



Grand Knights Report

The busy season is upon us, and with so many great things we are about to do. As we move into "Our Season of Giving" I ask some of our newer brothers to get involved and learn from us older guys how great it feels to be a part of this Brotherhood of Christ and the joy of doing his work. As always, I am here for all that is needed of me. My goal as Grand Knight is to lead by example and protect our council. Let us also focus on a having a little fun this year, as laughter does go a long way.

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A Message From Our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

As we begin the month of September, we return from the summer months to a fuller rhythm of parish life, school, faith formation, and the many ministries that depend upon the generosity of our parishioners. For the Knights of Columbus, this is also a good time to renew our commitment to the principles that have always guided our Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

September gives us several beautiful celebrations in the life of the Church. On September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, giving thanks to God for the woman whose faithful “yes” helped prepare the way for our Savior. On September 14, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, reminding us that the Cross, once an instrument of suffering, has become through Christ the sign of our salvation and victory. The following day, September 15, we honor Our Lady of Sorrows, remembering Mary's faithfulness as she stood beneath the Cross of her Son.

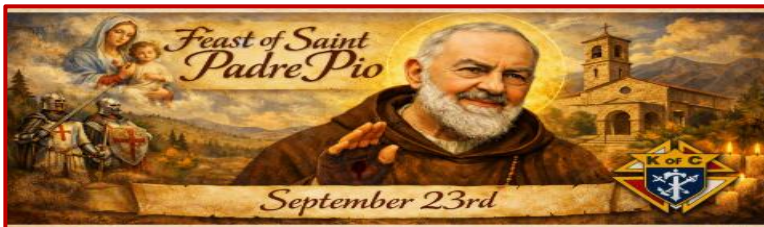
Later in the month, on September 23, we remember St. Pio of Pietrelcina—Padre Pio, a wonderful example of prayer, sacrifice, devotion to the Eucharist, and service to God's people. On September 29, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the Archangels, asking God's protection and remembering that we never undertake the spiritual battle alone. These celebrations remind us that Catholic faith cannot simply remain in our words; it must become visible in the way we live. That is one of the great strengths of the Knights of Columbus. Whether assisting families in need, supporting our young people and Catholic education, helping with parish projects, feeding the hungry, or quietly responding when someone needs assistance, the Knights demonstrate that charity is faith put into action.

Yet charity is strongest when it is accompanied by unity. No council or parish community will agree on every detail, but we must never allow differences of personality or opinion to become greater than the brotherhood we share in Christ. We are brothers before we are committee members, officers, or volunteers. Our common mission is greater than any individual concern.

As we begin this fall season, I encourage every Knight to renew his commitment to prayer, fraternity, and service. Support one another. Encourage one another. Welcome the newer members of the Council. Reach out to a brother whom you have not seen recently. Most importantly, remember that everything we undertake should ultimately bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

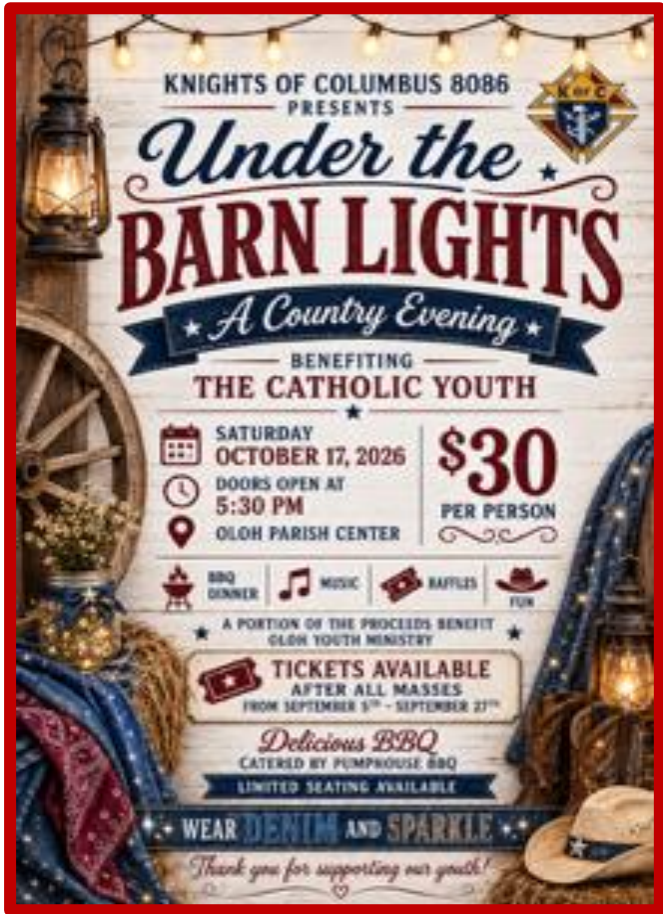
May the Blessed Virgin Mary watch over our Council, may St. Joseph strengthen us in our vocation as Catholic men, and may St. Michael the Archangel protect us in all our works.

Thank you, brothers, for your generosity, your charity, and your continued service to our parish and community. May we move forward together, united in faith and united in Christ.





Knights in Action



District Deputy's Report

Worthy Brother Knights of Council 8086

District 20 is off to the best start of the new Columbian Year in the State of Florida – but that's only because of the hard work of the membership team at Our Lady of Hope. As of August 22, we have achieved 96% of our year's membership goal with 22 new members and continued new members since then. We have already met the membership goal for Star Council, and we are well underway for two star.

The other major requirement for Star Council is the insurance component. It now calls for 15 associates or new members to have a one-on-one review of their financial/retirement plans with our Field Agent, Jim Booritch. There is no need to purchase insurance. The 8086-recruiting team has already met with Jim and is well underway to meeting this goal.

We also have a new event coming up on Friday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. at the OLOH Father O'Leary Parish Center. It's an evening of good food (a Potluck) and fellowship. No Knights' business will be discussed! You're encouraged to bring your significant other.

Our Lady of Host will host Cor on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us for an hour of faith and fellowship.

Coming up in September is our second Wheelchair Weekend, Sept. 12-13. Please consider giving the gift of mobility. October will have the Pet Blessing on Oct. 3, the Duck Derby at a new (and yet undisclosed) location on Oct. 11. And 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



The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, also known as Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows



The Seven Sorrows of Mary: 1.The Prophecy of Simeon; 2.The Flight into Egypt; 3.The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple; 4.Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary; 5.The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus;6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross; 7.The Burial of Jesus.



Knight of the Month Dave Vaden

Sir Knight Dave Vaden grew up in East Texas and entered the United States Military Academy in 1975. He met his wife Carmel at West Point, and they have been married 46 years with 2 children, Sam and Sarah, and 1 grandson, Gavin. While stationed in the Republic of Korea, Dave was a Southern Baptist but attended Catholic Mass and served every Sunday for 2 years at the DMZ. He converted to Catholic in 1983.

Dave retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 24 years and later opened his real estate business at Smith Mountain Lake Virginia. Dave and Carmel moved to Florida in 2012. His education includes a Bachelor of Science from West Point, an MBA from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Engineering from Old Dominion University.

He has been active in the Knights of Columbus through Duck Derby, Blue Mass, Pancake Breakfast, monthly food distribution, Knights on Bikes, and leading the 1-3-degree Exemplification Team. "I love being part of this special group of Catholic men who truly live out the virtues of Charity, Unity and Fraternity."



Knights Corner



Council 8086 proudly recognizes Deacon Nick and Cindy Amicone as are our Knights Family of the Month. Married for 48 years, they have one son who lives in Florida. Deacon Nick has been ordained a Deacon 19 years and served two full terms as a past Grand Knight, leading local council charity and faith-in-action programs and was a 2-term Appointed District Deputy prior to ordination. Deacon Nick regularly visits the homebound and the hospitals, has volunteered over the years with Council activities volunteering with Post-Hurricane clean-up, track work during Speedweek , or jumping in at the parish picnic to give Brother Knights a hand.

Cindy is a member of the church decorating committee, sings in the church Choir, is a retired Catholic school teacher, and catechist who now is part of the OCIA Team at Our Lady of Hope leading adults through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Deacon Nick is Our Lady of Hope's Baptismal Coordinator and when requested by the OCIA formation team meets and speaks to candidates. Deacon Nick and Cindy together share a deep joy and love for Our Lady of Hope's parish community.

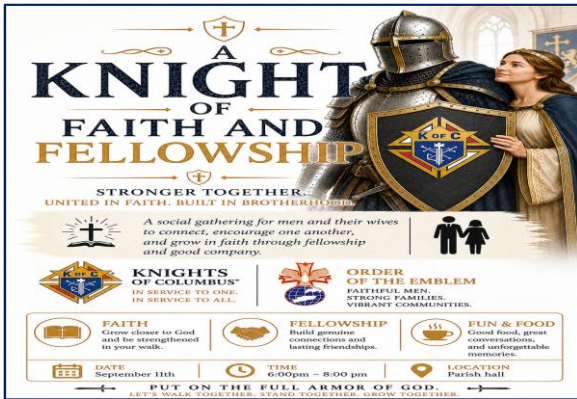
Family of the Month Dcn Nick & Cindy Amicone

"You are the light of the world... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." — *Matthew 5:14-16*



Faith . Family . Community . Life

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



PORT ORANGE / DAYTONA BEACH, FL — The Knights of Columbus Council 8086 at Our Lady of Hope invites students from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to join a powerful faith-filled event this fall: 5K Ruck for Jesus. Event: Ruck for Jesus Date: September 19 Time: 9:00 AM Location: Embry-Colossians 3:23 Riddle Aeronautical University (Start Point TBA) Hosted by: Knights of Columbus Council 8086 ERAU Roundtable For more information, contact Zack Liana 845-779-6848 zlia9453@gmail.com



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**



"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." — Hebrews 11:1



Membership – Welcome New Members



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Pierson Kelley
Giacomo Comuzzi
Connor Doel
Lincoln Bayer
Raymond Torres
Joshua Brink
John Tuthill
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Maurice Abdalla
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Sal DeVincenzo
Daniel Lawless
Bob Cashman



To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during their first fraternal year, brother Knights must:

- Be involved in at least three Council service programs.
- Attend at least three Council meetings.
- Meet with their Council's insurance representative.
- **Recruit at least one new member.**



Contact Chancellor Sir Knight Adam Schmidt when all tasks are completed.

"Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God." 1

Peter 2:17



Upcoming Events

- **Sept 11th 6 – 8pm “Family Fellowship Potluck” - OLOH Parish Center**
- **Sept 12th & 13th Wheelchair Fundraiser**
- **Sept 13th Pancake Breakfast / Recruiting**
- **Sept 22nd COR OLOH**
- **Sept 26th Novena Prayer for Life – all weekend masses through October 4th**
- **Oct 3rd Pet Blessing – OLOH Parish Parking Lot/North Side**
- **Oct 6th Business Meeting**
- **Oct 11th Pancake Breakfast / Recruiting**
- **Oct 13th Council Meeting**
- **Nov 15th – Clergy Appreciation – 11am Mass OLOH**
- **Nov 21st – Food for Families Food Drive**
- **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 12th & 13th – Consecration of the Holy Family – Pass out Prayer Cards all weekend masses**
- **Dec 13th – Christmas Party**
- **January 2nd- March 28th – Baby Bottle Campaign**
- **January 9th – Life Fundraiser – Sock Hop**

Happy Birthday
All Brother Knights
celebrating this month of
September



“Be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.” 1 Corinthians 1:10

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

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

Click Here:

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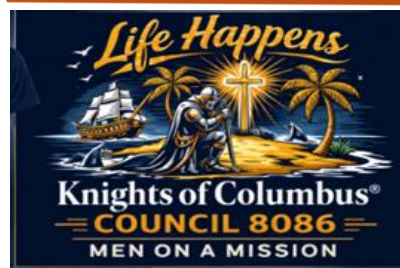
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"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." — Mark 16:15



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Honoring our
Blessed Mother



“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” — John 13:35