



DISTRICT 53 KNIGHTLY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2025



All Souls' Day was on November 2 The entire month of November has been set aside as a time of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed and the poor souls who are in purgatory. Remember to pray daily for the poor souls and all the faithful departed.



Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

*Eternal Father, I offer you the most
precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family. Amen.*

New Family Program – “Remembering Our Faithful Departed”: Graveside Prayers or Memorial Rosary. Details are on the FSC and Supreme website under Family Faith-in- Action programs.

ADVENT IS NEARLY HERE

Advent begins on Sunday,
November 30, 2025 and ends on
Christmas Eve - Wednesday,
December 24, 2025



The Advent season is a time of **preparation** that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, we focus on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord at Christmas. In particular, the "O" Antiphons are sung during this period and have been by the Church since at least the eighth century. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but of present ones as well.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Our Advent calendar (linked below) can help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Council Rosters should be uploaded monthly. 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!** If you have not done so already, do so now as the date to upload your roster this month was **November 11**.

IMPORTANT DATES

District Mid-Year Meeting will be held on January 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. Ponce de Leon Council 8074 has graciously agreed to host the meeting at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 211 W. Charlotte Avenue, Punta Gorda. This meeting will be focused on group discussions and member feedback on the fraternal year to date. Please mark your calendar and plan to start the second half of the fraternal year with a bang.

Men's Gospel Discussion Group

The men of San Antonio Church have started a Men's Gospel Discussion Group which meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 1&2 of the Ministry Building at San Antonio Catholic Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980.

The Men's Gospel Discussion Group provides men an opportunity to grow in their Faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The upcoming Sunday Gospel is read aloud followed by an open and meaningful sharing on what it means to us today, as Men, and as Members of our Community. We learn Scripture, we Pray, we have Fellowship, and we laugh a lot! Come as you are, wherever you are in your Life. Men from all Parishes are Welcome.

For More Information, contact:

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Schedule your **Open House/Fraternal Benefits Events** with our Field Agent, Alan Kotlarski. Each council must conduct two FBEs during the fraternal year to qualify for the Founders Award. The Founders Award is an essential element required for the Star Council Award. A change for this year is that the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight meet individually with their agent for a personal review of the benefits available to them. These two meetings count for one of the two required FBEs. The Grand Knight reports these GK/DGK meetings and the regular FBEs using this online reporting tool: [#11077 Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report \(25-26\)](#)

Be sure to file **Form 10784 Fraternal Programs Report** after each Council event. Any member can file the form.



SACRED HEART ICON ï The Icon has left our District. Congratulations and well done to each parish that hosted the Sacred Heart Icon this month. The services were all very well done and spiritually uplifting.

SILVER ROSE - If your Council is interested in hosting the **Silver Rose Icon** in 2026, contact your District Deputy. So far two councils have asked to be put on the list.



THE CHOSEN IS BACK!

Come join St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483 on Friday nights for Season 5 of ñThe Chosen - The Last Supperò The Knights of Columbus will be showing episodes of the award winning series on the life of Christ and His Disciples beginning Friday, October 3rd, in the St. Max Parish Center starting at 6PM. Contact Ray Desjardins, desjardinsfl@gmail.com, (941) 628-1590 for details.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:

January 31, 2026, St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 9724 Cross Creek Blvd Tampa, FL 33647 Contact Robert Urrutia, FL Master for further information. (507) 486-7883, robert.s.urrutia84@gmail.com

Fourth Degree Member meeting 20 November 7:00 p.m., San Antonio Church Parish Center.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

San Antonio Council 12456

CUF 1st Wednesday of each month as needed

November 17 at 6:30 PM, Fr Jerry Kaywell from Sacred Heart will give a talk about St. Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial Saint.

November 22 at 9 A.M. Thanksgiving Dinner/Turkey Drive

St Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483

CUF 2nd Wednesday of each month as needed

Golf Outing at Paradise GC 17 JAN 2026

Ponce de Leon Council 8074

CUF 3rd Wednesday of each month as needed

November 22 and 23 Reception for Fr. Olds after all Masses

December 11 at 5 p.m. Christmas Party at Twin Isles CC

St. Charles Borromeo Council 5399

November 22 after 4 pm Mass Reception for Fr. Phil

December 13 5-9 PM Christmas Dinner Dance

Regional Free throw Challenge January 24, 2026

(Please provide me by email the details including photographs for any event or program you are running in the coming six weeks that would be open to members of all councils and parishes.)

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

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Vivat Jesus!