



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER**



The month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Feasts related to Mary include St. Joseph the Worker (May 1), Our Lady of Fatima (May 13), and the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31). The entire month of May in 2025 falls within Paschaltide, also known as Eastertide, the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost. The Catholic church focuses on the Resurrection of Jesus Christ during this period, and there are no major liturgical feasts between Easter and the Feast of the Ascension. The traditional Ascension Thursday, which used to be a Holyday of Obligation 40 days after Easter, occurs on May 29 this year. As a result of major changes during the Second Vatican Council and formal updates by Pope John Paul II in the 1983 Code of Canon Law, U.S. bishops' conferences have been permitted, with the approval of the Holy See, to direct the observance of weekday holy days to Sunday. To better fill the pews, most ecclesiastical provinces of the United States since at least 1999 have "moved" Ascension Day to the Seventh Sunday after Easter, which is June 1. Stay tuned next month for more moveable feast days and memorials.

THERE WILL NO POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR TO HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS IS CHOSEN. MAY HIS SUCCESSOR CONTINUE ADVOCACY FOR THE POOR AND THE LESS FORTUNATE. Pope Francis's legacy emphasized the importance of love, service, and building the Church, values that align with the Knights of Columbus' mission and ideals. (Google AI)



Watch the [www.kofc7121.org/calendar](http://www.kofc7121.org/calendar) for additions and corrections to events that might not have been announced in time for publication of this newsletter. Please email your news and articles for the next newsletter to [kofc7121@gmail.com](mailto:kofc7121@gmail.com)

See the **GOOD OF THE ORDER** web page for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Ken and Josephine Scher and Pat Petrick. Prayers are also requested for those sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

## MAY BIRTHDAY LIST

Happy Birthday to all the Brothers born in May, the month with the shortest name and the shortest list of birthdays. The month starts on a strong note with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, also celebrated elsewhere as May Day or International Workers Day. We then look forward to Cinco De Mayo, National Teachers Day, Mother's Day, Victoria Day and Memorial Day. We also look forward to meeting and greeting one of our birthday Brothers, take the time to wish them a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Jim Hesson	05-02	44
Jack Dibee	05-10	86
Pat Hardin	05-15	56
Roy Torboli	05-16	76
Mark Clark	05-25	80
John Parkey	05-28	68
Ryan Lucas	05-30	37
Frank Merenda	05-30	70
Dave Repnicki	05-30	54

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://kofc7121.org) council website allows use of shared file and document storage on the Google Drive. Files can be viewed by anyone who has the file link.

Click here to view the [Final Minutes of the March 27, 2025 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the April 24, 2025 meeting](#)

Please review the draft minutes of the previous meeting for expedited corrections / approval at the next business meeting. By using these electronic media files, we are able to simplify business meetings and more efficiently conduct informed discussions.

**BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER**

### **COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING**



**4th THURSDAY**  
**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**  
**MAY 22**

**Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 PM - Business Meeting starts at 7:00 PM**

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR 2025-2026**

As required by council bylaws, nominations for council officers were presented by GK Bill Remy at the April 24 business meeting. Further nominations from the floor and election of officers will be held at the May 22 meeting. The nominations are:

Nominations for Grand Knight—Brian Foy

Nominations for Deputy Grand Knight—Tom Kelly and Dave Morrison

Nominations for Chancellor— Bill Coleman will continue

Nominations for Recorder— Frank Merenda will continue as recorder

Nominations for Treasurer – No nominations

Nominations for Advocate— Chuck Nitsch will stay

Nominations for Warden – Steve Barthelmes

Nominations for Inside Guard – Nicky Demato

Nominations for Outside Guard – Deferred to Next Month

Nominations for Trustees – Bill Remy will be 1<sup>st</sup> year Trustee, Kevin Dooner; need another Trustee since Brian Foy cannot hold two offices.

Financial Secretary and Lecturer are appointive offices.

### **ROSARIES TO OCIA**

Grand Knight Bill Remy presented rosaries and “How to Pray the Rosary” booklets to 19 new members of St. Anastasia Parish at a reception for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Monday evening, April 29 in St Jude Hall. Several of the rosaries were made by members of the St. Therese Rosary Guild.





## FISH FRIES FINISH FANTASTIC SEASON

This was one for the record book! With the help of 10 new fish fry crew members and some quick on-the-job-training, a record high number of dinners were served-1222, with net income just over \$10,500. Half of the net proceeds go to the parish, the other half funds our charity coffers for the year..

At right, the new pit boss Nancy Keszthelyi poses with Fr. Tim before getting back to running the serving line. Below, from left to right: John Geiger and Steve Melnick bread the fish before dropping it in the fryers; Joan, Nancy and Don fill a take out order; and yes, we have a dishwasher – his name is Mike!



## MORE THAN A FOOD DRIVE

**BAG HANDOUT:** After all Masses My 3-4

**BAG COLLECTION:** Before all Masses May 10-11

Click here to see the [FoodDriveSignupSheet](#) and put your name in an open slot. Non-food items for the **Homeless Ministry** are emphasized in this drive, but may also be delivered to the St. Martin de Porres Outreach Room Mon.-Fri. 8:30am—10:00am or 30 minutes after all weekend Masses.



**MORE THAN FOOD DRIVE Bag distribution May 3 & 4**  
**Summer food drive May 10 & 11**

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out empty grocery bags after all Masses next weekend May 3 & 4. Stock up now with non-perishable, IN-DATE food and also personal care items for **the needy and homeless**. Canned or boxed food is preferred. Please separate food from non-food homeless ministry items. Donations will be collected before each Mass the weekend of May 10-11 in the drive-thru lane of the Formation Center.

Cash and gift card donations are also much appreciated. For monetary donations, please write a check payable to one of the four supported ministries: **St Johns Ecumenical Ministries,**

**St. Francis House, Catholic Charities of St. Augustine and/or Knights of Columbus Council 7121 / For: Homeless Ministry.** Please include "For: St. Anastasia Food Drive" in the memo. Thank you for your generosity!

## SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST

St. Jude / Celebration Hall

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

\$7 per person

Children 8 and under EAT FREE

Blueberry pancakes, sausage, eggs,  
home fries, juice & coffee

**Best meal deal in town!**



**SUNDAY MAY 18**

## FORE! FIVE! SIX! ANYBODY GOT A MULLIGAN?

Contact Brother Jim Hesson if you want to warm up with a round of golf before celebrating Cinco De Mayo Day. Via Con Queso!

Council 7121 is a hole sponsor for the CPS tournament.

**Join Us**  
**Monday, May 5th**  
The Golf Club of South Hampton  
315 South Hampton Club Way, St. Augustine, FL 32092 US



**18TH Annual  
Cathedral Parish  
School Golf  
Tournament**

12:00 pm golf registration with boxed lunch provided. Shot gun start at 1:00 pm. Awards Banquet to follow.  
Format is captain's choice four person team best ball.



**Registration**



Scan QR code for registration or go to:  
[charitygolftoday.com/event?e=18530&ce=438ae1](https://charitygolftoday.com/event?e=18530&ce=438ae1)  
Includes Boxed lunch, dinner, cart, Greens fees, range balls, tournament gift bag

☐ \$150 Individual Player ☐ \$600 Team

**For More Information and Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities**  
Please contact James Hesson at 904.315.1531  
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Sorry, no refunds or cancellations due to inclement weather



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**END OF WATCH**

**APRIL 25, 2025**



## THE PARISH CORNER



Taco Bar & Bingo Night

Join us for some Fun, Fellowship,  
Food, Drink and Bingo!

**When: Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 5pm**

**Where: Celebration Hall**

- Cash Bar (Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks & Water) opens at 5pm
- 50/50 Cash Raffle Tickets available starting at 5pm
- Baby Sitting is available starting at 5pm
- Mango Mango's catered Taco Bar opens at 6pm  
(Shrimp, Pork, Chicken, Beef, Taco Fixings, Black Beans, Rice, Chips & Salsa)
- Fun Bingo Games start at 7pm and run until 8:30pm
- 50/50 Cash Drawing at 8:30pm

**COST: \$20 per person**

**\$40 per couple**

**Scan QR code to  
Purchase tickets**



## St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Room

Located off the church narthex - open **Mon-Fri 8:30am – 10:30am** and 30 min after all weekend Masses

Donations of non-perishable food items, gently used clothing and shoes are gratefully accepted at this time.

We ask that you please keep in mind the limited space in the Outreach Room and the shape and weight of the packages you are dropping off. Some of our distribution angels have physical limitations.

**To be part of this wonderful ministry, please contact Deacon Steve at [stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net](mailto:stephenkassenbaum@comcast.net)**



*Heavy hors d'oeuvres, hot tea and entertainment provided by orchestra members make for a perfect musical afternoon.*

[www.staugustineorchestra.com](http://www.staugustineorchestra.com)



**Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

**9:45am in the St. Joseph Room!**

*The Bible Timeline divides the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make the narrative thread easier to follow and will introduce you to the wonderful narrative of Scripture in a way that will transform your life.*

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