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St. Mary's Council 11961
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Charity
Unity
Fraternity



February 2025

Grand Knight Message *In service to one. In service to all*



**May the Lord bless you and keep you;
may His face shine upon you and be
gracious to you; may He show you His
favor and give you His peace.**

Numbers 6: 24-26

Our council had a joyful January and now look forward to more winter activities in February.

This February we begin with a **blood drive** on **Sunday, February 2nd** at the **Monastery**. The Big Red Bus, along with Brother Chris and Brother Joe Jurec, will be there near the pavilion from **8 am until 1 pm**. Please sign up for an appointment if possible. There are more details in the newsletter.

On **Saturday, February 8th**, the district will hold its annual **Free Throw Championship** on the **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church** grounds. The event will run from **8 am until 11 am**. Brother Chris could always use some helpful **volunteers**. This is always a fun event and please pray for many young hoopsters to participate this year.

Please consider joining a number of us who will attend the **St. Valentine's Dinner Dance** at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** on **Saturday, February 15th**. The doors open at **5 pm** with dinner starting at **6 pm**. The tickets are **\$25.00 per person** and are available by contacting me at 203-241-8034.

During January, we held our second 1st – 3rd Degree Exemplification for our council in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel (monastery) Chapel. We welcomed new Brother

Knights: Tom Flemming, Enzo Pistritto, and Paul Vicario. I am impressed with our new members desire to help others, their deep Catholic faith, and commitment to be active members of our council. Thank you to Brother Ken for coordinating the reception and to all who pitched in with food and drink donations.

Assembly 2810 in Flagler Beach held their annual Military Chaplain Dinner Dance on January 18th and it was a rousing success! Archbishop Broglio's staff from the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA were present and extended its thanks to the assembly for its support of military chaplains. They presented gifts to the assembly leadership and Fr. Manny Lopez of Santa Maria del Mar Church.

Lastly, the council will hold its Hawaiian Night Dinner on January 26th at the Monastery and I am sure all will have a good time. Thanks to every brother for making this a terrific event. Aloha!

Our Lenten Fish Fries will be starting on March 7th so be on the lookout for volunteer opportunities to join our cooking team for these events soon.

Thank you, brothers, for all that you are doing to support our charity, foster unity, and build up our fraternity.

DON'T FORGET TO SELL YOUR 300 CLUB TICKETS !!!

*Grand Knight
Darren Molony*

District Deputy Message



Brothers,

As we enter the new year, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation for the phenomenal job all the Grand Knights have been doing. Your dedication and effort in building our membership and developing our programs have not gone unnoticed. You have truly shown what can be achieved when we work together with a common purpose.

However, now is the time to keep our eye on the ball and continue to grow our membership. It is crucial that we remain focused and proactive in our efforts to expand the reach of our councils. By fostering an environment of inclusivity and enthusiasm, we can attract more members and strengthen our councils.

One of the key areas we need to address is the involvement of younger members. It would be

incredibly beneficial for us to bring in young individuals who are eager to step up and contribute to our programs. These young members could bring fresh perspectives, energy, and new ideas to our councils. Furthermore, having younger members become officers will ensure the continuity of our leadership and the sustained success of our initiatives.

In conclusion, let us celebrate the achievements of the past year and channel that momentum into continued growth and development. By focusing on increasing our membership and encouraging the participation of younger members, we can ensure a vibrant and dynamic future for our councils. Thank you once again for your extraordinary dedication, and I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the coming months.

Vivat Jesus!
Greg

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy Valentine’s Day



Happy Valentine’s Day!

I’ve been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine’s Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine’s Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I’m also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular After all, isn’t love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it’s a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it’s all about love! Valentine’s Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for another.

Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he’s not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children.

With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.

Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let’s meet and discuss what you want. I’ll give you a call or feel free to contact me.

* Insurance products offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

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February 2025 Calendar

Tues Feb 2, 2025	8:00am – 1:00pm	Blood Drive (Monastery)
Thurs Feb 6, 2025	5:30pm – 6:00pm	Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
	6:00pm – 7:15pm	Business Meeting (Monastery)
Sat Feb 8, 2025	8:00am – 11:00am	Free Throw Championship (SEAS)
Sun Feb 9, 2025	5:00pm – 10:00pm	Super Bowl Party (SMdM Parish Hall)
Sat Feb 15, 2025	5:00pm – 9:00pm	St. Valentine's Dance (SEAS)
Mon Feb 17, 2025	All Day	Presidents' Day
Tues Feb 18, 2025	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)

February 2025

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March 2025 Calendar

Wed Mar 5, 2025	All Day	Ash Wednesday
Thurs Mar 6, 2025	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
	7:00pm – 8:15pm	Business Meeting (Monastery)
Fri Mar 7, 2025	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
Fri Mar 7, 2025	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Fish Fry (Monastery)
Sun Mar 9, 2025	2:00am	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Fri Mar 14, 2025	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Fish Fry (Monastery)
Tues Mar 18, 2025	4:30pm – 6:30pm	Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
Fri Mar 21, 2025	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Fish Fry (Monastery)
Tues Mar 25, 2025	All Day	Solemnity of Annunciation of the Lord
Fri Mar 28, 2025	3:00pm – 4:00pm	Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
	4:00pm – 5:30pm	Fish Fry (Monastery)

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**Council 11961 Officers
2024-2025**



Grand Knight Darren Molony Financial Sec. Mike Gossman Deputy GK John Picucci Chancellor Chris Grecek Recorder Dr. Jim St. John Treasurer John Thomas Advocate Phil Lajeunesse



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So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Basketball Court**
4600 Belle Terre Pkwy
Palm Coast, FL 32164



Registration On-Site, No Pre-registration required.
Open to all youth ages 9 – 14.
Certificates and medals will be awarded.
Winner of the Council level competition will
advance to regional level competition.



Sponsored by: 

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10514 Flagler Beach
11961 Bunnell
17480 Palm Coast

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Date: Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025

For More Information Contact: Doug Hill – (484) 614-7954



Faith in Action

Council 10514
Community (Youth)

God's On the Line, Don't Hang Up!
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!



Exemplification Jan 10, '25

We held our second Exemplification at St Joseph Carmelite Monastery on January 10, welcoming Tom Fleming, Paul Vicario, and Enzo Pistrutto to our Council.

The ceremony introduces the candidates and their families to the Knights of Columbus' principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. It was a beautiful event attended by many Brothers and their families.



The ceremony was opened with a prayer by Father Robert. Brother Paul Przybysz was the Presiding Officer and the Presenting Officers were Brothers Jim St John-Charity, Mike Gossman-Unity, and John Picucci-Fraternity.



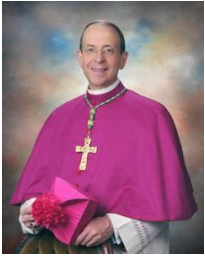
Brother Ken Fekner spearheaded the organization of the meal after the ceremony. Attendees brought sandwiches, fruit, baked macaroni, salads and desserts. Coffee and water was also available.

The Pavilion was filled to capacity...standing room only. Our Brotherhood made a good first impression on our new Brothers.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (February)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)

St. Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter here finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

This month, I challenge you to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offering prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service booklet Prayer Time or in the Vivat Jesus spiritual planner.

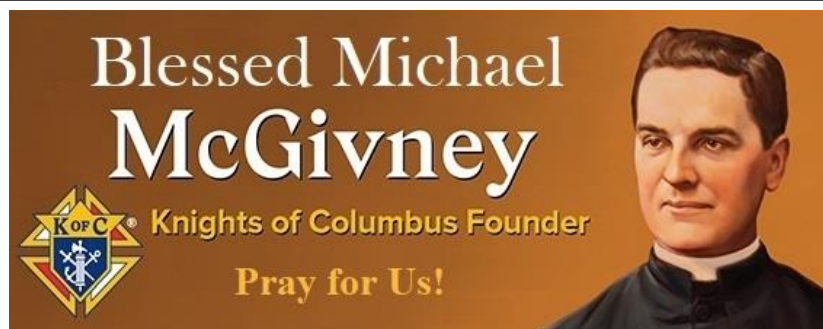
Questions for Reflection:

- Do you feel that there have been times in your life you have worked in vain because you failed to recognize or follow God's will?
- Are you ever afraid to "lower the nets" by entrusting your efforts to God?
- What role does prayer play in growing in trust of God?

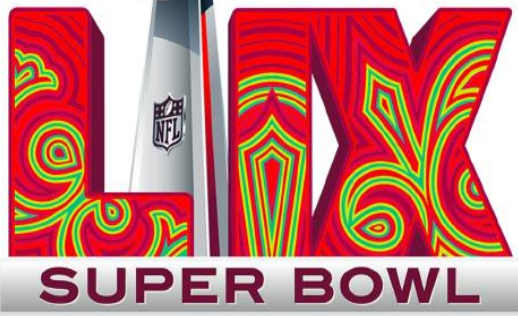


Join our Brothers on February 2nd from 8:00AM to 1:00PM at St Joseph Carmelite Monastery.

Donate Blood and save a life. There's no end to the benefits of donating blood for those who need it. According to the American Red Cross, one donation can save as many as three lives, and someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds.



No Charge
to Attend!



SUPER BOWL

Party

**Food, Snacks,
Soda, Coffee**

Wear Your Favorite
Home Team's Jersey
or other NFL
Sportswear

Decorate Your Table
with NFL Memorabilia

Super Bowl Pool

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
NFC / AFC	NFC / AFC	NFC / AFC	NFC / AFC
Score			

**Watch the Game
On 3 Big Screen TV's**



Knights of Columbus
Council 10514 Flagler Beach

All SMdM Parishioners and their family
members are invited to join in the fun!!
Bring an appetizer or a dessert for everyone to share!

Time: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Date: Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025

Where: SMdM Parish Hall

RSVP: Jerry Chabon – (913) 515-8208 (jerrychabon@yahoo.com)



Faith in Action

Pre-Game Contests & Family Fun!

Council 10514

Family

**Council 11961 has been invited to join in on the Super Bowl Party at Santa Maria del Mar.
No admission fee/bring your own food**

Ask a Catholic Gentlemen to Join the Knights of Columbus Today!

Joining the Knights of Columbus Online is Simple. The next step to membership in our council is easy!!

Join Online Today



Agent Referral Code:

LKENNEDY

Preferred Local Council:

11961

Member Referral #:

Church Parish Name:

St. Joseph's Monastery

Church Parish City:

Bunnell

Join Online for Free!

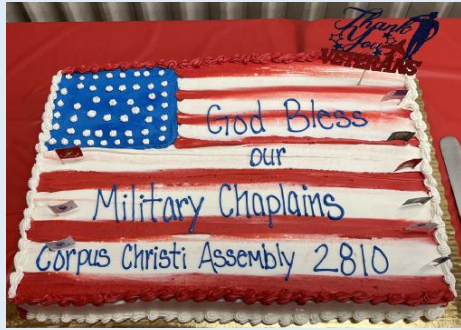
Use Promo Code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY

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Archdiocese Military Services Dinner Dance

Corpus Christi Assembly 2810 (January 2025)



February Birthdays

PAUL SCHULTEN 2/08
 DARREN MOLONY 2/11
 THEUS SCOTT MUNDS 2/14



CARLOS LOPEZ 2/23
 GARY ANDERSON 2/25
 DR. WILLIAM MOORE 2/25



300 CLUB WINNERS
 January/February \$50 Winners

Will be drawn at the Feb Meeting



Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

FAITH IN ACTION



FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

***Bold** denotes Featured Programs*

Former District Deputy Recognized



District Deputy Greg Gully presented Former District Deputy, Kevin Ryan, a plaque in recognition for the achievement of Star District during the 2024-25 fraternal year. All councils in District #17 attained the Start Council Award during the past fraternal year.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney Award (recognizes excellence in each council's membership growth), Founders' Award (recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits), and Columbian Award (recognizes excellence in each council's programming and charitable outreach). Additionally, the council must submit both the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and Service Program Personnel Report (#365). In the United States and Canada councils must also be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.

**If you know of any Brother or family member
in distress please notify one of the council officers.**

MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.

Joe Jurec wife Karen , Nacci Family, Eric Bonilla, Mel Young
Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Payton Phillips wife Jane
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Friese, PDD Kevin Ryan's son Shane

Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



Prayer for the Healing of Loved Ones

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



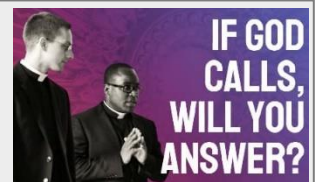
Pray for our Deceased Brothers

Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, George Baldyga, Michael Benedetto, Francis A. Bock, John A. Carey, Jerry Fondow, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, John Placenti, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May our Lord welcome them home.



Pray for Vocations

“The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain. Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons.”
St. John Paul II



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Gregg Wilson 651-470-5781



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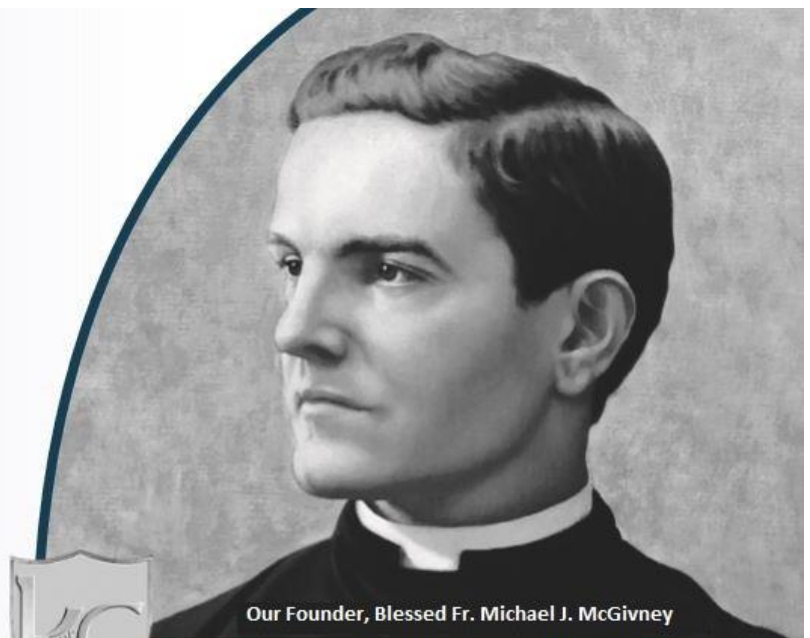
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