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Richard E. Carey
Knight of the Year

Richard Carey Named Knight of the Year



Richard E. Carey of Orange Park was named the 2018 “Knight of the Year” on Saturday evening by the 55,000-member Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the State Convention held here.

Carey was selected for his exemplary dedication and commitment to his community, his church and to the Knights of Columbus. He holds several officer positions in his council including Chancellor, Public Relations Representative and Membership Director.

To increase his council’s membership, this Knight produced a video highlighting his council’s activities and achievements. He also meets with new Knights in their home to discuss with them their interests and the council’s activities, protocol and procedures.

A member of St. Catherine of Siena parish in Orange Park, Carey has been instrumental in planning and implementing a number of parish programs and activities, including family-oriented dinners and parties, and he co-chaired a Broadway-caliber musical which involved nearly

200 participants in various acting and support roles.

All these activities required Carey to devote between 20 to 30 service hours each week. In addition, he designs, writes and produces various video programs and content for the parish’s and the council’s websites.

Throughout his many parish activities, he strives to bring together the diverse Filipino, Latino, Indian and Middle Eastern communities which make up a significant portion of the parish.

Richard Carey exemplifies the highest ideals of the Knights of Columbus charitable and service programs.



Family of the Year



John and Regina Joly of Lakewood Ranch were selected as the 2018 “Family of the Year” on Saturday evening by the 55,000-member Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the State Convention held here.

The couple was selected in recognition of their exceptional service to their community, their church and to the Knights of Columbus.

As Community director for the Lakewood Ranch council, John schedules, plans and directs council activities in support of Habitat for Humanity, blood drives, Food for Families collections and raising more than \$6,000 for Special Olympics.

John spearheaded the council’s involvement in fourteen Habitat for Humanity work projects during a twelve month period, leading up to a dozen volunteers in the work detail. He was a prime mover in getting several faith-based organizations to join forces to raise the funds necessary for site preparation and construction of a single-family home.

When Hurricane Irma forced families from Southwest Florida to evacuate, the couple led

the effort to collect food, clothing and supplies for those families, and then organized a delivery caravan to the relocation center in central Florida.

The couple is heavily involved in the activities of Our Lady of Angels Church in Lakewood Ranch. They have planned and directed the cooking and serving of meals for the parish, including a Lenten Fish Fry, Easter Egg hunt, Breakfast with St. Nick and a memorial mass breakfast. They are also involved in many of the church ministries, work retreats and support to the pastor’s priority projects.

John and Regina Joly exemplify the highest ideals of the Knights of Columbus family and service programs.



Florida Councils of the Year

Every Council in the Florida Jurisdiction is grouped into one of three divisions based on council membership on the 1st of April of the previous fraternal year. On April 1st of each year, every active Council in the Florida Jurisdiction is invited to complete and submit applications for awards in membership, charitable donations and service programs.

Each award application is judged by one Director or Chairman according to the guidelines provided in the application. We then compute the total of all scores obtained by each council. Those councils obtaining the highest scores in each division are then declared the Councils of the Year.

Division I – Membership of 75 or less

This Council of the Year participated in Habitat for Humanities, Laps for Life to raise moneys for the local pregnancy center and to spread Pro-Life messages to college students. Supported Special Olympics and supported two seminarians by hosting a monthly luncheon.



Division 1 Council of the Year

They recognize Knights of the Month and Family of the Month, they established a tradition of first Friday of the month candle light adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The 2017-2018 Council



Division 2 Council of the Year

of the Year Division 1 winner was St. Thomas Ā. Becket Council 16236, Luis G. Rosas, Grand Knight, Patrick M. Cavanaugh, District Deputy, Robert W. Rash, Regional Director.

Division 2 - Membership between 75 - 150

This Council of the Year succeeded by following closely and faithfully all of the recommendations of the Surge with Service Booklet. They hosted Family Rosaries, Monthly Corporate Masses, they supported their seminarian with RSVP donation, and they supported the seminary through their Vocations Fund donations.

They are strong supporters of Special Olympics, the Blood Bank, they spend many hours raising funds for the Persons with Disabilities Drive, they support the local pregnancy center, Food for Families. Their annual work plan is an excellent Columbian Award application. They are able to achieve this because they are strongly committed to a continuous and successful membership program.

Their leaders are always talking membership growth to their officers, to their membership, to their pastor and priests and to anyone who will give them a minute to listen. The 2017-2018 Council of the Year Division II winner

was San Patricio Council 13654, Gustavo T. Navarro, Grand Knight, Reinaldo Trujillo, District Deputy, Victor M. Gonzalez, Regional Director.

Division 3 - Membership greater than 150

To earn the title of Council of the Year in division 3 requires a lot of dedication, tenacity and perseverance. More award applications are received from division III councils than from division II and I councils combined.



Division 3 Council of the Year

This Council of the Year also succeeded by following closely and faithfully all of the recommendations of the Surge with Service

Booklet. They purchased and gave away Bibles, they are involved with the Keep Christ in Christmas program, host Clergy and Altar Servers recognition, support the Blood Bank and Special Olympics, they recognize Knights of the Month and Family of the Month, they involve the entire parish family in their Food for Family collections, they sponsor youth sports competitions, Spelling Bee and essay competitions, and they involve the religious education children in their competitions and charitable efforts.

Their leaders believe that every service activity is a membership opportunity and every membership activity is an opportunity to reinforce the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The Council scored well on all award applications and led in membership to be declared 2017-2018 Council of the Year Division III. This Council is St. Scholastica Council 14485, James K. Fitzsimmons, Grand Knight, Vincent J. De Maio, District Deputy, John V. Montalvo, Regional Director.

Congratulations to all three Councils of the Year and to all the Councils that submitted applications to compete for this prestigious award.

Are You A Member?

The Father 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 Father 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 Father 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/> †



Altar Servers of the Year



Pictured with Baylee are Fr Chris Hoffman to her right and Deacon Mike on her left. Behind her are her brother, Brian and parents Cindi and Kevin. In the rear is GK Tim Mell of the K of C.

Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church of Port Orange won both age categories for the Knights of Columbus Altar Server of the Year for the Diocese of Orlando. The weekend of June 16, Grand Knight Tim Mell of Star Council 8086 presented the Altar Server Awards to Warren Dietrich and Baylee Behrens at their respective Masses at OLOH Parish. Over 100 Catholic Churches in the Diocese participated in this event.

Baylee, 14 won the 13-17 age category. She has been a server for over three years and is ready for any mass she is requested to serve. She lives with her parents, Kevin and Cindi and brother Brian in Port Orange. Besides her weekly altar duties, she plays the trombone and piano, performing in the school band and the Volusia All County Band. She recently graduated from Creekside Middle School and will enroll in the Baccalaureate program at Spruce Creek. All family members were surprised and excited when she was presented the award.

Warren, now 13, won the age category 7-12. He is entering the eighth grade at Silver Sands Middle School where he completed seventh grade as an honor student. He lives with his parents Rex and

Denise of Port Orange. As with Baylee's family they were also surprised and thrilled with the presentation and award. His mother said that is such an important role for him on the altar and he takes it very seriously and enjoys it. Warren says that "when I first started I was just curious about what goes on up on the altar." He loves helping the priests and deacons and meeting different people including other children. Warren enjoys basketball and plays on a Police Athletic League Team and a Port Orange Recreation Team. He won a basketball "free throw" contest at OLOH church in February and went on to win the Regional K of C free throw competition. Much of his time out of school is spent with the Naval Sea Cadet Corps program where he is a Petty Officer.

Deacon Mike Rosolino of OLOH works with all altar servers in their training and continued involvement on the altar. Pastor Chris Hoffman said "we have a great trainer in Deacon Mike, and it was actually hard choosing only two of our servers to submit for this award because we have so many great kids who love serving at Mass".



Pictured with Warren are GK Tim Mell and his mother Denise.

Let Your Light Shine

By State Deputy Donald Kahrer

“Let your light shine”, this theme taken from Matthew 5:14-16, is one that everyone can relate to, as we all have gifts inherited by God our Father. It is a challenge to each one of us in a unique, but similar way.

Because we are all called to use our own gifts, we all have something to contribute. We as members in the largest and most active Catholic men’s society are privileged to serve and utilize these gifts, which are meant to be shared. We are all called to be Knights of action and are responsible to Build the Domestic Church in our families, councils, parishes, and communities. With great privilege comes great responsibility. Let your Light Shine!

You are not alone in carrying out this privileged task. You have training available in person and online, materials to use, and resources for support, as you guide the destiny of your Council and our Order.

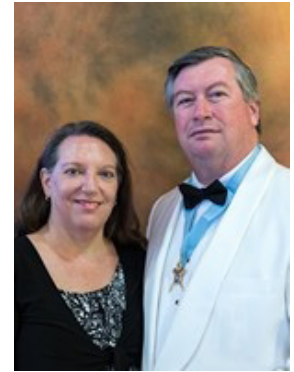
The resources come in many forms; one of which is the Regional Directors, who will give you guidance, resources, and tools for your success and success of your Council. They have the Membership, Charities, Programs, Retention, Public Relations, and Training teams in your local area who are ready to serve your Council. Utilize their gifts to help grow the Order in Membership, Programs, and Charities. You can click on this link to go to the training videos on the Supreme Website, Fraternal Training, this is set more the leadership of the Councils and the District and will make them better leaders for the great State of Florida.

We had record a setting year in our Order last year; the Order donated \$175 Million dollars, and 73million volunteer man hours. These are outstanding results; Florida was number 3 in man hours totaling 3.8 million and number 6 in charitable donations totaling at \$6.5 Million. These are truly great results, and a great accomplishment.

Yet the challenge is how we do more, just 5% more. Locally, the challenge for our Councils is 5% more, a realistic number.

What would 5% more in Membership growth mean? More men to do greater works? 5% more men to help at Council events? What would 5% more in Charities mean? 5% more lives saved thru the Ultrasound project? What would 5% more in programs mean? 5% more families attending the Holy Icon Tour and praying together as a family? 5% more Coats donated to Coats for Kids? 5% more in donations Food for Families? This is just 5% more; surely, we can grow better than 5%, as Florida is growing in record numbers, our Parishes are flourishing.

So the Challenge before us is this: can we do at least 5% more? I know we will!! Florida will “Let our light Shine”, using our gifts to grow the Order, serve God’s people, and do his will.



State Deputy Donald Kahrer, Jr. and Christine



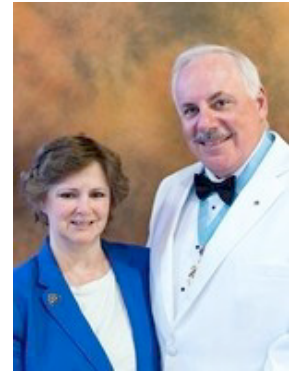
Fraternal Year Reminders

By State Secretary Scott A. O'Connor

As we begin our new Fraternal Year I would like to share with you a few reminders that can help you get organized and hopefully, will kick-start your way to achieving Star Council for this 2018-2019 term.

- First, has your council filed its Form 185? This establishes the communications between the Order and your council officers, without this form being properly submitted, you will not be getting information directed to the appropriate people. Complete this immediately, follow the instructions on the form if you have not yet done so.
- Second, The Per-Capita tax statements were distributed at the May 2018 State Convention, tax payments are due during the month of July. And, any councils not submitting their payment prior to July 31, 2018 become delinquent and face penalties. If you or your council was not represented at the convention and did not receive a tax bill, you can still get a copy of your councils bill by visiting the state website at www.floridakofc.org then log-in, from the top menu bar select "Council" then "Per-Capita" you can print a copy of your bill from the on-line portal, then mail a copy along with your council check.
- Third, be sure that your council meets

with your District Deputy as soon as possible to schedule your council's installation of officer's event. Remember, the District Deputy is the official officer who is charged with conducting the installation ceremony, make sure the date you are considering is clear with your DD.



State Secretary Scott A. O'Connor and Mary

- Lastly, there is a saying from the movie "Field of Dreams" that goes something like "If you build it, they will come". The same thing goes for scheduling and conducting the Admissions (1st) Degree of our Order. If you schedule a first degree, announce it, send out notices, make phone calls ahead of time and let your neighboring councils know about it... they will come. The best way to get to Star Council is to start early, review often and keep focused.

Marybeth and I look forward to meeting with you at the Organizational meeting and hope that you all have a successful and prosperous year.

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

This month, I challenge you to "come away" to a quiet place by praying at least five minutes a day, first thing in the morning before you check your electronic devices or turn on the TV. You will likely have stops and starts but strive to be as consistent as possible. In addition, I challenge you to respond to Jesus' invitation to "rest

a while" by doing something truly restful on Sunday, the day of rest. "The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away by ourselves to a deserted place and rest a while'" (Mk 6:30, from the Gospel for July 22)

We are Evangelizers

By State Chaplain Fr. Sal Pignato

On July 20th, we celebrate the Feast of the Prophet Elijah. When we look into the Old Testament, we see that God chose certain men to be His teachers. They taught the people who God is, how to worship Him and how to live under His Law. Some were chosen to proclaim the coming of the Messiah.

When the Messiah came into the world, a new dispensation began. A New Age began and the Prophets fulfilled their job of leading Israel and proclaiming the coming of the Messiah. In the age of the New Testament, who introduced Jesus to the world? It was the Angels to the shepherds. In terms of the ministry of Jesus, it was John the Baptist, known as the "Angel of God", who made straight the way of the Lord. It was the Apostles who lived out that ministry in the world. These were the Prophets of the New Testament. As baptized, what are we in the ministry of Jesus Christ?

We have inherited the mission of the Apostles. The Prophets of the Old Testament proclaimed the

coming of the Messiah. St. John introduced the people to the forgiveness of Jesus. The Apostles by baptism lived out that forgiveness and built up the Church. We, as the body of Christ, are the continuation of the Prophets of the Old and New Testament. We are Evangelizers of the Name of Jesus to the world. We are the architects of the new dispensation.

As Knights. Let each one of us continue to preach the Name of Jesus. Let us make sure the end result of our goals as Knights is to proclaim the Name of Jesus. Let each of us live our lives witnessing to His Name and to be sure that those who see us can see Jesus in us.

God bless you all



State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato



Knights of Columbus Donates \$200 to Program for Special Needs Children

A newly-established program for special needs children at Frostproof Elementary School got a big boost with a charitable contribution of \$200 from Knights of Columbus Council 7091 of Cypress Gardens

Lisa Arndt, a dedicated teacher who established and runs this special program, was presented with a check by Grand Knight Phil Pierpont prior to a council meeting in the parish center at St. Matthew Catholic Church in Winter Haven.

Columbiettes Donate to Youth Ministry

One teenager from St. Matthew Catholic Church will be attending a Steubenville Youth Conference this July in Orlando thanks to a \$295 donation to the church's Youth Ministry from the Columbiettes auxiliary of Knights of Columbus Council 7091 of Cypress Gardens.

Doris Sharak, president-elect of the Columbiettes, presented a check to Richard Monteverde, the church's director of faith, as part of the auxiliary's ongoing service to youth and the St. Matthew parish community. The donation will pay tuition for one of many boys and girls from St. Matthew headed for the conference.

The ladies raised these funds through their annual charity luncheon/card party, a nut sale and a Belk Lindsey coupon book charity program. They also gave \$500 each to Meals on Wheels, Life Choice Pregnancy Center, Angel Care, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Polk Training Center.

An initiative of Franciscan University of Steubenville, the Steubenville Youth Conferences train teenagers for discipleship through inspiring talks, dynamic worship, music and encounters with Christ in the Eucharist and Reconciliation. They also afford teens an avenue for experiencing a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Teens from St. Matthew who attend the Orlando conference, which is one of 25 being staged this year the United States, will be led by Adrienne Garalde, the church's Youth Ministry coordinator. Since 1975, thousands of Catholics from all over



North America, including members of St. Matthew and other Central Florida Catholic churches, have enhanced their faith experience by participating in Steubenville Youth Conferences.



Davie Council Celebrates 20th Anniversary



St. Bonaventure's Knights Council formed its charter in 1998. Founding Grand Knight, Bill Braun, led the Council until 2003. Brother Bill passed away recently and the Parish/Knights held a memorial mass in his honor. He had made an impact throughout South Florida. Successive Grand Knights built on the foundation Bill laid: Dennis Mello, Scott O'Connor, Kevin Carey, James Sufferin, Elio Gonzales, Craig Frohring, Al Fradette, Larry Bossman, Jude Hodges and Felix Hodges. KofC State Secretary, Scott O'Connor, has been a pillar of 12240 since 2003. The writer (Region 6 PR Coordinator, Joe Cox) calls 12240 his home since 2014.

Council growth under the Hodges Brothers was remarkable, the council earning four consecutive Star Council awards (2015-2018). The average age of council members has also dropped dramatically. Five new members took their Admissions Degree in June, 2018, conducted by the home council. New members' average age is around 30 years. Council attendance (about 30 Knights per meeting) is strong. Forty-two members celebrated the council's accomplishments for fiscal 2017-2018 at a June social event. Felix and Jude Hodges led a

vibrant council. High honors to both! And to all the Council's GK's over two decades.

Monthly pancake breakfasts and other fundraising activities kept resources flowing in and charities reaching out. Ample resources benefited Food for the Poor, Religious Vocations, Tim Tebow's Night to Shine, Habitat for Humanity, Right to Life, plus a range of parish needs over the years. The Hodges brothers (with fellow Chik-fil-A owners) provided a gratis lunch to the 800 Special Athletes, coaches and spectators at the 2018 Broward Summer Special Olympics. This August's Broward Special Olympics Picnic will have 12240's financial support and council members' hands-on involvement.

Finally, the Council thanks its Faithful Friar, Fr. Francis Roof for his generous support and spiritual guidance. Special thanks also to St Bonaventure's Pastor, Fr. Ed Prendergast, who has supported the council and provided many opportunities for the Knights to serve. Congratulations to Council 12240.

20 years in service to one, in service to all!

Knights Present Scholarships to Students



Knights of Columbus Council 7826 St Thomas More (Sarasota) presented \$500.00 scholarships to students who will attend Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School this fall. The scholarships awarded and their recipients are:

1. The Richard A. Schwehr Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Daniel Andrew Ramirez
2. The Angele Ciancuilli-McAlonie Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Joseph Alex Sassano
3. The LCPL Patrick Ryan Adle Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Liam Jack Donovan
4. The Hank Peppard Family Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Michael Lee Thayer
5. The Jeffrey C. Jeffers - Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Leo Ennis Ramirez II

The students all had family and benefactors in attendance, and the awardees included two brothers.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event was council 7826 Deputy Grand Knight Ken Berberich.

Benefactors included: Sybilla Schwehr, George & Fran Jeffers & Elizabeth Meyd. Committee members who were also benefactors included: John McAlonie, Jim Meyd, and Hank Peppard.

Other committee members from Council 7826 in attendance were: PGK Dan Bulinski, Ed Cox, Larry Hall and Stan Szfranski.

Cardinal Mooney's Rene Hebda and the Diocese of Venice/Florida Catholic's Bob Reddy were also present to help document the special event.



Knights Provide Painting for Pregnancy Center



On Friday, June 22, members of Star Council 8086 of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Hope Church, Port Orange, provided painting for the Pregnancy Crisis Center, Ridgewood Ave. in Daytona Beach.

Since 1989 The Pregnancy Crisis Center has been staffed by trained volunteers to listen to, counsel and provide free assistance to women faced with the fears and problems of an unplanned

pregnancy. They provide continued support following the birth.

The PCC provides services from an older building needing much TLC. The Knights provided the paint, supplies, and manpower to paint several rooms brightening the atmosphere for their clients.

Pictured L-R. John O'Malley, Steve Casserly, Tim Walters, Ted Morrell, John Hoag, Michael Kliment, DGK Jim Waggoner.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, we do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

During the State Convention we took video interviews of some of the Dignitaries that honored us with their presence. You can

see the videos by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Please be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added. If you have any videos that you would like to add that shows your Council doing good works please email Jim Clark, Broadcast Media Relations and Production Director at jclark1@gmail.com.

Building the Domestic Church

The form of marital and family love is given by God himself, who is love. The Christian family, the domestic church, has been entrusted with the irreplaceable vocation of being the first school of human and divine love.

Meditation

From an article by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Parents have, or should have, a unique relationship with their children. They have been called by God to love their child with the same faithful, self-giving love in which the child was conceived. ... To be sure, the notion of “self-giving love” is not an idealistic or naive concept dreamed up by theologians. It is demanding and sacrificial. Self-giving love has its source in the Trinity and is revealed most fully by Jesus on the Cross. It requires what Pope Francis calls “an exodus from self” so that we might focus on the needs of others, even when that causes disruption in our lives. ...

Most fundamentally, teaching children the “art of living” involves lessons of faith and character. Parents teach children their first prayers, bring them to Mass on Sunday, and help them develop a basic sense of right and wrong coupled with a sense of responsibility. They also teach gratitude and generosity by helping their children learn to take care of their possessions; to not always expect to have the latest and best of everything; and to grow in the habit of sharing what they have with others. Moreover, parents help their children learn to handle life’s inevitable disappointments, including the invidious comparisons that are part of the highly competitive and materialistic culture in which we live. Such lessons are best learned at home, in an atmosphere of respect and love. ...

As Pope Francis said, “Parents are called ... not only to bring children into the world but also to bring them to God” (Lumen Fidei, 43).

- What do we learn from our family? Have we learned “the art of living”? If so, of what does this “art of living” consist?
- What is self-giving love?
- How have we learned about self-giving love from our family?

Scripture Reading - Psalm 119:1-3, 9-12, 33-38, 105-108

A prayer to God, the Lawgiver

Blessed those whose way is blameless,
who walk by the law of the LORD.
Blessed those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with all their heart.
They do no wrong;
they walk in his ways.
How can the young keep his way without fault?
Only by observing your words.
With all my heart I seek you;
do not let me stray from your commandments.
In my heart I treasure your promise,
that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes.
LORD, teach me the way of your statutes;
I shall keep them with care.
Give me understanding to keep your law,
to observe it with all my heart.
Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my delight.
Direct my heart toward your testimonies
and away from gain.
Avert my eyes from what is worthless;
by your way give me life.
For your servant, fulfill your promise
made to those who fear you.
Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light for my path.
I make a solemn vow
to observe your righteous judgments.
I am very much afflicted, LORD;
give me life in accord with your word.
Accept my freely offered praise;
LORD, teach me your judgments.

Family Project

An important part of love consists in doing things out of love for others, even things that we may find unpleasant. To encourage these little sacrifices, research and make sacrifice beads (also known as “good deed beads”), inspired by a practice that St. Therese of the Child Jesus used to do when she was a child. Sacrifice beads are essentially a way of helping the family look for opportunities to make little offerings of love to God through small acts of self-giving service.

The Florida State Convention



During the weekend of May 25-27 Knights from across the Florida Jurisdiction gathered in Orlando Florida for the 114th State Convention. Almost every Council has 2 representatives attending including representatives from the Bahamas. There were many Bishops and Priests attending as well. Here are just a few of the pictures that were taken by Randy Hale, State Photographer. If you would like to see more of the pictures please go to www.photoknight.net to see the rest.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL



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Evangelize and proclaim our faith, protect families, and perform works of charity.

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 Council Pin

By State Deputy Donald Kahrer

The shape of the pin is a Celtic cross with rays of light radiating forth. The cross is a symbol of the atonement and reminds Christians of God's love in sacrificing His own Son for humanity. It represents Jesus' victory over sin and death, since it is believed that through His death and resurrection He conquered death itself.

Colossians 2:15: *"When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him."*

In particular, the Celtic cross also pays homage to the Irish heritage of our founder of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and his parishioners, the founding members of the Order.

The rays of lighting beaming forth from the Cross, also remind us that Jesus is "the Light of the world", and it is our call to action, to glorify Him, through our actions.

Our theme "Let Your Light Shine" is taken from Mathew 5:14, when Jesus also used that term to refer to His disciples:



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house."

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."



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Your State Council is now on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and You Tube. We need all Brother Knights to participate and Let Your Light Shine.

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- Go to Twitter and Instagram and “follow”
- #LetYourLightShine @KofcFlorida



Knightline

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

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