



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
3	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
4			INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY	
4	8:30 AM	9:30 AM	NO First Friday Adoration and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Church
4	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	NO Holy Hour with Adoration/Rosary/Benediction	St Rose of Lima Church
4	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	NO Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Hall
5	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
7	5:30 PM	7:00 PM	First Monday Confession	St Rose of Lima Chapel
8	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	COR	St Rose of Lima Room
10	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
10	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Council Meeting	Knights Hall
12	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	KofC District Meeting	St Rose of Lima Room
13	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	NO KofC Breakfast	Parish Hall
14	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Oktoberfest Planning Meeting	St Michael Room
15	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Assembly Meeting	Knights Hall
26	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima Church

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Articles for the newsletter are due on the 25 of the month prior to the publication Month.

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Officers for 2025-26

Front Row: Bill McDonald, Mike Hamel, James Gaus, Mike Simoneaux, Walter Gross

Back Row: Ivan DeLabruere, Michael Gaus, Dcn Jeff Massey, Mike Stafford, Msgr Michael Reed, Ray Kutch

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Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

Welcoming Our New Brother Knights

We joyfully welcome Vincent Rose and Mike Lewis to our council, having completed their Online Exemplification during the month of June. It's an honor to have these men join our brotherhood and begin their journey of charity, unity, and fraternity.

Looking ahead, we hope to hold in-person exemplification ceremonies on a quarterly basis throughout the new fraternal year, offering all candidates the opportunity to experience this meaningful rite together in fellowship.

A Night of Gratitude and New Beginnings

Congratulations to all our incoming officers for the 2025–2026 Fraternal Year! And a heartfelt thank you to those who faithfully served during the 2024–2025 term.

On June 21, our council held its annual Installation Ceremony—a truly meaningful occasion, followed by a marvelous dinner that brought us together in celebration. A sincere thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for beautifully decorating the parish hall and creating such a welcoming atmosphere.

We also extend our gratitude to the team at Nouveau Pastries for the exceptional meal, which drew praise from all in attendance.

The evening was further enriched by the presence of our new Parochial Vicar, Father Ray, and our dedicated Chaplain, Monsignor Reed. Their support and fellowship made the gathering even more special.

One Thing, Once a Month

In the busyness of life, it's easy to let time slip past us. But imagine what we could accomplish if each of us did just *one thing*—every month—for our council, our parish, or our community.

One gesture of service. One hour of volunteering. One idea brought forward. It doesn't have to be grand. Maybe it's helping at a parish event, checking in on a fellow Knight, offering a ride, mentoring a youth, or lending your voice to a cause that needs it. These small acts of faith in action, done regularly, become powerful. The strength of the Knights of Columbus has always been found in its unity and purpose. Let's carry that forward by making a simple commitment: **one thing, once a month**. Together, those moments will add up to a year of meaningful service—twelve tangible ways to live out our calling.

What will your "one thing" be this month? St Joseph Pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!



Field Agent's Report

Ivan Delabruere, FICF

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Thank you Jeff, job well done my brother. We'll take it from here and will do our best to make you proud.

This month is the start of our new Fraternal Year together as Knights — a big congratulations to all new council leadership! This is always a time of new beginnings, when councils can start fresh and reassess where they stand in relation to their goals.

Now is the perfect time to meet with your agent to review the existing insurance plan you have in place or to help you take the initial steps to create one.

As your brother Knight, it's my privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission by serving your family and helping you gain a clear picture of your financial protection needs, no matter your current situation. I think this is one the most underappreciated benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and if you've

never taken advantage of getting a complimentary financial needs review, I encourage you to make this the year!

With a personalized review using top-tier financial software, I can give you a transparent illustration of your finances with insights on how your current situation aligns to your future objectives. Together, we'll review your current coverage and identify potential protection gaps, ensuring your plan aligns with your goals.

Knights of Columbus, your premier partner for financial services, is for brother Knights, by brother Knights. I'm here to partner with you. Please see me and we'll set up time to work together to financially safeguard your family.

Thank you!

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From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey
Freedom



Greetings as we begin the month of July.

Beginning our new Fraternal Year, with both returning and new Officers.

For most, our thoughts turn to Independence Day 4 July, as it happens early in the month, we remember and celebrate when the Declaration of Independence was adopted.

Trivia time: Most do not know that a Committee was formed to write it. Called "**The Committee of Five**": Who was on that Committee?

Can you name 4 out of the 5? Bonus Points if you can name all 5.

The Declaration may be found here at the National Archives:
<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

OK

This idea of Liberty, is not new, the English form of the Latin:

Libertas (Latin for 'liberty' or 'freedom', pronounced [liber-tas])

For in the Ancient Roman world, this idea took many forms.

It has also been embraced by the Church:

A Previous Pope Leo, Pope Leo XIII, gave the Church:

Libertas (On The Nature Of Human Liberty)

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_20061888_libertas.html

Leo explains human liberty as it has ever been "cherished by the Catholic Church." distinguishing between

natural liberty, which belongs to man as endowed with intelligence, and moral liberty, which consists in choosing that good only which is in conformity with the judgment of reason.

Pope Leo is primarily concerned with moral liberty. Because the intellect and will of man are defective, law is morally necessary as a guide to knowledge of what is objectively reasonable and unreasonable.

But law must be understood adequately. Hence, natural law and human (civil) law are analyzed.

Their source is in divine law, which is ultimately "the sole standard and rule of human liberty"

True moral liberty, therefore, requires submission to the authority of God commanding good and forbidding evil.

And that brings us to this idea of true Freedom, found in Charity, in Love.

Having in its simpleness directive; the 2 Greatest Commandments Love of God **and** Love neighbor; given to us by the greatest of all authorities, Jesus, the Son of God.

For only through the acceptance, stemming from the intellect, fostered by reason, can the Heart embrace the challenge that both entail.

Yes Brothers, true Freedom takes work. Hard work. The work of prayer.

The Corporal works of Mercy,



1. To feed the hungry,
(blessings on those who work
in the Food Pantry)
2. To give water to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To shelter the homeless
5. To visit the sick
6. To visit the imprisoned, or
ransom the captive
(Blessings on those who took in
Kolbe Prison Ministry Retreat)
7. To bury the dead

So many Brothers are involved in
these and other Ministries here at
Saint Rose, Thank you! And keep up
the good work.

Yes, July **is** upon us, with
opportunities for food, fun, and
fellowship, taking the necessary
steps to avoid the heat and sun.
We must also, take steps, toward
the Son of God, Jesus.

Making an extraordinary effort to
embrace Liberty, not that which is
found in the world, but found in
Both the Sacramental and Prayerful
life of the Church. I pray that all
enjoy the Month.

And the Answer to the Trivia
Question:

The members of **The Committee of
Five** were:

John Adams:

Representative of
Massachusetts,

Who later became the **Second
president** of the United States.

Thomas Jefferson: (Principal
Author)

Representative of Virginia,
Who later became the **Third
president** of the United States

Benjamin Franklin:

Representative of Pennsylvania,
Known as one of the most
famous intellectuals among the
Founding Fathers, whose
academic writings and press
publications had a very significant
influence in the American
Revolution.

He is the **only** person to sign:
the Declaration of Independence,
Treaty of Alliance with France,
Treaty of Paris, and U.S. Constitution

Roger Sherman:

Representative of Connecticut,
The **only** person to sign all four
of the U.S. state papers:
the Continental Association, the
Declaration,
the Articles of Confederation,
and the Constitution.

Robert Livingston:

Representative of New York,
As the first United States
Secretary of Foreign Affairs, he
administered the presidential
oath of office

at the First inauguration of
George Washington

He also negotiated the
Louisiana Purchase as the minister
to France.





Kolbe Prison Ministries

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...." (Hebrews 13: 3)

Sacrificial responses come in many forms. Money to buy the books on the Catholic Faith, hours spent in the kitchen cooking delicious meals for the inmates and prayers for return of the lost sheep. Without the sacrifice of the clergy and those volunteers who enter the prison to serve, no retreat would happen. From the first Kolbe retreat in 2023 to three in 2024, we plan to have at least six Kolbe Retreats during 2025 in the PT Diocese. We have already

had Century #4 in February, and with Santa Rosa #2 Retreat in June two more Kolbe Retreats are planned for this summer:
Holmes Mission Retreat July 17-19
Century #5 Retreat August 13-15.
To pull this off, we need about 20 male volunteers to enter the prison for each retreat. We do not expect volunteers to make all three retreats. So, here is the plan: recruit and mentor more volunteers. If you are interested contact **Tom Kubalewski** (tomkubby@gmail.com) for more information.

—Light in the Darkness—

Kolbe Retreat #2 at Santa Rosa Prison

June 12–14, 2025

Over three powerful, grace-filled days, 51 inmates—about half identifying as Catholic—at Santa Rosa Annex encountered the life-changing love and mercy of Jesus Christ during a Kolbe Prison Ministries retreat themed "Light in the Darkness" (John 1:5).

Our shepherd, Bishop Wack, along with Fr. Dustin Feddon, Fr. Dennis O'Brien, and Fr. Will Ganci, generously offered their time to hear confessions and celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Deacon Phil Czajkowski provided essential support, leading Eucharistic Adoration and delivering insightful talks on the Sacraments, answering a wide range of questions with clarity and compassion. We are deeply grateful to these clergy for their sacrificial witness.

Jesus' Eucharistic presence among us was undeniable over 3 days in Adoration and 2 days through the living re-presentation of the Life, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in Mass.

The retreat theme, "Light in the Darkness" (John 1:5), and our patron saint, St. Dismas—the Good Thief—served as constant reminders that we are all sinners in need of a Savior. And this Savior meets us with unwavering love, a love not diminished by our past mistakes, but one that calls us to new life.

One non-Catholic retreatant shared this powerful insight:

"I used to think Catholics worshipped idols, but now I see I misunderstood. What I saw with my own eyes was something deeply holy. What others told me was wrong."

This openness was echoed in many hearts, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Some men wept openly, others quietly, all with sincere hearts. Many spoke of a profound sense of freedom, of burdens lifted. Several inmates expressed interest in beginning OCIA. During Mass, numerous non-Catholic participants came forward for blessings, and nearly every retreatant offered personal prayer intentions during the offertory—placing their hearts upon the altar.

Retreatants also encountered rich expressions of Catholic spirituality, experiencing the Stations of the Cross through talks and a video, learning and praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Powerful testimonies from men who had emerged from deep spiritual darkness served as beacons of hope for those still seeking the light.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, through Baptism we are united with Christ in His death, buried with Him, and rise with Him into new life (CCC 628), freeing us from sin, re-creates us as



sons of God, and opening the door to salvation through the Church (CCC 1213–1215). Over these days, we witnessed this mystery unfold spiritually: men once spiritually dead were brought back to life by the power of God's Spirit.

Though the retreat was a mountaintop experience, we encouraged each man to continue the journey by participating in ongoing Catholic studies and weekly Communion services. The path of discipleship does not end with a retreat—it begins there.

We are especially grateful for the new volunteers from various Catholic parishes in the Pensacola/Milton/Gulf Breeze and Navarre areas who joined the Kolbe Team. We also appreciate the hospitality and cooperation of the prison staff, and the dedicated efforts of inmate volunteers who helped run the kitchen and participated in the music ministry.

Let us also thank those volunteers from our host, St Rose of Lima Parish:

Inside the Prison:

Joey Davis
Deacon Phil
Mike Stafford
Curt Sobol
Tom Kubalewski

Kitchen and Support Teams:

Mike Hamel
Alex Wilson
Dan Walker
Brian McGuire
Bernie Schultz
Brittany Hamel

Contributions from:

Lacey & Jace Fincher
Trevor & Jackie Walker

We are certain that the many prayers offered from the outside played a vital role in opening hearts to Christ's light.

The next retreat at Santa Rosa Annex is tentatively scheduled for early February 2026, pending coordination with the chaplain.

God's grace was abundant. His mercy overflowed. His Spirit was unmistakably present.

Respectfully,

Matt Hitpas — Co-Leader

Morgan Rosas — Retreat Leader

God Bless Everyone.



Community

Bill McDonald

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Community Report 2025

Worthy Brother Knights,
Although this time of year is quiet, we have had some activity. The Parish Food Pantry serves the poorest people in our community. In April we fed 1101 people. When I look back from our humble beginning in February of 2019, we have fed 76,890 people. We have given out around 45,000 pounds of food. None of this would be possible without our many volunteers and a generous donation from our parishioners.

In June of this year, we will have our 2nd annual Golf tournament. To make this event successful we will need golfers, sponsors and volunteers.

Sick & In Need Prayer List

Beth & Bill McDonald, Susan McDonald, Emily Botner, Claudia Barrett, Family of Dale Sogor, mother of Joey Davis, Jack Arndt, Carol Waugh, Paul Madifila, Walter Gross, Sterling VanGrowski, Rusty Bradberry, Ron Livorno, Mike Stafford, Paul Hicks, Ian McDonald, Claudia Barrett, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Joan Haring, MaryEtta Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer & Greg Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Ben Paul, Dean Dizon, John & Margo Recke, Joe

Burgos, Heidi Massey, Thea McDonald, Ed Horne, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Sylvia Mabley, Saveria Husslein, Robert Erisman, Bob Miller, Steve Gentry, Todd & Suzi Jones, Karen Lewis, Thatcher Kerzie, Mark Puno, Art Sobilo, Vinny Gallo, John Burkhalter, Larry Johnson, JP Fane, Richard & Hilda Connolly, John Juul, Tom Peck, Louise Egler, Barbara Mason.

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!

Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day.
Amen.

To submit a prayer request to be included here please send an email to info@kofc7027.com



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2024-25	Michael Stafford	Ray & Kim Kutch
July, 2024	Michael Stafford	Ray & Kim Kutch
August, 2024	Arturo Ojeda	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
September, 2024	Ben Urnick	Nathan & Mary West
October, 2024	Walter Gross	Patty & Kenny Borne
November, 2024	Bernie Schultz	Bob and Meg Browder
December, 2024	Daniel Walker	Trevor & Jackie Walker
January, 2025	Ralph Crago	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
February, 2025	Jerry Langille	Charlie & Melanie Rushing
March, 2025	Jeff Fischer	Joseph & Diane Seeley
April, 2025	Doug Blau	Bill & Beth McDonald
May, 2025	Mike Jones	Heston & Nicole Kinard
June, 2025	Alex Wilson	James & Rachel Hull



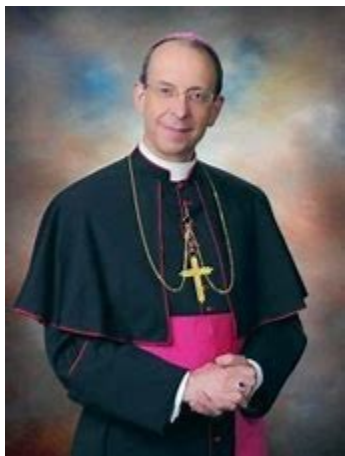
Grand Knight James Gaus presented the **Knight of the Year** for 2024-25 to Mike Stafford on June 21, 2025, at the Installation Banquet. Pictured are GK James Gaus, Mike Stafford, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Grand Knight James Gaus presented the **Family of the Year** for 2024-25 to Ray & Kim Kutch on June 21, 2025, at the Installation Banquet. Pictured are Ray & Kim Kutch, GK James Gaus, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Grand Knight James Gaus presented the **Family of the Month** for June to James & Rachel Hull on June 29, 2025, at the 4:00 PM Mass. Pictured are GK James Gaus, James, Cloe, & Leslie Hull, and Fr. Ray Ribeiro.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Gospel for July 13, Lk 10:36-37)

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we again witness the Lord's call to put our faith into action. Neither the priest nor the Levite stopped to render aid to alleviate the injured man's suffering. The true act of love came from an unexpected source: a Samaritan, a person with whom a practicing Jew of those days would not ordinarily associate. Let us be good Samaritans when we encounter others in need, remembering that we are called to love and serve all people in need.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to serve as a good Samaritan to others with whom you might not normally associate — whether it be people who are homeless, the poor, the homebound or others.

Questions for Reflection:

Who is your neighbor? Have you found yourself ignoring those in need when it is inconvenient for you to assist them? How can your response to the needy you encounter more closely reflect the example of the good Samaritan?

(From kofc.org select "Who We Are", "Our Faith", and "Monthly Challenge")



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

APOSTLESHP OF PRAYER

July

UNITED STATES

For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025>



Council and Assembly Officers

Council 7027 Officer Fraternal Year 2024-2025		Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2025-2026	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed
Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hamel	Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley
Chancellor	Michael Gaus	Faithful Pilot	SK Gilbert Saenz
Recorder	Bernie Schlutz	Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis
Treasurer	Ray Kutch	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Purser	SK Brian McGuire
Advocate	Dcn Jeff Massey	Faithful Scribe	SK Arturo Ojeda
Warden	Justin Paul	Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Joe Pascal
Inside Guard	Vincent Mauro	Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Bob Bezick
Outside Guard	Alex Wilson	Color Guard Commander	SK Bruce Mabley
Lecturer	Walter Gross	Patriotic Liaison	SK Joey Davis
One Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 3 Year	SK Dan Walker
Two Year Trustee	Mike Stafford	Trustee 2 Year	SK John Recke
Three Year Trustee	Mike Simoneaux	Trustee 1 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter

Knights of Columbus Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

<http://www.kofc7027.com>

State Council has important information about Knights in Florida.

<https://floridakofc.org/>

Supreme contains something for everyone.

<http://kofc.org>

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

<http://www.knightsgear.com>

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

<http://kofc.org/knightline>

Invocations monthly publication of the Florida State Council.

<https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocation-State-Newsletter>

Knightcast An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics. <http://kofc.org/knightcast>

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BIRTHDAYS

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



David Hinkle 07/03
Raymond Kloss 07/03
Rev Todd Orestes Hevia 07/06
Nonito B Villaruel 07/06
Dale Sogor 07/10
Hector Chavez 07/13
Benedict O Urnick 07/15
James Funderburk 07/17
Carl Heskett Jr 07/17

John Klein 07/20
Ruben Mallarino 07/20
Jerry Nelson 07/21
Keith Ambrose 07/22
Omar Aquino 07/22
Joe Burgos 07/22
Brian Goley 07/23
Romeo Munar 07/23
Larry E Hehr 07/25

Steve Nadar 07/27
Oscar Saentz 07/28
Jerry Ottley 07/30
Michael Johnson 07/31
Tom Johnson 07/21