



Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



October 2025

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

September is Respect Life Month, emphasizing the sanctity of all human life, including the unborn, the elderly, and the sick. A few Knights from our Council participated in a memorial service for aborted children at the Bishop Verot Council's Memorial to the Unborn on the Holy Name of Jesus campus during the 13th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Our Council started the 9 Days for Life Novena at Ascension on Saturday, September 27th, after morning Mass, and will continue until Respect Life Sunday, October 5th, when we will hold a Life Chain gathering along US1 in front of Ascension Church.

The Annual Ascension Parish Picnic took place at Wickham Park on Sunday afternoon, September 21st. It was a bright, sunny day with clear blue skies and white, fluffy clouds providing an ideal backdrop for the Knights' yearly event, where the Knights and Ladies shine brightest in serving our parish. The event promoted fellowship and celebrated our parish community with food, music, and activities for children. Everyone enjoyed the tunes, singing, and dancing to music by Merlet DJ Enterprises, led by Brothers Harry and Eddy. The Culture of Life ministry organized a kite-making activity for the kids, giving them a chance to "fly" their creations. Our sincere thanks go to the parishioners who prepared a variety of side dishes and baked all kinds of treats. The event attracted approximately 810 participants, and we collected around 420 non-perishable items, which were donated to Ascension Social Concerns to support local community needs. Kudos to all the Ladies and Knights who volunteered their skills and time to help make this event a great success. The kitchen, grill, shopping, equipment, and truck teams were staffed by the following: Joe & Kathy Ameigh, Malachy McGuinness, John Miller, Frank Conley, Carol and Allen Allebach, Kathy Harris and Jack Duggan, Rick Robinson, Dave & Kathy AmRhein, Dotty Ayers, Buzz Benevente, Ed Breznai, Bob Caldo, Lennie Cloud, John & Chris DeStefon, Be & Lan Duong, Brian Ellerhoarst, Bob & Shirley Holby, Mike & Christy Marzec, Greg & Chris Mockensturm, Jose Montes, Jan O'Bryan-Wilson, Rich Passarella, John & Cathy Pechar, Bob Richmond, Jose Rodriguez, Brendan Shea, Bobby & Angela Sullivan, and Jim & Joanne Voltaire. A picnic wouldn't be complete without a 50/50 raffle table; we also staffed a Florida State Council Charity Raffle table and a membership table. We are pleased that two men showed interest in joining the Knights.

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on October 16 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



GK Rich Passarella (continued)

One of the new prospects attended the orientation meeting on Tuesday after the picnic, and the other will be scheduled for a later date. I thank Jose Montes and John Pechar for their help during the orientation meeting. We held an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity for Timothy (Tim) Drury on Thursday, September 25th, where 11 brothers from the Council supported and congratulated our newest member. Let's warmly welcome and congratulate our new Brother Knight, Tim Drury, to Monsignor Martin Power Council 14573. I look forward to introducing our new Knight at our October Council meeting.

As the song goes, "See you in September," and we did just that by welcoming the Ladies Auxiliary back from their summer break. It was good to see our "Lady partners" at the start of the meeting and especially at the ice cream social afterward.

Additionally, at the Council meeting, I was pleased to present the August Knight of the Month award to SK Wayne Hosburgh. Wayne has been a Knight for 40 years, actively participating in council and parish activities. He volunteered at the Soccer Challenge, Free Throw Championship, and Citizenship Essay Contest, and helped with Space Day and Flags for Heroes programs. He supports council activities, serves as an Outside Deputy on the Election Poll Worker team, and takes part in events such as Lenten Fish Dinners. Wayne recently assisted with the installation of the garage door opener at Knights' House. He's not afraid to get his hands dirty, including participating in and making modifications to the Knights' House, as well as supporting many labor efforts for Flag For Heroes activities.

It was also my honor to recognize the August Family of the Month, an Ascension couple, SK Jim and Lady Laurie Chatman. Jim is a charter member of Assembly #3482 and served as its first Faithful Navigator. He has served as Color Corps Commander, Financial Secretary, and is actively involved in Faith In Action programs. Laurie has been a catechist in RCIA, a lector, and sacristan at Sunday Mass, and she helped with the All Souls Mass. They lead a small church community at home and have both led CRHP retreats and served as EMHC.

Membership dues for the new fraternal year 25-26 were due in July. **DUES ARE OVERDUE.** If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Worthy Treasurer Randy Lascody or Worthy Financial Secretary Richard Becker.

State Charity Raffle tickets will be available to Knights and Ladies Auxiliary members at the October meeting or by contacting Brother Brian Ellerhorst. The final drawing will award \$25,000 and will take place at the State Convention in May '26.

Our annual SK Chuck Mitchell Trunk or Treat is set for Friday, October 17th. Please sign up on Sign Up Genius to decorate your trunk and to volunteer with the many activities that make the event a success for our parish. Additionally, please drop off your candy donations over the next two weekends at the mass you attend.

It is encouraging to continue receiving many requests for prayers for our brother Knights and their families. We are "Prayer warriors," so let us therefore "pray unceasingly" to Our Lord and Savior Jesus for His healing touch and to our Blessed Mother Mary for her intercession. See the prayer list in this newsletter. Please keep sending prayer requests to our council email: ascension14573@gmail.com, call or text me with the details, or use the new form on our council website.

Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th, at 7 PM in the Knights Room, with a Power Rosary at 6:15 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Rich Passarella
Grand Knight
Council 14573**



Council Notes

Tecum Ministry Retreat. On Saturday, September 6th, in the Parish Hall, The Ascension TECUM Young Adults Ministry held its "Dwell" Young Adult Retreat. Our council, as we did last year, volunteered to help their hospitality team with setup, serving, and cleanup for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and to help keep the coffee and water flowing.

- The Ascension TECUM mission is to create an environment where young adults can grow in their personal relationship with God, strengthen their Catholic faith formation, build an impactful Catholic community, and become more deeply involved as members of the larger parish community. Several younger knights lead and participate in Tecum ministry, including Brothers Michael Gramke, Zach Beard, Issac Dominguez, Aaron French, and Patrick Neve.
- We had a wonderful opportunity as Knights and Ladies to serve young men and women seeking the face of Jesus in the everyday moments of their spiritual journey. What better face to see in community service than that of Knights and Ladies doing what we do best—serving our Ascension community? For the morning shift, we started with Worthy DGK John Pechar and Brother Lenny Cloud, along with the lunch crew, including Worthy Advocate Mike Marzec and Lady Chris, Worthy Ralph Carestia, WGK Rich Passarella, and his granddaughter Quinn. The very busy dinner crew included brothers Paul Klein and Lady Barbara, Malachy McGuinness, and Paul Kuracz. We appreciate everyone for their dedication to serving our parish.

Fundraiser for Disabled South Vietnamese Veterans,

SK Be and Lady Lan Duong held another wonderful Vietnamese Dinner Fundraiser for disabled South Vietnam (ARVN) veterans who fought alongside US service members. The event was held before the September Council meeting in the Parish Hall. Vietnamese Grilled Pork Chop with Steamed Jasmine rice for \$15.

- A Summary of the dinner from Be and Lan:
 - They wanted to thank all of the Knights and ladies for the support they provided for this event. It was a huge success once again with \$521 brought in which will be giving in its entirety to those deserving veterans in Vietnam.



Soccer Challenge. The local challenge will be held in the Ascension School Gym during regular PE classes on Monday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 7. The students who have the best scores at the local event will be eligible to compete at the District Level on November 15 at MCC. This is an official Knights event but it does have specific requirements in order to volunteer — volunteers must take the Diocese Safe Environment Training and go through the background check process including fingerprinting. We have the required volunteers for this Soccer Challenge. The next event with the school with these volunteer requirements will be Free Throw in January. So consider fulfilling these safe environment requirements if you would like to volunteer. SK Jose Montes and SK Bob Richmond are Co-Chairs for the Soccer Challenge.



Council Notes

Trunk or Treat. This is a huge event not only for the Knights and ladies but for the Parish and local community as well. We had around 1000 kids and parents at the event last year and we expect more of the same this year. So it will require a lot of volunteers to make this another successful event — not only for setting up, staffing, and take down but also for entering your vehicle as a trunk. There is already signup through SignUp Genius so please take a look and help where you can.

- The event will take place at the Knights house the evening of Friday October 17. 6-7:30 PM.
 - More information — [HERE](#)
 - Sign up — [HERE](#)

KOC Citizenship Essay Contest. Our Council has invited 8th-grade students from Ascension Catholic School and the Ascension Home School Program to participate in the 2025 Knights of Columbus Citizenship Essay Contest. This event encourages young people to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Essay details are included in the school newsletter. The essay topic is "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?" and the required word count is 500 to 750. We opened up SignUp Genius in September to solicit judges to evaluate the essays — and we already have enough judges to thoroughly evaluate all of the entrees from students.

- The timeline for the contest is as follows:
 - September - Invitation sent to 8th-grade students.
 - Oct 10th - Essays are due from the students and are emailed to the judges with a score sheet.
 - Nov 4th — Judges complete their review and scoring, followed by a consensus meeting to determine the winner.
 - Even though slots for judges are filled, if you want to participate or have any questions, please contact Mike Marzec at tigerpaws@cfl.rr.com or 321-543-1404.
- Due to the generosity of our Knights, we are able to increase the cash awards for the competition this year. The Council budgeted for \$50 for the best essay. We now have an additional \$200 in awards thanks to individual donations and are now able to have these awards:
 - First Place — \$125
 - Second Place — \$75
 - Third Place — \$50
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Prayer Requests – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click here for Prayer Requests](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary

Council Website. We continue to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest information and activities — [HERE](#)



Council Notes

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to "K of C Council 14573" and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: "K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934"



2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council's website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.

- **Assembly Dues** were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person or through the mail. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.

- **Ascension Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. The Thrift Store is also looking for a number two person to help out John Casco. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).

**ASCENSION THRIFT STORE
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.


WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEER


SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the Thrift Shop during hours of operation.
Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering, please call: 321-610-8742 or email: info@AscensionThriftShop.com



Council Notes

- **Daily Bread.** In the past, the Knights have supported the Daily Bread facility on the fourth Sunday of the month with volunteers who served the noon meal. This is no longer provided at the Melbourne location. The future plans are to build Providence Place — a permanent, affordable multi-family apartment community with on-site resident services and amenities, prioritized for individuals and families facing homelessness in Melbourne. Currently, the staff at Daily Bread are organizing a mobile outreach program which we hope to support in the future. POC: SK Ric Robinson

- [Daily Bread Mobile Outreach](#)
- [When is Daily Bread closing, and why?](#)
- For more information on Daily Bread or to volunteer — [click here](#)



- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** We now have a new project officer who is our single point of contact for all things shirts and hats for the The Council and Assembly — SK Bill Quinn. We also have a new patriotic hat for \$20 that is available for both the Council or Assembly. Contact Bill for all of your Council and Assembly attire needs.

- SK Bill now has both Council and Assembly hats for sale — \$20. Contact Bill if you want a hat.



- **Bartman.** We will continue to use Bartman as a source for Council and Assembly attire. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop — or just see Bill.

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2025**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
Council Email: ascension14573@gmail.com

Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Wed 1st Sun 5th	0800	Novena for Life**	PGK Jose Montes
Thu 2nd	1830	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Knight's Room – 312)	SK Ralph Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WFN R. Light
Fri 3rd	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 4th Sun 5th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK Jerry Kelly
Sun 5th	1345	Life Chain (at Ascension Church on US1)	SK B. Sullivan
Mon 6th Tues 7th	0800	Council Soccer Challenge School Gym	SK Bob Richmond and SK Jose Montes
Thu 9th	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	DGK John Pechar
Sat 11th	0715	Pray for Life (in Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK Rey Sepulveda
Thu 16th	1815	Power Rosary (Buescher Center Room 411)	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting (Buescher Center Room 411)	WGK Rich Passarella
Fri 17th	1700	Trunk or Treat	WGK Rich Passarella

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Nov 1st	1630	All Souls Remembrance after 4:30 Mass	WGK Rich Passarella
Nov 4th	1330	Citizenship Essay Contest Consensus Meeting	SK Mike Marzec

**** Novena For Life, 9/27 to 10/5 After Daily Masses****Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:**

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:

WGK Rich Passarella	321-431-0982
WFN Rob Light	321-626-9641
WDGK John Pechar	724-263-0273
CCC Eddy Merlet	954-882-3687
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SK Randy Lascody	321-626-0804
PGK Jose Montes	321-795-8171
SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard	412-779-9970
Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Lyn Becker	561-531-3173

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the
Council and Assembly Calendar.

The Florida State Council has reintroduced the State Council Charity Raffle for FY25-26. It is a statewide raffle where proceeds benefit local councils and Florida KofC Charities, Inc. Ticket sale proceeds are divided, with 60% going to the State and 40% to the council. The donation for each raffle ticket is \$3, or \$10 for a book. We are required to sell 112 raffle books based on the number of council members. The final drawing will award \$25,000, held at the State Convention in May '26.

- Details — [Here](#)
- Project Manager — Brother Brian Ellerhorst

Get ready for Florida State Council Charity Raffle

- Ticket Sales proceeds - 60% to State and 40% to Council
- Donation is \$3.00 per ticket, or \$10 per book (4 Tickets)
- Council 14573 required to sell 112 raffle books
- Solicitors/Sellers Prizes:
 - 1st prize winning ticket gets \$500
 - 2nd prize winning ticket gets \$250
 - 3rd prize winning ticket wins \$100



- One ticket solicitor wins:
 - \$250 in the **Quick Start**, drawing to be December 16
 - \$400 in the **Early Bird** drawing on March 13, 2026.
- All raffle ticket distribution ends May 1st, 2026
- All tickets and donations in by **May 10th, 2026**.
- **Final drawing** at the FSC-Annual Convention May 23rd, '26
- **Prizes:**
 - 1st Prize **\$25,000**
 - 2nd Prize **\$5,000**
 - 3rd Prizes (2) **\$1,000 each**



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From the Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights

History of the Fourth Degree – Part III (excerpt from *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History*, pg. 42, by Andrew T. and Maureen H. Walther, SquareOne, 2020):

[Fourth Degree assemblies are separate from councils and have a separate set of officers and a separate emblem.

The Triad Emblem of the Fourth Degree features a white dove, a blue globe, and a red cross. The dove, a symbol of peace, is flying above the globe. Both are mounted on a cross in the same style of those worn on the clothing of knights of the Middle Ages. The three items on the emblems are also representative of the Blessed Trinity:

- The globe represents God the Father, Creator of the Universe
- The cross represents God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind
- The dove represents the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity

The patriotic red, white, and blue colors on the emblem are those of the flag of the United States, where the Knights of Columbus originated. The year 2000 marked the 100-year anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Launched with 1,100 members, it has grown to include more than 368,000 Sir Knights and 3,500 assemblies.]

A big thank you to SK John Pechar and everyone who participated in the annual 9/11 Patriotic Rosary – there were three Ascension School classes represented with two fifth grade students who directly helped lead prayer. The students in grades 3, 4, and 5 attended. Grade 3 had 39 students, Grade 4 had 42, and Grade 5 had 52. The teachers who attended were: Grade 5-Ms. Gravelyn and Ms. Henry, Grade 4-Mrs. Delgado and Mr. Daprano, Grade 3-Ms. Cook and Ms. Reilly. The school administrators who attended were Ms. Potomski and Ms. Violi.

Our Color Corps was well represented at the 9/11 Memorial held at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Park on Merritt Island. They also supported Deacon SK Mike Nussear's funeral at Holy Name of Jesus parish in Indialantic and SK Eddie Farrell's funeral at Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Pompano Beach, FL. Thank you and great job, Sir Knights!

I'd also like to thank SK Be and Lady Lan Duong for their ARVN veterans fundraising Vietnamese Dinner ... another beautiful example of our Knights and Ladies supporting veterans who gave their all to defend freedom worldwide!

If you are not already a member of the Color Corps and interested in learning more, please contact our Color Corps Commander, SK Eddy Merlet, about joining. Please keep an eye out for upcoming events in the monthly activity sheet and God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

SK Rob Light
Faithful Navigator

Next meeting is November 6 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Immediately before the meeting at 6:30 we will pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.



•Upcoming activities include:

- Flag Retirement Ceremonies with Trail Life Boys and Scouts (TBD)
- All Souls Remembrance on 1 November following the 4:30pm Mass
- Veterans' Day Parade in Melbourne on 11 November ... details to follow

2025-2026 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Event	Chairman
July 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
August 10 TBD	Veteran Presentation Purple Heart Recognition	FC Ralph Carestia CCC Eddie Merlet
August 10 1130	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Sept 11 1200	911 Patriotic Rosary Ascension Catholic Church	PFN John Pechar SK John Autio
Sept 11 1800	911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center Merritt Island	SK Bobby Sullivan
Mid-Oct 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Nov 2 Sun Mass	All Souls' Day Mass	WGK Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Nov 11 TBD	Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 11	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade	SK Bobby Sullivan SK John Autio
Nov ???	Vietnam Disabled Veterans Fundraiser Dinner	SK Be Duong SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov ??? TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
Dec 13	Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks and JS Sloan Cemeteries	FN Rob Light PFN John Pechar CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 3-14	Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
Mid-Jan 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Jan 10? TBD	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House American Heritage Girls	SK Jim Voltaire SK John Autio
Jan ??? 1600	Deployed Family Dinner St. George Parish Chapel 84 Harrier Ave., Satellite Beach, FL	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia SK Frank Conley
Feb ???	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House Ascension Scout Troop 173 & Trail Life Boys	FN Rob Light SK John Autio
March 17 1000	Saint Patrick's Day Parade	CCC Eddie Merlet
March	Prepare Form TBP-1 "To Be A Patriot" Award	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
March	Prepare Form 2321 Civic Award Application	FN Rob Light FC Ralph Carestia
April ???	Ascension School Flag Retirement Ceremony	SK Bob Richmond
Mid-April 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
May 4	Color Corps Marching of the Colors	FP Malachy McGuinness
May 4 TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Rich Passarella FN Rob Light
May TBD	Vietnam Travelling Wall & Laying of Wreaths (Assembly/Council/LA) – Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May TBD	May Crowning (ACCW) Color Corps	CCC Eddie Merlet
May 25 TBD	Memorial Day Ceremony at Shady Oaks	SK Bobby Sullivan
June 27 1800	Flags for Heroes Flag Display Knight's House Lawn Area	PFN John Pechar PGK Dave Amrhein
July 4 1000	Independence Day Parade Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan



October Birthdays

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father; Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Richard Becker	October, 5
Orlando Lopez	October, 7
Kurt Friend	October, 8
Randy Lascody	October, 10
John Butler	October, 13
Jerome Kelly	October, 14
Joseph Nocera	October, 14
Paul Klein	October, 15
James Guin	October, 18
Richard Miller	October, 19
Ralph Carestia	October, 20
Richard Tally	October, 20
Paul Kuracz	October, 21
Francis Blain	October, 24
Dwight Collins	October, 25
Aaron French	October, 27
Gustavo Velazquez	October, 27
John Autio	October, 30
Desmond Bunnell	October, 31

Be sure to [let us know](#) if we miss any monthly birthdays

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters -- HERE](#)



Bishop Verot Council 5845 Memorial to the Unborn

On Saturday, September 13th, after the morning Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, the Culture of Life Ministry and Bishop Verot Council 5845 held a memorial service for aborted children at the Bishop Verot Council's Memorial to the Unborn on the HNJ campus. This year marked the 13th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. Pro-life Americans across the country gather at gravesites and other memorial sites dedicated to aborted babies to honor the memory of more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion. Attendees included members from several parishes, councils, and Culture of Life ministries. The prayer service featured hymns, scripture readings, a reflection by Brother Deacon Steve Tennant, the placement of carnations on the memorial, and the recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary. From the Ascension community, there were parishioners, members of the Culture of Life Ministry, the Legion of Mary Ministry, and Monsignor Martin Powell Council 14573, including Georgette and Brother Jason Hoppenbrouwer, Anne Reynolds, Barbara Warwick, Jan and Brother Bill Churchill, and Brothers Josh Porche, Tom Giblin, and Rich Passarella.



From left: Susan Valek (Divine Mercy, Culture of Life & DMCCW) Georgette Hoppenbrouwer (Ascension, Culture of Life & ACCW), Rochelle Tester, (Divine Mercy, Culture of Life & DMCCW), Brother Tom Giblin, Brother Josh Porche, Inez Obradovich (Ascension, Culture of Life & ACCW & League of Mary), Anna-Marie Driscoll . Ascension, (League of Mary), Rich Passarella Ascension Grand Knight Council 14573, Bud Simpson (Blessed Sacrament, Grand Knight Council 11348), Barbara Warwick (Ascension, Culture of Life & ACCW), Ann Reynolds (Ascension, Culture of Life & ACCW).

Note of thanks from Mary Rose Farrell

Dear Beloved Knights

words cannot express the love and thanks. I have to all of you for coming to my husband Eddie Farrell's funeral on August 30, 2025. To say that it was a blessing would be an understatement. The fact that Eddie was able to make the fourth degree last November 12, 2024 was a blessing because he was originally intended to make it with his dad in 1997 when his dad got sick. Eddie absolutely loved the Knights of Columbus. He was in several chapters here in South Florida and was the secretary and had some other offices that he held. He was a knight for over 50 years. Thank you for reaching out and working with Brian Ellerhorst to come to the funeral to accord eddie the respect of a fourth-degree member. Please be assured of my thanks and my prayers to all of you and I look forward to seeing you again one day in Melbourne when I officially move to that city from Boca Raton. Thank you.



Chaplain's Corner

Deacon SK Tom Stauffacher

At the September Assembly Meeting, Deacon Tom asked us to reflect on the parable from Matthew 25:14-30 about Talents — where the master gave talents to his servants — one received 5, another 2 and the other 1 talent. The one who received only one talent did not do anything with it other than bury it — he did not invest it but held on to it so he could give it back to his master. He was worried about change. He gave the talent back just as he received it. He wanted to keep things as they were — the status quo.

We as Knights have many talents but it really doesn't matter what those talents are but rather what is important is how we use them — for the glory of God. God demands that we use these gifts to the fullness of our abilities — to do our best. Deacon Tom's experience with the Knights is that they have the spiritual gifts, skills, abilities and resources that God gave us and we use these talents. We are expected to wisely use them and develop them to serve God and others — not to hide them away out of fear of laziness.

A faithful servant who multiplies their talents is rewarded. We as Knights are encouraged to actively use our God-given abilities and resources for the service of God. God entrusts the Knights with these gifts and expects us to use them productively and faithfully for his purposes. And that is exactly what we do as Knights.

The Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)

"It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' [Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant!* So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'



Historian's Corner Deacon SK Chris Meehan

Auto Racing in Melbourne

Something many of us who live in Brevard may not be aware of is that there used to be auto racing right here in Melbourne. The Eau Gallie Speedway, originally named the Brevard Speedway, Spinnin' Wheel Speedway, and Melbourne Speedway, was a popular stock car racing venue in Eau Gallie, Florida, from its opening in March 1957 until its closure on October 29, 1977, when the land was redeveloped for the Wickham Business Park. The speedway, located west of Wickham Road, was a central part of the community, offering a local spot for young mechanics, small sponsors, and families to gather for affordable entertainment. While the physical track is gone, memories and photos shared online keep its legacy alive.



- Community and Legacy:
 - The Eau Gallie Speedway was more than just a race track; it was a vital part of the local community, offering opportunities for aspiring mechanics and small businesses.
 - Families enjoyed affordable nights out at the track.
 - Despite its closure, the speedway remains a fond memory for many, with shared photos and stories on social media platforms continuing to keep its spirit alive.
- Below is a historical video about the raceway — you can watch it below.





Parish Picnic September 21 at Wickham Park

We had another great picnic that was well attended by Parishioners and their families. This is an event that always needs long-term planning. We like to have an overall project officer but that wasn't possible this year so it took a team effort to carry out the duties necessary to put this annual event together. We had our regular staff of volunteers who make this event happen every year and they were here again this year to keep everything on track with duties that included preparation, logistics, cooking, cleaning, servicing, setup and take down, insuring grills are delivered to the pavilion and purchasing all food, drink and supplies. A big thank you to all the Knights and Ladies who helped with this wonderful event. A special thank you to SK John Pechar for taking the lead on many of the preparation duties including all of the shopping for food and supplies. This is a big event but it is one that showcases the many talents of the Knights and provides an excellent recruitment tool to bring in new Knights. We have some great pictures of the picnic — some of them are included here on this page but you can see more —

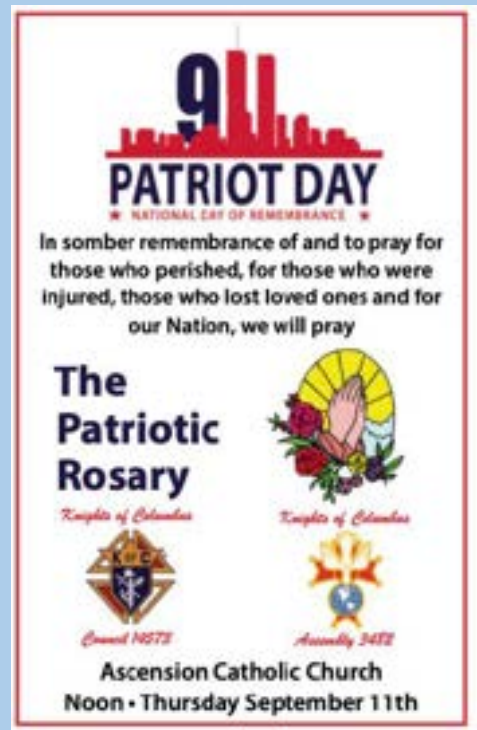
[2025 Parish Picnic Pictures HERE.](#)





Patriotic Rosary — September 11

We had another wonderful Patriotic Rosary on September 11 at the Church. A big thank you to the Knights and Ladies who helped recite the rosary and a special thanks to SK John Pechar for putting everything together. We also are very thankful to the Ascension Catholic School and Principal Dr Claudia Stokes for letting students attend and participate in the rosary. Students in grades 3,4, and 5 attended. Two fifth grade students participated by reading a prayer. The teachers who attended were: Grade 5-Ms. Gravelyn and Ms. Henry, Grade 4 Mrs. Delgado and Mr. Daprano and Grade 3 Ms. Cook and Ms. Reilly. The school administrators who attended were Ms. Potomski and Ms. Violi.



WGK Rich Passarella, SK John Pechar, SK Bobby Sullivan, Sk Bob Richmond, Lady Carol alebach, Sk Bill Quinn — Two Students From Fifth Grade





9-11 Ceremony — Veterans Park Merritt Island





Monthly Council Meeting



Certificate of Appreciation to
SK Malachy McGuinness
representing Legion Riders
Chapter 163 for their monetary
contribution to the 2025 Coats
for Kids Drive.



Our Newest Knight — Tim Drury



Family of the Month for August
SK Jim and Lady Laurie Chatman



Knight of the Month for August
SK Wayne Hosburg

Coats for Kids 2025

Barnardsville Elementary School
Barnardsville, North Carolina



A summary of the Coats for Kids Program for 2025 from SK Bobby Sullivan.

- We have shipped five cases of light winter coats to Barnardsville Elementary School located in Buncombe County North Carolina — an area devastated by Hurricane Helene. In total for 2025 we have provided coats for 168 children.
- The Family Resource Center of Buncombe County's mission is to provide fundamental support to the at-risk student and family population and those experiencing homelessness throughout Buncombe County School district. Their one-stop strategy reduces barriers to services, better enabling access to critical support needed to improve the quality of life for the students and their families.
- A big thank you to all who helped with the 2025 program!



Highway Clean Up — September 5



September 20 Eagle 5K Run for Ascension School — SK Eddy Merlet, Lady Christina Light and SK Rob Light With the School Mascot



Trail Life Troop FL-1202

SK Chris Kelly has been a member of the Council for quite some time. He is also a Fourth Degree Knight who has now transferred his membership to our Assembly. So at the September Assembly meeting, we welcomed Chris to our Assembly. He then spoke about something that is near and dear to him — Trail Life USA.

- Trail Life USA is a faith-based Scout-like organization providing youth mentorship and character development to boys in the United States. The organization was founded in 2013 in reaction against the Boy Scouts of America changing its membership policy to allow gay youth, adults, and scoutmasters in boy scout Troops.
- Train Life has been a part of the Ascension community for 9 years — chartered in 2017. They are a youth development program — stressing outdoor skills with an emphasis on faith. They were formed by a group of dads who got together to bring a faith-based organizing for boys in the Ascension community. They are not officially sponsored by Ascension since they are an outside organization but they are solidly supported by the Parish.
- There is a fact sheet on Trail Life Troop FL-1202 at the end of these minutes that will give you more insight into what Trail Life is all about including their number which is chosen based on a scripture reading — 1202 — from Romans 12-2.
- In Chris' closing remarks he wanted to let us all know that Trail Life Troop 1202 wants to form a closer relationship with the Knights — service projects and flag retirement ceremonies to name a couple of opportunities they want to pursue. He also asked that we keep Trail Life in our prayers and to be sure to reach out to the troop leaders if there is anything the troop can do for the Council and Assembly.



Trail Life Troop FL-1202

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

- Romans 12:2

Vision

To be the premier national character development organization for young men, which produces godly and responsible husbands, fathers and citizens.

Mission

To guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

Motto

Walk Worthy
"To live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God"
- Colossians 1:10

Oath

On my honor,
I will do my best
To serve God and my country;
To respect authority;
To be a good steward of creation;
And to treat others as I want to be treated.

Patron

St John Paul II
"Nature, therefore, becomes a gospel that speaks to us of God"

Sponsor

Melbourne ArchAngels homeschool community

Membership

- 37 Youth
- 18 Registered Adults
- 22 families

Skills Development

- Branches (Woodlands Trail)
- Trail Badges (Navigators & Adventurers)

Outdoor activities

- Fishing
- Camping
- Sports
- Games

Leaders

Senior Ministry Leader	Cindy Kelly	Troop Ministry Liaison	Tom Stauffacher
Committee Chair	Chris Kelly	Ranger	Keith Rowe
Chaplain		Trailmaster	Alain Hamblat
Troopmaster	Ryan Chascin	Treasurer	Dimas Valentin



SAVE THE DATE — January 9-11 2026

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center Men's Weekend Retreat 2026



Brothers, our annual retreat at OLFSC is scheduled earlier in January than in previous years; it begins on Friday evening, January 9th, and continues through Sunday, January 11th, 2026. The retreat theme is "Prayer Is The Answer! - Encounter The Divine." The Retreat Team includes Fr. Curtis Kiddy, Deanna Bartalin, and Deacon Jim Parrilli.

About 50 men attend the weekend retreat, where Ascension is one of roughly twelve parishes and other Councils, mainly from South Florida, that participate in this annual event. Car pools are arranged to travel to the retreat center; we arrived late Friday afternoon to check in, pick up our retreat packages, and receive our room assignments. Afterwards, we enjoyed a light dinner in the dining room before the opening session of the retreat. The retreat is not a silent retreat; however, there is designated time for personal reflection and quiet on a beautifully landscaped campus on the western edge of the

northern end of Lake Worth Lagoon. The program offers morning, afternoon, and evening theme presentations by Spiritual Center staff, along with an option to attend 2 of 4 workshops on Saturday afternoon. During free time, there are also several 20-minute slots to meet privately with Spiritual Center staff. The days begin with Morning Prayer in the chapel before breakfast and include evening prayers, adoration, and benediction on Saturday night. On Saturday, there is a mid-morning Reconciliation service and Mass Saturday evening before dinner, as well as on Sunday morning. There is no fasting unless you choose to fast, which may be difficult because they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner generously, along with fresh fruit and homemade cookies for snacks.

You can register at [Men's Events | The Passionist Spiritual Places](#)

When you register, select NEXT for 2026 Retreats, then choose Fri, January 09, 2026:View Details. Then click REGISTER and select Room.

Rooms are available in the St. Gabriel Building on the Lower and Upper Levels, as well as in the St. Paul Building on the Lower and Upper Levels and along the Back Wall. The Retreat Center is located at 1300 U.S. Highway 1, North, Palm Beach, Florida 33408.

We have several brothers who carpool to the retreat. If you're interested in carpooling, please contact SK Rich Passarella at 321-431-0982.



From the Ladies Auxiliary



As I write this October newsletter submission, I am finishing up my summer away in WV, which means that my Mom and I are cleaning out the refrigerator, cutting back the shrubbery, putting away outside furniture and decor, and packing things up for our long car ride home to FL. This is always a bittersweet time for us. We have enjoyed the peace and quiet of living out in the country, the blooms in our tiny flower garden, the porch swing, the colors of the fall leaves changing, the crisp, cool air of the mornings and evenings, the good country folk and country cooking, and the break in our everyday routines. But, as the saying goes, there is no place like home, and home, for us now, is Florida. We have missed our friends, our routines, and our FL homes, both church and domestic. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again, and to diving back into our every day routines! We have roots in both places, and that makes us very blessed.

While I have been away, I know that so many of you have stayed busy supporting our Knights by serving in our community this September, with the Parish Picnic, helping with the Duong's Vietnamese Fundraiser, supporting CRHP, and serving the TECUM Ministry retreat, to name a few. Thank you for always showing up and serving with love. We also had our first meeting back after our summer Break. Thank you to our V.P., Lyn Becker, for leading our meeting, to our newly installed Board, all of the members who attended, and new members and visitors. Thank you to our Knights, who hosted an ice cream reception following the September meeting. Let's all make this another great year to be in Ladies Auxiliary!

Please wish a very "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" to...

Oct. 1	Christina Light
Oct. 3	Terry Nicolette
Oct. 5	Shelley Wackley
Oct. 21	Joan Provencher
Oct. 28	Christine Mockensturm

Before we know it, it will be time for the Annual Life Chain, the ACS Citizenship Essay Contest, and the annual SK Chuck Mitchell Trunk or Treat. So many opportunities to serve God's children, which is always a blessing to those served and those who serve!

Our next meeting will take place on October 16, at 7PM. Hope to see everyone there!

God bless each of you this October!

Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Richard
President, Ladies Auxiliary



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Living Benefits – KofC Life Insurance

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits?

Do yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.”

One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow tax deferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness.

No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you’ll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately — while you and your family need it.

One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for!

The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It’s a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible.

Set up time to meet with me, and we’ll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

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The Path of Two New Saints

[Verso L'Alto & Highway to Heaven: The Path of Two New Saints](#)

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, two new Saints joined the thousands of other souls officially recognized by the Catholic Church as living in heaven. Their canonizations were originally scheduled for earlier this spring and summer but were postponed following Pope Francis's death.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis were canonized on Sunday. Both were young men who lived vibrant, faith-filled lives and are beloved for their enthusiasm and witness to the faith.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, born in 1901, was a young man from Turin, Italy, who loved mountain climbing and was a Third Order Dominican who frequently performed works of charity. When he was 17, he joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and spent much of his free time caring for the poor, homeless, sick, and disabled.

At that time, receiving the Eucharist daily was not common. Frassati specifically requested and obtained permission to do so, as he considered it a vital part of a life of faith.

On a photograph from what would be his final mountain climb, he wrote the phrase “verso l’alto” (“to the heights”). The now-famous phrase serves as a motto for those inspired by his life; it symbolizes his desire and encouragement for all to strive for the ultimate: eternal life with Christ. In 1925, at the age of 24, Frassati died of polio, most likely contracted while serving the sick.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager who will be the first millennial Saint, is best known for his devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and his recognition of the True Presence.

Born in 1991, he spent his life devoted to Christ before his death at age 15. He frequently attended daily Mass and adoration even as a child, calling the Eucharist his “highway to heaven.” His faith and belief in the True Presence of Christ was not something he kept to himself—his witness inspired his parents to return to the faith and his au pair to convert to Catholicism from Hinduism. Classmates, friends, and other family members often share how he frequently spoke about Mass and Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist any chance he had.

This belief, coupled with his tech-savvy computer skills, led him to create his own website to catalog Eucharistic miracles. During the last two and a half years of his short life, he worked with his family to develop an exhibition of these miracles which was showcased during the Year of the Eucharist in 2005. This exhibition continues to travel to thousands of parishes worldwide.

Shortly before his death from Leukemia at the age of 15 in 2006, Acutis told his family that he was offering his suffering for the pope and the Church, further testament of the depth of his faith.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us.





Knights, Scouts Take Cue from Laudato Si' for Flag Retirement Project



A newly constructed American flag retirement site at St. Michael Church is pictured in this Aug. 27 photo. The site was constructed by members of the Knights of Columbus Archangels Assembly #3877 and the St. Michael Scouts Troop #765. (Record Photo by Olivia Castlen)

Do you want to know what PGK SK Charlie Hunton has been doing in his spare time? Click on the link below to find out...

[From The Record — serving the Catholic Community in Central Kentucky](#)



Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased

SK Dan Brinkmann

Eloise Webster — Mom of SK Phillip Webster

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

SK Doug Blair

SK John Miller

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK Allen Allebach

SK John Kisiel

SK John Autio

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Brother Geoff Schmits

Brother Lennie Cloud and his wife

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Emilio Estevez — Stepson of WDD SK Eddy Merlet

Gail — Spouse of Brother Brian McCann

Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Ancil

Jonathan Amgott

Gavin Foreman

SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

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.



Miracle Recovery: Prayers Credited for Annunciation Shooting Survivor Sophia Forchas

Doctor calls Sophia Forchas' survival a 'miracle' as she continues to recover from the Annunciation Catholic school shooting.



📷 Seventh-grader Sophia Forchas, 12, was shot during the Annunciation shooting on Aug. 27, 2025, in Minneapolis. She has been fighting for her life, and now her parents say prayer has brought their little girl back to them. (photo: Courtesy photo / GoFundMe/Forchas Family)

[From the National Catholic Register](#)



October — Pray the Rosary for Peace



Ahead of the General Audience, Pope Leo greeted people gathered in the Paul VI Hall (@Vatican Media)



POPE

POPE LEO XIV

ROSARIO

PRAYER

PEACE

APPEAL

GENERAL AUDIENCE

Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray daily Rosary for Peace in October

Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to join in praying the Rosary every day during October to invoke God's gift of peace, and announces a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11 as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.

[Visit Vatican News for the full story](#)



The Augustinians in the Philippines announced Sept. 1 the temporary suspension of a priest who blessed a Freemason marker in a local neighborhood, prompting a canonical investigation, [according](#) to UCA News.

The announcement from the Order of the Discalced Augustinians came after photos of Father Libby Daños giving the blessing circulated on social media Aug. 30. Fr. Daños is suspended from public pastoral duties as the investigation takes place.

Father Luigi Kerschbamer, the prior provincial, said in the statement that Fr. Daños has “deep remorse for his action and is cooperating fully” with the investigation, according to UCA News.

The Catholic Church prohibits Catholics from becoming Freemasons. Fr. Kerschbamer said in the statement that Fr. Daños’ action, “regardless of intent, contradicts the clear and consistent teaching of the Catholic Church regarding Freemasonry and has caused scandal,” according to UCA News.

The outlet explained that the sign Fr. Daños blessed declares that there are Freemasons in the neighborhood.

A priest in the Eastern Visayas region, where the neighborhood with the marker is located, spoke on condition of anonymity to UCA News that the blessing was unnecessary and “a lapse of good pastoral judgement,” which “could happen to even the best of us.”

CatholicVote [reported](#) in November 2023 that Pope Francis issued a [letter](#) published by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith reiterating that Catholics cannot be Freemasons. The letter was the Pope’s response to Bishop Julito Cortes of Dumaguete of the Philippines, who voiced concern over the increasing number of Catholics in his diocese becoming Freemasons, as CatholicVote reported.

“Membership in Freemasonry is very significant in the Philippines,” the DDF-published letter states. “It involves not only those who are formally enrolled in Masonic Lodges but, more generally, a large number of sympathizers and associates who are personally convinced that there is no opposition between membership in the Catholic Church and in Masonic Lodges.”

The DDF stated that “it should be remembered that active membership in Freemasonry by a member of the faithful is forbidden because of the irreconcilability between Catholic doctrine and Freemasonry” and offered pastoral guidance on the situation, suggesting that bishops in the Philippines offer catechesis “regarding the reasons for the irreconcilability between the Catholic Faith and Freemasonry.”

Filipino priest suspended, faces probe for blessing Masonic marker

Catholic Church banned Freemasonry, saying its teachings and practices are incompatible with Catholic doctrine



The Order of the Discalced Augustinians (ODA) priest Libby Daños is seen blessing a marker of a nominally dormant fraternity called Freemasons in Cebu City of the central Philippines on Aug. 30. (Photo supplied)



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen. .

*O glorious prince St. Michael,
chief and commander of the heavenly hosts,
guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits,
servant in the house of the Divine King
and our admirable conductor,
you who shine with excellence
and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil,
who turn to you with confidence
and enable us by your gracious protection
to serve God more and more faithfully every day.*

[\(From EWTN\)](#)

Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10)



The Father Leo Show Father Leo Patalinghug





Bishop Robert Barron





Ascension Catholic School





Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)***





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!!!PLEASE BE AWARE!!! EMAIL AND TEXT SCAMS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE!!! Please spread the word among your fellow Knights.

If you receive an email or text that appears to be from any Council or Assembly Officers, Church clergy or staff member requesting a moment of your time, need your help, asking for a favor, etc. **DO NOT REPLY!!** These scam emails continue to circulate and parishioners, out of the goodness of their hearts in trying to help, are falling victim.

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