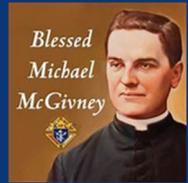




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Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

January 2025



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Abbott

Hello Brother Knights! Happy New Year to you and your families. May it be a happy, healthy, and fulfilling year ahead for each of us. In reflecting on the last year, we see that we accomplished so much in service to God, our Parish, and our community. Your individual and collective efforts and your sharing of time and talent made such a difference in all of our Faith In Action programs and activities. Thank you! We can look forward to another great year in 2025.

We certainly had a busy December. We started with our annual Toys for Tots toy drive. Every year for the last 25 years, SK Andy Wilbert, a Past Grand Knight and retired Marine, has led this effort for our Council. We exceeded expectations of donations this year. At our December Council Meeting, SK Andy Wilbert announced that he was bringing our donations to Toys for Tots the next day and that the toys would be distributed to families by Saturday. It was a very impactful Council activity. My thanks to everyone who participated in our toy drive this year. Special thanks to SK Andy Wilbert. Please see the photo below.

Our Council was called upon to support the Parish with decorating the Church, Parish Hall, and grounds again this year. The week of December 16, we had Knights show up with their skills and assist with spreading the various decorations across the inside and outside of the Church. It was great to be a part of, even with a very rainy start. Unity and Fraternity!

We also had a memorable Breakfast with Santa on December 22. While all of our Breakfasts are significant to the Parish, this one took it up a notch with the Parish Raffle drawing and, of course, an extended visit from Santa. We had an exceptional turnout of Knights, who assisted with the set-up, in the kitchen, on the serving lines, with side work, and importantly, with hospitality for our Breakfast guests. My thanks to all of you. Please enjoy the photos below.



Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott, with SK Andy Wilbert, Toy Drive Chairman, and SK Tom Kruse.

We ended the month with Consecration to the Holy Family at Masses on the weekend of December 28 and 29. Thanks to SK Harold Bennett for coordinating this Family activity. It was wonderful to be able to share the

consecration prayer with our fellow parishioners and to hear our congregation pray and consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.

As we begin the new calendar year, let me again encourage every Knight to look around you at Mass and consider inviting Catholic gentlemen to join the Knights of Columbus. A personal invitation is always the best way to grow our Council.

Thank you for all you do for Prince of Peace Council 8791! God bless!



District Deputy Message – SK Charles Armstrong

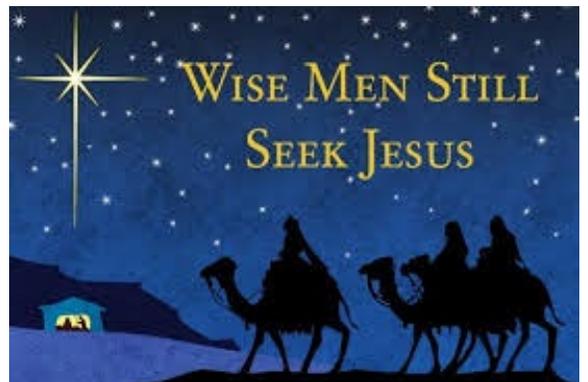
Greetings from the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, and the State Deputy, Rick Hughes. As many of you know, I have been going through medical treatments. It has kept me down and away from many Council and District events in the last two months. But I am in good spirits and look forward to joining you at your Council Meeting in January. Your Grand Knight has kept me updated on the happenings of your Council. It was remarkable to consider the number of service activities provided to the Parish and the community in November and December. My thanks to all Council Knights for all you do as Knights of Columbus. See you soon. Vivat Jesus!



Spiritual Advisor Message – SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski

An Epiphany

We probably all know the story of the Magi, and how they brought the baby Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” We might even remember that the wise men told King Herod they would tell him when they found the newborn Jewish King so that Herod could come and pay him homage also. “Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.”



After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary, His mother. They prostrated themselves and did Him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” But after having visited the baby Jesus they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod. “And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” (Matthew 2:1–12)

The magi’s detour on the way home is an example of what happens in our lives when we encounter Christ ourselves. Pope Gregory the Great said, "Having come to know Jesus, we are forbidden to return by the way

we came." An instructor of mine put it well, "Once we have the information, the knowledge, we can no longer act as if we didn't. Our lives have changed. After meeting our Savior, our old way of living life is no longer an option. The knowledge of the love of God enters our souls. We can no longer satisfy our desires with our old way of life. We can only be satisfied with The Way, The Truth, and The Life who is Jesus."

Choosing a new path is not without sacrifice. The three wise men had to take unfamiliar roads to return home. They forfeited the safety of a planned route in order to save the newborn King. Like the magi, our new knowledge may force us to choose between what's easy and what's right. While the right choice may inconvenience us, it will always glorify God.

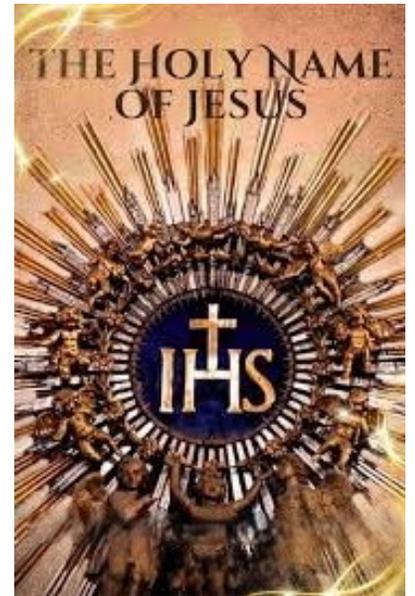


Lecturer Message – SK Michael Ernst

The Holy Name of Jesus

On January 3, the Church celebrates the Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus. This memorial was eliminated from the liturgical calendar in the reforms that took place after the Second Vatican Council. In the reforms, the Holy Name of Jesus was moved to a votive mass that a priest could celebrate at his discretion on open weekdays in Ordinary Time. This meant that few priests, and fewer of the faithful, would mark their calendar for it each year. In 2002, Saint John Paul II reinstated the memorial.

Today, we live in a secular age that seeks to separate faith from life. Matthew Kelly (2021) talks about the 4-isms that are ruining your life: individualism, hedonism, minimalism, and materialism. According to the National Catholic Register (2022), Father Roger Landry says that "even within the Church, there is sometimes a powerful push for assimilation with cultural elites and conformism with prevailing ideas, such that we lose our distinctiveness, speak of Jesus less explicitly, and begin to behave and speak like a charitable association calling people to goodness rather than to God". And Catholic educational institutions speak of "values" and "traditions" instead of authentically Christian faith and morals.



Christian persecution goes back a long way. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Sanhedrin, after flogging the Apostles Peter and John, forbade them "not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus" (Acts 4:18, 5:40). This prohibition still occurs in various countries today where Christians are not given religious freedom. In many places with full religious liberty, Christians do not speak or teach in Jesus' name by choice or custom. The United States is such a place. American youth have become so accustomed to thinking, speaking and acting in ways that are increasingly like that of the world. No matter where I go, I constantly hear God's name being misused and spoken of in vain. Even profane language is off the charts. It's so common that most people don't even notice. Why would they when it's in TV programming, movies, music, Tik Tok videos and novels.

According to Exodus 20.7, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name." Jesus wants us to pray in his name, promising that whatever we ask the Father in his name he will give us (John 14:13; 15:16; 16:23) and that whenever two or three are gathered in his name, he will be present in our midst (Matthew 18:20). To pray in Jesus' name is to do more than finish our prayers by saying "through Christ our Lord." It means to pray in communion with the person of Jesus, to turn to the Father together with the Son. The Catechism states that "the name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer" (CCC 435) and "is the simplest way of praying always" (CCC 2668). I don't understand why Vatican II thought it was wise to remove the memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus. Evidently, Saint John Paul II agreed since he reinstated it.

Jesus wants us to act and preach in his name (Acts 9:15; 9:27). He gave the apostles the ability to work miracles (Mark 16:17; Acts 3:6). He warned us that we would be hated and persecuted because of his name (Luke 21:12; John 15:21; Acts 21:13). But through those sufferings, we would be more united to him and to his work, as those hardships would be pulpits by which we could more greatly witness to his saving mission. He also said we should know him through his name so well that we should recognize various imposters who would falsely invoke his name to deceive us and others (Matthew 24:5; Luke 21:8).

Saint Paul urged people to have the same mindset as Jesus, who humbled himself to death on the cross but “God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:6-11). In the history of the Church, many saints helped spread devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus through litanies, prayers, writings and devotions. The month of January is traditionally dedicated to Jesus’ Holy Name.

“For to this you have been called...” 1 Peter 2:21
Vocations are *Everybody’s* Business. Pray for Vocations!



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

A Light to the World: The Holy See Mission’s 60 years at the United Nations
(courtesy Knights of Columbus Communications Department)



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly visits Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, apostolic nuncio and permanent observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, at the Holy See Mission office May 23.



Pope Paul VI addresses the United Nations General Assembly on October 4, 1965. The event was part of the first-ever papal visit to the United States.

Ban Ki-moon, then Secretary General of the United Nations, greeted Pope Francis before the Holy Father addressed world leaders gathered for the U.N.’s annual General Assembly in New York City on September 25, 2015. “Your Holiness,” he said, “welcome to the pulpit of the world.” It was the fifth time a pope had spoken from that unique pulpit since the Holy See attained permanent observer status at the United Nations in 1964. For the past 60 years, the Holy See Mission to the United Nations has worked diligently and creatively to give global resonance to the Church’s teachings and perspective.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly noted the 60th Anniversary in his annual report in August, saying, “To celebrate

this milestone, we're strengthening our long history of support for the Mission, as it brings the Church's prophetic voice to the world stage." To this end, the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors pledged last spring to financially assist the Holy See Mission in renovating its New York City office — 30 years after the Order helped to acquire the building as a gift to Pope John Paul II.

The Holy See Mission is currently led by Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, appointed permanent observer by Pope Francis in 2020. Archbishop Caccia, a native of Italy and a longtime member of the Holy See's diplomatic corps, spoke about the history and purpose of the mission and some of the ways that the Order has shown its support.

COLUMBIA: What is the primary purpose of the Holy See Mission to the U.N.?

ARCHBISHOP CACCIA: I would like to begin by quoting a message that Saint John Paul II addressed to Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, then secretary general of the U.N., in 1989: "It was in 1964 that my predecessor, Paul VI, chose to establish an ad hoc Mission to the United Nations. He did this in light of new orientations that were taking place within the Church, and in response to the appreciation which the international community had long manifested with regard to the Holy See's efforts in favor of peace and solidarity among the nations. By sending an Observer to your Organization, he intended to demonstrate the Holy See's concern for all initiatives aimed at promoting the human, social, cultural, political and moral growth of the community of nations. He likewise desired to make the Church's contribution more effective within the United Nations' deliberations on matters of world concern."

COLUMBIA: What role has the Knights of Columbus played in supporting the Mission of the Holy See to the U.N. in recent decades?

ARCHBISHOP CACCIA: First, we are immensely grateful to the Knights of Columbus because, as indicated on the plaque at the entrance to our offices: "This building was acquired through the special generosity of the Knights of Columbus as a gift to His Holiness Pope John Paul II as a means of assisting him in calling the family of nations to walk together on the path to peace." Since then, the support the Knights has offered to the Holy See Mission has been constant and enabled many initiatives. Only recently we received a very generous contribution to start important renovation work needed to ensure that our building is brought up to the regulatory standards of New York City.

In addition to material assistance with the buildings and programs of the Holy See Mission, the Knights of Columbus has also made a very real human contribution. The present Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, was an intern at the mission and contributed to its work with generosity and dedication. In fact, I am pleased to be able to say that the strong faith, good character and lively intelligence that marked Patrick Kelly's contribution as an intern are hallmarks of the successive groups of the wonderful young Catholics whom we welcome each year. The generous contribution of the Knights of Columbus ensures they are able to be with us in New York and contribute firsthand to the Holy See's mission in the international arena.

COLUMBIA: Is there anything else you would like to share with Knights of Columbus worldwide and their families?

ARCHBISHOP CACCIA: I came to know well the activity of the Knights of Columbus in my previous mission in the Philippines. I especially appreciate the way in which the Knights try to implement the teachings of the Church in the daily life of their members so as to build a better society for all, especially for those who are in greatest need. I encourage each and every member to rediscover the beauty and the importance of their call and to engage with generosity at all levels with the spirit of your founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. I have been privileged to witness this here in the United States and in other parts of the world, and I want to express the sincere gratitude of the Holy See and my own. May God bless you all!



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." As Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica last month on December 24. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.



Pope Francis opens the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24.

As Pope Francis asked, 2024 was dedicated to a "great symphony of prayer" as the Church prepared for the Jubilee of 2025. Additional information about Jubilee events and materials, including the Calendar of Events, can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/resources/jubilee%20Celebration%20Calendar.pdf> or on the main Jubilee 2025 website at <https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025>.



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

Assembly 2901 and the Fourth Degree Color Corps have been very busy. The Color Corps participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Bunnell on November 11. We had 17 Knights in attendance. It was a special event. The Color Corps also attended the Memorial Mass of Remembrance at Santa Maria Del Mar and Prince of Peace. All Knights are encouraged to join the Assembly. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. The motto is Patriotism...a patriotism enlightened and informed by Catholicism. The Fourth Degree is the highest and Honorary Degree of our Order. Please contact SK Mike Worley at worley0101@aol.com or Faithful Navigator SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight and joining Assembly 2901.



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Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our Parish.

At our December Council Meeting, Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott announced that the Knight of the Month for December is SK Greg Scull. As a Past Grand Knight and member of our Council since 2005, SK Greg Scull most recently served as the Chairman of our 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. He has served in many Officer positions for our Council and is a regular in set-up and service for our events, among other volunteer duties. Congratulations and thank you to SK Greg Scull.



Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott presents the Knight of the Month Award for December to SK Greg Scull.



Family of the Month



Congratulations to the Bosang Family, Matthew, Jill, and their children Molly and Maxwell, selected as our Family of the Month for December. Matthew and Jill volunteer for the Religious Education Program, and Molly and Maxwell are readers and singers for the children's Masses. Father Paul Parker presented the recognition to the Bosang Family at the 11:00 am Mass last week. We thank the Bosang family for their support to our Parish.

The Knights of Columbus promotes and supports the development of strong and vibrant families. The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. They are representative of the many families and individuals that support our parish with their time and talents.

Father Paul Parker presents the Family of the Month award to the Bosang Family at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 8.



Welcome New Knights to our Council



At our December Council Meeting, we welcomed a new member and two transfer Knights to our Council. Chancellor BK Ron Nowvskie introduced BK George Graff. He has been a parishioner for two months after relocating from Woodstock, Georgia. BK George Graff is originally from Indiana. He has worked in construction most of his life, in industry and as a project manager. He said he has been retired for about 15 years and is ready to assist as

needed. The Knights expressed their welcome and congratulations.

BK Ron Nowvskie also introduced SK Jim Nunn and SK Bill Corbertt as new transfer members. SK Jim Nunn is a retired attorney, rejoining our Council from a Council in Key West. He was a prior member and Past Grand Knight of our Council. SK Bill Corbertt is retired from the Long Island Railroad, joining from a Council in Oceanside, New York. The Knights welcomed them both to our Council.

We want to invite all Catholic men in our Parish to join our Prince of Peace Council 8791. Please look around you at Mass and consider extending an



BK George Graff



SK Jim Nunn



SK Bill Corbertt

invitation. We have a table filled with Council information available after each Mass on Sundays in the Parish Hall. You may also send their name to our Chancellor, BK Ron Nowviskie, at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com or they may join the Knights of Columbus online by visiting kofc.org/joinus. Please also encourage them to see our Council Website at kofc8791.org for information about our Council and the Knights of Columbus.



Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

PGK SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

The Council leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary following the Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month. The last Fifth Saturday Rosary was on November 30, when there were 12 parishioners in attendance, including 8 Knights. SK Harold Bennett led us in prayer. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is March 29. Please consider joining us.

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration.

The Council supports the First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by Friday Evening Holy Hour with Adoration beginning at 6:00 pm. The Holy Hour with Adoration is filled with communal prayers and music. On December 6, there were more than 70 parishioners, including 9 Knights, in attendance. Thank you. This Faith activity occurs on the first Friday of every month. The next First Friday is January 3. Please consider joining us.

RSVP Seminarian Support Program.

For the Seminarian Support Program, our Council is sponsoring Seminarian Chuan Trinh, who is from the Basilica of St. Paul. He is enrolled in a Florida Seminary and our Council has provided a stipend to assist him with supplies on his path to the priesthood.

Additional Faith programs will include a retreat day to the Carmelite Monastery during Lent, Corporate Communion, and the "Icon of the Sacred Heart," which will be touring Councils in Florida. We will have a

Council Reflection Day to the Carmelite Monastery will be during Lent, on March 15, the second Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It will begin at 8:30 am and include a morning Mass in Latin and Stations of the Cross. More to come.

Please speak with PGK SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith activities.



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. For December, we recognized the Bosang Family. Matthew, Jill, and their children Molly and Maxwell. Matthew and Jill volunteer for the Religious Education Program, and Molly and Maxwell are readers and singers for the children's Masses. Father Paul presented the recognition to the Bosang Family at 11:00 am Mass. Congratulations and thank you to the Bosang family. Knights are encouraged to send suggestions of a family for the monthly award to SK Harold Bennett.

Consecration to the Holy Family.

Consecration to the Holy Family was held at all Masses the weekend of December 28 and 29. We distributed prayer cards before Masses through which our parish families are urged to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. Through this consecration, families consciously chose to be a beacon of God's love through our Church.

Additional Family programs will include Food for Families, and the Good Friday Family Promotion. More information will be coming.

Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Deacon Bruce Gesinski leads the congregation in the prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family at the 11:00 am Mass on December 29.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our last Blood Drive on Sunday, November 24 was successful. We collected 19 pints, with 22 individuals attempting to give, exceeding our Council's monthly goal of 14 pints. We have donated 51 pints so far this Fraternal Year toward our goal of 90 pints. The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, January 26. Please give blood if you can or ask a parishioner, family member or friend to donate if they can. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please come to the One Blood Bus during the Blood Drive and they will discuss this with you.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday is Wednesday, January 15 (the third Wednesday of the month is our Council workday each month.) We contributed 26.9 hours in December, for a total to date of 154.1 hours from our Wednesday Weekday Warrior Crew, and with the addition of SK Andy Wilbert's 60 donated hours from his surveying company, have a current total of 214.1 hours. So halfway through our Fraternal Year, we have already

exceeded our goal of 200 hours and will almost certainly set a Council record this year for hours contributed to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County. If you are interested in joining our Habitat Team and learning a few more home building and maintenance skills, please contact Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.



For the first time, on December 13, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County held their Christmas Breakfast at our Prince of Peace Parish Hall. Pictured (L-R) Parishioner Greg Hearl, Habitat Site Supervisor Tracy Davis, Port Orange Catholic Pete, Site Supervisor Hector Guzman, our Pastor Father Justin Vakko, SK Jay Young and Site Supervisor Ben Ferguson (not pictured, but present, SK Andy Wilbert and Habitat Chair SK Mark Leary taking the photo). Join our crew! You will both laugh and learn while doing good work.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

SK Jay Young advises that demand and activity remain significantly high at both the Food Pantry and Like New Shop again this month. We continue to need more men and women volunteers at this time. Men primarily assist with accepting donations. At the Food Pantry, more assistance is also welcome. Please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Coats for Kids.

Our Council provided Coats for Kids for the students at Westside Elementary in Daytona Beach. We delivered a package of 12 new coats on November 13, which were appreciatively accepted by the school.

Toys for Tots.

Our Council participated in the Toys For Tots toy drive again this year. Knights collected and brought unwrapped toys to the December 10 Council Meeting. More than 100 toys were collected. We had a great response. Thank you to all who participated this year. SK Andy Wilbert has led our Council in conducting this toy drive for over 25 years. The toys were delivered to Toys for Tots the next day and were in the hands of families by that Saturday.

Veterans Nursing Home.

Our Council had good participation at the Veterans Nursing Home on December 7. Thank you to SK Jay Young, SK Michael Abbott, SK Mike Orris, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Albert Morganti, SK Harold Bennett, and SK Bob Simcoe. Our Assembly and the Assembly of Our Lady of Hope worked together to set-up the hall and facilitate BINGO for our veterans. We had a good time. On the first Thursday of each month, we visit with our veterans and play BINGO and enjoy their company. We meet at 10:00 am for about one hour at the Veterans Nursing Home at 1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach. Our next visit is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Please consider joining us.

Breakfasts; Coffee and Donuts.

Our Council sponsored the Breakfast with Santa on December 22. Under the leadership of BK Ron Nowvskie, and with the support of many Knights and Santa, we had a very successful Breakfast. Please see the article and photos below. We sold 130 tickets, and with free meals for kids, served around 175 for the Breakfast, and many more parishioners with Coffee & Donuts. It was a busy Sunday, as we had to set up the entire room that morning. Thank you for the tremendous turnout of Knights who volunteered. The parishioners were appreciative. Mark your calendars. Our next Breakfast is the St. Wulfstan's Breakfast on January 19.

Garden Club.

The Knights support the Garden Club. It meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. The next Garden Club meeting is January 18. Please join us if you can.

Decorating the Church.

Christmas decorating is a Council 8791 tradition. Every year, our Council provides help with decorating the Church and grounds for the Christmas season. This year was no different. Knights from our Council gathered to organize the ornaments, lights, garland, and decor. On December 16, we will put up the outdoor lights and decorations. On December 19, we assisted to decorate the interior of the Church with many trees, wreaths, lights, garland, etc. On December 20, we set up and decorated the Parish Hall for the Christmas Around the World event held the next evening. It was very well organized, and we had fun along the way. Thank you to all of you who came and provided your support.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

We continue to support the Special Olympics throughout this Fraternal Year. The next Special Olympics Event Day will be April 5 at Mainland High School in Daytona Beach. In the interim period, Knights are needed to assist with weekly practices. They are held at the Recreation Center in Port Orange, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm every Saturday beginning in January. Practices will be focused on bocce ball, cycling, and tennis. Volunteers are needed as assistant coaches, to partner and support the athletes, and to take measurements, and do paperwork. Please consider participating when you can. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign.

We expect to have an active Citizens With Disabilities Campaign, known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble will serve as the Chairman this year. More to come this month.

Pro-Life Activities.

The Pregnancy Crisis Center always welcomes volunteers to pray for or pray with women who are considering ending a pregnancy. The Pro-Life Action Ministries has no upcoming activities in our area at this time.

March for Life Day.

The annual national March for Life Day is Friday, January 24 in Washington, D.C. and around the country. At Prince of Peace Catholic Church, the Knights will be coordinating our Parish gathering to celebrate life. We will gather in front of the Church at 4:00 and proceed to march along Nova Road. Signs will be provided. This will be followed by Mass in the Church at 5:30 pm and Holy Hour with Adoration from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The right to life is a human right. Our defense of that right is a joyful witness to the beauty and dignity of every human person. The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. Please join us.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Life activities.



Event Highlight of the Month: Breakfast with Santa

On Sunday, December 22, the Knights of Columbus hosted our annual Parish Breakfast with Santa. We served 130 paid parishioners and many more free kids than usual. It was a busy Sunday, which included the Parish Raffle drawing and, of course, a visit from Santa, Ms. Claus, and an elf or two. The Parish Hall was adorned with Christmas decorations, many from the Christmas Around the World event the night before. It was a great fraternal effort. Thank you for the great turnout of more than 20 Knights who helped with the Breakfast and Coffee & Donuts. Thanks to our Chancellor, BK Ron Nowvskie, and to all of you for making it a successful Breakfast. Please enjoy the pictures below.



Santa Claus



SK Tom Welter looking festive at the ticket table.



Ready at the serving station, Front – SK John Peters, Back (L-R) SK Lou Perry, GK SK Michael Abbott, SK Jim Burns, SK Michael Crowner, and SK Jim Nunn.



Another serving crew is ready (L-R) SK Matt Crowner, BK J.C. Phillips, BK Scott Lingo, SK Jim McCormick, and SK Jeff Delgado.



At the donut station, SK Roger Lanoue and SK Dave Peterson.



In the kitchen, SK Mo Laffin, BK Rob Littleton, and BK Brian Rademacher.



At the juice station, BK Michael Capdevilla.



On the serving line, BK Sonny Nocita and SK Bill Corbett.



Leading our hospitality, GK SK Michael Abbott, Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, and SK Jim Nunn.



At the quality control station, SK Ron Piasecki and SK John Van Buren.



Parishioners enjoying the fellowship and food at the Breakfast.

Knights who assisted with the Breakfast but are not pictured in any photos: SK Greg Scull, SK Dan Kimble, SK Mike Worley (hmmm?), BK Guy Baratte, SK Harold Bennett, and BK Gary Mayfield. Thank you.

Coffee & Donuts is a very popular and much appreciated Parish ministry where approximately 25 dozen donuts are served every Sunday, as well as cookies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice. If you would like to volunteer, more hands are always welcome. Please contact Ron Nowviskie at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com.



On Sunday, January 22, at 10:30 am during the Breakfast with Santa, we picked the winning tickets for the 56th Annual Parish Raffle. The raffle is the major annual fundraising event for the Parish, assisting with facility improvements and ordinary expenses, as needed. The raffle cash prizes were \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$750. Please see the Parish Bulletin for the announced winners. Our thanks to BK Ron Nowviskie, who coordinated the Parish Raffle again this year.



Sisters and parishioners watch as the Parish Raffle begins.



BK Ron Nowviskie prepares the ticket tumbler.



With a little help from a young future Knight, the tickets are pulled.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, announces the winning tickets.



First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration



Our Council supports First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a regular Faith activity. Adoration is an opportunity to pray and worship Jesus in the Eucharist, which we believe is His body, blood, soul and divinity. Knights are encouraged to attend Mass beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by Holy Hour with Adoration at 6:00 pm in the Church on the first Friday of every month. The upcoming dates are January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6. Please consider joining us.



Upcoming Events: March for Life; Breakfast; Blood Drive



Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791, will lead the Parish Pro-Life March and Rally in union with and support of the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 24. We will hold a short march and sidewalk rally in front of the Church along Nova Road, followed by Mass and Adoration.

The schedule is: 4:00 pm – Assemble together in the Church breezeway. 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm – March to Nova Road and rally on the sidewalk in front of the Church and march south to Hand Avenue and back. We will have Pro-Life and

March for Life signs, or you may make and bring your own. Please wear your blue Council shirts; 5:30 pm – Friday Mass; 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Holy Hour with Adoration. For those not able to participate in the outdoor activities, the Church will be open at 4:00 pm. You may participate in any or all of the scheduled activities. We are asking every Knight, if able, to join us on January 24. Please wear your Blue Council shirts.



Pancake Breakfast



We will hold our annual St. Wulfstan Breakfast on Sunday, January 19, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. This day also happens to be the feast day of St. Wulfstan. St. Wulfstan is the patron saint of dieters and vegetarians, which goes well with our Breakfast! We will need our Breakfast teams that day for set-up, kitchen, serving, and hospitality. All Knights are encouraged to come by and lend your support.



Our next Parish Blood Drive is Sunday, January 26. Our last Blood Drive was successful, and we are at 51 pints for the Fraternal Year, with a goal of 90 pints. The need never stops. Please give blood if you can or consider asking a family member, friend, parishioner, or neighbor to stop by to donate if they can. Thank you.



Calendar of Council Activities



- January 1 – New Year’s Day; Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, Mass at 9:00 am, 12:10 pm (Church)
- January 2 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- January 3 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- January 5 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- January 12 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- January 14 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- January 14 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- January 15 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- January 18 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church Grounds)
- January 19 – St. Wulfstan Breakfast, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Parish Hall); Coffee & Donuts (Parish Hall)
- January 24 – March for Life, 3:00 pm (Church Front), Mass, 5:30 pm, and Holy Hour, 6:00 pm (Church)
- January 26 – Blood Drive, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Bus in Church Parking Lot); Coffee & Donuts (Parish Hall)
- February 2 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- February 6 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- February 7 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- February 9 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- February 11 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- February 11 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- February 15 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church Grounds)
- February 16 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)
- February 19 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- February 23 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Parish Hall)



Birthdays for January

- John Scibilia – January 1
- Mike Worley – January 1
- James Burns – January 5
- Alan Eaby – January 11
- Christopher Munson – January 12
- Blaine Abbott – January 13
- Joseph Collins – January 13
- Russell Parker – January 15
- Walter Gregory – January 17



- Robert Spadea – January 20
- Raymond Sevonty – January 23
- Louis Perry – January 24
- Eddy Ho – January 25
- Eugene Nelson – January 26
- Allen Driemeier – January 28
- Everett Evans – January 29
- James Weite – January 31



Anniversaries for January

Happy Anniversary to all Brother Knights celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in January.

Congratulations to all Brother Knights celebrating their Annual Anniversary as Knights of Columbus in January, especially our Brother Knights with 10 Years of Service or more:

John Stottle (53 years)
John Malafronte (29 years)
Bart Teracino (23 years)
Kurt Schaeuble (22 years)
Andres Tafur (19 years)
James Peabody (14 years)
Mike Worley (13 years)
Jack Toia (10 years)
Mark Leary (10 years)

Thank you



Knights Intentions

We pray for our Brother Knights and their families and friends:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

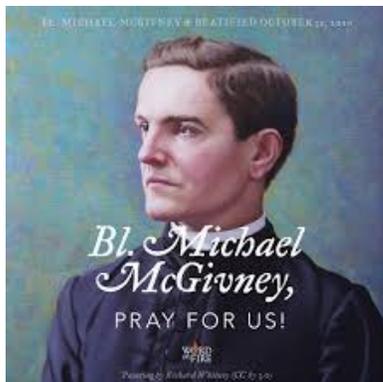
- +Brother SK Daniel Mezzanotte
- +Brother SK Carl Muscatello

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

- SK James Morris
- SK John McCarthy
- SK Jack Toia
- SK Tom Welter
- SK Jay Young
- SK Gene Nelson
- SK Jack Erthal
- BK Eugene Allen
- BK James Peabody
- SK Marty Librizzi
- SK Paul Clare
- BK Frank DeVito
- SK Daniel Eppelheimer
- BK George Graff
- SK Joseph Taibi
- SK Jim McCormick
- SK Bob Simcoe
- Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe
- BK Joe Fulweber
- Marilyn Fulweber, wife of BK Joe Fulweber
- Carol Bennett, wife of SK Harold Bennett
- Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski
- Fred Klippel
- Pat Rogerson



If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers, please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members and friends who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them healing and good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting illness, 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, may Your bountiful goodness 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 Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.



Council Shirts Ordering



Council 8791's blue shirts reflect our fraternity and enhance the visibility of the Knights to those we serve. The Council purchases personalized blue Council shirts for all new members and transfers. New members are asked to complete the shirt ordering form so we have your name as you want it to appear on the shirt and the correct size. There is no cost to you. The Council also facilitates orders for Knights who would like to purchase a new or additional shirt. You need to complete the shirt ordering form and submit it to SK Bob Simcoe with your payment (either \$35 or \$37 depending on size). He will provide you with the form, take payment, order the shirt, and ensure it reaches you when received. If you want to order a Council shirt, please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe.dd18@gmail.com.



Council Website: kofc8791.org

Please visit our website kofc8791.org for more information on the Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791. From the homepage, you may use the index at the top to click through to the other sections and links. The website is focused on both internal and external communication, serving as a resource for us and for anyone to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council. We want the website to be a valued source of Council information, providing useful updates about Council programs, activities, and members, and to support our recruitment of new Knights.



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