



DISTRICT 53 KNIGHTLY NEWS

JULY 2026



July 26 Feast of St. Anne Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anne is the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Though she is not mentioned by name in the Bible, we know of her through early Christian writings, the most important of which is the [Protoevangelium of James](#), written in about 150 A.D.

We are told that Anne, the wife of Joachim, was advanced in years before her prayers for a child were answered. An angel appeared and told her she would conceive a child who "shall be spoken of in all the world."

St. Anne's feast day is celebrated on July 26. She is known as the patron saint of mothers and women in labor, and minors.



New Bishop for the Diocese of Venice

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and District 53, we welcome our new Shepherd for the Diocese of Venice in Florida: Bishop-elect Emilio Biosca Agüero, OFM Cap. We also extend our thanks to Bishop Dewane for your pastoral guidance and for all of your support over the years! Bishop Dewane is officially the Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Venice in Florida and has been appointed its Apostolic Administrator until the day of Bishop-elect Agüero's ordination which will take place on July 11, 2026.

Council Rosters should be uploaded monthly. The date to upload your roster this month is **July 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!**

Annual Audit Due August 15 Councils now only have one Annual Audit to file. That Audit is due August 15. Make arrangements to meet with the District Deputy no later than August 1, 2026 to complete the audit. The District Deputy will be unavailable after that date.

The Florida State Raffle is back! Tickets and instructions have been distributed to all council Grand Knights. The split this year is 50/50 between Councils and Florida Charities. Additional instruction sheets are available on the FSC website.

District Organizational Meeting – 18 JULY 2026 beginning at 9:30 a.m., St Maximilian Kolbe Parish Hall, Port Charlotte. We will discuss program planning, charity event ideas and membership engagement and retention techniques to make the new fraternal year the best ever. All officers and council members are welcome. A very special speaker will be Joseph McGivney who will speak about Recovery Sunday and Guest House treatment center for clergy and religious.

Star Council Criteria: Major changes have been made to the requirements for the Star Council Award. Copy and paste the following link for a power point which summarizes the changes.

https://files.stablerack.com/webfiles/87730/ORGBIG4-AwardUpdates_2026_2027.pptx

Fourth Degree St Jude Assembly 1750

Fourth Degree Meeting – will be held on July 23 with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. The business meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. San Antonio Parish Center, Rooms 1 & 2.

Fourth Degree Ice Cream Social, July 25, 2026 at 2 p.m. Jacobson Veterans Home, Port Charlotte.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Ponce de Leon Council 8074

Presenting Council 8074 Wheelchair Drive Check at State Organization Meeting



St Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483

Installation of 2026-2027 Council Officers – June 14, 2026



San Antonio Council 12456

Installation of 2026-2027 Officers – June 30, 2026



St Charles Borromeo Council 5399

Installation of 2026-2027 Council Officers – July 16, 2026 6:30 p.m.

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

Gary D. Miller

District Deputy, Dist 53

Vivat Jesus!