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KNIGHTLY NEWS

OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



Grand Knight's Report

As Grand Knight, I want to thank our entire Council for the energy and faithful service you continue to bring to our mission. The pace and variety of activities we're conducting is only possible because so many of you show up and lead!

A special call-out to SK Roger Packard and SK Mike Klement for your leadership with the Daytona 500 and 24 Hour Races fundraising efforts. Thank you for representing our Council with excellence!

Recognition also goes to SK Joc Roch for your continual dedication to the Tootsie Roll Drive, raising significant funds to support people with disabilities. Your steady commitment makes a real impact!

We also have something major to celebrate: our Council recruited 102 new members. That growth helps us maintain momentum and sustain the many programs we run. Thank you to every Brother who recruited and is mentoring!

To our new members: welcome, and thank you for stepping forward. Please go earn your "Shining Armor" award and get involved—*this Council is strongest when every Knight is active.*

Thank you to SK Dennis Fleisch for a organizing our annual Retreat at OLOH Church on March 7. I hope you will join us for Lenten prayer, mass and spiritual reflection — and bring your wife or other guests. The Retreat helping us prepare for Lent. The Retreat is open to all OLOH parishioners.

And thank you for the huge turnout of brothers at our last Food Drop—especially our new members, over 12 strong. We served 298 families in just 55 minutes—you looked like Daytona pit crews, working with speed and teamwork!

Looking ahead, thank you to SK Adam Schmidt for continuing our AI effort, and to SK Zack Laina for leading progress with the ERAU Round Table, including two productive meetings.

Brothers, thank you for all you do. *Let's keep recruiting, serving, and leading—together!*

God Bless,
Ernie

MARCH EVENTS

- 3 Fri 7:45A Rosary/Holy Hour
 - 7 Tue 7:00P Officers/Directors Meeting
 - 10 Fri 6:00P Casino/ Raffle
 - 11 Sat 8:00A Special Olympics (Regionals Jacksonville)
 - 12 Sun 6:30A Pancake Breakfast/Blood/Recruit
 - 12 Sun 9:00A Duck Sales
 - 14 Tue 7:00P Council Meeting
 - 14 Tue 7:00P 40Cans 4 40 Days (Lent) Food Drive
 - 17 Fri 7:00A Jazz Fest
 - 18 Sat 7:00A Jazz Fest
 - 18 Sat 10:00A Loaves & Fishes
 - 24 Fri 8:30A Grocery Disbursement Program (GDP)
 - 26 Sun All Masses Coffee & Donuts
 - 28 Tue 6:30P COR (Epiphany)
- ## UPCOMING
- 10 April Casino Night 6pm
 - 24 April GDP OLOH 9am



Dear Brother Knights,

For us as Knights of Columbus — men committed to charity, unity, and fraternity — this Sunday is a powerful reminder that our service is not just “good works,” but discipleship.

When we listen to Christ, we learn how to love our families more faithfully, support our parish more generously, stand with the vulnerable more courageously, and stay united even when life is demanding. Lent is not about proving ourselves; it is about being formed into men who follow Jesus, especially when the path includes the Cross.

This week, make the Father’s command your Lenten plan: *listen to Him*. Spend a few quiet minutes each day with the Gospel. Bring your burdens to prayer. And let that prayer shape our Council’s mission — serving with humble hearts, building unity, and lifting others up. The Lord who leads us down the mountain toward sacrifice is the same Lord who has already shown us where the path ends: **in glory**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Matt



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As we are in the early stages of the season of Lent, I would urge Brother Knights to concentrate on the virtue of Fraternity – one of the three key principles of the Order.



Without Fraternity, there can be no Unity; how can Charity exist without the virtues of Unity and Fraternity?

At our upcoming meetings, I would urge each of us to sit next to a Brother Knight that you don't know very well. Intr oduce yourself and get to know each other. The next step is to join him and other Knights at one of our many projects – working the trams at the Speedway, passing out Tootsie Rolls, handing the groceries at our very successful food drops. You will make new friends in the process.

I met a Brother Knight and his wife at a pizza place following a recent Saturday afternoon Mass. She mentioned that they don't go to the Knights' functions because they "don't know anyone," so Sue and I invited them to join us at our next event.

Remember, we are all Catholic gentlemen. We've all got the same goals. Let's work together to achieve them!

SK John O'Malley.
 District Deputy 20 "Men on a Mission"

Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

31 March — 6:30 PM at OLOH

OPEN TO ALL MEN IN OUR PARISH. They do not need to be a Knight.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.



Contact SK John O'Malley at 386-631-6889 or jomalley1@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Are you disabled? If so, please register with **Wes Wengren,**
wwengren429@gmail.com.

To view the FL State Council info, click below: <https://www.floridakofc.org/>



Dear Brother Knights,

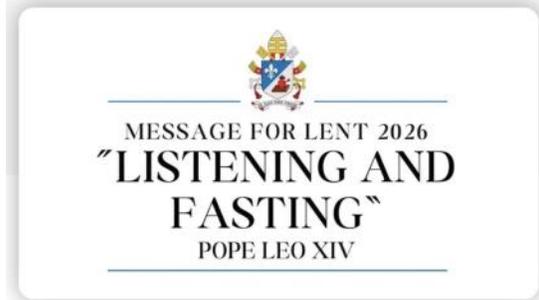
I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the team who worked on the cleanup project behind the storage building on the church property.

We are incredibly grateful for the hard work and diligence shown by Sir Knights Tom Anderson, Al Morganti (who brought along a friend and hopefully future Knight, Anthony Delvecchio), and Tom Hilpert. Over the course of several days, this team worked to clear a wooded area that had not been touched in many years. Thanks to these efforts, we successfully removed 10 standing dead trees, 6 fallen trees, and a significant amount of branches and debris.

Your hard work and time are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication to our church property.

Best regards,
SK Thomas Antalek





Pope's Lenten message: Abstain from harsh words and rash judgement

Ahead of the start of Lent, Pope Leo XIV invites Catholics to open ourselves to listening, fasting, and community, urging us to abstain from words of hatred in order to make space for words of hope and peace.

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Full Zip Up Hoodie: Small-XL \$32, XXL \$34, 3X \$36
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Family of Month Program

Designed to promote/support the development of strong Catholic families

Each month, Knights councils around the country select one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day to be their Family of the Month.

To be selected as Family of the Month, the family should stand out as an exemplary model to others in the parish. They do not need to be a Knight Family. For our Council, they do have to be Our Lady of Hope parishioners.

If you know a family in our parish who emulates Catholic values and demonstrates them regularly by serving God and our parish, you can nominate them for the Council 8086 Family of the Month. All nominations should go to Vito or Ernie.



Birthday Boys



New appointed District Warden Roger Packard



KOM Fr Matt



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: Sean Laughman

Thank you for selecting me as Knight of the Month. I am truly honored and grateful to be part of this brotherhood.

I have been a Knight since December of 2025 and a member of Council 8086 since that time. While I am still new, I am proud to stand alongside such dedicated men who serve our Church and community. I was born and raised in Florida. After some recent events in my life, I felt called to return to the Church in October of 2025. That decision has been one of the most meaningful steps I've taken, and it has strengthened my faith and sense of purpose.

I am continuing to grow in my involvement at OLOH as a usher for the 11am service and look forward to serving wherever I am needed within the parish community.

I believe it is important to be an active member of our Church because faith requires action. Being involved helps us grow spiritually, support one another, and build a stronger parish community centered on Christ.

Thank you again for this recognition. I am grateful to be back in the Church and proud to serve as a member of Council 8086



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: The Carson's

The Carsons moved from South Daytona to Port Orange in 2012 and joined **Our Lady of Hope (OLOH)** in 2013 through RCIA. In 2014, their children were baptized, and the family has remained grateful for the welcoming parish community they found—and still enjoy—at OLOH.

Dave Carson has served as a Knight of Columbus (including time as **Warden**) and was part of the **Color Guard** before the uniform change. He currently ushers at the **7:30 a.m. Mass**, helps with parish events such as dinners, pancake breakfasts, and the Golf Tournament, and supports the youth group when needed. He is also continuing his faith formation by attending **Cursillo this Thursday**.

Larissa Carson serves as a **Youth Group Leader** and previously helped with **CLOW** and Children's Faith Formation. She will attend **Cursillo in March**.

Their children actively serve as **altar servers and ushers**. The Carsons believe OLOH is where community begins, and that staying involved opens doors to serve others and grow closer to the Lord.

Outside of parish life, the family enjoys **Scouting, camping, Disney, cruises**, and visiting family in **Tennessee and Michigan**. Dave has also been an active **Scout leader** in his son's troop for **10 years**.



Faith in Action

A Busy McGivney Lent

As we look ahead to the penitential season of Lent, it is also a good time for Guild members to look back on the busy pastoral life of Father Michael McGivney. The early months of 1882 were full of activity for the young priest, not only with the usual duties of Mass, confessions, baptisms and marriages, but also with visits to condemned prisoner James "Chip" Smith, and final plans for the formation of the Knights of Columbus.

A key date that year was February 2, when he and the first members met to establish "a purely original organization" and appointed Father McGivney to draft the constitution and bylaws.

February 22 marked the beginning of Lent, with 40 days of fast and continued abstinence from meat on Fridays. Yet Father McGivney was busy sending out letters to Connecticut parishes about the new organization and reported some favorable responses.

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, a play called "Eileen Oge" was staged to rave reviews by a group trained by Father McGivney.

The fine work of Father McGivney on the constitution and bylaws led the Connecticut legislature to quickly grant a charter to the Knights of Columbus on March 29, celebrated annually as Founder's Day.

Our own Lent may not hold such momentous events, but we pray that our disciplines may be fruitful for our spiritual life through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney!

Brian Caulfield
Vice Postulator

Monthly McGivney Message



OLOH FISH DINNERS



Fridays' during Lent

ADULT - FRIED, FRIED SHRIMP OR
PRE-ORDER BAKED FISH

HUSH PUPPIES, COLESLAW, FRENCH
FRIES

KIDS- MAC/CHEESE, FRIES, SODA

DESERT COOKIES



Adult \$12

Kids \$6

Beer \$2



Two local Knights of Columbus councils—**Council 8086 of Port Orange** and **Council 4934**—have raised **\$15,000** to strengthen services and resources for women in the Daytona Beach area, with proceeds designated to support **Resources for Women** in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The fundraising total reflects weeks of coordinated effort by Knights, families, parish supporters, and community partners who rallied behind a shared mission: providing practical, compassionate support for women who need assistance, encouragement, and access to critical resources.

“We’re proud to stand behind the work being done for women right here in our community,” Life Director Council 8086 Vito Benedetto “This gift is about meeting real needs with real support—financial, material, and personal—so that no one feels alone when facing difficult circumstances.”

Resources for Women serves local women by helping connect them with vital support services and tangible aid to mothers and their newborn. Council leaders noted that the \$15,000 contribution is intended to help expand the organization’s ability to respond to needs as they arise—whether through program support, supplies, or direct service capacity.

Members of both councils emphasized that the effort was driven by the Knights of Columbus’ long-standing commitment to charity and community service, and that the success of the fundraiser was a testament to what local volunteers can accomplish when working together.

Council representatives also expressed appreciation to everyone who donated, volunteered, and helped spread the word—underscoring that community generosity played a central role in reaching the milestone.

The councils said they look forward to continued collaboration on charitable initiatives throughout the year, with a special focus on supporting families and individuals in the greater Daytona Beach area.



Join Knights 8086 Round Table @ ERAU



So we are obtaining a lot of college students into Council 8086. We welcome them and they are the future of our council and the KofC. Please welcome them into our council.

[College Councils Conference 2025 Recap](#)

Each year, College Knights of Columbus from across the nation gather for the College Councils Conference to be renewed in faith, brotherhood, and mission. Held at the birthplace of the Order and the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney, the conference brings together young men committed to living their Catholic faith through charity, service, and leadership. Participants are formed by Supreme officers and inspired through shared fellowship with fellow college Knights who face the same challenges—and opportunities—on campus today. Join us at the 2026 College Councils Conference and be equipped for the mission.



EMBRY-RIDDLE Aeronautical University





Hi Fr. Matt,

I hope you're doing well. I wanted to share some great news from today's mobile food distribution at Our Lady of Hope.

We served 296 families and 877 individuals, distributing 19,000 lbs. of food in just 55 minutes — our *new record!* The pace, coordination, and spirit on site were incredible to witness.

I especially want to highlight the Knights. They are always helpful and willing to serve but today felt different. Their teamwork, energy, and leadership were truly phenomenal. To see how much they've grown with us through our monthly distributions honestly makes me very happy. We've all worked so hard to get this event to where it is today — and seeing them step into this level of strength and confidence really stood out.

My point in sharing this is not only to pass along the numbers, but also to let you know how powerful today's group was. You should feel proud to have them. Their presence made a real impact.

Thank you for your continued support. Days like this remind us what's possible when a community comes together with purpose.

Blessings,

Juan A. Vega

Director of Food Ministries

Agape Mission Markets

Office: (407) 658-1818 (x2332)



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What a beautiful, grace-filled day for our Food Drop team and our steadfast sponsor, Knights of Columbus Council 8086.

We arrived expecting a quieter morning—doing our best with a smaller group of volunteers—and the Lord turned it into something extraordinary: a true miracle born of love and sacrifice.

The numbers alone speak to His providence: **19,000 pounds** of fresh, nourishing groceries shared; **296+ families** welcomed and served; and, most humbling of all, we were able to serve every beautiful family in just **55 minutes**—a new record.

That kind of efficiency and joy doesn't come from human strength alone. It came from a core team that stepped forward with open hearts, even though many of our seasoned volunteers were unable to join us. Boxes were packed with care, families were greeted with genuine warmth and smiles, and every person left carrying not just food, but the quiet assurance that they are seen, valued, and never forgotten.

This was never just about groceries. It was a living echo of Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. The Holy Spirit moved gently through every handshake, every lifted box, and every whispered "God bless you" at the tailgate. We were reminded again: when we show up in love, He multiplies what little we bring.

To our beloved Knights of Council 8086—GK Ernie Jackson, DGK Vito Benedetto, SK Tim Mell, and every regular Knight and new brother who rolled up your sleeves and showed up today—thank you. From the depths of our hearts, thank you. You never fail to show up, even when the day looks heavy or the numbers feel short. You step in with steady hands, quiet determination, and that unmistakable Knightly spirit that turns what could be a struggle into something joyful and sacred. When the trucks arrive and volunteers are few, you become the bridge—lifting boxes, directing traffic, smiling at tired families, and offering a kind word or a cold bottle of water. You make the impossible feel possible.

To our dear friends at Orlando Diocese Catholic Charities—especially Juan Vega and his wonderful assistant, Eddie—thank you. Juan, your calm wisdom and patient guidance have helped steer us through countless details and decisions, always pointing us toward what is most effective and compassionate. Eddie, your kindness, quick thinking, and gentle way with everyone make every interaction feel like family. We say it every time, but it never feels like enough: we simply could not do this without you.

To every volunteer who came today: you were the hands and feet of Jesus. You made the miracle real. Thank you for saying yes when it would have been easier to stay home.

And to the families we were privileged to serve: please know you are deeply loved, held in prayer, and never alone. You are precious in God's eyes—and in ours.

Thank You, Lord, for this miracle on ice.

We'll see you again soon—**Friday, March 27**. Bring a friend if you can. Bring your heart always. There's always room for one more at the table.

In the love of Christ,
Deacon Stephen Gross



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Parish: Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 Parish City, State: Port Orange, FL

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Former Member? ____ Yes ____ No

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To complete your registration as an e-member, we will input the information you provided above into our online membership system. Once that is complete, you will need to confirm your membership by responding to an email that you will receive from the Knights of Columbus at the email address you listed above. If you do not respond to the registration email, a Knights of Columbus representative may reach out to you to help you complete the registration process.

Exemplification of New Members



This Knights of Columbus ceremony advances new and existing members through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third Degree member. These ceremonies, known as exemplifications, are normally done in person. However, due to change, we now offer these ceremonies online.



Degree Team Presenter SK Bob Gillikin



Degree Team Chairman SK Dave Vaden



Exemplification Honoree SK Wes Wengren Pinning



Candidates breaking the string



New Knights Listening to the Ceremony



Chancellor SK Jake Mays pinning



SK Jim Baskin demonstrating Team Rope

March BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Louis Rosa | 20 Dave Rogue |
| 2 Joseph Valley | 20 Ron Salzman |
| 7 Carlos Hernandez | 21 Matt Kocisko |
| 7 David Mays | 21 Brian Madsen |
| 8 Wes Walton | 22 Chase Kinniry |
| 10 Nick Benvenuti | 22 Tod Seger |
| 11 Ed Brown | 24 Doug Bolas |
| 12 John Clig | 26 Mark Riley |
| 12 Chris Hofer | 28 Bruce Campbell |
| 12 Sean Laughman | 28 Scott Giddings |
| 13 Joe Roskey | 28 Steve Jones |
| 13 Rich Smatt | 29 Lance Alejandro |
| 16 Floyd Hillman | 29 Stephen Careccia |
| 19 Dan O'Connor | 29 Russell Faller |
| 19 Mark Torrey | |



Knights' Intentions

Please pray for our Brothers and their Families who are sick or in need:

Kim Allen, Dave Arundel, Audrey Borowski, Jim Gallo, Dr. Bob Gangi, Bill Gardi, Gruzi, Lorraine Kaehl-Yahner, Marilyn Kliment, Mike Mann, Stephen & Judy Martino, Bill Millson, Mike O'Malley, Dcn Mike Pettit, Richard Silva, Doreen Taylor, Issy White, Col Maureen Wojciechowski, Brianna Hyde and Lorraine Yahner

Our Council 8086 Per Capita Dues of \$816.42 paid to Supreme Council
in January 2026



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.
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