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St. Mary's Council 11961
Website: www.council11961.org

Charity
Unity
Fraternity



October 2026
Grand Knight Message

In service to one. In service to all



When I was looking at some information from Supreme, I saw this question and thought I would pass it on to you.

Why did you join the Knights of Columbus?

It made me start to think of the reasons I joined. I thought this would be easy but found out it was tougher than I thought. I know initially I thought it sounded like something that would help me understand our faith, which it did, but there is a lot more I began to learn.

How does this organization help others.

How to work with a group of men to accomplish our goals.

How to look at myself

How I needed to change things in my life so I could be a better person overall, and more importantly be a better Christian, family man, and helping less fortunate people.

So now, I would like to ask you this question.

Why did you join the Knights of Columbus? Give it some thoughts.

Are you growing up to be a better person?

Are you volunteering your time to help when needed?

Have you grown in faith? Has it become a part of your life?

It is not any easy question by any means, but one you should take the time to ask yourself.

I can tell you this; I have enjoyed the brotherhood and found out what can be done by working together. I found this is a great group of men and I am proud to be associated with them.

I look forward to getting more great things done over the next year and thankful you are all here to help

Fraternally,
GK Joe Marotti
Vivat Jesus!
Joe Marotti GK

Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

September always feels like a month of new beginnings. Summer is coming to an end, children are going back to school, our regular activities are starting again, and we gradually return to our normal rhythm.

It is a good moment to ask ourselves a simple question:

What are we going to do with the time God is giving us?

It is easy to fill our days with activities. We can be very busy and still miss something important. As Christians, the question is not simply how much we do, but FOR WHOM we are doing it and whether our lives are becoming a gift to others.

This is one of the things I greatly appreciate about the Knights of Columbus. Being a Knight is not simply about belonging to an organization. It means being ready to step forward when there is a need to help a family, support the Church, strengthen our community, or simply be there for someone who is going through a difficult time.

Blessed Michael McGivney understood this very well. He saw the needs of the people around him and didn't simply wait for someone else to act. He asked what he could do — and then he did it.

And yes, someone might say, "Father, I'm already doing a lot!" And you may be right!

But the question is not whether we are busy. The question is whether, in the midst of everything we do, we still notice the person who needs us.

We don't always need to do something extraordinary. Sometimes it is a phone call, a visit, a meal, a word of encouragement, an hour given to a good cause, or simply helping a brother who is struggling.

Jesus tells us: **"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."**

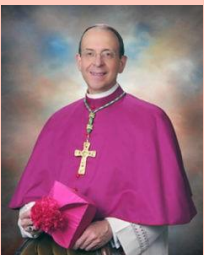
As we begin this new season, let us ask ourselves one simple question: Who is God putting in my path, and how can I serve that person?

Thank you, Brother Knights, for the many ways in which you already serve the Church and our community. May God bless you, your families, and all that you do in His service

Fr Robert M. Marciniak OCD

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (October 2026)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



"They replied, 'Caesar's.' At that he said to them, 'Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'" (Gospel for Oct. 18, Mt 22:21)

The Pharisees were trying to entrap Jesus into taking sides in the dispute. Are the faithful to be good Jews or good citizens? But Jesus says there is no conflict here. One can be a solid citizen and maintain his true and proper obligations to the civil government, as long as he gives primacy to his duties to God. We should keep in mind that the Knights

of Columbus was founded with the understanding that faithful Catholics are also faithful citizens.

This month, I challenge you to study how the Knights of Columbus, at the time of its founding and throughout its history, has combated anti-Catholic bigotry and shown there is no conflict between love of God and love of country. The book *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* (2020) is an excellent resource.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you obey civil law and authority, even in smaller matters, or do you tend to rationalize infractions? Do you fulfill your civic duties, such as by voting? Do you consider moral issues when voting, beyond mere self-interest?

District Deputy – Greg Gully



Grand Knights, Officers, and Brother Knights,
Welcome to October! As we enter the heart of autumn, District 17 is poised for dynamic momentum across our councils: Notre Dame Council 10514, St. Mary's Council 11961, and Mother Seton Council 17480.

October is traditionally a month where our identity as Knights takes center stage. On Columbus Day, we honor our namesake, Christopher Columbus, remembering the vision of charity, faith, and unity upon which Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order.

As we reflect on our mission, I ask each council to keep two primary priorities at the forefront this month:

1. The Power of a Personal Invitation

No charitable initiative, parish project, or community event happens without the dedication of faithful Catholic men. Yet, the single biggest reason gentlemen in our pews have not joined our ranks is simple: *nobody has asked them.*

With parish calendars full of fall activities, ministry fairs, and council events, make October the month you extend a personal invitation. Offer a fellow parishioner the opportunity to protect his family, grow in his faith, and serve his community as a Knight of Columbus.

2. Strengthening Fraternal & Parish Unity

Our three councils represent the backbone of Catholic action across Flagler County. When one council hosts a program, degree exemplification, or charitable event, let us stand together to support it.

Check Your Council Goals: We are making excellent progress toward our Columbian Year targets. Grand Knights and Program Directors should review mid-year progress toward Star Council requirements, ensuring all Faith in Action forms and reporting are on track.

Support Our Priests & Parishes: As parish activities increase this fall, be the visible, helping hands your pastors rely on.

Thank you for your continued leadership, your charity, and your steadfast commitment to our brotherhood. Let us make October a month of remarkable growth and active faith across District 17. Always remember to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Gully

District Deputy, District 17

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy “October Message”



October Council Message for Agents

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits?

Do yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.” One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax-deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness.

No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you’ll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately — while you and your family need it.

One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for!

The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the

chronic illness armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It’s a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible. Set up time to meet with me, and we’ll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs. Thank you!

Cash value growth is gradual and may take time to accumulate. Loans and withdrawals will reduce the policy’s cash value and death benefit, may result in a taxable event, and could cause the policy to lapse if not properly managed. Policy loans accrue interest. These riders are only available at the time of life insurance policy issue.

The Chronic Illness Rider and Terminal Illness Rider provide life insurance benefits that give policyholders the option to accelerate some or all of the death benefit in the event that they meet the criteria for a qualifying event described in the certificate. Chronic illness must be recertified every 12 months by a medical professional to continue to receive benefits. The chronic illness armor rider and the terminal illness rider are not long-term care insurance and are not meant to replace long-term care coverage. The Terminal Illness Rider is automatically added to all permanent policies over \$50,000 at no additional cost. There is an additional premium for the Chronic Illness Rider.

*** 2025 Insurance Barometer Study, LIMRA**

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Deacon John



So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

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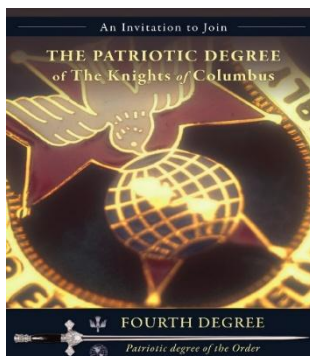
FAMILY



FAITH



COMMUNITY



Join the Fourth Degree Are You:

- ✓ Over 18 years of age
- ✓ A citizen of the country where you reside
- ✓ A practical Catholic in union with the Holy See
- ✓ A Third-Degree member in good standing





Cook for Notre Dame Council 10514

Oct 09, 2026, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

St. Joseph's Carmelite Monastery, 141 Carmelite Dr, Bunnell, FL 32110, USA

Our Council 11961 will be cooking dinner for Notre Dame Council 10514. If you can help please sign up below. Sign Up (copy and paste)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080948A5AA2EA6FD0-65386092-bbqddinner#/>



ST MARY COUNCIL 11961

Golf Tournament



Place – Halifax Plantation

Keep the Date – November 12, 2026

Golf Scramble, Continental Breakfast, Buffet lunch

Events – Fun Day = hole in one, longest drive, putting contest. Etc,

Plus – Raffle, silent action



Help raise funds for the Monastery. Below is the sponsor sheet for our Tournament. Print the page and talk it up with people you do business with. You will be surprised how generous they are.



GOLF BENEFIT for
St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery
Hosted by
Halifax Plantation Golf Club
November 12, 2026
SPONSOR SHEET



Knights of Columbus
St. Mary's Council 11961

TOURNAMENT SPONSOR - \$1,000

- Exclusive title sponsorship of event, opportunity to promote products, sponsorship of two holes and two player entries in tournament. Logo on tournament banner and recognition in tournament program.

GOLF CART SPONSOR - \$250

- Exclusive sponsor of carts, signs on all carts. Logo on tournament banner and recognition in tournament program.

RAFFLE SPONSOR - \$200

- Name recognition in tournament program and display in prize area.

HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR - \$300

- Name recognition in tournament program, sponsorship sign and product display.

DRIVING RANGE SPONSOR - \$150

- Name recognition in tournament program, sponsorship sign at driving range.

LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR - \$150

- Name recognition in tournament program, sponsorship sign at longest drive hole.

CLOSEST TO PIN SPONSOR - \$150

- Name recognition in tournament program, sponsorship sign at closest-to-pin hole.

CLOSEST TO LINE SPONSOR - \$150

- Name recognition in tournament program, sponsorship sign at closest-to-line hole.

HOLE SPONSOR - \$125

- Name recognition in tournament program and sponsorship sign at tee box.

Please indicate your sponsorship, enclose logo or promotion, and payment

Company _____

Contact person _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____

Make checks to: Knights of Columbus Council 11961
c/o St Joseph Carmelite Monastery
141 Carmelite Dr. Bunnell, FL 32110

Any questions contact a golf committee member: J. Thomas 732-484-1453,
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View our [Website](#)



Devotion to the **SACRED HEART** of JESUS



*A Time of Prayer, Reflection
and Fellowship in Our
Small Chapel*



Our Small Chapel



Guest Speaker
*Brother Knight
Paul Vicario*



*The Stations of the Cross
were said as we passed
through the gardens.*



AUGUST 28, 2025

Our parish gathered for a beautiful *Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus* in our small chapel. The day included prayer, a reflection by our guest speaker Brother Knight Paul Vicario, and fellowship among our parish family.



*“Come to Me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”*

— MATTHEW 11:28

*Thank you to all
who attended and
made this day a
special blessing!*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OCTOBER
10TH
2026

HONORING
OUR LADY
OF FATIMA'S
Miracle
IN PORTUGAL
IN 1917



A CELEBRATION OF
The Eucharist
AND CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION



Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection,
and devotion as we honor Our Lady of Fatima
and the miracle that touched the world.



WHERE: St. Joseph's Monastery
141 Carmelite Drive, Bunnell, FL 32110



WHEN: Saturday, October 10, 2026
Beginning at 6:00 PM

The evening will include the Celebration of the Eucharist,
a beautiful Candlelight Procession and Fellowship & Refreshments.

→ All are welcome! →



October 2026

Thur Sept 24, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officers Meeting At the Pavilion
Thur Oct 1, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Business Meeting at the Pavilion
Sat Oct 3, 2026	9:00am- 11:00am	Soccer Challenge at Wadsworth Park
Sun Oct 4, 2026	10:00am- 11:00am	K of C Mass at St Joseph Monastery
Fri Oct 9/10, 2026	12:00pm -7:00pm	Cook at Notre Dame Council (SMdM)
Mon Oct 19, 2026	6:00pm-8:00pm	Prayer Warriors
Tues Oct 20, 2026	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assem. 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Fri Oct 23/24 2026	All Day	Cook – SEAS Fall Festival
Thur Oct 29, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officers Meeting at the Pavilion

October 2026						
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November 2026

Sun Nov 1, 2026	10:00am – 11:00am	K of C Mass Deceased Members Monastery
Sun Nov 1, 2026	11:00am – 12:30pm	Thanks/Breakfast Shaw Foundation
	08:00am-1:00pm	Blood Drive – St. Joseph Monastery
Thur Nov 5, 2026	6:00pm-7:00pm	Business Meeting at the Pavillion
Thur Nov 12, 2026	9:00am- 3:30pm	Golf Tournament – Halifax Golf Course
Sat Nov 14, 2026	9:00am – 12:00pm	Basketball Free Throw - SEAS
Tues Nov 16, 2026	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Sat Nov 21/22 2026	All Day	Tootsie Roll Drive
Fri Nov 27, 2026	9:00am – 12:00pm	Coats for Kids SEAS
Thur Nov , 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officers Meeting at the Pavilion

NOVEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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October Birthdays

Francis Lapriore	10-01	Rev Slawomir Blielasiewicz	10-02
Joseph Moulton Jr	10-04	Kenneth Fehner Jr	10-05
Paul Vicario	10-06	Joseph Pimentel	10-09
Thomas Flemming	10-17	Esteban Gomez	10-19
Thomas Thimons	10-20	John Thomas	10-20
Dea John Harvey	10-21	Alexander Coleman	10-28
Thomas Kozak	10-29	John Lena	10-31
Roland Morin	10-31		



Cook For Seas Fall Festival

OCT 23, 2026, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
 ST. JOSEPH'S CARMELITE MONASTERY, 141
 CARMELITE DR, BUNNELL, FL 32110, USA
 WE'LL BE COOKING PORK BUTTS. FOR THE ST
 ELIZABETH ANN SETON FALL FESTIVAL ON
 SATURDAY THE 24TH. SIGN UP:(COPY & PASTE)
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300 CLUB WINNERS SEPTEMBER \$50 Winners

#189 Marianne Grecek
#192 Brian Zinda
#259 Paul Vicario
#197 Natalie Baker

\$100 Winner

#227 Donna Harvey



Flagler County Youth

Wadsworth Park

2200 Moody Drive
Flagler Beach, Florida 32136

Join in the Fun!

No Pre-registration required.
Registration is Free & On-Site.
Open to all youth ages 9 – 14.
Certificates will be awarded.



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Co. #10514 Flagler Beach

Co. #11961 Bunnell

Co. #17480 Palm Coast

Time: 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Date: Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

For More Information Contact: Chris Grecek – (703) 895-5651



Faith in Action



District #17

Community (Youth)



Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

**If you know of any Brother or family member
in distress, please notify one of the council officers.**

PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR SICK LIST

MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.

Eric Bonilla, Mel Young, Nestor Ramos, Joe and Joan Beck, Enzo Pistritto
Bob Stearns and son, Peter Capozzi, Judd McNally, Nigel Powell and daughter Megan Cuna
Joe Rios Family, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, PDD Kevin Ryan's son Shane, Glenn Shaw, Ron Kiceina
Tom Flemming, Dave Norris, Brother Patrick, Joe Leahy, David Bailey

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Prayer for the Healing of Loved Ones

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our loved ones who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them from danger, and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, that Your bountiful goodness may be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, Source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth, to the Kingdom of heavenly peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these departed souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen

Pray for our Deceased Brothers

Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, Nacci Family, Norman Mugford, Paul Przybysz, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms, Mel Vevera, Rev. Francis Zammit and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler, and our founder Hank Kesselring. May our Lord welcome them home.



Pray for Vocations

**"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain.
Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons."**
St. John Paul II





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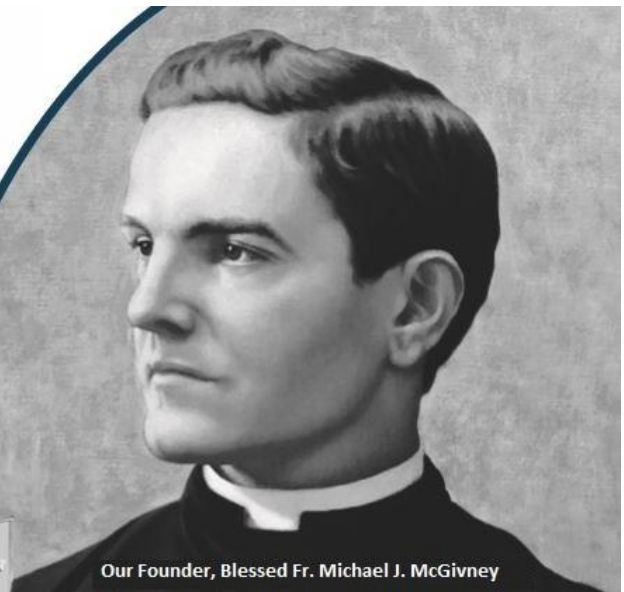
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GIFT of becoming a Knight.
Please use the e-membership
function on KOF.C.ORG/JOINUS



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Discover the Catholic difference
of doing business with the
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