



*Knights of Columbus*

*Council 2505*

*St. Joseph's Church*

*Lakeland, FL*

*October 2023*

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### *A message from the Grand Knight*

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Worthy Brothers,

John 12:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Hate is a one of the worst four letter words. I know a lot of four letter words but hate is at the top of the list. You don't have to go very far to find hate in the world. Just turn on your TV. Countries fighting each other, shootings everywhere, people killing their own family members, road rage, neighbors fighting and the list goes on and on. Our world is made up of human beings. We are all unique and different. Some of us humans are taller than others. Some have different colored hair and eyes. Some have different colored skin or speak different languages.

We all have our faults and weaknesses. We all have our own strengths and talents. We all have different personalities and were raised by different parents. This is what makes our world great. Satan is at our doorstep constantly to pit each one of us against each other. He lives to see hate grow in our world. To Satan love is a four letter word which he hates. Let us not give in to his temptations. Jesus said if you cannot love your brother who you can see, how can you love me who you can't see.

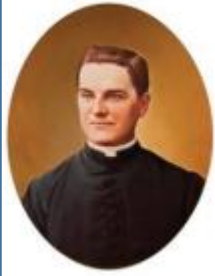
October 13th is the one year anniversary of my own brother's death. Even though we didn't see eye to eye all the time, I miss him dearly. I wish I had one more time to tell him I loved him. I think of him often. He was totally different from me. We were two opposites. I knew a Knight a few years ago named Joe Grates. He was our District Deputy at the time I transferred into our council. I only knew Joe a few years before God called him home. I loved Joe just as I love all my brother Knights. I miss him and think about him often. I am sure some Knights disliked him and maybe hated him. I will never have an opportunity to tell my brother or Joe how much I cared for them or loved them.

None of us knows when God will call us home. Fill your heart with love so there is no room for hate. Don't let the last words of yours on earth be mean, hateful, or something Satan is whispering in your ear. Remember that the Knights of Columbus is not a men's club but a brotherhood. We should love each other, stand by for each other, and at times fight for each other. We may have our differences but at the end of the day we are still brothers. I am sure that there will be brothers that will disagree with what I have written. I understand you and why you feel that way. This is just how I feel and how I wish to live my life.

May love and peace fill your hearts.

Vivant Jesus,

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.

## Oktoberfest 2023

On the 23rd of September a large group of Council 2505 Knights, their wives and families, Columbiettes, and volunteers from Santa Fe High School came together to provide over 750 bratwurst dinners during Plant City's Oktoberfest. The event not only served the local community but brought together Knights new and old and demonstrated our Council's Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in completing together what could be our largest and most complex event this year.



Oktoberfest 2023



### Knights of Columbus Bratwurst Dinner

- ✓ Bratwurst on a bun with
  - German Potato Salad
  - Saurkraut
  - Red Cabbage
  - Grilled Onions
- ✓ Serving from 5:00PM to 10:00PM
- ✓ \$15.00 for an entire meal
- ✓ Cash and Cards accepted

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## Ordination Anniversaries

Name	Clergy Title	Ordination Date
Deacon Raymond J Sakowski		10-03-2020

**October**

### Member Birthdays

Name	Birthday	Age
Mr James E Schmidt	10-02-1940	83
Mr Josue G Diaz	10-13-1979	44
Mr Thomas E Palmer	10-13-1966	57
Mr Dakota William Trull	10-13-1996	27
Mr Gregory J Lemieux	10-16-1956	67
Mr Christopher R Flynn	10-18-1979	44
Mr Steve V Jones	10-18-1950	73
Mr Joshua D Oliver	10-21-1984	39
Mr Michael F Jannine	10-24-1956	67
Mr Joseph L Afilani Jr	10-29-1959	64

## Wife Birthdays

### October

Member's Name	Wife's Name	Birthday
Mr Steve V Jones	Ruth Jones	10-01
Mr Edward S Kubik Jr	Joanne Kubik	10-01

## Member Wedding Anniversaries

### October

Name	Date	Wife's Name
Mr David M Hurban	10-02-2009	Carol Hurban
Mr Robert C Hoffman	10-04-1973	Terry Hoffman
Mr Richard Anthony Kelly	10-05-1996	Betty Kelly
Mr Dale R Burzynski	10-08-1994	Nikki Burzynski
Mr Charles James Stokes	10-16-1982	Mary Stokes
Mr Michael F Jannine	10-20-2006	Patti Jannine
Mr Leon T Holzer	10-28-2000	Aimee Holzer
Mr David Pagán	10-28-1989	Ruth Pagán



# October Call for Volunteers



The winners of September's Council 2502 Soccer Challenge will be gathering for the District Competition on October 21st at Resurrection Catholic Church.

Volunteers are needed to help out at this event.

We will gather there at 9:30AM for a start at 10:00AM.

Let's have some fun and cheer on our superstars as they take on the other Councils.

Please call Steve Jones Community Director at 863.529.9031 to volunteer or if you have any questions.



**Special Olympics**  
Florida



**Mark Your Calendars**



November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Disney World

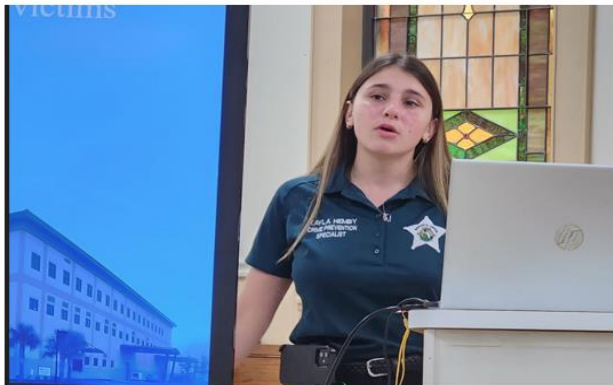
Join your Brothers in  
supporting the  
Special Olympics

*This will change your life!*

Contact Steve Jones  
[Stevedolphin750@gmail.com](mailto:Stevedolphin750@gmail.com)

## September Social – a night of cyber security

On the 28<sup>th</sup> Council 2505 hosted a guest speaker, Officer Kayla Hemby, from the Polk County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit who presented an update on Identity Theft, Fraud and Scams. A number of our own Knights in the law enforcement community added to the presentation on real instances of fraud and identity theft from their own experiences.



### **From the desk of our Council's Financial Secretary**

This is a reminder that it is vital that we keep our contact information accurate on each member of the Council. Please notify me (Charlie Stokes), at [cstokes9@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cstokes9@tampabay.rr.com) or by phone at 863-899-6005 anytime your mailing address, phone numbers or email address changes.

If you notify me of the change I will ensure the change is made on the KOFC Supreme website.

*Community Director Steve Jones*

Thank you again to all who helped at our Council Soccer Challenge. I know that you had fun.

As you know, we had winners in most brackets. Those winners will be gathering for the District Competition on October 21st at Resurrection Catholic Church.

I hope that you will consider helping out for this event as well. We will gather there at 9:30AM for a start at 10AM.

Let's have some fun and cheer on our superstars as they take on the other Councils.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Steve Jones

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*Brothers – please take a few moments to remember our Brother Knights*

*Deacon Ray Sakowski  
Eric Thomas  
Bob Hoffman  
Ray Chmielewski*

*And their families in your  
Prayers for the Sick.*





Membership Director Doug Cooper [Dougstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:Dougstjoe@gmail.com)

*Last month was a busy membership month*

*Brother Travis Maydish's 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Joseph Church.*

*He was joined by his wife Danica in the ceremony.*



Brothers DD Billy Antley, Charlie Stokes, Bob Renna, Scott Phillips, Travis Maydish, GK Mark Sagen, Doug Cooper, and Leon Holzer

## *Council 2505 also added two Knight transfers into our Council*

*Fr. Francois Charles*, St. Joseph's newest addition to its clergy, comes to our Council from Haiti and is in the process of getting his feet on the ground in parish life and service to our parishioners. His transfer will be voted on during our October meeting.

Our second addition is George H. Watson Jr. whose previous Council was # 12746 in East Tampa, Fl. He is a Past Grand Knight of that council and a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brother

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Now that a very time and resource heavy project (Oktoberfest) is behind us, we'll start the planning for our Fall Membership Drive. As part of the messaging we asked a few of our brother a simple question:

### **"Why did you join the Knights?"**

Here are some of the responses:

*"I became a Knight because I was looking for a way to give back. I didn't know what to expect but I quickly learned that the Knights of Columbus is a perfect way to serve the Lord and our faith community."*

*"I became a Knight because my father and grandfather are Knights. When I turned 18 I joined them in this fraternity at their invitation, and I am proud to be both a priest and Knight today."*

*"I became a Knight because I was looking to be a part of something bigger than myself. It enhances the sense of community already present within the Catholic Church."*

## *Why I became a Knight, con't.*

There are other responses, equally well thought out and equally as deeply personal as the three quoted here.

There is a point to gathering the thoughts of our brothers: it is a start to your own preparation to talk to Catholic men about what the Knights do and what we are all about.

We all have friends and acquaintances who may have a reaction when they learn that you are a Knight. This may be a *starting point* for sharing your own personal story with them. Sometimes it only takes a small nudge to uncover their unspoken interest, however how small or quiet.

As presented in a past business meeting, we have some materials that you can use to keep the conversation alive.



### **Knights of Columbus**

Would you like to know more about the Knights of Columbus?

Let us answer your questions.

Let us show you what we are all about.

| eMail or call one of us:

Doug Cooper 954.589.9446 [dougstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:dougstjoe@gmail.com)

Mark Sagen 815.791.8352 [msagen1@msn.com](mailto:msagen1@msn.com)

Visit the Knights' website -- [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)



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Contact Doug Cooper if you are interested in assisting in our membership drive or if you want to provide your answer to the question.

***We are all recruiters of Catholic men.***





# Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Studies indicate that only 31% of Roman Catholics believe in the physical Presence of Christ in the host. Our Lakeland parishes are working to increase the level of belief and adoration with multiple opportunities to worship our Lord through Exposition.

- Every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 11:45AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church
- First Friday of the month from 9:00AM to 12:00PM and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Resurrection Catholic Church
- First Friday of the month at 7:00PM at St. Anthony Catholic Church

*Consider planning a family visit to one of our churches this month.*

## *A Note from our District Deputy*

Recently, Brother Doug Cooper has asked a few fellow brothers why they joined the Knights of Columbus. Each of us have our own story on what moved us to join the Knights; however, this past weekend during the Plant City Oktoberfest, I saw first-hand how the Knights of Columbus is set apart and set above.

Brothers, joined by family and friends, went into action. We demonstrated that we have what men need, we are what men want - a community of purpose, a brotherhood of faith, and a force of good for the things that matter most. We offer the opportunity to become the kind of men who can make a difference in our community. We are bound together by charity, unity, and fraternity and by working together we will continue to make a difference.

For nearly 140 years the Knights of Columbus have been caring for families and serving those in need and defending our faith. For nearly 140 years the Knights of Columbus have been inviting men to become the Disciples of Christ and the men of virtue whose witness can change our communities.

The goal of the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly is to help deepen and widen the Orders impact to empower us to do more for more people in more places: to inspire more men to live lives of charity, unity, and fraternity. It has been said, “where there’s a need, there’s a Knight.” It is our work in our families, in our Church, and in our community that is making a difference. Perhaps this is why most men join the Knights.

Our Supreme Knight has stated that the strength of our Order is our councils and the work they do at the local level. Whatever your reason for becoming a Knight, on behalf of our Supreme Knight, thank you for saying yes to being a Knight and for carrying the vision of Fr McGivney into your community, even in the face of personal sacrifice.

Thank you for stepping into the breach as we meet the challenges before us head on and look forward to walking shoulder to shoulder together as we dedicated ourselves to charity, unity, and fraternity.

This is what makes us more than friends, it makes us brothers.

## October Important Dates

October 5th	Thursday	Planning Meeting	6:30 PM
October 6th	Friday	St. Joseph 125th Gala	6:00 PM Lake Mirror Auditorium
October 12th	Thursday	Knights' Business Meeting (Rosary at 5:30 PM) (Dinner at 6:00 PM)	6:30 PM
October 16th	Monday	4th Degree Meeting	7:00:00 PM Resurrection
October 26th	Thursday	Monthly Social	6:30 PM



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954.589.9446

*"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**