

September 2025



Grand Knight Message Joseph Paul

What does it mean to be a Knight?

Being a Knight is about more than just being a member of a Catholic men's fraternal benefit society. It means living out our four core principles:

Charity: Our commitment to charity is at the heart of everything we do.

As Knights, we are dedicated to serving others, whether it's through our support for the Special Olympics, our work with Habitat for Humanity, or our disaster relief efforts. We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in our communities, helping those in need and showing them the love of God.

Unity: Unity is the foundation of our brotherhood. We are all united by our shared faith and our common purpose of serving God and our neighbors.

Our bond as Knights allows us to accomplish so much more together than we ever could alone.

Fraternity: As Knights, we are brothers. We support one another in our faith journeys, and we stand by each other in times of trouble. We are a band of brothers who are always there for each other, offering a helping hand, a listening ear, or a word of encouragement.

Patriotism: We are proud to be Catholics and proud to be citizens of our country. We are committed to defending our faith and our freedom. We are called to be good citizens who actively participate in the life of our communities and our country.

These principles guide us to serve our communities, protect our families, and **support one another in Christ**. In the wake of the tragic school shooting in Minneapolis, our principles call us to action through prayer and support for the victims and their families.

Unity binds us together as a spiritual family, especially in times of sorrow. We stand with the victims of this senseless violence, their families, and the entire community of Minneapolis. Our unity is a source of strength, enabling us to offer a collective voice in prayer.

Our commitment to **charity** extends beyond monetary donations; it calls us to offer our spiritual support. Therefore, we ask all Knights and their families to join in a special prayer. Let us pray for the souls of the departed, for the recovery of the injured, for comfort for the grieving families, and for peace in our world. Lord, we lift up the victims of the school shooting in Minneapolis. Comfort the grieving, heal the wounded, and grant eternal rest to those who have died. Strengthen us to be instruments of your peace and to work tirelessly to end violence in our communities. Amen.

Vivat Jesus!
Joseph W. Paul
Grand Knight
Mother Seton Council 17480

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October 11, 2025 Columbus Day Event

October 30, 2025 6pm Talk and Healing Service by Alan Ames, Alan Ames International Healing Ministry November 8, 2025, 8.30AM until 2:30 P.M. Stewardship Retreat

December 27, 2025 6pm Feast of St. Stephen Mass at St. Stephen Chapel, celebrated by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier

January 16-17, 2026, Talks by Dr. John Bergsma

March 16-18, 2026 Lenten Retreat led by Fr. Shawn Monahan, O.P.



District Deputy Message Greg Gully

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Can't believe we are nearing the end of summer. Thanks to all 4 councils, in District 17, for holding a successful membership drive. Although we have invited Catholic men to our brotherhood our work is not done. Think of how many catholic men we have not PERSONALLY invited. Giving out a pamphlet or information about the KofC is not enough. That just opens the door for the real work of a personal invitation from you. I challenge



every single Brother Knight to invite a Catholic gentleman to become a Knight. We now have almost 700 brothers in District 17. What a blessing it would be if each brother brought in a new member?

Offer a Catholic gentleman the GIFT of becoming a Knight. Please use the e-membership function on KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

I have asked that each council institute a COR program. Mother Seton has been doing COR for over one year. Deacon Ed is the EFF for COR at Mother Seton and he will help you to get COR started at your council. COR brings together everything that Blessed Fr McGivney had in mind when he started our order. Faith, Charity, Unity and Fraternity are all encompassed in a single program COR. The beauty of COR is that it is open to ALL men of the parish. It is not just for Brother Knights.

I was extremely happy with the feedback from the initiative of each council opening a meeting with a single decade of the rosary. I had many brothers approach me after the meeting to express how enjoyable it was. We will continue to open each meeting with a decade of the rosary. Always remember that we are a faith-based fraternity before all else.

I truly thank you for all that you do. YOU make District 17, the statewide recognized, best district in Florida.

Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation

Vivat Jesus

SK Greg Gully District Deputy 17 **Knights of Columbus** 212-879-2013



ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR FAMILY ON SOLID

It's a question every Catholic man needs to ask - and answer. God calls you to love your wife, raise your children and provide for your family in good times and bad. To lead with faith in all you do

The second to get to the online application. The second to get to the online application.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

SEPTEMBER 2025

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Gospel for Sept. 7, Lk 14:27)

Suffering is an inescapable part of human life, a consequence of the fall. When we deal with our suffering in a virtuous way, we unite ourselves to the cross of Christ. In fact, Jesus tells us that taking up our cross is an essential condition for being his disciple. The wonderful thing is that God will supply whatever grace and strength we need to carry our cross, if only we ask for it in faith. May we always carry our cross daily with courage as faithful followers of Christ.



Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, as we celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Sept. 14, I challenge you to undertake some sacrifice or mortification — such as abstaining from meat one or two days a week to strengthen your willingness to carry your cross daily.

Questions for Reflection:

What are the crosses you must carry in your life? Which do you struggle with the most? Do you faithfully and regularly seek strength from Christ in carrying your cross in prayer and the sacraments? Working with Knights like you and your families every day is a blessing. I truly enjoy my work. With that said, I appreciate a long weekend as well. I hope you were all able to enjoy Labor Day and get some well-deserved rest. Whenever we have a long weekend, it's like a little preview of what retirement might look like. If you're like me, I hope my retirement is one that's restful where I'm also able to remain productive, be an active member of the Knights, pursue my personal hobbies, and enjoy a bit of travel here and there.

September 2025
Field Agent
Message
Larry
Kennedy

And to those of you who are already retired, I commend you for all the time you dedicate to our Order. But if you're like me and not quite there yet, I hope you will take the necessary steps to prepare yourself financially for your retirement. A good way to do that can be through an annuity.

Now, what is an annuity? Simply put, it's a retirement savings product. You make contributions and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.

The amount of money you'll need in retirement can be difficult to calculate. But with a properly structured retirement annuity through Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed.

There are many different payment and plan types you can choose from. Once established, the money within the annuity continues to earn value, before eventually being disbursed according to the options you elect.

Knights of Columbus annuities come with two important guarantees:

- First, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.
- Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter
 the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated
 amount on an annual basis.

As you can see, annuities can be a key part of your retirement strategy.

If you'd like to learn more about how annuities can help you, please schedule an appointment with me

and I would be happy to discuss your options.

Vivat Jesus!

Larry Kennedy, FICF.MDRT Financial Advisor/Knights of Columbus 407-579-9888 Lawrence.kennedy@kof.org





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Salvador Flores Soto	09-04	September	James Rutowski	09-21
Thomas H Frassrand	09-09	September	Joseph Mcfadden Jr	09-22
Joseph Forte	09-10	Birthday's	Andrew Santos	09-22
Franklin F Gomez	09-10	Diftiliday 5	Richard T Grecsek	09-23
Thomas L Rice	09-10	1444	James W Kenny	09-23
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Robert J Ingrao	09-12	10000	Christopher A Stevens	09-24
Mark S Johnson	09-13		Raymond P O Mara Jr	09-25
Frank Palermino	09-13	<u>uuu</u>	Justin D Puntillo	09-25
Frank J. Ross	09-13		Ralph Moniello	09-30
Thomas C Brand	09-14		William Sharp Sr	09-30
Dennis Mcinerney	09-16		Alfonso J Yevoli Sr	09-30
Thomas Rohr	09-21			



September Anniversary's

Deacon Robert/Janice Devereux Felix/Judith Azzopardi

09-13-1980 09-28-1985



BBQ Knight – Saturday August 23rd

Karin Kailin (Little Miss Dynamite) Bill Castner (King of Dance & Swing)









those amazing hits of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons along with other great
hits from the Bee Gees. He is truly one great entertainer.

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th, 2025

DOORS OPEN: 5:00pm - DINNER: 600PM - SHOW/DANCE: 7:00pm

Door Prizes TICKETS: \$30.00 Per Person 50/50 Tickets

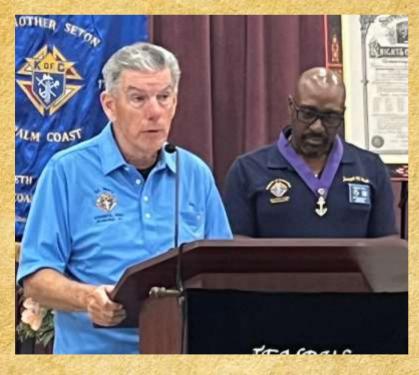
PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY TICKETS WILL BE LIMITED

Upcoming Events

Columbus Day
Weekend Special Event
"A Tribute to
Frankie Valli"
Saturday, October 11th
Tickets \$30.00

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Golf Benefit St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery (10/13/2025)



St Mary's Council, John Thomas, spoke about the upcoming Golf Benefit.



Upcoming Events

Brothers are welcome to contact me, and I'll assist in their signup. I'm encouraging those not wishing to volunteer to at least come out wearing their blue knight shirt on Saturday, September 20th starting at 9am and ending approximately 2pm to support our youth and represent our Council.

Jeffery A. Hadley
Chancellor/Community Director
Mother Seton Council 17480
Cell: 919-879-9014

Email: Jeff@HadlevFEA.com





Northeast Region

Volunteers Needed











Our athletes shine even brighter because of people like you. Each year, thousands of volunteers support Special Olympics Florida across all levels—from local programs to state competitions. Whether you're flying solo or bringing a team, there's a place for you. Thank you for making a difference. Don't miss our upcoming events!

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities in Area 4

Area 3 & 4 Traditional Softball

Saturday, September 20th, 2025 James F. Holland Park, 18 Florida Park Dr N, Palm Coast, FL 32137 Register

Interested in our coaching opportunities?

Fill out the coach interest form!

Additional volunteer opportunities are available and listed on our website.

Please reach out to Chloe O'Brien with any questions.

Chloe O'Brien

Manager, Community Engagement, Area 4

chloeobrien@sofl.org | (352) 978-1433

Upcoming Events



Northeast Region

Upcoming Coach Certification Class

Golf Training

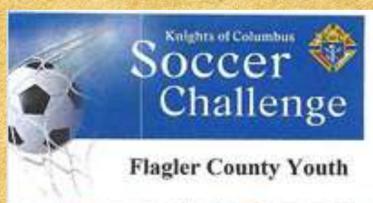


We will have a golf coaches training on Monday, September 8th, from 5 PM to 8 PM at Palm Harbor Golf Course, 20 Palm Harbor Dr. Palm Coast, FL 32137.

Register today to coach golf!

Ashlyn MacDonald, Manager, Sports Training and Competition, Area 4- South

ashlynmacdonald@sofl.org | (217)-273-7651

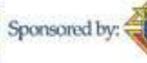


Wadsworth Park 2200 Moody Drive Flagler Beach, Florida 32136

Join in the Fun!

No Pre-registration required, Registration is Free & On-Site. Open to all youth ages 9 – 14. Certificates will be awarded.





Knights of Columbus Co. #10514 Flagler Beach Co. #8101 Crescent City Co. #11961 Bunnell

Co. #17480 Palm Coast

For More Information Contact: Doug Hill – (484) 614-7854 (SM6M) fo Grecok – (703) 895-5651 (St. Mery's) (\$\frac{1}{2}\$ Jeff Hadley (919) 879-9014 (SEA5) Tom LaVate (386) 296-7794 (Crescent City)

Date: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025

Divolut 917

Community (Youth)



ie: 10:45 AM - 1:45 PM

August Meeting Awards

Knight Award of
Appreciation
Deacon Jose Homen





Past Grand Knight Award Ralph Esposito

Knight of the Month Jeffery Hadley



Knight Family of the Month Hilda Raugini



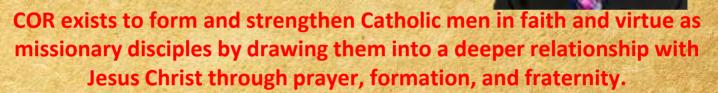
SEAS Men's Bereavement Group





COR Meeting

Deacon Ed Wolff 4th Thursday of the month at 6PM in the Cody Room.





It's every Catholic man's responsibility to bring Jesus to a fractured world. To fulfill this mission, they require a robust relationship with God rooted in prayer and the sacraments. Active investment in ongoing faith formation and participation in a supportive brotherhood are vital for men to become holy and engaged in the Church's mission.

Cor's mission is to center Catholic men on Jesus Christ, strengthening their faith and virtues through a brotherhood devoted to prayer, education, and community. Each Cor gathering aims to facilitate encounters with Christ, collective prayer, spiritual growth, and the nurturing of brotherly bonds, preparing men for courageous leadership in evangelizing their families and communities.

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Knights of Columbus Donation to the SPATA FOUNDATION

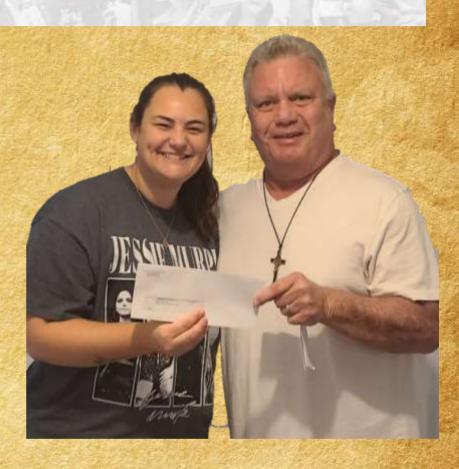
Ralph Esposito presented Mariah George of The Spata Foundation a check for \$500. These funds were collected from the \$1500.00 Tootsie Roll Drive from last month.

The Spata Foundation champions research, fundraising, and education on SPATA5 and SPATA5L1 disorders. It prioritizes research efforts, with a significant focus in 2024 on a drug repurposing study in collaboration with Unravel Biosciences, aimed at benefiting the approximately 150 individuals diagnosed globally with these disorders. The foundation also actively engages in fundraising to support essential research and educational initiatives, covering expenses for event materials and awards for fundraising event winners.

THE SPATA FOUNDATION

Palm Coast Family begins The SPATA Foundation after their son, Luca, is diagnosed with an ultra-rare genetic disorder called SPATA5L1 Related Disorder. He is 1 of approximately 60 diagnosed world-wide.

Your contribution will help fund important research to find a treatment for SPATA5 and SPATA5L1 Related Genetic Disorders.



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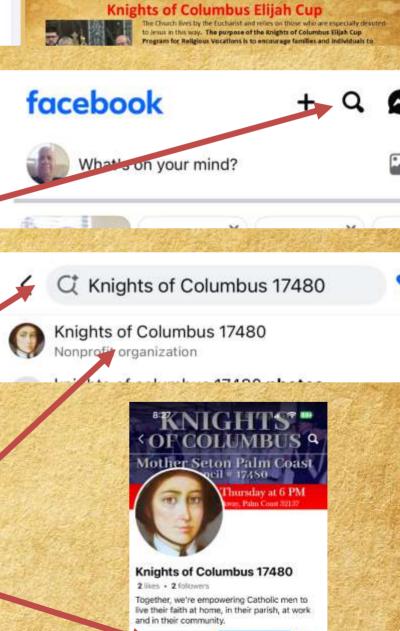


Knights of Columbus Facebook Page



Steps to join our Facebook page:

- Go to your
 Facebook page –
 click on the search
 button.
- 2. Type in: Knights of Columbus 17480
- 3. Click on the page that came up in the popup menu.
- 4. Click on the <u>LIKE</u> button to receive updates.



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Message

Father McGivney Feast Day

On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney and opening the way for his beatification. On Oct. 31, the Mass for Beatification was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Conn. An Apostolic Letter was read from Pope Francis that declared Father McGivney would now have the title of Blessed Michael McGivney. He is the third priest born in the United States to be raised to this honor, and the first priest to be beatified who spent his whole priestly ministry in a US parish.



The pope's Apostolic Letter stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

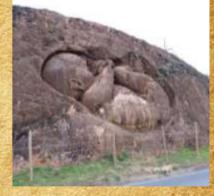
The Cause for Canonization for Father McGivney was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997, when he was given the title Servant of God. On March 15, 2008, his heroic virtue was recognized by Pope Benedict XVI, and Father McGivney was given the title Venerable Servant of God. This important step occurred after years of careful investigation of Father McGivney's life, spirituality and holiness by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The declaration of Venerable confirmed what those who knew him in life, and others who call upon him since his death, have believed about Father McGivney: He lived a life of heroic virtue with an extraordinary love of God and neighbor.

Having been raised to the honors of the altar, Blessed Michael McGivney has an annual feast day of Aug. 13, the day between his birthday (in 1852) and the day he passed into eternal life (in 1890). His cause has now entered the final phase toward canonization or sainthood. One more confirmed miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney is needed for him to be declared saint.

Knights of Columbus Unborn Mission

The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to supporting mothers and their unborn children through various initiatives. The mission includes:

- Supporting women and their children through pregnancy center support, marching to defend the unborn, and fundraising for life-saving ultrasound machines.
- Establishing monuments to the unborn, such as the Tomb of the Unborn Child at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, to raise awareness of the abortion issue and serve as a place of prayer.
- Participating in the March for Life to support vulnerable women and their babies, and to emulate St. Joseph by working to build strong marriages and families.
- <u>Setting a goal to save one million unborn lives with the help of technology that helps mothers choose life over abortion.</u>
- Being 'heralds of hope' in a world searching for meaning, reflecting the Knights' charitable outreach and commitment to the unborn, pregnant mothers, children, and those affected by hardship.
- The Knights of Columbus continue to be a beacon of hope and support for the unborn and their mothers, using their resources and efforts to ensure the dignity and worth of every human life.



Along the roadside of a small town in South America, a beautiful sculpture of an unborn baby is carved into the side of a hill.

The giant sculpture was created by pro-life artist Dubian Monsalve. He says "life is valuable from its conception to its end."



Pope Leo XIV Sends Video Greeting to Knights of Columbus

In his address, the Holy Father commended the Knights' efforts to bring fraternity and charity to their local communities. He also reminded us that, as Catholics, we should be "tangible signs of hope" for those facing hardships. From the KofC National Website

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Great News

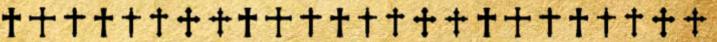
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. initiated a thorough review by the Department of Health and Human Services of the reported risks to women using the chemical abortion pills Mifepristone and Misoprostol!

It couldn't be soon enough!

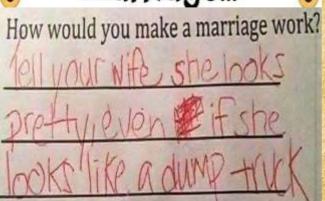
These death-inducing drugs have changed the landscape of abortion in the United States. Today, greater than 63% of abortions take place not at a local clinic or Planned Parenthood facility, but in the woman's own home, by her own hands. This DIV method forces the methor to stan into

own hands. This DIY method forces the mother to step into the role of her own abortionist, compounding tragedy upon unrivaled tragedy. What a diabolical little secret.

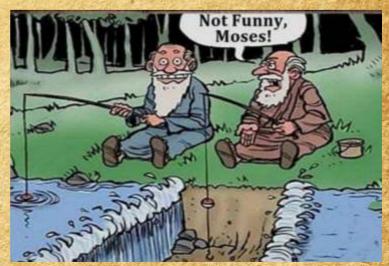
Dr. Bernard Nathanson himself experienced intense regret for what he had done after seeing a child in the womb via real-time ultrasound. It led to what he called his 'decade of darkness.'



Kids advice on Marriage...



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4th Degree News

Brothers: This message is for all current Fourth Degree members and to those Third Degree members wishing to join the Fourth Degree at Mother Seton as Charter Members, a rare honor. Many of you will have the extremely rare opportunity to be a Charter Member of our Council and Assembly.

Faithful Navigator (Proposed) Mike Tennyson

Two dates to put on your calendar.

- Monday, August 25th 6P in the Social Hall we will have a Formation Meeting. Purpose will be to
 update all on the current status of our new Fourth Degree Assembly at Mother Seton. At this meeting
 we will complete transfer forms for all current Fourth Degree members and enrollment forms for Third
 Degree Members wishing to become Charter Members of our new Assembly. We will also vote on shirt
 colors (so far, five proposed colors).
- Saturday, September 13th, there will be a Fourth Degree Exemplification at San Sebastian Catholic Church on SR 16 in St. Augustine. Candidates to arrive at 9a. The dress is Coat and Tie. Existing Sir Knights are encouraged to attend this important event. If current Sir Knights wish to join the meal afterwards the cost is \$50.

It only takes five minutes to complete the form. You will need to bring your check payable to Knights of Columbus. Amount of check discussed below: The cost of the Degree is \$90. I have arranged with a generous Knight, who wishes to remain anonymous, to donate \$30 of this fee and I will be making a motion at our next meeting for the Council to match this amount for the first 30 Brothers who submit their forms, with a check. If the motion passes the first 30 applicants pay \$30, if the motion does not pass, \$60. After the first 30 applications the fee returns to \$90.

Brothers, there will never be a better time to join the Fourth Degree, also known as the Patriotic Degree. If you would like to jump on the deal, call me and we can arrange to meet to get the paperwork done.

Please let me know if you wish to be considered for an officer position. We will also be forming our own Color Corps. I have asked SK Chris Daley to be Color Corps Commander and he graciously accepted. There are many benefits to being a Sir Knight, the last one you will receive is the Honor Guard at your funeral.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your Faithful Navigator (Proposed). Mike Tennyson, PGK, Advocate Miketennyson@gmail.com 904-545-8245



Rev. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil Pastor/Chaplin



Rev. Robert Trujillo Parochial Vicar



Rev. Serigo Santos Parochial Vicar