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St. Mary's Council 11961
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November 2026
Grand Knight Message

Inservice to one. In service to all



As the holiday season approaches, what are some of the things that come to mind? Family, friends, parties, good times, travel, etc. We are excited, looking forward because we view this as happy times. Unfortunately, there are people who dread this time of the year for various reasons, lack of money for gifts, loved ones no longer with them, no home to go to, health issues, not enough food to feed the family, home alone, etc.

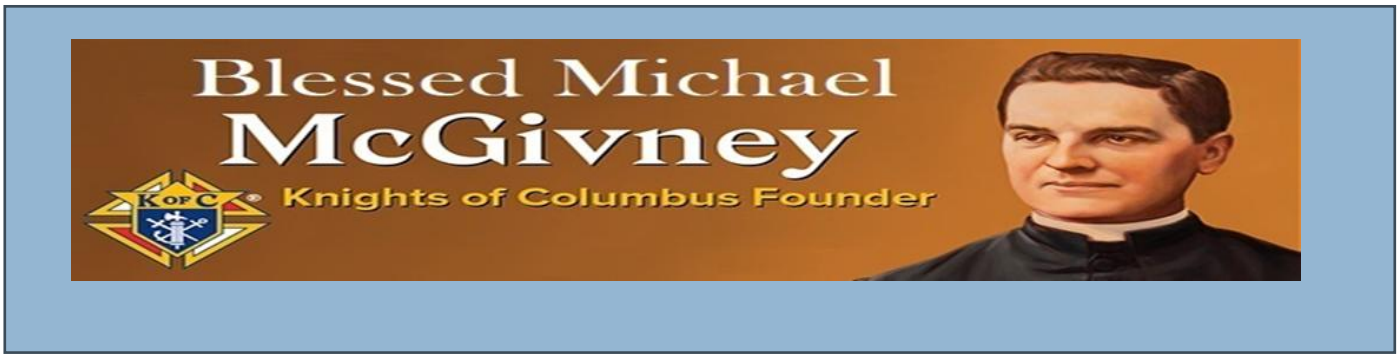
As Knights, what can we do to look after those in need? Volunteer at food banks, serve on food lines, visit those that don't have anyone, coats for kids, donations to community shelters, etc. These are some of those things the Knights do to make a difference, taking care of those that need help.

I asked each of you to come up with suggestions of one thing that we can do as a council to help those in need and make a difference.

We have a pretty busy schedule for the rest of the year including:

Oct 24 Cook for SEAS
Nov 1 Blood drives
Nov 1 Annual Mass for deceased council Brothers
Nov 14 Basketball free throw Contest at SEAS
Nov 21/22 Tootsie Roll Drive for Whispering Meadows Ranch
Nov 27 Coats for Kids at SEAS
Dec 5 Council Christmas Party
Thanks to all Brothers that make these things a success by showing up and helping out.

Vivat Jesus
GK Joe Marotti



Chaplain's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

Today we celebrate St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus. At first glance, she may seem like an unusual saint to place before a group of men like the Knights of Columbus.

She was a young Carmelite nun. She lived a hidden life. She never led an organization, never built anything impressive, never held a position of influence.

And yet she understood something every Christian man needs to understand: real strength is often hidden.

As men, we are often drawn to what can be measured. We want to fix things, provide, protect, accomplish, build, solve. Those are good instincts. Our families need them. Our parishes need them. The Church needs men who are willing to act.

But St. Thérèse reminds us that the most important things we do may be the things no one sees.

A husband choosing patience when he is tired.

A father giving attention to his children when he would rather be left alone.

A man keeping his word when it costs him something.

A brother making a phone call to someone who is struggling.

A Knight showing up to serve when there is no recognition and no applause.

These things can seem small. But this is exactly where Thérèse found her path to holiness.

She called it her "little way."

For her, the little way meant trusting that God does not need us to be impressive. He asks us to be faithful. He takes small acts offered with love and gives them a value far greater than we can see.

That is important for us because sometimes we can think our value depends on what we accomplish. We can even bring that attitude into our service in the Church. We can begin to measure ourselves by how much we do, how successful the event was, how much money was raised, how visible the result became.

But Jesus measures differently.

He looks at the love inside the act.

St. Thérèse eventually wrote, "In the heart of the Church, my Mother, I will be Love."

That is not weakness. That is the deepest form of strength.

Because a man who allows Jesus to shape the way he loves his wife, his children, his brothers, his parish, and those in need is doing something far greater than simply completing tasks.

He is allowing the love of Jesus to become present in the world.

And that may be one of the most important things we can remember as Knights: our service matters, our projects matter, our presence matters — but only because through them, Jesus can make His love visible.

That is the little way.

And it is not small at all.

Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (November2026)

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



"He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'"

Sin can be categorized in two ways, sins of commission and sins of omission. We ask God to forgive us of both kinds of sins in the main form of the *Confiteor* at Mass — "in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do." It is a sin to do evil, and it is a sin to neglect one's moral obligations. The true disciple sees the suffering Jesus in the poor, the sick, the oppressed and the lonely – and offers what he can to help.

This month, I challenge you to be aware of those in need around you, just as Blessed Michael McGivney did, and take action to serve those in need, perhaps by participating in your council's Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

Questions for Reflection:

Who are the "least ones" among you? Do you recognize Christ in these "least ones" in need? In what ways do you respond positively to their needs, and in what ways do you ignore or neglect them? How might you do better in this regard?

District Deputy – Greg Gully



Dear Worthy Grand Knights, Officers, and Brothers of District 17.

As we work together toward earning Star District recognition, it is vital that we maintain our momentum and stay focused on two essential pillars: membership growth and fraternal benefits participation.

To meet our district goals and set each of our councils on the pathway to Star Council, we need to prioritize scheduling our Fraternal Benefit Events and personal planning reviews immediately.

Key Action Item: Schedule Meetings with Our Field Agent:
We need to connect with our Field Agent, Worthy Larry Kennedy, as soon as possible. Field Agent meetings are a requirement for Star District status, and completing this will directly benefit our members while ensuring our councils meet their necessary quotas.

Council-Specific Goals (Target: Before Year-End):

To ensure St Mary Council 11961 stays on track for Star Council status, set the goal of 5 meetings with associate members (non-insurance members) by year's end.

Next Steps for Grand Knights:
1. Have members reach out to Field Agent Larry Kennedy to coordinate available dates and times.
2. Encourage every member (associate and insurance member) to meet with FA Kennedy for an insurance review and update once a year.
3. Work with FA Kennedy to keep track of completed meetings and report updates to Supreme on form 11077 so we can monitor our district progress.

Thank you for your leadership, dedication, and continued commitment to our Order and our parishes.

On a personal note, I am writing this message while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Being in these sacred places is a powerful reminder of our shared faith and duty, and please know that I am keeping all of you, your families, and our councils in my thoughts and prayers.

Vivat Jesus!
Greg Gully

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy
"Long Term Care Planning"



This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I'm thankful to call each of you my brother Knight, and I give thanks to God for all he has helped us do in our community this year.

Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

Knights of Columbus is your capable partner in this pursuit. In addition to helping form members in faith, we also offer a variety of insurance products to help you protect your family financially.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could make a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.

With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.

WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus.

Visit www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.

Now is the time to prepare for your family's future needs. As your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you review your financial goals and ensure you have an extended care plan in place. Come talk to me to set up an appointment.

Vivat Jesus!
Larry Kennedy

Post Script: You can visit KofC.org and KoCAA.org for detailed information on insurance and investments are offered to members.

* *Insurance products offered through Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510*

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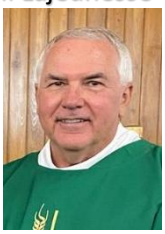

Warden
Deacon John



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

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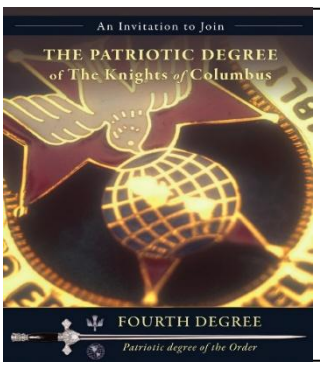

Join the Fourth Degree Are You:

- ✓ 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







FREE THROW

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Basketball Court
4600 Belle Terre Pkwy
Palm Coast, FL 32164



Join in the Fun!



Registration On-Site, No Pre-registration required.
Open to all youth ages 9 – 14.
Certificates and medals will be awarded.
Winner of the Council level competition will advance to regional level competition.



Sponsored by:

Knights of Columbus
10514 Flagler Beach
11961 Bunnell
17480 Palm Coast

Time: 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ***Date***: Saturday, Nov. 14, 2026

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District 17

Faith in Action **Community (Youth)**



Knight of the Month
PGK Darren Molony

GK Joe Marotti presented the Knight of the Month to Darren for his outstanding contribution to our Council

Darren's example, leadership, work ethic, thoroughness, sincerity, devotion..the list goes on, led our council to state recognition and twice Star Council.

Thankyou Darren.



Blood Drive – November 1st at St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery. 8:00AM – 1:00PM. Let's hit our goal of 10 Donors.

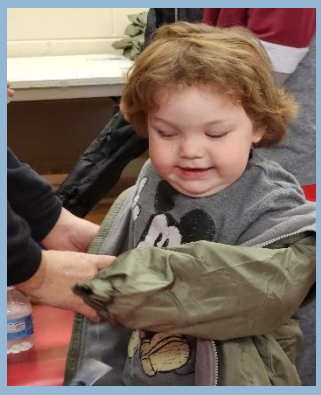






Blood donations save lives because blood cannot be manufactured and has no substitute. A single whole blood donation can help **save up to three lives** by being separated into individual components—red blood cells, platelets, and plasma

Coats for Kids – November 27 – at Elizabeth Ann Seton
Add to your calendar – enjoy the pleasure of giving









On the weekend of November 21/22 our council will hold our annual Tootsie Roll fundraiser to benefit Whispering Meadows Ranch. Let's see a good number of "Blue Shirts" sign up to help. We will stand at Harris IGA on Route1 Bunnell. 8AM to 2PM each day.

Many of the guests that visit Whispering Meadows have disabilities and challenges that include obstacles they overcome on a daily basis. Horses are the great equalizer. The development of the human-equine bond assists these individuals in gaining independence, respect, trust and leadership skills. They are then able to transfer their newfound skills into other aspects of their lives, thus increasing confidence and empowering them to do more.



Knights of Columbus

Soccer Challenge

Flagler County Youth



October 2026 – District #17

















Keep the Dates:

Thur Oct 29, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Officers Meeting at the Pavilion
Sun Nov 1, 2026	10:00am-11:00am	K of C Mass of Remembrance of Past Bros
	11:00am-12:20pm	Breakfast/Thanks to Shaw Foundation
	08:00am-01:00pm	Blood drive – St Joseph Monastery
Thur Nov 5, 2026	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Business Meeting at the Pavilion
Thur Nov 12, 2026	09:00am-03:30pm	Golf Tournament – Halifax Golf Course
Sat Nov 14, 2026	09-00am-12:00pm	Basketball Free-throw SEAS
Tues Nov 17, 2026	4:30pm-6:00pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting
Sat Nov 21/22 2026	8:00am-2:00pm	Tootsie Roll Drive
Thur Nov 26, 2026	All Day	Thanksgiving – Officer Meeting Canceled
Fri Nov 27, 2026	9:00am-12:00pm	Coats for Kids at SEAS

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

December 2026

Thur Dec 3, 2026	06:00pm- 07:30pm	Business Meeting at the Pavilion
Sat Dec 5, 2026	04;00pm – 06:00pm	Council Christmas Party
Sun Dec 6, 2026	10:00am – 11;00am	K of C Mass Deceased Brothers at the Monastery
Wed Dec 9, 2026	08:30am- 01:30pm	Family Day of Reflection - Retreat
Tues Dec22, 2026	04:30pm – 06:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Thur Dec 24, 2026	All Day	Christmas Eve
Fri Dec 25, 2026	All Day	Christmas Day

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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November Birthdays

Arturo A Araya	*11-01*
Rev Robert Marciniak	*11-11*
John Picucci	*11-24*

300 CLUB WINNERS
$50 Winners

#1 Dom Salvatore
#62 Glen Shaw
#225 Page Manzolillo
#232 Rich Friese





POINT YOU MOBILE AT THE QR AND VISIT OUR COUNCIL WEBSITE BROTHER KEN FEHNER HAS BUILT AND MAINTAINS THE SITE. IT IS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION AND THUS FAR HAS REALIZED ONE NEW MEMBER.

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Family of the Month
OCTOBER 2026

The Thimons Family

Thomas and Annemarie and their children

"They are an example of the best a Catholic family can be. Through their deep and devout prayer life, their love for each other, and their daily living out of the Gospel, they display for us the virtues of the Holy Family."





Retreat

Saint Joseph Carmelite Monastery
141 Carmelite Dr, Bunnell, FL 32110

Time: 8:30 AM (St. Joseph Monastery) ***Date***: Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2026

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Retreat Schedule

Confession (optional)	7:30 – 8:30 AM	Stations of the Cross	10:00 – 10:45 AM
Mass and Holy Hour	8:30 – 9:40 AM	Spiritual Reflection Talk	11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
Social Break	9:40 – 10:00 AM	Fellowship Lunch	11:45 AM

District #17

Faith in Action Faith

The Hot Smokin' Knights









On Oct 10th, having been enlisted by Notre Dame's Mike Boullion, our "Smoker" team prepared and served pulled pork, chicken, BBQ beans, coleslaw, and soft drinks to more than 90 GKs, PGKs and their Guests of Council 10514. Our team leaders, Brothers Chris Grecek and Ken Fehner did the heavy lifting with help from Brothers – Tony Flynn, Mike Gossman, Joe Maretti, Darren Molony, John Picucci, Nestor Ramos, John Thomas and Don Worthington.

Thanks, from Brother Ken Fehner

I want to take a moment to thank everyone from Council 11961 who stepped up to help with this weekend's cook for Notre Dame Council 10514, based at Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church. Your hard work, teamwork, and willingness to give your time made a real difference. Together, our brothers contributed approximately **102 volunteer hours!** That's an incredible example of what it means to live out our Knights of Columbus principles.

But we have even more to celebrate! **Our customer satisfaction results were outstanding!**

- **9.5 out of 10** for food quality!
- **100% said they would recommend us to family and friends!**

Those results don't happen by accident. They reflect the care, effort, teamwork, and pride everyone puts into what we do. From food preparation to cooking and serving, every contribution matters.



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, Joe Jurec

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



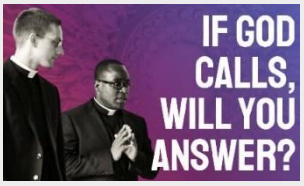
Pray for our Deceased Brothers

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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