



St. James Cathedral Council 12402

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Bimonthly Newsletter
Serving the Chancery & St. James Cathedral

EXCERPT FROM THE 2026 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME KNIGHT FROM SUPREME KNIGHT

In Solidarity With the Church

Archbishop Fulton Sheen is pictured with members of the Fourth Degree in this undated photo. (Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives)

Our founder's vision was reaffirmed by his beatification nearly six years ago. And next month in St. Louis, we will celebrate the beatification of another brother Knight — Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. We're proud to support such a historic moment for the Church in this country.

Many of us remember Archbishop Sheen's impact on American life. His television and radio programs reached millions of people, reminding us all that "Life Is Worth Living." He was a featured speaker at two Supreme Conventions in the 1970s. And I personally witnessed his magnetic faith when I was growing up in Michigan. He came to Holy Family Church in the Diocese of Lansing to preach a parish mission. Our pastor actually asked my parents to host Archbishop Sheen for dinner, and that evening, sitting in our living room, we spent hours listening to his stories.

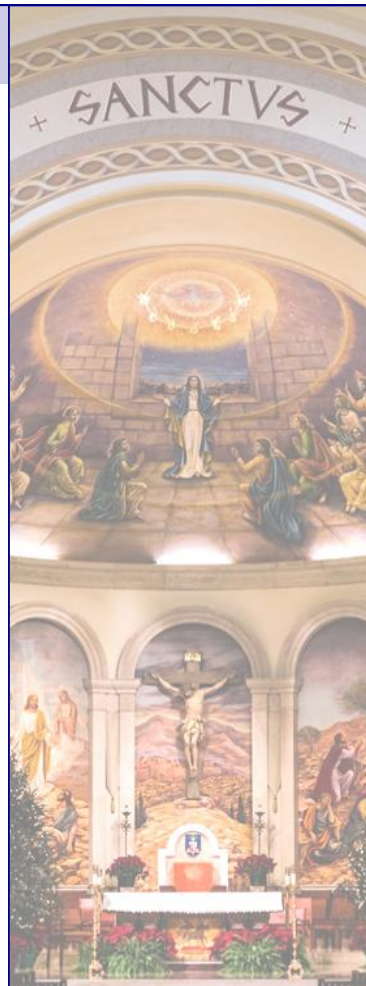
Archbishop Sheen told us about the time he visited a leper colony in Uganda, where he handed out crucifixes. But one of the lepers was horribly disfigured, and when he drew near, Archbishop Sheen drew back out of fear and disgust. He awkwardly dropped a crucifix into the leper's diseased hand, unwilling to get any closer.

But as the day went on, he realized that he had failed to do what our Lord would have done. So he went back to find that man. He apologized and embraced him as a brother in Christ.

As Archbishop Sheen recounted that story, my siblings and I were captivated. I was only 9 years old, but I sensed that I was in the presence of someone truly remarkable. And I join every Catholic in America in celebrating the beatification of our brother Knight — soon-to-be Blessed Fulton Sheen!

We proudly supported Archbishop Sheen's work of evangelization during his lifetime. And to this day, we continue to support our priests and religious around the world.

Read more at <https://www.columbiamagazine.org/knights/from-the-supreme-knight/2026/10/2026-annual-report--of-the-supreme-knight/>



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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

25

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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



Scan for Resources

rosarycongressusa.org
Eucharistic Rosary Congresses, Inc.
A Catholic Nonprofit Religious Apostolate



MEMBERSHIP



PGK George Olson
Treasurer

Brothers,

I am pleased to report that 135 members have paid their dues; 6 outstanding. Two members were suspended for lack of payment. We collected over \$5300 in dues which will go to a # of local charities. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Brother George Olson

The member and officers' signatures are required for this form to be processed
Please complete this form legibly

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1 COLUMBUS PLAZA, NEW HAVEN CT 06510

Membership Document

A CATHOLIC, FAMILY, FRATERNAL, SERVICE ORGANIZATION

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1	NEW/RECEIVING COUNCIL NUMBER 12402	COUNCIL LOCATION (CITY, ST/PROV) ORLANDO, FL	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	DATE READ	DATE ELECTED	1ST. DEG. DATE
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		
3	LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL TITLE		STREET CITY ST/PROV POSTAL CODE COUNTRY (OUTSIDE US)			
	DATE OF BIRTH MO DAY YR	MARITAL STATUS	HOME PHONE	BUSINESS PHONE	CELL PHONE	
	E-MAIL ADDRESS			OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER	LAST FOUR DIGITS OF TAX ID (e.g., SSN, SIN) XXXXX-	
	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
4	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			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.		
	PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required)			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



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

*“In following Jesus, like St James, we know that even in difficulties we
are on the right path.”*

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



EVENTS

Oct

Mon, Oct 5 th – Feed the Homeless, Christian Service Center, 11:30 am

Wed, Oct 7 th – Our Lady of the Rosary

Thurs, Oct 8 th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm

Sat, Oct 10 th & Sun, Oct 11 th – Baby Bottle Campaign

Mon, Oct 12 th – Columbus Day

Thurs, Oct 15 th – Columbus Day Dinner, Social Hall, 6:00 pm

Mon, Oct 12 th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm

Sat, Oct 25 th – Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods, Social Hall

Nov

Sun, Nov 1 st – All Saints Day

Mon, Nov 2 nd – All Souls' Day

Mon, Nov 2 nd – Wed, Nov 4 th – Essay Contest Grading – exact date TBD

Mon, Nov 9 th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm

Wed, Nov 11 th – Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony, St James School, 7:30 am

Thurs, Nov 12 th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm

Sun, Nov 22 nd – Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods, Social Hall

Thurs, Nov 26 th – Thanksgiving Day

Sun, Nov 29 th – 1 st Sunday of Advent

Dec

Thurs, Dec 3 rd – Sun, Dec 6 th – Silent Retreat, San Pedro Center

Mon, Dec 7 th – Feed the Homeless, Christian Service Center, 11:30 am

Tues, Dec 8 th – Immaculate Conception

Thurs, Dec 10 th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm

Sat, Dec 12 th – Christmas Party, Social Hall, 6:00 pm

Mon, Dec 14 th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm

Sun, Dec 20 th – Pancake Breakfast & Cookie Sale, Social Hall

Fri, Dec 25 th – Christmas Day

Sun, Dec 27 th – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

*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
or use this weblink to join online:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824714923?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824714923?pwd=VFp1amRKZUlhUktpNnpCTWdoMVNWQT09)
[pwd=VFp1amRKZUlhUktpNnpCTWdoMVNWQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84824714923?pwd=VFp1amRKZUlhUktpNnpCTWdoMVNWQT09)

CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
a catholic community

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

DIOCESE EVENTS



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



FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



*SK Les Castro
Life Director*

Brothers,
The 40 Days for Life campaign is under way in 682 cities worldwide. Vigils began on September 23rd and will continue through November 1st. The Orlando area vigil locations can be found at 40daysforlife.com.

The JMJ Gala was held on September 12th with over 700 attendees. Our council sponsored 2 tables. The Gala is the major annual fundraiser for JMJ and at last tally they were at 94% of their goal of \$450,000. Additional appeals have gone out to donors to make up the shortfall.

The California lawsuit against advertising abortion pill reversal is awaiting a final judicial order. The trial concluded in mid September. The California attorney general filed the suit in 2023 against Heartbeat International and Real Life Options arguing the organizations claim APR is safe without providing scientific evidence.

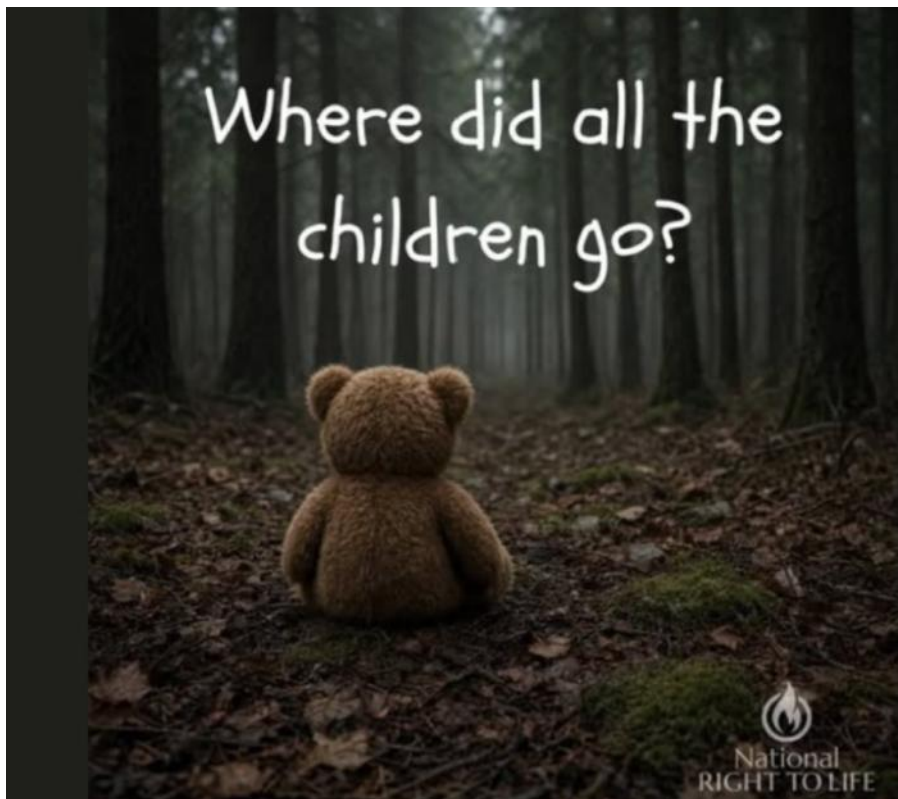
The Hyde Amendment celebrated 50 years on September 30th stopping federal funds from being used for abortions. It has been successfully attached to federal spending bills each year and is estimated to have saved 2.7 million babies.

October is Respect Life month. With consent from the parish, we hope to have another Baby Bottle

campaign during the month. More to come.

From the USCCB Respect Life Newsletter we read:

“Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to cherish and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.”





Knights Gear

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We are pleased to welcome **Robert Van Horn** of the Knights of Columbus Urrutia Agency as our council's new Field Agent. Robert is available to meet with council members to review their current service reports, discuss Knights of Columbus insurance and financial products, and help members protect their families and household income.

For October, the Knights of Columbus is also offering a competitive guaranteed rate on new funds placed into eligible annuities. Members interested in learning more are encouraged to contact Robert directly at **(386) 290-9322** or robert.vanhorn@kofc.org.



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



ANNUITIES

CURRENT RATES - OCTOBER 2026

With a Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity or Single Premium Deferred Annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can build a predictable income stream for life, backed by two important guarantees — regardless of market conditions:

Your principal is guaranteed.* Your annuity will not lose value.

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Vantage Single Premium Deferred Annuities

Single Premium	New money rates New contracts and contracts renewing for a 2nd five-year period	Guaranteed Minimum Lifetime Rate
\$100K or More**	4.80%	3.00%
Under \$100K***	4.60%	3.00%

Flexible Premium Deferred Annuities

Interest rate* on new deposits received during the 4th Quarter 2026 (Guaranteed through the end of the 3rd Quarter 2027)	Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate for New Contracts
4.75%	3.00%

- * Rates effective October 1, 2026, and subject to change without notice. The annuity rate is determined based on when the money is received by the Knights of Columbus. Minimum guaranteed interest rate is set at the time the contract is issued. Interest earned will never be less than the minimum guaranteed interest rate in your contract. Guarantees are subject to the claims paying ability of Knights of Columbus. Fixed annuities are long-term insurance products designed for retirement purposes. Earnings grow tax deferred. Withdrawals may be subject to surrender charges. Withdrawals prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty in addition to ordinary income taxes. This is a solicitation of insurance. Annuity premiums are not deposits, are not FDIC-insured, and are not insured by any federal government agency or bank. See contract for additional terms and conditions.

** The Order reserves the right to refuse or limit contributions in excess of \$1,000,000 unless approved by the Order prior to submitting the application.

*** Minimum deposit of \$25,000 required.

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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

OCTOBER 2026

"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.

CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCH-BISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI:

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?



UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Member Name	Wife Name	Wedding Date	Years Married
Dr Anis A Khalaf	Gabriela Khalaf	10/13/2018	8
Sage M Brownchweig	Sara Brownchweig	11/17/2018	8
Lorenz Oberhauser	Arielle Oberhauser	11/05/2016	10
Alexander C Trauger	Aileen Trauger	10/20/2012	14
Christopher C Walker	Priscilla Walker	11/21/2009	17
David J D'amato	Kelli D'Amato	11/29/2008	18
Scott M Comeaux	Nichole Comeaux	10/16/2004	22
Michael C Laughlin	Maria Laughlin	11/16/2002	24
Wesley C Powell	Lisa Powell	10/03/1999	27
Gary M Gagnon	Lorraine Gagnon	10/09/1999	27
Arik W March	Regina March	11/27/1999	27
Peter C Tilley	Wendy Tilley	11/07/1998	28
Paul J Blem	Kristina Blem	10/15/1997	29
Carmine J Bonacci	Peg Bonacci	11/17/1980	46



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Member Name	Birthday	Age
Jamie Mellado	10/28/2000	26
Jesse Collins	10/09/1990	36
Nathan Hill	10/14/1986	40
Christopher M Glisson	11/03/1985	41
Christopher C Walker	10/21/1982	44
Christopher J Ewing	11/14/1981	45
Arik W March	10/30/1978	48
Anthony M Mccarthy	11/03/1978	48
Jonathan R Rivera	11/21/1977	49
Stephen F Leo	10/17/1976	50
Rev Vilaire Philius	10/17/1971	55
Fred Grob	11/24/1971	55
Peter C Tilley	10/15/1969	57
Alec L Sithong	10/30/1969	57
Jeff C Conklin	10/02/1961	65
Thomas E Dukes	10/02/1959	67
Eric F Weigand	11/09/1959	67
Gilberto Martins	11/04/1958	68
Joseph B Walker	11/27/1954	72
Frank B Chisari	10/07/1951	75
Most Rev. Thomas G Wenski	10/18/1950	76
Gary T Herring	10/25/1949	77
Robert M Woodbery	10/29/1946	80
Jonathan F Glancy	11/18/1943	83

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

Member Name	Wife Name	Birthday
Christopher Morales	Kara Crespo	10-05
Santos DeLeon	Elizabeth Deleon	10-11
Michael T Leo	Tracy Leo	10-14
Daniel E Coombs	Angela McGhee Coombs	10-28
Henry J Skowronski	Elizabeth Skowronski	11-04
Scott M Comeaux	Nichole Comeaux	11-10
Christopher A Marquette	Milena Marquette	11-16
Gerrit A Lemmen	Lynn Lemmen	11-17
Michael F Pascuzzi	Liliana Ivette Pascuzzi	11-17
Dr Javier E Martinez	Laura Martinez	11-22
Alec L Sithong	Carolyn Sithong	11-25
Ronald D Gulasa	Cheryl Gulasa	11-27



YEARS OF SERVICE

Name	First Degree Date	Years of Service
Christopher M Glisson	10/23/2025	1
Christopher Morales	11/02/2025	1
Otniel Echagarruga Gayle	11/07/2025	1
Christopher Engel	11/17/2024	2
Nathan Hill	11/19/2024	2
Ian Hamilton	10/29/2023	3
Mike A Khreiche	10/06/2022	4
Jeff C Conklin	11/04/2021	5
Kenneth W Siders	11/11/2021	5
Andy A Sojourner	10/22/2020	6
Thoburn E Russell Jr	10/12/2019	7
Stephen F Leo	11/09/2019	7
Michael J Sebastiani	11/09/2019	7
Neri Olea	11/08/2018	8
Norman J Turner	11/14/2018	8
David I Larocque	11/09/2016	10
David J D'amato	11/15/2016	10
David E Bessette	10/19/2015	11
Leslie L Castro	10/19/2015	11
Gary M Gagnon	10/19/2015	11
John T Griffin III	10/19/2015	11
Eligio R Colon	11/13/2015	11
Florencio E Hernandez	10/04/2014	12
Edward J Siegfried Jr	10/01/2013	13
Kraig N Johnson	10/12/2013	13
John D Rice PGK	10/12/2013	13
Timothy A Norton	11/20/2012	14
Raul Rodriguez	11/10/2011	15
Eric F Weigand	10/13/2010	16
Bill W Simpson	10/14/2009	17
Albert J Yonfa	10/14/2009	17
Ricardo Soler II	11/13/2007	19
Rev Vilaire Philius	11/15/2006	20
Benjamin W del Campo	10/19/2004	22
Peter C Tilley	11/20/2003	23
John B Forester	11/06/2002	24
Robert Garrett Eelman	10/03/2001	25
Timothy E Flaherty	10/23/2000	26
Martin J Cone	11/21/1994	32
Most Rev. Thomas G Wenski	11/01/1970	56



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*



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: JMJPregnancyCenter 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.

"We Pray, Help Moms, Save Babies, and REPEAT!"



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.

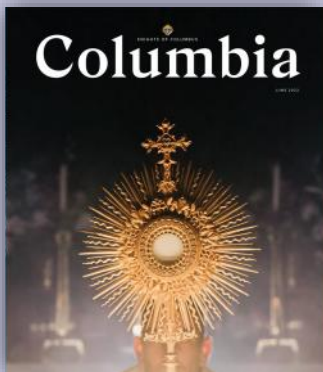
Ask your local pregnancy center:

- 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



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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.



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

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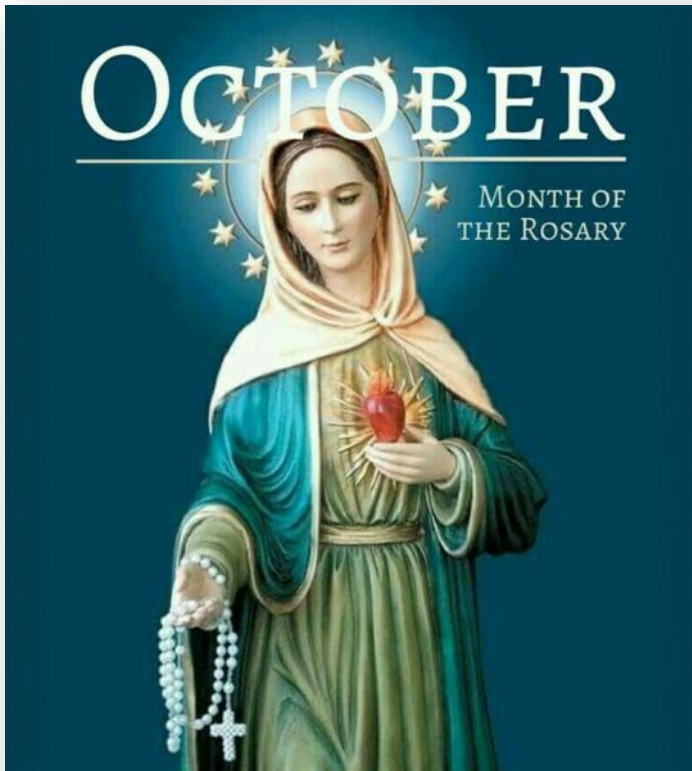


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October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time dedicated to Mary and the contemplative prayer of the Rosary. This devotion is a spiritual reflection on the life of Jesus Christ, using the Rosary as an echo of Mary's prayer and a way to seek her maternal intercession.



November is known as the Month of the Holy Souls, a time dedicated to praying for and remembering the deceased souls in Purgatory. It is a period of spiritual devotion, centered around the All Souls' Day on November 2, where the faithful perform acts of mercy, offer prayers, and gain indulgences to help cleanse the souls in Purgatory before they can enter Heaven.

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Rivera, Jonathan	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	+6
Siders, Ken	6	x	x	x	x	x	x	+1



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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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