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Knightly Round Up!



July 2025

**FOM David Reich
KOM Sam Russell**

August 2025

**KOM - Father Sebastián
FOM - Janice / Mike Novello**

September 2025

**KOM - Dennis Kalich
FOM - Ernie / Terri Soller**

October 2025

**FOM Bill / Connie Rempe
KOM Mike Marciuliano.**

December 2025

**FOM Tom Ricketts
KOM Patrick George**

January 2025

**FOM Tom / Lori Ludwig
KOM Joe Mascari**

February 2025

**FOM Mike / Maureen Kelley
KOM Jim Thompson**

March 2025

**FOM Kent / Patty Goodger
KOM Joe Timmons**

April 2025

**FOM Rich / Debbie Kent
KOM Joe Finamore**

May 2025

**FOM Mike / Nadine Kulikowski
KOM Rich McBride**

June 2025

**FOM Tod Taylor
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Welcome New Knights!



Congratulations to Our New Brother Knights

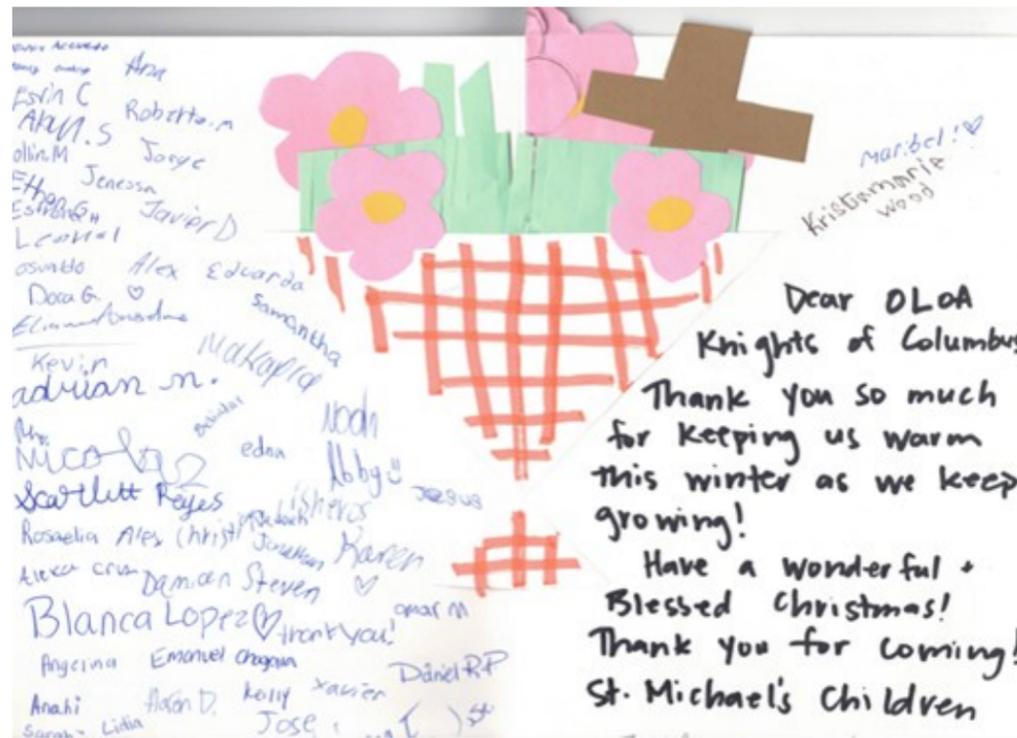
We proudly congratulate the following men who participated in the Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony this past weekend at Our Lady of the Angels Church. This meaningful ceremony marked their formal welcome into the Order and reaffirmed the core principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We are grateful for their commitment and look forward to their active involvement as they begin their journey with our Council. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating our newest Brother Knights.

From left to right: Father Sebastian, Gabe Sanchez, Steve Lalor, Dom D'Agostino, Mike Trento, Andrew Kiss, John Lauria, Dean Adamides, John Nist and GK Gordon Shellhaas. Each of these new Brother Knights has taken an important step in service to the Church, our parish, and the wider community.

Coats for Kids!



On Dec 4th, Council 13341 distributed over 420 coats to the Children of St. Michael's parish in Wauchula. The children range from 1st grade to high school. Eleven Brother Knights and seven spouses attended the event. Mother Nikopoia of St. Michael's coordinated the event which included prayer and songs in St. Michael's Church.



Smiles All Around!



Sharon Barnett, Tom Rokosz, Matt Cangemi, Mike Novello, Maria Baez, Mike Corrigan, Janice Novello, Matt Wing, Steve Carter, Sister Faithful, Terry Carter, Joann Graceffo, Mother Nikopoia, Maia Isaza, Gordon Shellhaas, Sharon Ricketts, Jerry Graceffo Jr, Mike Mahan, Tom Ricketts, Nancy Mahan, Wayne Diller



Car Show Cook Out!



On November 1st, 2025, we held the 8th Annual Car Show. We had 154 registered participants with \$11,000 raised for St. Jude. The event had 67 volunteers from the council and 8 non-council member volunteers. Prior to the event, volunteers participated in handing out flyers for the event at local car shows and recruitment of ad sponsors for the car show booklet. Day of the event volunteers participated in cooking, registration, parking assignments for attendees and participants, and selling 50/50 raffle prizes. This event would not have been possible without all of the hard work and dedication each of the volunteers put in to ensure this year's event was a success.



2025



Our Lady of Guadalupe



Knights from Saint Cosmas & Damian Council 13341 attended the first planned Feast Day Mass celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe by our Council. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of the Knights of Columbus. It was held at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in Lakewood Ranch. Father Patrick Long, OLA's new Parochial Vicar was the celebrant.

Wives and friends of Knights as well as other parishioners joined in the Mass. Approximately 40 Knights attended the Mass with well over 100 people present.

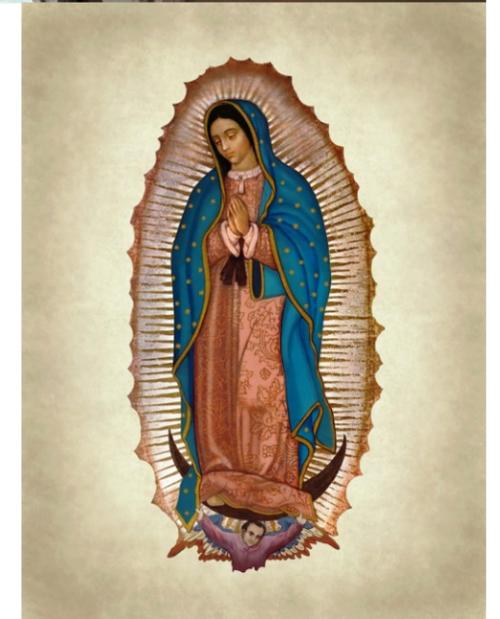
After Mass approximately 40 people including 18 Knights went to the adjacent daily chapel and since it was a Friday, we prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries. We were led by our Grand Knight Gordon Shellhaas.



Feast Day!



Rosary Service at Our Lady of the Angels Daily Chapel, Friday, December 12th, 2025. Service held after Mass honoring the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Main Church.



Resurrection House



You can MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Resurrection House gladly accepts clothing, sneakers, backpacks, toiletries, and blankets.

We are always in need of men's sneakers, men's jeans, and shorts (especially waist sizes 30, and 32), and small hotel-size bottles of shampoo and toothpaste.

Clothing and Shoe Drive for the Homeless

WHERE BROKEN LIVES FIND HOPE

We embrace everyone with the compassion of Christ so they can find safety, support, and a path to self-sufficiency as they rebuild their lives

Resurrection House Has Been Providing Help and Life Changing Support to the Homeless For Over 35 Years

Please donate your used adult clothing and shoes. Then bring them to the Business Meeting Thursday, February 19th.

PS We are still collecting toothbrushes, paste and floss!

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 7:00 PM Officer & Directors...	6 6:15 AM Men's Prayer Group - Paris...	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 6:15 AM Men's Prayer Group - Paris...	14
15	16 8:00 AM Blood Drive Feb 16	17	18	19 6:00 PM Council Membership...	20 6:15 AM Men's Prayer Group - Paris... +2 more	21 10:00 AM Baseball_Feb21
22	23 10:00 AM Baseball_Feb23	24	25 10:00 AM Baseball_Feb25	26 10:00 AM Baseball_Feb26	27 6:15 AM Men's Prayer Group - Paris... +1 more	28 10:00 AM Baseball_Feb28

[Calendar | Council 13341](https://www.knights13341.org)
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Using the links listed above will bring you to our website for the council.

Clicking on the event date will open a small window with more information and or a link to sign up for the event.

The first time you will be prompted to "LOG IN" there will be several options to do so.

1. Google Account
2. Facebook Account
3. Email Account

February 16

8:00 AM Blood Drive Feb 16

Feb 16, 2026, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
OLA, 12905 State Road 70 E,
Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202, USA

See All

RSVP

Webmaster: Tom Ricketts

Brothers to Brothers!



All the good works we do as Knights of Columbus are informed by our four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Our Brothers to Brothers Program fulfills directly our principles of Unity and Fraternity.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Together, we can accomplish far more than any of us can individually. So, we sticking together...we support and encourage our brother Knights to make life better in our parish and community.

Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded our order to bring men together specifically to help them protect their families in times of distress, sickness and death.

The Program:

Brothers to Brothers provides direct outreach to members of our Council experiencing health challenges of varying degrees. We accomplish this at two levels: Council Awareness and Assigned Brothers.

Council Awareness – This is the responsibility of all Knights of the Council. When any member becomes aware of the illness, disability or death of a brother Knight it should be formally reported to the Council. This provides the Council with the opportunity to contact the member or his family to determine how the Council can assist them, and to coordinate with the Parish the involvement of the Council in any funeral service.

Assigned Brothers – As we speak with a Knight or their family about their health challenges, we offer to assign them a current active member. This Assigned Brother is asked to provide all that is necessary to allow their Brother Knight to be as engaged in Council and Parish life as they desire. Most importantly, they ensure they have regular access to receiving the Holy Eucharist, and to assists in arranging that access as necessary. Additionally, the assigned Knight attempt to identify any other practical needs of the family where the Council may be able to assist, such as minor home repairs.

Prayer, Food & Brotherhood!

Cosmas and Damian Council
Brothers to Brothers Program

We ask those participating as Assigned Brothers to commit to the following with respect to their fellow brother Knight:

Make contact by phone or visit at least once a month.

Determine if they can attend Mass regularly. If not, offer to co-ordinate with the Parish, visitation by a Eucharistic Minister.

Confirm they are receiving Council / Assembly emails.

Invite them to monthly Council meetings and offer to give them a ride to the meeting.

Invite them to the quarterly Brothers to Brothers luncheon and offer to give them a ride to the luncheon.

Report to Brothers to Brothers Committee members any practical needs with which the Council may be able to assist.

Report to the Grand Knight and the Brothers to Brothers Committee members any significant increase in health problems so prayers may be offered.



Joe, Vinnie, Eddie, Tom and Steve enjoying Cobb Salad and Cheeseburgers

Knights of Columbus Charities!

Brother Knights,

Thank you for your continued support of our Council as we serve our Parish and Community.



Many of you have shared that with family responsibilities and work obligations, it can be difficult to attend meetings or volunteer at events as often as you would like. Please know there is still a meaningful way you can help us achieve our goals and continue supporting the charities we serve.

Each year, you will receive three donation requests:

- * Special Olympics in October
- * Vocations in December
- * Helping Life (return address labels) in January

By giving \$25.00 (or whatever you can) to each appeal, together we can reach our charitable goals at Florida K of Charities (5013c Organization) and continue the work entrusted to us.

Our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, envisioned the Knights of Columbus as a force to support not only Knights and their families, but also families throughout our Parish communities.

If you would like to do even more, I invite you to join our Monthly Donation Team, all donations are through Florida KofC Charities, Inc. (5013c Organization)

With a gift of just \$10.00 per month, you will be supporting all our charitable programs, including:

- * Special Olympics
- * Vocations
- * Helping Life
- * Ultrasound Program
- * Food for Families
- * Mobile Disabilities
- * Disaster Relief



Yes, just \$10.00 a month will make a difference, helping us continue our mission while honoring the dream of our Founder, Blessed Fr. McGivney.

Donate online click the link below:

<https://donate.floridakofccharities.org/give>

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to our mission.



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. Thanks to President Harry S. Truman, it's a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces. President Truman led the effort to establish a holiday for citizens to unite and honor our military heroes for their patriotic service in support of the United States of America.

Who is Honored on Armed Forces Day?

Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all six branches of the U.S. military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and the newly created Space Force. The day honors all people currently serving in the U.S. armed forces. This includes the men and women who have served or are serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, including the National Guard and Reserve components.

The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard are the armed forces of the United

States. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard are reserve components of their services and operate in part under state authority.

“Today, and every day, we reaffirm our unwavering support for the millions of American patriots who fill the ranks of our Armed Forces. We are eternally grateful for every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, Coast Guardsman, and member of the Space Force, and we deeply appreciate the sacrifices their families and loved ones make on our behalf.” *President Trump Proclamation on Armed Forces Day*



Upcoming Events

- February 5th Officers & Directors 7 pm
- February 14th Tootsie Roll
- February 16th Blood Drive 8 am
- February 19th Business Meeting 6 pm
- February 20th to March 27th Fish Fry
- February 21st Baseball starts



State Council & District

SAN DAMIANO ASSEMBLY #3192
NEW Version of the Fourth Degree Exemplification: January 31st, 2026,
St Mark the Evangelist Church 9724 Cross Creek Blvd. Tampa Florida



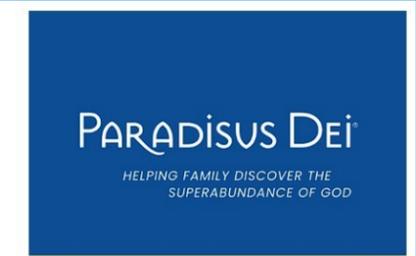
Supreme Council



Jan. 23, 2026, National March for Life
The Knights of Columbus has sponsored every National March for Life in Washington, D.C., since the first in 1974.



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Lecture



We saw one of the most worrying escalations from godless protesters in their fight against the federal immigration operations.

Not satisfied with targeting federal agents, local activists in the Twin Cities decided to crash a Sunday church service in Saint Paul because one of the pastors apparently is Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Instead of taking their grievances directly to him, which would still be disturbing, the activists decided to put the congregation in their crosshairs as well.

In a livestream from former CNN host Don Lemon, who was invited by the agitators to be with them during their stunt, it can be seen the crowd not only interrupted the service, which is against federal law, but they directly harassed people who either asked them to leave or harassed the congregants who decided to exit the church.

The reason for such a blatant violation of the right to assembly and religion is because, according to the left-wing radicals, the churchgoers are fake Christians for tolerating an ICE agent being in a leadership position.



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Grand Knight's Korner

Brothers, we made it 2026. As a number it's not very impressive. But there's some interesting events that will happen in 2026. For instance, it is the Semi quinentennial of the United States. It is the 23rd year anniversary of our council. Artemis II will take 4 astronauts closest to the moon since the Apollo mission. The winter Olympics will be held in Milan and Cortina. Mid-term elections will be held. If we bring the focus a little closer, the council has some events too. In May, the Florida State Council will hold its annual convention in Orlando. June 30th will mark the end of my term as Grand Knight and all the other elected officers. Oh, and of course we have baseball and fish fries this year and the Pierogi dinner will make a glorious return. On second thought I think 2026 is going to be an outstanding year!