



*Continuing Our Second Century of Service 2025*

***Knights of Columbus***

***Council 2505***

***St. Joseph's Church***

***Lakeland, FL***

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*A message from the Grand Knight*

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Worthy Brothers:

I hope everyone is having a nice summer. I would imagine I'm not the only one that is ready for this hot summer to be over. We still have a while to go before we can look forward to some cooler days, but it won't be long before the knights are back in action.

I want to thank everyone who made it to our last Council meeting. It was certainly a challenge to make it during the torrential downpour.

As a reminder, we meet the second Monday of every month. Attending these meetings is important because we will make pivotal decisions about our Council's direction this coming season. We hope to do all the good things we did last year. Also, we plan to focus more on fundraising efforts this year. Our deputy grand knight Ken is forming a fundraising committee. I plan to be involved as well. Please reach out to Ken if you'd like to be a part of this.

Also, Brian Krolak and Bill Thompson are putting together a pancake breakfast that we hope to run once a month. This could be a solid fundraiser going forward. Please reach out if you'd like to be involved. We will need about 10 guys to make it successful.

Please keep an eye on your email, as we will keep everyone posted on upcoming events as they are added to our calendar.

If you became a Knight, it's because you want to help our church and serve the Lord. The work we do helps many people and families. All we need is a small commitment of your time and we can do great things.

Vivat Jesus

Scott

### **Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer**



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Father Michael J. 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 Your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

**SPECIAL NOTE: Fr McGivney's Anniversary is August 14<sup>th</sup> and a Mass will be said at noon on the 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph Lakeland.**

## ***Knights Welcome Fr. Saji***

We are honored to have our new Parochial Vicar, Reverend Fr. Sajimon Muthirenthikal Chandy, CFIC (He prefers Fr. Saji) join our Council as a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight.

Fr. Saji came to St. Joseph's Lakeland from St. Joseph Winter Haven on July 1. Before that Fr. Saji came to the US from southern India where he was ordained in 2000 as a priest of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. He and his brother priests belong to the Syro-Malabar Rite and are known as St. Thomas Christians, as St. Thomas the Apostle came to India in 52 A.D. and was martyred there some time after.

Father relates that at an early age, he had a strong sense God was calling him to serve. "Even as a child, I had a deep love for the Church and the sacraments. I loved being at Mass, serving as an altar boy and learning about the faith. Though I fully didn't understand it then, I now see that God was calling me and seeing the dedication and holiness of my parish priests deeply inspired me. I admired their service, their joy and their love for the people."



2025 is Father's Jubilee Year, celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> year of ordination on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Reflecting on his Jubilee Year he said, "My greatest hope for the Church is that it remains a place where people find comfort, healing and a deep relationship with Christ. May it be a source of unity, especially in a time of division, and may its message of compassion, justice and peace spread to all corners of the world."

# Exemplification Update

On July 31st five men were accepted into Knighthood by Grand Knight Scott Phillips. On the bottom row: **Sean Magee, John Teddeo, Kevin Rodriguez and Richard D'Amico, received their 3rd Degrees and Michael Monahan, a 1st Degree Knight, was elevated to the 3rd Degree** at the service.

DD SK Billy Antley spoke the Invocation and closing prayer; Brothers PGK SK Bob Renna, SK Ken Dauphinais, and Bill Thomson pronounced the Promises of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity; and Brothers SK Doug Cooper, PGK SK Mark Sagan and Brian Krolak served as Investing Officers.



Scott leads the Installation



The new Knights learn about Unity



"My dad's becoming a Knight"



# Important Dates

Member Birthdays			
<i>Name</i>		<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Age</i>
Mr Scott M Phillips		08-01-1965	60
Mr William F Rousseau		08-02-1954	71
Mr Clyde Joseph Gengler		08-03-1941	84
Mr Ray G Meche		08-10-1963	62
Mr Gary L Cavender		08-15-1951	74
Mr Jason M Troller		08-16-1977	48
Mr Richard V Miller		8/19/1953	72
Mr Sean Magee		8/19/2003	22
Mr Bryce F Zender		08-19-1934	91
Mr Ethan E Beasley		08-25-2005	20
Mr John Teddeo		8/25/1965	60
Mr Doug B Cooper		08-28-1953	72
Wife Birthdays			
<i>Member's Name</i>		<i>Wife's Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Mr Kenneth E Stadelman		Susan Stadelman	08-01
Mr Timothy F Riordan		Susan Riordan	08-05
Mr Brian P Stevens		Tiana Talia Stevens	08-06
Mr Doug B Cooper		Judy Cooper	08-07
Mr Jeffrey S Hynes		Stephanie Lynn Hynes	08-07
Mr Gaetano A Pizzuti		Coleen Pizzuti	08-07
Mr Matthew Shanley		Mary Shanley	08-10
Mr Thomas E Palmer		Liz Palmer	08-17
Mr Sean E Rodby		Mara Vania Rodby	08-20
Mr Kenneth M Zimmerman		Debbie Zimmerman	08-27
Member Wedding Anniversaries			
<i>Member's Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Wife's Name</i>
Mr Edward S Kubik Jr		08-04-1989	Joanne Kubik
Mr George H Riddle		08-10-1973	Marilyn Riddle
Mr Frank A Kotomski		08-15-1964	Theresa Kotomski
Mr Michael J Kennedy		08-17-1985	Dianne Kennedy
Mr Daniel P Charland		08-29-1992	Kelly Charland
Mr Brian Anthony Krolak		08-29-1998	Vickie Krolak

## *A Note from Our Lecturer - Daniel Wagner*

### **Amnesia and Anamnesis**

Today it's easy to believe that we're in the most advanced age in Human History. With tremendous leaps and bounds in science, medicine and technology; the whole human experience can be viewed through a little glass box that's in our pocket. However, does this truly mean we've surpassed our ancestors in enlightenment? In Platonic philosophy, the three big questions asked are: Who am I, Where did I come from, Why am I here? It's paradoxical that we have more information available to us than ever before but find it hard to answer these simple questions. We find ourselves in a state of Amnesia.

Amnesia, Greek for to forget; we forget Who we are, Where we came from, and Why we're here. As Catholics we're fortunate to know the answers to these questions. We are beloved sons and daughters of the Father, who has always known and loved us before space and time were created. We came from God who created us in our mother's womb and has shepherd us through life. We are here to know and to love God as he knows and loves us. These questions are answered for us so frequently, whether its at Mass, or when we read the Scriptures, or by meditating on a specific devotion like the Rosary. But still we constantly loose our focus when the distractions and stress of life cloud our minds.

The solution to our amnesia is another Greek word, Anamnesis. Anamnesis means to have a "profound remembrance". It's the same word used in the Gospel of Luke when Christ is giving his Last Supper instructions to the Apostles, "do this in memory (anamnesis) of me." This profound remembering is given to us by Our Lord to keep us rooted in his love, and to be able to answer the questions previously posed

Now, simply learning a new word still isn't going to prevent all stresses and distractions from creeping into our life. But I would invite you to pray and ask the lord to open the eyes of our hearts and stay rooted in a state of anamnesis. And through constant prayer and discernment we'll begin to see the answers to those questions and stay grounded in God's love for us.

## ***August Calendar***

<b><i>Aug 1st</i></b>	<b><i>Friday</i></b>	<b><i>Holy Hour/Vespers</i></b>	<b><i>6:00 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Aug 2nd</i></b>	<b><i>Saturday</i></b>	<b><i>Chapel Painting Project at Santa Fe</i></b>	<b><i>8:00 AM</i></b>
<b><i>Aug 4th</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Officers' Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>6:30 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Aug 7<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	<b><i>Council Fundraising Meeting Rm 103</i></b>	<b><i>6:00 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Aug 11th</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Council Business Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>6:00 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Aug 13th</i></b>	<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	<b><i>Mass for Bessed Fr. McGivney St. Joseph</i></b>	<b><i>12:00 PM</i></b>
<b><i>Aug 18th</i></b>	<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting St. Joseph</i></b>	<b><i>6:00 PM</i></b>

## ***In Brief***

- Brothers DD SK Billy Antley and Brian Krolak joined 2 Brother Knights from Resurrection Council to begin the first phase of renewing the paint in the Santa Fe High School chapel. **A second coat and Knight volunteers are needed for the chapel project on Saturday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 . Contact Brian Krolak for additional info.**
- Look for an **Interest Survey** coming along soon to all Council 2505 Knights. This survey will poll each Knight's interests in providing time and support for various Faith, Family, Community and Life programs. And if you have ideas for additional initiatives, this is the forum to use.
- We ask that you keep our Brother Knight John Duncan and his family in your thoughts and prayers. John and Barbara's granddaughter was admitted to the hospital on Sunday in Kentucky. She was very dehydrated and having issues with her sugar levels as well.
- The next 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification is slated to be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Orlando area. Contact Doug Cooper or Charlie Stokes if you want to learn more or are interested in taking your Patriotic Degree.

*Have something to share, an idea for an article  
or are you leading an event?*

*Contact Doug Cooper [Dougstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:Dougstjoe@gmail.com) to  
have your contribution included in next month's  
newsletter.*

*"Be anxious about nothing, but in all things by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." **Phillipians 4:6-7***