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Father John H. Patrick
Council No. 13207
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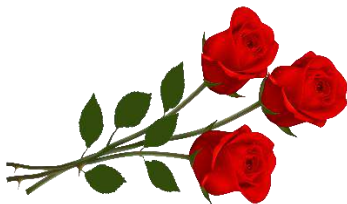
Have a Holy and Blessed



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou
among women and
blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.



Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour
of our death.
Amen.



and Happy New Year!



FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026 JULY 1 – JUNE 30

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¹ Appointed by Supreme Knight/ recommendation by Grand Knight
² Appointed by council's Grand Knight

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers,

As some of you know, the past few months have been very difficult for Mary and me personally. Nonetheless, as Fr. Rafael LaVilla said during his Homily at the Filipino – American Mass on November 30, 2025, “Christmas is not optional”. Advent is upon us. During our Advent Day of Reflection on December 6, 2025, Ms. Pat Cook explained four key words to keep in mind during this season – Waiting, Coming, Emmanuel and FIAT. I would like to add one more – Grateful.

I am very thankful to you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with the Council and the parish. As you read this newsletter, I think you will agree that we have been very active and involved in our parish and community this fraternal year, some of which included:

- gathering coats, hoodies, sweaters and shoes as part of our Coats for Kids initiative,
- raising money for Special Olympics, Operation Christmas Child, the KAIROS Prison Ministry,
- grilling hamburgers and hot dogs in support of the Holy Faith’s Fall Family Festival,
- donating gift cards to 12 migrant families to buy food and other items for Thanksgiving,
- serving dinner to OCIA candidates and catechumens,
- provided funds to our adopted seminarian, Loc Huynh,
- organizing the K of C Soccer Challenge for our youth,
- preparing and serving coffee and donuts after masses, on the first weekend of every month,
- hosting a Pancake Breakfast for the parish,
- bringing the Sacred Heart of Jesus icon to Holy Faith,
- presenting bibles to the incoming class at St. Francis Catholic Academy after mass,
- attending Mass at The Village on the second Friday of every month,
- hosting Rosary Prayer Services and Potluck Dinners on the third Tuesday of every month,
- celebrating two Corporate Communion, and
- welcoming new and transfer members, with many Filipino Americans, as Brothers into our council.

We will continue to be engaged in parish and KofC activities, as mentioned above. However, we have so much more to do, including providing Easter Baskets to migrant families, hosting our Lenten Day of Reflection, recognizing our exemplary Altar Server, and, of course, hosting Fish Fry Dinners during Lent and the OCIA Reception after the Easter Vigil Mass. If there is something beyond what we are currently doing that you are passionate about, I encourage you to let us know.

As we continue past the Christmas Season and go into the New Year, please join me in reciting and reflecting upon the Advent Prayer:

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people’s hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Joe D’Amata

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HOLY FAITH- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13207

Come meet your Brother Knights and Officers at the next **Business Meeting**, held on the **1st Thursday of every month, starting at 7 pm**. Meetings are held in the **Ministry Building at Holy Faith**, in the **Conference Room** immediately on the right as you enter the building.

When was the last time **YOU** attended a meeting or had your picture taken at a Knight's event? See **YOU** there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13207

Date	Day	Event	Coordinator	Location/Time
January 2026				
1/1	Thu	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
1/1	Thu	HAPPY NEW YEAR!		
1/4	Sun	Coffee and Donuts	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, after all Sunday Masses
1/8	Thu	Council Business Meeting	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, Ministry Building, 7 pm
1/16	Fri	Mass at the Village	GK Joe D'Amata	The Village, Chapel, 2 pm
1/18	Sun	Feast of Santo Nino		Mass at 2 pm, followed by Procession
1/20	Tue	Rosary Prayer Service & Potluck Dinner	Ricky Neumann	Holy Faith, Courtyard behind the Rectory, 6 pm
1/31	Sat	Fourth Degree Exemplification	FS Bob McCann	St. Mark the Evangelist Church, Tampa, FL
February 2026				
2/1	Sun	Coffee and Donuts	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, after all Sunday Masses
2/1	Sun	St. Francis Catholic Academy	Raul Copete	18th Annual Souper Fun Sunday
2/5	Thu	Council Business Meeting and Potluck, with a Special Speaker	DGK Wayne Wooschlager	Holy Faith, Parish Life Center, 7 pm
2/13	Fri	Mass at the Village	GK Joe D'Amata	The Village, Chapel, 2 pm
2/15	Sun	Corporate Communion Mass & Altar Server of the Year Award	DGK Wayne Wooschlager	9:30 am Sunday Mass
2/17	Tue	Rosary Prayer Service & Potluck Dinner	Ricky Neumann	Holy Faith, Courtyard behind the Rectory, 6 pm
2/18	Wed	✠ ASH WEDNESDAY- LENT BEGINS ✠		
2/20	Fri	<i>1st Lenten Fish Fry Dinners</i>	<i>Tony Stefanowicz, Bob McCann</i>	<i>Holy Faith, PLC, After the 6 pm Stations of the Cross</i>
2/21	Sat	Lenten Day of Reflection	Jon Meinholz	Holy Faith, PLC & Church 8:30 am- 1 pm
2/23	Fri	2nd Lenten Fish Fry Dinners	Tony Stefanowicz, Bob McCann	Holy Faith, PLC, After the 6 pm Stations of the Cross
2/28	Sat	A Women's Answer- Annual Banquet for Life		Best Western Gateway Grand, 7 pm

Note: Dates and events subject to change. Please check with GK for latest information.

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

STAR COUNCIL AWARDED TO:

Fr. John H. Patrick Council #13207 !



At the Business Meeting on December 4, 2025, District Deputy Nick Mrozinske presented the Star Council Award to GK Joe D'Amata and Council #13207 for the fraternal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.



Congratulations to all Brothers for all your efforts and hard work in achieving this award! It would not be possible without everyone pitching in and doing their share- whether large or small.

The Star Council Award is the highest honor that a council can achieve within the Knights of Columbus. It signifies a council's success in various areas, including membership growth, insurance programs, and community service initiatives. Achieving this award is a mark of excellence and commitment to the values of the Knights of Columbus.

Key Criteria to earn the Star Council Award

- **Membership Growth:** achieve the *Father McGivney Award* requirements, which include a net increase in membership with goals based on council size
- **Insurance Participation:** meet the *Founders' Award* requirements, which involves having a designated quota of insurance members.
- **Service Program Activities:** qualify for the *Columbian Award*, by conducting and reporting at least 16 programs across four categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life
- **Reporting Requirements:** submit the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) and the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365)
- **Compliance:** must not be suspended by the Supreme Council for nonpayment of dues or other charges



Congratulations to Council #13207 for finishing 4th place with a 360% attainment of our annual membership intake goal as part of the Supreme Council's Fishers of Men Program. This is a membership incentive program conducted for a 4-month period from July 1 to October 31. Councils were grouped by territory with Florida as one of 14 jurisdictions in the Southeast Territory. Incentives were awarded to the top 3 councils in total number of new member intake, and for the top 25 councils in percentage attainment of the annual membership intake goal.

Florida had the top council in the territory for total new member intake: **Our Lady of Hope Council #8086** in Port Orange who brought in 51 new members during the 4-month incentive period. They won \$2000 for a council/parish event and will have a film crew from Supreme to document what they did and how they recruit for others. Congratulations to them!

Florida had 10 of the top 25 councils in the Territory for percentage of quota gained during the period with one council, **St. Peter the Apostle Council #15779 in Trinity**, who finished second (380%) and earned a \$1000 award.

For Council #13207, Supreme will award \$250 to use for a parish/council event during this Fraternal Year!

GREETINGS FROM OUR FIELD AGENT

Brothers, Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026! Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. ¹

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium. ²
- Reduce an existing loan.



Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

Join for FREE today at www.kofc.org/join
Use promo code: **AFERNANDEZ**

¹ Dividends are not guaranteed.

² This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT.

FOUR CORE PRINCIPLES: CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, AND PATRIOTISM

Guide the Knights of Columbus which shape their mission and community service.



1. Charity

Charity is the foremost principle of the Knights of Columbus. Members are called to love their neighbors and serve those in need. This principle is reflected in various charitable activities, such as supporting youth and community programs, pro-life organizations, people with intellectual disabilities and those in need, such as migrant families.



2. Unity

Unity emphasizes the strength found in togetherness. The Knights of Columbus believe that by working together, they can achieve more than any individual could alone. This principle fosters a sense of brotherhood among members, encouraging them to support one another in their efforts to improve their communities and parishes.



3. Fraternity

Fraternity highlights the importance of brotherhood and mutual support among members. Founded in part to provide assistance to widows and orphans, the Knights of Columbus continue to offer support through their insurance programs and community service and commitment of members to care for one another.



4. Patriotism

Patriotism emphasizes the Knights' commitment to their countries. Members are encouraged to be proud citizens and to actively support their nations while upholding their Catholic faith, as is particularly evident in the activities of the Fourth Degree Knights, who participate in public ceremonies and events that honor both God and country.

These principles not only guide the actions of the Knights of Columbus but also serve as a foundation for their mission to promote faith, community service, and support for one another in their shared values.



CHARITY: JULY- DECEMBER 2025

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC ACADEMY BIBLE MASS AUGUST 11, 2025



St. Francis Catholic Academy welcomed 90 freshmen, its largest freshman class, on August 11, 2025 with a Mass and bible presentation. Since the school began in 2004, the Knights of Columbus area councils and Assembly #1817 have each contributed to purchasing bibles for the incoming first-year class. This year was no exception, with more than \$2,000 spent for bibles.

The Knights of Columbus was represented our **Faithful Navigator Steve Jones** from Assembly #1817; **Tony Stefanowicz, Raul Copete, Jeremy Thachaden** and **GK Joe D’Amata** from Council 13207; and **Ron Spitznagel** from Council 13900. Following a Mass celebrated by **Fr. Cristian**, with **Deacon Mike Demers** and **Seminarian Micah**, the Knights presented bibles to each of the Freshman. Thank you to all the Knights!



October 1- 31, 2025

To support the KofC Program, *Coats for Kids*, that ran for the month of October, **GK Joe D’Amata** placed a large box in the foyer of the Church for parishioners to donate coats, sweaters, hoodies and other warm clothing during October.

Thanks go to everyone who donated more than 95 items including coats, jackets, hoodies and sweaters. All items were delivered by Joe to the **Partnership for Strong Families (PSF)** next to Catholic Charities. Since Catholic Charities could not accept the items donated, they directed that the items be brought to PSF. PSF is a social service organization dedicated to child welfare with a focus on protecting children from abuse.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT KNIGHTS’ DONATIONS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards. Without the support of the Knights, participants would not be able to train for the events that they love. At the **November 6th Business meeting**, our council approved a **donation of \$600** towards the **Special Olympics**.

PRISON MINISTRY: Brother **Frank Mackritis** spoke to the Council about his involvement with the Prison Ministry, which includes teaching GED courses and leading **KAIROS bible study** at the Gainesville Work Camp. **KAIROS** is like Cursillo only it is ecumenical. He explained how members get involved- by volunteering at FDOC; making a monetary donation for food purchase; sending Christmas cards; writing letters; or standing vigils prior to executions. At the **December 4th Business meeting**, **\$250 was approved towards the KAIROS bible study program**.

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY: ASAP is a featured KofC program to support pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Through ASAP, for every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center, the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization. Our council approved a **donation of \$500 to A Woman’s Answer Medical Center** pursuant to the ASAP program. AWA is a faith-based, non-profit pregnancy center that provides alternatives to abortion and is committed to saving lives physically, spiritually, and emotionally.



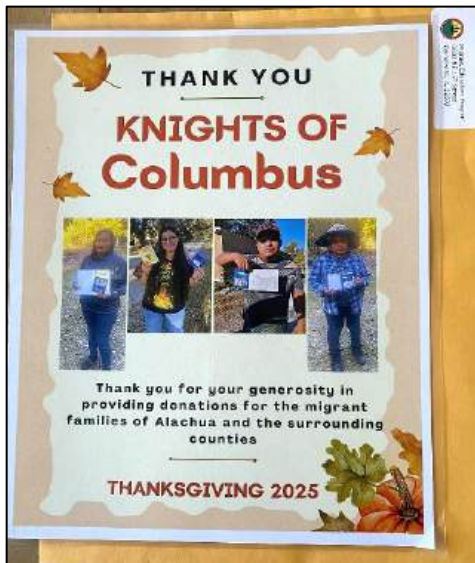
**THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS
GIFT CARD DONATIONS FOR
MIGRANT WORKER FAMILIES
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2025**

At the November 6th Business Meeting, our council voted to donate \$360 to the **Migrant Education Office (MEO) of Alachua County** for migrant families to celebrate Thanksgiving. The office had been closed since the summer due to budget cuts but reopened in October, just in time for the holidays. The migrant families need the community support since they earn little by picking strawberries and blueberries from the fields in North Central Florida. The donation was in the form of Walmart gift cards valued at \$30 each- so 12 families could purchase what they needed.

On Monday, November 17, **Bob McCann** purchased and delivered the gift cards to **Edith Sanchez, Director**, whose staff distributed them to migrant worker families in surrounding counties.

Similarly, our council approved a donation of \$360 at the December 4th Business Meeting for the migrant worker

families to celebrate Christmas. Walmart gift cards were again purchased at \$30 to bring some cheer to 12 families. These gift cards were delivered to MEO on December 15. During that week, **Holy Faith parishioners** also donated gift cards worth over \$800 for the families which were delivered to the MEO by our council later in the week. Thanks to Council #13207 and Holy Faith, the migrant families received nearly \$1,200!



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
DECEMBER, 2025**

Operation Christmas Child is a program sponsored by **Deer Creek Senior Residence** where one of our members lives. Brother **Ricky Neumann** brought this opportunity to the council's attention since this group puts together Christmas gift boxes for children. The boxes cost \$50 each and contain gifts and gospel materials which are distributed world-wide (international shipping is included in the cost). Their goal was to assemble 62 boxes by raising \$3,100.

After discussions at several business meetings, the council approved a donation of \$250 at the November Business Meeting since this is an opportunity to engage in interfaith community and as an ecumenical approach to others.



In December, these boxes were collected by **Spring Hill Methodist Church** and distributed by **Samaritan's Purse**. From the many donations received, more than 90 boxes were assembled and distributed. Great job by all!

**TURKEY CREEK LIONS CLUB/
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE
SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2025**

Brother **Tony Stefanowicz** sold raffle tickets for a rebuilt tractor. All funds were split between the Lions Club and our council for charities that each support. At last count, total collection was \$250. Good job, Tony!



CHARITY: JULY- DECEMBER 2025

TOOTSIE ROLL FUND DRIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES



OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2025

Thank you to Brothers **Tim Sagul** (for organizing), **Bob McCann** (for ordering the tootsie rolls), **Tony Stefanowicz**, **Brian Miles**, **Rovic Anonuevo**, **Raul Copete**, **John Woeste**, **Rusty Cooper**, **Carl Fischer**, **Lito Izon**, **Noel** and **Sherry Perez**, **John Brown**, **Ricky Neumann** and **Gabriel Baylon** for distributing more than 600 tootsie rolls after all masses during the weekend of October 11 and 12, 2025.

Thanks to donations from parishioners, \$1,002 was collected. The drive raised funds to provide quality of life opportunities for all intellectually disabled individuals by financially assisting those agencies that serve their needs, such as **Special Olympics**. More tootsie rolls were available after this drive so expect another time to offer them again sometime in 2026- as everyone knows, tootsie rolls can last forever.



NOEL PEREZ



ROVIC ANONUEVO, BRIAN MILES,
JOE D'AMATA | FR. JOSE,
TONY STEFANOWICZ, RAUL COPETE



ROVIC ANONUEVO,
RICKY NEUMANN



TONY STEFANOWICZ,
JOHN WOESTE, RUSTY COOPER



LITO IZON



BOB MCCANN, GABRIEL BAYLON,
BRIAN MILES, ROVIC ANONUEVO



COUNCIL SUPPORTS SEMINARIAN LOC HUYNH

NOVEMBER 2025

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)**, councils and parish families can raise funds to support seminarians and men and women religious postulants and novices in their area.

In 2024, Council #13207 “adopted” **Loc Huynh**, a seminarian in the Diocese of St. Augustine and studying at the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, to receive support through the RSVP. Loc is in his last year of the Discipleship Stage (aka previously Philosophy) and preparing for the final exam/interview at the end of the Discipleship Stage (just like a thesis defense/oral exam).

As we did in 2024, the council donated \$500 to support Loc at the November Business Meeting. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian, postulant or novice with moral support and prayers for their success. And share a meal with him- which **GK Joe D’Amata**, **Tony Stefanowicz** and **John Brown** did in Gainesville on November 26 and discussed his calling and journey through formation. Please keep Loc in your prayers.



RELIC OF CARLO ACUTIS

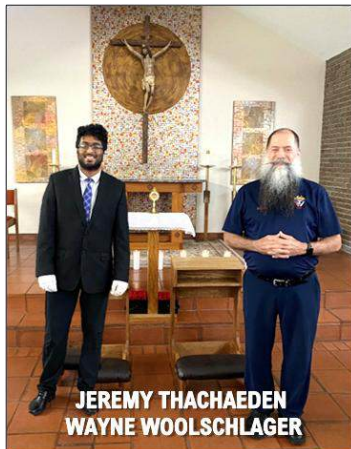
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

The relic of **Carlo Acutis** was on display at Holy Faith on Sunday, September 7 from 8 am to 8 pm. On that day, Carlo and **Pier Giorgio Frassati**, were canonized as Saints. The Knights were asked by Holy Faith to be present and guard/watch over the relic in the church's chapel when it was on display and in the rectory's chapel during mass.



Those who assisted were: **Jon Meinholz, Raul Copete, Mark Walther, Carl Fischer, Bob McCann, Tony Stefanowicz, Wayne Hackett, Jeremy Thachaeden, Wayne Woolschlager and Ricky Neumann.**

Many parishioners expressed their thanks for the Knights being in attendance and helping them by taking their rosary or prayer card and touching the relic. There was a steady stream of people throughout the day with large numbers after the morning masses and before the evening mass in the church's chapel. **Fr. Jose** and **Fr. Ed** appreciated the Knights' efforts and support.



JEREMY THACHAEDEN
WAYNE WOOLSLAGLER



JON MEINHOLZ

RAUL COPETE



SACRED HEART OF JESUS ICON

OCTOBER 28-
NOVEMBER 3, 2025

The **Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon** was in the council's care and on display at Holy Faith for six days.

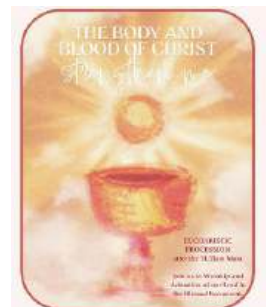
Through the Knights of Columbus' Pilgrim Icon Program, councils organize a prayer service featuring an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by **Pompeo Batoni** and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services.

Thank you to Brother **Ricky Neumann** for receiving, arranging for the display of the icon, having prayer cards available, conducting the Prayer Service and delivering the icon to Holy Family in Williston.

Thank you also to all those who attended the Prayer Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before the Prayer Service. Those in attendance may have been few but we are certain that they found it fulfilling.

PROCESSION FOR THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

June 22, 2025

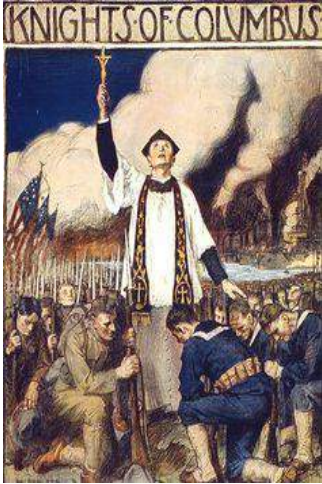


Thanks go to Brothers **Tony Stefanowicz, Brian Miles, Jeremy Thachaeden, and Bill Ryan** and his son **Bobby** for carrying the canopy under which the most holy Body and Blood of Christ was held by **Fr. Jose**. They processed around the church's grounds following the 11:15 am Sunday Mass on celebrating Corpus Christi Sunday.



DISTRICT-WIDE EXEMPLIFICATIONS OF CHARITY, UNITY AND FRATERNITY

JULY 22, OCTOBER 15 & DECEMBER 10, 2025



July 22, 2025- An Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity at Holy Faith Catholic Church. Holy Faith’s Council #13207 had 5 men exemplified – **Gerardo Quilao, Galen de las Alas, Augustin Batallones, Jan Anthony Iyog, and Gabriel Baylon**; two men from St. Patrick’s Council #6108 – **Jose Ramos and Edwin Beutler**. The ceremonial team included **District Deputy Nick Mrozinske, Shane Williams, and Steve Jones** from Queen of Peace’s Council #11448; **GK Joe D’Amata**. **Tito Vasquez** from Council #11448 served as the Warden.

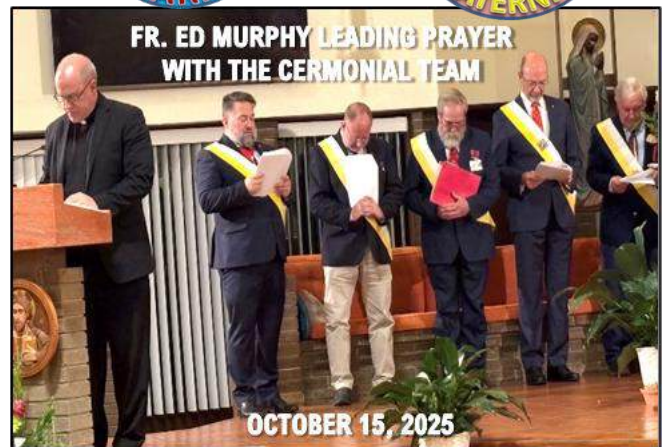
Also present were Brothers **Wayne Woolschlager, Noel Perez and his family, Artie Alfaro** and families of **Galen de las Alas and Jan Anthony Iyog**. In addition to **GK Jerry Woodward** from St. Patrick’s Council #6108 and our **Field Agent Alberto Fernandez**.

October 15, 2025- An Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was again held at Holy Faith Catholic Church. Fourteen new Knights were welcomed to the order: 11 from Holy Faith’s Council #13207- **Rovic Anonuevo, Eric Esguerra, John John Madamba, Andy Bargas, Felipe Teveres, Ernesto Delos Reyes, Ian Ernel Belarmino, Jun Bautista, Bernard Tatel, Edgardo Bolinao, and Marlon Dela Cruz**.

The ceremonial team included Chaplain **Fr. Ed Murphy, District Deputy Nick Mrozinske, Shane Williams** and **Chuck Henault** from Queen of Peace’s Council #11448; **GK Joe D’Amata** and **Bob McCann**. **Field Agent Alberto Fernandez** served as the Warden.

There were more than 40 family members from the newly installed Brothers, which made this exemplification one of the largest to be held in years. Special thank you to **Noel and Sherry Perez** for hosting a wonderful celebration at their home afterwards- more than 40 folks came to celebrate and enjoy the delicious Filipino foods. It was a great opportunity to get to know new Brothers and share in the wonderful meal together.

Also, thank you to all our Brothers who attended the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament prior to the Exemplification.





December 10, 2025- An Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was held at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in the Daily Chapel. Eleven new members joined councils - 8 from Queen of Peace, and 3 from Holy Faith: **Thomas Hankamp, Noah Perez, Brenan Bading.**

The ceremonial team included **District Deputy Nick Mrozinske, Shane Williams, Chuck Henault** and **Paul Zak** from Queen of Peace's Council #11448; **Bob McCann. Tito Vasquez** from Council #11448 served as the Warden.





BREAKING BREAD



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

October 22, 2025

Thank you to Brothers **Rovic Anonuevo, Lito Izon, Bob McCann, Joe D’Amata** and his wife **Mary Watt** for providing dinner for approximately 40 candidates, catechumens and sponsors. The candidates, catechumens and sponsors were very appreciative of their efforts.

And thanks to those who provide instructions each Wednesday night to help others learn about our Catholic faith. On this night, **Luis D. Rodriguez** discussed Catholic devotion to Mary.

FILIPINO – AMERICAN MASS NOVEMBER 30, 2025

The **Filipino – American Mass** was celebrated at 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 30, 2025 at Holy Faith Catholic Church. Thank you to Brothers **Bob McCann** and **Bruce Pitts** for joining **GK Joe D’Amata** and his wife **Mary** in solidarity with our Brother Knights and their families at the Filipino – American Mass on November 30, 2025, at Holy Faith Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by **Fr. Rafael LaVilla**. During his homily Fr. Rafael described the liturgical calendar as a circle beginning with Advent, then Ordinary Time, then Lent, the Easter, then Ordinary Time, and then returning to Advent. However, he described it as a circle spiraling upwards. Both the Filipino American community and Fr. Rafael acknowledged the presence of the Knights and thanked them for their efforts.

AN ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

DECEMBER 6, 2025

Council #13207 hosted an **Advent Day of Reflection** in the Father John M. Phillips Parish Life Center from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Thank you to Brother **Jon Meinholz** for leading this effort and providing food and beverage. The day began with a meet-and-greet with a continental breakfast, followed by Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by **Fr. Ed Murphy**.

After time for confession, reflection and meditation, participants gathered to listen to guest speaker, **Ms. Pat Cook** who spoke about Advent and the four key words to keep in mind during the season of Advent – Waiting, Coming, Emmanuel and FIAT.

After the talk, **GK Joe D’Amata** thanked Pat for giving an inspirational talk and presented her with an honorarium. Lunch and fellowship immediately followed the presentation.



**JON MEINHOLZ, PAT COOK,
JOE D’AMATA**

Thank you to Brothers **Wayne Hackett, Bob McCann,** and **Carl Fischer** who attended and were joined by five parishioners.



ALL HANDS ON DECK!
COFFEE AND DONUTS

See YOU there!
1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

With your help, our council has been able to help serve coffee and donuts after all masses on the first Sunday of each month- July to December- without missing a beat! It truly is a sign of fraternity to see Brothers in action, getting to know one another and parishioners better over a hot brew!

Whether you're there every month or come by when you can, *THANK YOU*: **Bruce Pitts, Danny Stevenson, Tim Sagul, Tony Stefanowicz, Carl & Debbie Fischer, Armando Alfaro, Lito Izon, Joe D'Amata, Ricky Neumann, Richard Powell, Raul Copete, Noel Perez, John and Beth Brown, Paul Wheelhouse, Bob McCann, Bill Ryan, Jon Meinholz, Wayne Hackett, Rovic Anonuevo, Jeremy Thachaeden, Mark Walther, Wayne Wooschlager.** Apologies if anyone is missed- please let us know so you may be recognized in the next edition.

Our parish community appreciates your commitment and service by greeting parishioners to make them feel welcomed and well fed.

See **YOU** there!



Rosary & Prayer Service with Potluck Dinner

Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 2025

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month starting at 6 pm, Brother **Ricky Neumann** leads the Knights and parishioners for a Rosary and Prayer Service followed by a Potluck Dinner in the Courtyard in back of the rectory.

At the September 16th gathering, **Ricky** was joined by **Rovic Anonuevo, Bob McCann, Raul Copete, Wayne and Jennifer Hackett, and Tony and Rita Stefanowicz.** Many brought food and refreshments,



particularly **Raul** who made and cooked enough pizza with his own

cooker for everyone after the service.



At the next gathering on October 21, prayer service was attended by **Ricky, Lito Izon, Rovic and Jenny Anonuevo, Wayne and Jennifer Hackett, Joe D'Amata and Mary Watt, Tony and Rita Stefanowicz, Bob McCann, Raul Copete, John and Martha Woeste** and a parishioner, **Patrick.** All provided delicious food with chef's specialty of home-made empanadas on the menu.

Although there were few attending the November 16th service, **Ricky, Tony Stefanowicz, Joe D'Amata and Mary Watt,** and two parishioners recited the rosary and prayers and enjoyed a potluck meal that included roast chicken and bean salad, shepherd's pie, mountain apple cobbler, and muffins.

The December service was light in attendance with no formal proceedings and ended with high expectations that your new year's resolution will find **YOU** at the **Next Gathering on January 20th!**



HOLY FAITH'S FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

November 2, 2025

Holy Faith held its 22nd annual Family Fall Festival on Sunday, November 2nd. The carnival was an All-Parish Event and all were welcomed. There was food, beverages, prizes, bounce houses, face painting tank and more activities in the Parish Life Center and at the Gazebo.



Knights of Columbus Council #13207 once again cooked out in the courtyard in back of the rectory – grilling hamburgers and hot dogs!

Thanks go to **Grand Knight Joe D'Amata**

and **Tim Sagul** for coordinating and arranging for this event ahead of time even though they were not able to attend. Brothers **Tony Stefanowicz** and **Bob McCann** picked up the food and supplies and ensured that everything was in place for the cooking and serving. Thanks also go to Safety Patrol **Jon Meinholz**, Chefs **Bruce Pitts** and **Tim Sagul**, Sous Chef **Carl Fischer** and, working the line, **Noel Perez**, **Mel Sevilla**, **Dan Stevenson**, **John John Madamba**, **Wayne Wooschlager** and **Gabriel Baylon**.

The council provided one hamburger or two hot dogs plus chips for \$5 with Tony graciously collecting the money for food- always with a smile on his face. Thanks to all youth working the carnival- in return, they were given food for free. And thanks to the more than 220 parishioners who dropped by for a meal and made generous donations!

Money raised from this event was donated to Holy Faith's Youth Group. **TiAnna McCabe**, Coordinator for Youth Programs, was very much appreciative for the Knights' donation and providing the food and servers.

GREAT JOB, BROTHERS!



NOEL PEREZ, MEL SEVILLA, DAN STEVENSON, JOHN JOHN MADAMBA, WAYNE WOOSCHLAGER, GABRIEL BAYLON



CARL FISCHER, TIM SAGUL, BRUCE PITTS



TONY STEFANOWICZ NEGOTIATING WITH CCF-CATECHIST LINDA

KofC Soccer Challenge October 12, 2025

Council #13207 participated in the KofC Youth Soccer Challenge by running the event on a council level on the grounds at Holy Faith, using recently purchased soccer ball and goal on Sunday, October 15.

Thank you to **Jon Meinholz** for organizing and **Joe D'Amata** for assisting at this event. The CCF classes were invited to participate during class time. There were champions in the 9- to 11 and 12- to 14-year-old age groups with a number of spectators cheering them on. Following the medal presentations and photos, everyone enjoyed cookies and juice.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, December 7, 2025

After the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Sunday Masses, our council hosted a **Pancake Breakfast** for all parishioners in the Courtyard of the Rectory. Although no coffee and donuts were available, everyone was treated to all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and more.

Thanks to Brother **Raul Copete** for leading this effort by bringing his grill to cook pancakes and sausages under “cover” due to the changing weather. Thanks to those members who helped set up, prepare, serve and clean up after : Brothers **Rovic Anonuevo, Wayne Hackett, Jeremy Thachaeden, Gabriel Baylon, Wayne Woolschlager, Danny Stevenson, and Bob McCann** and candidate **Thomas Hankamp**. And thanks to **GK Joe D’Amata** who worked behind the scenes to ensure all the “parts” were there.

A fantastic pancake breakfast was delivered with plenty of volunteers to make this a success not only in serving the parish but in joining together as part of for fellowship at the grill and on the line.



**WAYNE WOOLSCHLAGER, WAYNE HACKETT,
GABRIEL BAYLON, JOE D'AMATA**



**RAUL COPETE, ROVIC ANONUEVO,
JOE D'AMATA**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #13207**

**COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

**BOB MCCANN, WAYNE HACKETT, SEAN WORKMAN, TOM HANKAMP, JOHN WOESTE, BRIAN MILES,
TIM SAGUL, JOE D'AMATA, DD NICK MROZINSKE, TONY STEFANOWICZ, NOEL PEREZ, CARL FISCHER,
WAYNE WOOLSCHLAGER, ROVIC ANONUEVO, ALLEN AMOS
(SEATED) RAUL COPETE, RICKY NEUMANN**



NECROLOGY MASS AND PASTA DINNER NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Thank you to all those who helped with the **Necrology Mass** at 6 pm followed by a **Pasta Dinner** on Sunday, November 9, 2025. The Necrology Mass is held to honor and remember deceased members and spouses and a way for the Knights to show their fraternity and support for the families of the deceased.

GK Joe D'Amata organized the event and was Master of Ceremonies. He led the ceremonies and remembered veterans for Veterans Day with a reading of In Flanders Fields, the reading of the names of those Knights who have passed away and those Brothers who have lost spouses and loved ones, and a slide presentation of many council events and moments. Approximately 40 guests attended the service and dinner.

Those helping prepare for the event and serve the pasta meal included **John Brown, Bob McCann, Bruce Pitts, Tony Stefanowicz, Raul Copete, Tim Sagul, Frank Mackritis, Wayne Wooschlager, Jhune de los Reyes, Rovic Anonuevo, and GK Joe D'Amata.** Special thanks to **Greg Jasinski** and Texas Roadhouse for providing the salad and rolls and to **Fr. Jose** who blessed the night's efforts and food.



SIMBANG GABI MASS DECEMBER 23, 2025

On Tuesday, December 23, 2025, Color Corps Members **GK Joe D'Amata (and his wife Mary)** and **Ricky Neumann** joined Brothers **Bob McCann, Tony Stefanowicz, Tim Sagul, Carl and Debbie Fischer** with our Brother Knights in the **Filipino American** community to celebrate the **Simbang Gabi Mass** at Holy Faith Catholic Church at 6 pm.

After an uplifting and joyous Mass, about 300 celebrants gathered in the Parish Life Center for a wonderful meal, music, singing, dancing and fellowship. Council #13207 thanks the members of **Filipino Ministry of the Diocese of St. Augustine (DFMDoSA)** for sharing this celebration with the parish and our **Filipino American Brothers** who made the event so special.





COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7, 2025

Our Council's Christmas Party was held at the home of GK Joe D'Amata and his wife Mary Watt on December 7, 2025. The host and hostess provided a delicious ham, green bean casserole, beverages and other offerings while guests provided a mix of desserts and Filipino staples. Even though the weather was not cooperative, this was a wonderful opportunity to spend time together.



CARL FISCHER, ROVIC ANONUEVO, NOEL PEREZ, MEL SEVILLA, ARTY ALFARO, AGNES ESGUERRA, FR. JOSE, BRIAN MILES, BILL & LISA RYAN, DEBBIE FISCHER (SEATED)



MARY WATT, TONY & RITA STEFANOWICZ



JOE D'AMATA & SHERRY PEREZ



RAUL COPETE, WAYNE HACKETT, TOM HANKAMP, ERIC ESGUERRA, WAYNE WOOLSCHLAGER

The party goers included: **Ricky Neumann, Noel and Sherry Perez, Raul Copete, Mel Sevilla, Eric and Agnes Esguerra, Bill and Lisa Ryan, Arty Alfaro, Wayne Hackett, Tom Hankamp, Wayne Woolschlager, Brian Miles, Tony and Rita Stefanowicz, Rovic Anonuevo, Carl and Debbie Fischer, Bob McCann, and Fr, Jose.**

Thank you, Joe and Mary, for sharing your home with the council.

MASS AT THE VILLAGE

SEPTEMBER 12; OCTOBER 10; NOVEMBER 14; DECEMBER 12, 2025

Thank you to Brothers who have been able to attend the 2 pm Mass every second Friday of the month at the Village to visit Brother Knights who live there, **Larry Clark** and **Walt Visniski**. Mass is celebrated by either **Fr. Jose** or **Fr. Ed**. Knights who have attended include: **Tony Stefanowicz, Tim Sagul, Bob McCann** and **Joe D'Amata**. Larry is the Warden stationed at the chapel door while Walt is always happy to have visitors.

At the Mass in November, Fr. Ed spoke during his homily about procrastination and that we should not wait for tomorrow to do what is needed for our faith today and mentioned prayer, helping others and being there for others. Good advice.



31ST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



OCTOBER 25, 2024

The Assembly's 31st Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held this year at Turkey Creek Golf Course on Saturday, October 25, 2024. Sir Knights **Tony Stefanowicz** and **Bob McCann** (Council #13207, Holy Faith) along with SK **Mark Paletti** (Council #13037, St. Madeleine), with the help of others, organized this event.

With 12 teams and 47 players, the tournament was well received by the players. Two teams from Council #13207 were registered: Team Tim included **Tim Sagul**, **Brian Miles**, **Jon Meinholz**, **Raul Copete** (unfortunately the latter two had to be excused) and Team Noel included **Noel Perez**, **John John Madamba** and **Lito Izon**. Special recognition to **Alberto Fernandez**, our Field Agent, and **Sherry Perez**, wife of Noel, pitched in to get the job done.

Although the number of teams were less than last year's, the tournament raised more than \$7,000 to support various charities and Catholic organizations, such as **Catholic Charities**, **A Woman's Answer**, **Community Pregnancy Clinics**, **Veterans Affairs Medical Center**, **St. Francis Catholic Academy** and others.

**ASSEMBLY OFFICERS
JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026**

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Name</u>
Faithful Navigator	Steve Jones
Faithful Captain	Ron Spitznagel
Faithful Admiral	Marc Andreozzi
Faithful Pilot	Ricky Neumann
Faithful Purser	Anthony Stefanowicz
Faithful Scribe	Bob McCann
Inside Sentinel	Brian Miles
Outside Sentinel	Bernie Carnevale
Faithful Trustee- 1-year	Mark Paletti
Faithful Trustee- 2-year	Wayne Woolschlager
Faithful Trustee- 3-year	Tito Vasquez

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Faithful Comptroller	Chuck Henault
Faithful Friar	Fr. Ed Murphy

**HONORING FR. JULIEN
FAITHFUL FRIAR- ASSEMBLY #1817
JULY 22, 2025**

The City of Gainesville honored the late Fr. Roland Julien on July 22 by unveiling a new street sign at the corner of Northeast Second Street at Northeast 16th Avenue near the campus of St. Patrick Catholic Church, where he served as priest from 1980 until his retirement in 2015. Fr. Julien, who passed away on December 26, 2024, played a major role for 35 years in the East Gainesville area, helping the marginalized by his humility, humor and heart. He served as Faithful Friar for Assembly #1817 for more than 15 years.

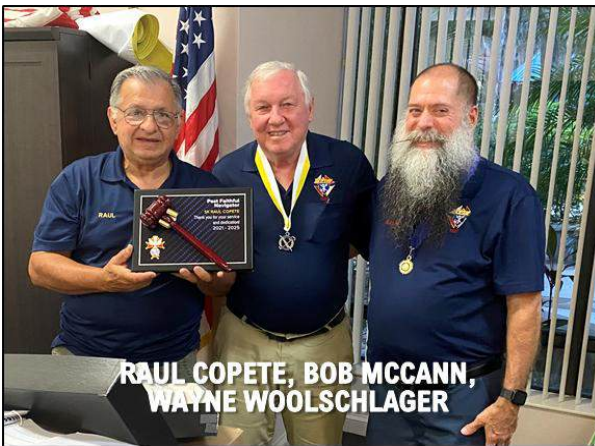




Recognition of Past Faithful Navigator: Raul Copete

September 8, 2025

PFN Raul Copete was recognized for his service to Assembly #1817 from 2021 to early 2025. He received a KofC plaque with a gavel, PFN pin and golf balls for the upcoming Assembly Golf Tournament. Congrats and thank you, Raul!



RAUL COPETE, BOB MCCANN, WAYNE WOOLSLAGER

CORPORATE COMMUNION WITH BISHOP EMERITUS FELIPE ESTEVEZ AND COLOR CORPS

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

On Sunday, September 21, 2025, the 9:30 am Mass was celebrated by **Bishop Emeritus Felipe Estevez**. Sir Knights in Color Corps uniform who were able to join in the processional included: **Jon Meinholz, Ricky Neumann** and **GK Joe D'Amata**.

Other Brothers present were: **Lito Izon, Artie Alfaro, Gabriel Baylon, Lito Izon**, prospective transfer **Brother Jackson Songayab** and prospective members **Eric Esguerra** and **Rovic Anonuevo**.



Knights of Columbus
PAST FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR
RAUL COPETE
Assembly #1817
2021-2025
Assembly #1817 says
THANK YOU!!!
for all that you have done and do
for the Knights of Columbus!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ASSEMBLY #1817
 BUSINESS MEETING, FEBRUARY 23, 2023
 GEORGE MORTENSON, ED LEE, JAY, DON SPITZ, AGUIAR, JIM DOOLE, MASTER JOHN O'TOOLE,
 ALLEN AMOS, BRIAN MILLER, ENRICO COPETE, WAYNE WOOLSLAGER, ANDREW SCHOLBERG,
 CHARLES RYAN, BOB MCCANN, TONY SERRANO, JOE D'AMATA (IN BACK)

SECOND CORPORATE COMMUNION WITH COLOR CORPS

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

The Council celebrated its 2nd Corporate Communion of the fraternal year at the 11:15 am Mass on November 16, 2025. Thank you to Sir Knights **Jon Meinholz, Ricky Neumann,** and **Joe D'Amata** for dressing in the Color Corps uniform and to all the many Brothers who attended the Mass.



MASS IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI WITH BISHOP POHLMEIER WITH COLOR CORPS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, the 11:15 am Mass was celebrated by **Bishop Erik Pohlmeier** to honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Holy Faith. During his homily, Bishop Pohlmeier spoke about the temptations of the world, of the flesh and those worked by Satan. He also challenged us to ask ourselves who are we not seeing.

Thank you to Sir Knights **Jon Meinholz, Ricky Neumann** and **Joe D'Amata** formed the Color Corps and attended with Brothers **Lito Izon, Artie Alfaro, Noel Perez**, prospective transfer **Brother Jackson Songayab** and prospective members **John John Madamba** and **Rovic Anonuevo**.



VETERANS DAY REMEMBERED

AT THE NECROLOGY MASS & PASTA DINNER

After the **Necrology Mass** on Sunday, November 9, 2025, **GK Joe D'Amata** spoke at the **Pasta Dinner** about how in Canada, Europe and many other countries, November 11 is recognized as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day. It marks the anniversary of the official end of the World War I hostilities on November 11, 1918. World War I was a massive conflict, fought all over the world, resulting in the loss of millions of lives amongst both military personnel and civilians.

In the United States, November 11th is recognized as Veterans Day. It is observed annually honoring military veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. It coincides with Remembrance Day or Armistice Day but at the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, in 1954 Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day. Memorial Day, which grew out of Civil War commemorations, specifically honors those who have died while in military service.

In honor of those who died in all wars, Brother Joe then read the poem, *In Flanders Field*, written by John McCrae, a Canadian physician and soldier. He wrote the poem on May 3, 1915, after the death of his friend in battle. It was inspired by the sight of poppies growing on the graves of fallen soldiers in the Flanders region of Belgium.

WE SALUTE ALL VETERANS!



Eucharistic Rosary Congress- The Color Corps October 10, 2025

The **Color Guard** were present at the **Eucharistic Rosary Congress** at **Our Lady of La Leche Shrine** at St. Madeleine Catholic Church on October 10, 2025. Sir Knights **Dan McIntyre, Carl Jacquet, Don Marek, Michael Anderson, Richard Miller, Weldon Watkins** from various assemblies and SKs **Ron Spitznagel** and **Joe D'Amata** from Assembly #1817 formed a Color Corps. Service was celebrated by **Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, Fr. Ed Murphy** and other priests. There was a procession during which the Rosary was recited, followed by Mass and a reception.



Congratulations to Each and Everyone!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH/ KNIGHT OF THE MONTH JULY 2025- DECEMBER 2025

FAMILY/KNIGHT OF THE YEAR- JULY 1, 2024- JUNE 30, 2025



July 2025

FOM- **Bob and Eileen McCann** for all their work on the Council Newsletter in June

KOM- **Noel Perez** for encouraging a number of Filipino men to join the order

August 2025

FOM- **Bob McCann and Tim Sagul** for assisting **Paul Wheelhouse** with the packing for his move to Missouri

KOM- **Wayne Wooschlager** for leading the Council, when the Grand Knight was out of town, despite Wayne's recent hip surgery- which was a success!

September 2025

FOM- **Jeremy Thachaeden and his family- father, mother and his brothers and sisters**, for their involvement and participation in the church at many events

KOM- **Noel Perez** for enlisting members to join or transfer into our council

October 2025

FOM- **Noel and Sherry Perez and Filipino members and families** who participate in many faith activities at the parish

KOM- **Ricky Neumann** for leading the monthly Rosary Prayer Service and Potluck Dinner

November 2025

FOM- **Noel and Sherry Perez** for their hospitality after the October exemplification

KOM- **Wayne Wooschlager** for his dedication as an usher, on hand to help at council events and again leading the Council when the Grand Knight was out of town

December 2025

FOM- **Filipino – Americans** for the benefits they bring and provide to the parish and the diocese- from celebrations of Filipino Mass and the Simbang Gabi

KOM- **Bruce Pitts** for always being willing to grill/fry/cook at the Fish Fry Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts and events and for his recent efforts in Cursillo

July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

Family of the Year – Tony and Rita Stefanowicz for their involvement at Holy Faith in various church ministries and his role as Treasurer and active participation in events as a Knight and member of the Lion's Club

Knight of the Year– Bob McCann for his role as Financial Secretary and participation in many of the Knight's activities throughout the year



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**Florida State Council Mid-Year Meeting
District Receives
STAR DISTRICT AWARD
December 13, 2025**



2024-2025 STAR DISTRICT AWARD

**Past State Deputy and Supreme Director
Scott O'Connor, District Deputy Nick Mrozinske,
State Deputy Michael P. Gizewski**

This past December, **District #14** was the recipient of the **STAR DISTRICT AWARD** given to districts whose councils excel in membership growth, insurance growth, and overall program excellence for the fraternal year, July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Councils in District 14 include: #6108, St. Patrick; #1148, Queen of Peace; #13207, Holy Faith; and #13900, St. Augustine in Gainesville; and #1174, Holy Family in Williston. Accepting the award was our **District Deputy Nick Mrozinske**. Congratulations to each council and thank you, DD Nick, for all your efforts!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL

MISSION STATEMENT

Evangelize and proclaim our faith, protect families, and perform works of charity.

Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order.

Build the Domestic Church through service, support our parishes, clergy, and communities.

Incorporate principled fiscal responsibility for charitable giving.

The Florida State Logo



**Explanation of the
Florida State Council Pin 2025-2027**

"OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST" is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the Knights of Columbus in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives—into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St. John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ's truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.

"JESUS IN MARY'S WOMB" is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

We are a fraternity of men who love our God, love our Family, and love our country. We protect the children, we salute our veterans, and we pray to our patron Blessed Michael McGivney. We do all unashamed and with pride because we understand that which is not against us is with us. For we are the Knights of Columbus protectors of the widows and orphans, and we wear it proudly so **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST** and he shall enter.

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SEPTEMBER 2025 – NOVEMBER 2025 BIRTHDAYS

Brother Knight	Date	Salutation!
Bernard Tatel	9/1	Happy Birthday!
Joshua Hall	9/9	Happy Birthday!
Ricardo Chu	9/12	Happy Birthday!
Marlon Dela Cruz	9/13	Happy Birthday!
Ron Jarabak	9/15	Happy Birthday!
Marcian Brown	9/18	Happy Birthday!
Mark Walther	9/18	Happy Birthday!
Ernel Ian Belarmino	9/24	Happy Birthday!
Paul Wheelhouse	9/27	Happy Birthday!
Barton Wilder	9/30	Happy Birthday!
John Casmus	10/1	Happy Birthday!
Raul Copete	10/3	Happy Birthday!
Bruce Pitts	10/4	Happy Birthday!
Jackson Songayab	10/8	Happy Birthday!
Jorge Del Toro	10/14	Happy Birthday!
Eric Esguerra	10/21	Happy Birthday!
Thomas J Sutton	10/21	Happy Birthday!
Joe D'Amata	10/26	Happy Birthday!
Daniel Burkhardt	10/30	Happy Birthday!
Timothy Sagul	11/3	Happy Birthday!
Jun Bautista	11/5	Happy Birthday!
Christopher Warren	11/5	Happy Birthday!
Jo Jo Gayo	11/6	Happy Birthday!
Romulo Sevilla	11/8	Happy Birthday!
Matthew Dittrich	11/11	Happy Birthday!
Kenneth Le Page	11/13	Happy Birthday!
Daniel Talaga	11/13	Happy Birthday!
James Head	11/15	Happy Birthday!
Noah Perez	11/24	Happy Birthday!
Rovic Anonuevo	11/25	Happy Birthday!
Fr. John Phillips, RIP	11/25	Happy Birthday!
To all! (and if anyone is missed)	9/1/25 – 11/30/25	Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER 2025 – FEBRUARY 2026 BIRTHDAYS

Brother Knight	Date	Salutation!
Brian Miles	12/2	Happy Birthday!
Richard Privitera	12/11	Happy Birthday!
Filemon Alcantara	12/19	Happy Birthday!
Noel Perez	12/20	Happy Birthday!
Wayne Hackett	12/25	Happy Birthday!
Thomas Hankamp	12/29	Happy Birthday!
Thomas Mendoza	1/2	Happy Birthday!
Angelito Izon	1/4	Happy Birthday!
Allen Amos	1/19	Happy Birthday!
Richard Powell	1/22	Happy Birthday!
Ricky Neumann	1/27	Happy Birthday!
Gabriel Baylon	2/3	Happy Birthday!
M.J. Stirna	2/8	Happy Birthday!
Wayne Wooschlager	2/9	Happy Birthday!
Robert Gavette	2/10	Happy Birthday!
Francis Mackritis	2/20	Happy Birthday!
Brenan Badig	2/21	Happy Birthday!
David Williams	2/24	Happy Birthday!
Tad Karmazyn	2/27	Happy Birthday!
Fr. Emmanuel Pazhayapurackal	2/27	Happy Birthday!
To all! (and if anyone is missed)	12/1/25 – 2/28/26	Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!

RECOGNITION OF BROTHER KNIGHT

Transfers

COUNCIL #13207 recognizes Brother Knights who have transferred to our council: Sean Workman, Jackson Songayab, Mark Walther, Jo Jo Gayo, Raul Copete, Romulo Sevilla, Rusty Cooper, Aries Cuartacruz.

WELCOME!

CATHOLIC PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father,
as I stand at the threshold of this new year,
I come before You with a heart full of hope and trust.

Thank You for the gift of another year, for the grace You
have given me, and for Your faithful presence in my life.

I place this new year into Your hands. Guide my steps,
protect my heart, and help me grow closer to You each day.

Bless my family, my work, my relationships, and all the
intentions I carry in my heart.

Give me strength in trials, wisdom in decisions, and peace in
uncertainty.

Lord, may this year be one of grace, renewal, and deeper
faith. I trust in Your providence and surrender all to Your
will.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSED FR. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY IMPORTANT DATES

Birthday: August 12, 1852

Knights Founded:
March 29, 1882

Venerable Servant of
God, Beatification:
October 31, 2020

Feast Day: August 13

Rest in Peace: August 14, 1890



SEE PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

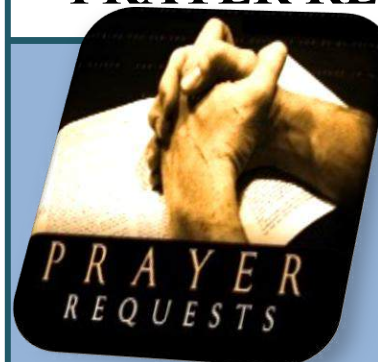
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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.

Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA
www.fathermcgivney.org

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you know of a member, a family
member of a member, a friend, a
parishioner who is in need, *please*
let us know at the meeting or, if
unable to come to a meeting, alert
the Grand Knight Joe D'Amata by
email or text so that your intention
can be presented and prayers may
be offered.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN KOFC COUNCIL

Grand Knight

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations

Deputy Grand Knight

- Assists the GK with operation of the council and duties assigned by GK
- When GK not present, presides at council meetings

Chancellor

- Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee

Treasurer

- Receives money from Financial Secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council

Recorder

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council

Advocate

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and Method of Conducting Council Meetings

Warden

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications

Inside/Outside Guards

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

Board of Trustees

- Consists of GK and three other elected members
- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
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