



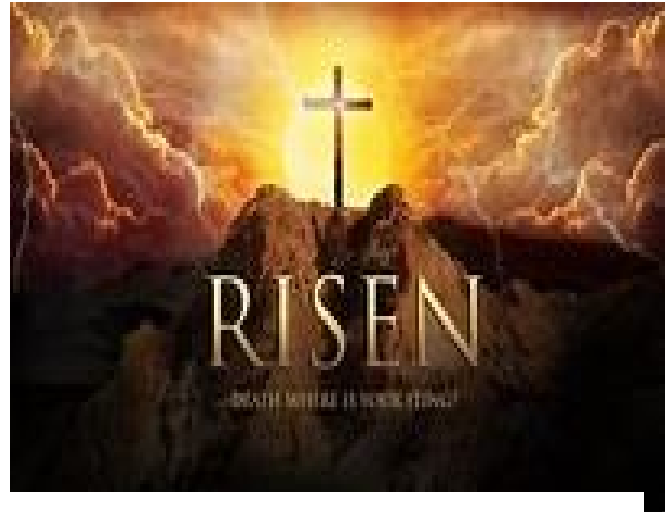
DISTRICT 53 KNIGHTLY NEWS

APRIL 2026



HAPPY EASTER AND BLESSED HOLY WEEK!!

We celebrate Easter as the commemoration of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is celebrated on Sunday, and marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.



As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead. Despite the slight variances in the Gospel accounts, they all agree that on Resurrection Sunday, the tomb of Christ was indeed empty, which is the most essential fact.

Since Easter represents the fulfillment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

The precursor to Easter Sunday is Holy Week. The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ — his Crucifixion, death and Resurrection — through liturgical celebration and personal conversion. While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum.

The three days of the Triduum are counted as the Hebrews counted their days, from dusk to dusk. Lent officially ends and the Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday. Because we cannot separate Jesus' death from his resurrection, the Church teaches that the Triduum is really one celebration that lasts for three days. We do not spend all of the three days in church, of course, but at various times during these days we are called to gather together at church to celebrate and remember the saving action of Christ.

The Triduum is the culmination of the entire liturgical year and the three most sacred days in the lives of Catholic Christians. The single celebration that comprises the Triduum commemorates the fullness of the Paschal mystery — the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus was willing to die for our sins and was resurrected, death is no longer the end of life for us. It is the beginning of new life.

We gather together during Holy Week, then, to remember the saving act of Jesus, to celebrate the miracle of his resurrection and to embrace his promise of eternal life.

Council Rosters should be uploaded monthly. The date to upload your roster this month is **April 14**. Supreme updates all transactions submitted by Financial Secretary's throughout the Order after normal business hours every Monday. Therefore, if you update your council Member Management on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, your council membership roster will always be up to date. **Put a note on your calendar to complete this important task!**

State Award Forms/Reports are available on the Florida State Council website. Every Council should fill out the reports in order to be considered for State Awards at the State Convention. The data from each report is tabulated to determine the winner of the award in each category. Be sure to supplement your report with photographs of your events and activities relevant to the report category. The deadline to submit Reports in order to be considered for awards is April 7th.

Be sure to file **Form 10784 Fraternal Programs Report** after each Council event. Any member can file the form. This will make filling out your SP-7 much easier.

Online Recruiting Incentive: Every Council will have their membership quota reduced by one (1) for every ten (10) new members AND transfers who join the council **ONLINE** between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

122nd FSC State Convention will be held on May 22-23 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. All Council Delegates should have registered for the Convention and reserved your rooms directly with the hotel. The registration link and hotel information are both on the FSC website. The registration deadline is May 1, 2026. Any questions may be sent by email to conventionregistration@floridakofc.org.

Schedule your **Open House/Fraternal Benefits Events** with our Field Agent, Alan Kotlarski. Each council must conduct two FBEs during the fraternal year **AND** meet your participant quota which is fourteen (14) participants to qualify for the Founders Award. The Founders Award is an essential element required for the Star Council Award. Grand Knights should coordinate with our Financial Advisor, Alan Kotlarski, to make schedule an FBE and get the required number of participants.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS:

May 9, 2026 Naples, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Registration deadline is April 24, 2026 Registration Forms are available on the Florida State Council website.

June 27, 2026 Davie, FL - St Bonaventure Catholic Church. Registration deadline is June 18, 2026. This will be a special exemplification honoring the 250th Birthday of the USA!

Contact Robert Urrutia, FL Master for further information. (507) 486-7883,
robert.s.urrutia84@gmail.com

St Jude Assembly 1750

Fourth Degree Meeting – April 23 6:00 p.m. Social hour at 5:00 p.m. San Antonio Parish Center.

Fourth Degree Ice Cream Social, 25 April 2 p.m. Jacobson Veterans Home, PC

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

St. Charles Borromeo Council 5399

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 12 7:45 -11:00 – St Charles Borromeo Parish Center

Knights at the Races Saturday, May 2 5:00 p.m. - St Charles Borromeo Parish Center

Ponce de Leon Council 8074

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity -- April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

4/18 & 4/19 — Tootsie Roll Collection after all Masses

4/25 — Spaghetti Dinner in the Church Hall

St Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity -- April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

April 25-26 Recruitment Weekend

San Antonio Council 12456

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity -- April 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

April 18 and every Third Saturday -- Noon– Rosary Rally - San Antonio Sanctuary

Pasta Dinner, Friday, April 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. San Antonio Ministry Center.

The annual Knight at the Races was held on March 21. A good time was had by all!



Thank you for all you do for the Order and the Church.

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Vivat Jesus!