



Grand Knights Report

As I sit down to pen this message, I am filled with so much hope for our council and all the brothers who I stand with shoulder to shoulder. It is a joy to work with you all as we take on various tasks together, soon we will be very busy and I am sure so many of you are looking forward to the continued support we offer to Pastor, Parish and Community. I will lead the best I know how with a constant Open Door Policy. If you want to know anything it as simple as asking and I will do my best to provide you the answer or get one for you.

God Bless you all.

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A Message From Our Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights.

As we begin a new school year and semester of faith formation, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all that the Knights of Columbus continue to do for our parish community.

Many summer projects were completed through your generosity, dedication, and hard work. The parish nursery improvements will provide a cleaner, safer, and more welcoming environment for our youngest children and their families, supporting our parish's mission of hospitality and evangelization.

We are also grateful for the very successful school supply drive. With the assistance of the Knights of Columbus and generous parishioners, children and families received materials needed to begin the school year with confidence and hope. Your support shows that our faith must be expressed through concrete acts of charity and concern for others.

The education of our children is one of our most important responsibilities. We value and pray for all students, teachers, administrators, and families in Catholic and public schools, and remain committed to catechetical formation, helping young people know Jesus Christ, understand Church teachings, and grow as faithful disciples.

Our children and young adults need strong examples of faith. Everything we do to model prayer, service, integrity, charity, and commitment to Christ becomes a lasting gift to them and to the entire community. The witness of faithful Catholic men can profoundly influence their lives.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for your continued support of education, faith formation, and the many ministries of our parish. May God bless you and your families for all that you do in service to the Church and to those in need.

With heartfelt thanks,

Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Matt



Knights in Action

Supreme Convention

The 144th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council took place August 4th –6th, 2026, at the Gaylord Rockies Resort in Aurora, CO.

DKG, Jake Mays is our Council 8086 Delegate.

District Deputy's Report

Congratulations to Council 8086 for achieving 8 Star Council this past year. When the 2025-26 Columbian year ended, we added 122 new members, 813%! What's more impressive, at the start of the new Columbian year we signed up 13 new members, adding an additional 4 on Sunday 8/2, exceeding the needed 15 for Star Council. Requirements include that 15 associate/new members have a one-on-one review of their financial/retirement plans with Field Agent Jim Booritch. The 8086-recruiting team has already met with Jim and is well underway to meeting this goal.

For Faith in Action, Councils need to complete at least 4 programs, one each in Faith-Family-Community-Life. Council 8086 will likely complete at least 32 programs; 8 time more than required.

Congratulations to Past GK Dr. Ernie Jackson for being named to the Florida State Council as "New Council Development Chairman". He will be working closely with State Membership Director Danny McIntyre.

The Cor ministry will take on a greater significance, with the next meeting being Tuesday 8/25 at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart, going forward meetings will be held on year-round.

If you are a 3rd degree KoC, we welcome you to become a 4th degree Knight here at OLOH Saturday 8/29. Thanks to an anonymous donor, there is no charge for members entering OLOH Assembly 2794. Forms will be available at the 8/11 Council Meeting.

Our special challenge this year is to hold a Retreat Sunday. Joe McGivney – a relative of our founder – is working closely with Guest House, the world's first and most successful treatment and recovery center for Catholic clergy and religious. SK Joe credited his cousin for miraculously curing a serious ailment. He is using Guest House in an effort to follow in the footsteps of Blessed Father McGivney. Last year, we were very successful in our first Wheelchair Weekend. Let's see how we do with a Retreat Sunday.

Vivat Jesus! John O'Malley, District Deputy



"A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars."

Revelation 12:1

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 15th

Knight of the Month Rich Donnelly

For more than 12 years, I've had the joy of serving as an usher at Our Lady of Hope. I currently lead as head usher at the 4 pm Mass and also assist at several Sunday services. What I love most is connecting with our parish family — greeting familiar faces, welcoming newcomers, and helping make everyone feel at home. Those small moments of kindness truly brighten their day, and they brighten mine too.



Knights Corner



Council 8086 proudly recognizes Deacon Stephen and Roxanne Gross for their humble, faithful service to Our Lady of Hope Parish and the Knights of Columbus. Deacon Stephen enriches the Council's spiritual life as Lecturer, while he and Roxanne support major outreach ministries—including the Food Pantry, Mobile Food Drop, and Hope's Table—serving thousands of families each year.

They have also helped strengthen parish life through the *Men of Hope* ministry, altar server leadership, and ongoing facilities support. Their quiet dedication and example of Catholic discipleship inspire others to serve with generosity and faith.

Council 8086 is grateful for their unwavering commitment to the Church, the Order, and the community.

Family of the Month Dcn. Stephen & Roxanne Gross

*"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven
and on earth and under the earth." PHIL 2:10*



Faith . Family . Community . Life

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

RUCK UP FOR JESUS

9:00 AM | SEPTEMBER 19TH

EMBRY RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL 8086

START POINT:
TBA

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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-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**



Supporting our Parish in the Nursery



"Now faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not." Hebrews 11:1

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Our Lady of Hope Council 8086

Faith In Action

Membership – Welcome New Members



Luc Pellegrino
Lyle Hitchens
James Kraus
Nicholas Ruff
Daniel Hohenstein
Sal DeVincenzo
Daniel LawLess
Bob Cashman
Alex Haley
Aaron Dale
Geovany Torres



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.

"For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another." Romans 12:4-5

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Upcoming Events

- **Aug 23rd Coffee and Donut Sunday after all masses**
- **Aug 25th COR Sacred Heart**
- **Aug 28th Grocery Drop Program (GDP)**
- **Sept 1st Council Business Meeting**
- **Sept 5th Family Prayer night**
- **Sept 8th Exemplification & Council Meeting – OLOH Parish Center**
- **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**
- **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**

Happy Birthday
All Brother Knights
celebrating this month of August



“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.”

Romans 12:9–10



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:

<https://videos.kofc.org/exemplification>



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting Catholicism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united in the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to teams called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

CHARITY ★ UNITY ★ FRATERNITY ★ PATRIOTISM



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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

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Our Lady of Hope Council 8086

Faith In Action

Meeting Notes (use this section to jot down any notes or questions you may have)



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