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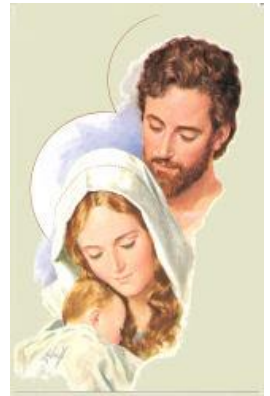
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St. Mary's Council 11961
Website: www.council11961.org

October 2025

Grand Knight Message *In service to one. In service to all*

Charity
Unity
Fraternity



"Let us do our part, and God will then do what He wills. This is God's cause, and all will end well. My hope is in Him; do not be distressed."



St. Teresa of Jesus, Discalced Carmelite, Doctor of the Church, Feast Day: October 15

Our council meeting in **October** is back at the **Monastery Pavilion!**

The meeting is on **Thursday, October 2nd** with **officers** meeting at **5:30 pm** and **general business** meeting at **6 pm**.

Our next **Knights of Columbus Mass** will be on **Sunday, October 5th at 10 am**. Please join us, along with your wife and family members, for this special Mass. Please let me know if you are interested in joining the **Liturgy Team** (music, lector, altar server, usher, etc.) for these monthly first Sunday Masses. We can always use more helping hands.

This month we are proud and excited to hold our **benefit golf tournament**. The tournament is on **Monday, October 13th** and is being headed by John Thomas and his committee. These brothers have worked tirelessly to create a fun golf event with many prizes and a sumptuous dinner at **Grand Haven Golf Club** in **Palm Coast**. Please consider joining us for the cash bar and raffles at 4 p.m. with dinner to follow if you are not a golfer as proceeds will benefit the

ST. Joseph Social Hall Building Fund. More details and the tournament flyer are in the newsletter.

Thank you to Brother Chris and Brother Joe J. for staging another successful *blood drive* on September 7th. They met their goal of 10 donors!

Thank you to all of the Knights, wives, and Monastery community that participated in our *Holy Hour* with the *Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon* on September 11th. It was a deeply moving time to share our love and adoration for Christ.

And thank you to all of our brothers that are working the first *Burger Night* at the Monastery being held on Sunday, September 21st. I'm sure it will be another fun event provided by our cooking team and its leaders, Brothers Ken, Chris and Fred.

AND ...

thank you to each brother for all you do to make our council a blessing to so many!

Vivat Jesus
Darren Molony GK

District Deputy Message



Brothers,

This year is certainly speeding by. Here we are in October and preparing for the coming holiday season. As always membership and faith are our priority. Personally, inviting a Catholic gentleman to join our order allows them to

enhance their faith in fraternity with our Brother Knights. With an eye on Charity, Unity and Fraternity. When they join the 4th degree assembly, they enhance their Patriotism. What better way to grow in faith?

Offer a Catholic gentleman the GIFT of becoming a Knight. Please use the e-membership function on KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

Brothers, we must always remember the oath we took on the day of our exemplification to the principles of our order. **CHARITY** is the heart of our mission. It drives us to serve our parish and community, to help those in need, and to live



out the Gospel in our daily lives. **UNITY** reminds us that we are stronger together. Our collective efforts can accomplish far more than anyone could alone. **FRATERNITY** is the bond that unites us as Brother Knights, providing mutual support and looking out for one another in good times and bad. **PATRIOTISM** is our commitment to our faith and our country, proudly standing up for both. These aren't just words; they are the bedrock of who we are and what we do. Let's continue to live out these principles, carrying on the legacy of Blessed Fr McGivney and making a difference in the world.

I truly thank you for all that you do. YOU make District 17, the statewide recognized, best district in Florida.

Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation

Vivat Jesus!
Greg

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy Life Insurance Awareness Month “Charity, Unity, Fraternity”



When Father McGivney founded our Order, a key part of his mission was to help Catholic families attain a secure financial future. In keeping with that mission, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly recently announced updates to our member benefits.

Whether or not you are an insured Knight of Columbus, you are entitled to the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit. This is an accidental death benefit varies from \$1,500-\$5,000, depending on your age, whether you are insured and how long you've been a member.

The other updates I'd like to call out apply to insured members:

Family Fraternal Benefit: It's guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$10,000 to any child under age 18, regardless of physical or intellectual disabilities. This also includes an automatic \$5,000 death benefit for children who die before age 61 days, including stillbirths from at least 20 weeks after conception.

Orphan Fraternal Benefit: provides \$500 monthly to a member's child who has lost both parents, up to age 19. This benefit also includes up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarships, with a maximum total of \$20,000, per eligible orphan.

Widow Benefit: offers surviving spouses of insured Knights the opportunity to purchase Knights of Columbus products, and she and her children are eligible for scholarships.

We strive to bring Father McGivney's mission to life by offering you these valuable benefits. I would like to sit down with you to walk you through the benefits available to your family. Thank you, and I pray that Blessed Michael McGivney watches over our families this month.

All eligibility provisions of the Order's program of fraternal benefits are not included. Terms and conditions apply.

Insurance members are those members who own a policy with a face value of \$15,000 or greater or with an annual premium of \$300 or greater. Other terms or restrictions may apply.

Vivat Jesus!

* Insurance products offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

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

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**"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my church..." Matt 16:18**
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!



Oct 2025 Calendar

Thur Oct 2, 2025 5:30pm – 6:00pm
 6:00pm – 7:15pm
 Sat Oct 4, 2026 5:00pm – 10:00pm
 Sun Oct 5, 2025 10:00am-11:00am
 Mon Oct 13, 2025 9:30am – 6:30pm
 Tues Oct 21, 2025 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Officer's Meeting (St Joseph Monastery)
 Business Meeting at (ST Joseph Pavilion)
 San Juan Nights – 4th Degree (SMdM)
 Mass St. Joseph Monastery
 St Mary Golf Tournament - Grand Haven
 Assem. 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)



October 2025						
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NOV 2025 Calendar

Sun Nov 2, 2025 10:00am-11:00am
 Sun Nov 2, 2025 8:00am-1:00pm
 Thur Nov 6, 2025 5:30pm – 6:00pm
 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 Fri Nov 7, 2025 9:00am – 3:00pm
 Tues Nov 18, 2025 4:30pm – 6:30pm
 Sat/Sun Nov 22, 2025 All Day

Mass – St Joseph Monastery
 Memorial – Brother Paul Przybysz
 Blood Drive
 Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
 Business Meeting at (Monastery)
 Retreat – St Joseph Monastery
 Assem. 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
 Tootsie Roll Drive

November 2025						
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On Saturday November 1st, we will celebrate Least We Forget and honor those we served. On November 2nd 2024 we paid tribute to our Brother Paul Przybysz, Navy veteran.

This November 2nd, two short years later, we will celebrate Brother Paul life with a Mass on Sunday. Let's all join in prayer for Paul his wife Patty and their family.



**Knights of
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**Florida State
Council Raffle**

2025-26 Charity Raffle Prizes

First Prize: \$25,000

Second Prize: \$5,000

Third Prize (2): \$1,000

\$3/ticket or \$10 per book of 4

Drawing Saturday, May 23, 2026 @ State Convention in Orlando



On September 20th Brothers volunteered at the traditional Softball event. Unfortunately, the location was changed without notification. Brother Tony Flynn did manage to attend at the new park.

We look forward to the next event.



OUR SEPTEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH JOE MAROTTI

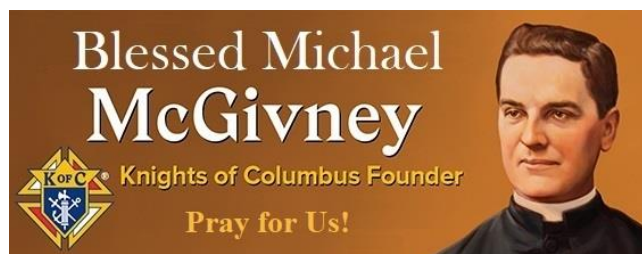
Thanks Brother Joe, for all you have done, from start to finish – moving the Shed, including your financial contribution. You didn't stop there, you began work on the Pavilion, installing the new doors. Well-deserved Brother.

OUR SEPTEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH TONY AND AUDREY LEWIS

They are active in all Monastery functions. Most notably the outstanding effort staging the St Joseph Carmelite Dinner Dance. Not a small accomplishment.



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Burger Night

Sunday, September 21st. After Mass

We cook it...You build it!

Buy your tickets today!



Make it a double for \$3 more!

All Meals Include

15 Item Burger bar, french fries and onion rings, water and tea

Menu:

1/4 Pound Fresh Not Frozen Beef Burger	\$13 ea.
Meatless Beyond Burger (limited quantity)	\$10 ea.
Kid Burger & Fries	\$5 ea.
Coke, Diet Coke or Sprite	\$1 ea.



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As advertised, on Sunday September 22, our Community Director, Brother Chris Grecek and our "Event Planner" Brother Ken Fehner (pictured right) held a "BURGER NIGHT". It took a herculean task to put all the pieces together: shopping, assigning tasks to Brother volunteers, staging the site, preparing burgers and the "15 item bar".

Chris and Ken with 10 Volunteer Brothers worked as one tight unit. 100 tickets were sold and all guests received their quarter pounder plus all the trimmings. Everyone went home well satisfied including the worker bees who were in need of a well-deserved rest.



"OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST" is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the KofC in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives, into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St. John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ's truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.



"JESUS IN MARY'S WOMB" is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

So, OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST and he shall enter.

October Birthdays



<i>Francis Laperriere</i>	10/1	<i>Thomas Timmons</i>	10/20
<i>RevSlawomir Blieasiewicz</i>	10/2	<i>John Thomas</i>	10/20
<i>Joseph Moulton Jr</i>	10/4	<i>John Ruck</i>	10/23
<i>Kenneth Fehner</i>	10/5	<i>Alexander Coleman</i>	10/28
<i>Paul Vicario</i>	10/6	<i>Thomas Kozak</i>	10/29
<i>Joseph Pimentel</i>	10/9	<i>John Lena</i>	10/31
<i>Thomas Flemming</i>	10/17	<i>Roland Morin</i>	10/31



300 CLUB WINNERS

September \$50 Winners

Pat Jones
Steven Schraver
Margaret Powell
Enzo Pistritto

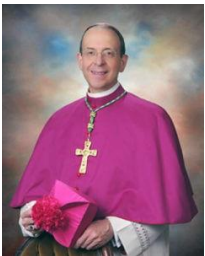


If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Ramon Marrero 386-793-2251

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (October)

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



"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" (Gospel for Oct. 26, Lk 18:13)

The parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector relates back to our August monthly challenge about humility. The Pharisee exalts himself before God, extolling his superiority and keeping of the law. Meanwhile, the tax collector prays with humility, seeking mercy for his sins. Our culture stresses the importance of "self-esteem," but we must also remember that all of us are sinners in need of God's mercy. We should never approach God in a

spirit of pride, but always humbly on our knees — confident of his loving mercy.

This month, the month dedicated to the holy rosary, I challenge you to pray five decades of the rosary daily, asking God for humility and mercy.

Questions for Reflection:

- Have there been times in your life when you pridefully compared yourself to others, like the Pharisee in this parable?
- Do you perform a regular and careful examination of conscience so as to remain humbly aware of your sinfulness?
- What other steps can you take to become more like the tax collector in this parable?



Open to all area KofC Men & Women!

You are invited to a meaningful morning of reflection, prayer, and fellowship. This retreat offers an opportunity for you to receive spiritual nourishment and strength to live out your faith in daily family life.
(You do not need to be married to attend.)

There is no charge for the retreat.

Donations will be accepted.

Please RSVP by Oct. 31st.

Knights of Columbus
Knights & Family

Retreat



Saint Joseph Carmelite Monastery

141 Carmelite Dr, Bunnell, FL 32110

Time: 8:30 AM (St. Joseph Monastery) **Date:** Friday, Nov. 7, 2025

For More Information Contact: GK Darren Molony (Bunnell) - dmolony@protonmail.com;

Bob Conochalla (Flagler Beach) - bconochalla@gmail.com; GK Joseph Paul (Palm Coast) - irocio@yahoo.com



**Retreat
Schedule**

Confession (optional)
Mass and Holy Hour
Social Break

7:30 – 8:30 AM
8:30 – 9:45 AM
9:45 – 10:15 AM

Stations of the Cross
Spiritual Reflection Talk
Fellowship Lunch

10:15 – 11:00 AM
11:10 AM – Noon
Noon

District #17

Faith in Action

Faith



On September 11th we remembered the day our Nation was violently attacked. That day 2,977 lost their lives.

On that day we held a Holy Hour of devotion to the Sacred Heart with a special program planned to coincide with our hosting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon.



THE BIG RED BUS WILL RETURN TO THE MONASTERY ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2ND . COME ATTEND THE 10:00 MASS AND VOLUNTEER.



PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR SICK LIST

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

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

Nacci Family, Eric Bonilla, Mel Young, Nestor Ramos
Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Peter Capozzi, Judd McNally
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, PDD Kevin Ryan's son Shane

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 restored 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, George Baldyga, Michael Benedetto, Francis A. Bock, John A. Carey, Jerry Fondow, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, John Placenti, Paul Przybysz, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms, Mel Vevera and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler. 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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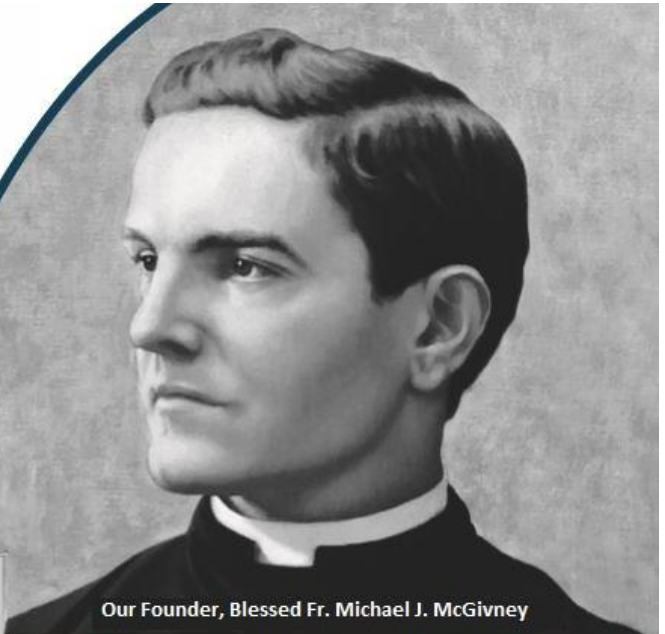
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