



Grand Knights Report

Worthy Brothers, one and all — what an incredible moment to be a Knight. With so many projects in motion, the heat finally easing, and the love of Christ guiding every effort, our council is truly thriving. We stand at the top of the recruitment leaderboard. We successfully completed our Wheelchair Sunday mission. The Duck Derby is right around the corner. Our GDP numbers continue to break records. And now we enter LIFE MONTH: the crosses are raised, the Life March has taken place, and our council prayed the Novena for Life before every Mass from September 26th through October 4th. We were honored to attend the Resources for Women Banquet as VIP guests — a recognition of the outstanding work that *each and every Brother* has contributed to. Brothers, thank you. May God bless us with the grace and strength to continue His work. Vivat Jesus.

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District Deputy	John O'Malley





A Message From Our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

October is a beautiful month in the life of the Church, traditionally dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary and devotion to our Blessed Mother. On October 7, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, reminding us of the tremendous gift we have been given in this simple yet powerful prayer.

For the Knights of Columbus, Marian devotion has always held a special place in our spiritual life. Mary continually points us toward her Son. As she said at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you." Those words provide a wonderful model for every Knight: to listen to Christ, to serve Him faithfully, and to put our faith into action through charity, unity, fraternity, and service to others.

During this month of October, I encourage every Brother Knight and every council to renew a commitment to the Rosary. Pray it individually, with your family, with your council, or together as a parish community. There is much in our families, our Church, our nation, and our world that needs prayer. Through the mysteries of the Rosary, we contemplate the life of Jesus through the loving eyes of His Mother and ask her to lead us ever closer to Him.

Our devotion to Mary should also strengthen our willingness to serve. Prayer and action belong together. As Knights, we have been blessed with many opportunities to support our parishes, assist those in need, strengthen Catholic families, and especially encourage the formation of our young people in the Catholic faith. May Our Lady continue to guide and protect our councils and help us remain faithful witnesses to Christ.

Finally, as we look ahead to the coming year, please mark your calendars for our Casino Night benefiting the Catholic schools of Volusia County. We are asking our Knights councils, parishes, schools, families, and friends throughout the county to join us once again in supporting Catholic education.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, April 30, 2027, at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope.

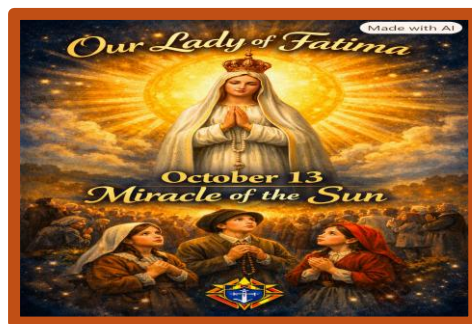
Again, please mark your calendars: Friday, April 30, 2027, at 6:00 p.m. More information will be coming, and we look forward to another wonderful evening of fellowship and support for our Catholic schools.

May Our Lady of the Rosary pray for us, protect our families, and lead us always closer to her Son.

Vivat Jesus

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Matt





Knights in Action

**First Adoration/Benediction
performed by OLOH Pastor
Father Matt Mello &
Deacon Stephen Gross**



Resources for Women Banquet



Philippians 4:6-7 "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."



District Deputy's Report

Worthy Brother Knights of Council 8086

We're already three months into the New Columbian Year – at the one-quarter mark, and Council 8086 has already reached its membership goal of 15 members. And a whole lot more.

As of September 23, we already signed up 52 new members. That's 347 percent, halfway to four-star council. That's best in the Florida jurisdiction. The other major requirement for Star Council is the insurance component. It now calls for 15 associate or new members to have a one-on-one review of their financial/retirement plans with our Field Agent, Jim Booritch. We're already at nine – better than halfway. There is no need to purchase insurance.

For programs, we recently held a successful wheelchair weekend and have other major projects coming up. Our major fundraiser, the Duck Derby, will move to Oct. 17-18 as part of the ArtHaus Fall Family Arts Festival.

Congratulations to our Evangelization and Faith Formation Director Sam Willet for hosting a very informative Cor session on Tuesday, Sept. 22. We had a good turnout – including all three District 20 Grand Knights – for the second session on the Eucharist. Please join us for our next Cor meeting, at Epiphany on Tuesday, Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Also please consider joining us to honor our retired servicemen and women at our Assembly's Veterans Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Vivat Jesus!

John O'Malley, District Deputy



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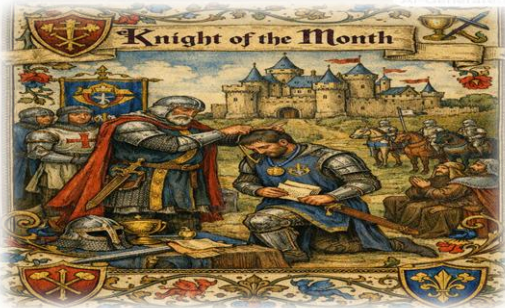
"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." St Carlo Acutis



Knight of the Month Michael Allison

Becoming a Knight has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life. I moved to Port Orange in December 2024 from Connecticut after a 35-year career with the USPS. A friend encouraged me to join Our Lady of Hope, and from the moment I arrived, I knew I had found my home. Shortly after, I was recruited to join the Knights—and I gladly accepted.

Living out the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity is something I take to heart. It has been a true joy to serve, participate, and stand alongside brothers who share the same passion and commitment. Council 8086 is deeply involved in the life of the parish, and I am grateful to share in that spirit with all of you.



Knights Corner



I was blessed to grow up in a loving, faith-filled family. Born in Manhattan, raised in New Jersey, and drawn to Florida to attend Embry-Riddle, I somehow blinked—and nearly 40 years have passed. So many of my happiest memories are rooted in church, the Sacraments, and Catholic school—which I truly loved. My parents taught me to serve with joy and never underestimate the holy gift of laughter. My first ministry began at age seven as a lector, and I still feel closest to the Lord when reading, praying, singing, or proclaiming Scripture. My soul comes alive when I walk with people who want to know the Catholic faith more deeply. I like to think of myself as a “matchmaker,” helping others encounter the Lord. For 30 years, I have served in OCIA, a ministry that has also led me into helping prepare couples for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. With the encouragement of Fr. Raymond O’Leary and the support of our parish, I became a Commissioned Pastoral Minister for the Diocese of Orlando and earned my Masters in Pastoral Ministries from Loyola University New Orleans. OLOH is my extended family and spiritual home, where I have grown in faith and been deeply blessed by the people I serve. “Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.” - St. Mother Theresa

**Family of the Month
Jasmine Rosales**

**“Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others.”
Colossians 3:23**

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Our Lady of Hope Council 8086

Faith In Action

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
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Faith in Action



Faith



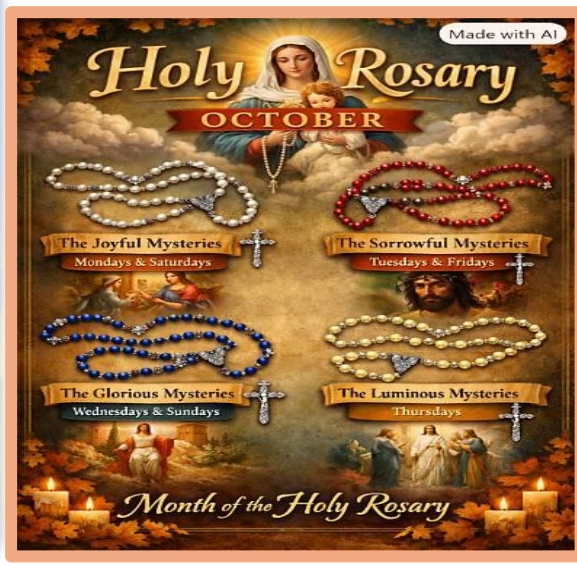
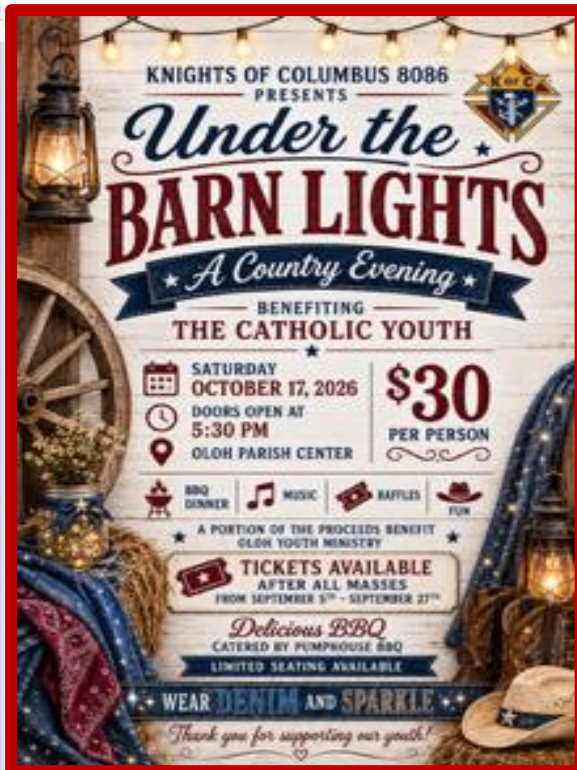
Family



Life



Community



“In every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” — Philippians 4:6

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Membership – Welcome New Members



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Hunter Anderson
Alex Blecher
Ernesto Fernandez
Bango
Luiz Farnesi Sr
William Fritchley
Mathew Daly
Francis Tibbetts
Joseph Striano
Juan Ibarra
Larry Halbritter
Larry Halbritter Jr
Tyler Hill

John Higgins
Eddy Lee
Jerry Peterson
Mateus Prudencio
Michael Ricciardella
Alvaro Rubio
Ken Torres
Mathew Vann
Wen Wu
Nick Wilson
Tom Youngman
Trey Yarborough

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GO FOR TWO MORE!

Invite two men to join our brotherhood.

SEPT. 1–DEC. 31, 2026

★ **RECRUIT 2** ★

1 Entry to Win
\$2,000 Cash

★ **RECRUIT 4** ★

2 Entries to Win
10 Second-Place Winners
Customized K of C Football Jersey

KofC.org/JoinUs

IMPORTANT: Make sure every recruit lists your member number as his proposer.

Brotherhood. Faith. Strength in Numbers.
— Make one invitation—and then one more! —

“How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one!” —
Psalm 133:1

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Upcoming Events

- **Oct 17th Under the Barn Lights – Dance/ OLOH Parish Center**
- **Oct 18th - Duck Derby**
- **Oct 27th Cor – Epiphany 6:30pm**
- **Nov 3rd - Business Meeting**
- **Nov 10th General Council Meeting**
- **Nov 15th – Clergy Appreciation – 11am Mass OLOH**
- **Nov 21st – Food for Families Food Drive**
- **Dec 1st – Business Meeting**
- **Dec 4th 6:30 – 8:30pm “Sips and Sprinkles” – Wives Only/Girls Night – 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 9th – Life Fundraiser – Sock Hop**
- **February 14th – Blue Mass 9am**
- **April 3rd & 4th – OLOH Tootsie Roll Drive after all masses**
- **April 30th – Casino Night**
- **May 2nd – Parish Picnic**

Happy Birthday
All Brother Knights
celebrating this month of
October



“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” — *Joshua 24:15*

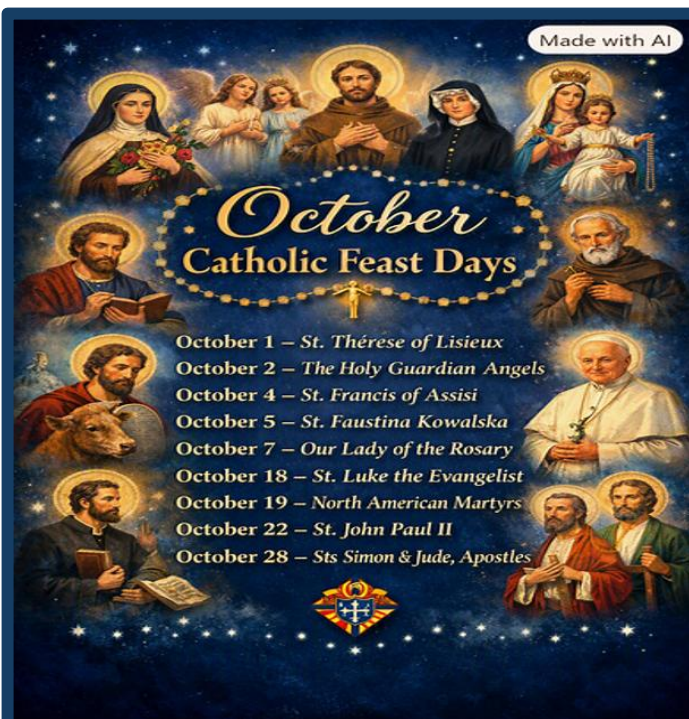


Earn your 3rd Degree by clicking on link below and watching the video.

The KoC conducts an "On Demand—Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Click Here:

<https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification>



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“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

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Faith In Action

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



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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37

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