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John Jefferies
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Family of the Month

Knightly Round Up!



July 2025

**FOM David Reich
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**KOM - Father Sebastián
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**KOM - Dennis Kalich
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October 2025

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December 2025

**FOM Tom Ricketts
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January 2026

**FOM Jim / Jill DeJoy
KOM Steve Carter**

February 2026

**FOM John Farah
KOM John Jefferies**

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
KOM Dave Lawson**

Knighly Round Up!



Sam Russell

Knight of the Month

July 2025

Steve Carter

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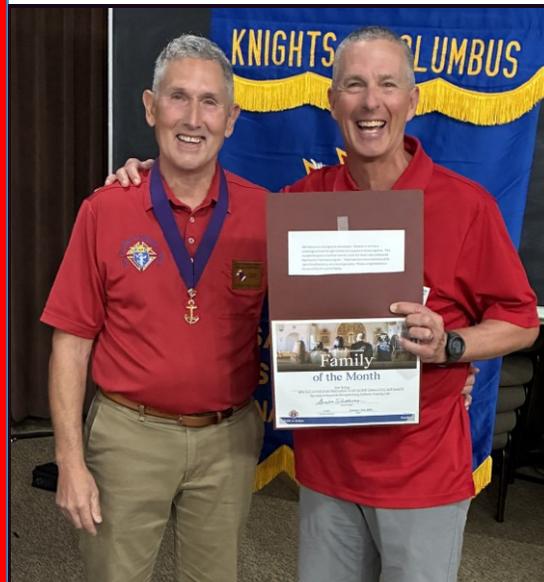
January 2026



Jim & Jill DeJoy

Family of the Month

January 2026



One Block at a Time!



On Thursday, January 22nd, 2026, 8 Knights of Council #13341 teamed together with Habitat for Humanity at a new home build located at 609 11th St. Dr. W., Palmetto, FL 34221.

The project team completed the following:

- Assembled wall support bracing and platforms to install ICF wall blocks.**
- Installed all window and exterior door bucks.**
- Installed ICF wall blocks to one story roof height.**
- Unloaded one pallet of Hardie Board exterior cement board siding from trailer and staged along new construction structure for future installation.**

A \$2,500.00 donation check from Council #13341 was presented to Construction Manager Tony Samuels.



Steve Russo, Raul Arreaza, Wayne Diller, Joe Dixon, Michael Mahan, Rich Mc Bride, Dave Springer and Dean Adamides

Keeping It Square!



Team Work!



Start to Finish!



The Tax Man Cometh!

Brothers,



Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy?

People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates - for example, if your salary changed, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned.

You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition.

This might also be a good time to review your investment portfolio with a financial advisor from Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. Investments have tax implications, especially with dividends, capital gains or losses, and required minimum distributions. By carefully understanding how your investments are taxed, you can work to reduce your overall tax burden while pursuing your long-term financial goals.

By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. His mission of protecting Catholic families is as important today as it was for the first members who gathered all those years ago.

I'd love to talk more if you have any questions. Please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Yours in Christ,
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◆ DRAWING ORDER FORM ◆

Ticket sales begin October 1, 2025 to benefit St. Mary Academy

- ◆ One Drawing ~ \$5,000.
- ◆ Great Odds ~ Only 1,000 tickets will be sold.
- ◆ Need not be present to win.
- ◆ Split a ticket with family members or friends, or give as a gift.
- ◆ Drawing will take place at St. Mary Academy on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 8:15 a.m.
- ◆ No mechanically reproduced entries will be accepted.
- ◆ No purchase necessary. Minimum donation \$50.00
- ◆ Drawing will be completed in accordance with the requirements of Section 849.0935, FL Statutes.
- ◆ Because of Diocesan regulations, we are required to deduct taxes from winnings.

Thank You for helping St. Mary Academy. You are making a difference!

Fill out the coupon below. Mail it with your \$50.00 payment to the address above
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We will then mail you a ticket receipt.

Please include two address labels per ticket for our use in returning your receipt.

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March



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- [Calendar | Council 13341](#)

<https://knights13341.org>

- 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

Web Master 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 coordinate 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.



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Armed Forces Day Charity Golf Tournament Honoree Brigadier General Tom Landwermeyer

Homes For Our Troops is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to building mortgage-free, specially adapted custom homes for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, with nearly 90 cents of every dollar donated going directly to program services.

HFOT operates nationally, however there are many housing projects in Florida: [Injured Veteran Adapted Housing in Florida | Helping those who served.](#) HFOT exists to restore independence, mobility, and quality of life for Veterans severely injured in combat. The organization's primary goal is to build and donate specially adapted homes nationwide, tailored to each Veteran's unique needs, so they can rebuild their lives, focus on family and recovery, and regain self-sufficiency.

HFOT serves Veterans who have sustained life-altering injuries, including multiple limb amputations, paralysis, blindness, severe burns, and traumatic brain injuries. By providing a home designed for their mobility and accessibility requirements, HFOT enables Veterans to regain freedom, pursue careers, complete education, and engage with their communities. Veterans choose where to live, allowing them to remain close to family, medical care, and support networks.

The organization stays engaged after home delivery, offering three years of financial planning, homeownership education, warranty coverage, and peer mentoring.

<https://www.knights3192.org/> **Sponsorship and Tickets**



Up Coming Events!

March 5th Officers & Directors 7 pm
March 6th Start Fish Fry
March 16th Forty Days of Life 7 am
March 19th Business Meeting 6 pm
March 27th Fish Fry last night
March 28th Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am



State Council & District



The Early Bird drawing will take place at the FSC Board meeting on March 13, 2026. One winner will be awarded \$400. Ticket books with backs and staples removed must be returned February 10, 2026, with commensurate donations to be eligible. Quick Start tickets will be included in the Early Bird drawing.

State Raffle last day May 1st

Contact PGK Jerry Graceffo

Supreme Council

Our new Knights of Columbus website has officially launched, and it's ready for you to explore!

This is the first major step in our digital transformation — making it easier to navigate and easier to connect more deeply with who we are and what we do. And there's more to come!

We hope you take some time to browse the website. Stay tuned for updated content and other improvements in the future!

[Knights of Columbus | Catholic Fraternal Organization](#)



VIEW MISSED SESSIONS

ON THE **TMIY APP**

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The image shows a smartphone displaying the TMIY app interface. The screen shows the title 'That Man is You! - Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart' and lists two sessions: 'Session 01: The Power of Leadership' and 'Session 02: The Power of Called Leadership'. The app is available for both Fall and Spring semesters.

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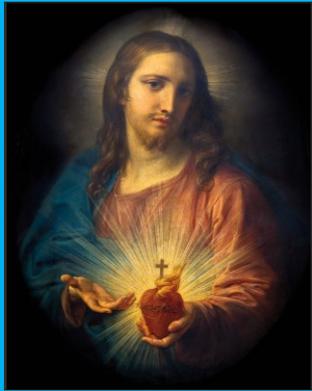
This section features several logos: 'Mysteries of the Rosary', 'TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU', 'The Choice of Wine', and 'MISSIONARIES TO THE FAMILY'. There is also a small logo for 'She Shall Be Called Woman'.



Discover God's Amazing Plan for Your Marriage and Family



Lecture



A Holy Hour was sponsored by Saints Cosmas and Damian Council in the Our Lady of Angels daily chapel in order to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The holy hour was scheduled immediately following the 8AM Mass on Thursday, in the main church. The icon of the Sacred Heart which is a replica of the famous painting by Batoni in 1767, was on display both during mass at the foot of the altar and also on the altar in the daily chapel.

Close to 200 people attended the 8AM Mass, more so than normal, due to the presence of the Sacred Heart Icon. The celebrant spoke about the Sacred Heart in addition to his normal Homily concerning the legal protection of unborn children.

Later, a total of 37 parishioners and Knights attended the ceremony in the chapel. There were 6 Knights and 31 regular parishioners present. This was our first pilgrim icon program and the story of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that dates back to visions by the French nun St Margaret Mary Alacoque 350 years ago and especially as expressed by Pope Francis in October of 2024 is his encyclical *Dilexit Nos* (He loved Us) was well received by all who attended.



When we think of the human heart, we call to mind the admirable qualities of love and devotion as well as courage, faithfulness and sacrifice. When we think of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we see all these virtues and many others, raised to perfection. The image of the Sacred Heart is not intimidating, rather, it draws us towards itself. Though perfect, Our Lord's heart remains a human heart, and an accessible bridge between God and humanity.

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Grand Knight's Korner

Last Sunday gospel readings centered around Saint Matthews recount of the Sermon on the Mount. Here is part of it: "Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply or 'yes' or 'no'. " In more common terms, a man's word is his bond. I admit this a bit heavy for a Knights of Columbus meeting but is it really? I think it's good for everyone to reflect on this and apply it consistently every day. From contractors to politicians to friends, we are never really surprised these day when a yes turns to no. As Knights of Columbus let us not participate the decay of our times but rather lead by our good example.