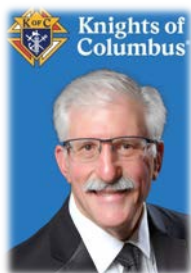




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Grand Knight's Message



Tom Krivchenia, PFN
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Worthy Brothers & Ladies,

It is hard to believe that the summer is more than half over. August is upon us and with it, our students will be returning to school. This time of the year is often called the 'dog days of summer.' We know that the hurricane season is here. We pray that God will spare us from any destructive storms.

On July 16, we had our Installation Ceremony for the new and returning officers for our upcoming new Fraternal Year. I am honored to serve as your Grand Knight for one more year. It has been a wonderful blessing to serve with such a dedicated group of individuals in Council 7109. Thank you for all you do with such joy and selflessness.

We started off the month of July with Coffee & Donuts to a surprisingly good turnout for the summer months. With many of our usual volunteers out for various reasons, I would like to thank all those who helped make this a successful event.

Gene Jajuga	Karen Jajuga	Margaret Krivchenia
Tom Stanko	Ed Amador	Tom Krivchenia
Gerry Lobo	Tom Wozniak	Jean Wozniak
Mark Feldman		

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, August 13 @ 7:00 pm
in the Parish Center

View the Newsletter online at:

www.safetyharborkofc.org

Visit the State Website at:

www.floridakofc.org

Visit the Supreme Website at:

www.kofc.org

I hope everyone who attended the council meeting this month enjoyed the presentation from the Safety Council on how to avoid being hacked and how to protect our identity. For those who were unable to attend, I will try to have him come back next year.

As I mentioned in my opening, our big event of the month was the Installation of Officers for the Fraternal Year 2026-2027. The complete list of officers for this fraternal year can be found on page 5. I would like to thank our Regional Administrator John Papa for officiating at the Installation Ceremony and Tom Wozniak for being the District Warden. Thank you, Dn Greg Nash for blessing all the medallions and for standing in for Fr. Theo Weria, our new Chaplain.

I would like to congratulate Ed Amador for being Knight of the Year. Without Ed's persistence and tenacity in getting new members to join our Council, it would have been very hard for us to attain Star Council this past year without his efforts.

I want to congratulate Karen & Gene Jajuga as the Family of the Year. Both Gene & Karen are Sacristans on Saturday at 4:00 PM Mass. Karen is involved with WES and the Ladies Sewing group. They both attend all of our functions and help wherever they are needed.

Gene is also on the New Member Degree Team as well as Co-Chairman for our annual golf tournament.

Upcoming Events

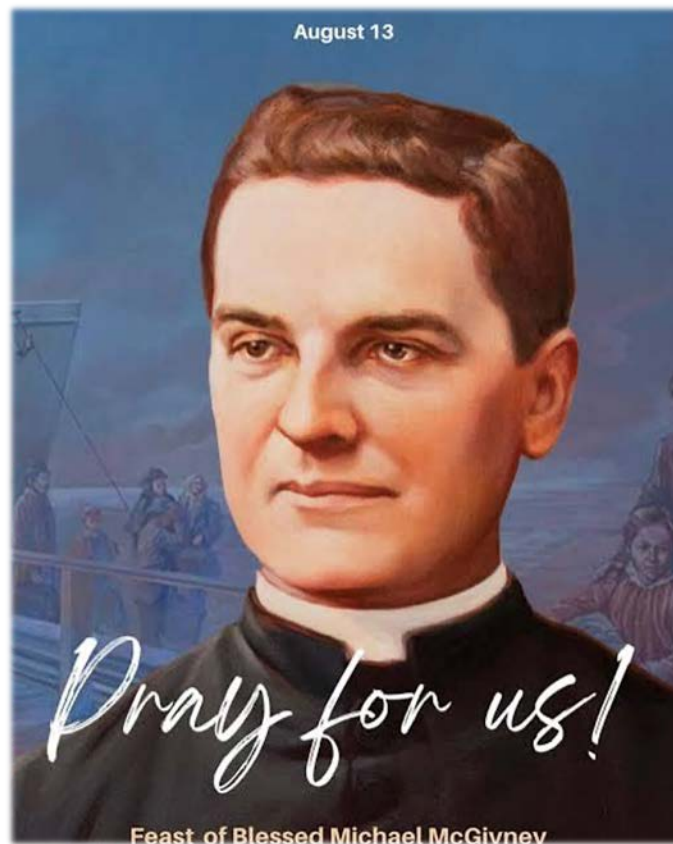
We will have our first Program Directors' meeting of the year on Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room. Please come with your ideas and dates for the coming year. Thursday August 13th is the Memorial of Blessed Michael McGivney. Our Chaplin, Fr. Theo is saying the 8:30 AM morning Mass where he will say a few words about Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. If you can attend the Mass, it would be a great way to pay tribute to our founder. We will have our next Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, Aug 16th after all the morning Masses in the JBC. A sign-up sheet will be coming out shortly.

We will have our first Open House on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room. Please try to think of someone who you can invite to become a new member. They just need to be asked. If there is anyone from our Council or another Council in our district that have candidates, we will have a Unified Degree Exemplification on Thursday August 20th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center. All are welcome to attend. For those of you who are not a third-degree member, this is a good time to become one.

On Sunday, August 23rd we will be cooking hamburgers & hot dogs for the Religious Education Student Orientation and Ministry Fair after the noon Mass. We will also be doing our Membership Drive with the fruit bars following the orientation. A sign-up sheet will be coming out soon for this event.

- Program Directors Meeting – Mon, Aug 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council 7109 Officers Meeting – Thu, Aug 6th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Blessed McGivney Memorial Mass – Thu, Aug 13th at the 8:30 AM Mass in the Main Church
- Rosary – Thu, Aug 13th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thu Aug 13th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Sat Aug 15th at 7:00 AM at the Kimberly Home in Clearwater
- Coffee Donuts & More – Sun, Aug 16th at 8:00 AM in the Parish Center
- K of C Open House – Wed Aug 19th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

- Pinellas Hope Food Prep – Thu, Aug 20th at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center Kitchen
- Unified Degree Exemplification – Thu, Aug 20th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Cooking for Religious Education – Sun, Aug 23rd at 11:00 AM behind the Parish center
- Fruit Bars Membership Drive – Sun, August 23rd at 2:00 PM under the Pavillion
- Assembly 2474 Meeting – Thu Aug 27th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Officers Meeting – Thu, Sept 3rd at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Labor Day – Mon, Sept 7th
- Rosary – Thu, Sept 10th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thu, Sept 10th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thu, Sept 10th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center



Membership



The goal of the membership team and of councils is to increase membership in our order. Many ask why growth in the order is so critical and why such emphasis is placed on increasing membership. The answer is simple. Without growth, our programs fail to have new ideas and become stagnant. The various charitable, church, council, and youth programs are what the Knights of Columbus are known for and those programs require new members.

In the State of Florida, and across the country, our order continues to grow. But we need to extend the benefits of membership to all Catholic Men. The insurance benefits alone are a reason that Knights of Columbus exist. But more to the point imagine if even half of the men in your local parish were Knights, think of the good charitable works that can be accomplished!

Today, the Order has grown to over 2 million members, more than 54,000 here in the state of Florida. Our resources are utilized to support countless causes, programs, and parishes all over the world and most importantly in our local communities. And through continued growth, we not only preserve the goal of our founder, Father McGivney, we seize the opportunity to help parishes themselves prosper through the five key areas of service - faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship. Because of his vision and the hard-work of dedicated Knights, today the Knights of Columbus is a well-respected service organization of more than 400 local councils in the state of Florida. Councils that help their community and their parishes, flourish.

Dear Brother Knights,

Our records indicate that many members have not yet paid their dues for the current fraternal year. We have sent dues statements by both email and postal mail in an effort to reach everyone.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please make your payment as soon as possible.

Annual Dues:

- **\$30.00** – Annual Council Dues
- Plus, optional Seminarian Donation - **\$5** for individuals, **\$10** for couples

How to Pay:

- In person, at this month's Council Business Meeting (August 13)
- Online at www.safetyharborkofc.org (click Dues Dropdown and follow instructions)
- Check (payable to KofC Council 7109) mailed to church office (ATTN: KofC on envelope)

Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, is essential to the continued success of our Council, and will avoid the need for individual follow-up calls. Membership dues help fund the Council's operations and enable us to fulfill our charitable commitments to the parish, our community, and those in need.

If you have already submitted your payment, please accept our sincere thanks and disregard this reminder.

Vivat Jesus!
Tom Krivchenia, PFN
Grand Knight

Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2026 **2027**
 Aug 19 | Oct 14 | Dec 16 Feb 17 | Apr 14 | Jun 16

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2026 **2027**
 Aug 20 | Oct 15 | Dec 17 Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 17

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	331
Insurance Membership	124
Honorary Life Members	60
Honorary Members	07
2026-2027 Membership	
Growth vs Goal	00/15
2026-2027 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	125
Honorary Life Members	13
Honorary Members	01
2026-2027 Membership	
Growth vs Goal	00/06



Council Officers 2026-2027

Grand Knight	Tom Krivchenia, PFN	727.366.5422
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Advocate	Richard Resler	727.472.1651
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Inside Guard	Paul Cooper	727.736.6837
Outside Guard	Vincent Cristiano	
Trustee Three Year	Gene Jajuga, PGK, PFN, FFA	727.403.3261
Trustee Two Year	JJ Coyne, PGK, PFN	901.832.7332
Trustee One Year	Ken Seguin, PGK, PFN	727.331.7278
Regional Administrator	John Papa, PGK, PFN	727.482.3734
District Deputy	Alan Gauzens, PGK	727.483.8250
Fraternal Benefits Advisor	John Ruckart	813.855.5111
Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	
Special Assistant to the Council	Jacob Bandy	

Happy Birthday Brothers! Many Happy Returns!

Jacob Bandy, Thomas Bergevin, Fr Michael Cooper SJ, Alfred Fares, Charles Friesema, Lawrence Hawkins, Shawn Jajuga, Richard Kemball-Cook, Matthew Killeen, Dan Kistal, Christian Kuczej, John Kurpinski, John Liu, Joseph Magaddino, Albert Masselli, Frank McEwen, John Patrick Morgan, Thomas Myers, Robert Papariella, Daniel Peterson, Frank Piro, Edward Riley, Christopher Russell, Joseph Ruyonga, Jason Seguin, Gregory Sohn, Lawrence Steinhardt

Prayers for the Sick

Marie Bishop, Sean Michael Cook (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Susanne Papa (d), Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Linda Cooper (d), Bob Ehrman, Antonia Rosin (d), Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Mary Branham (d), Frank Schuster II (d), Kennedie McFadden, George Smith (d), Pauline Sager (d), Vicki Nolan (d), Steve Gorey (d), Felice D'Elia (d), Stanley Kwiatowski (d), Ethan Griswold (d), Dick LaLuzerne (d), Fr Rich Rosin (d), Mary Duell (d), Tony Doyle (d), Mary Frances Lowe, Jim & Pat Nolf, Frank Diaz (d), Ed Warticki (d), Jack Mills (d), Bob Justiana, Kathleen Griffin, Evelyn Harvey (d), Jack Greenwald (d), Don Bishop (d), Frank Nunziata (d), Dave Weber (d), Nicholas Burriesci (d), Anthony Burriesci (d), Thomas Ziegler (d), Sal Burriesci (d), John Salesses (d), Zoe DuFour (d), Don Puchalski, Ed Fucillo (d), Pat Flynn, Rose Marie Harvey, Daniela Salazar, Kathy Akbari, Fr Michael Cooper, Terry Mueller, James O'Neill (d), Dn Dom Friscia (d), Julius Silva (d), Thelma Rochester (d), Rolando Kirk, Minnie Silva, Richard Cook (d), Ingrid Burriesci, Mark Feldman, Paul Barry (d), Ed Sleyzak (d)

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727.286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support Our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Mark Wegener

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to two seminarians. Austin and Mark are located at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary. Austin Smith is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Mark Wegener is from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Edward & Violet Amador, Mark Barrett, Donald Borbath, John & Betsy Clarke, Kevin Cordaro, John Coyne, Joseph & Betty D'Amelio, Douglas & Carol De Wolfe, Peter Demzak, Michael & Mary Kathleen Dixon, Terry & Shirley Drake, Robert & Zoe Dufour, Walter Feble, Patrick Flynn Sr, Michael & Lisa Furman, Thomas & Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul & Rose Marie Harvey, David & Donna Heezen, George & Claire Inderwies, Eugene & Karen Jajuga, Shawn & Pattie Jajuga, Gregory & Kim Juedes, Michael & Katherine King, Dan & Donna Kistel, William & Katherine Krajewski, Frank & Deborah Laffey, Stephen & Ellen Leger, John Lenahan, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Doug & Kelly McCall, Michael & Maria McCarthy, Frank & Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, John & Morgan, Thomas & Carolyn O'Rourke, John & Susanne Papa, Gerald & Holly Pappa, Paul & Virginia Pappas, Robert & Vickie Pickard, Donald & Alexis Reed, Richard Roberto Jr, Guillermo Romero, John & Kathleen Ruckart, William & Mary Scott, Kenneth & Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jason Seguin, Michael & Melissa Short, John & Kay Strehle III, Matthew & Julie Sunski, Walberto & Ramona Vazquez, Paul & Josefina Vilchez, Mario & Judy Zaccaria, Justin Appel, Fred & Caroline Bennett, Frank & Angela Di Mattei, Philip & Jane Farney, Mark & Elaine Feldman, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles & Raquel Friesema, John & Peggy Gohman II, James Haitz, Irving Hernandez, Joseph & Sandra Hoehrl, Christopher & Celise Jones, Robert & M.A. Justiana Sr, Matthew Killeen, Steve Kindrick, Tom & Margaret Krivchenia, Gerard Lobo, Patrick Mackin, Jerry Maratea, Frank & Juliann Marsalek, Clifford & Michelle Merz, James & Phyllis Montali, Chris & Leah Nesci, Frank Pensabene, Miguel & Sammantha Perez I, Garrett Phoebe, Juan & Rosemary Romero, Peter & Susan Salesses, Robert Shafer, Morgan Sheafer Sr, James & Karin Smith, Thomas Smith, Thomas & Janet Stanko, James & Darlene Stanley, Chuck & Elizabeth Sullivan, Alvah & Margaret Vankleeck, Steven & Jaclyn Verba, Timothy Weber Sr, Joshua Wisnowski

Total Collected to Date: \$915.48

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Support Our Seminarians

Chaplain's Corner

My Brother Knights & Ladies,

As we journey through the month of August, the Church continues to lead us through Ordinary Time. While the name may suggest something routine, there is nothing "ordinary" about the daily opportunities God gives us to grow in holiness, strengthen our faith, and serve others in His name.

The Gospel readings during this season continually remind us that discipleship is lived out in our everyday actions - through prayer, charity, forgiveness, and love of neighbor. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to be visible witnesses of these virtues within our families, our parish, and our community. Whether we are serving at parish events, supporting charitable causes, assisting those in need, or simply offering a kind word to someone who is struggling, we are living the Gospel in a tangible way.

As summer draws to a close and students, teachers, and families prepare for a new school year, let us remember them in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit grant wisdom to educators, enthusiasm to students, and strength to parents as they guide their families in faith and virtue.

This is also a fitting time to reflect on our commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, and

Fraternity. Our Order continues to accomplish great things because of the generosity and dedication of Brother Knights who willingly give of their time, talents, and treasure. Thank you for your faithful service and for answering Christ's call to serve.

Finally, I encourage each of you to make time this month for personal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet presence of our Lord, we find the grace, peace, and strength needed to fulfill our vocation as Catholic gentlemen and faithful Knights.

May our Blessed Mother, under her title of the Assumption, whose feast we celebrate on August 15, intercede for each of us and our families. May she always lead us closer to her Son.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Vivat Jesus!

As our Faithful Friar/Chaplain continues his recovery and convalescence, this month's article was prepared on his behalf. We are grateful for his ongoing spiritual guidance and ask that you keep him in your prayers during this time.

Service Program Directors 2026-2027

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Community Director	Mike King	727.453.8843
Family Director	Matt Sunski	727.423.9524
Life Director	Jack Strehle	727.433.0081
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Building a Stronger Brotherhood Through Faith, Service, and Holy Moments

Brother Knights,

First, I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for the confidence and trust you have placed in me as your newly elected Deputy Grand Knight of Barney Gonyea Council 7109.

It is truly an honor to serve alongside each of you, and I am humbled by the opportunity to work with our Council leadership and all of our Brother Knights as we begin this new fraternal year. I want to congratulate our newly elected officers and thank those who have served before us. The strength of our Council today is the result of many brothers who have generously given their time, talent, and commitment to our mission.

Every event, every charitable effort, every parish activity, and every act of service has helped build the strong foundation we continue to strengthen.

As Deputy Grand Knight, my role is to support our Grand Knight, our officers, and every brother Knight as we continue to grow our Council and live out our mission. Leadership in the Knights of Columbus is not about a title or position; it is about service.

It is about asking ourselves:

How can I help?

Who needs encouragement?

What is the next right thing I can do?

These questions remind us that every brother has an important role in strengthening our Council.

Becoming the Best Version of Ourselves

One of the principles that continues to guide my approach to leadership is the idea of becoming the best version of ourselves. As Catholic men and Knights, we are called to continually grow, not only in what we accomplish, but in who we are becoming. Our Council already does many great things.

We serve our parish, support charitable causes, assist those in need, and come together as Brothers. But our mission is about more than completing activities. It is about becoming stronger men of faith. It is about

allowing our relationship with Christ to influence how we serve our families, our Church, and our community.

Matthew Kelly's message about creating Holy Moments reminds us that extraordinary things often begin with ordinary decisions.

- A Brother making time to attend a Council event.
- A Knight reaching out to someone who has not attended in a while.
- A member inviting another Catholic man to experience our Brotherhood.
- A volunteer stepping forward when help is needed.
- An able Knight helping another Knight when they are down on their luck.

These moments may seem small, but they are the moments that build strong Councils.

Strengthening Our Brotherhood

The Knights of Columbus is more than a service organization. It is a Brotherhood of Catholic men supporting one another in faith and in life. My hope during this fraternal year is that we continue creating an environment where every brother feels welcomed, valued, and connected. Whether you have been a Knight for **many years** or **recently joined** our Council, **your presence matters. Your ideas matter. Your involvement matters.**

- A strong Council is not built by a few individuals doing everything.
- A strong Council is built when every brother finds a way to contribute.

Each of us has different gifts and talents. Some may help organize events. Some may support charitable activities. Some may provide leadership. Some may simply offer encouragement and fellowship.

All of it matters.

Stewardship and Our Commitment as Knights

As we focus on strengthening our Brotherhood, I also want to take a moment to discuss an important responsibility that comes with being a Knight of Columbus: our commitment to supporting our Council

through the **payment of annual dues**. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is not simply about belonging to an organization. It is about being part of a mission. Our dues provide the resources necessary for our Council to operate, support our programs, maintain our activities, and continue the charitable work that our brothers dedicate so much time and effort to accomplish.

Every charitable event we support, every person we assist, every parish activity we participate in, and every community effort we undertake requires commitment, not only of our time and talent but also of our resources. When members **do not fulfill their dues obligations**, the responsibility falls on the brothers who remain current. It creates additional work for our officers, reduces the resources available for our charitable mission, and impacts our ability to serve those who depend on us. Our Council should not have to spend valuable time and energy repeatedly contacting Brothers to fulfill a commitment that is part of our responsibility as Knights. We recognize that circumstances can change, and there may be times when a brother is experiencing difficulty. In those situations, we encourage open communication with Council leadership so we can support one another as Brothers. However, maintaining active membership also requires each of us to honor the commitments we made when we joined this Brotherhood.

- Our dues are not simply a payment.
- They are an investment in our mission.
- They are an investment in our Council.
- They are an investment in the people we serve.

Being a Knight means standing together, not only when we serve, but also in supporting the foundation that makes that service possible.

Recruitment: Extending the Invitation

One of our continued priorities must be recruitment and membership growth. However, recruitment is about much more than reaching a membership goal. Recruitment is about invitation. There are Catholic men in our parish and community who are searching for stronger friendships, deeper faith, and meaningful opportunities to serve. They may not know what the Knights of Columbus has to offer until one of us takes the time to invite them. That invitation could become a life-changing moment. Every Brother Knight has a recruitment story. Why did you join? What has been a Knight meant to you? How has this Brotherhood helped you grow? Those personal experiences are our greatest recruitment tools. We are not simply asking

men to join an organization. We are inviting them to become part of a mission, a mission of faith, family, charity, unity, and service. Every Brother is a recruiter because every brother has a story worth sharing.

Looking Forward Together

As we begin this new fraternal year, my commitment is to help strengthen our Council by focusing on three important areas:

1. **Grow Upward: Strengthen Our Faith** by continuing to build a Council centered on Christ, prayer, and our Catholic identity.
2. **Grow Together: Strengthen Our Brotherhood** by encouraging participation, fellowship, and support among our brothers.
3. **Grow Outward: Strengthen Our Service** by continuing to serve our parish, our community, veterans, families, and those in need.

I believe when we focus on these areas, everything else follows. Our Council becomes stronger. Our Brotherhood becomes stronger. Our impact becomes greater.

I look forward to working with our Grand Knight, our officers, and each of you as we continue building upon the great foundation of Barney Gonyea Council #7109.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Deputy Grand Knight. I ask for your prayers, your ideas, and your participation as we continue this journey together.

May God bless our Council, our families, our parish, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!



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Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year is no exception.

I want to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate. We recently heard the latest, Order-wide numbers shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. Know that your council helped make that success possible. Congratulations!

I believe we're making Blessed Michael McGivney proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask for his continued intercession for our work.

In founding the Knights, Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they're at their most vulnerable.

Your council continues that legacy with every program you put on, every dollar you donate.

But you also continue it when you choose financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

Every day, I feel immensely blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and especially to serve it as an agent. It's such a privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection in that way. If we've never connected, or if it's been a long time, I will be glad to meet with you to review your current coverage or find the coverage to match your family's needs. Please come see me after a meeting or use my link or call below so that we can schedule a time.

Vivat Jesus!

John D Ruckart, FICF
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Book an appt with me here:

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SK Edward Amador
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Faithful Navigator's Log

Brother Knights,

As I present my first Faithful Navigator's Report, I want to begin with a sincere thank you. It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as your Faithful Navigator. I am grateful for the confidence you have placed in me, and I do not take this responsibility lightly.

I recognize that this position is not about one individual. It is about all of us, the Sir Knights of Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474 continuing the mission entrusted to us by those who came before us. Our Assembly has a proud history of faith, service, patriotism, and brotherhood. The work that we accomplish today is built upon the dedication, sacrifice, and leadership of previous Faithful Navigators, officers, and Brother Sir Knights who have given their time and talents to strengthen this Assembly.

To each of you who continues to serve, participate, volunteer, and support our mission, I offer my sincere appreciation. Every hour given, every event supported, every prayer offered, and every act of service contributes to the strength of our Assembly.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to do great things. We support our parishes, serve our communities, assist those in need, honor our veterans, and live our Catholic faith through action. However, I believe our mission is about more than what we accomplish. It is also about who we are becoming.

One of the ideas that has deeply influenced my leadership approach is **Matthew Kelly's message of becoming the best version of ourselves**. This reminds us that our journey as Knights is not only measured by the number of events we complete or the amount of service hours we provide. Those things matter. But the deeper question is: Are we becoming the Catholic men God is calling us to become?

Every day gives us opportunities to create what Matthew Kelly describes as Holy Moments, those intentional choices where we allow God to work through us.

- A conversation with a brother who needs encouragement.
- An invitation to someone searching for a deeper connection with the Church.
- A moment of prayer for someone experiencing difficulty.
- An act of kindness by offering a job to someone who is down on their luck.
- A willingness to serve when others need help.

These moments may appear small, but they have the power to transform lives.

Great Assemblies are not built only through large events. They are built through thousands of small acts of faith, generosity, and brotherhood.

The foundation of everything we do must be our relationship with Christ.

Our charity, our patriotism, and our fraternity are strongest when they flow from a deeper spiritual foundation.

During this fraternal year, my hope is that Assembly 2474 continues to grow **spiritually**. I want us to encourage one another in prayer, participation in the sacraments, and a deeper commitment to living our Catholic faith.

We should always remember that we are not simply members of an organization.

We are **Catholic men called to serve Christ**, our **families**, our **Church**, and our **communities**.

The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood. We are brothers walking the same journey of faith, supporting one another through the challenges of life and encouraging one another to grow.

Our Assembly does not depend on one person. It depends on all of us.

I have a career, a family, and responsibilities just like each of you. There will be moments when I need your support, your ideas, and your involvement. In the same way, every brother Knight should know that he has a

place in this Assembly and that his contributions matter.

- Every Sir Knight brings unique gifts.
- Every Sir Knight has something valuable to offer.
- Every Sir Knight has an opportunity to create a Holy Moment.

My goal is that every member of Assembly 2474 feels welcomed, appreciated, and called to participate.

Our calling as Knights is to serve.

- We serve our Church.
- We serve our communities.
- We serve our veterans.
- We serve each other.
- We serve families in need.
- We serve because Christ first served us.

Our charitable and patriotic efforts are important expressions of our faith. Whether through supporting veterans, assisting our parish, participating in community events, or helping those who need us most, our actions demonstrate the Gospel message.

Our challenge is to continue asking ourselves:

- What is the next right thing we can do?
- How can we better serve?
- How can we strengthen our Assembly?
- How can we invite others to experience the brotherhood we share?

As we move forward, my vision for Assembly 2474 is simple: to continue becoming a stronger Assembly by becoming stronger Catholic men. I want this Assembly to be known as a place where faith grows, friendships deepen, families are strengthened, and service is lived with purpose. I believe that when we focus on growing upward in faith, growing together as brothers, and going outward in service, everything else will follow.

- Membership growth will follow.
- Participation will follow.
- Service opportunities will grow.

Because people are naturally drawn to authentic faith lived out through action.

This is the legacy we have the opportunity to build together. Not a legacy based only on what we accomplished, but on the lives we touched, the Brothers we encouraged, and the faith we strengthened.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Faithful Navigator. I ask for your continued prayers, your ideas, your participation, and your partnership. Together, with God at the center, I believe Assembly 2474 can continue to be a shining example of what Catholic brotherhood represents.

- May we continue to create Holy Moments.
- May we continue becoming the best versions of ourselves.
- May we continue serving with humility, faith, and purpose.
- May God bless our Sir Knights, our families, our parish communities, and the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!



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The outgoing and incoming Faithful Navigators share a laugh following the Assembly Installation Ceremony.



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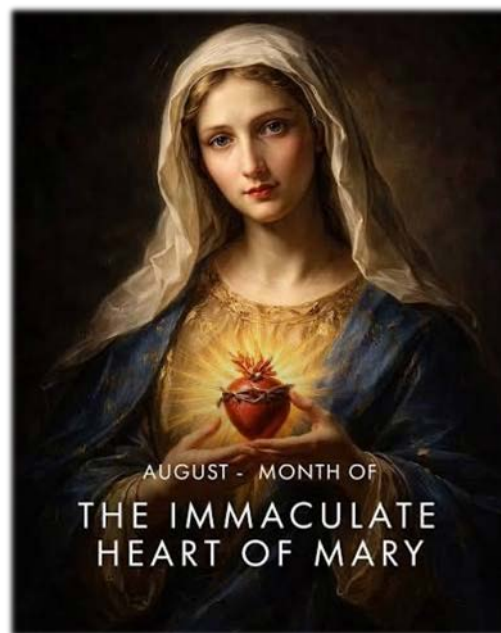
The Month of the Immaculate Heart and the Triumph of the Assumption

August enters like a warm tide of grace, carrying the faithful into the radiant mystery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glory of her Assumption. This month invites the soul to rest in the Heart that never knew sin, the Heart that first pulsed beneath the gaze of God in Nazareth and later beat with sorrow beneath the shadow of the Cross. The Immaculate Heart is not merely an image of devotion. It is the sanctuary where divine love found a perfect dwelling, the living holiest of holies prepared by God Himself. In August, creation seems to mirror the purity of this Heart. Sunlight rests gently upon the earth. Fields stand ripe with fruit. And the faithful, sensing a tender nearness of heaven, look toward the Mother who has never ceased to guide her children through the wilderness of life. To contemplate the Immaculate Heart is to contemplate what humanity was meant to be before the world fell and what God desires humanity to become through grace that heals, restores, and elevates.

At the center of August rises the solemn feast of the Assumption, when heaven opened wide to receive the Mother of God body and soul into the glory prepared for her from all eternity. The Assumption is the crowning of Mary's earthly journey, the moment when the humility of Nazareth blossoms fully into the royalty of heaven. Angels carry her, the Queen robed with the sun, into the courts of the Eternal King. Yet this mystery is not distant. It is a promise whispered to every Christian who carries the Cross with fidelity. In Mary's Assumption, the Church sees her own future. The dust of the earth is raised into glory. The dignity of the human body is affirmed. The triumph of grace over corruption is proclaimed. The Virgin who once carried God in her womb is now carried by God into everlasting joy, and her glorification echoes like a prophecy through the ages: what God has done for Mary, He desires to do for all who belong to her Son.

To live August rightly is to place ourselves beneath Mary's mantle and allow her Heart to shape our own. And to my brother Knights, this month calls us to renew our consecration to the Immaculate Heart with solemnity and courage. Let us be men who imitate her purity in a world clouded by confusion, her steadfastness in a world shaken by fear, and her humility in a world intoxicated by pride. Let us lead our families in the Rosary, the chain of roses that binds us to her Heart. Let our councils honor her with Marian devotions, processions, and acts of charity done in her spirit. Let us seek her guidance in all decisions, her protection in all dangers, and her intercession in all struggles. August is the month when heaven seems nearer, when Mary shines before us as both Mother and Queen, as both refuge and warrior, as both tenderness and triumph. Let us follow her with fidelity and trust, allowing her Heart to lead us ever more deeply into the blazing mystery of her Son.

Ad Jesum per Mariam.



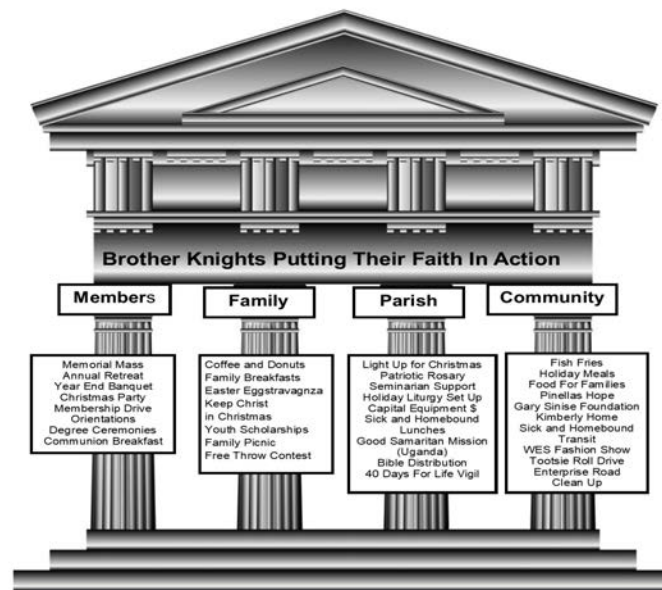


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Bringing Families Together

How about that? A direct tie between this month's Domestic Church theme, our purpose as Knights as directed by the Catechism, and tied to family values. Look at our four pillars: members, family, parish, and community. We touch all the bases. Even better, we do all this in the name of an awesome God as proclaimed in Psalm 8. A God who has made the heavens, the earth and all the creatures of the earth, sea and sky. A God who has made us in His image and likeness. A God who has been so good to us that David asks, "What is man that You are mindful of him?" We have been crowned with glory and honor. We have been given rights over His creations. This month we are reminded of our responsibility to honor God by serving our families and communities. An awesome mission from an awesome God.



Psalm 8

O **LORD**, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! I will sing of your majesty above the heavens with the mouths of babes and infants. You have established a bulwark against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger. When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place. What is man that you are mindful of him, and a son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than a god, crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, put all things at his feet: All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas. O **LORD**, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

Knights of the Year



Knight of the Year – WGK Tom Krivchenia presents the Council's Knight of the Year Award to Brother Knight Ed **Amador** in recognition of his outstanding leadership, tireless service, and unwavering dedication to the Council. Ed's efforts were instrumental in helping the Council achieve three consecutive Star Council Awards, and his active involvement in both the Council and Fourth Degree Assembly continues to exemplify the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.



Family of the Year – WGK Tom Krivchenia presents the Council's Family of the Year Award to **Gene & Karen Jajuga** in recognition of their exceptional service and dedication to the Council and Parish. Their tireless efforts were instrumental in the success of the Lenten Fish Fries and the annual Golf Tournament, while their continued involvement exemplifies the spirit of faith, service, and family that defines the Knights of Columbus.



Sir Knight of the Year – WFN JJ Coyne presents the Assembly's Sir Knight of the Year Award to **Bill Gallant** in recognition of his exceptional leadership, generosity, and dedicated service. Bill's contributions were instrumental to the success of the Lenten Fish Fries, the annual Golf Tournament, the VA Homeless Veterans' Stand Down, and Council recruiting efforts. His steadfast commitment to faith, patriotism, and charitable service truly exemplifies the ideals of the Fourth Degree.

Installations





Letter to the Editor

The Catechism The Family The Domestic Church The Knights of Columbus

There is a hierarchy in this month's editorial. It's a hierarchy we have followed as Knights from day one, but it is also one that we may not realize in our month-to-month meetings and day-to-day activities.

I listen to Father Mike Schmitz's Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year podcasts. They are excellent if you are not familiar with them. Recently, I listened to a Catechism session on the Fourth Commandment, Honor your father and mother. It mentioned the Domestic Church. That piqued my interest as we also publish a monthly article on the Domestic Church.

For you researchers, the following is drawn from articles 2201 to 2206 of the Catechism, The Family in God's plan. Below are some excerpts.

- The conjugal community is established upon the consent of the spouses.
- A man and a woman united in marriage, together with their children, form a family. This institution is prior to any recognition by public authority, which has an obligation to recognize it.
- In creating man and woman, God instituted the human family and endowed it with its fundamental constitution. Its members are persons equal in dignity.
- The relationships within the family bring an affinity of feelings, affections and interests, arising above all from the members' respect for one another.

Article 2204 is the big one. "The Christian family constitutes a specific revelation and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and

should be called a domestic church." It is a community of faith, hope, and charity; it assumes singular importance in the Church, as is evident in the New Testament.

The family **IS** the Domestic Church. As Brother Knights and our Sisters in the Auxiliary, together we consent to form a community of service. Public authority has nothing to do with our choice to serve or the manner in which we serve. We ensure that every member of our Council and Assembly and all those we serve are treated equal in dignity as unique creations of our one, true God.

In 1882 Father Michael McGiveny founded our order and formed us with a single purpose - **to empower Catholic men to live their faith in their families, parishes, and communities**. There was a different Catechism at that time. However, the call to be "a community of faith, hope, and charity; that assumes singular importance in the Church" transcends time.

Last month, we celebrated the 250th Anniversary of this nation. One sentence in our Declaration of Independence sets our nation apart from any other nation in the history of mankind. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Our rights come from God, not men. Our responsibilities are to share God's love with his creations. This defines the linkage of our faith, catechism, family, domestic church, and our order.

It's **ALWAYS** a great day to be a Knight.

From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

One Nation, Under God

From defending religious freedom to serving local communities, the Order carries forward Father McGivney's vision of faithful citizenship

In May, I traveled to France to attend Warriors to Lourdes - our annual pilgrimage co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. There, wounded, ill and injured veterans seek healing and peace from the physical and psychological effects of war. It was a moving experience to accompany these men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to this nation.

It was also an opportunity to reflect on the 250th anniversary of the United States and the contributions the Knights of Columbus has made to our nation over the years.

Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights to unite the men of St. Mary's Parish in faith and service during a time of great division. The Civil War was still fresh in the minds of Father McGivney and the early Knights. The Industrial Revolution had brought dangerous working conditions and little support for workers injured or killed on the job. Catholics faced widespread discrimination and social barriers that limited opportunity and forced many into isolated communities. The dominant Protestant culture often viewed them with suspicion and questioned whether Catholics - most of them immigrants - could be loyal American citizens.

In the decades that followed, the Knights of Columbus proved its worth. We fought and died for our country in times of war and promoted its ideals in times of peace. We championed religious freedom and funded the U.S. Supreme Court case that struck down state laws aimed at banning Catholic education. We worked for racial equality when many others looked the other way.

Because of our history, religious freedom has always been a central concern. In 1954, the Knights played a key role in adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. To this day, the United States remains "one nation, under God."

The Order has contributed greatly to the good of our nation. Yet perhaps our most important contributions are those that often go unheralded. I am speaking of the daily work of our local councils and assemblies - bringing men and families together in service to their parishes and communities. This work strengthens social bonds, assists those most in need and supports people living on the margins. It fosters solidarity and civic virtue, helping us become better citizens and contributing to the common good in ways that cannot be measured.

For this reason, it is not a stretch to say that patriotism is in the DNA of the Knights of Columbus - and that to be a Knight is to be a patriot. Some may hesitate to use that word, fearing it implies blind allegiance or political partisanship.

But that is not how the Church - or the Knights - understands patriotism. At its core, patriotism is a rightly ordered gratitude. It is the duty of allegiance we owe our nation in recognition of the blessings we have received - gratitude to God and gratitude for a country that has allowed so many good things to flourish: our families, our Church, our councils and our communities.

For the Order, patriotism is more than a sentiment. It means helping to build a just and flourishing society. Through our principles and service, we help shape the character of our members, which in turn shapes the character of our families - the fundamental cell of society. By strengthening families and serving our communities, we help shape the culture of our nation.

As we celebrate this nation's 250th anniversary, let us do so with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us. And as an Order, let us renew our commitment to the work before us, helping ensure that our country will always remain one nation, under God.

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

Out with the Old... In with the New

As one fraternal year comes to a close and another begins, my heart is filled with one overwhelming emotion - gratitude. Thank you.

Thank you for your countless hours of service. Thank you for your sacrifices. Thank you for your dedication to your councils, your parishes, your communities, and most importantly, your unwavering love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Every successful council, every new member welcomed into our Order, every family helped, every priest supported, every seminarian encouraged, every wheelchair delivered, every Special Olympics athlete served, every unborn child defended, and every charitable act performed is a reflection of Christ working through each one of you. You have been His hands and His feet throughout this past year, and I could not be more proud to serve beside you.

We accomplished many great things together, but our greatest accomplishment cannot be measured by numbers alone. It is measured in the souls we have touched, the faith we have strengthened, and the hope we have brought to others. Those are the treasures that last for eternity.

Now, we turn the page.

Like the arrival of spring after a long winter, God gives us a brand-new beginning. The old year has become part of our history, but the new year is filled with endless opportunities to do even greater things for His glory.

Scripture reminds us: "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

What a beautiful promise.

Every new fraternal year is an opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ, to recommit ourselves to the mission of the Knights of Columbus, and to once again answer God's call to serve.

Do not look back at what was left undone. Instead, look forward with hope. Our God is a God of new beginnings. He gives us fresh opportunities to build stronger councils, welcome more men into our Order, support more priests, strengthen more families, and bring more souls closer to Jesus Christ.

This year is not simply another year on the calendar. It is another opportunity to change lives.

Each council has the ability to become a beacon of faith within its parish. Every Grand Knight has the opportunity to lead with humility and courage. Every District Deputy has the privilege of mentoring councils and inspiring greatness. Every Knight has the opportunity to become the man God is calling him to be.

As I begin my final year serving as your State Deputy, I do so with a grateful heart and tremendous hope for what lies ahead.

Serving you has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I have traveled across our jurisdiction, shaken thousands of hands, prayed with you, laughed with you, celebrated victories with you, and stood beside you through challenges. Everywhere I have gone, I have witnessed faithful Catholic men living their vocation through Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

You inspire me.

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Your commitment strengthens my faith.

Your dedication gives me confidence that our best days are still ahead.

As we begin this new journey together, I ask three simple things of every brother Knight.

First, I ask for your prayers.

Please pray that God continues to guide me with wisdom, humility, and courage as I complete this final year of service. Pray for our State Officers, our District Deputies, our Grand Knights, and every council throughout our jurisdiction. Above all, pray that everything we do brings honor and glory to God.

Second, I ask for your continued love and support.

The strength of the Knights of Columbus has never been found in one individual. It has always been found in brothers working together with one common purpose - to serve Christ and His Church. United in faith, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Finally, I ask for your confidence. Believe that great things are ahead. Believe that your council can grow. Believe that new men are waiting to be invited. Believe that lives will be changed because of your service. Believe that God has chosen you for this moment.

When we place Christ at the center of everything we do, extraordinary things happen. He blesses our efforts beyond anything we could ever accomplish on our own.

This year, let us continue building councils that are alive with faith. Let us continue strengthening Catholic families. Let us continue supporting our priests and seminarians. Let us continue defending the dignity of every human life. Let us continue reaching those who have drifted away from the Church and invite them home.

Most importantly, let us never lose sight of why we wear the emblem of the Knights of Columbus.

We are not simply members of an organization. We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our mission is not merely to hold meetings or conduct programs. Our mission is to evangelize through action, to love through service, and to bring others closer to Christ by the example of our lives.

As this new fraternal year begins, let us walk forward together with renewed faith, renewed enthusiasm, and renewed purpose.

The past has prepared us. The present calls us. The future belongs to God.

May we answer His call with generous hearts, steadfast faith, and joyful spirits.

Thank you once again for everything you have done and everything you will do in the year ahead. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Deputy.

May God continue to bless you, bless your families, bless your councils, and bless the great work of the Knights of Columbus.

Together, let us make this our strongest year yet - for our councils, for our Church, and above all, for the glory of God.

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A Prayer for the Family

Composed by St. Mother Teresa



Heavenly Father,

You have given us the model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely eucharistic, revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow in family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families, especially in their distressing disguise. May the eucharistic heart of Jesus make our hearts humble like his and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each other's faults as you forgive our sins. Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and give whatever you take with a big smile.

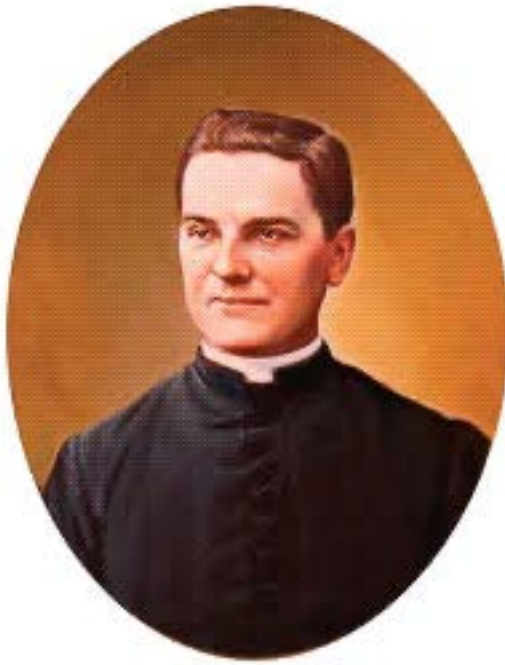
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.

Amen.





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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan,
you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of
Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their
neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son,
Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building
up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us
to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for
the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael
McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his
intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

August Feast Calendar

Bl. Michael J. McGivney

Bl. Michael McGivney was a priest who was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America and the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Father McGivney focused all his spiritual, mental, and physical energies on helping others persevere and grow in their faith. He created the Knights of Columbus in 1882 to aid Catholic men in growing in faith and fraternity, as well as to provide insurance to their families in case they were to perish in dangerous occupations, like coal mining. This fraternal benefit society grew quickly and now has 1.7 million members. McGivney sadly did not see his society grow. He developed tuberculosis during a global pandemic and passed away on August 14th, 1890. "He was charitable to a fault ... the poor found in him a good Samaritan, and were the frequent recipients of his bounty ... there are few clergymen in my recollection who enjoyed in a greater degree than he the respect of his colleagues and the reverence of the people." - a priest describing Father McGivney

- Aug 01: St. Alphonsus Liguori
- Aug 02: St. Peter Julian Eymard and St. Eusebius of Vercelli
- Aug 04: St. John Vianney and Bl. Frédéric Janssoone
- Aug 05: Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Aug 06: Transfiguration of Jesus
- Aug 07: St. Cajetan and Pope St. Sixtus II and Companions
- Aug 08: St. Dominic and St. Mary MacKillop
- Aug 09: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Aug 10: St. Lawrence
- Aug 11: St. Clare
- Aug 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
- Aug 13: Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus and **Bl. Michael J. McGivney**
- Aug 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Aug 15: Assumption of Mary
- Aug 16: St. Stephen of Hungary and St. Rocco
- Aug 18: St. Alberto Hurtado
- Aug 19: St. John Eudes
- Aug 20: St. Bernard
- Aug 21: St. Pius X
- Aug 22: Queenship of Mary
- Aug 23: St. Rose of Lima
- Aug 24: St. Bartholomew
- Aug 25: St. Louis of France and St. Joseph Calasanz
- Aug 26: Bl. Pope John Paul I
- Aug 27: St. Monica
- Aug 28: St. Augustine
- Aug 29: Passion of St. John the Baptist
- Aug 31: St. Joseph of Arimathea

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

August 2026

- 08/13 | Thu 8:30a Blessed McGivney Memorial Mass
- 08/13 | Thu 6:15p Rosary
- 08/13 | Thu 7:00p Council 7109 Membership Meeting
- 08/15 | Sat 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay
- 08/16 | Sun 7:00a Coffee & Donuts
- 08/19 | Wed 7:00p KofC Informational Open House
- 08/20 | Thu 8:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- 08/20 | Thu 7:00p Unified degree Exemplification
- 08/23 | Sun 11:00a Grilling for RE
- 08/23 | Sun 2:00p KofC Membership Drive & Frozen Fruit Bars



Assembly Calendar of Events...

August 2026

- 08/24 | Mon 7:00p Golf Tournament Committee Meeting
- 08/27 | Thu 7:00p Assembly 2474 Monthly Meeting

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**THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF MARY IMMACULATE, PATRONESS
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AMEN.

