

## Press Release

### Knights Protecting our Community

The Knights of Council 8086, Port Orange, FL is helping to shield its most vulnerable parishioners during the Coronavirus Pandemic. Since March 18<sup>th</sup> the Knight's have been delivering food and medication to seniors and other high-risk members of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, and others in the Port Orange Community who are quarantined or at high risk for infection. One of the challenges is to limit exposure of the virus to people that may be at 'HIGH RISK'. This program accomplishes that and is offered at no cost and but it is limited to essentials from such places as the food store and/or pharmacy.

According to the Council Program Director Sir Knight Tim Mell, "Our pastor Fr. Chris Hoffman appointed Sir Knight Ernest Jackson to develop a program to assist those in need. This program is making a huge difference to people's lives during this challenging time and it is a life saver."

The Knights have a limited volunteer force, so they have established categories of need to best provide help. The top priority is the elderly (over 60), "High Risk people" and people who are "Quarantined". The Knights will also help people at less of a risk on a case-by-case basis, depending on demand and availability of volunteers.

While their delivery service is free, people must have means to pay for the items. Those with financial need are connected to Our Lady of Hope Food Bank for support. For protection of all involved, the Knights do not have direct contact with people and drop items at the door.

Applications for the Knights Shield are available on The Knights website where people can provide information to the Program Chairman Dr. Jackson. For more information see [Knights8086.com](http://Knights8086.com) . This program is part of the Our Lady of Hope Catholic Ministry at 4675 S. Clyde Morris Blvd. Port Orange, Florida 32129 Telephone (386) 788-6144.