



Knights of Columbus®

Council 10169

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton July 2026 Council Newsletter



Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Faith



- The next **Rosary** will be on August 10th at 6 p.m. before our next business meeting. We will also say the rosary at the Mary grotto or in the chapel at 7pm on August 21st depending on the weather.
- Don't miss spending time with Jesus during Adoration. There will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on August 20th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the chapel. There will also be Adoration after the 9 a.m. Mass on Friday August 7th in the main sanctuary.
- **Men's bible study** is every Sunday from about 9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the hospitality room. You don't need to register, just show up.
- **The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is on Saturday August 15th.

Family



- Congrats to the McGee family, our **family of the month** for July!

Do you know of a family who would make a great family of the month? Email us at kofc10169@gmail.com or let Bill Ross, our family director, know.

- **Food for families:** Help us serve the needy at the food pantry behind the field at Resurrection School every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Come to our **Family Social Night** on July 27th and every 4th Monday at 6 p.m. in the hospitality room for some free food and fraternity. This is a great way to get to know your fellow brothers and their families. Let Derek Stross know if you are coming so he can plan how much food to bring.

Community



- We are counting the days until Mike Gagne comes back to Lakeland to help out with our wheelchair program. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact us at kofc10169@gmail.com.
- We had a great **250th Anniversary Celebration of America** event! We also had a wonderful turnout from our Knights council and entire community! Thanks to Don Schluender and all who helped make this a success! We even sent in a blurb from the celebration to the Columbia Magazine, so you may see our council in the Knights in Action section soon.

Life



- **Options for Women's** annual fundraiser will take place Tuesday, September 29th, two gatherings, at noon and 6:30 pm.

Calendar

Do you want to stay up to date with what is going on in our council? Check out our events calendar by clicking the link below. The birthdays of your fellow brothers are also marked on the calendar as well:

<https://www.kofc10169.org/calendar>

Do you want to get our KofC events merged with your mobile device's main calendar app? Send Matt Tompkins an email at kofc10169@gmail.com with your name and email address and ask to receive calendar notifications.

Fund Raising

- Remember to help support **Bingo**, our biggest fundraiser, and the lifeblood of our income! We are still a little short in help. If you can only help once a month or even once a year, we would love to have you! We have it every Thursday from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Doors open at about 4 pm if you want to come early to help set up. We also have Bingo every Sunday from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Santa Fe. If you would like to find out more information about helping out contact Don Schulender at dschluender@verizon.net.

Keith gave a summary for the 2025-2026 Resurrection Bingo. There were 4900 players averaging 108/night, during 46 outings. Players paid an average of \$37 resulting in a bit over \$70,000 after expenses. In addition to game payouts, gift cards were given out for the kitchen, Bingo credits and other vendors. Gift cards were also given for birthdays and gifts for certain holidays. This funds all of the Council's charities.

- **Raffle Tickets** are available for the \$25,000 drawing at the State Convention next May 2027. You can either sell them to someone else or buy them yourself. Our council gets to keep half of the amount we raise and the other half goes to FL State KofC Charities.
 - There are 4 tickets in a booklet and the tickets are \$3/ticket or \$10/booklet
 - The one who sells the booklet gets entered into a smaller drawing for a monetary prize as well. The more booklets you sell, the better your chance to win.
 - If you are interested in donating and entering into the drawing, you can purchase an entire booklet for yourself. Go online to the following link to purchase the booklet:
<https://knights-of-columbus-10169.square.site/product/raffle-ticket-book/RWWRFR2FAPAMX77NOZTU6EKF?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>
 - If you just want to sell some booklets to others, let Matt Tompkins or Derek Stross know. You can email us at kofc10169@gmail.com

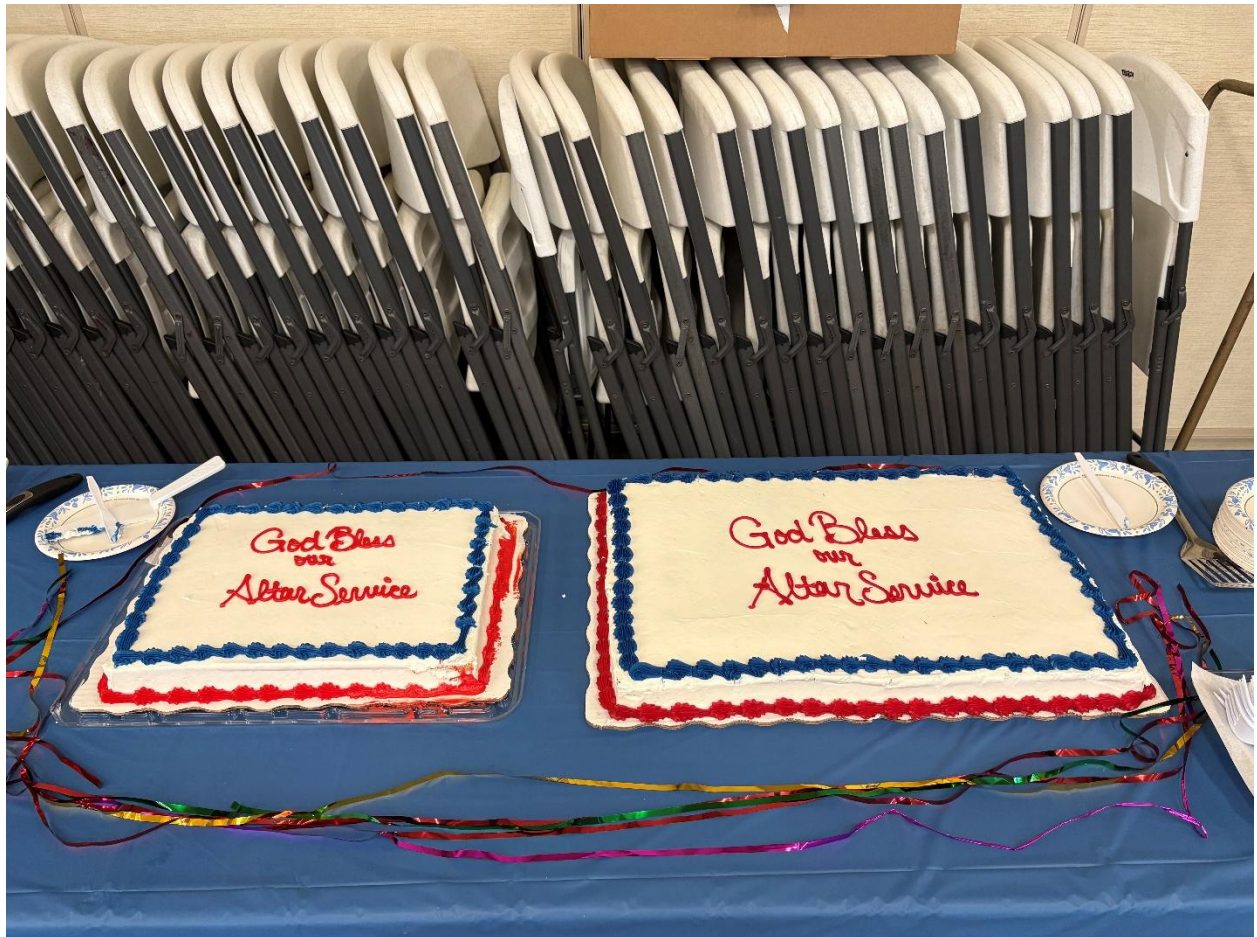
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- Join us for our next **business meeting** on August 10th from 6:30 p.m. to about 7:30 p.m. in the hospitality room located by the bell tower at Resurrection. Stay for food and fraternity after the meeting. We will say a **rosary** starting at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting starts. Attending the meeting is the best way to stay up to date with what's going on in our council and parish community.
- **Dues notices** have been sent out. New members have their dues waved for the first year. Regular members will still only pay \$25/year. If you know you aren't an honorary member and don't have a prior balance, paying your \$25 online is the easiest way to do it. We've received many payments and will start sending out membership cards soon as well. We are also so thankful for several people donating extra money on top of their dues to help the council!
- Peanuts and crackerjacks? Richard Frates proposed that we go see a **Lakeland Flying Tigers baseball game** sometime. Stay tuned for more information.
- If you missed our last meeting, you missed **Fr. Jolly's** great message about Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas on A.I.
- Rich McCrea suggested that we again plan to **wash Bingo tables** while school is out. We will work on scheduling a date and time to do that. Watch your emails for more information.

- Do you have a good idea for an event we could do to help build up our Charity, Unity, or Fraternity? Let us know. We are always looking for more ideas of things to do.



Treasurer's Report



Income through June end of the year was \$221,769 and expenditures were \$130,641. He is working on the year end audit report.

Help Needed

Are you interested in helping out our council, but don't know how? Do you want to become more involved? We are looking for someone willing to be in charge of sending out **get well cards** to brother knights who are sick or ill and **condolence cards** to the family of brother knights who have passed away. We have about 60 cards that we picked up at the convention to pass out. You could always delegate people to help and ideally you would get many brothers to sign the cards. However, we need someone to be the point of contact and in charge of the program. If you are interested, please contact Matt Tompkins at kofc10169@gmail.com or call/text (863) 669-3387. Even one of our new brothers could take on this roll. You don't need any experience with the knights to do this. You will be provided with contact information for all the Knights in our council.

Star Council Award Tracker

We met all the requirements for Star Council! Thanks to all who helped us get this award! We don't do things just for awards, but they are a good indication that we are doing the right things. Now we start over for the new council year. Let's try to get off to a good start, so we don't have to scramble later in the year.

Member Recruitment: 0 new members out of 10 required

Meetings with Insurance Agent: 0 meetings with Insurance agent out of 11 required

Faith Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Family Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Life Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Community Programs 0 points (4 points required):

Insurance



This council year, Supreme has changed the requirements to get Star Council. Instead of attending fraternal benefits events (online or in-person), **each council will be required to have 10% of their associate members (those without insurance) meet with the field agent Andy Burke** and review their possible need for insurance products. For us it means 11 members should meet with our agent.

The founding principle of the Knights of Columbus was to protect the widows and orphans. Would your spouse and family be alright if something happened to you? Especially if you are new/recently joined and haven't met with Andy, or if it's been a long time since you've talked with an agent, please consider scheduling a free meeting with him to ensure there aren't any gaps in your financial strategy.

Life happens and we all want to make sure our families are taken care of. Andrew Burke will help look at your individual situation and make recommendations as to what insurance or financial products would be best suited to you. He is not a pushy insurance salesman, but only here to help you out.

The Knights of Columbus offers competitive rates for many types of insurance, so if you think you might need insurance, contact Andrew and make an appointment at no charge. He will also tell you if you are on the right track financially. To make a free appointment with him, call him at 863-456-8965 or email him at Andrew.Burke@kofc.org. His website is kofclawandusagency.com. Also check out our website at <https://www.kofc10169.org/insurance> for more information on what free benefits all members get.

Prayers



Please pray for Fran Cullen, Missy Spindler, and for those who have no one to pray for them.

Do you have a prayer request? Email it to Matt Tompkins at kofc10169@gmail.com or mention it at our meeting to get it posted in the newsletter.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



August Birthdays

Charles Richards
Tom Deardorff
Mark Adams
Dominic Delbovo
Fr. McGivney
Edmund Wizda
Brad Maag
Keith McDonald
Troy Gardner
Ramon Raro

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chaplain: Fr. Jolly Lukose
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Recorder: Don Schluender
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Treasurer: Bill Ross
Lecturer: Arthur Pranno
Advocate: Leopoldo Solano
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Outside Guard: Brian Ammons
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1 Year Trustee: Jack Thompson