



*Continuing Our Second Century of Service 2025*

***Knights of Columbus***

***Council 2505***

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

***Lakeland, FL***

***October, 2025***

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*A message from the Grand Knight*

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Worthy Brothers,

Happy Autumn to everyone. I'm sure we will have chilly weather any day now. First of all, thanks to everyone that attended our open house. We had a wonderful turnout, and it was an entertaining and informative evening. As Knights we are called to serve, and a small commitment of time can be a large contribution to our Council's mission.

Right now an easy way to get involved is to help with our monthly pancake breakfast. It's great having Knights come out to help. We want to parishioners that attend to see a strong showing of Knights there. The next breakfast is Sunday October 5. We start about 9am and wrap up about 1pm. You are invited to be there for part or all of that time.

As the holiday season approaches, we will keep you updated on upcoming events. Currently, we are seeking volunteers for the Special Olympics event on Saturday November 15th.

I wish to offer condolences to our Deputy Grand Knight Ken, who recently lost his father. Our prayers are with him.

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.

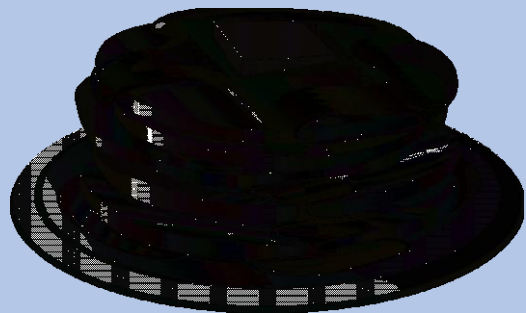
## ***Volunteers Needed***

# **Pancake Breakfast**

**October 5th in the Parish Hall  
after 9am and 11am Masses**



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We continue our new year with a renewed set of events which will need all Brother Knights to consider participating in, in a small or large way. The next event is the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>. No skills required; show up after 9:00, between Masses, or after the 11:00 and the team will get you going.

***This is a very convenient event for new Knights to get to know your Brothers and for long term Knights to get to know our new Brothers!***

# ***Living with Eternity in Mind***

***By Clay Tucker***

There is a widespread misconception in our society that a long life is guaranteed. As our beloved Father Buck wisely put it, “nobody is given a piece of paper at birth guaranteeing a certain number of years on this earth.” Scripture affirms this truth: our Lord tells us that no one knows the day nor the hour they will be called home. So we must ask—how has this misunderstanding taken hold of our lives? There are several reasons, each revealing how far we've drifted from an eternal perspective.

First, we live in an age where life is too often treated as disposable. Few can articulate why we are here or what it truly means to live. This is evident in the widespread availability of abortion, the growing push for legalized assisted suicide, and the open celebration of death. Second, through social media and other technological advances, we have become desensitized to death. People seem quicker to record than to help, more eager for likes than to save a life, and more accustomed to gossip than to prayer. Finally, we have lost sight of our identity as beings made in the image and likeness of Christ—created for more than worldly success. In our pursuit to become the next great CEO, lawyer, or doctor, we often forget our deeper mission: to become Saints. As Catholic men and Knights of Columbus, we are called to resist this tide—not with despair, but with hope rooted in truth.

Eschatology, the Church’s reflection on the “last things,” reminds us that every life matters eternally. Death is not the end, but a threshold. Judgment is not condemnation, but clarity. Heaven is not fantasy, but fulfillment. Eschatology invites us to contemplate the Resurrection of Christ, which opens the way for us to spend eternity in communion with God. As 1 Corinthians 16:13 tells us: “Be watchful, stand firm in your faith.” By embracing our mortality, we do not become numb to death; rather, we loosen our attachments to this world. This detachment fosters deeper reverence for the sacraments, greater devotion to our Catholic faith, and a sharper focus on our ultimate goal: sainthood.

There are practical steps we can take to live with eternity in mind: daily examination of conscience, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, meditating on *memento mori*, regular reception of the sacraments, and praying for the dead. As Catholic men, we must reject the societal trend of instant gratification and delayed appreciation. As a faith community, let us strive to say an extra thank you, offer an extra hug, hold open another door—even when we don’t feel like it. Every suffering the Lord permits is a small death that helps us better understand our mortality, fixing our eyes ever more firmly on Him.

# Florida State Council Charity Raffle Update



It didn't take our Brother Knights long to sell out our allotment of raffle tickets *The next step is to turn in all the payments and ticket stubs for submission to the State Council.* Contact Doug Cooper to submit payments or you can drop off payments and ticket stubs in an envelope at the Parish Center. DougStJoe@gmail.com or 954.589.9446

We'll also have to decide whether to request another allotment of raffle ticket booklets for sale during our upcoming parish events: **Pancake Breakfasts and Keep Christ in Christmas.** Be sure to attend our next business meeting on **Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** to make your opinion count.

This is a very easy way to get involved again with your Council.

## Century Pins Available



Special thanks for PGK SK Bob Renna for acquiring large lapel pins memorializing our Council's 100<sup>th</sup> year of service to St. Joseph Parish and the Lakeland Community.

Pins are being distributed to member Knights at our business meeting and at all of our events, including the last business meeting, the recently past Ministry Fair, and the Open House.

*Getting a pin for yourself is easy – come to our next business meeting or volunteer to serve at our next Pancake Breakfast.*

# Important Dates

Member Birthdays			
<i>Name</i>		<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Age</i>
Mr James E Schmidt		10-02-1940	85
Mr Daniel F Wagner Jr		10-02-2001	24
Deacon Josue G Diaz		10-13-1979	46
Mr Thomas E Palmer		10-13-1966	59
Mr Dakota William Trull		10-13-1996	29
Mr Kenneth E Dauphinais		10-14-1964	61
Mr Steve V Jones		10-18-1950	75
Mr Santos Nwachukwu		10-22-1999	26
Mr Michael F Jannine		10-24-1956	69
Mr Joseph L Afilani Jr		10-29-1959	66
Wife Birthdays			
<i>Member's Name</i>		<i>Wife's Name</i>	<i>Birthday</i>
Mr Steve V Jones		Ruth Jones	10-01
Mr Edward S Kubik Jr		Joanne Kubik	10-01
Mr Daniel P Charland		Kelly Charland	10-14
Mr Justin Moldow		Kaitlin Moldow	10-15
Member Wedding Anniversaries			
<i>Member's Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Wife's Name</i>
Mr David M Hurban		10-02-2009	Carol Hurban
Mr Richard Anthony Kelly		10-05-1996	Betty Kelly
Mr Dale R Burzynski		10-08-1994	Nikki Burzynski
Deacon Josue G Diaz		10-12-2003	Jackeline Diaz
Mr Charles James Stokes		10-16-1982	Mary Stokes
Mr Michael F Jannine		10-20-2006	Patti Jannine
Mr Leon T Holzer		10-28-2000	Aimee Holzer
Mr David Pagan		10-28-1989	Ruth Pagán
Mr Donald J Bice		10-30-1999	Marianne Bice
Mr John Taddeo		10-31-1995	Dalas Taddeo

# *Knights Open House and Fraternal Benefits Event*

Numerous Knights and their families and guests attended our first Open House in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the work and practices of the Knights of Columbus and to present the value of becoming a Knight in terms of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, as well as the financial security for families that the Knights of Columbus provides.



A bit of dinner for Brother Sean Rodby and his daughter before the presentations.



GK Scott Phillips opens the presentation portion of the evening



Andy Burke, our Council's insurance representative explains the benefits of Knighthood in protecting the family



District Deputy Billy Antley provides a recap of the evening and his own thoughts and experience as a Knight.

# Options for Women Luncheon – Council 2505 Donation

Council 2505 presented Options for Women's Executive Director Marilyn Paul a check for \$1,500 at Options for Women's annual fundraising luncheon on September 25th.

Presenting for the Knights are Chancellor SK Doug Cooper and District Deputy PGK SK Billy Antley. Council 2505 actively supports Options for Women and other pro-life organizations with annual donations and active participation in Right to Life activities and events, such as the 40 Days for Life Vigil, see the October calendar below.



<b>October Calendar</b>			
<b>Oct 3rd</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Holy Hour/ Vespers</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Oct 5th</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>9 AM - Noon</b>
<b>Oct 6th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Officers' Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Oct 14th</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Council Business Meeting (Moved to Tues. as Mon. is a holiday)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Oct 20th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting St. Joseph</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Ongoing until Nov. 2nd</b>	<b>Wednesday through Friday</b>	<b>40 Days for Life Vigil outside Lakeland Women's Health Center</b>	<b>7:00 AM 7:00 PM</b>

## *Knights Recruit at Ministry Fair*



PGK SK Bob Renna was one of our many brothers taking a turn at the Knights of Columbus Council 2505 ministry table. Materials presented represent our Knights' mission along with other recruiting materials. Other brothers who took turns manning the desk included GK Scott Phillips, Steve Patton, Jim Schmidt and others.

## *In Brief*

~ Tip of the hat to PGK Mark Sagan for finishing up the renovation of the Santa Fe chapel this month. Mark assisted Rev. George by installing and repairing the chapel's doors.

~ Rick Stevens and Jay Bice are working on preparing a Faith program -- **The Wild Goose: An exciting 14 part video series on the Holy Spirit** for a parish wide presentation at a yet to be determined date. Stay tuned!

*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***