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STATEMENT FROM SUPREME KNIGHT PATRICK KELLY

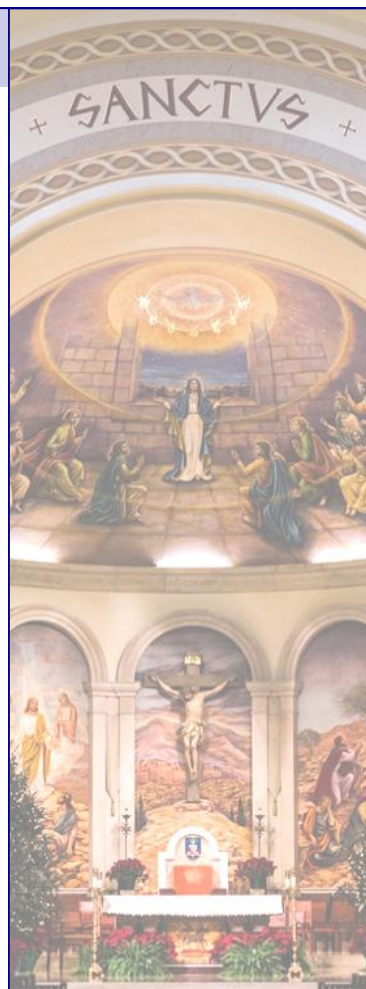
In recent days, many Catholics and other people of goodwill have been deeply disappointed by the disparaging comments directed at Pope Leo XIV by the President of the United States. The Successor of Saint Peter is not a politician — he is the Vicar of Christ, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel and shepherding souls.

The Knights of Columbus has always stood in solidarity with the Holy Father, recognizing in him a spiritual father who calls the world not to division, but to unity, not to conflict, but to peace. In this moment, we reaffirm that commitment with clarity and conviction.

At the same time, we recognize that faithful Catholics can and do engage vigorously in the public square, and that nations have a right and duty to safeguard the security of their own people — always in accordance with the demands of justice and the pursuit of peace. The Church does not ask Catholics to withdraw from civic life, but to engage with and elevate it — bringing to our civic dialogue the light of truth, respect for the dignity of every human person, and a steadfast concern for the common good.

Pope Leo XIV has consistently called for peace, dialogue, and restraint in a world marked by war and suffering. The Holy Father's words are not political talking points — they are reflections of the Gospel itself. Whether one agrees or disagrees with particular policy judgments, the Holy Father's prophetic voice deserves to be heard with respect and engaged seriously.

As Knights, we are called to be men of unity, as followers of Christ and patriotic citizens. I encourage all Knights of Columbus to pray for the Holy Father, to pray for civic leaders, and to pray for peace and those working to achieve it. And let us recommit ourselves to charity in our public discourse. May we be known not for echoing the divisions of our time, but for healing them. In a moment of tension, the path forward is not louder conflict, but deeper fidelity — to truth, to charity, and to the Gospel.



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Business meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Social Center



OUR PARISH AND FAITH



*Our Chaplain:
Very Reverend
Miguel González*



*PGK Chris Ewing
Faith Director*

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 7:00AM & 12:10PM
Saturday 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:30AM
Saturday: 9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-12:00PM

Holy Days of Obligation, 2026

Solemnity of All Saints — November 1
First Sunday of Advent — November 29
Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception — December 8
Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ (Christmas) — December

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FAITH DIRECTOR

Brothers,

As we gather today, I want to begin with gratitude for the life of the Church here in the Diocese of Orlando. On June 6, Bishop John Noonan ordained eight men to the Permanent Diaconate at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. The Diocese described them as men formed while living as husbands, fathers, professionals, and servants in the world, which is a powerful reminder that holiness is not separate from ordinary life. Bishop Noonan prayed that their ordination would strengthen them to become “good husbands, good fathers, and good and holy deacons.”

That witness matters for us as Knights. The diaconate is ordered toward service, but so is the Christian life itself. Our council does not exist only to run events, cook breakfasts, raise funds, or fill volunteer slots. Those things are good, but they are not the center. The center is Christ, who tells us plainly: “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant” (Matthew 20:26). That is a demanding word, especially for men. It means our strength is measured not by control, status, or visibility, but by charity, fidelity, and sacrifice.

The Catechism reminds us that “the dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God” (CCC 1700). That one truth should shape how we look at every person we encounter: the unborn child, the elderly, the immigrant, the lonely parishioner, the difficult coworker, the brother Knight who is struggling quietly, and the family member who needs more patience from us than we feel we have.

This is especially timely because Pope Leo XIV’s July prayer intention is for respect for human life. The intention asks Catholics to pray for the protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing life as a gift from God. That is not only a political or cultural issue. It is a daily examination of conscience. Do I treat people as gifts from God? Do I speak about others as people made in God’s image? Do I defend life not only when it is easy, but also when it requires time, inconvenience, mercy, and courage?

This past month also brought Religious Freedom Week, beginning June 22, when the U.S. bishops invited Catholics to pray, reflect, and act so the Church can live her faith publicly and serve the good of all. That theme is very appropriate for the Knights of Columbus. We are called to be faithful Catholic citizens. The Catechism teaches that citizens should contribute to the good of society “in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom,” and that love and service of one’s country belong to the order of charity (CCC 2239).

That gives us a helpful way to think about patriotism after Independence Day. Pope Leo XIV marked the 250th anniversary of the United States by offering prayers for Americans and by calling attention to the ideals of liberty, equality, justice, and self-government. For us, patriotism should never mean merely waving the flag or winning arguments. It should mean serving the common good, defending human dignity, protecting religious freedom, and helping our parish and community become more humane, more faithful, and more just.

So my encouragement for the council this month is simple. First, pray for our newly ordained deacons and their wives. Their vocation reminds us that service begins at home and then extends outward to the Church. Second, join the Holy Father’s July intention by praying intentionally for respect for human life. Third, look for one concrete act of charity before our next meeting: visit someone, call a brother Knight, help a parish family, go to confession, invite a man back to Mass, or pray a rosary for vocations and for life.

St. Paul tells us, “Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). That is a good rule for Knights. Whether our work is visible or hidden, formal or informal, large or small, may it be done for God’s glory and for the good of His people.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Chris Ewing, PGK



FLORIDA STATEWIDE EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

October 3 – 9, 2026

Uniting all Florida dioceses in one week of Adoration and Rosary

The Power of the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Rosary

Who We Are

Eucharistic Rosary Congresses, Inc. is a Catholic 501(c)(3) nonprofit religious apostolate dedicated to bringing honor and glory to Our Savior and Our Lady, and healing to our world, through Eucharistic Rosary Congresses.

What is a Eucharistic Rosary Congress?

A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is seven days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud at the top of every hour, day and night, without interruption. Hosted in a parish or diocese, it is a sustained act of prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

What is the structure of a Eucharistic Rosary Congress?

The framework is simple: the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, and the faithful come to fill the hours of adoration. At the top of every hour, one of the four sets of Mysteries of the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud together. The hours never go unfilled. For seven days, the prayer does not cease.

A diocese may enrich the Congress with daily Mass, Eucharistic processions, speakers, the Sacrament of Confession, consecration of families to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, and a literature table for those seeking to deepen their devotion. Continuous adoration and the hourly Rosary remain the foundation of the Congress throughout the week.

Why a Eucharistic Rosary Congress?

A Rosary Congress is offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to heal families, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary. It is a foretaste of the peace Our Lady of Fatima promised; that period when the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus will be the center of human life and the Holy Spirit will renew the face of the earth.



Eucharistic Rosary Congresses and the Knights of Columbus

In October 2026, the goal is to blanket Florida in Eucharistic Rosary Congresses: all eight diocesan regions invited into one statewide week of Eucharistic Adoration and the Holy Rosary. This is not a new program for councils to invent from scratch. It is a structured apostolic effort with clear roles, ready-made materials, and support from Eucharistic Rosary Congresses.

The Role of the Knights of Columbus

State Leadership: endorses the initiative and appoints diocesan ERC chairmen.

Diocesan ERC Chairman: recruits parishes, coordinates with the diocese, and organizes the regional schedule and Masses.

Grand Knight: appoints (or volunteers to be) a Council ERC Coordinator and seeks to make the ERC a parish priority.

Council ERC Coordinator: runs the ERC at the parish level. Meets with the pastor, reviews the ERC materials, recruits a small team, and coordinates parish logistics.

Every Knight: sign up for Adoration, help cover overnight hours, bring your family, and give visible witness at the Masses as a Knight.

What the Eucharistic Rosary Congresses Provides

ERC provides the materials and guidance needed to plan, promote, and run a successful Congress:

- Planning Guides, Coordinator's Manual, suggested timeline, sample letters, and other forms.
- Promotion Materials, including editable flyers, bulletin announcements, ambo announcements, and sign-up sheets.
- Prayer Resources, including Rosary binders, booklets, and prayers for the full week.
- Training & Support as needed, including direct assistance from the ERC team.

GET STARTED!

Everything you need is on our website



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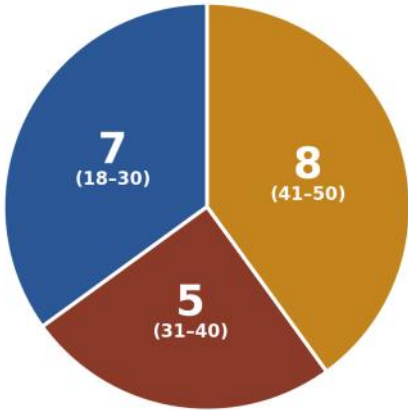
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MEMBERSHIP

New Members (July 2025 - June 2026)

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2	TRANSACTION ☐ NEW MEMBER ☐ JUVENILE TO ADULT ☐ REINSTATEMENT (up to 3 months) ☐ REACTIVATION (inactive insurance) ☐ READMISSION (up to 7 years) ☐ REAPPLICATION (over 7 years) ☐ TRANSFER IN ☐ DATA CHANGE ☐ SUSPENSION reason _____		MO DAY YR PROVIDE SURVIVOR INFORMATION BELOW ☐ DEATH _____ NEXT OF KIN _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ TELEPHONE # _____ STREET _____ CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ POSTAL CODE _____			
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4	ARE YOU A PRACTICAL OR PRACTICING CATHOLIC IN UNION WITH THE HOLY SEE? YES NO PARISH NAME, LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV) _____ FORMER COLUMBIAN SQUIRE? YES NO		DID YOU APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY? YES NO INITIATION DATES 1. FIRST 2. SECOND 3. THIRD 4. FOURTH DATE OF TERMINATION _____ REASON _____ NUMBER OF LAST COUNCIL _____ COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV) _____			
5	I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP. PRINTED NAME OF PROPOSER _____ PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required) _____		I HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE THAT (a) THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT, (b) I WILL UPHOLD THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ANY OF ITS COUNCILS IN WHICH I HOLD MEMBERSHIP, (c) THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONTROL IN ALL MATTERS, (d) I ACCEPT THE PRIVACY POLICY WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT https://www.kofc.org/en/policies/index.html , and (e) THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____ SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT _____			

READ IMPORTANT TERMS ON REVERSE. NEW MEMBERS CAN ALSO JOIN THROUGH www.KOFC.ORG/JOIN. *DOES NOT APPLY TO PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.

A copy of this form should be sent to the council agent for his records

SUPREME OFFICE COPY



K of C Council #12402 Member Survey - 2026

Name: (Include or Anonymous)

Please take a few minutes and share your thoughts on what you enjoy about the Council and what we could do to further entice your interest.

1. Have you attended a membership meeting within the last 12 months?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. If not, what is the major reason? (N/A if answered Yes above)
 - a. Lack of time
 - b. Not interested in council activities
 - c. Dealing with personal or health issues
 - d. Other
3. What single event could make you a more active member of the council?
 - a. Specific fundraiser – please clarify what type
 - b. Increased spiritual activities – please clarify what type
 - c. Might consider increasing activity when schedule allows in the future
 - d. Not interested in ever becoming more active in council activities
4. Which program committee(s) would you most enjoy being part of?
 - a. Church
 - b. Community
 - c. Family
 - d. Life
 - e. Youth
5. If you were Grand Knight for a day what would you like to see changed?

Thanks for your time. Your responses will be handled anonymously if specified, but strongly taken into consideration as we pave our path forward with the Grace of God. Also, feel free to look up our website at – www.kofc12402.org



COUNCIL OFFICERS & NOTABLES

FRATERNAL YEAR 2026-2027

Position	Name
Grand Knight	Phil Perfito
Dep Grand Knight	Michael Laughlin
Chancellor	Thomas Jensen
Treasurer	PGK George Olson
Recorder	Jeff Conklin
Warden	Gilberto “Gil” Martins
1st Year Trustee	Dan Wallace
2nd Year Trustee	Patrick Hayes
3rd Year Trustee	Ken Siders
Advocate	PGK John Rice
Inside Guard	Lorenz Oberhauser
Outside Guard	Chris Morales
Assigned by GK	
Chaplain	VR Miguel Gonzalez
Financial Secretary	Ed Gold Jr.
Lecturer	Garrick Pabon
Service Program Committee Directors	
Community	Gilbert Lanoue
Faith	PGK Chris Ewing
Family	PGK John Rice
Life	Les Castro
Youth	Tim Regan
Membership	PGK George Olson
Vocations	Dcn Mark Zeitler

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are on the right path.”*

Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006



EVENTS

Aug

- Mon, Aug 3rd – Feed the Homeless, Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
- Thurs, Aug 6th – Transfiguration of the Lord
- Mon, Aug 10th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
- Thurs, Aug 13th – Officer Induction/Dinner, Social Hall, 6:00 pm
- Sat, Aug 15th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sat, Aug 23rd – Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods, Social Hall

Sep

- Tues, Sep 8th – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thurs, Sep 10th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm
- Sat, Sep 12th – JMJ Pregnancy Center Gala – Rosen Centre, 5:30 pm
- Mon, Sep 14th – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Mon, Sep 14th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
- Tues, Sep 15th – Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
- Fri & Sat, Sep 18th & 19th – Special Olympics State Bowling Tourney, Boardwalk Bowl
- Mon, Sep 21st – Feast of Saint Matthew
- Thurs, Sep 24th – Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods, Social Hall
- Fri, Sep 25th – Soccer Kick, St James School, 8 am – 2:30 pm
- Tues, Sep 29th – Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
- Tues, Sep 29th – Blue Mass, 12:10 pm, St James Cathedral

Oct

- Sat, Oct 3rd – Food for the Poor Virtual Gala
- Mon, Oct 5th – Feed the Homeless, Christian Service Center, 11:30 am
- Wed, Oct 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thurs, Oct 8th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm
- Sat, Oct 10th – Columbus Day Dinner, Social Hall
- Mon, Oct 12th – Columbus Day
- Mon, Oct 12th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm
- Sat, Oct 25th – Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods, Social Hall

*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

**Note: Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Monday of the month at the Assembly Hall at 5:30
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CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



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<https://stjamesorlando.org/weekly-bulletin/>

DIOCESE EVENTS



<https://www.orlandodiocese.org/events-calendar/>



FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



SK Les Castro
Life Director

Brothers,
The California Attorney General is suing Heartbeat International and Real Options for \$20 million for advertising Abortion Pill Reversal as “safe and effective” in their promotion of APR. Heartbeat and Real Options are represented by the Thomas More Society and points out that women who change their minds after taking the chemical abortion drug mifepristone should be allowed to use this updated treatment, in use since the 1950’s to prevent miscarriage, to reverse the abortion. Over 8000 babies have been saved through the APR network.

The Director of the National Institutes of Health has stopped NIH research using human fetal tissue from elective abortions. According to the National Right to Life, he said use of this tissue from aborted babies is ethically unacceptable by a substantial portion of the population. In addition, techno-

logical advances using other means have rendered the practice unnecessary.

Four orders of Catholic nuns along with several Catholic healthcare agencies are suing the state of New York in federal court trying to keep a new law that forces them to assist terminally ill patients to kill themselves, from taking effect on August 5th. The law would subject providers who refuse to comply with crippling fines, professional sanctions and criminal penalties.

Planned Parenthood and other abortion facilities' one-year federal funding ban expired on July 4, 2026, restoring the organization's access to Medicaid reimbursements for non-abortion services nationwide.

The temporary prohibition was enacted via the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" signed in 2025. While active, the defunding restriction led to the closure of over 50 health centers and the loss of primary care services at several regional affiliates. Moving forward, conservative lawmakers are actively pushing legislation, such as Reconciliation 2.0 and the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2025, to make the defunding measures permanent. As of yet no action has been approved.

The annual JMJ Gala will be held on September 12th. This is their primary fundraiser for the year and has been quite successful. JMJ is self-sufficient and relies on this event and other much smaller initiatives throughout the year to continue operating. Our council will be represented that evening.

We read from the Walking With Moms Newsletter:

“The Walking With Moms in Need program was started by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on March 25, 2020, in commemoration of St. John Paul II’s 1995 encyclical 'Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life).'

In the encyclical, St. John Paul II emphasizes the sacredness of human life at conception. Mother and child must be cherished and, when faced with financial strain, lack of housing or medical fears, be provided with substantial, practical help ensuring no pregnant mother feels pressured to end a pregnancy.

As Christians, we celebrate all mothers who devote themselves entirely to their families; they are to be recognized, appreciated and supported by the faith and local communities.”



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*Pope Benedict XVI at his General Au-
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HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

Seeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, profcewing@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Knight of the Month':

- ☐ Has the member made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly Mass attendance?
- ☐ Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
- ☐ Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
- ☐ Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
- ☐ The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a "super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

- ☐ Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- ☐ Is the family tight knit?
- ☐ Does the family spend quality time together?
- ☐ Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- ☐ Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- ☐ Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- ☐ The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- ☐ It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



*Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain*

JULY 2026

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Gospel for July 13, Lk 10:36-37)

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord's call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man's suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.

CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI:

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, the poor, the homebound or others.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?



UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Wife	Date
Jesse Collins	Rebecca Collins	08-08-2018
Mr Stephen J Palvisak	Stacy Palvisak	08-11-2007
Mr Robert R Anschuetz	Debbie A Anschuetz	08-12-1995
James Derek Graham	Kim Graham	08-14-1998
Mr Steve Kerestes	Alison Kerestes	08-16-2008
Mr Henry J Skowronski	Elizabeth Skowronski	08-25-1965
Mr Christopher Morales	Kara Crespo	08-28-2024

Member	Wife	Date
Mr Eric F Weigand	Carol Quartano	09-01-1992
Gerrit A Lemmen	Lynn Lemmen	09-02-2017
Most Rev. Thomas G Wenski	Ordained Bishop	09-03-1997
Mr Blake Powers	Laura Lee Powers	09-04-2011
Mr Desmond Nichols	Christie Nichols	09-06-2025
Mr Michael T Leo	Tracy Leo	09-12-1998
Jonathan Mangiante	Janelle Mangiante	09-12-2015
Mr Brian Kirwan	Adriana Kirwan	09-15-2012
Mr John B Forester	Karen Brown	09-16-1995
David E Bessette	Nanette Bessette	09-17-1993
Richard A Paolo	Tanya Paolo	09-18-2004
Mr Benjamin W del Campo	Nicole del Campo	09-27-2018
Mr Stephen G Richardville	Kathleen Richardville	09-29-1978



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Member	Date	Age
Mr Angel E Sanchez	08-02	44
Leslie L Castro	08-06	75
David J D'amato	08-06	57
Michael J Sebastiani	08-09	67
Mr Robert E Kalakauskis	08-10	80
Mr Stephen J Palvisak	08-11	44
Jacob R del Campo	08-12	37
Mr Patrick J Hayes	08-15	68
Hector Cordova Sr	08-18	66
Mr Michael A Cordova	08-18	28
Mr Artie McCormick	08-21	31
Mr Leonard Romano Jr	08-22	69
Mr Mark L Gumula II	08-23	49
John Torres	08-26	68
Mr Benjamin W del Campo	08-28	40
Michael F Pascuzzi	08-31	34

Member	Date	Age
Mr David C Miller	09-02	65
Mr Nicholas P Cotroneo	09-03	72
Mr Fernando Hurtado	09-04	65
2lt Daniel Rios Doria	09-08	43
Mr Thoburn E Russell Jr	09-08	74
Mr Marvin Jay Lemmen	09-09	72
Mr Scott M Comeaux	09-15	57
Raymond Thaddeus McCormack Jr	09-17	34
Brian Rivera	09-18	44
Mr Bidionel Jacquet Jr	09-19	27
Dr Brian Schanen	09-20	43
Stephen K Puckett	09-21	62
Mr Brian Sandor	09-22	42
Mr Paul J Blem	09-27	58
Mr Sage M Brownchweig	09-27	36
Timothy E Flaherty	09-28	53
Mr Gregory Driscoll	09-29	66
Mr Patrick J Furino	09-29	31
James R Fyffe	09-29	72



SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

Member	Wife	Date
Mr Arik W March	Regina March	08-08
Jacob R del Campo	Viviana del Campo	08-10
Daniel Adjei	Magdalene Adjei	08-18
Mr Robert M Woodbery	Patricia Woodbery	08-23
Mr Timothy A Norton	Marsha Norton	08-29
Edward J Siegfried Jr	Berit Siegfried	08-31

Member	Wife	Date
Mr Mark L Gumula II	Irene Gumula	09-01
Jonathan Mangiante	Janelle Mangiante	09-04
Mr Michael T Ciappetta	Lei Lee Ciappetta	09-09
Christopher J Ewing	Melissa Ewing	09-23
Francesco T Terrizzi	Kristy Terrizzi	09-28

YEARS OF SERVICE

Member	First Degree Date	Years
Mr Henry J Skowronski	08-31-2004	22
Mr Paul J Blem	08-10-2005	21
Mr Daniel E Coombs	08-13-2011	15
Mr Robert M Woodbery	08-13-2011	15
Mr Gregory Driscoll	08-12-2015	11
Dr Anis A Khalaf	08-13-2016	10
Dr King Davis	08-11-2018	8
Garrick Pabon	08-16-2025	1
Cooper Fay	08-26-2025	1

Member	First Degree Date	Years
Mr Thomas M Matthews	09-24-1998	28
Mr Joseph B Walker	09-18-2002	24
Mr Scott M Comeaux	09-08-2005	21
Mr Robert R Anschuetz	09-28-2005	21
Mr Sage M Brownchweig	09-03-2013	13
Mr Denney Caberto	09-26-2021	5
Mr Michael L Torres	09-07-2023	3
Mr Brian Sandor	09-10-2024	2
Mr Felipe Villalona I	09-03-2025	1



INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE

Florida District 4th Degree Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-Degree-Officers>

Upcoming exemplifications are announced here: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Events-and-Exemplifications-Calendar>

Msgr. Bishop Assembly 0162
5727 Cornelia Ave
Orlando, FL 32807-3548



*SK George del Campo
4th degree representative*

Youth Activities—From Tim Regan

The St. James Knights of Columbus will host our annual Soccer Challenge on Friday, September 18th. This event will begin at 8 am and run until the end of the school day.

This sporting competition is the only one that will be held outdoors. September can be a very hot month, so I am asking any Knight who can spare an hour or 2 to please come out and allow for the Knights who have been there a while a chance to cool off. All 6 periods of St. James Middle School students will compete.

The month of November will be set aside for work on writing quality essays. Th St. James Cathedral School students have excelled at essay writing and I am sure this year will be no different. In early December the essays will be scored and cash prizes will be presented to the winners in January.

This year's writing prompt: "The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God." In 500 -750 words explain what this quote from former U.S.

President and Knight of Columbus member John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address means and its importance for the flourishing of a nation.



BOGO Requirements (up to 80 cases for Florida this fraternal year):

In order to participate the Council/District must have a distribution of coats and recruitment event on Black Friday. If you have extenuating circumstances this requirement may be amended. Please email an explanation of the circumstances to me and a determination will be made.

Proposal

A complete and accurate proposal must be submitted to me at dd33victor@gmail.com no later than **August 10, 2026**. *Early submission is encouraged and appreciated*. The proposal will be reviewed on a **first come basis** and once five delivery locations are attained proposals will no longer be accepted.

This is the link for the proposal:

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Coats+For+Kids+Bogo+Proposal+Form/bf9a4c1e9d8311f09aa4766fa0a391fd> (open link or copy and paste to your address bar).

In regards to the five delivery locations, last year more councils could participate because the delivery location was by district rather than individual council.

Purchase

The council must have the funding available to purchase upon approval. All councils delivering their order to the same location must order and pay at the same time, so a council **cannot** hold up the purchase. If payment is not available the council has not met part of the approval process and is no longer approved.

Once approved mail payment checks payable to Knights of Columbus Charities to me at: 5126 North El Paso Terrace, Beverly Hills, FL 34465

Prices are the same as last year:



COAT STYLE	PRICE
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TEEN and ADULT	\$340.24
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PICK-UP

District Deputies and /or Grand Knights will work with delivery location leaders to arrange for the pickup of coats.

Contact Information

Phone or text after 7:30pm: 352-422-0332

Email: dd33victor@gmail.com (will respond within 24 hours)

Additional Links

<https://www.kofc.org/what-we-do/programs/community/coats-for-kids/>

<https://files.kofc.org/download/assets/Coats+For+Kids+Guidebook/c3aa31ae9d7c11f0ad41e2ae56999950>





SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for **Catholic Spiritual Care Ministers** at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Deacons, men in formation, and their wives (if trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are invited to serve.

This ministry offers compassionate presence, prayer, and sacramental coordination for patients and families in a 1,700-bed hospital. Deacons are especially suited to provide hope, calm, and witness to Christ in moments of suffering. Volunteers help arrange for Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, partnering with priests serving at ORMC.

Currently, only four Catholic volunteers serve weekly. Those called to this vital ministry are encouraged to contact **Deacon Bryan Zornik** (bzornik@orlandodiocese.org) for more information.



Pathways to Care always welcomes volunteers and projects. Some of our volunteers provide on-site activities and games for our residents or assist with food preparation and service, building and grounds maintenance, and clerical support. Please fill out the [inquiry form here](#) or for more information about how you can help, please call **(407) 388-0245**.

PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT RADIO



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and [Relevant Radio](#) that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's [website](#) or on your favorite podcast app.



MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

“For I was imprisoned and you visited me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:36, 40).

St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens on becoming self-sufficient. For more information contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager at (407) 614-2355 and see their website www.spcpmorlando.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Needs You – Great service hours!

Volunteer opportunities are available in our stores and food pantries – great for young people needing community service hours! Continues through the end of July. Check us out at svdporlando.org

Catholic Charities Needs Food Distribution Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help distribute food at its Agape Mission Markets in Orlando on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Visit cficc.org/volunteer for more information and to sign up.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

St. James continues to need volunteers to serve as Hospitality Ministers at all the English Masses. Hospitality Ministers function as ushers and greeters and will also staff the new Welcome Table. Right now, there are more open positions than there are available ushers at the English Masses. The goal is to reach a point where people need only serve two or three times a month. If you or your wife is interested in serving as an usher, please contact Billy Martinez, Liturgy Manager, at 407-563-8251 or Dan Wallace at 407-484-0550.

Ultrasound Initiative & Helping Life Fund: Building a Culture of Life

The Knights of Columbus are committed to defending life. Two key programs in Florida— the Ultrasound Initiative and the Helping Life Fund—are making a powerful difference for mothers and babies across our state.

Ultrasound Initiative

Since 2009, Knights have helped place over 1,900 ultrasound machines, valued at \$91 million, in pro-life clinics and pregnancy centers—135 of those here in Florida. Local councils fund half the cost; the Supreme Council covers the rest. For fully funded mobile units, Supreme may cover 100% of the ultrasound machine cost.

Ultrasound machines are life-saving tools. Up to 80% of abortion-minded women choose life after viewing an image of their unborn child.

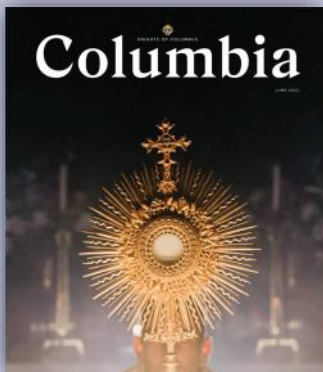
Ask your local pregnancy center:

- Do they need a new, or replacement machine?
- Are they opening a new location?
- Would a mobile unit help serve more women?

To learn more, contact Jason O'Neill at jason.c.oneill@gmail.com or 302-530-7101.



OPPORTUNITIES



Click [HERE](#) to read the latest issue of Columbia Magazine online

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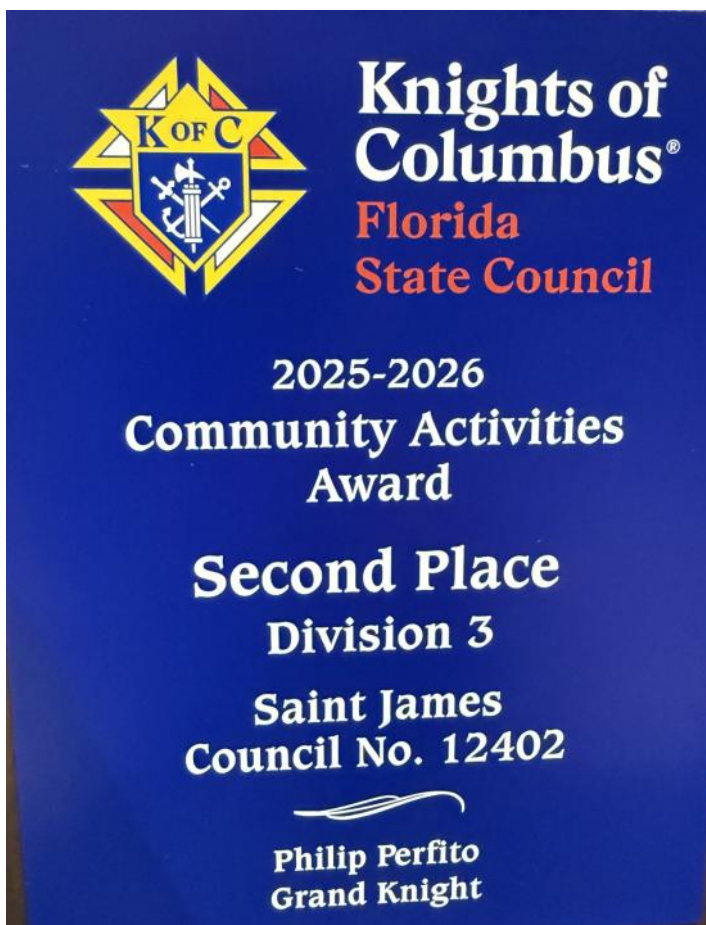
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Superheroes Needed!

Looking for a way to live out your pro-life values?

Volunteer with us to support women facing unexpected pregnancies!



Who we are: JMJ Pregnancy Center is the largest Catholic pregnancy center in Central Florida. We are a life-affirming alternative to abortion, providing compassionate and loving guidance for women and families facing difficulties during and after pregnancy.

How you can help: Our vibrant and life-saving ministry consistently seeks dedicated volunteers who are passionate about our mission. We are currently in need of assistance at our Lifting Lives Center (LLC) located near the Florida Mall at Sand Lake. Tasks at this location include: baby donation intake and organization, admin/clerical work, and maintaining cleanliness of the center. The LLC's hours of operation are M, W, & F from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

For more information: Feel free to reach out to us at 407-839-0620. We will schedule a tour to acquaint you with our operations, explore potential roles, and address any questions you may have.

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St. James Knights of Columbus Council #12402

Established March 25, 1999 - 175 members

Knights of Columbus established in 1882 – over 2.1 million members

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any man
at least 18 years old who is a practicing Catholic.

What Do We Do?

Our Council coordinates the following activities:

- Monthly parish pancake breakfast and bake sale
- St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Columbus Day Dinner
- Seminarian Dinner
- Parish Family Christmas Party
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- UCF Campus Ministry Breakfast
- SJCS Youth Free Throw Contest
- SJCS Youth Soccer Kick Challenge
- SJCS Essay Contest

Also, our Council participates in the following activities:

- Annual Laps 4 Life Ultrasound fundraiser
- JMJ Pregnancy Center Gala
- Annual Food for the Poor Gala
- Feeding the Homeless bi-monthly
- Habitat for Humanity
- Special Olympics State Bowling Tourney
- That Man Is You
- Annual Retreat at San Pedro Center
- Cathedral Ministry Fair

What's in it for You as a Member?

- Increase involvement in parish and community
- Network with like-minded Catholic Men
- Protect and enhance your family life
- Life Insurance available
- Long-term care plans available
- Annuities & IRAs available

Charitable Donations

Through its fund-raising activities in FYE June 30, 2026, our Council made charitable donations of over \$39,000 to these organizations:

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| • St. James Cathedral | • Magnify/Bishop |
| • Diocesan Vocations | Grady Villas |
| • The Russell Home | • Morning Star School |
| • Autism Speaks | • Catholic Charities |
| • Christian Service Center | • JMJ Pregnancy Center |
| • Coalition for the | • Epilepsy Assn. of CFL |
| Homeless | • Gary Sinise Foundation |
| • Habitat for Humanity | • Wheelchair Mission |
| • St. Vincent de Paul Food | • New Hope for Kids |
| Pantry | • Special Olympics |
| • Center for Independent | • Food for the Poor |
| Living | • Toys for Tots |
| • Winter Coats for Kids | • Tim Tebow Foundation |

The Knights of Columbus

On March 29th 1882, the Knights of Columbus obtained its state charter. It was founded by a parish priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Conn. along with a small group of men. Blessed Michael McGivney was beatified in 2020.

Many Catholic men were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources. Fr. McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending and brought the Catholic men in his parish together in mutual aid by establishing the Knights of Columbus with a "pass-the-hat" insurance system. The rest is history.

Become a Knight!

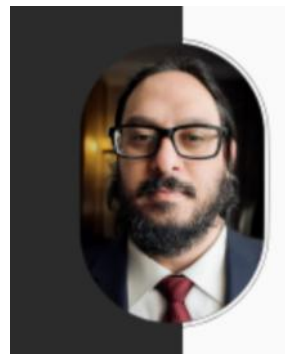
During FYE 6/30/26, twenty new members with an average age of 36.5 joined St. James Council 12402. If you are a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years old and would like to join, speak with any Council member or contact George Olson, at golson255@gmail.com. You may also join online at www.kofc.org/get-involved/join-kofc/ designating 12402 as your preferred local council.

Pope Leo XIV strongly praises the K of C for their global charity, defense of human life, and efforts to build male fraternity. He appreciates their vital role in supporting the church and aiding vulnerable populations.



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER

On The Precious Blood of Christ, Patriotism, & Respect for Human Life



*Garrick Pabon
Worthy Lecturer*

Brother Knights,
As we gather this evening in the month of July, the Church invites us to reflect on the Precious Blood of Christ. That reflection also comes as our country marks 250 years of Independence.

At first, these may seem like two separate things: one is devotional, and one is patriotic. But for us as Catholic men and Brother Knights, they do belong together.

The Precious Blood of Jesus reminds us that our dignity is not something invented by man. It's not given by a government, earned by success, or measured by our usefulness.

Our dignity comes from God alone, and every person has been created in His image. Every soul is so precious that Christ shed His own Precious Blood for our salvation.

The Blood of Christ is the measure of love. It tells us that redemption is not cheap. That God's Mercy is not vague. That Love is not merely sentimental. That Jesus gave of Himself for us, even unto death... completely out of perfect love.

That should change how we see other people... The unborn child, the elderly, the poor, the immigrant, the lonely, the addict, the prisoner, the person we disagree with, and even the brother sitting next to us who might be carrying something we don't know.

The world would teach us to measure people by their productivity, by politics, their appearance, their income, or even just out of convenience. The difference is; Christ teaches us to measure every person by whether God himself sees them as beloved enough to die on the Cross so that they may see everlasting life.

And Christ gave His life for all, so we know this to be affirmed as true.

That also gives a deeper meaning to Patriotism. As Knights, Patriotism is one of our core principles. Catholic patriotism is not simply waving a flag, partisan allegiance, or remembering history — though each of these things can be good and meaningful.

True patriotism means loving our country enough to desire it to be virtuous. It means being grateful to God for our freedoms, but also asking: freedom for what?

Freedom is not just the ability to do whatever we want. It's the ability to choose the good; To worship God. To form families. To serve our neighbor. To defend life. To speak truth with charity. To build communities where the weak are not discarded and the strong are called to responsibility and action.



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER (CONTINUED)

As we celebrate America, we can rightly give thanks for the blessings of this country; religious liberty, opportunity, sacrifice, courage, and the countless men and women who've served, built, and defended it... even to death.

But gratitude should also lead to examination.... Are we using our freedom well? Are we forming ourselves as Catholic men? How are we forming others? Our jobs, parishes, families, and communities — Are they made stronger because we're there?

This month, Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics to pray for respect for human life. When we pray for this intention, we're not talking about an abstract issue. We're talking about the people that Christ died for. Every life, from conception to death. Every life in its strength and in its weakness. Every life that is loved by God before it's 'useful' to anyone else.

So tonight, my invitation is this:

Allow the Precious Blood of Christ to purify our Patriotism and how we value human life. May it keep us from sinful pride. May it allow us to act in love. And may it make us men who love our country by first loving God, our families, our Church, and our neighbor — as Christ himself commands.

May the Precious Blood of Jesus strengthen us as Catholic men, renew our virtue as Knights, and help us to use our freedom for holiness, service, and to the glory of God.

Vivat Jesus



Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION 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.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

For more information or to request a prayer card:

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The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life.



In the Catholic Church, September is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, honoring the suffering Mary endured throughout her life. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated on September 15th.

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IS YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION ACCURATE?

Every member of the Knights of Columbus in the Florida jurisdiction is listed on the Florida K of C website. Financial Secretaries update council lists on the Supreme and State websites at least quarterly.

Review the brief YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/IVS3XkgiUs> to learn how to gain initial access and log on and how to review and correct or confirm your personal information. To access the video, copy and paste the link into your browser.

All Knights are strongly encouraged to access the Supreme website at www.KofC.org and the State website at www.FloridaKofC.org.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, they do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the YouTube page is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.

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