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The Knight Knotables



Council 10718 • Saint Christopher Parish • Hobe Sound, FL

Charity Unity Fraternity Patriotism

From our Grand Knight Pete Arino...

Brothers,

Our new fraternal and fiscal year started this month. Last year was an excellent year for our council, with a successful golf outing, various breakfasts and dinners (even over the summer months) and various charitable contributions.

Just recently we installed our new Officers which included Brother John Landry who takes the place of the irreplaceable Dean Busch as Financial Secretary and Brother Bill Martinez who is now our new Lecturer.



Our mission remains the same

- 1) Increase the general membership
- 2) Follow the precepts of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney
- 3) Follow the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to take care of the least of his children

Our council hopes to have achieved Star Council status again for last year. Should we accomplish this it will be due to the dedication and effort of our officers and general membership. Finally, I hope everyone had an enjoyable 4th of July.

Fraternally,

Pete Arino

Grand Knight

Message from our Field Agent

Brothers,

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.

This should apply to us individually, too, including personal financial goals. Are you on track to reach them?

Now is the perfect time to meet with me to review the existing insurance plan you have in place or to help you take the initial steps to create one. I invite you to meet with me every year as your family grows and changes, milestones are reached, and financial needs adjust.



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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.

If you're interested in investments that are aligned with Catholic teaching, I can also connect you with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which helps all faith-based investors prepare for retirement, build wealth and beat inflation with additional sources of income.

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.

Again, welcome to all our new council leadership! Thank you for serving in this role — I'm excited to work with you to serve our brother Knights and their families.

Thank you!

David Cruz

Message from our District Deputy

We Pledge Our Prayers and Support for Pope Leo

Pope Leo has evoked the image of a missionary Church---one that builds bridges and remains "ever open to welcoming....all those who are in need of charity, our presence, our readiness to dialogue and our love. Addressing the 1.4 billion Catholics he now leads, he quoted St. Augustine: "With you I am Christian, and for you I am a bishop." The next morning, at Mass in the Sistine Chapel with the cardinal-electors, the Holy Father reflected more deeply on what it means to be a missionary Church in our time. He spoke candidly about the challenges: "There are many settings in which the Christian Faith is considered absurd, meant for the weak and unintelligent--settings where other securities are preferred. like technology, money, success, power, or pleasure." These places, he added, "where it is not easy to preach the Gospel and bear witness to the truth, where believers are mocked, opposed, despised, or at best tolerated and pitted. Yet these are precisely the places where the missionary outreach of the Church is desperately needed." So how do we respond as Christians and as a church? The Answer, Pope Leo said, is Jesus Christ--to have a personal relationship with the Lord and a daily commitment to conversion. The Church, he said, must be a "beacon that illumines the dark nights of this world--not so much as the magnificence of her structures or the grandeur of her buildings, but rather through the holiness of her members." Indeed, our new Holy Father can count on the loyalty and prayers of the knights of Columbus---now and always. In solidarity with him I invite all the Knights Lets us pray for his Holiness Pope Leo XIV, that the Lord may grant him spirit of courage, wisdom, and strength to lead those entrusted to his care, for many years to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Jesse Nasianceno District Deputy # 64

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 Brother Jesse Wolf.

Jesse Wolf is one of the newer members of our council, having taken his degrees in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. He and his young family have frequented our events, and Jesse has been active in volunteering at our fund-raising events predominantly serving food to our parish and even had the prestige honor of being our 2025 Easter Bunny for our annual Easter event held at St. Christopher. Jesse proclaims in his words his providential birth In South Florida on the treasure coast as a true gift and was raised in Stuart, FL.

He has been a member of St. Christopher Parish for 27 years off and on but had the honor of having Confirmation and Communion bestowed upon him through St. Christopher. He even followed through the sacraments by having his wedding at St. Christophers in 2021. Jesse and his wife Elizabeth Wolf have been happily married for 4 years but have been together for 8 years, they have 4 beautiful children Nevaeh Aurora Wolf (8yrs.), Anastasia Elizabeth Wolf (5yrs.), Hunter Anthony Wolf (3yrs.), & Madison Ivanka Wolf (7months). It is great when he brings his son Hunter to our meetings who delights in shaking everyone's hand before meetings begin, so full of enthusiasm and outgoing energy he begs the question how young can a Knight of Columbus be?

Jesse attended local schools in Stuart including Pinewood, Murray, South Fork, and finishing an AA in Business at IRSC. He currently endeavors in his small business Visionary Yachts Inc. where prides himself in delivering the highest quality in paint, fiberglass, brightwork, and restoration of vessels ranging from small center consoles to 100ft. motor yachts.

His favorite activity is serving his family which he believes is God's will for him, he believes by dedicating his life to his family he brings true love to his Heavenly Father. He hopes and aspires to create a business that may someday deliver more opportunities for his family to grow in the community and create people among this nation who will bring honor, respect, loyalty, charity, union, fraternity, and patriotism back to this nation even if that may be in the smallest contribution but never the less an imposition of his will towards a better direction in the future of this country.

Nine New Saints to be canonized...

Pope Leo XIV has announced that he will canonize the first nine saints of the papacy this year.

The first 2 are planned for September 7, postponed from April while we mourned Pope Francis. The remaining 7 will become formal saints on October 19, 2025. Who are these souls? What can be learned from their lives?

1. **Pier Giorgio Frassati** (1901-1925) of Turin, Italy was an average student who ended up studying with the Jesuits, after failing his exams. He was active in sports, mountain climbing, swimming and social justice movements opposing the rising Mussolini. ***He became a Lay Dominican and joined the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, where he interacted with many of the less fortunate.*** He was from an upper-class family. His mother was an artist whose works were owned by royalty. His father was a liberal politician and director of one of the oldest newspapers in Italy. Rather than live in excess, Pier was drawn to clean language, morally-responsible actions and God. During his grandma's death and mourning, he became ill with polio but said nothing out of respect. After her burial, his viral illness was so far advanced that, at age 24, he passed. A small, tasteful funeral was held for Pier; however, the streets were flooded with the thousands that he had quietly helped. All wished to pay their humble respects to their patron.

2. **Carlo Acutis** (1991-2006) of Milan Italy, was "God's nerd." He died at age 15 of leukemia. His remains are in St. Mary Major in Assisi, Italy. While his heart is incorrupt, his body was reconstructed in wax. Prior to his illness, he taught himself computer programming and built Milanese' church websites. He is best known for his computer database that catalogued worldwide Eucharistic miracles. He will be the first millennial saint to be canonized.

3. **Sister Maria Troncatti** (1883–1969) of Italy, was a missionary to Ecuador. At 21, she professed vows as a Salesian sister of the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians. In WWI, she nursed soldiers in the Red Cross. Caught in a deadly storm, she bartered with Mother Mary for her life in return for serving anywhere. Upon survival, she was sent to the Amazon forest area to work with Shuar tribes. She earned their trust by removing a bullet from the chief's daughter. For 44 years, she was Ecuador's "Mamacita" in education and health. She worked in schools, clinics and any hospital role that was needed. At age 86, she died in a plane crash.

4. **Sister Vincenza Maria Poloni** (1802-1855) of Verona, Italy. She was the last of 12 children. Nine had died at an early ages. Those who lived were boys. In a faith-filled family, she became her mother's helper. Over time, she earned a teaching degree and supported the grandchildren's care while working in her father's shop. Her spiritual director was Blessed Father Karl Steeb, who steered her toward the care of the chronically ill and elderly. In 1836, she was actively caring for cholera epidemic victims. She opened a nursing home in 1840 with 3 companions which turned into the formal religious order: the Sisters of Mercy. The home evolved into the Institute of Sorelle della Misericordia in Verona. She was found to have a cancerous tumor and died at age 53, surrounded by Fr. Steeb and her 48 nuns.

5. **Bartolo Longo** (1841–1926) of Pompei, Italy. While at Naples University, Bartolo dabbled in the occult until 1861 when he was ordained as a satanic priest. Through the witness of a friend, he became a vigorous advocate of the rosary. Through signal graces and consolations, he managed the building of a magnificent Pompeii Basilica dedicated to the Virgin of the Rosary. A well-respected lawyer and determined repentant, Bartolo spent all his time and money caring for orphans and supporting the vocations of 45 seminarians.

6. **Dr. Jose Gregoria Hernandez** (1864–1919) of Venezuela, was known as "the doctor of the poor." He considered becoming a priest but decided he could serve God best at the bedside of his neighbor. He never married and pushed science. To bring Venezuela into the forefront, he established 2 research institutions. He taught at Central University of Venezuela; the nation's oldest and largest institution of higher learning. He was hit by a car in 1919 while on his way to deliver medicine to a sick patient, having using his own resources. Dr. Hernandez was beatified after a church-certified healing miracle in 2017. A gunshot wound to a girl's head was healed through his prayerful intercession. She completely recovered despite a 4-hour drive to the nearest hospital and a 2-day intervention delay. Dr. Hernandez' contribution to the faith was his ability to unite God and science.

7. **Sister Maria del Carmen Elena Rendiles Martinez** (1903–1977) of Venezuela, was the founder of the Servants of Jesus of Caracas. Sister Elena was born without a left arm and served with a prosthesis. As a young woman, her father had plans for her future but died suddenly. Meanwhile, the French religious were in town and she applied to their order. Her novitiate occurred in Toulouse, France. After serving in France, she returned home in 1945 as Superior General of all congregation houses in Venezuela. In 1965, she founded the Servants and was elected Mother Superior. There she resided until her death of influenza in 1977. At her death, there were 94 religious and 19 communities.

8. **Archbishop Ignatius Shoukrallah Maloyan** (1869–1915) of Armenia was tortured and murdered during the Ottoman-Armenian genocide, after repeatedly refusing to convert to Islam. At age 14, he was sent by his parish priest for theological studies in Lebanon. Upon entering the priesthood, he took the name Ignatius to honor St. Ignatius of Antioch. He encouraged devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During the massacres, the clergy chose to give humanitarian relief to survivors until they were caught. Although most of the Armenian Catholics were loyal to the Ottoman government, the genocide destroyed 140,000 of the faithful. Through the heroic virtue of his martyrdom, he was beatified by St Pope John Paul II.

9. **Peter To Rot** (1912–1945) of Rabaul, Papua New Guinea was a married lay person, catechist and parish leader during the Japanese occupation of WWII. In response to Japanese religious oppression, Peter was restricted from religious activity. In secret, he held secret prayer and support services for the congregation. When the Japanese encouraged paganism and multiple wives, Peter became vocal. He was executed for supporting the sacrament of marriage; one man and one woman. He is known as a patron of marriage.

Notes

- Congratulations to the June Knight of the Month Nick Lombardi, and the Family of the Month the Joe Derico Family.
- The participation by Brother Knights at our dinners and breakfasts continues to be outstanding. Having that much help allows the kitchen crew and serving/clean-up crew to function quickly and efficiently. Please continue to volunteer supporting our meals at the next dinners.
- There are many committees that need your help. Please consider volunteering for one of the following committees by contacting our Grand Knight:
 - Fr Manning Golf Outing
 - New member Exemplification and Mentoring
 - A Council historian
- Congratulations to Sir Knight Bill Martinez who was elected to the position of Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Council.
- Welcome to our two new appointed officers: John Landry as Financial Secretary, and Bill Martinez as Lecturer. Many thanks to Dean Busch and Jim Dieckhoner for their service in those roles in the past.

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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

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			
Day	Date	Activity / Place	Comment/s
	July		
Saturday	19	Fundraising Dinner / Parish Hall	Stuffed Shells
Tuesday	29	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	August		
Tuesday	5	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Saturday	16	Fundraising Dinner / Parish Hall	Menu tbd
Tuesday	26	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	September		
Tuesday	2	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Saturday	20	Fundraising Dinner / Parish Hall	Menu tbd
Tuesday	30	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	October		
Tuesday	7	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Sunday	tbd	Breakfast / Parish Hall	After all Masses
Tuesday	28	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	November		
Tuesday	4	Monthly Council Meeting / Parish Hall	7:30 PM
Saturday	8	Fr. Manning Annual Golf Outing	
Tuesday	25	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM
	December		
Tuesday	2	Annul Memorial Mass	9:00 AM
Tuesday	30	Council Officers Meeting / Parish Hall	7:00 PM