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KNIGHTLY NEWS



OUR LADY OF HOPE COUNCIL 8086



Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

I've dedicated a few pages of this issue to our new Pope Leo XIV and our members' pride of having the first American Pope.

This issue also covers our members in action. We helped the disabled veterans at Emory Bennet Nursing Home. It's always heart warming when we get to help veterans who served our country.

Another great effort by our Council supporting our Parish, Priest and Community was the Parish Picnic. Thanks for everyone's your help. Seems In May, we also honored our Altar-Servers for their outstanding work!

Congratulations to our Brother and Special Olympian Jarrett Helm for bringing home two medals in cycling at the recent Florida State Special Olympics in Orlando. Way to go Jarrett!

It's that time of year to start recruiting new members...The next Exemplification is July 8. We are all recruiters. Go find some good guys who want to become a Knight!

On a personal note, I want to thank my fellow brothers and their spouses for the prayers during my recent nine-hour surgery at Mayo Clinic. I made it through with only minor challenges. Also, thanks to Fr. Matt for his prayers and Fr. Paul for my blessing. Special thanks to my wife, Debbie...she was by my side the entire way.

Council Elections were also held. I am honored to be continuing on for a second year as Grand Knight. The 2025-26 Council 8086 election results and appointments of POCs and Directors are on Page 9. **Remember, our Council is here to serve God, our church, our priest and our community.** Officers—if you cannot attend a meeting, please e-mail me.

Please watch—"What will you do in the 16th Second"? Please click and watch <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/14ss6Bv3nA/>

God Bless!

Ernie;

JUNE EVENTS

- 6/3 OFFICER MEETING, 7 PM
- 6/4 ULTRASOUND MEETING
See Vito for info
- 6/8 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
All Masses
- 6/10 COUNCIL MEETING, 7 PM
- 6/11 COUNCIL PROGRAM MEETING
Program Directors & Select POCs, 6 PM
- 6/12 COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING
Treasurer, FS, Program Director, DGK, GK, 6 PM
- 6/17 F.A.I.T.H. RALLY
- 6/18 COUNCIL AUDIT MEETING
6 PM
- 6/25 KNIGHT ON BIKES ROAD RALLY, St Augustine
- 6/25 SELL DUCKS AT HARLEY
- 6/27 GROCERY DISTRIBUTION
10-Noon
- 6/29 COFFEE & DONUTS

Looking Ahead - JULY

- 7/2 COUNCIL AUDIT MEETING
6 PM
- 7/8 SPECIAL MEETING
5:45 PM
COUNCIL MEETING
6:45PM
EXEMPLIFICATION

Dear Brothers in Christ,

In June, we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. After completing His earthly mission—teaching, healing, suffering, dying, and rising—Jesus ascended into heaven to take His rightful place at the right hand of the Father. This moment marks the triumphant conclusion of His visible ministry on earth and the glorious beginning of His reign in heaven.

To understand this mystery more vividly, consider a military analogy. During World War II, General Dwight D. Eisenhower often visited troops on the front lines to boost morale and direct strategy. Yet his main base of operations remained in London, where he could coordinate the broader mission. Similarly, Jesus came to the "front lines" of human history, walked among us, and entered the battle against sin and death. Having won the victory through His death and resurrection, He returned to His heavenly "headquarters" to intercede for us and guide His Church from on high.

Before His departure, Jesus gave clear instructions to His apostles: wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit. He promised, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). As we await the coming Feast of Pentecost next week, let us prepare our hearts for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension is not the end—it is a new beginning. Christ reigns in glory, and we are now His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Another great feast in our liturgical calendar is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi—the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day, we honor and proclaim our faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To mark this special day, please join us on Sunday, June 22, immediately following the 11 AM Mass, for a Eucharistic Procession. Let us come together in reverence and celebration as we walk with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome.

Father Matt



2024-2025 COUNCIL OFFICERS

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Following the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly issued the following statement:

“The Knights of Columbus joins Catholics everywhere in celebrating the election of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter and spiritual leader of the Catholic Church. On behalf of our 2.1 million members around the world, I pledge our loyalty to Pope Leo XIV as well as our prayers today and every day of his pontificate.

The Knights of Columbus will always stand in solidarity with Pope Leo XIV as we support the Church’s mission of evangelization through our works of charity and faith formation.

“Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, assumes the Petrine ministry with a strong familiarity with the Knights of Columbus. I was honored to meet with him in 2023, shortly after the beginning of his tenure as Prefect of the Vatican’s Dicastery for Bishops, and I know firsthand of his sincere appreciation for the Knights of Columbus and our service to the Church around the world. Our Order began during the pontificate of Pope Leo XIII — and in the years ahead, we will proudly stand with Pope Leo XIV as we seek together to build up the Kingdom of God.

“Since our founding in 1882 by Blessed Michael McGivney, fidelity to the Holy Father has been a defining characteristic of the Knights of Columbus. As it was with his predecessors, the pastoral priorities of Pope Leo XIV will guide and inform everything we do.” Following the First World War, the Knights of Columbus answered the invitation of Pope Benedict XV to open sports fields to serve the youth of Rome. And ever since, for more than a century, the Knights has enjoyed a long and enduring relationship with each successive Pope.



Since 1980, the Knights of Columbus has sponsored numerous restoration projects at the Vatican, most recently the restoration of Gian Lorenzo Bernini’s iconic Baldacchino over the papal altar and tomb of St. Peter, as well as the Chair of St. Peter monument, both undertaken in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025.

What does it mean to you that our new Pope — His Holiness Pope Leo — is an American?



"HOPE!"



"He will be a good Pope, more conservative and understanding."



"HOPE!"



"Hope the Pope will do a good job."



"Looking for people to make world peace."



"A new beginning of hope for the future."



"He will be a great Pope."



"He was the right choice."



"Excited about our country being represented."



"Beginning of a new direction."



"I feel proud & Blessed. Never thought I would see an American Pope."



"Awesome. I pray for him."

What does it mean to you that our new Pope — His Holiness Pope Leo — is an American?



"Hope for change about women as priests."



"Finally an American Pope. A Representative of us."



"He is accepted by the world. Bring us calm and peace."



"I like him."



"Infusion of youth and exposure to multi-cultures."



"I appreciate the Conclave. Hopefully, he becomes a Knight."



"Keeps Jesus work ongoing. Protect sanctity of life."



"The Church will change by the grace of God."



"Spread the Lord's word."



"Great Pope."



"Love the Pope."



"Haven't thought about it yet."

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT

SK JOHN O'MALLEY



Greetings on behalf of SM Patrick Kelly and SD Rick Hughes.

Congratulations to Council 8086 for meeting all of the goals for 2-Star Council.

You more than *doubled your membership goal with 33 new members – 220 percent!*

I am also happy to report that we have achieved all of the requirements for Star

District. We have reached 200-percent of our attendance goal; all three councils have achieved Star Council; and all of the necessary forms and benefit event requirements have been met.

Council 8086 is 2-Star, while Sacred Heart is closing in on 3-Star and Epiphany had a strong May to reach Star Council.

The State Convention was May 24 in Jacksonville. The next step is the organizational meeting on June 27. We are hoping that Our Lady of Hope will host the regional District organizational meeting on July 19 or 26.

OLOH hosted Cor on Tuesday, May 27. Sacred Heart then hosts Cor on Tuesday, June 25. Both meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

SK John O'Malley,

District Deputy 20

Faith in Action COR DISTRICT 20 FLORIDA

Cor— June, 25 at Sacred Heart 6:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL MEN IN OUR PARISH. They do not need to be a Knight.

Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Contact SK John O'Malley at 386-631-6889 or jomalley1@cfl.rr.com for more information.



Are you disabled? If so, please register with **Wes Wengren,**
wwengren429@gmail.com.

To view the FL State Council info, click below:

<https://www.floridakofc.org/>



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH: SK DAN RUBINO

SK Dan Rubino has been a Knight for seven years. He relocated to Port Orange from his home state of New Jersey when he retired. Dan and his wife Patty moved here to be near their family.

Dan is a stalwart member of our Council. A hard worker and enthusiastic volunteer, Dan is one of the smiling faces we all see every month on the Pancake Breakfast serving line. He's also part of the kitchen team for special events such as the annual Veterans Dinner and the Right to Life Cocktail Party Fundraiser.

Additionally, Dan is involved in many Knight activities, including such major events as Laps for Life, Daytona 500 and Rolex Race, Jazz Festival, Special Olympics, the Hurricane Team, and decorating the church for the holidays. He also participates in the monthly Loaves and Fishes and Grocery Distribution Program to help those in need.

Dan feels it is important and a privilege to be involved with Church activities where he can work alongside fellow parishioners, forming bonds and friendships while serving our parish, priest and community. Dan is an exemplary Knight.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH: SK DENNIS & PAM FLESCH

SK Dennis Flesch and his wife Pam are pillars of the OLOH parish community.

Dennis was born and raised in Kentucky, attended Catholic schools and went to work in communications with the phone company after graduation. He entered the military in 1968 and did two tours in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971. After serving, he returned to his former position with the phone company.

After graduation, Pam went to work for the FBI in Washington, DC. She eventually moved back to Kentucky and started a position with Proctor and Gamble.

The couple met soon after Dennis left the Army. They were married on May 5, 1973; and moved to Florida in 1980 when Dennis transferred with the phone company. The Fleschs are founding members of Our Lady of Hope.

Dennis joined the Knights in 2019, and became a fourth degree three years later. He currently holds the position of Faith Director. In addition to being active as a Knight, Dennis is an usher at the 4 o'clock Mass and other Masses as needed. He also volunteers in the Funeral Ministry, serving a lead usher and assisting with many other tasks.

Pam has been a faithful member of the Music Ministry since the beginning, singing not only at the Sunday Masses, but at funeral Masses as well. In 2009, she entered a three year pastoral program through the Diocese of Orlando. In 2012, she was commissioned by Bishop Noonan as a Lay Ecclesial Minister. The following year, Pam started our OLOH's first Bereavement Ministry, known as Seasons of Hope. After serving as a Minister to the Sick for 11 years, Pam became the ministry coordinator in 2020.

Last year, Dennis and Pam both went through Cursillo, fostering their spiritual growth.

The Fleschs believe taking an active role in the church means building community, contributing to the church's mission of evangelization by sharing their individual gifts and talents.



FAITH IN ACTION HELPING OUR VETERANS

Visiting Emory L. Bennett Memorial Veterans Home of Florida



Members of Council 8086 & Air Force JROTC /Maitland High School set up a serving line for a great Veterans Lunch at Assembly 2794's May visit to the Emory Bennett Memorial Veterans Home.



Veterans bring their own chairs. They enjoy a Knight of Columbus lunch of hotdogs, hamburgers and the works.



Leadership Election Results/ Appointed Positions

Congratulations to the following brothers. Thank you for your volunteer service to our Council and Our Lady of Hope Church. *God Bless you all !*

ELECTED OFFICERS

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| <i>Grand Knight</i> | Ernie Jackson |
| <i>Deputy Grand Knight</i> | Vito Benedetto |
| <i>Chancellor</i> | Adam Schmidt |
| <i>Financial Secretary</i> | Wes Wengren |
| <i>Treasurer</i> | Jacques Roch |
| <i>Warden</i> | Jim Baskin |
| <i>Recorder</i> | Walt Kaehl |
| <i>Advocate</i> | Jarrold Eich |
| <i>Inside Guard</i> | Bob Thomas |
| <i>Outside Guard 1</i> | Tom Mies |
| <i>First Year Trustee</i> | Bill Piper |
| <i>Second Year Trustee</i> | Roger Packard |
| <i>Third Year Trustee</i> | (Under Review) |

APPOINTED POSITIONS

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| Program Director | Tim Mell |
| Lecturer | Mike Godbout |
| Outside Guard 2 | Zak Laina |
| Faith Director | Dennis Flesch |
| Community Director | Jim Baskin |
| Family Director | Chris Camacho |
| Life Director/Fundraiser | Vito Benedetto |
| Exemplification Chair | Dave Vaden |
| Veteran Dinner Chair | Rick Polo |
| Duck Derby Chair | Tim Mell |
| Casino/Car Raffle | Ernie Jackson |
| KoB Council Captain | Dave Vaden |
| Blue Mass POC | Dan Rubino |
| Tootsie Roll POC | Joc Roch/Walt Kaehl |
| Homeless POC | Adam Schmidt |
| Raceway POC | Roger Packard |
| Coats 4 Kids POC | Tony Manzollilo |
| Habitat Humanity | Dave Dolieslager |
| Loaves and Fishes | Dave Dolieslager |
| Special Olympics POC | Tony Manzollilo |
| October Dance POC | Chris Camacho |
| Pet Blessing POC | Bob Thomas |
| Christmas Party POC | Mike Migs |
| Officer Induction | Vito Benedetto/John O'Malley |
| Public Affairs | DD John O'Malley |

Faith in Action PARISH PICNIC



Our Council, and many of our Knight's wives, were out in full force at Our Lady of Hope on May 4, volunteering at our annual Parish Picnic. Special thanks to everyone who helped to make the day such a fun family event!

PHOTOS BY SK JACQUES ROCH



Faith in Action PARISH PICNIC

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KNIGHTS SETTING UP TENTS



COOKING AND SERVING FOOD



LAPS FOR LIFE TENT



HOCKEY CHALLENGE

Faith in Action CHURCH PICNIC



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

JARRETT HELM WINS TWO MEDALS AT STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Florida State Gold Cycling Medalist — Jarrett Helm!!! After winning two gold medals at the Northeast Region Special Olympics, our brother Jarrett went on to bring home two medals from the May 16-17 Florida State meets in Orlando. Jarrett won gold in the 10K race and took the bronze in the 5K race. *Way to Go Jarrett!!*



Faith in Action

COUNCIL 8086 ALTAR SERVERS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the following OLOH Altar Servers
Age Group 7-12: *Mariella*
Age Group 13-18:
Kendal and Sophia (Tied)



The Knights of Columbus support altar server programs at parishes around the country.

One way that Council 8086 supports the program here at OLOH is by recognizing the Altar Servers of the Year. The awards are presented annually in two age categories in recognition of the altar servers' faithfulness, dedication, service, involvement and impact on our parish.



8086 Knights Shirts

TO ORDER: Contact Lacey's

503 Herbert St | 4burgnow@gmail.com | 386-767-0932

POLO: \$42-\$45, XXL \$2 extra
DRIFT T-SHIRTS: \$10, XXL \$2 extra
COTTON T-SHIRTS: \$8, XXL \$2 extra

Features 8086 Logo, US Flag, Your Name

OTHER STYLES AVAILABLE: MEN ON A MISSION

Crewneck Sweatshirt: Small-XL \$18, XXL \$20, 3X \$22

Hoodie Sweatshirt: Small-xl \$26, XXL \$28, 3X \$30

Full Zip Up Hoodie: Small-XL \$32, XXL \$34, 3X \$36

****These prices are for screen-printing of Men on a Mission logo.**



Help Recruit New Knights Council 8086

"We are Men on a Mission"

Call to Action: *To sustain and grow our Council, each of us can take an active role in identifying potential new members. Share your stories, invite them to our events, and let them see the difference we make as Knights. Together, we can create countless Holy Moments and continue to build a legacy of service and faith.*

Contact SK Adam Schmidt, Chancellor

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Visit our recruiting page for more information
<https://knights8086.com/join-the-knights-online>

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Albert Risdon
2 Tanner Rosolino
4 Roger Packard
5 Lawrence Kelly
6 Ben Cavallari
6 Mike DeCilla
7 Gary Harms
7 Randy Powell
7 Ken Raab
7 Angelo Sarno
8 Jon Smith
9 Henri Nolin
10 Dwight Van Duyne

11 Walt Kaehl
11 Al Morganti
11 Peter Yates
12 Paul Weiss
13 Jose Vigara
16 Mike Staley
17 Steven Johnson
18 Brian Mateo
19 Joseph Peabody
19 Gerard Perruzza
20 James Frizzo
26 Daniel Martinez
27 Kelly Meinke
27 Ernest Rossi



Knights' Intentions

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

Francis Allen, Chuck Armstrong, Hank Bensley, Robert Carden, George Chatley, Holly Clark, George Cline, Dave Domann, Lee DeGuire, Douglas Graves, Lou Greci, Lewis Hartman, Perkey Henderson, Walter Kaehl, John King, Nancy Jo Kennedy, Tracy Lynn, Steve Morris, Tom Motan, Michael Orris, Bill Piper, Mike Popp, Mark Provenzano, Bob Read, David Roberts, Sam Tedesco, Anita Vigara, Robert Yer Jr., and Robert Yu.

Hurricane Knights

We put up shutters in the event a named hurricane is forecasted to hit our area.

This is for Registered OLOH Parishioners ONLY
Email Tim Mell at Timmell1@att.net or Jim Baskin
jnmbaskin@gmail.com by **18 June 2025** (Deadline)



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