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Lady of Hope Council  
Hosts Faith In Action



# Faith in Action Medley



**O**ur Lady of Hope Council 8086, Port Orange, Florida, teamed with Knights on Bikes for a unique ‘Faith in Action Medley’ a Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022.

This program embraces the four components of the Faith in Action program – Faith, Family, Life and Community – in a half-day of activities in conjunction with the Florida Knights on Bikes.

The program began at 9 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (Clyde Morris Blvd., Port Orange) with an Adoration service. This was followed by one decade of the Rosary and a Blessing of the Bikes, all of which are under the Faith category.

Bikers, followed by Knights driving their cars, then proceeded to the Parish Food Bank on Reed Canal Road in Daytona Beach to pray the second decade of the Rosary. This was followed by a \$500 donation of food, which is in the Family category.

The next stop was the Basilica of St. Paul (317 Mullally St., Daytona Beach), for another decade of the Rosary and a \$500 donation for Human Trafficking (Life).

The next stop was St. Brendan the Navigator Church (1000 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach) for the fourth decade of the Rosary, followed by a \$500 donation to the Knights’ Global Wheelchair Mission (Community).

Bikers and cars then followed the scenic Loop to the last stop at the River Grill in Ormond Beach for the final decade of the Rosary and a \$500 donation to Knights on Bikes for Vocations (Faith). Following lunch, the Knights then enjoyed the many annual Biketoberfest activities for the remainder of the day.



# A New Fraternal Year

*By State Deputy Rob Urrutia*

**W**e are now 2 months into the fraternal year. During the July organizational meeting I had asked all District Deputies to make sure all the councils are Safe Environment Compliance and all the 185 and 365 completed no latter then September 15th. At the time I am writing this it still seems we have councils that have not completed the forms. The 185 and 365 needs to be updated to the State website by the 15th . Please make sure it is completed by then.

We have started the new fraternal year very well with our membership goals and program goals. We should have our calendars all set for the year and we should be having membership drives every month. Remember, the part of the Grand Knights legacy for his council is doing or participating in great programs that help our charitable giving and our spiritual needs. In addition, we need to continue

to grow the order so that councils can continue to grow for many more years to come. Create a position called a SP7 coordinator. Someone who all year collects the information to fill out the SP7 and other reports to give to the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight it will be very easy to have your reports done on time.

I look forward to seeing you all around the State. I am traveling to Miami for Catholic night on Sept 9th and to Naples at the end of the month. Please continue the good works that Blessed Michael McGivney established 140 years ago.



*State Deputy  
Robert Urrutia*

## Are You A Member?

**T**he 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.

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July - August, and is

sent free to Guild members.

To join the Guild, register online at: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/> †



# A Godly Response to 9/11

By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor

“God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.” - 2 Cor 5:19

It's hard to believe 21 years have passed since the fateful day of 9/11. It's one of those world changing events that cements the memory of where we were when it happened, much like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy for older members of our Order. I was on Navy duty in a staff meeting with the Chief of Staff of Submarine Group 10 at Kings Bay, GA. I recall a sailor interrupting our meeting to whisper something into the ear of the Navy Captain and how we turned on the TV in the conference room to see the second plane hit the World Trade Center towers.

Do you remember what it felt like that day? Emotions of shock, horror, outrage, compassion, sadness, anger and resolve all mixed together. We had so many questions. How could such a thing happen? Who could hate to that degree? Where is God in all of this? What would this mean for the future of our country and our way of life? How should we respond? We know the answer to some of those questions. Some questions remain unanswerable.

This year's anniversary of that tragic day falls on a Sunday and coincides with Scripture readings that communicate love and mercy, difficult to reconcile with some of our natural reaction to what took place on 9/11. Maybe it's just what we needed to hear most, because those themes are exactly what we are about as followers of Christ

who demand justice, but never to the exclusion of mercy and love.

There is a common theme running through the readings. In Exodus, Moses intercedes for the sinful Israelites, asking God to stay His hand of judgment that the Israelites deserved. Instead, he asked God to extend his hand of mercy. Such mercy was completely undeserved, but was granted anyway, not because of who Israel was, but because of who God is.

In the epistle, St. Paul recites his awareness of God's abundant mercy and forgiveness in his own life. As a sinner, committed to destroying the

Church, Paul deserved to be convicted in judgment. But instead, God gave him grace, and a commission as an apostle as a bonus. Paul did not get what he deserved. He got more than he deserved.

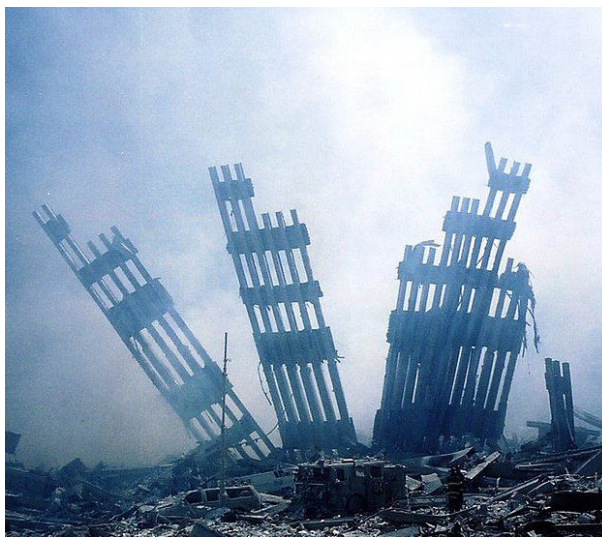
In the Gospel lesson, Jesus shows how even when it may not make mathematical sense, we are worth it for God to rescue us as the one in 100 sheep and throw a

lavish party for us when we are the figurative lost coin found.

God's abundant grace is evident, even in the greatest tragedies of humanity. We must continue to pray for the victims, their families,



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first responders, civic leaders, our military, and especially for a change of heart among those who support or condone sinfulness and evil in our world. The war in Ukraine reminds us that evil is never too far away. But neither is the grace and love and forgiveness of a merciful God.

As we Knights seek to do the good and help in finding the lost sheep and coins in our family and world, let us be more closely united to the heart of our heavenly Father ... a Father of justice and truth, a heart of goodness and peace. Amid great sinfulness, we have to be careful that our hearts are not hardened in a way that might give evil its most decisive victory. Let us continue appeal to a God of justice and a God of mercy.

Let us continue to respond as so many have done in the years following 9/11, with an outpouring of compassion and love. Let us be united in resolve and support of a just response against evil in our world. And let that response always be undergirded by a disposition of heart that mirrors that heart of God as Blessed Michael McGivney embodied in his priesthood and founding of our Order, a heart that searches for lost sheep and brings them back to Christ, a heart that rejoices at the conversion of sinners, a heart that is ready to forgive. In every time of trial, may the spirit of God's heart live in ours.

## Habitat for Humanity



**O**ur Lady of Hope Knights resume Habitat for Humanity work. Back to full strength for the first time since the pandemic shutdown, our Lady of Hope Council 8086 returned to its Habitat for Humanity volunteer work.

A dozen Knights recently spent a half-day working at the company headquarters in

Edgewater. The Knights spend at least four half-days a year working on Habitat projects. The Council is based at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Port Orange. Roger Packard is Grand Knight and David Dollieslager continues to lead the Habitat for Humanity efforts.



# It Is Finished

By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato

**I** think you know where the title of this article came from. It came from Jesus on the Cross. But do we really understand the full meaning of this sentence, "It is finished". To get the full meaning of this sentence, we have to go to the Book of Genesis and literally start from the very beginning of creation.

Because of the temptation of Satan, Adam and Eve ate from the tree of knowledge. They failed in their commitment to God by eating from that tree. Although they failed God, God promised to Adam and Eve a Messiah who would remove that sin they committed against God now called, as we know, "Original Sin". God also made a special prediction to Satan and said to him, "I will put enmity between her seed and your seed, and you shall lie in wait for his heel". Satan understood that prediction and from that point on was on his guard and searching for that person.

It took twelve generations for that promise to Adam and Eve and that prediction to Satan to be fulfilled. As St John said in his Gospel: "In the fullness of time..." Jesus was born, True God and True Man. The Messiah was born.

When Jesus began His ministry after His baptism, Satan began to take note of Him. He was curious about this man. He was suspicious that this might be the person that God predicted in the Garden of Eden. The Gospels highlight this concern when Satan tempted Jesus after Jesus completed His forty days of fast in the desert. With his temptations, Satan could not get Jesus to bow before him. Satan then simply watched and

waited.

We are well aware from the Gospels that Jesus was crucified. No doubt Satan breathed a sigh of relief thinking in the death of Jesus, Jesus would no longer be of concern to him, and he would inherit the world and all it. He would have free reign to do as he wished. Little did Satan realize what

was about to happen in the death of Jesus. Satan would be blindsided and would not be able to change anything that was about to happen.

Let us now look at that death of Jesus.

As usual, God uses the simple things of creation and makes them salvific. This time He used the Wood of the Cross. It was in the Roman world a sign of disgrace and ignominy and instrument of death. Soaked with the Blood of Christ, the Cross became an instrument of salvation, reverence, and holiness. In the Old Testament, God asked Abraham for sacrifice in the shedding of the blood of the lamb. This sacrifice was a foreshadowing of the final acceptable Sacrifice that

Jesus would make by the shedding of His Blood on the Cross. He would be the final acceptable sacrificial lamb. In that shedding of His Blood, the sacrifice of the Old Testament came to an end.

Now to return the title of this article. The



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final blow for Satan was about to take place. Unknowingly to Satan, Jesus shed His Blood for the salvation of the world. In the final seconds of His life in this world, Jesus cried out to His Father, "It is finished" and took His last breath. In that sentence and in His last breath, Jesus crushed Satan with His heel. The promise to Adam and Eve was now accomplished and the prediction of God to Satan came to fruition. What a great God we have.

On September 14th, the Eastern Church celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. This Cross was given to Adam and Eve, to each one of us and to the world. By that Cross and the

shedding of the Blood of Christ, the trajectory of creation went from darkness to light and our own trajectory from eternal loss to the possibility of eternal life. As Christians and as Catholics, let us never forget the Cross. It is, in this sign, that we will conquer sin. It is in the sign of this Cross that others will be saved. In the wearing of the Cross around our neck Satan will be dispatched to Hades. The Cross is our protection against evil. The Cross is our standard bearer, going before us in our ministry, affording to ourselves and to those to whom we minister, the gift of salvation and eternal life by our good works.

## Florida KOC Special Olympics

On August 27 the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics Florida were together at Daytona International Speedway for the Coke Zero Sugar 400 NASCAR 400.

A portion of tickets sold went to benefit Special Olympics Florida. Thanks to those of you who purchased tickets for this event.

The Florida State Council presented a check for its annual projected donation of \$100,000. In Attendance was our State Deputy Robert Urrutia, State Secretary Richard Hughes, and State Treasurer Michael Gizewski. For Special Olympics Florida Jen Silvers VP Development, Denise Breneman Development Northeast Region, and Kristine A. Aristide Sr. Director, Development, Corporate Partnership and Signature events.

NASCAR provided us with a suite for part of



the evening, a silent auction took place which raised over \$1,100. While the weather did not cooperate, the race did go off on Sunday a good time was had by all.



# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

“I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.” (Gospel for Sept. 11, Lk 15:7)

**T**his Gospel reading links the parable of the lost sheep with the parable of the prodigal son. Together these parables remind us that God constantly seeks us whenever we go astray. We are all sinners, and like the prodigal son we must wake up, repent and return to the Father. When we do this, we find that he runs to meet us. My brother Knights, let us create some joy in heaven. Let us recognize that we are sinners in need of repentance and ask the Father for his forgiveness.

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

This month, I challenge you to watch the “Sacramental Life” episode of the Into the Breach video series, particularly reflecting on the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program.

## **Questions for Reflection:**

Are there ways you see yourself as a lost sheep, a prodigal son? What concrete steps can you take to overcome sinful habits and avoid temptations? Do you “come home” to the Father to receive his mercy and forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation?



*Annual 9/11 Blue Mass at St. Hugh. The Miami Council 1726 has been sponsoring this event for many years.*

*In attendance were City of Miami Police and Fire Department Officers, Miami Council 1726 Members, Father Andrew Brown Assembly Honor Guard, and Knight on Bikes.*



# Council Honors Blessed Michael McGivney



Everywhere (HOME), a Christian home for unwed mothers and babies in Belleview; the young women meeting with counselors and getting free ultrasounds at Life's Choices Women's Clinic; those good people visiting the Wildwood Soup kitchen; the Mother of Mercy food pantry; the kids at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children; our seminarians; the six St Vincent De Paul parish ministries we

**M**ore than 140 parishioners, including 46 Knights from Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Council 13300, Wildwood, attended a special votive mass celebrating Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's feast day on August 13 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. The celebration mass was led by Council's Chaplain Father John McCracken.

At the beginning of this celebration, Father John highlighted the many accomplishments that Father McGivney had during his shortened life – being a priest for only 12 years. His establishment of the Knights of Columbus lives on to this day; having more than million members around the world; donating hundreds of millions of dollars per year to worthy charities; and contributing more than 77 million hours per year to help the needy.

Father John reminded us of an important facet of the Knights of Columbus – and he did so by asking all the Knights attending this celebration to spread out among the parishioners, as this symbolizes our call to permeate the needs of our community – where we as Knights share the numerous calls to assist the needy.

Looking over the past fiscal year, Council 13300 assisted the young moms at Hands Of Mercy

support; the local kids getting much-needed coats and shoes; and the many homeowners in our local counties that received our support through helping Habitat for Humanity projects. As Brothers of the Knights of Columbus Council 13300, we are blessed to have been able to touch so many lives within our surrounding communities.

At the conclusion of this celebration, more than 25 Knights, along with spouses and significant others, participated in a breakfast gathering at TooJay's Restaurant in Brownwood Square, The Villages, to complete the honoring of Blessed Michael McGivney. In total, it was a very special event allowing us each to recall the importance of being an active Knight, and the satisfaction of assisting those in need within our local communities.

# Operation Stand Down

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Gerard Powers Assembly 2882 recently donated \$1,000 to One Community Now to support Operation Stand Down 2023.

“The purpose of One Community Now’s Operation Stand Down is to support veterans that are struggling with homelessness or having difficulty transitioning back into civilian life by connecting them to services and resources to help them ‘get ahead’ in life,” stated Ms. Patti Templeton Director of One Community Now.

A wide range of support services and resources are offered to Veterans and their immediate family through Operation Stand Down, including medical, dental, mental health & PTSD, housing, employment, education, legal, personal-hygiene, to name a few. Recovery to improve the lives of disabled and disadvantaged Veterans in our community.

Mason Stevenson, Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, stated, “As 4th degree members of the Knights of Columbus, we are called to patriotic service and supporting a veteran-focused program such as Operation Stand Down that yearly meets the needs of 300 plus Veterans is and honor and a privilege.” The donation was made possible by successful fund raisers conducted by the Assembly.



Operation Stand Down is a three-day event scheduled for April 21-23, 2023 by One Community Now, a non-profit organization that provides assistance and support to homeless and at risk veterans.

Further information about the services offered by One Community Now and Operation Stand Down may be obtained by contacting Ms. Patti Templeton at [OCNStandDown@gmail.com](mailto:OCNStandDown@gmail.com) or 727-849-4724.



*St. Claude De La Colombiere Council 16929 GK Steven Douglas and Life Director Michael Trumbull presented a check for \$1,000 to Julie Swigon, the Director of Operations at Alpha House of Pinellas County Pregnancy Center. When the A.S.A.P program was announced at a recent monthly meeting, three Brother Knights put their faith into action with 3 checks totaling \$1,000.*



# A Mission To The Bahamas

*By Past State Deputy (Florida) and Supreme Director Scott A. O'Connor*



**O**n August 24 2019, a tropical wave formed over the Central Atlantic. The storm moved through the Lesser Antilles and became a hurricane north of the Greater Antilles. Dorian proceeded to undergo rapid intensification over the following days, before reaching it's peak 'category 5' status as the most intense tropical cyclone on record to strike the Bahamas.

During the days leading up to landfall, which occurred on September 1. It made landfall at Elbow Cay, just east of Abaco Island, where it remained for several days doing catastrophic damage to the Island and its people. During the days leading up to Dorian's strike on the Bahamas, its path looked like it was going to make a direct strike on the Florida peninsula.

At the time of this hurricane, I was State Deputy of the Florida State Council, which includes the Bahamas and St. Lucia as part of our Jurisdiction, as such, I was responsible for directing our state disaster relief team and for communicating with the Supreme Councils team of relief agents. I was

in close communication with the Archbishop of Nassau, Most Reverend Patrick Pinder, who was coordinating efforts in the Bahamas.

When it became clear that the hurricane was going to have a significant impact on parts of the Bahamas, we initiated our program to begin to ready for sending relief. Following the dissipation of the storm and it's moving off the islands on September 3, it became clear that the damage was enormous. In conjunction with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, and with many local (Florida) councils taking initiative, relief efforts began almost immediately.

Within days, we had organized multiple container loads of supplies, blankets, food, water, medical support, insect repellent, sanitizing materials, baby supplies and more.

The archbishop reported that the Catholic School as well as the Churches on Abaco had either been destroyed or significantly damaged, it was at that time that I as state deputy made a pledge that as soon as it was safe to do so, we would organize a work party of Florida Knights, who would come



over to help rebuild and/or repair the Church infrastructure. Unfortunately, our initial date to send the work party occurred after the Covid-19 Pandemic forced cessation of all international travel. Our work party was stalled and would not be able to schedule its mission trip until August of 2022.

Finally, on August 7, 2022, a work party led by past state deputy (Florida) and current supreme director Scott O'Connor, Council 12240; State Chaplain Emeritus (Florida) Monsignor Thomas Skindeleski, Council 13996; and a team of Knights including past state deputy and former district master (Florida) Robert Read, Council 5960; current district master (Florida) John O'Toole, Council 5960; and the following members of Council 13996, St. Vincent Ferrer, Delray Beach: Stephen Lankau, David De Francesco, Kyle Sutton, Todd Gallo and Deacon Frank Iovine departed from Palm Beach on their week long mission to work on the St. Francis de Sales Catholic School in Marsh Harbor, Abaco, Bahamas.

Our mission trip began on Sunday, August 7, early in the morning. We were provided parking

space at a commercial lot, owned by current State Treasurer, Brother Michael Gizewski. Transportation between the commercial parking lot and the West Palm Beach International Airport was provided by General Agent Sergio Urrutia, who arranged for Eagle Luxury Transportation to drop us off and pick us up on our return. Our driver, Albert Yavarone, was very nice, he provided us with bottles of cold water and he was very supportive of our missions goals. Florida K of C Charities, Inc. provided a \$5,000 donation to help offset the airfare costs and Council 13996 St. Vincent Ferrer provided a \$2,000 donation to help cover expenses and supplies. Past State Deputy and Former Master (Florida) James Schonefeld also made a \$400 donation to help cover costs. Upon arrival at Marsh Harbor International Airport, we were presented with two rental vans, which were provided by Brother Jeffrey Farquharson, a prominent Nassau attorney and local Knight.

Upon arrival in Marsh Harbor we loaded up our vans and headed to the school, which was only a five minute drive from the airport. Due to unfamiliarity to the area, and the fact that in the





Bahamas, driving is on the left side of the road, not the right, we missed the school on our first pass and had to double back. We finally found it and upon parking we were met by Mr. Leonardo Soncaire, the school principal and the man who had helped organize our visit. We would be staying in the newly constructed school administration building, which had functioning air conditioning and restrooms. There was no shower facilities, but Mr. Soncaire arranged for the work crew, who were working on property, to set up a temporary shower for us. They built a three-sided wood box attached to a wood pallet for a floor. They also attached a wood hinged door for the front. The shower was a pvc pipe connected to a hose line, with a shower head at the top. The sun heated the water in the pipe, during the day, so if you were one of the first to use the shower at the end of the day, you got warm water. Waiting too long and you may end up with no water, as the water pressure was very low and often non-existent.

The Supreme Council arranged to send us a dozen of their sleeping bags, part of the disaster relief program. The sleeping bags had been shipped via a carrier out of Miami who regularly transports shipments for the archdiocese of Nassau (Robins Export/Import) and had arrived a week earlier. We set up our bunk house in several rooms in the Administration building. However, after the first night of sleeping on the hard floor,

we made purchases of six mattresses from a local supply store – for those with the most sensitive back. Msgr. Tom had recently undergone knee surgery and was not able to sleep on the floor, so the local workers constructed a wood raised platform for Msgr. They placed his mattress on top of the platform which then made it easy for him to get on and off the mattress.

Day 1, we reviewed the work to be done which included restoring a full size basketball court including painting the markings and center logo, painting the backboards, poles and replacing the hoops. Painting also included the school restrooms, game boards, trim and detailing at the school building and a statue of the Blessed Virgin which stood in front of the campus. Our project also included construction of two playgrounds, clearing brush, trees, stumps, planting trees and shrubs and general cleaning of the grounds. Each day, lunch was provided for us by one of the local schoolteachers. Ms. Victoria Bootles, who teaches pre-K and Kindergarten, was our Chef. Each day Victoria treated us to wonderful food including lobster, pasta dishes, fresh fish and more. We discovered that the refrigerator in the administration building did not work properly, so we purchased a new fridge for them. We also purchased coffee makers, a barbeque grill and other kitchen implements that could be helpful during the operation of the school.

Day 2, we divided up into work groups, some concentrating on landscaping – brush and trees, some working on painting in the school buildings and some working on the basketball court. The work hours were long but the work rewarding, each day following the work shift everyone got their turn at the shower, followed by daily Mass and saying the Rosary in the staff lounge room. Deacon Frank Lovine would typically lead the rosary while Msgr. Tom Celebrated the Mass.

Day 3, Archbishop Patrick Pinder, arrived on island on the first flight from Nassau, he traveled with his director of construction and was picked up at the airport by Mr. Soncaire in the diocese vehicle. During the Archbishop's visit, he celebrated Mass with us in the staff lounge and along with Msgr. Tom and I, we toured several project sites including the Church of St. Francis de Sales as well as the St. Mary and Andrew Catholic Church on Treasure Cay. The church on Treasure Cay was completely destroyed having been under 16 feet of water during the storm. The new church was being constructed on a raised base of fill and would be much better at handling storm surges.

Day 4, Work moved along at a fast pace, the teams seemed to know what to do and needed little supervision or direction, by this time everyone had kind of found their niche and were making visible progress. I should also mention that in the mornings Brother Kyle assumed the Coffee making duties, and by mid-week he had the coffee down to perfection. Msgr. Prepared eggs on several mornings, as did I. In the evenings, we would load up the vans and head to one of several open restaurants in town for our dinner. One of the guys favorite places was Fatties Conc Salad shack, which was located on the water and next to a restaurant (Colors) that those who did not have a taste for raw conc, could find something of their liking.

Day 5, we continued to work on the projects, completing several of the items on the list and doubling down on those that were proving to require more attention. We had also made friends with a number of the local workers (hired by the school) who were on sight each day, working on various construction projects. The Forman was

a man named Nitchel, not Mitchel, he was very clear on that point and was proud of the fact that he was unique and the only “Nitchel” on the island. Nitchel was very helpful whenever we needed to borrow a tool or needed something cut or constructed. Working for Nitchel were several other men including one very tall young man named Surrnavio Bastian or “Tony” for short. Tony, was a Catholic but since the hurricane, three years earlier, he had not been able to attend Mass. As we worked on our project list, Tony began to ask questions about the workings of the Knights of Columbus and on Thursday, he asked to join us. We put on a special degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity for Tony and one of the other members of our group, who was a first degree knight, advanced to the 3rd. It was a special moment and one that none of us will ever forget. We found several other Knights on Abaco Island, during our stay and we promised the Archbishop that we would help to establish a round table and hopefully in time, a council there.

Day 6, by now we had completed most of the painting work and had the basketball court completed, we now moved to finish the two playgrounds. Several truck loads of sand were brought in amounting to about 40 yards, this, we moved into place and spread all by hand. We painted rubber tires and planted them around the perimeter and filled them all with sand, in the end the two play areas will provide a safe and fun area for the children.

Day 7, was our free day, we did clean up a few things, packed up for our return home and even had time to drive across the island and see some sights. Treasure Cay, had a beautiful beach that some of the guys chose to dive at, they found sand dollars and other shells. Rains came in and cut our beach time, but still we all enjoyed seeing some of the island.

Day 8, we packed up and departed for the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, across the road, the church is currently without a priest, they have had only a visiting deacon come on Sundays to conduct Communion services. The deacon had not been informed that we would be coming, he was very surprised but happy that there would be



a full Mass that day. Msgr. Tom Celebrated Mass for our group and about 35 or 40 locals. After Mass, all the people came up to tell us how much they appreciated what our team of Knights had done for their community and how grateful they were to have Mass said.

Our flight was delayed about an hour, due to weather delays, but it finally departed, and we were soon back in West Palm Beach. This mission trip provided each of our team with valuable experiences that help to validate our faith, to strengthen our will to help others through our charitable works and it visibly showed the people of Abaco, what the Knights of Columbus are capable when they put their “Faith into Action.”



## Exemplification Returns To Orlando

The Florida Fourth Degree will continue a cherished Thanksgiving Weekend tradition by holding an Exemplification in Orlando, at the Florida Hotel located in the Florida Mall. The ceremony will begin at noon on Saturday, Nov. 26. The event also includes a banquet following the ceremony; Vigil Mass; wives’ luncheon; and Patriotic Rosary.

The Florida Mall is located at 1500 Sand Lake Road in Orlando. The Mall includes many stores and restaurants, with free parking. In addition, many of the popular Orlando attractions are only a short drive away.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with the Exemplification beginning at noon. There will be the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary in the anteroom to get candidates into the proper frame of mind for the Patriotic Degree. The Degree will begin at noon.

There will also be a Ladies Tea at noon. The Exemplification will be followed by a Vigil Mass at 4 p.m., followed by a banquet at 6 p.m.

The candidate fee is \$70. The fee for a Priest is \$45. The deadline is Wednesday, November 16. Assembly checks are to be made out to: John J.



O’Toole, and sent to Master John J. O’Toole, 9686 SW 92 Place Road, Ocala 34481.

Assemblies will be required to send in a downloaded copy of the registration form (please do not write on the original, degree certificate, signed dress code letter, signed Form 4 (all

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four copies for each candidate) and check by Wednesday, November 16. Forms are available on the Florida State website.

Please note the dress code for the exemplification. While tuxedos are no longer mandatory, candidates must wear a dark suit (not brown!) and dress shoes. Candidates are encouraged to write the number of their new assembly on the back of their KofC membership card.

Everyone is invited to support our Candidates and Honoree by purchasing an ad in the Exemplification program. The cost of a full-page ad is only \$250, and will include your Assembly or Council name, number, current officers, and your message. We will have pre-made pages for

your convenience. Half-page ads cost \$150. The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 16.

In other news, the Florida Fourth Degree held an exemplification in August at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Palm Springs. SK Charles Roesser II was the honoree. Chuck is a Past Grand Knight, Past Faithful Navigator and Former District Deputy, who currently serves as the Faithful Comptroller of the Father Andrew Brown Assembly #153 in Homestead. Chuck was the heart and soul of the "Run for Life", a group of Knights who every year would run from Homestead to Saint Augustine to support the Right to Life. A member of the State Degree Team, he served as the Expositor of the Constitution at the Exemplification.



*Together "We Did"  
Knights of Columbus Assembly and Councils of Gainesville areas joined together to deliver  
Bibles to Queen of Peace Catholic Church.*



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

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- Articles submitted as an attachment in Word format - not in the body of an email
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- 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?
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- **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**
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- Proof your article carefully for spelling and grammar before sending (**use spellcheck**)
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- Every Region needs to participate – one page of the Invocation will be dedicated to each Region respectively
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During the State Convention we took video interviews of some of the Dignitaries that honored us with their presence. You can

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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.

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