



Knights of Columbus®

KNIGHTLY NEWS



OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Another action packed month in Council 8086. This is the first month of the fraternal year. We are getting off to a good start.

Although not a KofC or OLOH program, **SK Mark Provenzano has made it his personal mission to purchase a "Mark's Hope House" that he has made available as a place to help the homeless with showers and laundry, etc.** We applaud his efforts to help our area homeless and pray that the city could do the same in the future for the area homeless. God Bless you Mark!

Currently, KofC Supreme is offering a \$2,000 incentive to councils that make their recruiting mission by October. That's \$2,000 toward council income. We are getting close, two thirds of the way there. **So we need your help. If you know a fellow parishioner, friend or family member who might be interested in becoming a Knight, please get their name, phone and email to our Chancellor SK Adam Schmidt at adam_r_schmidt@yahoo.com right away.**

Take a look at the ads in this issue. There 's a lot of upcoming fun events! We are sure you will enjoy yourselves and help our Council.

Congratulations to our Knights of Columbus Life Members listed on Page 5! Unfortunately, the Honorary Life Cards are still unavailable at Supreme. But, we have managed to get the special Honorary Life pins which we will be presenting to our Brothers at the next meeting.

This month's Exemplification will be on the 19th of August because we are trying to vary the timing in an attempt to accommodate the candidates' work schedules. Pictures of our recent Exemplification are on Pages 10-11.

I had the opportunity to met our new Florida State Deputy at the KoB International Rally. He seems to be a down to Earth guy who will try to move our state to continued success. Oh yea, I understand he rides a motorcycle! Read more about him on Page 9.

God Bless!

Ernie

AUGUST EVENTS

- 8/1 ROSARY/ HOLY HOUR, 7:45 AM
- 8/2 LOAVEST & FISHES, 9 AM
- 8/5 OFFICERS MEETING, 7 PM
- 8/7 VET BINGO, 9:45 AM
- 8/10 PANCAKE BREAKFAST RECRUITING/ DUCK SALES
- 8/12 ROSARY, Church 6 PM
COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM
- 8/19 EXEMPLIFICATION 7 PM
- 8/22 GROCERY DIST 9 AM
- 8/22-8/23 PEPSI 400
Daytona Speedway
- 8/24 COFFEE & DONUTS
- 8/26 COR (Sacred Heart Church)

LOOKING AHEAD: SEPT

- 9/1 EASY CONTEST BEGINS
- 9/5 ROSARY/ HOLY HOUR, 7:45 AM
- 9/6 LOAVES & FISHES
- 9/19 ROSARY, Church 6 PM
COUNCIL MEETING, 7PM
- 9/13-9/14 WHEELCHAIR WEEKEND
- 9/14 PANCAKE BREAKFAST/ RECRUITING

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Last month, I received the wonderful news that the **Knights of Columbus** donated **up to \$15,000** toward a new **audiovisual system** for the **Parish Center**, as well as an additional **\$5,000 donation** to support our **youth ministry**. Both contributions will be put to effective and meaningful use in service of our parish community.

Words cannot fully express my gratitude for the steadfast support the Knights have shown — not only to Our Lady of Hope Parish, but also throughout Volusia County. Your dedication continues to strengthen unity among the councils in our district and fosters a powerful spirit of teamwork that uplifts us all.

As we reflect during this month of **August**, we are reminded that **humility is the path to growth** — for it is through **Christ's grace** that all good things are made possible. Your fraternity and charity are tangible signs of grace at work.

On behalf of Our Lady of Hope, thank you for your generous donation and your even more generous witness of love for the Lord and His Church. May we continue to walk together in charity, unity, and fraternity, always remembering that in serving one another, we serve Christ.

With heartfelt thanks,

Father Matt



2025-2026 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK JOHN O'MALLEY

I would like to congratulate Council 8086 for getting off to a great start to the 2025-26 Columbian Year! Only three weeks into the new year, we already have secured ten new members – virtually two thirds to our annual goal of 15. We have already filed the e-paperwork for our new officers (form 185) and council positions (365).

More importantly, the Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director have completed their on-line training – including applicable background checks – well ahead of the deadline set by new State Deputy Mike Gizewski. We've also set up a Fraternal Benefit Event with our Field Agent Jim Booritch, which will be held in conjunction with our September membership meeting. That leaves the Programs area, four activities each in the fields of Life, Family, Faith and Community. That's never a problem with Council 8086 – we generally double that requirement!

We also held our Installation of Officers on the evening of July 11, and held our first Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on July 8.

We will hold a rosary prior to our August membership meeting at 6 p.m. in the Church; this is in addition to our First Friday Rosary at 7:45 a.m.

Also thanks to Our Lady Hope for hosting our annual tri-district organizational meeting on Saturday, July 19. We had 44 Knights from 10 councils on hand for a number of informative presentations. Our members Vito Benedetto (Life dinner), Ernie Jackson (Silver Rose), Mike Godbout (Knights on Bikes) and Tim Mell (Duck Derby). Regional Administrator Bob Rasch was joined by his assistant, Gerry Grillo. State Special Olympics chairman Chris Berens made a presentation. Other DDs were Chuck Armstrong (18) and Dr. Patrick Coggins (19).

We're off to a great start – but let's not let off and continue our momentum route to another Star Council award.

SK John O'Malley.

District Deputy 20 "Men on a Mission"



Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

Aug 26— 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart

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/>

FAITH IN ACTION 2025 OFFICER INDUCTION

On July 11, the Installation of Knights of Columbus Council 8086 Officers, a ceremonial event conducted by our District Deputy SK John O'Malley, Fr Paul Dau, and SK Sam Tedesco, was held to formally invest our newly-elected officers for the 2025-26 fraternal year. The officers took their oaths with their jewels of office in the presence of our wives, who were presented flowers. **This solemn occasion emphasizes the officers' commitment to the tenets of charity, unity, and fraternity, and their responsibilities to guide the council and serve the parish and community.** *Congratulations Brothers and God Bless!*



FAITH IN ACTION

RECOGNITION by FI for WORK ACCOMPLISHED



1st Place "Family" FI State
SK Chris Camacho



3rd Place "Recruiting" FI State
SK Adam Schmidt



1st Place "Public Affairs" FI State
SK John O'Malley



1st Place "Faith" FI State
SK Dennis Flesch

Add

Knights of Columbus Honorary Life Membership

Knights of Columbus Honorary Life Membership is a distinction given to members who have reached a certain age and years of service, typically at age 70 with 25 consecutive years of membership or at 50 years of membership regardless of age. Honorary Life members are exempt from paying annual dues. Our Council will present each of our following Brothers with a special Knights pin in recognition of this honor and their exemplary service. *Congratulations!*

- ◆ SK Bob Gillikin
- ◆ SK Sam Tedesco
- ◆ SK Henri Nolin
- ◆ SK Bob Murray
- ◆ SK Al Morganti
- ◆ SK Mike Orris



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Certificates of Thanks to Volusia Sheriff Office



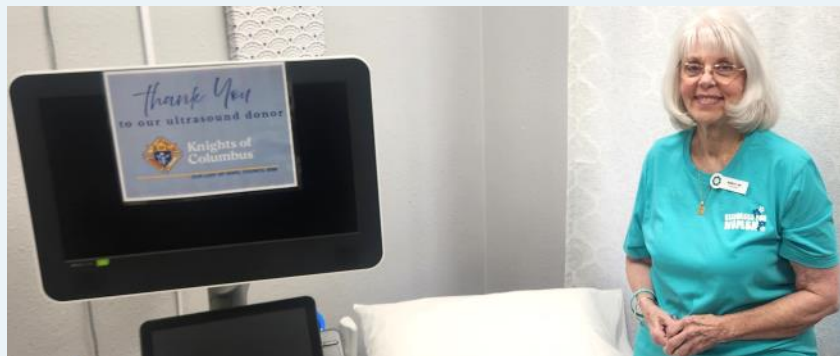
THANKS TO OUR TROOPERS IN GREEN! Council 8086 GK Ernie Jackson arranged for the Volusia Sheriff's Department to provide a motorcycle escort for 200 bikes during the Knights on Bikes International ride through the Daytona Loop. In recognition of their efforts, SK Dave Vaden, SK Mike Godbout and SK Ernie Jackson (taking photo) presented them with awards.

Resources for Women Open House Highlights Lifesaving Mission

An unplanned pregnancy can feel overwhelming and very scary. Fortunately, the team at the Resources for Women in Daytona Beach are there to help!

On July 12, the center held an open house for the community to experience the impact of their living-saving mission and to tour the facility that is equipped with ultrasound equipment purchased with donations from our Council.

You have the chance on January 10, 2026, to help Resources for Women empower women facing unplanned pregnancies to choose life. Please join us at our Council's Celebration for Life. The funds raised will benefit Resources and other local crisis pregnancy centers.





Council 8086

Knights of Columbus
*Celebration
of Life*

*Save the
Date*

2026 Annual Fundraiser
January 10, 2026



8086 CPR & FIRST AIDE

Only 30 slots: One course, 1 hour; open to Knights and their Wives.

One session on Monday, 3 November 2025

6pm-7pm at OLOH Parish Center

Learn CPR, AED and basic 1st Aide.

No cost to you. Pizza and Drink after.

First come first served. If you want to attend, please send Jim Baskin an email (email reservations only) with your name, phone and email. jimbaskin@gmail.com



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: **SK Sam Tedesco**

Everyone who knows District Warden SK Sam Tedesco knows he's one of the hardest working and nicest Knights in our Council, Assembly 2794 and OLOH parish. Whether he's cooking, serving donuts or working at the Daytona Track, Sam always has a big smile on his face — and he has a way of making everyone around him smile!

A Knight since 1989, Sam is a former Grand Knight, District Warden, District Deputy and held numerous positions at the State level in his home state of Missouri. Sam brought a wealth of leadership experience with him when he and his wife Jean moved to Florida in 2018 and joined our Council the following year.

Sam is always there ready to help as needed, formerly serving as Family Director, and POC for the Road Trash Pickup Team. He's currently a Hurricane Knights Phone Liaison and Crew Leader, and member of the Pancake Breakfast, Donut Sunday, Celebration of Life, Race-track and Habitat for Humanity Teams. This past Fraternal Year, he did an exemplary job, stepping up when called upon to fill the position of Assembly 2794's Faithful Navigator. He took on this responsibility in addition to serving as District Warden.

Committed to "spreading the good news," Sam is also very active our parish, serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Minister to the Sick and User. He also volunteers to help others in the community as a member of the Loaves & Fishes, Grocery Delivery Program, Food Pantry Delivery and F.A.I.T.H. teams.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: **Tom & Christine Hilpert**

Christine and Tom Hilpert's journey to marriage and community involvement is a story of faith, life changes, and shared values. Christine grew up near Pittsburgh and Tom near St. Louis, influenced by Catholic teachings about making wise choices when God asks of them during defining moments in time. Christine found her calling in dosimetry through a hospital internship, while Tom shifted from a planned Marine career due to a sports injury to aerospace and defense roles.

Both established roots in Central Florida due to work, family, and personal preferences. Tom settled in Port St Lucie in 2019. Christine came down in 2013. After moving to New Smyrna Beach six year later, she joined Our Lady of Hope — and felt like she should be here.



A friend encouraged Christine to look for a "good, practicing Catholic man" on Catholic Match. Just before she quit the app, a bereavement counselor encouraged Tom to use it to "find a good Catholic girl." The app matched them even though they lived two hours apart. Through the app, they chatted. On St. Valentines Day 2022, the app allowed them a video call. It lasted hours!

This journey led them to Our Lady of Hope parish where they felt spiritually aligned, overcoming the distance through shared faith and values. Both knew that the Holy Sacrament of Marriage should be between three — God, Christine & Tom. They chose OLOH for the ceremony and reception to stand as an example before their family and friends what a Catholic family beginning means.

After their marriage, Christine and Tom became active in parish ministries and committees. Christine trained as a Eucharistic Minister and Sacristan to support her coordination of wedding ceremonies. She ensures that the couples understand each aspect of the Sacrament and why we, as Catholics, practice them. Tom supports her during weddings and is involved with the Parish Planning and Development Committee, looking at the current and future needs of the Parish complex. Both take part in F.A.I.T.H. on various projects.

After prayerful reflection, the couple consolidated homes less than a year ago, deciding on New Smyrna Beach and OLOH as home. They enjoy family life with their children and grandchildren, travel, riding their Can-Am or boating, while embracing their faith and community.

Knights of Columbus® Florida State Council

MESSAGE FROM NEW FLORIDA STATE DEPUTY



Let's "Open Wide the Door for Christ"

Success in the Knights of Columbus is not measured merely by numbers, events, or awards. True success is measured by how faithfully we embody the principles of our Order: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, all of which are only fully realized when they are rooted in Christ.



New State Deputy Mike
Gizewski & his wife Lisa.

We must also remember that our spirituality cannot be confined to meetings or formal events. Christ calls us to be his Knights in our daily lives—in our marriages, in our fatherhood, in our friendships, and in our parishes. This year, the Florida State Council has the chance to inspire a spiritual renewal across the state by calling every man to greater holiness. It begins with personal commitment, but it blossoms in brotherhood.

Click here to read the [Weekly News, July 13th, 2025](#)



Help Recruit New Knights Council 8086

"We are Men on a Mission"

Call to Action: To sustain and grow our Council, each of us can take an active role in identifying potential new members. Share your stories, invite them to our events, and let them see the difference we make as Knights. Together, we can create countless Holy Moments and continue to build a legacy of service and faith.

Contact SK Adam Schmidt, Chancellor

773-963-2419

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Visit our recruiting page for more information

<https://knights8086.com/join-the-knights-online>



Faith in Action EXEMPLIFICATION



Fraternal Year 2025-26 First Exemplification

This Exemplification Ceremony introduces the Knights of Columbus to the Candidates and their families. It is conducted in a highly professional manner, and with the utmost decorum.

During our first Exemplification of the 2025-26 Fraternal Year, we asked God to unite us in the fraternity of the Knights of Columbus as we bear witness to Christ, serving the needs of others in charity, and keeping the commandments in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

We God to bless our new Knights; Elijah Godbout, Mike Allison, Ginia Teta. And, we ask all of you to help us welcome them into our Council.





Fraternal Year 2025-26 First Council 8086 Exemplification



Knights on Bikes ride in the DAYTONA 4th of July Parade

The Daytona Beach Fourth of July Veterans Parade is an annual event held on Main Street, starting at Atlantic Avenue and heading west towards the Main Street Bridge. The parade, which pays tribute to veterans and first responders. In addition to the parade, a ceremony was held at the Clock Tower between the Boardwalk and the Hilton. The Orlando Diocese Knights on Bikes Chairman, SK Mike Godbout, called for bikers to ride in this event.



August BIRTHDAYS

1 Frank Machuga

3 Bob Martin

4 Alex King

4 Rommel T Yu

5 Frank Lo Doice

5 Damian Pettit

6 Gerald Bonner

6 Ed Coyle

8 Tom Kyrzcz

8 David Pigliacampi

9 Dan Casamento

10 Vito Benedetto

10 Mike Kilment

11 Gianni Teta

13 Zac Liana

13 Mike Popp

14 Robert Conlon

14 Bill Sileo

15 Wes Wengren

16 Paul De Antona

16 Dave Dollieslager

17 Imre Koszas

19 Adam Derda

23 John Hoag

24 Matt Gillikin

27 Rich Smith

29 John Miron

30 Rafael Batista

30 Mike Downes



Knight's Intentions

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

Francis Allen, Chuck Armstrong, Jim Baskin, Hank Bensley, Robert Carden, George Chatley, Holly Clark, George Cline, Dave Domann, Lee DeGuire, Douglas Graves, Lou Greci, Fred Hampton, Lewis Hartman, Perkey Henderson, John King, Nancy Jo Kennedy, John King, Tom Kyrzcz, Tracy Lynn, Stephen Martino, Tom Mies, Steve Morris, Tom Motan, Michael Orris, Roger Packard, Mike Popp, Mark Provenzano, Bob Read, Sam Tedesco, Anita Vigara, Robert Yer Jr., Robert Yu.

SHINING ARMOR AWARD — For New Members

New members have one year from the date of entry to the Council to earn this award

To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, during the 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.
- **Recruit at least one new member.**



 **SAVE THE DATE**
OUR LADY OF HOPE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8086
INVITE ALL OF OUR PARISHONERS TO

A Night of
MASKS
and
MEMORIES

OCTOBER 18, 2025

50/50

RAFFLES **DANCING**

MASQUERADE BALL

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE, IN THE
OFFICE AND IN THE PARISH CENTER ON SUNDAYS
STARTING AUGUST 31ST.
\$30 PP

PLATED MEAL – CHOICE WILL BE MADE WHEN YOU
PURCHASE YOUR TICKET

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE
YOUTH MINISTRIES.

COSTUMES ENCOURAGED
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM DINNER SERVED AT 6:15 PM

For more information, please email Chris Camacho at AshleyC@ladyofhope.org

FREE FOOD PICK UP & GROCERY DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Friday, Aug 22 at 9 am

Our Lady of Hope Church

Need Food Come Get Food. NO COST!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP DISTRIBUTE FOOD



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