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JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



The month of July is dedicated to The Precious Blood of Jesus. July is usually hot and a time for relaxing. It is also the time when crops planted in the Spring are maturing and growing. Just as the crops are dependent upon summer rains not only to grow but to survive, so our spiritual development is dependent upon our frequenting the sacraments and receiving the Blood of Christ. July's longer and warmer days also provide us with the opportunity for renewal, both inside and outward. Schedules relax and pressures ease, inviting travel. But, whether we travel or not, like the missionary, St. Junipero Serra (July 1), we preach to others — by our conduct, our speech, even the clothes we wear. May we be modest in everything we do, imitating St. Maria Goretti, the young martyr for purity (July 6), and “preaching” Christ to everyone we meet.

Other ecclesiastical celebrations in July include St. Thomas the Apostle (July 3), Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (USA - July 14), St. Bonaventure (July 15), Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (July 16), Mary Magdalene (July 22), Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26) and Ignatius of Loyola (July 31).

All Brothers and family members are invited to join in the Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Relief of Suffering, recited in the church chapel during Eucharistic Adoration each Monday at 1:30 PM. This novena was recited every day by Padre Pio for all those who asked for prayers.

[THE POPE'S PRAYER MESSAGE for JULY 2025](#): For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

Watch the 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

See the [GOOD OF THE ORDER](#) web page for the list of Brothers, family members and friends in need of prayers, especially Pat Petrick, Ken and Josephine Scher, Dan Donelin, the Buckley family, Sherry Behrends, Nelson Jambard and Mac McGowan. Prayers are also requested for those sick or in distress. Names are added to this list as announcements are received.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE BROTHERS BORN IN JULY



Happy Birthday to all the Brothers who celebrate being another year older but wiser in July. July was added to the 355-day Roman calendar by Julius Caesar in 63 B.C, decreeing that a solar year consist of 365 days, creating the Julian calendar which was good enough for the next 1600 years.

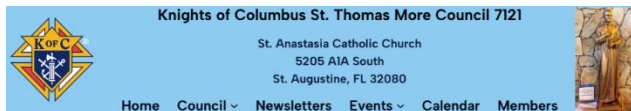
In addition to Independence Day, we also celebrate Canada Day (Jul 1), the Full Buck Moon on Jul 10 Bastille Day (Jul 14) and Shark Week (Jul 20-26). A big shout out to all of our Birthday Brothers this month as we wish them all a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** and **HAVE A BLAST!!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Mike Waldron	07-01	70
Steve Vighetti	07-03	56
Kevin Kernan	07-04	72
Tom Mina	07-06	77
Jim Mcilhenney	07-09	83
Bill Coleman	07-15	85
Ed Schneider	07-19	88
Dan Donelin	07-20	84
Bill Landis	07-20	86
Brandon Lucas	07-28	35
Nelson Jambard	07-31	84

COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NEW AND IMPROVED Council 7121 website is UP AND RUNNING (sort of). Capability is being added as needs arise, and web skills improve.

Most of the buttons work, providing better communication of council events and documents. Contact the webmaster at dave32080@gmail.com if there is something you would like added.

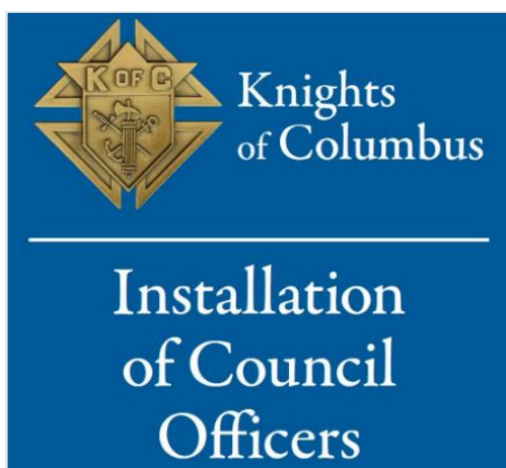


The kofc7121.org council website allows use of shared file and document storage on the Google Drive. Files can be viewed by anyone who has the file link.

Click here to view the [Final Minutes of the May 22, 2025 meeting](#)

Click here to view the [Draft Minutes of the June 26, 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.



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

TUESDAY JULY 8

CELEBRATION HALL

Doors open at 4:30 PM for setup

Ceremony starts at 5:30 PM

Food and refreshments afterwards

All Brothers are urged to attend to show your support for your officers. Formal dress-suit & tie-for officers. Wives are especially invited to attend. Officers: If your wife will be present, please confirm with incoming GK Brian Foy so that roses can be ordered.

THE JULY 24 BUSINESS MEETING IS BEING REPLACED BY A PARISH EVENT

**** NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION TO CELEBRATION HALL ****

The Council has agreed to share our normal business night with the parish to hold a financial information program aimed at those both in or approaching retirement.

The **Laugh and Learn** event will again be held in **Celebration Hall** on **Thursday, July 24th** beginning at 4pm! We've brought in an internationally acclaimed magician and entertainer who has performed in over 11 countries. He will be joined by Brother Knight Frank Benischeck, who has been on Fox, CBS, and NBC morning shows and was a featured speaker at the Harvard business expert forum!



Following the event will be a Wine & Cheese reception hosted by Totus Tuus



At 6:00pm (or shortly after running out of wine & cheese) our Field Agent, James Booritch, will update us on the Knights of Columbus Insurance programs. This event will count as a Fraternal Benefits Night! Please plan to attend one or both of these programs. If you cannot make the first program, please come for the reception and plan to stay for the Fraternal Benefits program.

All Brothers and their wives are especially invited to attend.

THERE WILL BE NO COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING IN JULY - NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 28

SUMMER VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Let's not hold a food drive this summer! But people are still hungry!!

Let's hold a **VIRTUAL FOOD DRIVE** instead. No bags, no cans, no boxes. You shop online and let someone else do the delivery!



Why do this now? The St. Johns Ecumenical Ministry Food Pantry reports their caseload has **INCREASED** to over **2500 families** each month, noticeably more than last year. The demand increases over the summer months, and donations decrease.

HELP KEEP THE PANTRY FULL!



If you have a food delivery service, pick a large economy pack or case of items from the food pantry shopping list below or click the **QR code** and go to morethanafooddrive.org/virtual-food-drive

St. Johns Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter	Rice (1 lb bags)
Mac N Cheese	Cereal
Canned Fruit	Shelf-Stable Milk
Canned Vegetables	Breakfast Bars
Canned Meat	Ramen Noodles
Canned Beans	Individual Snacks
Spaghetti Sauce	Toiletries
Spaghetti Pasta	Household Supplies Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent

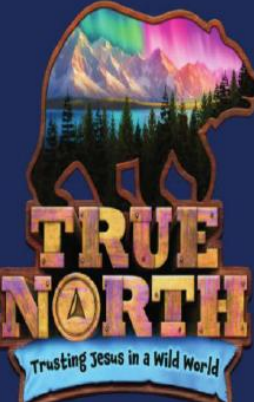
Shop 'til you drop – find a good deal on something hungry people need and want. Take out your credit card, send your order to **Amazon Prime, Walmart Plus, Sam's Club Plus or Costco**, and have them deliver it to: **St Johns Ecumenical Ministry Food Pantry, 12 Madeore St, St. Augustine, FL 32084**
Phone number: 904-824-2070

The parishioners of St. Anastasia have always stepped up with charity to those in need. St. Anastasia and the Knights support the St. Johns Food Pantry through the St. Martin De Porres Community Outreach Ministry.

KNIGHTS SERVE LUNCH AT VBS

VBS 2025 TRUE NORTH turned the Formation Center into "the ultimate Alaska adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers and glistening glaciers". Well, almost. Use your imagination.

Below left, we prepped and served lunch to a hungry crowd of over 300 people filling Celebration Hall. Below right: PGK's Bill Remy, Tom Kelly & Brian Foy sing "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" while grilling 250 hamburgers on the 8-burner grill in one hour.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DATE: JUNE 16-20
TIME: 9A.M. - 12NOON

PLACE:
ST. ENDA OF ARAN FORMATION CENTER



COUNCIL 7121 RACKS PLAQUES AT STATE CONVENTION

At the 2025 Florida State Council Convention in Jacksonville on May 24, District Warden Brian Foy and Grand Knight Bill Remy (left) pose with the Council 7121 awards for Division 2 (medium-sized councils):
At the June 26 meeting, the 1st Place in Publicity Activities plaque was claimed by GK Bill, 3rd Place in Newsletter (center) presented to Dave Look, and (right) the "Challenge Coin" went to Dave Morrison for his efforts in raising \$6000 for Florida Special Olympics over the previous two years. Not present to receive the 3rd Place in Faith Activities was FS Rick Cozby for religiously filing out the report forms.



ANOTHER THING OUR COUNCIL'S NAMESAKE IS FAMOUS FOR



Last month we celebrated the Feast Day of Council 7121's namesake, St. Thomas More, on June 22. This month we commemorate his beheading in Tower Hill, London, on July 6, 1535, for refusing to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England. Besides being immortalized as the "Man For All Seasons", More is also famous for coining the word "**Utopia**" from the Greek words ou (no or not), and topos (place). Utopia is the name for the ideal state in his work of fiction and socio-political satire "*De optimo reipublicae statu deque nova insula Utopia*", which translates to "Of a republic's best state and of the new island Utopia."

More's Utopia is a perfect society, where poverty and misery have been eliminated. There are few laws and no lawyers. The citizens, though ready to defend themselves if necessary, are pacifists. Citizens hold property in common, and care is taken to teach everyone a trade from which they can make a living, so that there is no need for crime. Agriculture is treated as a science and taught to children as part of their school curriculum; every citizen spends some of his life working on a farm. Everyone works only six hours a day; this is sufficient because the people are industrious and do not require the production of useless luxuries for their consumption. A body of wise and educated representatives deliberates on public affairs, and the country is governed by a prince, selected from among candidates chosen by the people. The prince is elected for life, but can be removed from office for tyranny. All religions are tolerated and exist in harmony; atheism is not permitted since, if a man does not fear a god of some kind, he will commit evil acts and weaken society.

Utopia was first published in 1516, without More's knowledge, by his friend [Erasmus](#) of Rotterdam. It was not until 1551, sixteen years after More's execution as a traitor, that it was first published in England as an English translation.

—Excerpted from *Saint of the Day*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M.

COLUMBUS DAY KNIGHTS GOLF TOURNAMENT IN FULL SWING

Registration is now open!

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD FORM/FLYER](#)

or use the QR code below to register online. For more information:
contact Brian Foy, 304-871-0888 - bfoy11@yahoo.com



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4TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**COLUMBUS DAY
MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2025**



INCLUDES

- 18-Hole Green Fees
- Cart Rental
- Driving Range & Balls
- Breakfast
- Luncheon
- Pin Prizes & Awards
- Sponsor Recognition

FORMAT

4-person Scramble

ENTRY FEE

\$160 / Player
\$640 / Foursome

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:30AM Registration
10:30AM Shotgun Start
Awards & Sponsor Recognition
Luncheon at conclusion of play at
The Palencia Club
Reinosa Banquet Room



**Knights of Columbus
DISTRICT 16
Councils**
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Location: 600 Palencia Club Dr, St. Augustine, FL 32095

Register Now
Scan QR Code or Contact:

Imad Hamameh 904-540-7295 ihammaeh@gmail.com

THE PARISH CORNER

Adult Formation

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.

Contact: Deacon Steve at stephenkassebaum@comcast.net

KERYGMA



You Are Invited!

WHAT? Full 3-day encounter with Jesus, the Man-God

WHERE? St. Catherine Catholic Church
Family Life Center, 1649 Kingsley Orange Park, FL 32073

WHEN? July 11-13, 2025

Friday & Saturday, 9-7:00, Sunday 9-5:00 (plus 3 zoom post-sessions to help process what you've experienced)

Details- Cost \$50, includes 7 meals and snacks. **Questions?** Please feel free to contact: Deacon Larry Hart 904 571-9606 dnlarryhart@gmail.com



With the heat of the summer upon us, the needs of our homeless population are growing. The outreach is in need of Bug Spray, sun block, socks, bar soap, doo rags, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, plastic shopping bags, top sheets and yoga mats (gently used).

These items can be left in the St. Martin de Porres Room in the Church. The St. Martin de Porres Room is open 1/2 hour before each Mass, stays open during Mass and for a 1/2 hour after Mass.

In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' —Acts 20-35



When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...

~From the Declaration of Independence



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