

# INVOCATION

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**No Neighbor Left Behind**



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**I**mmediately following Hurricane Ian, St. John Council 11281 went into action with their Pastor Rev. Fr. Tom Zalewski, to provide aid and assistance to the local community. Fr. Tom and Council 11281's "No Neighbor Left Behind"

Emergency Response Chairman PGK Bill Warvel formed volunteer teams to 1) begin collecting donations of basic needs and 2) respond to homes in distress for cleanup and assistance as needed.

Council and St. John the Evangelist Parish Families came out in large numbers to collect and distribute donations from the Parish Ballroom. It was then sorted and inspected for distribution to all who were displaced or harmed by the storm which decimated the neighborhoods.

A team of about thirty (30) Men and Women of Council 11281 Formed an Emergency Response Strike team. They used group text messaging to alert each of the team members that "a request for assistance" was received at the Parish Office.

Warvel communicated the time and location to meet at the homes of neighbors who were in need, ER Team members responded to the text and met at the home with bodies and tools to take on the various.

These included removing water-damaged home contents, and helping to save those items the







homeowner could save. The teams also removed home contents to the outside for later pickup and disposal.

The first three days of the response efforts resulted in thousands of donated items, along with responses to several neighbor's homes. The devastation was enormous, and the hardship and sorrow felt by the affected families was jointly felt

by the volunteers who met and spent time with them.

While sad to see the destruction and loss, the gratification of accomplishment and the thankfulness of the homeowners shared with our Council and Parishioner volunteers was heartwarming.



# You Are Not Forgotten

*By State Deputy Rob Urrutia*

**W**e started September off a little quite then we ended September with a bang. Ian decided to pay a visit to southwest Florida and go across the I4 corridor to cause havoc and destruction along its path. We have flooding, roof and house damage, trees down and power outages.

On October 1st the State Secretary and I toured Sarasota and Venice where we saw firsthand the damages that Ian caused. While we could not get into the hardest areas hit yet the areas what we did see was mind boggling. My brother Knights! Please be aware you are not forgotten we are sending aide as fast as it comes in towards the affected areas, I want to Thank Brother Dr. Stephen Wyer for being one of the first members on the ground and setting up a command center at Incarnation Church.

I also wanted to Thank General Agent Brian Lawandus for helping and offering his office as a supply storage area. Brother Greg Sutter for making sure the disaster relief trailers were being in an area where they were most needed. For Tuey Watkins for driving both trailers down south and for Bob Higgins for driving our 3rd trailer down there to haul supplies from one location to another. Fr. Bob Kantor for offering the use of St. Agnes as a distribution center for our relief efforts. We have spent many hours assisting those in need. The Supreme Office has been a source of resources for us to use as well. Many States like Pennsylvania, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas have sent supplies and other material for support of our efforts.

While I wish that Ian never came ashore and bypassed us it does make me feel proud in being a Knight and seeing so many brothers from across the State and US wide, pitching in and helping other brother Knights and their communities. Please reach out to me or Greg Sutter if you still need some sort of assistance. We have a long way to go, and we still have a lot of work to accomplish. Please reach out to Greg for volunteering or go to our website.



*State Deputy  
Robert Urrutia*

We are now in October and every council should have submitted their audits, form 180, 165, and paid their per capita. If your council has not completed these yet, please make sure they are done by the 15th of October, this also includes your safe environment obligation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your District Deputy or Regional Administrator. Grand Knights will be seeing invites from brother Ed Sleyzak regarding a meeting with the State Deputy. We can not do all 386 councils at once, but we will set up smaller groups and that will start happening at the end of the month.

Thank you all for your efforts during the Hurricane Ian clean up and for all you do to support the Knights of Columbus.

**D**id you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, we do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

During the State Convention we took video interviews of some of the Dignitaries that honored us with their presence. You can

see the videos by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Please be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added. If you have any videos that you would like to add that shows your Council doing good works please email Jim Clark, Broadcast Media Relations and Production Director at [jclark1@gmail.com](mailto:jclark1@gmail.com).



# Faith in Action

*By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

**H**urricane Ian blew into Southwest Florida in late September, claiming lives, destroying homes and businesses, and impacting families and livelihoods. The category 4 hurricane was the worst natural disaster in Florida's history. Before the winds subsided and as flooding in some areas was worsening, Knights were already organizing a response to bring comfort to the afflicted.

Members of our order have provided manpower and donations of food and supplies to bring help and hope to those affected by the catastrophic storm. Coordinating with Catholic Charities and affected parishes, Knights have rolled up their sleeves to distribute food, water, and other necessities at several distribution sites.

Last Saturday, a large U-Haul full of water, food, and cleaning supplies driven by one of our general agents made stops at parishes in three hard hit areas, St. Charles Borromeo in Port Charlotte, St. Paul in Arcadia, and Jesus the Worker in Ft. Myers. In Arcadia, a Knight who is a trained forklift operator and others using hand operated units moved dozens of pallets of government

packaged meals from the outside heat to inside storage.

As of this writing, a 3,200 lb. shipment of 100 tarps and other relief supplies sent by Supreme to St. Agnes in Naples is being transferred to areas of greatest need. Knights will be on site to grill and serve estimated 1,000 parishioners at Jesus the Worker following Sunday Mass. This parish in a poor neighborhood of Fort Myers serves Spanish-speaking migrants, many of whom have suffered damage to their homes. Many other similar efforts have already taken place or will as the days unfold.

The Knights of Columbus is all about faith in action. The actions of our brothers in these times of trouble are a strong indication that our faith is alive and well in the Florida jurisdiction.



*State Chaplain  
Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

## Are You A Member?

**T**he 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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# OXIOS

*By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato*

**H**ave you ever wondered about the creation of what we call the priesthood. To follow the trail of such an Office, we must go back into our religious ancestry which finds its beginning in the Old Testament.

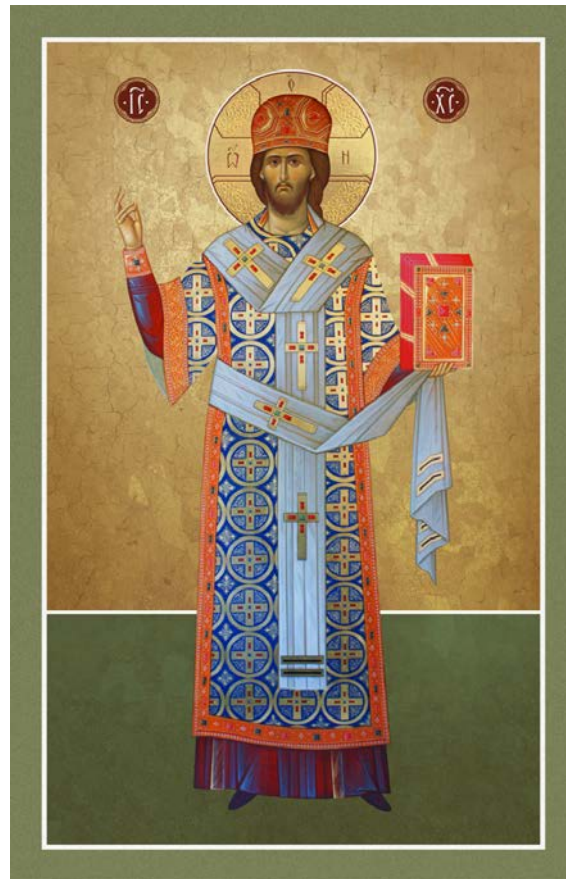
God had a plan. He implemented His plan by calling Abraham. God said to him, "I will be your God and you will be my people". God then began to form that people and asked for sacrifice to Him. From the sacrifice of the lamb by Abraham, a special "Call" or "Office" began to form. In time, God called Moses and gave him the Law, a way of following God and interacting with each other. He gave His people a morality and an ethic. With the Law, God established an "Office" to monitor the Law and worship of Him. The person who held this Office would be the representative or intercessor between the people and God. With Moses and the establishment of the Law, God was now about to establish the priesthood of the Old Testament.

The Hebrew word for priest is "kohen". This kohen was a Levite. This Levite stood as intercessor between God and His people. He was a priest who would offer to God gifts and sacrifices to the Lord on behalf of the people so they can be reconciled to God. The Lord directed Moses to erect a tabernacle and established

a permanent priesthood starting with Moses' brother Aaron. The priests were consecrated with oil and their garments were worn for the glory of God. After the death of Aaron, the Tribe of Levi was chosen by God to care for the Covenant of the Lord, to minister to Him and to bless in His name. With the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, His Passion,



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Death, and Resurrection, the Levitical priesthood of the Old Testament ended.

Quoting Exodus 19:6, Vatican II says that the people of God are a royal priesthood a chosen nation. All Christians are called to offer creation back to God. All are a royal priesthood but bring different actions in that priesthood of the faithful.

The priesthood of the faithful is to witness to the glory of God, to make known the Name of Jesus to the world. There is another priesthood more akin to the Levitical priesthood of the Old Testament. Jesus, taking His Hebrew background and religious history established His priesthood at the Last Supper. He took bread and

wine, changed them into his Body and Blood and told the Apostles to do the same. He established



that special "kohen" priesthood that evening for the good of His people who would follow him. As High Priest, He established His priesthood and the Eucharist for the people of God.

Now for the Greek word Oxios, the title of the article. As I have discussed, the body of Christ are a royal priesthood. From that royal priesthood the people of God lift up from the community a person who they consider worthy to lead them in worship and the Mysteries of God (sacraments). Thus, the word Oxios which means "he is worthy". During the ordination ceremony of a priest in the Eastern Church, the Bishop sings three times before the laying on of hands, he is worthy, Oxios. The congregation, the royal priesthood, where this person was lifted up from, sings he is worthy,

Oxios three times.

I wanted to bring you this evolution of priesthood from the Old Testament to the New Testament because it was created by God in His plan of salvation and care for us. Most of all, I wanted to highlight the important part the people of God have in the priesthood. To highlight that again: the Old and New Testament recognizes the body of Christ, by baptism, a royal priesthood. From that royal priesthood of the people the community of believers lift up someone to lead them. What a wonderful gift from God, Father, Son and Spirit, that we would be. all of us, a royal priesthood, and a chosen nation.

## Soccer Challenge



**F**ather Downey Council 4934 recently held a successful tournament as part of the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.

The event was open to students at Sacred Heart Elementary School in New Smyrna Beach, with 140 students participating.

Boys and girls were scored in one-year age groups from ninth through 14 years old.

Champions in each of the age groups advance to the District 20 Tournament, which will also be held at Sacred Heart, on Saturday, Oct. 22.

The Regional Championship will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, with the State Finals on Saturday, Nov. 5. Both tournaments will be held at Melbourne Central Catholic High School.

# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” (Gospel for Oct. 2, Lk 17:5)

“**I**ncrease our faith.” Think about that for a moment. Even the apostles, who walked with Jesus, lived with Jesus, heard him teach and saw him perform miracles, had their struggles with faith.

Wouldn't faith be even more difficult for us, who have not seen Jesus when he walked the earth? Fortunately, Christ is truly present to us in the Eucharist, and we can hear his words in Scripture. If we wish to increase our faith, let us spend time with Christ in the Eucharist and listen to him through Scripture.

## **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to spend some time each week reading and meditating on the Gospels in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Pilgrim Icon program.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

When it comes to faith, do you ever find yourself just “going through the motions”? How can spending time with Christ in the Eucharist or reading his words in Scripture increase your faith? What are some practices you can undertake to grow in faith in Christ?

# Duck Derby Preparations

**K**nights from Our Lady of Hope Council 8086, Port Orange, sort through 1,750 plastic ducks to prepare for the sixth annual Duck Derby.

The event will take place at the City Center lake during Port Orange Family Days, where the Knights will “liberate” five of the ducks to award prizes of \$1,800.

Proceeds will benefit the many Knights of Columbus charities, including the Coats for Kids, Vocations, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Pregnancy Crisis Center and Community Youth programs.





# Prince of Peace Honors Founder



Sir Knight Barry was the District Deputy in 1984 and since the Council's establishment has faithfully advised and directed the Council's leadership, progression, and growth. He is moving out of state to be with family and will be sorely missed.

Pictured with Barry (left to right) are Former District Deputy Bob Simcoe; Pastor (and Sir Knight) Father Justin

**L**ong standing Knight of Columbus 50-year member and Prince of Peace parishioner Barrett (Barry) Ferguson (third from right) was recently honored for his work in establishing the Prince of Peace Knights of Columbus Council No. 8791 in 1984 with then-Pastor Joseph A. Nolin.

Vakko; current District Deputy Harold Bennett; SK Ferguson; Grand Knight Jim Morris; and Former District Deputies Andy Wilbert and Bob Guidotti.

## Is Your Personal Information Accurate?

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Follow the instructions on the video <https://youtu.be/IVS3XkgiUs> and while you are on the site, check out the other good news and information is available to you with just a click or two.



# Supporting Apopka Pregnancy Care



**S**t. Francis of Assisi Council 11673, Apopka, collected over \$6,900 in cash and \$5,400 in baby supplies during the three-week period ending August 28 for the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center. Seventeen Knights and the Grand Knight's spouse contributed 85 volunteer hours to this highly successful charitable endeavor.

When the Supreme Council announced the ASAP program, Council 11673 immediately reached out to the local pregnancy center to determine the agency's needs. The Apopka Pregnancy Care Center had recently moved into a new facility, and there was great need for operating funds, and baby supplies for expectant mothers and newborn infants.

Council 11673 held a baby bottle and baby supply drive at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church on three consecutive weekends. The drive began with an altar announcement at the conclusion of each first-weekend Mass, and baby bottles to be filled with coins, cash, and checks, and lists of requested supplies were provided to the parishioners, Baby cribs were positioned in the church narthex for the collection of donations.

The parish response was astonishing. Baby

bottles were returned filled with monetary donations. Cribs were filled to overflowing and had to be emptied, often after each Mass. The parishioners donated more than 22,000 baby wipes, 1,600 diapers, 154 packages of food, 130 sets of clothing, and other items.

St. Francis of Assisi Council 11673 and the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center were especially grateful for the parishioner's charitable response, and the Center expressed deep gratitude for the Knights' exceptional efforts to assist the Center, and expectant mothers and their children.





# Columbus Day Eucharistic Exposition



A special Columbus Day Eucharistic Exposition, Rosary and Mass was celebrated at Santa Maria del Mar Church during the second weekend of October. The celebrant was Pastor and Chaplain Fr. Manny Lopez of Notre Dame Council 10514 in Flagler Beach.

The morning began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This was followed by the praying of the rosary. GK Bryant Perszyk announced each 'Mystery of Light' and led a brief meditation on the Mystery using the KofC pamphlet "Guide to Praying the Rosary" (#4772).

The decades of the rosary were led by Brothers Joe Zaia, Ray McCabe, Jim Butler, DD Kevin Ryan, and Color Corps Commander Frank Consentino. After the rosary, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was led by Fr. Manny. Kim Cazzaniga, wife of Brother Vinnie Cazzaniga, led the congregation in the singing of the Tantum Ergo, Holy God We Praise Thy Name, and Immaculate Mary while playing the organ.

The Corpus Christi Assembly #2810 and surrounding Color Corp members provided the Honor Guard for the Eucharistic Exposition and the Mass that followed.

The regular Sunday morning Mass was held following the Holy Hour. Fr. Manny was

the celebrant assisted by Deacon Brother Bob Krol. Father began his homily by emphasizing to the parish family the important work that the Knights of Columbus members provide to the parish. The Columbus Day celebration was one way the parish recognized their contributions to the spiritual and temporal needs of the parish. Father Manny then began his regular homily by highlighting the Gospel reading on the power of God's healing when he cleansed the ten lepers. He pointed out that only one came back to thank him, a Samaritan, for the healing even though "were not all ten cleansed" (Luke 17:17-19). Father then asked the congregation to ponder how often we thank God for our many blessings. One of the parish's blessings is the strong association of the Knights of Columbus.

All parishioners were invited to the Parish Hall for a complimentary Knights of Columbus breakfast. The breakfast included eggs, sausage, blueberry pancakes, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, and orange juice.





# Ambassadors for Life Gala



**B**rother Knights from across all of Central Florida were in attendance to support the 2022 JMJ Ambassadors for Life Gala held at the Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando on Saturday evening, September 24, 2022.

This annual event, a fundraiser for the JMJ Pregnancy in Orlando, supports 3 pregnancy centers in Orlando and Kissimmee areas, and in concert with the Diocese of Orlando and the Knights of Columbus, offers care, support, counseling, and referral services to pregnant women as an alternative to getting an abortion.

A topic of special interest was how JMJ pregnancy centers continued their support for the mother and baby during the first year of life, which ties directly to the new Supreme Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program (ASAP). Fr. Miguel Gonzalez, the Rector/Administrator for St. James Cathedral Parish gave the opening and opening prayer. On a lighter note, Bob Perron, the JMJ Executive Director, celebrated his birthday on the same day and was presented with a birthday cupcake. He then gave the opening remarks and presented the JMJ Ambassador Program.

The Knights of Columbus Color Corps from Monsignor Bishop Assembly 0162 presented the

Colors to begin the event and many area Councils, including Monsignor Bishop Council 2112 and St. Cloud/Kissimmee Council 6624, were VIP donors and participated in this year's Gala. Looking around the room, it seemed that nearly a third of the men present in the ballroom were Brother Knights.





# Disaster Relief Efforts



**T**he Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus sprang into action immediately with disaster relief efforts after the recent passing of Hurricane Ian through the state.

The hurricane walloped Florida, making landfall at virtual Category 5 strength on Wednesday, Sept. 28, causing massive devastation to Fort Myers, Naples, Sarasota and beyond. The storm then meandered through the state at hurricane strength, finally exiting into the Atlantic on Friday afternoon, Sept. 30, causing destruction and flooding to a wide area of both Central Florida and the East Coast.

The Knights were ready to step in to help alleviate the suffering. Immediately after the storm, Greg Sutter, State Disaster Response Chairman, began working with the Disaster Response Program Coordinators to begin relief efforts. A pair of emergency trailers were sent to two of the hardest-hit areas, and immediate work began to mitigate damage from the storm.

State Deputy Rob Urrutia and State Secretary Richard Hughes visited the area on the Saturday following the storm to get an initial look at the devastation. One week later, Urrutia returned to South Florida to monitor the progress firsthand.

“I’ve only been down there twice – you really need to reach out to the people who have been







there in the trenches all the time,” Urrutia said. “It is crazy down there. Supreme has been a great source of inspiration. They sent a lot of equipment and money to help us in our efforts.”

While much of the state was impacted by the storm, the area between Bradenton to Naples was particularly hard hit. That’s where the Knights concentrated their immediate efforts following the storm.

“Sarasota has been digging out since the storm and the winds,” said Dr. Steven Wyer, District 51

Deputy, reporting two days following the storm. “Portions of I-75 were shut down due to Myakka River, and 125,000 people in Sarasota were still without power on Saturday. Many traffic lights are out – and you cross intersections at your own risk.

“It’s bad here in Sarasota, but the farther south you go, the worse it seems to get,” Dr. Wyer added.

One of the immediate concerns was to mitigate damage to the parishes in the hard-hit areas.

“Incarnation Catholic Church and at least four other churches were very hard hit,” Dr. Wyer said.

“The entire roof of the chapel was lost at Incarnation. The roof has been tarped, the chapel was dried out, and we have already been able to hold services in the church, starting on Wednesday (Oct. 5). The company is called Remediation 911, and they were able to get in to four of the parishes, including Incarnation, and they are going to be able to save those churches.”

Knights from outside the affected area are looking for ways to help, such as sending box trucks loaded with supplies into the flood zone.

“We’re trying to get Knights to





Harry Rother Photograph

go to the various Catholic Charities,” Sutter said. “They’ve set up distribution points. Because the Catholic Charities are getting lots of supplies – tractor-trailer loads, actually – food, water, diapers, personal hygiene stuff, we help to unload them and we try to get Knights to help distributing them, and it’s pretty much a constant thing.

“KofC Supreme sent down two trailers that have implements for helping our fellow Knights to clean up. The biggest effort is recovering from water damage. We need tarps, generators, dehumidifiers, fans, mops, buckets – those kinds of things.”

The trailers are set up at St. Agnes Church in Naples and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Port Charlotte. Relief centers are at Juan Diego Catholic Charities, 28360 Beaumont Road in Bonita Springs, and Jesus the Worker, 881 Nuna Avenue in Fort Myers. In addition, the Knights leased a 26-foot truck with a back lift and are using it to run product from Port Charlotte to points south where it is needed.

“If the Knights need anything, we’ve asked the District Deputies in that area to find out from all of their councils if there were Knights who needed something in those trailers,” Sutter said. “We would be glad to take care of them. The trailers have things like chain saws, brooms, buckets,

shovels – more for cleanup. I’m not getting reports from many Knights – but that might be because they do not have phone or internet service. Most of the damage down there was water damage, trying to get that all taken care of.”

While the volunteer help is needed – and appreciated – Sutter said Knights from other parts of the state should be sure of the correct locations to assist with the relief effort before making the trip to the affected areas.

“I’ve been getting calls from DDs and Council from the East Coast asking me how they can help over on the West Coast,” Sutter said. “They want to help. But unless they’re planning on making it a day trip, it’s not much use, because there’s no place to stay over there.

“We appreciate their concerns, but the problem is we have no place to store the materials,” Sutter added. “Ideally, we would have a warehouse to store all the material coming in, sort it out, and then take it in smaller trailers to the distribution sites. We had a group from Louisiana that wanted to come over with a trailer, but unfortunately, we have no place to put it. Also, what the Knights pay for various items is often less than the various councils would pay.

“The best thing, for anybody, is to go to the State website ([www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org)), and hit the





“I went to Vanderbilt Beach with Greg Sutter to see what it looked like, and he was shocked,” Shelton said. “That’s where they have the multi-million-dollar homes, hotels, restaurants and condos. We were shocked. The beach was on the opposite site of all the big hotels – the water came up two blocks and covered the roads.”

KofC General Agent Brian Lowandus has been on the scene assisting the recovery efforts from the storm, which

affected one-third of the state. Red button that says DONATE at the top-right of the Florida KofC Charities Inc. page, and give money,” Sutter added. “Every penny donated goes to the relief effort, and it goes to what they need. That’s the best way to help the relief effort.”

John Shelton, coordinator of the Diocese of Venice State Disaster Response team, has been very active in the relief effort.

“We’ve been working for the past five days with Catholic Charities,” Shelton said. “We giving out food, water, you name it – we’ve been giving it. We received one of the trailers from the Knights of Columbus on Thursday. We’ve been in contact with Father Bob (Kantor), who is the Chaplain for the State of Florida; Brian Lowandus (State Insurance Promotions Chairman); Dr. Steve Wyer and Greg Sutter are all working together to get this cleaned up, and we’re helping whoever we can. I’ve had guys every day going to St. Leo’s Church, Catholic Charities; Cheney Brothers in Punta Gorda, feeding and wrapping lunches for the FLP teams; getting out to start helping to clean up some of the parishes. Whatever parishes Father Bob tells us is the priority.”

Operation BBQ Relief Barbeque from Texas, moved its mobile operation to Port Charlotte shortly after the storm. Their help has been appreciated, as they can feed up to 60,000 personal a day.

While the opening steps have been productive, there will be a long road to recovery.

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“There’s no greater calling than a brother Knight helping another brother Knight in need,” Lowandus said. “That was Blessed Father McGivney’s vision from day one. As an agent, we live this every day, sitting in other people’s houses and trying to help them. Now, it’s time for us as agents to work shoulder-to-shoulder with our fraternal brothers, to help serve our community and help us recover from this disaster. We’re here for you guys, and we’re here for anybody who needs anything. Please contact the State Disaster Team or your local Field Agent if you know anyone who needs assistance, no matter which coast you are on.”





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Evangelize and proclaim our faith, protect families, and perform works of charity.

Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order.

Build the Domestic Church through service, support our parishes, clergy, and communities.

Incorporate principled fiscal responsibility for charitable giving.

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