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Our Lady of Hope Knights of Columbus Council 8086 sold a record 2,000 ducks for its seventh annual Duck Derby, held on the Port Orange City Center Lake during the recent Family Days.

The Duck Derby raised more than \$17,000 in donations and sponsorships, with funds benefiting the many Knights of Columbus charities supported by Council 8086. These include Coats for Kids, Vocations, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Pregnancy Crisis Center and numerous parish and community youth programs.

The 2,000 plastic ducks were “liberated” on the City Center Lake, with Knights using a paddle boat and kayak to “rescue” four winning ducks. Our Lady of Hope Parochial Vicar Father Paul Dau won the \$1,000 first prize, which he donated back to the parish youth group and the Knights’ Coats for Kids drive. Second was \$500, with \$200 for third and \$100 for fourth place.

Roger Packard is the council’s Grand Knight, with Tim Mell directing the Duck Derby since its inception.



A National Eucharistic Revival

By State Deputy Richard Hughes

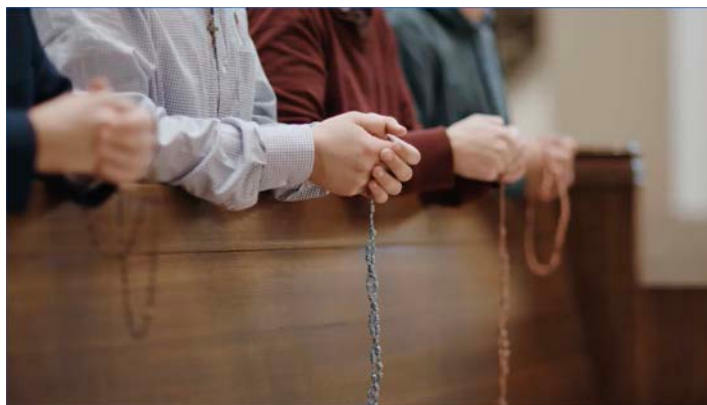
As you are aware, we are in the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival. This is the Year of Parish Revival, and I hope and pray that you and your Councils are supporting the efforts of your pastors and parishes in renewing our collective faith in the Eucharist. In the words of the National Eucharistic Congress, the Revival is not something we DO; rather, it is a sovereign act of God. The Holy Spirit is asking us to respond to four invitations:

- A renewed attentiveness to HOW we worship.
- A renewed encounter with WHO we worship.
- To discover in greater depth WHY we worship Jesus in the Eucharist and what this incredible gift means.
- To ACT on our faith, bringing Christ to others and spreading the flame of revival.

As I have stated to those of you who have attended meetings on the Spirit of Unity Tour, the Knights of Columbus, by our

very charter, should not be bystanders when it comes to faith formation. Under the leadership of our Bishops, pastors, and chaplains, we should be a force for evangelization both within our faith communities and beyond.

That is why the Supreme Knight and the Supreme Chaplain have led the creation and implementation of the Order's Cor initiative, to help bring form and substance to the faith formation of Catholic men, both Knights and non-Knights. If you and your Council have not yet done so, please have a conversation with your pastor



about how Cor might fit in with your parish. Sometimes the timing is right for the introduction of Cor, sometimes it is not. But it is important to have the discussion with your priests, and to ensure they understand the Knights' commitment to supporting the faith formation of Catholic men, whatever form it may take.

Speaking of Cor, a new video series is now available for Cor gatherings and other faith formation activities called "The Mission of the



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Family", consisting of about five episodes of 13 minutes each. It is a great series professionally produced, well worth the time to watch and study. This, along with other Cor resources, are available from the Supreme website at www.kofc.org/cor.

As I said in last month's column, we will not be mailing individual appeals for our State Charities Funds this year, due to rising costs. We are asking all Councils to publicize this year's appeal through their Council communications for our Charities funds in Vocations, Helping Life, and Special Olympics.

Individual donations can be made online at <https://donate.floridakofccharities.org/> or by clicking the red Donate button on the State website (www.floridakofc.org). I would also ask that each Council consider allocating at least part of

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its charitable fundraising to one or more of these funds. We are especially in need of donations for our Holy Angels Vocations Fund, which supports our seminaries and Diocesan Vocations programs. Our collective support of the seminaries and the Bishops is an expression of the Spirit of Unity here in Florida. Our State Chaplain, along with the parish of St Agnes in Naples and Council 14202, have led the way this year, already raising over \$7,000 for the State Vocations Fund!

Our membership recruitment continues to be strong in Florida and across the Order! But there are still far too many Councils that have not yet recruited new members. With all the activities within our Councils and parishes in November and December, this is a prime opportunity to offer the gift of membership. Our commitment to faith

formation, service programs, and protection for families should be appealing to every Catholic man. But the most common reason why men do not join the Order is because they are never asked. Our Supreme Knight has said that we grow the Order one man at a time, and the most important recruiting occurs on a personal basis. So, please do not be afraid to ask your fellow Catholic men to join the Order!

Again, I want to thank each and every Knight here in Florida for their prayers and their service to their parishes and communities, and for exemplifying the Principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in everything that they do. And remember--Star Council + Faith Formation = a Successful Council!



On Tuesday October 24, St. John Knights of Columbus Council 11281, Naples, recently was asked to help a neighbor who was disabled and being threatened by the home association for some housekeeping violations. The disabled Neighbor was unable to respond to the allegations and called on the St. Vincent DePaul Society, which reached

out to St. John KofC for resources to respond to the neighbor. Eight members of Council 11281's response team came out and repaired and cleaned up all violations that were given to the homeowner, who was greatly appreciative of the KofC.

Remembering the Departed

By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor

Soon we will gather around tables with family and friends to celebrate one of the hallowed traditions of our nation ... Thanksgiving. Each time we gather for Mass, it is a thanksgiving. In fact, the Greek derived word for thanksgiving is “eucharist.”

This month, particularly on All Souls Day and throughout the month, we recognize and pray for those who have gone before us in our families and in our Order. Many Knights Councils will follow the laudable custom of having a Mass celebrated for their deceased Knights. Some Councils have memorials or plaques dedicated to our deceased members. It’s good to remember and pray for them.

The perpetual watch phrase of our order is Tempus Fugit; Memento Mori. Time flies, remember death. As Jesus cautions us, “you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Mt 25:13) Tragic deaths leaving families in need were one of the realities faced by our founder Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in his pastoral ministry, prompting him to help keep that Latin phrase in the consciousness of our first members. Each of us must come to terms with our own mortality.

We know that Jesus had great compassion for the dying and their families. He even restored life to the dead. From a little girl to his own friend

Lazarus, and a young man whom we are told was the only son of a widow. This description clues us into the fact that the young man’s mother would have been in dire straits in a culture where women were so tied to the support of a husband or, if he passed, to a son. Part of our call as Knights is to be champions for widows and orphans in ways akin to Jesus and our founder.

In the spirit of Bl. Michael McGivney, may we not only remember the deceased but reach out to their survivors and care for their family members in need. It is fitting to carry on the legacy of our deceased brothers by engaging in the service and charitable works of the Knights of Columbus. This is how we carry on what they began as Catholic gentlemen. May God grant eternal rest and peace to our beloved dead and may we live and serve in a way that honors them.



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St. Michael Defend Us In Battle

By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato

On November 8th of 2023, the Eastern Church celebrated the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and all the angels. There has been great discussion about the existence of angels. But, belief in angels is found beginning in the Old Testament....."He shall give His angels charge over you to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone." (Ps. 91:11-12).

In the New Testament, Satan says to Jesus, who is standing on the pinnacle of the Temple with him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written: "He will give His angles orders concerning you and on their hands lift you up, so that you do not strike your foot against a stone."

In modern times, by testimony of the three children at Fatima, St. Michael the Archangel appeared to them many times to prepare them for the apparition of Mary and gave them communion when he appeared to them. Abraham was visited by three angels to discuss the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. (Gen 18:1-15).

When we look at St. Michael, we see he stands mighty before the Face of God. He stands before the Gates of Paradise, which was the home for Adam and Eve. And, most of all, he is the Defender of the Faith.

The people of God have something in common with St. Michael. By Baptism and Chrismation/Confirmation, that people of God have been given the tools of the Holy Spirit. They are called the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to St. Peter, "You are Peter, and upon this rock, I will

build my Church."

At Pentecost Jesus baptized them by the Power of the Holy Spirit and sent them out to teach all nations and to build that Church in His Name. By baptism, the body of Christ, which are the people of God, have been given the Directive and the tools of the Holy Spirit to defend the Faith.

Along with the tools



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of the Holy Spirit, Jesus gave us Himself in the Eucharist. In inviting us to the Table of His Body and Blood, we become Jesus Christ as we consume that Body and Blood. Fortified with the Eucharist, we become a powerful tool to mirror Jesus and His life to others. We defend the Faith given to us in baptism by living the principles Jesus gave us, which are to "love God and your neighbor as yourself."

As Church, that Church becomes the stronghold of Faith. That Church becomes the visible image of Jesus Christ to the world. We are that Church, we are that image because we

are the new disciples sent out by Jesus to not only defend the Faith but to teach that true and eternal Faith to others. The people of God are the body of Christ, an extension of the Living Jesus in the world who said to His disciples, "I am with you all days even until the end of the world."

The Importance of Family Involvement

by State Treasurer Joseph Coicou



The Knights of Columbus is keenly aware of the importance of family. To further solidify our mission and values, involving families in Knights of Columbus activities can create a richer and more fulfilling experience for everyone involved.

The Importance of Family Involvement

Family involvement in Knights of Columbus activities promotes unity within the organization and extends the core principles. Incorporating families allows for the forming of a holistic community that nurtures and supports the growth of individuals and their loved ones.

1. **Strengthening Bonds:** Involving families fosters stronger connections between brother knights. When families participate, they share experiences that deepen relationships and forge new friendships among members and their loved ones.

2. **Passing on Values:** The Knights of Columbus holds its values steadfastly. Involving families allows these values to be passed down through generations. Children witnessing their parents' commitment to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism are more likely to embrace these principles in their own lives.

3. **Support System:** Families provide an essential support system. In times of personal challenges, having family members involved in Knights of Columbus activities means having a network of individuals who understand and can offer assistance.

Methods for Family Participation

1. **Family-Friendly Events:** Organize events that cater to the entire family. Family picnics, potluck dinners, and outdoor adventures can create a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere where members can introduce their families to the

Knights of Columbus community.

2. **Charitable Projects:** Engage in community service projects that involve family members. This allows families to work together for a common cause and imparts the spirit of charity to younger generations.

3. **Educational Workshops:** Arrange workshops on topics relevant to the brother knights and their families. These workshops could cover financial planning, personal development, and spiritual growth.

4. **Cultural Celebrations:** Celebrate cultural events within the Knights of Columbus context. This allows families to share their traditions and heritage while learning about others.

5. **Supportive Initiatives:** Create programs that directly support families. This could include offering childcare services during meetings or events, setting up a support network for new parents, or organizing family game nights.

Benefits of Family Involvement

1. **Unity Across Generations:** Involving families creates a multi-generational bond within the organization, fostering a sense of continuity and shared purpose.

2. **Enhanced Membership Experience:** When families are included, brother knights are likelier to feel a sense of belonging and dedication to the organization.

3. **Community Impact:** A combined effort of brother knights and their families can lead to more impactful community projects, benefiting a more comprehensive range of individuals.

4. **Holistic Growth:** Family involvement promotes personal development by encouraging members to balance their commitments to their families and the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is not merely an organization; it's a way of life built upon solid principles and values. By involving families in Knights of Columbus activities, Brother Knights can amplify their unity, create a legacy of shared values, and contribute to a more profound sense of community. The organization's mission is elevated when its members and families work harmoniously to embody charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.



The Knights of Columbus of Saint John XXIII Council 14390 of Miramar was very active folding up and distributing Boxes of Joy in between every Mass on the Oct. 21-22 weekend.

With a Box of Joy, parishioners have the opportunity to fill the box with toys and other Christmas gifts that are then sent to a warehouse, where the boxes are shipped to needy children in different countries all around the world.

We had many parishioners take boxes this year, much more than we had anticipated. Some even took home multiple boxes! The Christmas spirit and generosity of our community is alive and strong, and we are truly grateful for that. God Bless you all and Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

“Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’”
(Gospel for Nov. 26, Mt 25:44-45)

The capacity to help those in need begins with clearness of vision. Are we sometimes blind to the plight of others? Do we find ourselves saying, “Lord, when did we see you...?” We must first see the “least ones” in our midst, and then recognize the face of Christ in them. Only then can we respond in love to provide the care they require. Lord, grant us the eyes to see.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to raise your own awareness of those in need by learning more about efforts to help the poor in your community. Second, I challenge you to support the Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you sometimes turn a blind eye to the poor? Do you try to recognize Christ in every human person you meet? Are you hesitant to share your blessings with others who have less?



*The **Corpus Christi Assembly 2810** Fourth Degree Color Corps participated in the Veterans Day Mass and the annual Tony Gasparino Memorial "Lest We Forget" Awards on the weekend prior to Veterans Day. KofC Notre Dame Council 10514 joined Corpus Christi Assembly 2810 for the two events at Santa Maria del Mar Church in Flagler Beach.*

On Thursday evening, Pastor Father Manny Lopez celebrated the Annual Mass of Remembrance. Eight of the Brother Knights read the names of 139 deceased Third Degree Knights, while five SKs read the names of 62 deceased Six Knights. In attendance were 15 Sir Knights from two assemblies in the regional color corps.

On Friday, Father Manny celebrated the Mass for the Lest We Forget ceremonies. Following the Mass, 24 veterans, first responders and parishioners were recognized for their service to their country and our community. SK Pat Juliano provided the bagpipes and taps. Assembly 28109 provided 15 SKs for the color corps. Also in attendance for the ceremony was the Palm Coast Fire Department Honor Guard, and the American Legion rifle squad.

Tampa Knights Honor Their Namesake



The Tampa Area Knights of Columbus hosted a wreath laying ceremony next to the statue of Christopher Columbus at Columbus Statue Park.

More than 50 men and women attended the ceremony, that was hosted by the KofC Fourth Degree Fr. William Tyrrell S.J. Assembly #0161, and representatives from the Tampa area's Third Degree Councils: Sacred Heart Council 12110 and Christ the King Council 12165.

Following a Rosary prayer service led by Brother Spencer Tafuri and convocation, with their full color guard, Walt Pjetraj, their Assembly's leader, served as the Master of Ceremonies. Michael Colitz, the Assembly Community Director and Past Grand Knight, was the Keynote Speaker and discussed how their namesake symbolized the courage, unity, and the hope of building a better society.

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree members embrace the Order's Principals of Patriotism, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. These Knights believe that one can be a faithful Catholic, as well as a faithful citizen.

The ceremony also included impromptu and very informative historical comments by Tampa City Councilman Guido Manescalco; former Tampa City Councilman Joseph Citro; Ybor City Rotary Club President Anthony Scaglioni; and

Tampa UNICO (Italian Club) Member Joseph Camerieri.

Grand Knights James Tapley from Council 12165 and Michael Cabrera from Council 12110, as well as District 45 District Deputy Paul Erni, were present for this moving ceremony.



Festival du la Hispanidad



Knights of Columbus St. Cloud/ Kissimmee Council 6624 continued its participation in the annual 'Festival du la Hispanidad' or Hispanic Festival held on the weekend of October 14-15, at Holy Redeemer Parish.

As part of this tradition, which dates back nearly two decades, there was a 7:00 pm Mass followed by the Parade of Country Flags accompanied by the Virgin Mary on Saturday evening.

Then on Sunday morning, parishioners from virtually every country in Caribbean, Central and South America set up colorful food booths; donned their national costumes; and celebrated their culture in a day of fun, music, dancing and,

of course, tasty food and drink items to try. Brother Knights and family members from Council 6624 represented the USA, offering hotdogs and hamburgers, a kid favorite.

Parochial Administrator Father Luis Salazar thanked the Brother Knights for their continuing support of Hispanic Community at Holy Redeemer Parish, and expressed an interest in meeting with member Knights on the Pastoral and Safety Committees to discuss ways to make next year's festival better and safer.

On the membership side, Grand Knight Robert Consolo was able to sign up four new e-members at the festival.



Council Hosts St. Joseph Icon



As the St. Joseph Icon continues its pilgrimage through the state, it made a stop at St Brendan Catholic Church and Christopher Columbus High school via council 10055 San Marcelino Champagnat.

The Icon, making its way through District 81, was at the Christopher Columbus chapel for two days with an invitation for all families to join in the Icon Program. It was then brought literally across the parking lot to St. Brendan where the program was held for all parishioner and the icon left on the altar for five days which included the weekend.

The icon was well received by all, and many stayed after mass for prayer and pictures with the icon. The pictures show members of 10055 involved with the procession.

Mientras el Icono de San José continúa su peregrinaje por el estado, hizo una parada en la Iglesia Católica St Brendan y en la escuela secundaria Cristóbal Colón a través del consejo 10055 San Marcelino Champagnat. El Icono, abriéndose paso por el Distrito 81, estuvo en la capilla de Cristóbal Colón durante dos días con una invitación para que todas las familias se unieran al Programa Icono. Luego fue llevado

literalmente a través del estacionamiento hasta St. Brendan, donde se llevó a cabo el programa para todos los feligreses y el ícono se dejó en el altar durante cinco días, incluido el fin de semana.

El ícono fue bien recibido por todos y muchos se quedaron después de la misa para orar y tomarse fotos con el ícono. Las imágenes muestran a miembros de 10055 involucrados en la procesión.



Council Hosts Soccer Challenge



The Blessed Sacrament Council 17162 of Seminole hosted the Region 4 Soccer Challenge on Saturday, October 21st, at Blessed Sacrament School in Seminole. The soccer challenge has been managed for the last several years by our Deputy Grand Knight, Tom Marrah. This year, Tom went all out to provide a great environment for the participants and their families.

Prior to the competition, there was a formal presentation of the colors by the Blessed Sacrament Boy Scouts Troop #431. The participants marched onto the field to the Olympic Anthem, provided by our DJ Joe Russo. An alumni of Blessed Sacrament sang the National Anthem. Fr. Matthew Bibin gave the Blessing, and we were off and running with the soccer challenge.

There were two sets of goals to allow for the best flow of the event. One for the 9–11-year-olds to compete and a second goal for the 12–14-year-olds. We had brother knights from our Council who set up the field and provided support during the competition. They tallied scores and chased down soccer balls during the event. We were also blessed to have Mrs. Becky Clark, the Principal at

Blessed Sacrament School, to support the soccer Challenge.

Our District Deputy, Pete Grasso, was on hand and helped out during the event. DD42 Grasso also awarded the participants in each age group their District medals. We were exceptionally proud of our Blessed Sacrament students who participated and represented their school and community. Now, on to the State Soccer Challenge.



Council Supports St. Joseph Neighbor Center



After a special guided tour through the reconstruction of the former St. Benedict the Moor Schoolhouse in St. Augustine, GK Bill Remy (right) and Dave Look (left) presented checks in the amount of \$2,200 to Sr. Kathleen Carr, General Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Saint Augustine. This donation to the St. Joseph Neighborhood Center (SJNC) was made as part of the Supreme Council Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

Under construction in Lincolnvill, the historic schoolhouse is being completely rebuilt, with only the outer walls of the original school building remaining from 1898. The SJNC will be a support facility for young single mothers who face daily challenges of being the sole parent and sole

provider for their family. In partnership with the Diocese of St. Augustine and Catholic Charities, the facility will offer career counseling, paid apprenticeships, mentoring, early child education and spiritual direction.

The Saint Joseph Neighborhood Center has received acceptance from the Supreme Council Life and Faith Program office as eligible for the ASAP grant assistance, which rebates 20% of all funds donated by a council or assembly to an approved ASAP organization. Although not technically “a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home,” the SJNC has been approved as eligible for ASAP grant funding due to its unique mission to serve young single mothers and their children.

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The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics.

Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Blessed Michael J. McGivney's



cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July - August, and is sent free to Guild members.

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