



Bishop Verot Council 5845 Newsletter

April 2024



Brothers,

We've had a great month to showcase our support for Holy Name of Jesus School. On April 8th, during morning assembly, SK Steve Ewing and our principal, Mrs De Leon, presented certificates and trophies to the winners and top finishers in our youth events including the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Challenge, and Hockey Challenge. On May 1st at the end of Mass, Fr. Scott allowed me to present Mrs De Leon with a check from our council for \$14,500 to go toward scholarships and the remodeling of the school's computer lab. While visiting the lab recently, I noticed a plaque next to the door with a small KofC emblem dedicating it to our departed brother Joe Lamers. How fitting that we earmarked \$7500 to upgrade the lab - it's one of Mrs De Leon's top priorities and it adds to Joe's legacy. I have a larger KofC emblem that I hope to put on the wall to remind students, teachers and parents of our continued commitment to our school.

Other events included the funerals of SK Dan Krebs, SK Wendell Koontz, and Deacon John Farrell, the celebration of Fr. Page's 65 years as a priest, the state Hockey Challenge, the Live4More Men's Conference, another FIT Spaghetti Dinner, lunch at Daily Bread, and coffee and donuts after Mass.

Finally, our greatest effort was the Tootsie Roll Drive last weekend that raised over \$2700 for Special Olympics of Florida. It took a great team of Knights to man the doors for eight hours a day at Lowe's and Winn-Dixie; and as you'll see from the photos, we also had Special Olympics athletes show up to help. Thanks to all of you who made it work. Special thanks go to SK Pat Cass for setting it up and to SK George Poole for getting athletes and T-shirts from Special Olympics of Florida.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fischer, GK



The Great Tootsie Roll Drive









The FIT Spaghetti Dinner Crew at the Ready



Our Good Servants at Daily Bread



Congratulations to our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for April

BK Dustin Woodbury



SK Stuart and Alison Dawley



KofC Awards Ceremony at HNJ School



HNJ Regional and State Hockey Challenge Winners in Winter Garden



Josephine Faulkner (far right)



Dominic Capauano (white shirt)

Bryan Swearingen (far right)

Upcoming Council Events

May	3	7:30 pm	First Friday Rosary – Patriotic (NOML)	Church
	7	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	19	7:00 am	Coffee and Donuts	Comm Rm
	19	1:30 pm	Alter Servers BBQ	Pavilion
	21	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	22	6:30 pm	DD Meeting	TBD
	24-26	All day	State Convention – Orlando	Hyatt Regency
	25	TBD	Mike Battista Ordination to the Priesthood	Mary QofU ,Orlando

Jun	4	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	7	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary	Chapel
	8	TBD	Steve Tennant Ordination to the Diaconate	Mary QofU, Orlando
	18	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	20	6:30 pm	Live 4 More Men’s Night	Cafeteria

From Our Agent John Barfield

Fr. McGivney & The Mission

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 142 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

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