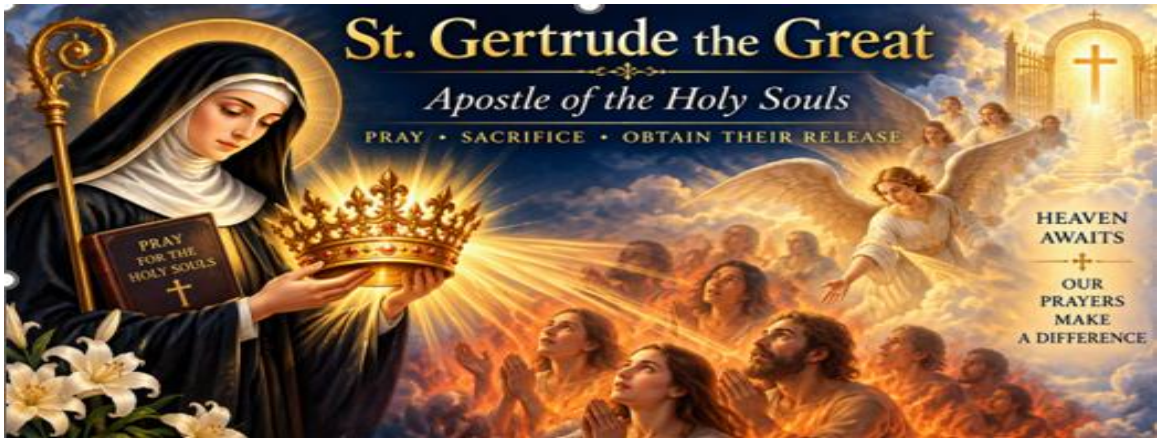
Members should also watch for a special mailing from the Florida State Council, which will replace the multiple mailings previously sent throughout the year.

Finally, please consider joining us at our Assembly's Veterans Dinner on November 7 as we honor our retired servicemen and women.

Vivat Jesus!

John O'Malley, District Deputy



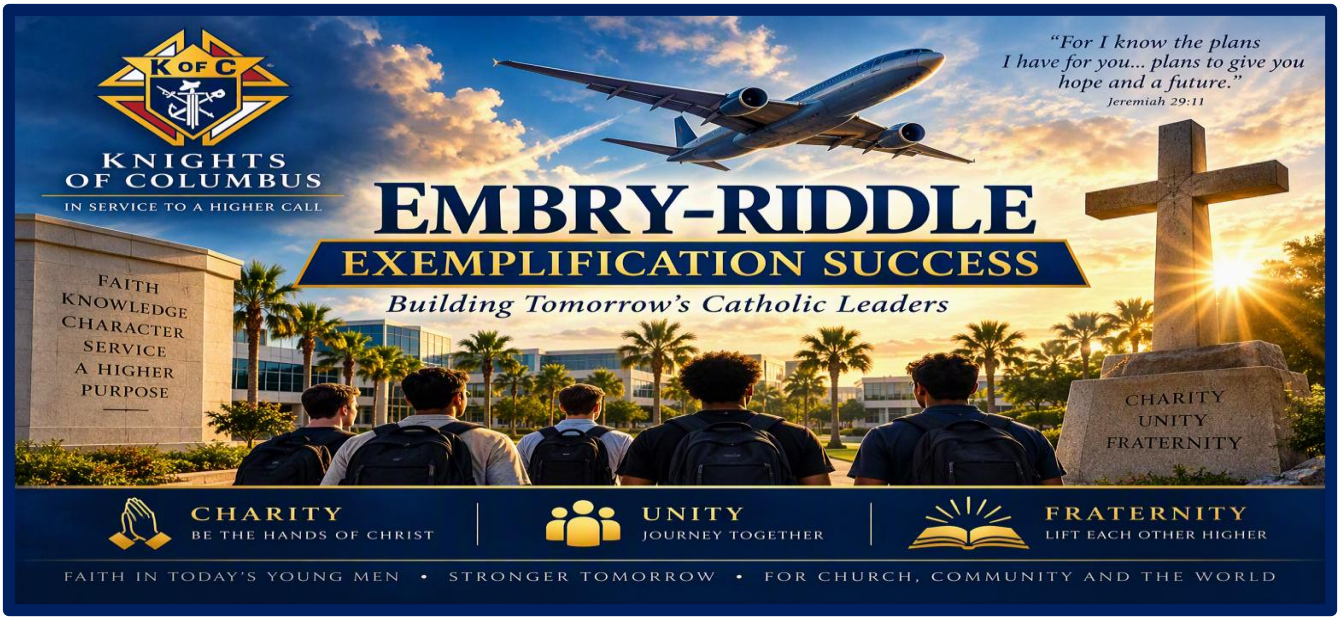


"The souls in purgatory are saved, but they suffer until purified. Pray for them, for your prayers bring them relief." — *St. Gertrude the Great*

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Knights in Action



ERAU Exemplification Sunday October 26th.

New brothers on their way to becoming their own council!!

"Building Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders"



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Knight of the Month
Jake Mays



A Knight since 2011, he has served as Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight, and participated in numerous council activities, including pancake breakfasts, fish fries, the Color Corps, and the Exemplification Team.

A lifelong Floridian, he grew up in Merritt Island, served in both the U.S. Army Reserve and U.S. Air Force, and later spent 26 years with the Daytona Beach Police Department, retiring as a Lieutenant in 2020. He and his wife, Lauralynn, have been married since 1996 and live in Port Orange with their two dogs, Lottie and Mojo.

A parishioner since 1997, he serves as a Lector and on the A/V Team and was a founding member of the First Step Homeless Shelter operated by Catholic Charities.

His guiding principle is simple: serve others, work together, and show Christ's love through action. He finds great joy in helping others and strengthening the bonds of brotherhood within the Knights.



Knights Corner

Jan and Wes are devoted members of Our Lady of Hope, actively serving their parish and community. Raised in northern Indiana, Jan remains a loyal Notre Dame Fighting Irish fan. Since moving to Florida in the early 1980s, she has been an active member of OLOH and CCW, serving in leadership roles, organizing events and fundraisers, and distributing donuts on the second weekend of each month.

Wes, a northern Ohio native and lifelong Cleveland sports fan, met Jan in 2019. Their first date lasted more than three hours, and they soon realized they had found something special. Encouraged by fellow parishioners, Wes joined the Knights of Columbus after proposing to Jan, following in his father's footsteps. He became a 4th degree Knight, serves in the Color Corps, distributes donuts on the fourth Sunday, volunteers at parish events, serves as Financial Secretary, and is a member of the Audio/Visual Team.

Married at Our Lady of Hope in 2024, Jan and Wes deepened their faith through Cursillo. Called to serve they became EMHC for the Sick and Homebound, bringing Communion to residents of Carlton Shores each Thursday, and volunteer at the monthly Grocery Distribution Program.



Wes & Jan Wengren Family of the Month

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." — *Matthew 11:28*

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Faith . Family . Community . Life

"Together, let us continue reflecting faith in action, dedication to our Church, and commitment to one another." VMB

Council 8086 Serves through Habitat for Humanity

Helping Hands

Habitat service gives Catholic men a chance to roll up their sleeves and put faith into practice. It reflects the spirit of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, who believed Catholic men should lead through service, sacrifice and charity. Interested in Joining?

Contact Gianni Teta 718.598.4714







Novena for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

This novena is often prayed during the first nine days of November, beginning on All Souls' Day , November 2, asking God to grant eternal rest to the faithful departed. A common prayer used during the novena is: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

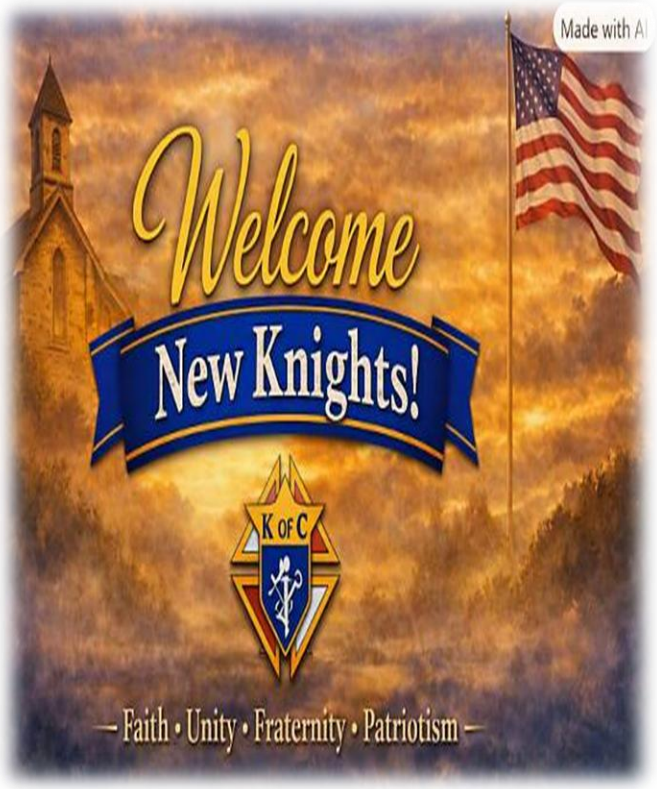
"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God." — *Wisdom 3:1*

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Membership – Welcome New Members



Paul Savia
Phillip Tornelli
Joe Ourelio
Rob May
Alfred Luciano



“"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.“ *Matthew 5:12*

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Upcoming Events

- **Nov 10th General Council Meeting**
- **Nov 15th – Clergy Appreciation – 11am Mass OLOH**
- **Nov 21st – Food for Families Food Drive**
- **Nov 22nd – Coffee & Donuts After All Masses**
- **Nov 24th – COR Sacred Heart**
- **Dec 1st – Business Meeting**
- **Dec 4th 6:30 – 8:30pm "Sips and Sprinkles" – Wives and Significant others of Knights – OLOH Parish Center**
- **Dec 5th & 6th – Keep Christ In Christmas – Pass out Magnets all weekend masses**
- **Dec 8th – General Council meeting**
- **Dec 12th & 13th – Consecration of the Holy Family – Pass out Prayer Cards all weekend masses**
- **Dec 13th – Christmas Party**
- **Dec 19th & 20th – Prayer before all masses**
- **January 2nd- March 28th – Baby Bottle Campaign**
- **January 5th – Business Meeting**
- **January 9th – Life Fundraiser – Sock Hop**
- **January 12th – General Council Meeting**
- **February 14th – Blue Mass 9am**
- **April 3rd & 4th – OLOH Tootsie Roll Drive after all masses**
- **April 30th – Casino Night**

Happy Birthday
All Brother Knights
celebrating this month of
October



"No one is justified by his own efforts; it is by God's grace that we are saved."

— St. Leo the Great

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The KofC conducts an **"On Demand—Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.**
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"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins." — *2 Maccabees 12:46*

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Meeting Notes (use this section to jot down any notes or questions you may have)





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"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."
— St. Catherine of Siena