



**Knights of
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KNIGHTLY NEWS



OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086

Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

In this issue, you will read about how busy our Council has been with **charitable works** — providing local families in need with food, helping to keep the OLOH Food Pantry stocked, and donating funds to Resources for Women to help save the unborn.

This month, we also had fun awarding \$1,850 in cash prizes to the winners of SK Tim Mell's Duck Derby.

And, at the request of a few wives, we now have t-shirts for our spouses and other female supporters of Council 8086. Orders will be taken this month for the *Women on a Mission* shirts. See Page 9 for more information.

The Car Raffle Fundraiser for Volusia County Catholic Schools is going well. If you want a ticket, we still have some available. See Page 10 for details. **The winner will be announced at Casino Night on Feb 28, 2025.** Tickets for the Roaring 20s themed fundraiser on sale now online on the OLOH website. *Last year was so much fun that we're expecting to sell out early. So get your tickets early!* Please see me if you would like to help with this event.

Mark your calendars — we are hosting the second annual Cocktail Party to support our unborn and new babies at OLOH on Jan 11. Deputy GK Vito Benedetto is the POC. See last page. More to come.

Lastly, I want to wish all of my Brother Knights and their families a Merry Christmas! *May all of life's greatest gifts be yours — peace, hope and light.*

God Bless!

SK Ernie Jackson

DECEMBER EVENTS

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| 12/3 | OFFICER MEETING |
| 12/6 | ROSARY Before 8 AM Mass |
| 12/7 | ROTC Ball, 7 PM |
| 12/8 | PANCAKE BREAKFAST |
| 12/10 | COUNCIL MEETING/ EXEMPLIFICATION Parish Center, 6:30 PM |
| 12/14 | SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, Epiphany, 11 AM |
| 12/15 | 8086 CHRISTMAS PARTY, 5 PM |
| 12/21 | LOAVES & FISHES 10 AM |
| 12/22 | COFFEE & DONUTS |
| 12/25 | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| NOTE: | NO GDP OR COR IN DECEMBER |

UPCOMING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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| 12/9 | Immaculate Conception 8:30 am & 6:30 pm (No Vigil Mass) |
| 12/24 | Christmas Eve 4 pm, 6pm & 10 pm |
| 12/25 | Christmas Day 7:30am, 9 am & 11 am |
| 12/31 | Solemnity of Mary Vigil 6:30 pm |
| 1/1 | Solemnity of Mary 10 am (No 8:30 am Mass) |

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

A Message from Fr Matt Mello

Dear Brothers in Christ,

As we prepare our hearts and minds during this Advent season, let us reflect on the joy and hope that comes with the birth of our Savior. **Advent is a time of spiritual renewal**, and we invite everyone to join our parish **Penance Service on Tuesday, December 17**, with two opportunities to participate: **10 AM** and **6:30 PM**. *All are welcome as we come together in prayer and reconciliation!*



In this season of giving, we also remind ourselves of our mission to care for the poor and the needy. Thanks to your unwavering support and generosity, our mobile food drop and food pantry services have made a tremendous impact this year. **Since launching the mobile food drop on February 24, we have fed over 4,100 individuals**—despite setbacks such as the hurricane and starting late in January. *This is a testament to the love and compassion that drives our community.*

Thank you for all that you do to support the most vulnerable among us. *Let us continue to live out the principles of charity and service as Knights, embracing the true spirit of Christmas.*

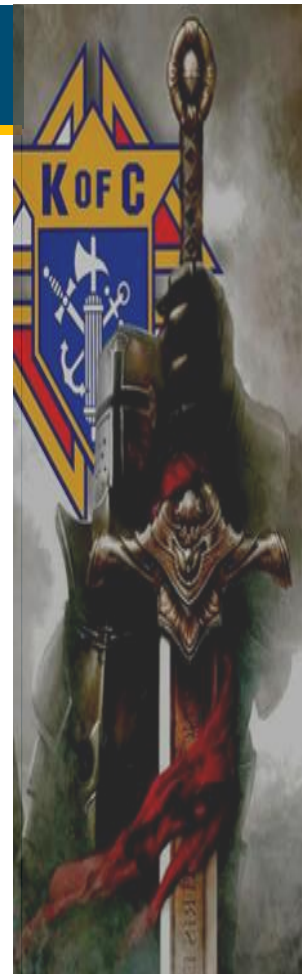
Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Matt



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Knights Help Parishioners & Their Brothers



NOVEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH:
SK Lou & Michelle Greci



NOVEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:
SK Brian Hand



OCTOBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH:
SK Dave Vaden



OCTOBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH: *SK Dave, Larissa, Taylor, Claire, Kendal & DJ Carson*



SHINING ARMOR AWARD:
Zach Liana



SHINING AMOR AWARD:
John Nelson

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Council 8086 is helping to end hunger in our communities.

Many people in our area are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food to their families.

Working with Our Lady of Hope and the Orlando Diocese, our Council sponsors the monthly Drive-through Food Drop. **On Nov 22, our Knights, working side-by-side with volunteers from our parish and JROTC cadets from Mainland High School, provided 249 local families with two weeks worth of groceries.** The families received fresh meat, fruit and vegetables, along with other staples.

Additionally, our Council donated \$500 to the OLOH Food Pantry. With food costs rising, more families are in need, especially at this time of year. The money will supplement food donations made by our church community, allowing the Food Pantry to purchase the type of food items that are most needed.

"Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and 'missionary discipleship' to which Pope Francis has called us." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Council 8086 presents Deacon Steve, director of the OLOH Food Pantry, \$500 to buy needed food for our Food Pantry. Thanks to all of our hardworking Knights for raising these funds.



*On behalf of State Deputy Rick Hughes and the entire Florida State Council, I would like to wish each of you and your families a very blessed Christmas season. As the Christmas season is, unfortunately, turning into the "Holiday" season, please remember the saying on our magnets: **Keep Christ in Christmas!***



December also marks the halfway point in the Columbian Year.

Council 8086 continues to be ranked second in the state in membership. With two new members posted on Nov. 22, we have 28 for the new year – 187 percent of our goal of 15 – and need only two for 2-Star Council.

December highlights include the Special Olympics luncheon at Epiphany on Saturday, Dec. 14, and the annual Council 8086 Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 15. Once again, stay safe and have a blessed holidays.

SK John O'Malley,
District Deputy 20

Council 8086 Duck Derby Winners

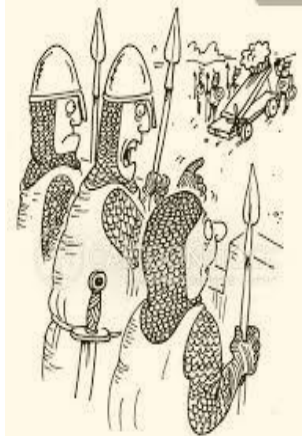


Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraiser this year by volunteering and purchasing tickets!
Congratulations to our winners!!



1st Place: Catherine and Brian Stark — \$1,000
2nd Place: Jose Varga — \$500
3rd Place: Cindy Bland — \$250
4th Place: Peter and Gina Mastropolo — \$100

Knights Serving Thanksgiving Dinner



"Is that a giant custard pie on that catapult?"

FAITH IN ACTION

COATS FOR KIDS: *HELPING THEM STAY WARM*

Council 8086 recently presented eight local schools with purchased and donated coats, valued at over \$9,000. Pictured are our Knights sorting coats for the delivery to the schools. Special thanks to our great church community for their donations— and to Community Director SK Jim Baskin and POC Tony Manzolillo for their hard work for the kids!





KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: *SK Ron Holland*

A relatively new member of Council 8086, SK Ron Holland is one of our most active Knights. In the past 10 months, Ron has participated monthly in nearly all of our Council's programs and special events.



Originally from Upstate New York, Ron and his wife Patricia moved to Florida about 10 years ago, after retiring, to be closer to Patricia's parents, OLOH parishioners. "Since joining the Knights of Columbus my eyes, mind and heart have been opened up to so many realities and opportunities to help with doing the Lord's work right here in our community," said Ron. **Initially, Ron helped with Loaves & Fishes, which he says exposed him to some of our area's most needy.**

Then, Ron says he found other programs that interested him. **He is a regular volunteer with Pancake Breakfasts, Coffee and Donuts, Grocery Disbursement Program, Tootsie Rolls, Coats for Kids, and most recently, F.A.I.T.H.** "I feel the need to be an active member of our church, so I can optimize my time for good by helping those in need," said Ron, noting "The added benefit of working together with my fellow Knights is the enjoyment I feel doing these things with all these wonderful people."



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: **Bill Millson & Barbara Jazskisicz**

Bill Millson and Barbara Jazskisicz will be making this Christmas brighter for US Army service members who are away from their loved ones. Barbara once again led the OLOH Sociable Seniors' effort to collect signed Christmas cards for our troops. Thanks to all of the Knights and parishioners who signed cards over the past few months, more than 3,500 soldiers in the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry (GK Ernie Jackson's former unit) will receive cards this Christmas.



Bill and Barbara are driving four hours to Ft Stewart, GA (near Savannah) to personally deliver the cards to the military unit to ensure a timely delivery to the soldiers.

A Navy veteran, Bill relocated to Daytona Beach in 2002 and joined OLOH the following year. He has known Barbara, who is involved in many OLOH ministries, for over a decade through church activities. They started to date this year.

Bill has been an active member of Council 8086 since he joined the Knights seven years ago. He is also a past Thrift Shop volunteer. Barbara serves as an Usher and is active in the Funeral and Outreach Ministries. She also volunteers with BINGO and serves as the treasurer of Sociable Seniors.

Bill feels it is part of his faith to be a concerned and helpful member of OLOH. He said, "Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an important and easy way for me to accomplish my goals."

They both want to thank everyone who signed and wrote notes in the Christmas cards. "We know how lonesome it can be, especially during the Holidays, if you are separated from or have no family back home," said Barbara, expressing their gratitude to everyone who signed the 3,500 cards for our troops.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Joe Gerbino | 4 | Nick Mateo | 13 |
| Steve Joubert | 6 | John Leyden | 15 |
| Jarrett Heim | 7 | Cameron Alconero | 20 |
| Robert Williams | 8 | Jared Alconero | 20 |
| Sam Willett | 9 | John Thomas | 20 |
| Ray Longo | 10 | Jim Baskin | 21 |
| Fred McCracken | 10 | Edward Krame | 27 |
| Darryl Gerow | 12 | Ed Marusa | 31 |
| Francis Thompson | 12 | | |



Knight's Intentions

Please pray for our Brothers and their Families who are sick or in need:

Tom Antalek, Chuck Armstrong, Holly Clark, George Cline, Lee DeGuire, Perkey Henderson, Walt Kaehl's Mother-in-Law Geri Ruso, Nancy Jo Kennedy, John King, Barbara Parziale, Bill Piper's daughter Nikki, Mike Popp, Dave Vaden, Anita Vigara, Robert Yer Jr, and Robert Yu.



HELPING SAVE LIVES FROM ABORTION



Deputy Grand Knight Vito Benedetto, assisted by Grand Knight Ernie Jackson, SK Andy Duzyk, Stewart Ted Morrell and the late Past Grand Knight's widow Pat Waggoner, presents Resources for Women Director Paola Sanchez with a \$2,000 donation at the center's annual Legacy for Life fundraising banquet.



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**COUNCIL 8086
APPAREL**

BY REQUEST FROM SEVERAL WIVES

WOMENS T-SHIRTS

*Now available for Council 8086 Wives, Girlfriends, & Family Members
to wear at Knights service projects, fundraisers & other events*



Cost: \$15



Available in Women's & Men's Cuts

Cotton & Dry Fit

Small | Medium | Large | XXL

Recommend Ordering Up a Size

You can see sample shirts & place your order on these dates:

- * 12/8 Pancake Breakfast * 12/10 Council Meeting
- * 12/15 Christmas Party Or Contact Debbie Jackson, detjackson81@gmail.com

Cash or Check | Order will be placed on Dec 30

Help the Unborn



**Attend our fundraiser
January 11, 6pm
OLOH Parish Center**

This initiative is funded
by Knights of Columbus
Council 8086.
Contact Vito at
Vbeneditto65@aol.com



Save lives by helping women
choose life by giving them the
opportunity to view their unborn
children on ultrasound machines at
pro-life pregnancy centers. Help
mothers and babies by supporting
pregnancy resource centers and
maternity homes.

Faith in Action FUNDRAISER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Win This Ford Bronco!

For the second year, the Eastern Deanery parishes are working together to raise funds for Volusia County Catholic Schools.

This school year there are two fundraisers.

The first one is a Car Raffle for a 2023 Ford Bronco Sport. The SUV boasts a sun roof, tow package and plenty of extras. It comes with a 6-year/100,000 mile Ford Factory Warranty. The cost for a raffle ticket is a \$100 donation. *Only 700 hundred tickets will be sold!*

The winning ticket will be drawn at the second annual Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, Feb 28, 2025 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church.

The Car Raffle is possible thanks to generosity of event gold sponsor – Our Lady of Hope parish-ioner Larry Mullinex, owner of Mullinex Ford.

Tickets can be purchased online by scanning the **Car Raffle QR Code**. Parishioners will also have an opportunity to see the Bronco Sport in person and buy printed tickets over the next several months. Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus Council 8086 are bringing the SUV to Catholic schools and parishes, and community events across Volusia County.

The proceeds from the Car Raffle will benefit the seven Catholic Schools in Volusia County. *The goal is to help make a faith-based education affordable for more children and to make needed improvements at our Catholic schools.*

Catholic schools provide students with a solid education rooted in high academic standards and steeped in Catholic faith and tradition. The many benefits of a Catholic Education include an emphasis on religious values, low student-teacher ratios, high achievement and, locally, 98 percent of students at Father Lopez High School go onto higher education after graduation.

For more information, contact SK Ernie Jackson, at 50chevypickup@gmail.com.



The Gift That Keeps Giving
FUNDRAISER FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

2023 Ford Bronco Sport
* 6 Year/100,000 mile Ford Factory Warranty
* Sun roof * Tow Package * Lots of Extras
Winner must pay tax & title fee

TICKETS:
\$100 Donation
Only 700 Available

Drawing: Feb 28, 2025
Casino Night Fundraiser
Our Lady of Hope Church

IT'S A WIN-WIN!!
HELP VOLUSIA COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & WIN this BRONCO! And, it would make a Great Gift!

For info, contact SK Ernie Jackson, Council 8086, 50CHEVYPICKUP@GMAIL.COM

Must be 18 years or Older to Get Tickets. You Do Not Need to be Present to Win. Contest Rules are on the OLOH Website.

Special thanks to **mullinex Ford**

VOLUSIA COUNTY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS FUNDRAISER

Join us for a Roaring Good Time!

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

EASTERN DEANERY OF
VOLUSIA COUNTY

Friday, Feb, 28

Our Lady of Hope Parish Center | 6:30 –930 PM

\$50 Casino Night Ticket includes
\$200 “Casino Money” | Hors d’oeuvres | Drink
Professional Gaming Tables | Roaring 20s Photo Booth
Chance to Win Big in Raffle

PROCEEDS WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT CATHOLIC STUDENTS

Council 8086



Dress to Impress — *Roaring*

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE

Knights8086.com/casino-night



Dear Vito,

As we reflect on the season of Thanksgiving, we are filled with immense gratitude — not only for the incredible generosity you've shown, but also for the way God continues to work in the lives of the families we serve. This time of year is a beautiful reminder of His provision, His love, and the power of community.

In many ways, we see God's hand in the stories of transformation happening right here at Coastal. Just like the story of Moses, who was adopted and called to lead God's people to freedom, we witness the power of adoption in the lives of many women and families we serve. God has a way of drawing people into His care and using others as vessels to bring hope, healing, and new life. **Together we are leading people into freedom and into God's Kingdom!**

One story that particularly stands out this season is that of a young mother named *Sophia* (name changed for privacy). When Sophia first walked through our doors, she was uncertain, filled with fear and doubt about her pregnancy and her future. She felt like she was walking alone, with no support system, much like Moses as he floated in the basket, vulnerable yet destined for something greater. Sophia was in desperate need of guidance, love, and hope — and through your support, we were able to offer all of that.

In our time together, we shared not just practical resources, but the message of God's deep love for her — a love that will never leave her or forsake her. As Sophia began to receive counsel, encouragement, and the love of Christ, she began to see herself through God's eyes: not as lost, but as a beloved daughter, called to live with purpose and grace. Just as Moses was chosen to lead a nation, Sophia realized that God had a plan for her and her child — a plan full of hope and promise.

Through the prayers and encouragement of our team, and the community of believers surrounding her, Sophia chose to embrace her role as a mother, and in the process, she came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior. The day she gave her life to Christ was a day of new birth, not just for her child, but for her own heart. Just like the Israelites, who were delivered from bondage, Sophia experienced a kind of freedom she had never known before — a freedom in Christ, full of grace, peace, and purpose.

It is in stories like Sophia's that we see the deep power of adoption — both spiritual and physical. Through the love of Christ and the generosity of those like you, we are able to offer families a safe place to find belonging and the hope of a better future. Your support allows us to come alongside families, share the gospel, and walk with them as they make life-changing decisions, step by step, leading them toward Christ and His everlasting love.

This Thanksgiving, we are so grateful for you. Your faithful prayers, giving, and volunteering enables us to continue this important work. Together, we are helping to build families that will not only be disciples of Christ, but also disciple others for generations to come.

We thank God for you, and we pray that you experience the fullness of His blessings this holiday season. May His peace and joy fill your heart as we give thanks for His provision in our lives and in the lives of the families we serve.

Dr. Jessica Deese, Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor
Executive Director
Defender of LIFE