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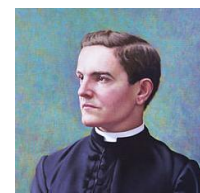


## AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to August, month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On May 4, 1944, during World War II, Pope Pius XII established the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as August 22, the octave day of the feast of the Assumption, as a focus on the message of Our Lady of Fatima. Other notable feasts of Mary during August include the Transfiguration (August 6) and the feast of the Assumption (August 15).

The feast day of Blessed Michael J. McGivney is August 13. It is celebrated in the Catholic Church to honor the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Why is it celebrated on August 13? August 13 falls between McGivney's birthday (August 12, 1852) and his death (August 14, 1890). His Prayer for Canonization closes each council business meeting.



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 AUGUST 2025:](#) For mutual coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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 Pat Petrick, Ken and Josephine Scher, Sherri Behrends, Dan Donelin, Jim McIlhenney, the Buckley family, Maureen Leahy-Rice, Brian Kaman and Nelson Jambard. 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 AUGUST



Happy Birthday to all the Brothers who celebrate something other than being another year older.

August is the only month with no federal holidays to celebrate. August features such momentous observances as U.S. Air Force Day (Aug 1), National Book Lover's

Day (Aug 9), and International Left-Handers Day (Aug 13). Animal lovers can choose between National Cat Day (Aug 8), Spoil Your Dog Day (August 10), National Dog Day (Aug 26) and National Holistic Pet Day (Aug 30).

A big shout out to all of our Birthday Brothers this month as we wish them all a great big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

BROTHER	BIRTHDAY	AGE
Don McAllister	08-01	86
Mark Hansen	08-02	76
Robert Wesselman	08-05	87
Andrew O'Connell	08-06	40
Bob Covell	08-07	74
Alexander Steiner	08-10	67
Jim Burns	08-14	61
Ken Thomas	08-14	65
Tommy Murphy	08-15	76
Vincent P Celestino	08-17	76
Karl Elsishans	08-18	72
Ernie Mikos	08-29	54
Mike DeVore	08-30	73

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS AND MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The [kofc7121.org](http://kofc7121.org) council website (temporarily out of order, under construction) 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 [Draft Minutes of the June 26, 2025 meeting](#)

**There was no July business meeting**

Click here to view the agenda and the [Draft Minutes of the August 28, 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.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

The Council will conduct its annual Strategic Planning Session Thursday, August 21 @6:00pm (St. Cecilia Room, Formation Center). We plan to discuss membership, the Budget, the many events that we support/sponsor, programs to support, and the requirements for achieving STAR Council. Your input and ideas are welcome. The Council will provide pizza and drinks.

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

## **COUNCIL 7121 BUSINESS MEETING**

**4th THURSDAY**  
**St. Anthony Hall**  
**(Community Center)**  
**AUGUST 28**



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

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

The Installation of Officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal years was held in Celebration Hall on July 8. After taking their oath of office and receiving their medallions from Chaplain Rev. Tim Lindenfelser and District Deputy Robert Billoni (below left), the newly installed officers formed The Living Cross (right). Incoming Grand Knight Brian Foy presented a Certificate of Appreciation to PGK Bill Remy (center), retiring (finally!) after his 7<sup>th</sup> term as a Grand Knight. For his dedication and leadership in Council 7121, Bill was also presented with a handsome plaque (below right) for his den wall.





## UNITED IN THE SACRED HEART PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM



The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has launched its 2025 Pilgrim Icon Program this year centered on devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. More than 300 icons, bearing the apostolic blessing of the late Pope Francis, are traveling around the world to be venerated by Knights and their parish communities.

Council 7121 has arranged a special prayer service and presentation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon at **St. Anastasia on Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart and time for silent prayer. Following the holy hour, families are encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart in their homes by placing an image of the Sacred Heart in a place of honor and conducting an enthronement ceremony. The icon will remain on display on the altar for one week, then moves to another parish.

## WILL YOU HAVE ENOUGH INCOME TO RETIRE?

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years. An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income.

Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis.

As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement.

You're hopefully maximizing your contributions to savings plans like a 401(k) at work or Individual Retirement Account (IRA). What about other investment options that take your targeted retirement date and risk threshold into account? Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors ([KofCAA.org](http://KofCAA.org)), a wholly owned subsidiary of Knights of Columbus, has resources to help you understand your options. If you need assistance, I'm happy to connect you with a registered advisor.

Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks!

Thank you!

Check out [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) for current insurance offerings for you and your family.

An advertisement for Jim Booritch, FICF, Field Agent. The ad features a portrait of Jim Booritch, a smiling man in a suit and tie. To the right of the portrait are the Knights of Columbus logo and the J. Spinelli Agency logo. Below the portrait, the text reads: "Jim Booritch, FICF", "Field Agent", "Phone: 412-779-3756", "james.booritch@kofc.org". At the bottom, a blue banner lists services: "Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance", "Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance". Below the banner, it says "Protecting Catholic families since 1882.".

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# THE MINISTRY FAIR IS COMING! THE MINISTRY FAIR IS COMING!!



With all the hoopla and celebration of the parish's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary last fall, there "simply wasn't time to hold a Ministry Fair". We'll make up for it by trying twice as hard this year.

The St. Anastasia Parish Ministry Fair will be held in Celebration Hall after all Masses on the weekend of August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We need Brothers to hang out around our display board and talk to potential candidates, show other Catholic gentlemen what we do for families, the parish, and the community. We put the LIFE into Parish Life Organizations.

## FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION TO BE HELD IN ST. AUGUSTINE



The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be Saturday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am at San Sebastian Catholic Church, 1112 State Road 16, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

All Third Degree members are invited to join the Fourth Degree, and it won't get any closer to home than this!! More details to come, but now is the time if you've been holding out.

**[Allen J. McCaffery III <mccaff93@gmail.com>](mailto:mccaff93@gmail.com)**, FDD, PGK, PFN, PCS

Financial Secretary

Chairman, 125th Anniversary Committee

First Florida Council, No. 611

## FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL PIN - 2025-2027

(Distributed at the Florida State Convention, May 24-25, 2025)



"OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST" is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the Knights of Columbus in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives, into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St. John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ's truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.

**"JESUS IN MARY'S WOMB"** is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

We are a fraternity of men who love our God, love our Family, and love our country. We protect the children, we salute our veterans, and we pray to our patron Blessed Michael McGivney. We do all unashamed and with pride, because we understand that which is not against us is with us. For we are the Knights of Columbus protectors of the widows and orphans, and we wear it proudly so **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS FOR CHRIST and he shall enter.**



# 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**

 **PALENCIA**



**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

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## 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](mailto:stephenkassebaum@comcast.net)



#### SAVE THE DATES!

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary beginning August 13!

Grow in your personal relationship with Jesus and Mary during this 33-day journey of prayer and reflection. Join us for video presentations by Fr. Hugh Gillespie with discussion. Dates: August 13 and 20, September 3, 10, 17, and 27. Time: 10 - 11:30 am.

Place: Formation Center

An evening group will meet online via Zoom.

Contact Diane Buckley ([buckleydiane@gmail.com](mailto:buckleydiane@gmail.com))

For more information about this program, visit: [www.saccfl.org/totalconsecration](http://www.saccfl.org/totalconsecration)



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

## SEEING THE WORLD WITH FRESH EYES

'HOW HAVING A SACRAMENTAL WORLDVIEW CAN AID YOU IN SEEING GOD IN YOUR LIFE'



August 2, 2025 | 10:00am - 11:15am  
St. Jude Celebration Hall

Join us for a presentation by Seminarian George that will take a deep dive into the profound concept of how the creative act of love by the Holy Trinity, reflects God throughout creation. Discussion will explore the many ways in which the divine relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit reveals the divine presence in the world around us.

Refreshments will be provided.

Questions? Contact Seminarian George at [gg042199@gmail.com](mailto:gg042199@gmail.com)



## ATTENTION!

VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!!

To ensure that our private north/south thoroughfare remains private property in the "Records of the Bureau of Public Roads," we need to periodically close the gates leading onto the church property. The closure of the gates will begin on the evening of **August 11, 2025** and will continue through the evening of **August 22, 2025**. During those two weeks, vehicular access to the church property will be limited to 7:30am - 8:30pm.

Any vehicles remaining on the church property after the gates are locked at night will not be accessible until the next day.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

# GATE CLOSED

8:30 PM — 7:30 AM