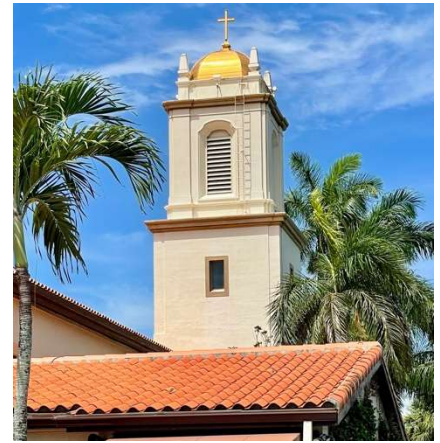


April, May 2026

The Knight Knotables



Council 10718 • Saint Christopher Parish

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Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

From our Grand Knight Pete Arino...

Brothers,

By the time you receive this issue Mothers' Day will have come and gone. I hope that all the Moms and Grandmoms in your families had a wonderful day. Our council was at all the Masses that weekend to hand out a gift to each mom. On May 2nd we presented Bibles to the children who were confirmed this year. There were 32(a large number for this Parish).

We will have our next Breakfast for the Parish on Sunday May17th and on the same day at 4:00pm a free concert in the church featuring "Vertical Voices "Anyone who attended their Christmas concert here at ST. Christophers can attest to the quality of their performance. Our council will be represented at the State Convention in Orlando in May by myself and our Deputy Grand Knight Mike Skinner. We hope to bring back new ideas by networking with the other councils at that meeting.

An exemplification will be held in the Hospitality Room on May 31st after the 10:30 mass This is a beautiful ceremony, and all the brothers are welcome to attend. At this time, we have 5 or 6 men to welcome into our council. At our next General Meeting in June, we will hold our council elections. For the first time we have 2 candidates for Grand Knight (Mike Skinner and Bill Martinez). We will be utilizing a ballot vote that evening for the position. At our last meeting I stressed the need for younger men to step up this year and the following years to run for the officer's council. This is essential for the long-term viability of our council. Many of our officers are 70 or older. (no names)

Finally. I wish you all good health and the Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and may God watch over us all.

Fraternally,

Pete Arino
Grand Knight

Getting to know our Brother Knights better...

To get to know our Brother Knights better, we are providing personal profiles about some of our brother Knights in our newsletters. This month we feature Council Advocate John Bigos.

Born in Reading, Pennsylvania in 1952, John's life has been shaped by faith, family, music, and a deep commitment to serving others. John grew up deeply rooted in his Catholic faith, having a sister who is a nun and an uncle who was a priest, and attending Catholic grade and high schools.

Music became a lifelong passion from the moment his mother began teaching him piano at age five. He later expanded his talents, beginning accordion lessons in 1963 and eventually performing on organ and piano in the high school stage band, rock groups, and even local nightclubs—where his father had to accompany him because he was too young to enter on his own.

A dedicated student-athlete, John lettered all four years in track at both Central Catholic High School and Albright College, where he earned his degree in Mathematics.

His professional career began at Gilbert Associates, where he rose steadily from computer operator to manager in the New Technology department. During this time, he also earned a Master of Science in Applied Statistics from Villanova University and taught mathematics part-time at Albright College. His career later led him to Air Products, where he became a respected leader in SAP data archiving until his retirement in 2014.

Faith and service have been constants throughout John's life. For 40 years he served as a lector and for 16 years as a Eucharistic Minister at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church in Reading. After retiring to South Florida in 2015, he joined St. Christopher's Church in Hobe Sound and became a Knight of Columbus in 2017, achieving Fourth Degree the same year. Today, he continues to serve as Advocate on the council board, leads the Exemplification team, and shares his musical gifts by playing accordion at council dinners.

Family remains at the heart of John's life. He and his wife Lynne, whom he married in 1982, raised two children who have built successful careers and families of their own. They are proud grandparents of three. Traveling with his wife, visiting his grandchildren, and listening to music—particularly 1970s classics and blues—continue to enrich his retirement years.

Through every chapter of his life, John has carried forward the same values instilled in him from childhood: faith, service, dedication, and a love of sharing his God-given talents with others. His contributions to the Knights of Columbus reflect not only his skills, but the spirit of generosity and professionalism that have defined his life's journey.



John receiving the Knight of the Month award from DGK Mike Skinner

Notes

- Many of us enjoy listening to the sermons delivered by Fr. Brian King when he says weekend Masses. Fr. King has a Facebook page where he posts a new message every day, and his sermons on Sundays. Enter Fr. Brian King in the search bar on Facebook, and click on his name. Friend him and you will receive his daily message and Sunday sermon.
- Congratulations to the April Knight of Month John Bigos, and the family of the month the Dave Milton Family, and the May Family of the Month, the Joe Derico family.
- It has been suggested that our Council form a Columbiette women's auxiliary which would provide an opportunity for the wives of Brother Knights to become more active in our council programs. Patty Ario, wife of GK Pete Arino will be spearheading the effort.
- Ted Jonscak , who has been a key fund raiser for our golf tournament, had handled collecting the admission at our breakfasts and dinners, is currently a Trustee, and has been a member of St. Christopher Parish for many years is leaving our Council to move south to be nearer his daughters and grandchildren. Thanks, Ted for your contributions and good luck and best of health in your new home.
- The St. Vincent De Paul Society is in need of volunteers. There is a notice with details in this newsletter.
- Notices for the next year's dues will be mailed out soon. Please consider paying on line with a credit card or Venmo.
- There will be a free concert at St. Christopher Church on Sunday May 17 at 4 pm starring the Vertical Voices Ensemble. Patty Arino, the wife of GK Pete Arino will be a participant in the concert.
- Our Council will conduct the annual election of officers at the next meeting on June 2. Follows is the list of nominations.



**Knights of Columbus / St. Christopher Council 10718
2026/2027 Fraternal Year - Council Officer Nominees**

		Elected Positions		
Protocols	Council Officer	Incumbent	Candidate/s	Remarks
These Positions, 3 Year Trustee, & any Trustee Vacancies are elected by the Council Members at large	Grand Knight	Peter Arino	Bill Martinez or Mike Skinner	Two Candidates vying for Grand Knight (GK). GK to be determined by Council vote. Other Candidate will be Deputy Grand Knight.
	Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Skinner		
	Chancellor	John Peterson	Jonathan Knauss	
	Warden	Joe Beck	Joe Beck	
	Recorder	Bob Hildreth	Bob Hildreth	
	Treasurer	Paul Nelson	Jack Walsh	
	Advocate	John Bigos	John Bigos	
	Outside Guard	Ed Jost	Ed Jost	
Inside Guard	Paul Berkley	Paul Berkley		
		Appointed Positions		
		Incumbent	Candidate/s	
Appointed by Grand Knight	Chaplain & Spiritual Advisors	Father Aidan Hynes Deacon Jim Parrilli Subdeacon Elias Azzi	Father Aidan Hynes Deacon Jim Parrilli Subdeacon Elias Azzi	
	Lecturer	Bill Martinez	Mike Mudd	
Appointed by Supreme Knight on the Council recommendation	Financial Secretary	JohnLandry	John Landry	
3 Year Trustee & Vacancies are elected, other Trustees advance.	3 Year Trustee	Ted Jonczak	Pete Arino	
	2 Year Trustee	Jodi Bubla	Jodi Bubla	
	1 Year Trustee	Scott Rose	Scott Rose	
	Benefits Representative	Not a Council Officer, rather part of KofC organization. Our Representative is Brian Todd		

Charity, Unity & Fraternity

Council Officers 2025-2026

Grand Knight	Peter Arino	609-220-6235
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Skinner	772-342-9693
Financial Secretary	John Landry	772-546-0281
Chancellor	John Peterson	772-342-6756
Recorder	Bob Hildreth	219-929-6123
Treasurer	Paul Nelson	908-617-5067
Advocate	John Bigos	772-402-5199
Warden	Joe Beck	772-286-8244
Inside Guard	Paul Berkley	772-546-1720
Outside Guard	Ed Jost	407-430-5209
Three-year Trustee	Scott Rose	518-577-2369
Two-year Trustee	Ted Jonczak	772-546-1895
One-year Trustee	Jodi Bubla	772-214-7641
Lecturer	Bill Martinez	714-235-8900
Spiritual Advisor	Subdeacon Elias Azzi	772-971-0706
Chaplain	Fr. Aidan Hynes	772-546-5150
Benefits Agent	David Cruz	561-206-2789
District Deputy	Jesse Nasianceno	772-214-5300

Helpful Links

Our Council Facebook page; Search@KoC10718 on Facebook or click the link below to visit our Council's page.

www.facebook.com/groups/254805921362054

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council webpage;

www.KofC.org

Florida Knights of Columbus webpage;

www.FloridaKofC.org

Saint Christopher parish webpage;

www.stchrishs.com

Diocese of Palm Beach

www.diocesepb.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Hobe Sound, FL

JOIN US!

MEET NEW PEOPLE, GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. WE ARE A FRIENDLY GROUP OF FUN PEOPLE HELPING OTHERS! If you have ever thought “I wish I could help...” You can! Whatever your age or skill set. One day a week or more.

The Society is active in 132 countries in the world. 34 in Florida, 4000 in the U.S. Our Mission is to help the less fortunate and those in need by providing food, goods and Financial Aid, when necessary, on a one-to-one basis.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES, 3 TO 3.5 HOUR DAYS. Thrift Store and Pick-up Vans -OPEN 6 DAYS A WEEK 9AM TO 1 PM. Food Pantry and Aid Office – OPEN 5 DAYS A WEEK 9 AM to 12 PM.

THIS IS A CHANCE TO DO REWARDING WORK HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS. Bi-Lingual is a plus but not required. We need Volunteers in all areas, Thrift Store, Food Pantry and Furniture and Donation Pick-up. Call 772-546-5070 or 772-546-2492 Mon – Sat. between 9 am and 12:30 pm to Apply.

Photos



The chicken parmesan dinner, which was the final dinner of this season was a huge success. Our Council raised over \$7400 in the three dinners this year. Thanks to the many Brother Knights who helped at the dinners.

Almost 60 youngsters participated in the Easter Egg hunt on Holy Saturday. Thanks to Joe and Missy Derico for organizing this event, and the many Brothers and their wives who helped with the event.





PGK Bob Hildreth singing Easter songs with the Eater Bunny



Jesse Wolf as the Easter Bunny



Thanks to the wives who volunteered during the Egg Hunt: Missy Derico, Diane Rees, Cathy Scuderi, and Pat Caserta



Thanks to Joe and Missy Derico for organizing the event and preparing the goody bags

Upcoming Activities List...

Brothers, listed below are the current Council activities. Please mark the dates and times in your calendars. If it has been a while since you have been able to participate, please consider joining in. Many of these activities have been scheduled well in advance to make planning and attending easier.

Knights of Columbus, St. Christopher Council #10718			
Upcoming Activities List - Updated >			5/7/2026
Day	Date	Activity / Place	Comment/s
May			
Friday	1	First Friday Mass / Church	9:00 AM
Tuesday	5	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Sat/Sun	9/10	Mothers Day Coverage / Church	After all Masses
Sunday	17	Breakfast / Parish Hall	After all Masses
Tuesday	26	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
Sunday	31	Exemplification / Chapel	After 10:30 Mass
June			
Tuesday	2	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall Election of 2026/2027 Officers	7:30 PM
Friday	5	First Friday Mass / Church	9:00 AM
Saturday	13	Blood Drive / Parish Hall	9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sunday	14	Breakfast / Parish Hall	After all Masses
Sat/Sun	20/21	Fathers Day Coverage / Church	After all Masses
Tuesday	30	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
July			
Friday	3	First Friday Mass / Church	9:00 AM
Tuesday	7	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Sunday	12	Breakfast / Parish Hall	After all Masses
Tuesday	28	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
August			
Tuesday	4	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Friday	7	First Friday Mass / Church	9:00 AM
Sat/Sun	tbd	Ticket Sales / Church	After all Masses
Saturday	tbd	Fundraising Dinner	PM
Tuesday	25	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
September			
Tuesday	1	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Friday	4	First Friday Mass / Church	9:00 AM
Sat/Sun	tbd	Ticket Sales / Church	After all Masses
Saturday	tbd	Fundraising Dinner	PM
Tuesday	29	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
October			
Friday	2	First Friday Mass / Church	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Sunday	tbd	Breakfast / Parish Hall	After all Masses
Tuesday	27	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM

Reflection on Mother's Day

Mother's Day offers a quiet moment to recognize the women whose love has shaped our lives. In the Catholic tradition, this day points beyond sentiment to something deeper: motherhood as a reflection of God's creative and sustaining love.

At the center of this reflection is Mary, whose "yes" to God (Luke 1:38) reveals the heart of maternal faith - trusting, courageous, and open to mystery. Her presence throughout the Gospels, from Cana to Calvary, shows motherhood as active love: interceding, enduring, and remaining faithful even in suffering. She is joined by other Gospel mothers - Elizabeth, who recognizes God's promise in her womb, and the Canaanite woman, whose persistent faith moves Christ to heal her child. Their stories remind us that motherhood is defined not by perfection, but by perseverance and hope.

The Church continually affirms the dignity of motherhood as a sacred vocation. All Mothers (biological, adoptive, spiritual, and symbolic) participate in God's ongoing care for His people. Whether raising children, grieving loss, longing for children, or guiding others in faith, their love reflects something eternal. This understanding also expands the meaning of "mother" to include those who nurture spiritually: godmothers, religious sisters, teachers, and mentors who quietly shape lives through faith and presence.

Scripture reveals that God's love carries maternal imagery: "As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). Jesus Himself speaks with this same tenderness, longing to gather His people as a mother hen gathers her young (Matthew 23:37). In these images, motherhood becomes more than a human role - it becomes a glimpse of divine love expressed through sacrifice, patience, and mercy.

Mother's Day can hold both joy and sorrow. For some, it is marked by grief, distance, or loss. The Church makes space for all of it. We bring both gratitude and pain before God, trusting that Christ meets each of us in our lived reality with compassion and healing. In every circumstance, Mary remains close - mother to the Church and intercessor for all who seek comfort, peace, or restoration.

We thank God for the gift of mothers and for all women who reflect His love in quiet, faithful ways. May Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for them all - strengthening the weary, comforting the grieving, and blessing every family with peace.

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- ♪ Opera
- ♪ Broadway
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Vertical Voices Ensemble

AT ST. CHRISTOPHER

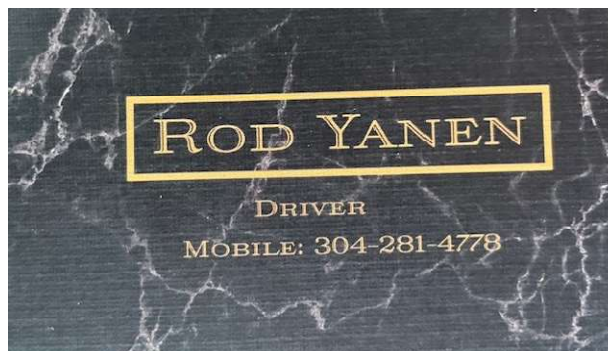


May 17, 2026

4:00 pm

St. Christopher Catholic Church
12001 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455

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