



Council 4726

Assembly 1500

Winter Haven, Florida

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## Meeting Nights

Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 7:30pm
Assembly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon 7:30pm
Bldg Assoc	1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs 7:30pm
Columbiettes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 6:00pm

## October

10<sup>th</sup> Living Rosary (TBD)  
20<sup>th</sup> First Degree  
24<sup>th</sup> Columbiettes Possible  
Fundraiser

## November

7<sup>th</sup> Flags Set-up Glen Abbey 8  
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# Sword & Shield



## From the Grand Knight

Rod Mullen



Brothers, can the month of September really be behind us? I remember there was so much for us to do. Did we really accomplish all? We were looking forward to the Flag Retirement and a picnic and there it was. Thanks to our Boy Scouts it was a success and enabled us to retire many Flags that have seen their better days. They came in a immediately set up Sun shields to protect many of us from the sun. They set about building a fire. Not a fun chore on a warm day. They then proceeded to place the flags on the fire with the dignity they deserve. Afterwards joining all the guests ( we had 50-60)at the pavilion for their choice of a Hot Dog, Brat, or Hamburger with beans and Waffle fries. The meats were prepared by David Lugo with his trusty thermometer to ensure CDC compliance and Tony Corrente, with Jim Sierra supervising. The meals were placed in a 3 divided foam container to ensure freshness and safety. All in all it was a successful time to preform a necessary duty and re-establish relationships put on hold because of the Virus.

Speaking of the Boy Scouts, they meet at our Hall most Mondays and they have noticed the sidewalks by the pavilion have been accumulating algae. They would

become slippery when it rained. At a recent meeting they pressure washed the sidewalks clean. It's nice to know they are helping to keep an eye on things. Kudos, to the Scouts.

At our business meeting this month we covered a lot of subjects. One we approved a contribution to not one but two Seminarians. We also approved 8 Scholarships and the monetary amounts for them. Recognizing the need to stay in touch with our homebound brothers we received a report on how some of them are getting on. By the way, special prayers for Larry Cardarelli who is having a liver cat-scan on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Our contact for the 10 wheelchairs is Randy Hale who is the keeper of wheelchairs for Florida. We will pick up the 10 chairs we paid for and deliver them to the Spina Bifida association. Other items brought up: Tom Hegna will be giving a on-line seminar on 7 steps to a Secure retirement. This is sponsored by our Field Agent, Tom Shaver of the Knights of Columbus Insurance, Florida. Tom also is our degree team Chairman as well. We have set the 6<sup>th</sup> of October as a practice session for the team. Jim Borkowski is keeping us on-line as far as the steps needed for the Star Council. Jim Sierra is handling the new member responsibilities as the members complete their form 100's. Knight Charles Proctor gave a report on his committees; Soccer is shut down because of the Covid-19, basketball and the spelling bee are still under review. Until I see you, be well my Brothers....God Bless

## Welcome October

New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes.  
May the month give you courage, strength, confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace. May everyday in October fill your days with Hope, Love, Sunshine and Energy. Let there be Joy, Fun and Laughter.

## Past Grand Knights

Harlan L. Newton*	1958-59
Michael Trabulsy*	1959-60
Omer R. McDuff*	1960-61
Paul D. Wells	1961-62
Raymond R.	1962-63
Joseph W. Higgins*	1963-64
Steve N. Yostowich*	1964-65
Yance G. Layton*	1965-66
Charles E. Langbein,	1966-67
Norman J. Lenahan*	1967-68
Eddie Smythe*	1968-69
James J. Waters*	1969-70
Ralph Diaz*	1970-71
William McLin*	1971-72
Matthew McEnaney*	1972-73
Joseph Whitehurst,	1973-75
Charles E. Langbein,	1975-77
James Nallan*	1977-78
Gerald Roach	1978-80
Ralph Hanick	1980-81
Joseph Dobbs, Sr.*	1981-82
Edwin Maddex*	1982-83
Albert Openshaw,	1983-84
Frank Lerza*	1984-85
Dante Batilla	1985-86
Ralph Diaz*	1986-87
Neal W. Oliver*	1987-88
Glen Wynne	1988-89
Conrad Plante*	1989-90
Raymond McKenzie*	1990-91
John Gabrick	1991-92
Tom Norton	1992-94
Mark Smurr*	1994-95
Mitchell Blackwelder	1995-96
Peter Noor*	1996-97
Len Winget*	1997-99
Cranston Montcalm	1999-01
Doug Clinger	2002-03
Aaron Corkum	2003-04
Ron Feschak	2004-05
Thomas D. Nantz	2005-07
James H. Read	2007-09
Everett Evans	2009-10
Charles Proctor	2010-11
Russ Moulton*	2011-12
Mike Lopez	2012-13
Bob Gillispie	2013-14
Mike Carter*	2014-15
Tom Berdis, Jr.	2015-16
Brian Hartpence	2016-18
John Richards	2018-20
*Deceased	

The Church has designated October "The Month of the Holy Rosary." Traditionally October and May have been months of special devotion to Mary, Our Mother. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7. The Rosary is one of the most popular devotions in the Catholic Church. One of the reasons for its popularity is that it is simple prayer. The prayers of the Rosary are familiar to most Catholics from their earliest years. The Apostles' Creed is what Catholics believe; the Our Father is the prayer taught us by Christ Himself; the Hail Mary is the most popular prayer devoted to Our Lady; the Gloria is a prayer of praise to the Holy Trinity.

The Rosary is a simple prayer, but it is also a sublime prayer. It is a sublime prayer because it is a meditation on the life, death, and glory in heaven of Jesus and Mary. The Dominicans teach that the Rosary has a body and soul; the body is the vocal prayers of the Our Fathers and Hail Marys; the soul of the Rosary is the Mysteries or Meditations. Only when the prayers and meditations are united, are we really praying the Rosary. I encourage you to take part in the Knights of Columbus Living Rosary, Saturday, October 24th, at 6:00pm. Come join us, grasp one of the beads and take part in the recitation of the rosary. May we continue to grow in our spiritual life as we pray this powerful prayer.

St. Louis de Montfort is considered one of the best writers on the importance of Mariology and praying the Rosary. One of his most influential books is *The Secret of the Rosary*, and in it has gives these 7 reasons why all Catholics should regularly pray the rosary.

Here are his 7 reasons:

- 1) It gradually gives us a perfect knowledge of Jesus Christ
- 2) It purifies our souls, washing away sin
- 3) It gives us victory over all our enemies
- 4) It makes it easy for us to practice virtue
- 5) It sets us on fire with love of Our Blessed Lord
- 6) It enriches us with graces and merits
- 7) It supplies us with what is needed to pay all our debts to God and to our fellow men, and finally, it obtains all kinds of graces for us from Almighty God. Consider praying a rosary

Paul Wells, Kayla Berdis, Bob & Jane Thibodeau, Jesi Bruchey, Bob Nelson, Joe Hydowski, Kevin Truex, Kathy Thompson, John McNabb, Lynne Richards, Rod Mullen, Larry Cardarelli, Jim Sirera, Doug Murray, Tony Garcia, Trish Ochoa

**I believe in  
GOD.**  
*.. never panic, just pray.*

Our continued prayers for all military personnel, Christians who are persecuted, children around the world, spiritual leaders, public officials and for those who need prayer.



## NONPARTISAN NATIONAL GET OUT AND VOTE PROGRAM

As Catholics and citizens, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote and should encourage members of their families, parishes, and communities to vote. Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group. Please visit nonpartisan websites maintained by the National Association of Secretaries of State and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

Hello Brother Knights,

This live streaming has really gone viral. Last week I had the opportunity to join many of my friends in prayer for a very dear friend of mine who had passed that I had sponsored into the Order. Bob was a fellow lector at church and teacher colleague.

I observed the Deacon placing his hand on the heart of the Sir Knight Bob and say, “We will walk with you all the way through life, right into eternity.” The hair on the back of neck stood straight up and gave me chills. I couldn’t help to think that my role as his sponsor into the Order isn’t over because he’s now deceased. I still need to continue to lift him, his surviving family, and decedents in prayer and supplication.

For some reason, the evening of his 1<sup>st</sup> Degree exemplification came to mind. I remember he was the only candidate, yet there were over 40 fellow Catholics there to support him in this journey. I couldn’t help but think about all the fellow Catholic men I have walked with from their initiation, through the many activities, and now how we’ve gone separate journeys. I remember very distinctly his 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Explication. It is one that many Knights will talk about for years to come. He got in the back seat of a 9-passenger van with other Knights. The driver put in a CD of the rosary with music and we prayed together while traveling an hour south for the exemplification.

Bob was the type of candidate who regularly told me “No, I don’t want to join. I don’t have time with school, the family, and coaching soccer.” Bob told no for over a year before giving in. He used to say that the only reason he joined was to get me to quit asking.

Yet Bob told me regularly how much he appreciated my persistence in getting him to join because of the dramatic outcome it had on his life.

I share this story with you for one reason and one reason only. Being a sponsor and mentor for Catholic men is the most important thing you can do during these unsettling times. The world, our nation, our communities, families, neighborhoods, parishes and schools have never more needed the spirit, service and Catholic standards the opportunities of membership in our Order offers. We advise that the Knights of Columbus will help to serve as the backbone of the Catholic Church and our faith. It is vital that we continue to grow the membership and the activity of the Order. When we introduce ourselves to a Catholic gentleman and invite him to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, it is at that juncture we begin to walk the “...way through life, right into eternity” with them.

As Knights of Columbus, Catholic gentlemen holding knighthood in service to the Lord Jesus Christ and his Church, we should always be ready to walk beside our Brother Knights and assist their families. From helping the man to complete his application form to participating in the Honor Guard escorting him through his funeral mass – our walk never ends. And when it is my time to pass from this earthly world, I am comforted by knowing that my Brother Knights of Columbus will walk with me all the way to the end. Allow me to share a heart-felt THANK YOU now, in advance.

Christ as my Captain,

Dave Jenkins,  
PSW, FDD, PFN, PGK



# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the yearly feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the alternate title of “Our Lady of Victory,” the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

The feast always occurs one week after the similar Byzantine celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, which most Eastern Orthodox Christians and Eastern Catholics celebrate on October 1 in memory of a 10th-century military victory which protected Constantinople against invasion after a reported Marian apparition.

Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate.

In the first of them, 1883's “Supremi Apostolatus Officio,” he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer (known in the Latin tradition as the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”), when he wrote, “It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary.” “This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven,” Pope Leo continued, “has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies.” Foremost among such “attacks” was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European

and world history.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces.

Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary. “Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom,” wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., “and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained.”





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# FAMILY OF THE MONTH

## Lopez Family



The Lopez family moved to Florida in 1996 from Philadelphia, PA.

**Mike** grew up attending St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church and school and began his ministry as an Altar Server. Mike joined the Knights of Columbus in November of 2007 he was Grand Knight from 2012 to 2013 and also was the Faithful Navigator.

**Maria** has been a Columbiette for 13 years. She has held the offices of Sentinel, Financial Secretary, Secretary for the Auxiliary and also the office of Sentinel for the Center Chapter of the Columbiettes. Through the Columbiettes she is very involved with the various fund-raising events that support many charities.

**Ricky** also joined the Knights in 2007 and became a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight. He has held the office of Outside Guard for many years and he won't give it up.

The entire family has been involved with Special Olympics around the time Ricky turned seven. They continue to volunteer with fundraising events and to cheer Ricky on when he competes. Mike is also the Special Olympic chairman for the Knights of Columbus. Mike and Maria also are involved with Saturday Nite Live which is a program for special need adults, they assist with the monthly programs.

They also volunteer at the Angel Care Center which offers free primary care to those uninsured in Winter Haven.

All three of them assist at our 10am (now 10:45) mass, Mike and Maria as Ministers of Communion and Ricky as an Usher. Other events such as the Giving Tree, Find Your Greatness, and the Fish Fry's you will see the Lopez's there assisting in whatever is needed. They all have participated in Christ Renews His Parish and Mike has assisted with the Annual Thanksgiving project.

This family represents love, respect of neighbor and that giving Christian Spirit.

We are very fortunate to have the Lopez family as one of our own. Thank you!!



## Tom Shaver

Who better to ask about insurance then Tom? He became a Field Agent for the Order in early 2018. Tom wanted to provide his Brother Knights with sound guidance and assisting them in protecting and securing their financial future. Of his many achievement, Tom completed over 20 years in the US Army and retired in 1985 as Lieutenant Colonel. His assigned included Vietnam, Germany, United States with his final duty station in Germany upon his retirement.

Tom joined Council #11987 in Ramstein Germany in 2007. He held the positions of Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Faithful Pilot and Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3373, Ramstein Germany. Since transferring to Winter Haven Council 4726 and Assembly 1500, Tom has served as Chairman of the Admissions degree of the Council and as the Faithful Admiral of the Assembly. He is also a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Color Corps. Along with his other duties, Tom has been very active in parish activities at St. Joseph's Church in Winter Haven. He is a lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Tom and Darilyn (also a Columbiette) reside in Auburndale. They have five adult children and four grandchildren. To say that Tom brings Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism is certainly understated. His work as a Field Agent, his parish activities, his service to our country and his involvement in the Council and Assembly makes him a great example of a true Knight of Columbus.

Congratulations Tom on being Knight of the Month for October.

Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of.

And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

Feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

God Bless,



Tom Shaver  
KofC Field Agent  
863-271-0229



### **Bulletin Supporters**

Larry & Bernadette Feit

Bob & Jane Thibodeau

**Memorial Committee** Chuck Langbein (863) 324-6403

Charles Proctor (863) 984-6446

### **Franciscan Missions Stamp Program**

The Franciscan Friars have asked us to help with their stamp program by sending them cancelled stamps. They use these stamps in their mission work to help the hungry and needy people.

When you get a letter with a stamp on it, please cut it off, put in an envelope and bring to the Council. There is a box just inside the Council's lounge door where it can be deposited. This is especially important toward the end of the year when people get stamps on Christmas cards. I have asked my community to save them for us. maybe you could do the same. When we get a box full Jim Riley will send to the Franciscan Friars in Wisconsin.

### **Medical Equipment**

Dear Brother Knights, If you have a walker, cane, crutches, wheel chair or other items you no longer need, and you would like to donate them to the Council, please contact Mike Wadsworth at 863-224-6490 Email [mikey.1952@gmail.com](mailto:mikey.1952@gmail.com) Mike will pick the items up and make them available to brother Knights that can use them.

Pictures in the newsletter are contributed by Carlos Ayunta as well as many members of the Knights! We appreciate everyone's contributions! We also welcome submissions for events. Send to Tom Berdis [tberdis@gmail.com](mailto:tberdis@gmail.com) or 863-224-2906







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### Officers for Assembly 1500

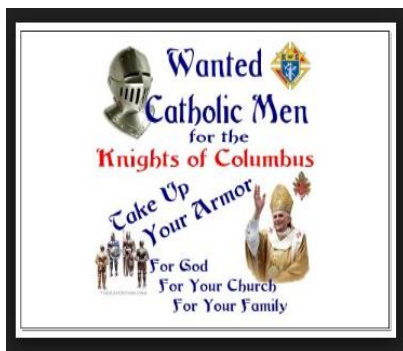
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