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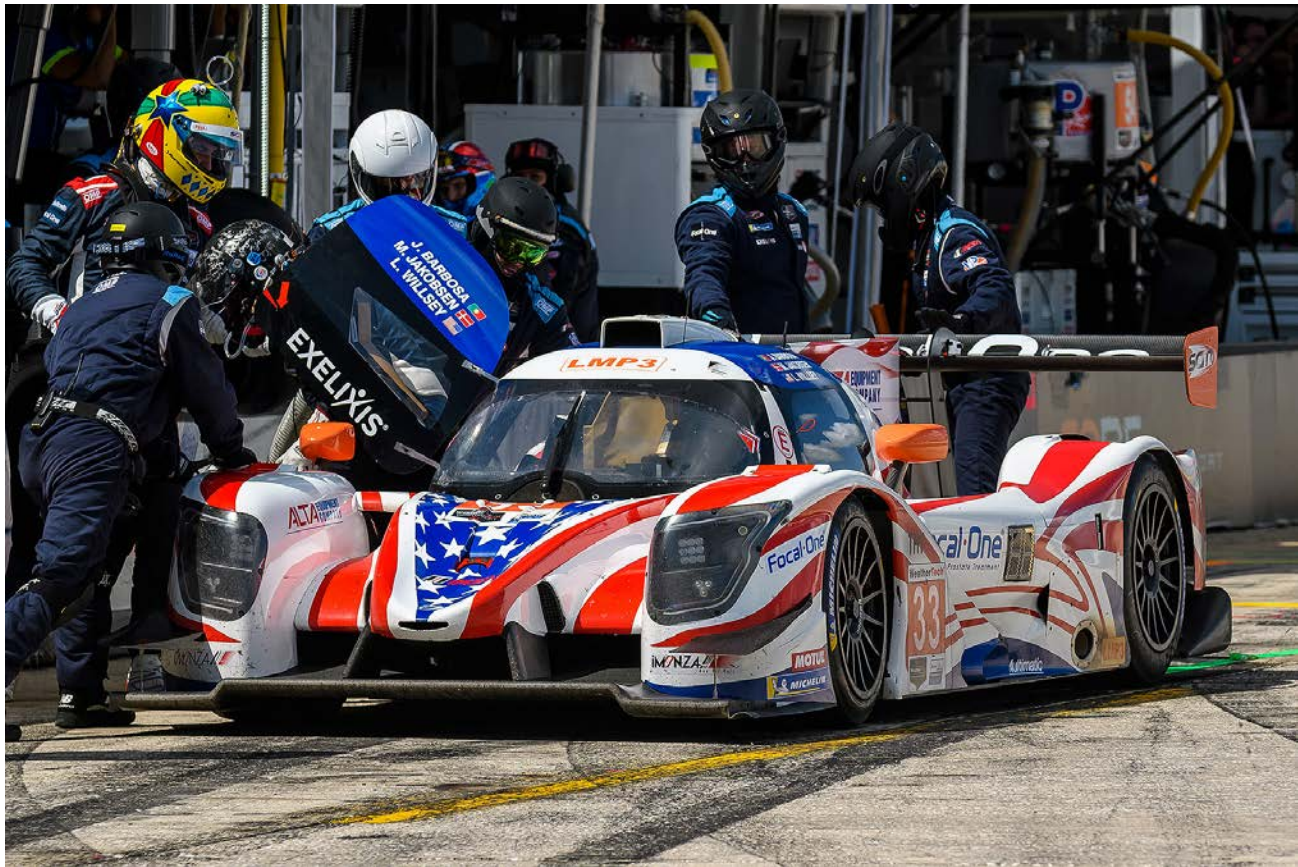
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# Joao Barbosa Joins Knights



**W**hen Joao Barbosa competes in major international sports car races, he relies on the support of his pit crew. At each event, they prepare his car in the garage, take him through lightning-quick pit stops, and then repair any damage to the car following the waving of the checkered flag.

Barbosa currently drives in the International Motor Sports Association WeatherTech SportsCar Championship for Sean Creech Motorsports, co-driving the No. 33 Ligier JS 320 with Dr. Lance Willsey – winning his class in the famed 12 Hours of Sebring in March.

Away from the track, the 47-year-old native of Porto, Portugal has found a new support team – the Knights of Columbus. Barbosa, who now resides in Ormond Beach with his wife Mariana and sons Rodrigo and Gil – joined Father Eamonn Gill Council 13018 at St. Brendan Catholic Church in his hometown a year ago.

“I joined through a friend, Victor Silva,” Barbosa recalled. “My kids were going to school at St. Brendan Catholic School in Ormond Beach, and he persuaded me to become a Knight.

“If anything happens, you will have good support from the Knights of Columbus, helping you with whatever you need,” Barbosa added. “We had moved not that long ago [from Denver, N.C.], and we thought it would be important to have a support team around us in case something happened.”

After living several years in Ormond Beach, Barbosa relocated to North Carolina 10 years ago to live near Action Express Racing’s headquarters. When the team changed its racing program, he moved back to Ormond Beach.

“I’ve been traveling a lot for the last few years, and not spending a lot of time at home,” he said. “It’s always important to know that your family will be taken care of if something happens. We



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had a great time at St. Brendan's when the kids were going to school there.

“Unfortunately, I don't get the chance to go to many of the meetings, but I follow what's going on through their regular emails,” he said.

Silva's father also lived in Porto. He became friends with Barbosa several years ago, finally getting him to join the Knights.

“Joao is a good person and a great individual,” Silva said. “But he's also very busy, traveling around the world. We've known each other for a number of years. Eventually, I expect to see him get more involved with the Knights, because he's very active with his wife and kids.”

Very modest and quiet away from the race tracks, few of his brother Knights are aware of his accomplishments – although there was a rumor that a famous Formula One driver had joined the Knights.

While Barbosa has yet to drive in Formula One, he's very accomplished in international sports car racing.

He is a three-time overall winner of the Rolex 24 At Daytona, taking America's premier endurance event for Action Express in 2010, 2014 and 2018, in addition to winning the GTS class in 2003. He won season championships for Action Express in 2014 and 2015, co-driving with Christian Fittipaldi.

Barbosa was the 2004 Rookie of the Year at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and finished fourth overall in that event in 2007 and third in class in 2011. He also won the 12 Hours of Sebring with Fittipaldi and Sebastien Bourdais in 2015.

He was the 2003 winner of the 1000-kilometer race at Spa Francorchamps, and won the Formula Atlantic Rising Star Award in 1997. A three-time Portuguese karting champion – finishing third in

the 1991 Formula A World Karting Championship – and was the 1994 Portuguese Formula Ford champion.

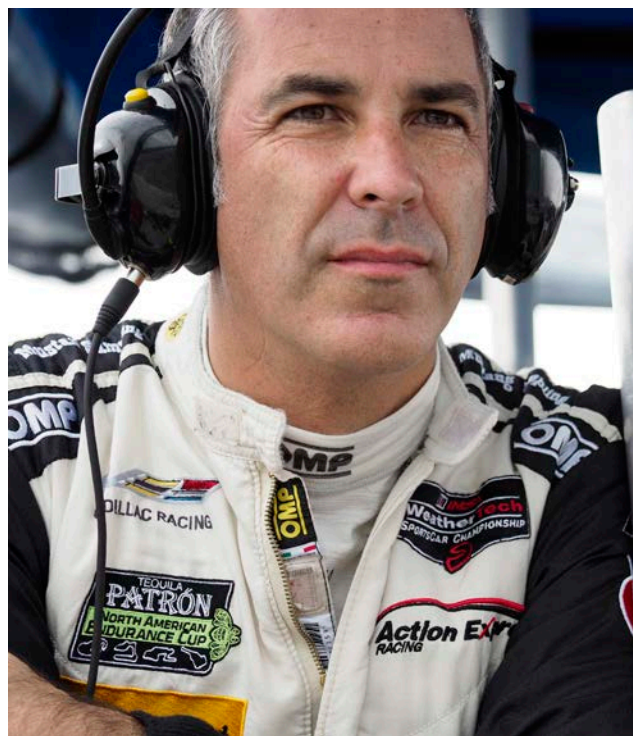
For 2022, Barbosa shows no signs of slowing down. He opened the year by finishing second in the Daytona 24 Hours and then won the LMP3 class

at Sebring to take the points lead in the Michelin Endurance Cup standings.

But when he finally decides to hang up his helmet, expect to see more of Joao – although probably behind the scenes – with his Brother Knights.

“The Knights do a lot of charity work, which is great for the community,

and I follow what the Knights do for St. Brendan school, they keep everything moving along and making life easier for everybody. I think that's great, and it's very important to have support from the Knights.



# A New Fraternal Year

*By State Deputy Rob Urrutia*

**M**y Brothers in Christ, today, we begin the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year. Let us ask for God’s blessing and begin with the prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, for the favor, pray that he will intercede on our behalf and that God will deliver to us an abundance of new and capable men, men who will help us build up His Church.

It is very important that we all understand the mission of our jurisdiction. With recent decisions by the Supreme Court of the United States, transferring powers back to individual states, we Knights must be highly visible supporters of right to life issues. We must step up our participation at events like March For Life, laps for Life, and at Ultrasound Initiative Dedications. We will continue to support Special Olympics events and our youth programs.

To do all the things that support the many programs we offer, we need help! Our intake goal for this Fraternal Year is 2,711 new members. That works out to 226 members per month or about 8 members per day. If every active council in Florida would recruit just one new member per month, we would not only reach our goal but surpass it.

This year we will need to increase our charitable contributions by 3% over the prior year and our programs will need to be increased 5%. With most parishes back to normal operations and few restrictions on meetings, due to the Pandemic, we should have no problem achieving the new goals. But we cannot wait until the end of the summer to begin! We must start today!

The Membership Team will be scheduling training sessions on “the how to’s” of membership recruitment, starting in July. These should be attended by all State Officers, Directors, Programs and Charities teams.

The Supreme Council is encouraging all local councils to promote “Holy Hours” this fraternal

year, which will help with qualifying for the Star Council Award. Establishing a monthly Holy Hour, should be the goal of every council. Get with your local pastor and council chaplain to schedule the time and date for these important events.

Florida has been blessed with great State Chaplains over the years,

this year is no different with Father Robert Kantor as our State Chaplain. Fr. “Bob” has been truly a wonderful spiritual advisor for so many of us and we look forward to his guidance and support again this year. Fr. Bob as well as the diocesan chaplains are here as a resource. If you would like to hold a Corporate Communion or Rosary service, they can help you with the planning. The Supreme website also has many tools and materials for you to use. More than ever, we need to bring families together spiritually and to encourage them to pray together. Strength in prayer unites us as one.

Below is a directory of the leadership in our State Jurisdiction, please use this reference for contacting persons in any department. Note: There were changes in staff from the previous Fraternal Year. Please keep this guide handy for your use.

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## Port Orange Honors First Responders



**K**nights of Columbus Council 8086 honored 35 first responders representing seven Port Orange and Volusia County agencies at the annual Blue Mass at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. The 9 a.m. Mass was celebrated by Pastor Father Matt Mello.

Among the agencies in attendance were the Volusia County Sheriff's Department; Port Orange Police Department; Florida Highway Patrol, Volusia; Public Safety Volusia County;

and the Volusia County Sheriff's Emergency Management, Bomb Squad and Marine Unit.

The Assembly 2794 Color Corps led the procession into the church, followed by the Port Orange Police Department color guard.

In addition, the Volusia County Sheriff Bomb Squad, Volusia County SWAT, and the Volusia County Sherriff's Marine Unit had emergency vehicles on display outside the parish social hall.

The first responders were then invited to the Knights of Columbus' monthly pancake breakfast.

# Our Mission is Fueled by Prayer

*By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

“Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build.” - Psalm 127:1

**K**nights sure are good with a mission! Give them a challenge, a project, a task in the parish and they will rally to the cause and usually outperform expectations. Many of us are busy on multiple fronts in the Order, not to mention the family, work, and other obligations of our lives. All that activity can take its toll, particularly if we become too busy to pray. We can lose focus, become irritable, and even mistreat one another.

Something new on the spiritual front was incorporated into our Florida State Council organizational meeting in Orlando this month. In addition to the Masses that were celebrated and the prayers that began our sessions, we conducted a Holy Hour, 60 minutes with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in silence. Supreme is encouraging more Adoration in our parishes and when we gather for meetings. Why?

We are a Eucharistic people. The Real Presence of Jesus in Communion is a hallmark of our Faith. Without it we have no life in us! So, why wouldn't we want to spend time with Him? When we sit in the Lord's presence, we can be tempted to think we are not doing or accomplishing anything. That quiet time is foreign to our world of busyness and action. But whenever we take time to be still before the Lord, He is doing something in us!

Attaining goals is important. The charitable acts of the Knights are laudable. Supporting our parishes and initiative of our Order is admirable. But, without the Lord directing and informing our efforts, “they labor in vain who build,” as Psalm 127 reminds us. Without prayer, action loses its meaning. And so, this significant prayer time beginning the long day of meetings was important. It reminded us why we do what we do ... for whom we do it.

A new fraternal year and the all the new responsibilities we undertake call for our best effort. Our best effort must begin with prayer, placing Christ at the center of our lives and actions. When we do, we will find that not only are the goals attained, but the relationships formed and strengthened in the process will make us and those we serve more faithful, more loving, more complete human beings. Then we will truly fulfill the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney ... an Order fueled by prayer, centered in Christ, fulfilling a sacred mission.



*State Chaplain  
Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

## **Florida State Council says farewell to a Past State Deputy**

Past State Deputy John Hemel passed away on July 11th at the age of 87. He was the State Deputy for Florida from 1998-1999. He was laid to rest on July 23rd.



# An Eastern Look At Holiness

By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato

**W**e, as human beings are called to holiness because we are made in the image of God. The Psalmist asked a burning question when he wrote, "What is man that You should be mindful of him, or the son of man that You should care for him?" (Ps 8:5).

Why is humanity so important in the plan of God? The immediate answer to the Psalmist's question can also be found in the Scriptures: specifically in the Book of Genesis where we hear God say, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness" (Gen 1:26). What the Psalmist and the writer of Genesis is trying to tell us is that the "uniqueness of the human race is that it has been made by God to reflect His divinity in creation. That reflection is that holiness in each one of us.

If you and I as human beings are created in the image and likeness of God, then the more we understand about God, the more we understand about our human nature which gives us our moral vision. You and I now have a hint as to what makes us holy. It is our moral compass. The Church Fathers stressed that the "image of God" in us refers to those of our natural abilities which resemble His. We see therefore in Genesis God expressing Himself creatively by bringing things into existence. We have similar abilities to be creative and exercise choice. In this we reflect the divine image. In Genesis, we also see that God has the ability to discern, to judge, to appreciate. We, too, can express appreciation, gratitude, discernment, or wonder. In all of this, there is something of God. Another "image of God" within us that we share with God a sense of morality. Because of this, again, the Fathers of the Church say we have the divine image within us. Of all the attributes of God reflected in the Scriptures, one stands out as the most important. St. Paul points out this attribute very clearly. The Indefinable One is defined as "love". St. Paul says

love defines Jesus and as the body of Christ, we must express that "love" in our lives otherwise we are simply clanging symbols. Because of are capable of loving, we are set apart as the one component in God's creation who can image the God of love. How wonderful is that!

The heart of the "likeness of God" within us is holiness as described

and defined in Eastern Tradition. The heart of what is means to be God is holiness: that set apartness which marks God out from all of His creation. Although we cannot attain this holiness on our own, God gave us His Only Begotten Son as a model and inspiration for all of us. Jesus is the perfect man, completely fulfilling God's plan for humanity. This understanding is reflected in the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great where in the anaphora St. Basil says of Jesus, "He is the image of your goodness, the Seal bearing Your perfect likeness, revealing You His Father through Himself". The purpose of Christ's coming among us, then, was to complete the Father's plan for humanity, to restore the likeness lost in the beginning. In the famous words of St. Irenaeus, "God became man, so that man might become divine". The Fathers of the Church called this process of recapturing the likeness of God through Christ by the term deification, to become Godlike. We can only become holy through those Godlike attributes of "morality" and as St. Paul says, "love".

What does it take, then, in order to become holy? It is to unite ourselves to Christ. In the Eastern baptism ceremony, the priest asks the parents and Godparents, for the child, three times: "Do you unite yourself to Christ". This is truly significant



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because when the parents and Godparents answer "yes" for the child, the process of working toward holiness has now begun. We have been baptized long ago. In that baptism our work for holiness began. We have given our yes. It is extremely important that we make "holiness" the primary ministry in our lives. As it was taught to us as we were growing up, we must live that "holiness"

in our lives, so that others may continue to have an example of that unity between ourselves and that Triune God we believe in. Only in this way will we be able to be ministers of the Gospel and speak for and in the Name of Jesus Christ. We must become modern day "prophets", speaking for God to the world.

## Assembly Celebrates July 4



**S**t. John Paul Assembly 2932 of West Melbourne celebrated Independence Day with a parade and picnic, joined by Knights from other local Assemblies and Councils.

The Assembly participated in Melbourne's July 4 parade with a float, representing Christopher Columbus' Santa Maria. The ship was decorated in patriotic red, white and blue, with a "God Bless America" banner.

The float was pulled by D30 Warden Pat Farrelly, PGK, PFN. Larry Davis, District 30 Deputy, was dressed as Christopher Columbus. Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey C.P. Assembly 3482 of Melbourne carried the American Flag and Banners in front of the float. Knights and Sir Knights from other Councils and Assemblies from District 30 either rode on the float or walked behind handing

out American Flags.

On the eve of July 4, Assembly 2932 hosted an Independence Day Picnic and BBQ at the Council Hall in Malabar. SK Richard DiCicco, PGK was the chairperson for this event. The theme was Celebrating America. The Hall was decorated in red, white and blue. The event was led with a prayer and patriotic songs were played throughout the day.

The Assembly prepared and served hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, corn on the cob, macaroni and potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon and a decorated sheet cake. This event was open to Knights, family, members of St. Joseph Parish and guests. We had 135 people attend this event. The evening was capped off with fireworks from the Eastern Florida State College.



# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Gospel for Aug. 28, Lk 14:11)

**A**n important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one’s own needs, worries and desires. If we want to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less often and others more. This reality is seen in the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is Aug. 13. Father McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor. May we imitate his humility in our own lives.

## **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to pray the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena for the intention to grow in humility. Second, I challenge you to support the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night or Family Week program, including in your efforts devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney.

## **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you find yourself being self-centered at times? What are some ways you can seek to think about yourself less often? What can you learn from the life of Blessed Michael McGivney about humility?

## Father Downey Council Lends a Hand



**S**acred Heart School in New Smyrna Beach recently purchased a new GaGa Ball Pit kit for its playground and the Knights from Father Downey Council were there to help to make it a reality.

The Brothers got together on a weekday morning to assemble and install the Pit, and they are sure the students will be pleasantly surprised

to see this new addition in the playground when they return from summer break.

GaGa is a variant of dodgeball that is becoming extremely popular at camps, schools, and playgrounds everywhere.

The pictures show the assembly process and the result. Pictured in the final photo are members

of the assembly team, (left to right) Knights Leo Decker, Bill Kelley, Bob Walaszewski, Glenn Strobl, Jim Burns, GK Art Klobucar and Rich Ross, joined by school Principal, Mrs. Elizabeth Labreche.

# Importance of ‘Followership’

**A**s we begin the new fraternal year, there’s no doubt that we have elected a great leadership team. And although there are many years of Knight’s related experience with these leaders, they still need our help and support as followers to make this year even better than the last.

When we talk about leaders and leadership, we also need to include followers and ‘followership.’ ‘Followership’ is important for many reasons, primarily without followers there are no leaders. For any organization to succeed, there must be people who are willing to follow effectively, just as there must be those who are willing to lead effectively.

While ‘followership’ may not sound as glamorous as leadership, there is absolutely nothing wrong with being a follower. In fact, having the qualities of a good follower are equally important to the success of any organization, as do the qualities of a good leader.

Followers are diligent, motivated, pay attention to detail and are committed. With the Knights of Columbus, that commitment includes the principles of our Order; charity, unity and fraternity.

Effective followers don’t just get things done, they keep leaders on their toes, help bring out their very best, and hold them accountable. Effective followers are also critical thinkers, but with a positive attitude. When they identify problems, they also identify and recommend solutions. When followers form a positive relationship with their leader, they are in a better position to potentially influence situations where they perceive the leader to be making a mistake.

When good leadership meets good ‘followership,’ good things happen. Within our own organization, one good example is the strong history we have of supporting pro-life pregnancy centers across the nation. Leadership started when the Supreme Council implemented the Ultrasound Initiative Program. ‘Followership’ is the successful raising of funds by local councils

to purchase ultrasound machines and placing them in faith-based pregnancy centers. The Florida jurisdiction has helped purchase more than 100 ultrasound machines. Council 10514, in particular, has assisted in the purchase of five ultrasound machines since 2017.

From 2018 to 2021, we have more than 1.7 million volunteer hours. Over this same period of time, the Knights donated more than \$18 million in funds and supplies to pro-life pregnancy centers and maternity homes.

In a recent press release, our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said, “As Knights, we are called to courage and self-sacrifice. Standing for life means making personal sacrifices for women and children in need — being willing to give of our time, skills and financial resources, and accepting the fact that the fruits of our labors are often hidden.”

In this same vein, on June 26, Pope Francis said in his Angelus address, “... Jesus helps us to be people who are serene, who are happy with the good accomplished, and who do not seek human approval.”

We need to know that what we accomplish at the council level has positive, far-reaching effects and it all starts here. Our support of LIFE is just one example of the impact our Faith in Action Programs have on our church and community.

We need to be aware, that even with the recent Supreme Court decision, old challenges will continue and we WILL be faced with new obstacles.

This is why, most importantly we need to know that our council, our church parish and our community need us more than ever.

All this to say, we need you to step-up and volunteer. I’m sure the officers and directors can use all the help they can get.



# Expanding Community Service



**I**n the August, 2021 Invocation, Our Lady of Mount Camel Council 13300 in Wildwood, published an article titled “Expanding Community Service.”

This article focused on an opportunity presented to our Council by Habitat for Humanity for Lake-Sumter Counties, in which we agreed to provide 200 hours of voluntary service for our fiscal year, July 2021 to June 2022. This being a new venture for our Council, we had no idea what may be involved nor if we could accomplish this goal. However, it fit within our Council’s goal of providing local support to those in need.

Our first projects in July 2021 got off to a roaring start in the categories of New Home Construction and Preservation and Repair Projects, providing 88 volunteer hours by the end of the month. Looking at the Preservation and Repair Projects, this category focuses on needy individuals and families who already own an affordable home but may require a little extra help in maintaining and preserving the safety of their home. Through this program, homeowners are able to stay in their homes in which they already live, while increasing the safety, accessibility, and beauty of the home.

For the balance of the year, Community Co-Directors Jim LoBue and Tom Kilbride worked with Carlos Beron, Director of Volunteer Services, Habitat for Humanity Lake-Sumter, Florida in directing our Council’s volunteer efforts onto “Preservation and Repair” projects. This type of

work ranges from pressure washing, yard cleanup, painting, building wood decks, wheel chair ramps, hand railings and helping with weatherization of the home. Each project has a site supervisor who directs the work and insures the safety of all volunteers. The overall goal of this work was to insure the homeowners have a safe home at the same time improving the community in which they live. The homeowners we have helped are proud of the improvements made to their property.

In a recent discussion of our accomplishments with Carlos, he recognized Council 13300 as the “go-to” resource for his Preservation and Repair projects. His reasoning was that these projects randomly come to the surface and require a quick turnaround – and the Knights have proven they can deliver. He summarized it by saying “your council is the go to group of volunteers who are flexible with meeting our ever changing needs.”

Council 13300 is proud to have established a great relationship with Habitat for Humanity for Lake-Sumter Counties, and we are also extremely pleased that we were able to assist so many homeowner’s improve their properties and communities they live in. We not only met the goal agreed to, but ended up with a total of 412 volunteer hours. And we have already begun our continuing support for Preservation and Repair Projects for our next fiscal year, July 2022 to June 2023.

# A Saint In The Making

**O**n May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney and opening the way for his beatification. On Oct. 31, the Mass for Beatification was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Conn.

An Apostolic Letter was read from Pope Francis that declared Father McGivney would now have the title of Blessed Michael McGivney. He is the third priest born in the United States to be raised to this honor, and the first priest to be beatified who spent his whole priestly ministry in a US parish.

The pope's Apostolic Letter stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

The Cause for Canonization for Father McGivney was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997, when he was given the title Servant of God. On March 15, 2008, his heroic virtue was recognized by Pope Benedict XVI, and Father McGivney was given the title Venerable Servant of God. This important step occurred after years of careful investigation of Father McGivney's life, spirituality and holiness by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The

declaration of Venerable confirmed what those who knew him in life, and others who call upon him since his death, have believed about Father McGivney: He lived a life of heroic virtue with an extraordinary love of God and neighbor.

Having been raised to the honors of the altar, Blessed Michael McGivney has an annual feast day of Aug. 13, the day between his birthday (in 1852) and the day he passed into eternal life (in 1890). His cause has now entered the final phase toward canonization or sainthood. One more confirmed miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney is needed for him to be declared saint.

All Knights and their families, as well as all those devoted to Father McGivney, are asked to pray for his intercession in their daily needs, especially in cases of serious illness, and to report any favors and healings to the Guild



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## **Blessed Michael J McGivney**

Birth Date August 12th

Feast Date August 13th

Date of Death August 14th

What is your Council or Assembly doing to Celebrate these special Days in the Knights of Columbus? Email [invocation@floridakofc.org](mailto:invocation@floridakofc.org) with pictures and articles.



# Supporting Special Olympics



In the tradition of Knight's Brotherhood for promoting and aiding in Special Olympic projects, twenty-two volunteers, with their spouses and family members joyfully volunteered for the Palm Beach Bowling Event. They helped the athletes and ensured that the activities went off smoothly.

The Special Olympic event was held at Greenacres Bowl in Greenacres, FL at 8:00am, on July 16th included over one hundred competing athletes. Brother Knights from Council #12376 were each assigned to a team of four of the Special Olympics athletes, and to interacted with them, ensure correct scoring, confirmed when each

athlete was up for his/her turn when it was their time. And, responsible for making certain that each team member was scored properly on the final tally sheet, which was given to Special Olympics' personnel. From there, they stayed with their team, and socialized while awards were presented to each team after the two game sets were completed.

This annual bowling event postponed for the last two years received the blessing with many fresh faces who joined the veteran crew of volunteers. Worthy Grand knight Ken Ida said he and his crew were happy with turnout and felt a connection with all the councils throughout the brotherhood who also partake in the Special Olympic programs.

On July 13th Michael Ryan, Jr turned 18. On this he celebrated his 18th birthday by becoming a Knight of Columbus in Council 12240, Davie, FL. A special degree was conducted by Supreme Director, IPSD Scott O'Connor, State Ceremonial Director Ron Brown, DD73 John Pisula, Chaplain Fr. Frank Roof, and team member Vincent Manzo.

Both of Michael's parents were on hand to see the Degree. Michael is a Legacy Knight, 4th Generation. Michael's parents and grandfather were NYPD.





# Council 7052 Celebrates 4th of July



Council 7052 from Venice, Florida celebrated the 4th of July with a great turnout of over 150 people and an amazing array of food (Hamburgers, Bratwurst, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, and Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

The event started out with our Grand Knight James Lakatos playing a video celebrating the 5 US Military Forces (Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard) Our Rector Msgr. Patrick Dubois got right into the festive mood with his 4th of July tie. Our GK then asked our newest member to our Parish Rev. Alexander Pince to give us the invocation.

Along with celebrating Independence Day, Council 7052 celebrated (The Mother of our council) Annie Ballagh's 99th Birthday. Cutting the cake with her son Russell and our Rector Monsignor Patrick Dubois was a special moment. People gathered around the desert table designing their own Ice-cream Sundays to their liking. Everyone had an amazing time.





# New Bishop of Diocese of St. Augustine

**T**wo short months ago on May 24, Pope Francis announced the appointment of Father Erik Pohlmeier as the next bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. For the past 24 years, Bishop-elect Pohlmeier has served as a pastor in the Diocese of Little Rock, which encompasses the entire state of Arkansas.

Bishop-elect Pohlmeier will become the diocese's 11th bishop.

Raised in Paris, Ark., Father Pohlmeier was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Little Rock on July 25, 1998. His last assignment was pastor of the largest parish in Little Rock, Christ the King, and director of the Faith Formation and Deacon Formation offices. He has been the theological consultant for the Arkansas Catholic newspaper for 19 years and director of continuing education of clergy since 2019.

Father Pohlmeier succeeds Bishop Felipe J. Estévez, who has served the St. Augustine Diocese for the past 11 years and is retiring at the age of 76. Bishop Estévez submitted his letter of resignation in February 2021, his 75th birthday, the mandatory age for bishops to retire. He has served the diocese for 11 wonderful years and the good news is he will continue living and ministering in the diocese as needed.

One of seven Catholic dioceses in Florida, the Mother Diocese of Florida has a registered Catholic population of more than 153,000 in 17 counties in northeast and north central Florida. This compares to the approximately 154,000 Catholics in Arkansas' 75 counties.

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Reflecting on his appointment to the Diocese of St. Augustine, Father Pohlmeier said, "I am grateful for every way I have been called to serve the Church and am humbled by this opportunity to serve in the place where Mass was first celebrated in the United States. May God be praised for any good work I am able to do."

After his ordination, Bishop Pohlmeier will begin immediately meeting his flock across the



diocese. He will be celebrating Masses in the five deaneries of the diocese. The following is a schedule of Masses open to the community of the diocese:

Thursday, July 21 – Vespers at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jacksonville

Saturday, July 23 – Gainesville Deanery Mass at Queen of Peace, 10900 SW 24th Ave., Gainesville, at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, July 25 – North Jacksonville Deanery Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5752 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26 – St. Johns River Deanery, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 7190 U.S. Highway 17 S., Fleming Island, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27 – St. Augustine Deanery, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 31 – A pastoral visit to the Basilica of Immaculate Conception, 121 E. Duval Street, Jacksonville, at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, August 1 – South Jacksonville Deanery Mass, Assumption Catholic Church, 2403 Atlantic Blvd., at 7:00 p.m.

We promote saving lives of the unborn. the Knights of Columbus of the Florida State Council have helped purchased over 120 ultrasounds across the state. Come join us to protect the future.



## Are You A Member?

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics.

Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Blessed Michael J. McGivney's



cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.

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**DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>**

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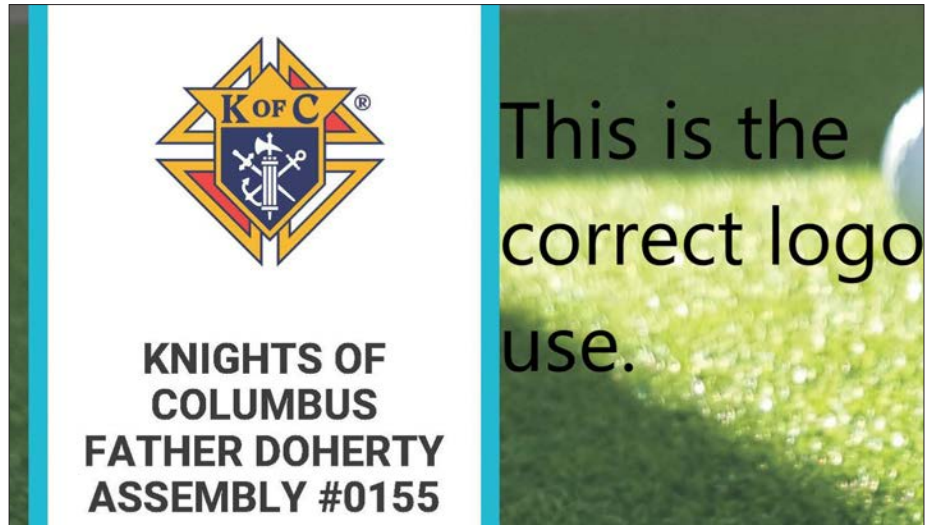
# Use of KofC Logo

**A**s we head into the new Fraternal year it is imperative that we start using the correct KofC logo when creating flyers for our events. We have been seeing a lot of flyers that are using the incorrect format when advertising events. To download the correct logo, go to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org), Supplies Online and then Fraternal. You will see the logo in English, French and Spanish.

Please see the pictures as well that will let you see what the Logo should look like.

In advertising an event sponsored by your Council or Assembly you need to make sure that you include your Council and Assembly name and number. Please do not just use the KofC Emblem as this indicates that Supreme or the Florida Council in sponsoring the event. Please see the picture below to see the correct way to use the logo in advertising an event. It may not look like it is a big thing but it's important that we do it the correct way.

## Correct Logo Use



This is the correct logo use.

## Incorrect Logo Use



Do you have an active Council/ Assembly? Are you active in your Programs around the Parish and Community? We want to know about them. Write an article and send us pictures so we can publish them in the Florida State Council's Monthly Newsletter. Not sure what to send? Don't worry we have a "How To" guideline to help you. Look for it at the back of this Edition.



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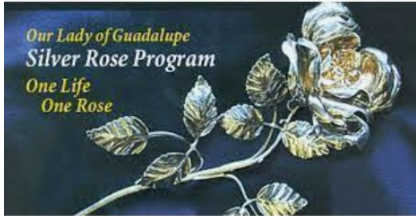
# THE FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL PRESENTS THE 2022 SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

The Silver Rose is coming back to the State of Florida compliments of your Florida State Council. Act now to secure your spot on our upcoming schedule. Thoroughly review the Silver Rose Guide sheet (#10625) available at [www.kofc.org/rose](http://www.kofc.org/rose). Then meet with your pastor in advance to receive his approval **BEFORE** registering to receive the Silver Rose. Reservations will be taken on a first come first served basis but the final schedule will be determined by location and logistics. The tentative schedule is as follows:

July 24, 2022 through July 29, 2022	Diocese of St. Augustine
July 30, 2022 through August 4, 2022	Diocese of Orlando
August 5, 2022 through August 10, 2022	Diocese of Palm Beach
August 11, 2022 through August 16, 2022	Archdiocese of Miami
August 17, 2022 through August 22, 2022	Diocese of Venice
August 23, 2022 through August 28, 2022	Diocese of St. Petersburg
August 29, 2022 through September 3, 2022	Diocese of Pensacola / Tallahassee

No reservations will be taken after June 24, 2022 and the final schedule will be announced on July 1, 2022. The Silver Rose will be delivered to the address shown on your reservation form no less than one hour prior to the start of your prayer service. Transportation and logistics to all churches is being provided by the Florida Knights on Bikes.

Reservations will **ONLY** be accepted by online reservation. No other method of reservation will be accepted. **ONLY AFTER** your council receives approval from your Pastor should you visit [www.konbfla.com](http://www.konbfla.com) and click on the "SILVER ROSE REQUEST" tab. Fill in all of the data fields and hit submit. You will receive an email confirmation that your reservation has been received within one week of submission, but final acceptance will not be made until the schedule is final on July 1, 2022.



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# INVOCATION

## Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Newsletter How To Write an Article

**Newsworthy • Broad Appeal • Concise • Complete • Factual • Accurate**  
**Answers the Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why & How**

**INVOCATION reports on local council activities throughout the entire State of Florida**

- Article size: **300 words** ideal (half page) to 500-600 words max (full page)
- Articles submitted as an attachment in Word format - not in the body of an email
  - PDF submissions are for ads or promotions - not articles
- Pictures need to be sent separately as an attachment and the original pictures **Please do not format them in any way, we will do it**-- not embedded in a Word document
- **Articles need to be brief, highly relevant and actionable**
- **At a minimum, Who, What, When and Where needs to be in the first paragraph,**
- Articles need to be brief, to-the-point and **of interest** to the entire State Council
  - What is the event/activity about?
  - Whom did it benefit?
  - What was the result?
  - Who are the key players/Knights?
- **Similar story** submissions will be consolidated/batched into one article by the Editors
- Authors must submit on time per the Editor production calendar- **Deadline 1<sup>st</sup> of each month**
  - Late submittals will be placed farther down the newsletter or not published.
- Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (**use spellcheck**)
- Document filename should reflect the office/title, i.e. State Deputy article
- Every Region needs to participate – one page of the Invocation will be dedicated to each Region respectively
  - If a region does not submit content their page will be eliminated from that issue
- Cover story submissions need to be submitted ahead of the deadline due to special photo editing
  - Cover story photos – in portrait style at least 1mb in size - not formatted or resized
  - filename “Cover Story”

Send all information:

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Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order.

Build the Domestic Church through service, support our parishes, clergy, and communities.

Incorporate principled fiscal responsibility for charitable giving.

## The Florida State Logo



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- Go to Twitter and Instagram and "follow"
- #LetYourLightShine @KofcFlorida



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