



**Knights of Columbus
St. Paul the First Hermit
Council 14222 – August 2025**

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Grand Knight Message

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Fellow Knights,

Many of you missed a great meeting last night. I partially blame myself because there was evidently a glitch in the delivery of the agenda but nevertheless it was a great meeting!

We started with a Knight's Family of the Month celebrating Edie and Arthur McDaniel. We discussed upcoming events such as our assistance over the next 2 weekends with dropped off gifts for the Alpha Center and the Sept 4th Baby Shower.

An all Membership Adoration Hour will take place Sept 5th at 8pm. All council members are encouraged to attend.

We discussed the Memorial Mass on Nov 12th, that will be in lieu of a meeting and will include a pot luck meal and a cake.

Cor was discussed, a men's bible study, and finally, we began initial discussions on forming a committee to have a golf outing. Anyone with interest please contact me or Bob Larson. Thank you.

Fraternally Yours,
Jim Schafer
Grand Knight

There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Vincent dePaul Church in Wildwood at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 25th for Jim's father, J. Richard Schafer, who passed away July 7th. He was a Knight at St. Vincent dePaul Church. **It would be nice to see a lot of blue shirts at the Mass.**



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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ARE WE “WARRIORS OF HOPE”?

My brother Knights, after reading the “Warriors of Hope” article in the last issue of the Columbia magazine, I was inspired to write this reflective article. It was not only a faith filling reminder of the meaning of hope, but also patriotic and a salute to our veterans as they visited the grotto at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Our Lady of Lourdes has a special meaning in my religious life, as I had the pleasure of serving mass as a newly ordained Deacon at the grotto in Lourdes.



It also inspired me to take on the project for the construction of our own grotto, and it was truly Hope that made the grotto possible.

It is **HOPE** that keeps us steady when life gets rough, and as Knights we see the roughness of life, but during those rough patches, we put our trust in Christ and He becomes our lifeline. His presence will make us stable that stability that brings an end to the chaos.

It is **HOPE** in Christ that renews our energy when we are completely drained, whether it's from just household chores, relationships, daily life mishaps, or the grind of a Knight's ministry and responsibilities. When we lean toward Christ, it's like He gives us the energy we didn't know we had. It's not always physical energy; sometimes it's the mental or emotional strength for us to keep going when we're ready to give up. Hope in Christ revitalizes us in ways that nothing else can, reminding us that He's the source of our strength when we feel empty.

It is **HOPE** truly encourages us to live with purpose when we are caught up in the daily routine of life. How often as Knights we feel that our ministry is just a routine and just going through the motions without much purpose. At times, it feels like what we are doing just doesn't matter much

at all. But, our Hope in Christ reminds us that our lives have a greater purpose and that every little thing we do can be part of His bigger plan. Let us look into the hearts of ourselves, the work that we as Knights do and how regardless of how little it may seem to us, it means a lot to others. When we're nice to others, when we lend a helping hand don't we feel a warm feeling of the heart, and somehow feel motivated to live with a purpose that is truly something much bigger and part of God's plans. It is Hope that gives us a sense of purpose that encourages us to live with a Faithful Knights intention because we know there's more to life than just getting through each and every day.

And in conclusion, **HOPE** in Christ inspires us to share and preach the Gospel as faith in Jesus isn't just for our own benefit. We again as Knights of Columbus need to spread the Good News. Just remember all the past times in your life as a Knight when you cared for someone, when you shared your faith in Our Lord, when you helped them, and when you didn't need to preach to them because you were living the gospel. We must always feel the hope Jesus gives us, for when we feel our own hope, we should spread it to others who are struggling as well.

One encouraging reality about Hope in Christ is that it is an everlasting life's nature. Yes, life comes with its fair share of unknowns, hardships, and happy times, but through it all, our Hope in Christ must stay steady. Everything else in life is short-lived, but our Hope in Christ stays strong regardless of any situations that we may face in life. That's what keeps us going as faith filled men and Knights when life is uncertain. No matter what we are going through at this moment, keep in mind that our Hope in Christ never lets us down as it is always there to strengthen us, bring to mind His promises, and to push us forward as never before. So, no matter what happens, we can rest and rely in the fact that Christ's hope is eternal, and nothing can take that away.

“May God bless you and your family with a renewed meaning in Hope”

Please keep Deacon John and his wife, Michele, in your prayers as they continue dealing with their health issues. Thank you!

Mike Colvin was re-nominated and elected to the Warden position. Glad you and your wife are feeling better! Welcome back, Mike!



Edie and Arthur McDaniel receiving “Family of the Month” Award from Grand Knight, Jim Schafer, for all their work in the Parish, especially with the children in Faith Development, director of Religious Education, OCIA, Vacation Bible School and 10 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

Our new District Deputy, Allen J. Venezio, will soon be starting his own Podcast, “Rhythm of the Knights.”

Be on the lookout for more announcements of this totally new communication technique for the K of C.



2025 Bookings Plan

Officers Meetings - Start time has been changed to 6:00 p.m.

All members are invited, Officers are required to attend.

			Start Time
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	8-Sep	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	13-Oct	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	3-Nov	1st Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	1-Dec	1st Monday	6:00 PM

Business Meetings – Doors Open 5:30 - Rosary 5:55 – Dinner 6:10-ish

			Meeting Start Time
Enrichment Center*	17-Sep	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
Enrichment Center*	22-Oct	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Social Hall	12-Nov	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM
(Memorial Mass/Pot Luck Dinner)			
Enrichment Center*	10-Dec	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM

Subject to change

***Please Note:** Food service in the Enrichment Center might be restricted to pizza and drinks.

Other Knights Events 2025

Tootsie Roll Drive November 1st & 2nd at St. Mark's - all Masses
 Tootsie Roll Drive Dates TBD 10 - 4 at Publix #0004 Mulberry Plaza

Memorial Mass & 12 Nov - 5:00 PM
Memorial Social 12 Nov - 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner and Beverages in Social Hall

Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales Tickets on sale all weekends in October.

Christmas Dinner/Dance Dec 13 in the Social Hall - Save the Date!

See Mike Colvin to help with set up for the Dinner Dance

Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales Nov 29/30, Dec 6/7, Dec 13/14. A chairperson is needed.

Knights Rosary **31-Aug**
 Knights Rosary 30-Nov

Meet @ 11:05 a.m. in Ministry Room for sash.
 Wear Knights shirt and tan pants. We process in
 at 11:15 a.m. Having 5 Knights participating is
 ideal. Call LeRoy Henneke if you can join us.

Doughnut Sunday(s) Oct 26 after 8 and 10 a.m. Masses

Baby Shower Event

† Please make some time to volunteer the next two weekends before and after the Masses helping the Respect Life Ministry with their collection of baby shower gifts. Before Mass, helping people unload the gifts and bring them into the Narthex and after Mass, bringing the gifts down to and storing them in the Social Hall. On Thursday, September 4th at 9 a.m. we will help bring the stored baby gifts to the Social Hall tables and help to display all the gifts that were donated in the previous two weeks. This should take about two hours. The baby shower will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. We do not have to be there. After the baby shower, they will need help to load the gifts into vehicles to be brought up to the Alpha Center in Ocala. See Church for Baby Shower information. See Joe Castrigno, PGK for more up-to-date details. He and his wife, Bea, are active in the Respect Life Ministry.

New News

† First Friday Adoration we will be doing as a group with our wives at the 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. hour and Benediction.

† **The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon** is scheduled to be at our Council between December 30th and January 5th.

† **The Silver Rose Icon** is scheduled to be at our Parish/Council sometime in the near future. Be on the lookout for info and dates as they become available.

† We received “Thank you” letters from The Arc and Respect Life Ministries for our contributions to their causes.

The required semi-annual financial audit was done and submitted to Supreme and covers January 1 to June 30, 2025.

Charlie Fenstermaker is putting a shirt order together. See Charlie for information. There is also an order for aprons for us to use when working in the kitchen, Social Hall, etc.

Other Activities

Knights Breakfast with Santa - On Saturday morning, December 20th is a go. We have permission from the parish office. All volunteers who will be in direct contact with the children must complete the Safe Environment course required by the Diocese of Orlando through the church.

The Night at the Races in 2026 has also been cleared by the office and Fr. Rafal. Since this is a gambling activity, there might be mandatory County and/or State requirements that must be met for the workers. Charlie Fenstermaker is the chairperson for this new event.

Basketball Free Throw is a possibility and also a monthly pancake breakfast has been brought up as a fundraiser. Come to the meetings and bring up ideas and suggestions.

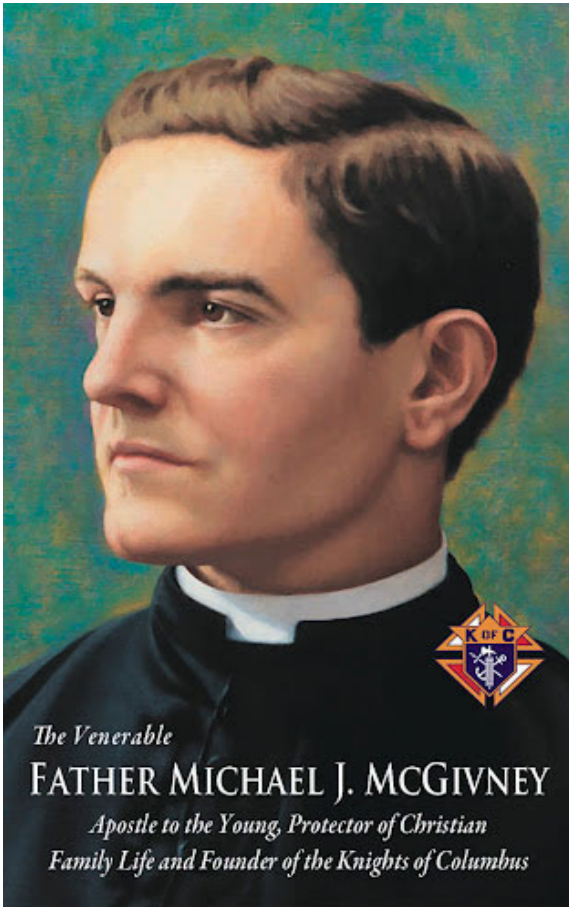
A Golf Tournament and/or a Golf Clubs/Golf Cart Raffle, which has the possibility of bringing in a substantial amount of money to the council. This would require a lot of volunteers and a lot of work, but the potential reward is worth it. Jim Schafer, our Grand Knight is strongly promoting these events. These events would be something for 2026/2027.



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Installation of Officers August 2, 2025**







Born August 12th, 1852 in Waterbury, Ct.
Died at the age of 38 on August 14th, 1890 in Thomaston, Ct.

His Feast Day is celebrated on August 13th.

Pope Benedict XIV declared Fr. McGivney “Venerable” in recognition of his heroic virtue.

Birthdays for September Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!

Joseph Quattrocchi Sep 02
Joseph Charlton Sep 06
Bogdan Jakubicki Sep 08
Anthony Frank Sep 08
Ronald Moxey Sep 13
Peter Bracchi Sep 13
Robert Kane Sep 15
Richard Henry Lee II



Gerald Becker Sep 15
Ronald Doucette Sep 15
Steve Tomaino Sep 21
John Brucculeiri Sep 23
John Ryan Sep 24
Allen Schoeberl Sep 25
Patrick Mc Carthy Sep 25
John A. Olson



Pray for the souls in Purgatory who need our help to reach perfection.

Also, please remember all of those in our Council Family who are ill, hospitalized and in need of our prayers.

Especially:

Gino & Joan Aultta
Jean Brett
Yvette Carter
Hank Casey
Lorilee Cinella
Rick Cinella
Jean Clark
Kathy Colvin
Mike Colvin
Grace Colvin
Roger & Jerry Cyr
Bill Delaney
Chuck Demino, D.D.
Joe Donlon
Nancy Ellison
Kathleen Feenaghty

Jack Fennell & his wife
Tony Frank
Vern Garske
Kathleen Gross
Jean Henneke
Chris Joss
Betty Kloske
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza
Denny Laczko, PGK, PFN
Tom & Roberta Lane
Rebecca Larson
Patrick McCarty
Ron Moxey
Paul Murphy
Sean & Rita O'Connell
Greg Ochalek

Jim Rose
Lynn Rosica
Tom Rueck
Pat Schafer
Chet & Harriett Sedke
Bruce & Judy Schladen
John Sloman
Bob & Pat Smelas
Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer
Jolene Sutherland & Family
Fred Targos
Bob Thomas
Lourdes Thomas
George & Pam White
Louis Wilkinson
George & Patricia Wood

Our heartfelt condolences to our Grand Knight, Jim Schafer and his family for the loss of his Dad, J. Richard Schafer on July 7th. He was a Knight at St. Vincent dePaul church in Wildwood.

Deacon John is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and other medical issues. Please keep him and his wife in your prayers. John and his wife are both doing better.

Our Past District Deputy, **Chuck Demino** has had major health issues recently. Please pray for his quick recovery. We wish him continued recovery and healing.

Tom Rueck has had some recent medical setbacks. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep **Kathy Colvin** in your prayers as she recovers from major foot surgery. Also, **Mike Colvin**, as he deals with some new medical issues of his own. We wish them both a quick recovery. We miss them at our meetings and activities. Our prayers have been answered as both Kathy and Mike are doing better and returning activities at the Parish and K of C.

Jack Fennell recently had eye surgery & his wife is completing cancer treatment this month.

A Note from the Food Committee

Brothers,

I would like to thank all the members who contributed to our collection jar to help offset the cost of providing our **Pizza** (Costco) and salad meal at our membership meeting on August 20 and Larry for helping me set up the Social Hall.

K of C Promotion / Ads

Charlie Fenstermaker and I (Tom Felten) are looking for full page ad ideas to be published monthly in the church bulletin promoting the Knights of Columbus. The idea of this is to let the parishioners and, hopefully, new members get an idea of who we are and what we do and do it in text and photos with promotional embellishments. This will be in addition to any of our existing events throughout the year. Your participation with new ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.



Kevin Maxwell has been reassigned as our Field Agent for all our insurance and investment needs.

Send information for the newsletter to:

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