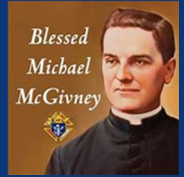




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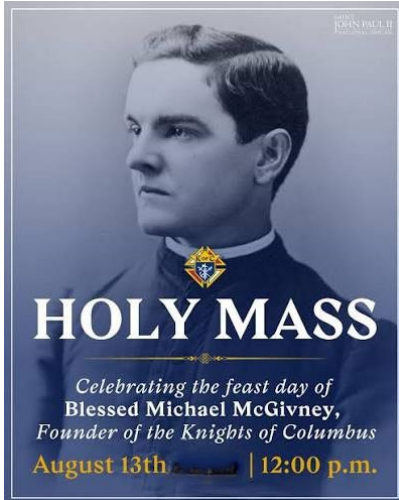
Ormond Beach, Florida

August 2026



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Ernst

Brother Knights, last month I asked you to pray more because prayer prepares a Knight to be the man Christ can send. In 1881, Father Michael McGivney gathered two dozen men in the basement of St. Mary's. He formed ordinary men who trusted Christ enough to begin. Together they helped families through hardship. That work belongs to us now.



This Fraternal Year begins with the Feast of Blessed Father Michael McGivney on August 13. We will pray together at a Memorial Mass at 12:00 pm in the Church Chapel, and then Christ will send us out to serve. Christ asked His disciples to be faithful. A life of prayer strengthens our faith. As Knights, we are called to be like the faithful farmer who plants the seed, tends the field, and trusts God for the harvest. Through that faith, we serve our parish and invite other Catholic men into our brotherhood. Sometimes we will see the fruit of our work. Other times we may not. We may never know. But God knows. And that is enough.

This year there will be many opportunities to put that faith into action. Many of you already serve at the altar, in our liturgies, and through prayer for vocations and our priests. Those acts of service strengthen our parish every week. At the same time, Christ is calling us

to look beyond the walls of the church. There are Catholic men who need an invitation into our brotherhood because many do not yet realize that Christ is calling them — and they may never know unless a Knight reaches out. Each of us has a part to play. When we do, the Council grows stronger and the parish is better served.

Our parish is entering another busy season. At the Blessed Father Michael McGivney Mass, let us ask Christ to make us the men He can send, the men He can count on. Vivat Jesus.

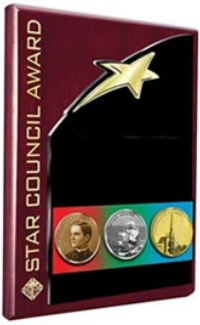


Council earns “Star Council” Award

Congratulations to Prince of Peace Council 8791! Our Council earned the Star Council Award for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year, the top award for local Councils by the Knights of Columbus. The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievements in membership, insurance, and Faith in Action programs. The Council also met all the requirements to earn the
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Father McGivney, Founders, and Columbian Awards, submitting all required reports on the activities of the Council, and being fully compliant with safe environment requirements. On average, only about 15% of Councils of the Knights of Columbus earn the Star Council Award for any given Fraternal Year.

We did this together with charity, unity, and fraternity. This award is the result of exceptional efforts and dedication by all our Council Knights, especially those who were able to support our many programs, activities, and services. You know who you are and all you do. Thank you for helping our Council reach this goal for the second consecutive Fraternal Year. We look forward to the forthcoming presentation of the Star Council Award by our District Deputy. Again, thank you and congratulations!



District Deputy Message – SK Chuck Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Michael Gizewski. Council 8791 has been doing a great job, and has earned the Star Council Award for the second year in a row. Congratulations. Thank you for all that you do. Welcome to the new Fraternal Year.



There are a number of changes in Programs and Reports this Fraternal Year. To begin with, more reports are required. These are completed by the Officers and Directors. Guidance will be provided. The per capita charge to the Council for each member has gone up by \$2.00. Your Council pays per capita to both the State and the Supreme Councils. Their annual audit is once a year and also now has a new form. We have fraternal program report forms for each program. Just a reminder that there are four positions in the Council that require completion of the safe environment requirements, including training and screening. The required Officers will be reminded. Officers and Directors also have new reference guides.



The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is Saturday, August 29 at 11:00 am in Port Orange. We hope to have several Knights from the Council become Fourth Degree Sir Knights. It's a new Exemplification ceremony, lasting about an hour. Please see me or Faithful Navigator SK Jim Nunn for more information. All Council Knights are invited. Families are welcome.

Cor remains a ministry of the Order, but will eventually also become a Faith program. Please consider participating in *Cor*. Please pray. Prayers are so important for the success of all we do. Pray a decade of the rosary as often as you can. Pray the rosary. Please join the Fifth Saturday Rosary on August 29. The Blessed Michael McGivney Guild is open to all Knights. There is no cost. You become included in daily prayer and much more. Please consider joining.

Photo at left: District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong delivers comments at the Council Meeting on July 28, 2026. Also pictured is Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst.

If you are interested in the programs and governance of the Knights of Columbus, please take a look at the weekly updates from the State Council. They are being sent out by email to all Council Knights. Also take a look at the State Council website, where there is an abundance of information and trainings.

As of today, Council 8791 has 200 members. 71 Knights are also members of Assembly 2901. Please continue to do your best to recruit Catholic men of the parish to join. Brother Knights, thank you again for all that you do. Vivat Jesus!



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

One Nation, Under God

By Patrick Kelly, Supreme Knight (Courtesy *Columbia*, July 1, 2026)

Photo at right: Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

In May, I traveled to France to attend Warriors to Lourdes — our annual pilgrimage co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. There, wounded, ill and injured veterans seek healing and peace from the physical and psychological effects of war. It was a moving experience to accompany these men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to this nation. It was also an opportunity to reflect on the 250th anniversary of the United States and the contributions by the Knights of Columbus to our nation over the years.



Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights to unite the men of St. Mary's Parish in faith and service during a time of great division. The Civil War was still fresh in the minds of Father McGivney and the early Knights. The Industrial Revolution had brought dangerous working conditions and little support for workers injured or killed on the job. Catholics faced widespread discrimination and social barriers that limited opportunity and forced many into isolated communities. The dominant Protestant culture often viewed them with suspicion and questioned whether Catholics — most of them immigrants — could be loyal American citizens.



Photo at left: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Vanessa Kelly pray at the Grotto during the Mass for English-speakers during the 66th International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes, France in May 2026.

In the decades that followed, the Knights of Columbus proved its worth. We fought and died for our country in times of war and promoted its ideals in times of peace. We championed religious freedom and funded the U.S. Supreme Court case that struck down state laws aimed at banning Catholic education. We worked for racial equality when many others looked the other way. Because of our history, religious freedom has always been a central concern. In 1954, the Knights played a key role in adding the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance. To this day, the United States remains “one nation, under God.”

For the Order, patriotism is more than a sentiment. It means helping to build a just and flourishing society. By strengthening families and serving our communities, we help shape the culture of our nation. The Order has contributed greatly to the good of our nation. Yet perhaps our most important contributions are those that often go unheralded. I am speaking of the daily work of our local councils and assemblies — bringing men and families together in service to their parishes and communities. This work strengthens social bonds, assists those most in need and supports people living on the margins. It fosters solidarity and civic virtue, helping us be better citizens and contributing to the common good in ways that cannot be measured. For this reason, it is not a stretch to say that patriotism is in the DNA of the Knights of Columbus — and that to be a Knight is to be a patriot. Some may hesitate to use that word, fearing it implies blind allegiance or political partisanship. But that is not how the Church — or the Knights — understands patriotism. At its core, patriotism is a rightly ordered gratitude. It is the duty of allegiance we owe our nation in recognition of the blessings we have received — gratitude to God and gratitude for a country that has allowed so many good things to flourish: our families, our Church, our councils and our communities.

For the Order, patriotism is more than a sentiment. It means helping to build a just and flourishing society. Through our principles and service, we help shape the character of our members, which in turn shapes the character of our families — the fundamental cell of society. By strengthening families and serving our communities, we help shape the culture of our nation. Let us celebrate our nation's anniversary with gratitude for the many gifts God has given us. As an Order, let us renew our commitment to the work before us, helping ensure that our country will always remain one nation, under God. Vivat Jesus!

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for August

(Courtesy Knights of Columbus kofc.org.)

Photo at right: Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, each month selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses, shares a brief reflection on the passage, and issues a challenge for men to live for the month. The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is suited for *Cor* or may be done individually. By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.



This month's Bible Verse:

He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." (Gospel for Aug. 30, Mt 16:23)

Who knows the mind of God? God is beyond human understanding, yet he has revealed himself to us most perfectly in the person of Jesus Christ. Through prayer we can come to know God more fully, and we grow in understanding of his plan when we make a habit of conforming our will to his holy will. We follow Christ in discipleship when we pray daily to the Father as he did: "Not my will but yours be done" (Lk 22:42).

Challenge by the Supreme Chaplain:

This month, I challenge you to study the life and example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is Aug. 13. Use the *Blessed Michael McGivney Cor Session Guide* (freely available at kofc.org/shopcis), noting in particular how Father McGivney always sought to align his will with that of God.

Questions for Reflection:

How can you strive to better understand things from God's perspective? How can you discern when your thoughts are merely human thoughts and not of God? What virtues of Blessed Michael McGivney can you imitate in order to submit yourself more fully to God's holy will?



Knights of Columbus Florida Council Update

A Job Well Done

By Michael Gizewski, State Deputy

(Courtesy *Invocation*, Newsletter of the Florida Council, July 2026)

Photo at right: SK Michael Gizewski, State Deputy, Knights of Columbus Florida State Council.

As one fraternal year comes to a close and another begins, my heart is filled with one overwhelming emotion—gratitude. Thank you. Thank you for your countless hours of service. Thank you for your sacrifices. Thank you for your dedication to your councils, your parishes, your communities, and most importantly, your unwavering love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Every successful council, every new member welcomed into our Order, every family helped, every priest supported, every seminarian encouraged, every wheelchair delivered, every Special Olympics athlete served, every unborn child defended, and every charitable act performed is a reflection of Christ working through each one of you. You have been His hands



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and His feet throughout this past year, and I could not be more proud to serve beside you. We accomplished many great things together, but our greatest accomplishment cannot be measured by numbers alone. It is measured in the souls we have touched, the faith we have strengthened, and the hope we have brought to others. Those are the treasures that last for eternity.

Now, we turn the page. Like the arrival of spring after a long winter, God gives us a brand-new beginning. The old year has become part of our history, but the new year is filled with endless opportunities to do even greater things for His glory. Scripture reminds us: "Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5) What a beautiful promise. Every new fraternal year is an opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ, to recommit ourselves to the mission of the Knights of Columbus, and to once again answer God's call to serve. Do not look back at what was left undone. Instead, look forward with hope. Our God is a God of new beginnings. He gives us fresh opportunities to build stronger councils, welcome more men into our Order, support more priests, strengthen more families, and bring more souls closer to Jesus Christ. This year is not simply another year on the calendar. It is another opportunity to change lives. Each council has the ability to become a beacon of faith within its parish. Every Grand Knight has the opportunity to lead with humility and courage. Every District Deputy has the privilege of mentoring councils and inspiring greatness. Every Knight has the opportunity to become the man God is calling him to be.

As I begin my final year serving as your State Deputy, I do so with a grateful heart and tremendous hope for what lies ahead. Serving you has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. I have traveled across our jurisdiction, shaken thousands of hands, prayed with you, laughed with you, celebrated victories with you, and stood beside you through challenges. Everywhere I have gone, I have witnessed faithful Catholic men living their vocation through Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. You inspire me. Your commitment strengthens my faith. Your dedication gives me confidence that our best days are still ahead.



As we begin this new journey together, I ask three simple things of every brother Knight. First, I ask for your prayers. Please pray that God continues to guide me with wisdom, humility, and courage as I complete this final year of service. Pray for our State Officers, our District Deputies, our Grand Knights, and every council throughout our jurisdiction. Above all, pray that everything we do brings honor and glory to God. Second, I ask for your continued love and support. The strength of the Knights of Columbus has never been found in one individual. It has always been found in brothers working together with one common purpose—to serve Christ and His Church. United in faith, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Finally, I ask for your confidence. Believe that great things are ahead. Believe that

your council can grow and that men are waiting to be invited. Believe that lives will be changed because of your service. Believe that God has chosen you for this moment.

When we place Christ at the center of everything we do, extraordinary things happen. He blesses our efforts beyond anything we could ever accomplish on our own. This year, let us continue building councils that are alive with faith. Let us continue strengthening Catholic families. Let us continue supporting our priests and seminarians. Let us continue defending the dignity of every human life. Let us continue reaching those who have drifted away from the Church and invite them home. Most importantly, let us never lose sight of why we wear the emblem of the Knights of Columbus. We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our mission is not merely to hold meetings or conduct programs. Our mission is to evangelize through action, to love through service, and to bring others closer to Christ by the example of our lives. As this new fraternal year begins, let us walk forward together with renewed faith, renewed enthusiasm, and renewed purpose. The past has prepared us. The present calls us. The future belongs to God. May we answer His call with generous hearts, steadfast faith, and joyful spirits. Thank you for everything you will do in the year ahead. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your State Deputy. May God continue to bless you, bless your families, bless your councils, and bless the great work of the Knights of Columbus. Together, let us make this our strongest year yet—for our councils, for our Church, and above all, for the glory of God.



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

We Cannot Turn a Blind Eye

By Bishop Brendan Cahill, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration
(Courtesy *USCCB News*, June 26, 2026)

In June, the Administration ultimately prevailed in a court challenge to its decision to end temporary protected status (TPS) for Haiti and Syria. Bishop Brendan Cahill, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, issued the following statement in response:



Photo at left: Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria (Texas) and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration.

"Revoking the legal status of hundreds of thousands of people residing in our country creates a moral crisis when returning to their country of origin is not a safe or reasonable option. If we are truly to affirm the God-given dignity of every human person, we as a nation cannot turn a blind eye to such an injustice and the impossible choices it will create for families and communities." "Even if the Administration determines TPS is no longer warranted, deferred enforced departure remains a tool available to the President, and we urge him to exercise right judgement in this way. Forcibly Sending families to dire conditions is a legacy all leaders should seek to

avoid. To that end, my brother bishops and I also continue to call upon Congress to act—to meet this moment with the moral fortitude that is so desperately needed."

The USCCB's Committee on Migration has encouraged recent bipartisan efforts in Congress to pass legislation that would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to extend Haiti's TPS designation. In January, Bishop Cahill was also joined by his fellow chairman in calling on the Administration to extend TPS for Haitians. For more on Bishop Cahill, please visit: ncronline.org/news/new-catholic-migration-chair-talks-about-supporting-immigrants-respecting-critics



Vatican Update

Eucharist transforms believers into Christ's body and counters division, Pope says

(Courtesy *Catholic News Service*, June 24, 2026)

In his final general audience until August 5, Pope Leo also encouraged young people to use the time of summer vacation to attend Mass, go to confession, reflect on Scripture, go on spiritual retreats and pilgrimages and spend time with loved ones. "Vacation is a time for rest and to seek signs of God in the beauty of creation," he said in his remarks to visitors. He also asked people to pray for students so that they may "choose wisely" the schools and universities they will attend and "discern with prudence their vocation."

Photo at right: Pope Leo XIV greets visitors at St. Peter's Square at the Vatican before his weekly general audience on June 24, 2026.

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Continuing his series on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the pope focused on "Sacrosanctum Concilium," the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, explaining how the Eucharist draws the faithful into deeper communion with God and one another. Receiving Christ in the Eucharist transforms believers into the Body of Christ, whose head is the risen Lord seated at the right hand of the Father, the Pope said. "Thus, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come," Pope Leo said. The Eucharist teaches Catholics to adopt Christ's way of self-giving love and to be "drawn day by day into ever more perfect union with God and with each other," he said. "This gift draws us into the dynamic of unity, offering a powerful antidote to the forces of division that undermine our world, our communities, our families, and our hearts," the Pope said.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy teaches that the faithful are called to "offer themselves in union with Jesus Christ" to the Father "through the hands of the priest and together with him," the pope said. Participation in the Eucharist also means being formed by God's word and "nourished at the table of the Lord's body." The Eucharist cannot be separated from the Word of God, the pope said, noting that the liturgy and the Eucharist form "one single act of worship." Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, he said Scripture illuminates and explains the mystery of the Eucharist, while the Eucharist opens believers to a deeper understanding of Scripture. "This Word nourishes and sustains us together with the Eucharistic bread and leads us from the decay of sin to new life in Christ," Pope Leo said.



Referring to the Second Vatican Council's focus on giving Catholics greater access to Scripture, the pope pointed to the Lectionary -- the book containing the biblical readings proclaimed at Mass -- as a result of the council's liturgical reform. The expanded collection of readings used in the Church's liturgies today, he said, reflects the richness of the Church's living tradition, combining "fidelity to tradition with openness to legitimate progress." "Dear brothers and sisters, let us draw with faith from this source of divine life and allow ourselves to be transformed by the mystery we celebrate," the Pope said.

Photo above: Pope Leo XIV greets a child from the popemobile while riding around St. Peter's Square at the Vatican before his weekly general audience on June 24, 2026.

Pope: Like a stream leading to its source, music leads us to God

(Courtesy *Vatican News*, July 30, 2026.)

Pope Leo XIV joined the prayer gathering 'Canticle of Peace' at Borgo Laudato si', in the Pontifical Gardens of Castel Gandolfo, together with Andrea Bocelli and the ABF Voices choir, made up of children's voices from Uganda, the Holy Land and Italy on July 29, 2026. Pope Leo offered the young people present a personal reassurance: "The Holy Father loves you and prays for you, for your families and for your countries," Pope Leo said. His words became a prayer for peace, asking that it may reign "in all those parts of the world that continue to suffer because of violence." For the young participants, praying together with the Pope marked the culmination of a ten-day journey during which choristers and educators shared an experience of formation, friendship and fraternity through the art of singing. For more, and to hear Andrea Bocelli and the Children's choir sing Amazing Grace, please visit: youtube.com/watch?v=X6e25S72_Jg

"For to this you have been called..." 1 Peter 2:21
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!





Council Leadership for the 2026-27 Fraternal Year

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Grand Knight
Deputy Grand Knight
Chaplain
Financial Secretary
Chancellor
Recorder
Treasurer
Advocate
Warden
Inside Guard
Outside Guard
Trustee – One Year
Trustee – Two Year
Trustee – Three Year
Lecturer

SK Michael Ernst
SK Daniel Kimble
Rev. Fr. Justin Vakko
SK Harold Bennett
BK Ronald Nowviskie
SK Daniel Medved
SK William Whelan
SK Robert Simcoe
SK Angelo Salvo
SK Ramon Oyola
BK John McFarland
SK Eugene Nelson
SK James Morris
SK Skip Keating
(vacant)



Council 8791 Officers following their Installation on July 1, 2026.

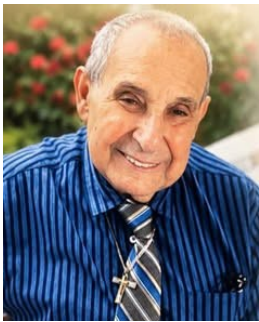
COUNCIL DIRECTORS AND CHAIRMEN

Program Director	SK Daniel Kimble
Faith Director	SK Eugene Nelson
Family Director	SK Robin Grant
Community Director	SK Jay Young
Life Director	SK Angelo Salvo
Cor Leader/EFF Director	SK Christopher Munson
Communications Director	SK Daniel Medved
Blood Drive/Habitat Chairman	SK Mark Leary
Sunshine Committee Chairman	SK James Morris
Transportation Committee Chairman	SK Harold Bennett



Knight of the Month

+SK Jack Toia



The Knight of the Month award recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our parish. Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst announced that the Knight of the Month for July is SK Jack Toia, who we recognize posthumously. SK Jack was 91 years of age when he passed away earlier this month. He was a man whose life of faith and service strengthened our parish and our Council for more than a decade. He attended Daily Mass and served at the altar with reverence. He trained dozens of new altar servers for our parish. He also helped in the kitchen, with coffee & donuts, served as Santa's chief elf at our Christmas events, attended *Cor*, and provided support wherever else he could. SK

Jack will be deeply and sincerely missed by our Council, our parish, and all who were blessed to know him. We honor him, and may he rest in eternal peace.

🚩 Photos of the Mass of Christian Burial for SK Jack Toia are found in Knights Intentions on pages 18 and 19.



Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus recognize a family each month that exemplifies the ideals of a Catholic Christian Family through their participation in our community at Prince of Peace. We did not announce a Family of the Month last month. The next Family of the Month will be announced in September. We are always looking for our next Family of the Month. SK Robin Grant, Family Director, has asked all Knights to identify deserving families in the parish for Family of the Month and contact him at knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights

Welcome BK James Basham

At our July Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie announced that we have one new member for consideration. We also have several online members preparing to transfer into our Council and two other prospects pending. BK Ron Nowviskie shared information on James Basham, who is a new parishioner. The Council unanimously approved. New BK James Basham introduced himself to his Brother Knights. All expressed their welcome.

Photo at right: BK James Basham at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026.

We invite all Catholic men in our parish to join Prince of Peace Council 8791, but we need your help. Please look around you at Mass. A personal invitation to join is always best. We want to share the many benefits of the Knights of Columbus, including promoting opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship, emphasizing extensive charitable work and support for the Church, offering insurance and investment benefits for the whole family, and highlighting the legacy of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney. The key is to personalize a message, to discuss his interest, the benefits of our Order, share positive experiences, and ask him to join.

Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett has included information on the back of all 2026-27 Membership Cards on how a prospective Knight can join online, making it easier for each member to recruit a Knight for our Council. We have a table with information in the Social Hall and more on our Council website at kofc8791.org and at the QR Code shown at left. We ask you to be active in recruiting new Knights, and contact Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie at rnowviskie@yahoo.com as needed.



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

Photo at right: SK Jim Nunn, Faithful Navigator of Bishop Thomas J. Grady Assembly 2901.

Faithful Navigator SK Jim Nunn announced that the Assembly is on Summer hiatus, with the next Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 pm. We currently have 119 members. We need more Knights to attend the meetings as we benefit from your input and fraternity. If you are not yet a Sir Knight of the Fourth Degree, you are encouraged to complete an application. The Assembly will pay the admission fee. We focus on the principle of Patriotism, which is so important in our society. You still have time to register for the Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, August 29 at 11:00 am in Port Orange. We hope that all Council Knights will join our Assembly.



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Fourth Degree membership is open to any Third Degree Council member. Assembly membership offers the opportunity for Catholic men to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fourth Degree is the highest level for a Knight, bestowed with the title of 'Sir Knight' (SK).

The Installation of Officers for the Assembly is on Thursday, August 13 at St. Brendan. All Officers are asked to attend. We are pleased to recognize the members of our Council who will serve as Assembly Officers for Fraternal year 2026-27: Faithful Navigator SK James Nunn; Faithful Captain SK Michael Ernst; Faithful Admiral SK William Whelan; Faithful Pilot SK Daniel Medved; Faithful Purser SK Gary Konopka; Faithful Scribe SK Daniel Kimble; Faithful Outer Sentinel SK Angelo Salvo; Faithful Two-Year Trustee SK Charles Armstrong; and Faithful Three-Year Trustee SK Jay Young.



Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We ask our Knights to consider spending one hour each month in Adoration. You may use the Adoration Chapel, or participate in the Holy Hour on the First Friday of the month or any Friday of the month, or participate in other Adorations as available. Please report your total Adoration hours, if any, each month to our Faith Director.

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

Our Council leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary, held when a month has a fifth Saturday, in the Church Chapel at 5:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is on August 29. Please consider joining us.

Cor.

Cor meets each month on the second Saturday beginning at 10:00 am for one hour. The next *Cor* is Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 am. Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. *Cor* continues this mission by centering men's hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other. Everything flows from the heart. If you get the heart right, you get the man right — a man of faith who will courageously live out the mission God calls him to. Christ is the heart of *Cor*.

Please speak with SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith activities.



Family

SK Robin Grant, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. If you have a family to recommend for Family of the Month, please contact SK Rob Grant at fourcardiac@gmail.com.

Food for Families.

The Knights are committed to providing food for families in our community. We encourage Knights to support the Food Pantry by bringing a grocery donation with you to Mass on the weekend.

Please speak with SK Robin Grant, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our next Blood Drive, the first of the New Fraternal Year, is on Sunday August 16. Please give if you can and if you are unable, please ask a family member or friend to donate. If you have been unable to give in the past, but circumstances or medications have changed and you have not tried to give blood recently, please consider doing so. There are lots of misconceptions out there about when one may be unable to give blood which are not correct. If you have questions about whether you can donate, the "One Blood" website can be a useful tool to see if you may qualify to give and of course the best advice for your personal medical well-being comes from your doctor. So, get your money's worth out of your doctor's visit and consider asking about blood donation for you. Our goal for the Fraternal Year is once again 90 pints.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday for August is Wednesday August 19 (the third Wednesday of the month). We are off to a good start with 19,5 hours donated to date in July by our "Weekday Warriors". Our goal for the Fraternal Year is once again 200 hours and 2 program credits in the community Category for this program. If you are interested in joining the Habitat Team and contributing to this great program of home ownership for low income working class families and maybe learning a few more home building or home maintenance skills, like painting, roofing, laying tile, and others, please contact SK Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.

Food Pantry and Like New Shop.

We need more volunteers, both men and women. The Like New Shop is currently open from 9:30 am until 2:00 pm on Tuesday through Friday, and on the first and third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Donations are also accepted on Mondays. If you can spare a few hours during the week, please let me know or call the Church office. At the Food Pantry, we can always use more men to help pack the grocery bags and to assist with food pickup. If you can assist, please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com.

Veterans Nursing Home.

We had a good turnout of Knights from our Council last month on July 2. Thank you to all who participated. The veterans appreciate our presence and fellowship. Our next visit is on Thursday, August 6 at 10:00 am. Please join us if you are able. The Council will be providing some funding toward the gift cards this year, using the "Change for Vets" cans available at each Council Meeting. Save your change for a vet.

Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

Thanks to the many Knights who support our Coffee & Donuts ministry every Sunday. We are grateful for your hospitality and support. Our next breakfast will be the Religious Education Kick-Off breakfast in September. More to come.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

The next Area 4 competition events are on August 1 (Bowling competition, Jacksonville), August 15 (Swimming competition, Ocala), and August 29 (Swimming qualifier, Orlando). If interested, please contact SK Angelo Salvo at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Disabilities Campaign/Tootsie Roll Drive.

The Disabilities Campaign/Tootsie Roll Drive is expected to move forward this Fraternal Year, with an early start. More to come.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Life activities.



Highlight of the Month: July 4 Ceremony and Parade



The Knights of Columbus participated in the annual Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 4, on Main Street in Daytona Beach. The parade paid tribute to veterans and first responders, featuring nearly local military organizations, as well as combat veterans, and the City of Daytona Beach Police and Fire Departments. Prior to the parade, there was a special Veterans Ceremony by the Clock Tower between the Boardwalk and the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort. SK Skip Keating organized our Council's participation and spoke during the Veterans Ceremony. Special

thanks to SK Skip Keating and SK Angelo Salvo who represented our Council. Enjoy the photos below.



SK Skip Keating addresses the attendees.



SK Angelo Salvo and SK Skip Keating at the Veterans Ceremony at the Clock Tower.



SK Skip Keating, SK Angelo Salvo and others at the July 4 Parade.



Highlight of the Month: Reception for Sister Rose



The parish expressed gratitude to Sister Rose Urbanczyk at a reception following the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Sister Rose and the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family have been reassigned to the Diocese of St. Augustine in Jacksonville beginning this month. Sister Rose has served as the parish Director of Religious Education for the last six years., leading hundreds of children and adults through their faith formation. Her presence, and that of Sister Beata and Sister Magdalena, has been a blessing to our parish. Sister Rose expressed her gratitude and appreciation to Council 8791 for all the assistance provided to her.

Photo at left: Sister Rose at the March for Life in January 2026.

Thank you to the Knights who helped serve at the Reception and to many others who joined us and provided hospitality. Our Knights set up the room, served coffee, juice, donuts, muffins, bagels, fresh fruit, and a sheet cake, all provided by the parish. Please enjoy the photos below.

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Sister Rose Urbanczyk, with Sister Magdalena and Sister Beata.



Knights assisted with the set-up and service of food. Pictured (L-R) SK Greg Scull, SK Jeff Delgado, SK Jim Burns, SK Roger Lanoue, BK J.C. Phillips, SK Ramon Oyola, SK Bill Whelan, and SK Maurice Laffin.



Parishioners join in the Reception for Sister Rose and the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family on Sunday, July 26 after the 9:00 am Mass.



SK Bill Whelan assists at the donut table.



SK Greg Scull and SK Jim Burns assist with the fruit and beverages.



BK Ron Nowwiskie with the appreciation cake.



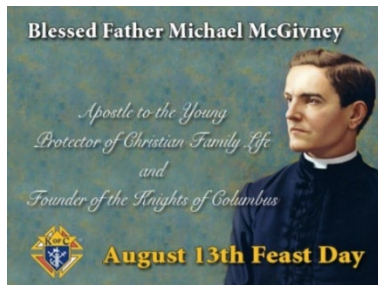
Upcoming Activities: Veterans; Cor; Blessed Father McGivney Memorial Mass; Blood Drive; Habitat; Rosary; Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Our next visit with veterans is Thursday, August 6 at 10:00 am at the Emory Bennett Veterans Nursing Home. Please join us if you can. We spend time playing BINGO and talking with the veterans. They truly appreciate the opportunity for this interaction. We always come away with a sense of receiving more than we gave. Please consider joining us this month.



The next *Cor* is Saturday, August 8 at 10:00 am in Room 7 in the Parish Administration Building. Created by the Knights of Columbus, *Cor* is a ministry filled with prayer, formation, and fraternity that focuses men on Jesus through building a Christ-centered brotherhood. We meet for one hour, and usually watch and discuss a video, discuss a recent Gospel reading, and pray a decade of the Rosary. Please consider joining us at *Cor* this month.



Please join us to honor Blessed Father Michael McGivney at his Feast Day Memorial Mass on Wednesday, August 13 at 12:10 pm. The Mass was truly the source and summit of Father McGivney's life, and there is no better way to honor our founder than by entering into the mystery of faith in which his entire life and ministry was rooted. With the beatification of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, August 13 was assigned as a feast day in the Church's liturgical calendar. The entire family of the Knights of Columbus observes this day of joy and grace. We encourage Council Knights to attend.



Our next Parish Blood Drive is Sunday, August 16 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. This is our first Blood Drive of the Fraternal Year, with a goal of 90 pints. All donors receive a \$10.00 e-gift card, a One Blood t-shirt, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. Appointments are available. Please

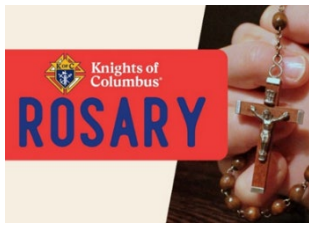
give blood if you can or ask a family member, friend, parishioner, or neighbor to donate. Thank you.



The next Habitat for Humanity workday is Wednesday, August 19 (the third Wednesday of the month). More Knights are always welcome to assist with the building of our current home. More Knights are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Habitat Team and maybe learning a few more home building or maintenance skills, or have any questions, please contact SK Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.



The next Council Meeting of Prince of Peace Council 8791 is Tuesday, August 25 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. Council Meetings allow Knights to discuss the business of the Council, review the status of programs, coordinate church and community volunteer events, vote on the distribution of funds, build fraternity, and strengthen their Catholic faith. Council Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend. Meetings last about one hour, preceded by a light dinner available beginning at 6:30 pm. Please consider joining us this month.



The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family. Our Council hosts the Fifth Saturday Rosary, a Faith activity for our Knights and parishioners. We will gather in the Church Chapel to pray the Rosary on Saturday, August 29 at 5:00 pm. Please join us.



Our Council will host the Icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Prince of Peace Catholic Church from Tuesday, September 15 through Monday, September 21. The Icon depicts the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767, and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. We will begin the planning in earnest for our responsibilities in hosting the Icon. More information will be coming soon. Please plan to join us for devotional activities during the Icon's visit.



Calendar of Council Activities

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- August 2 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- August 6 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- August 7 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)
- August 8 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (Room 7)
- August 9 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- August 11 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Room 3)
- August 13 – Blessed Michael McGivney Memorial Mass, 12:10 pm (Church Chapel)
- August 16 – Blood Drive, 8:00 am to 1:30 pm (Big Red Bus, Parish Parking Lot)
- August 16 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- August 19 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- August 23 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- August 25 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)
- August 29 – Fourth Degree Exemplification, 11:00 am (Our Lady of Hope, 4675 Clyde Morris Bl., Port Orange)
- August 29 – Fifth Saturday Rosary, 5:00 pm (Church Chapel)
- August 30 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- September 3 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- September 4 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)
- September 6 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- September 7 – Labor Day
- September 8 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Room 3)
- September 12 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (Room 7)
- September 13 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
- September 15 to 21 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (Church)

September 16 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)

September 20 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

September 22 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)

September 27 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)



Anniversaries in August

Happy Anniversary to our Brother Knights celebrating their wedding anniversary during this month. We know of and offer best wishes to the following Knights and their spouses:

Victor and Calvie Dean – married on August 4, 2012 (14 years)

Harold and Carol Bennett – married on August 5, 1972 (54 years)

Leon and Maggie Consolatore – married on August 18, 2001 (25 years)

Edwin and Marie Baden – married on August 27, 1970 (56 years)



Congratulations to our Brother Knights celebrating their annual anniversary as a Knight of Columbus during this month:

Albert Perry (42 years)

Rev. John Fradet (41 years)

Edward Bodigheimer (25 years)

Christopher Munson (21 years)

Eddy Ho (20 years)

Deacon Bruce Gesinski (17 years)

Joseph Mikulan (17 years)

Anthony Frederick (15 years)

Roy Rearden (15 years)

Jerry Maroor (11 years)

William McCarthy (11 years)

Alphonse Savarese (10 years)

Jackson Schuler (9 years)

Scott Waddell (2 years)

Ronald Laino (2 years)

Matthew Leib (1 year)

Thank you



Birthdays in August

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights who celebrate their birthday this month:

Raymond Okon – August 1

Thomas Kruse – August 4

Gregory Scull – August 4

John Lingo – August 6

Robert Littleton, Jr. – August 7

Frederick Boyle – August 8

Lanny Van Lancker – August 9

Paul Clare – August 12

Jeffrey Delgado – August 12

Rev. Thomas McMackin – August 14

Frank Detommaso – August 17



Victor Dean – August 18

Robert Simcoe – August 20

Anthony Frederick – August 22

Jerry Mackey – August 23

Edward Limmer – August 25

Brian Rademacher – August 26

Andres Tafur – August 26

George Gibison – August 27

Robert Kindergan – August 28

Edwin Baden – August 31



Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

His Vision, Your Prayers

You can play a key role in advancing Blessed Father Michael McGivney's cause for sainthood by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization. You will receive a quarterly newsletter, and your intentions will be remembered in a weekly Mass. Please visit: fathermcgivney.org/join-the-guild/.



Knights Intentions

We pray for our Brother Knights and their families and friends:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

- + SK Jack Toia
- + Vicente Serrano, father-in-law of BK J.C. Phillips

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

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| SK James Morris | SK John McCarthy |
| SK James Weite | SK John Malafronte |
| SK Tom Welter | SK Daniel Eppelheimer |
| SK Bob Simcoe | SK Bob Guidotti |
| SK Paul Clare | BK Joe Fulweber |
| BK Bob Falkenberg | SK Joseph Taibl |
| BK Scott Waddell | BK Frank Guillena |
| SK John Peters | SK Joseph Collins |
| SK Ron Piasecki | SK Jerry Mackey |
| BK George Graff | SK Daniel Medved |

- Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe
 Glenda Malafronte, wife of SK John Malafronte
 Patti Ann Welter, wife of SK Tom Welter
 Valerie Kruse, wife of SK Tom Kruse
 Nicki Collins, wife of SK Joseph Collins
 Kathy Waddell, wife of BK Scott Waddell
 Nicole Carter, daughter of BK Ray Komara
 Joan Nelson, wife of SK Gene Nelson
 Colleen Wishall, daughter-in-law of SK Chris Munson

- Linda Guidotti, wife of SK Bob Guidotti
 Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski
 Calvie Dean, wife of SK Victor Dean
 Mason Collins, grandson of SK Joseph Collins
 Beth Rodriguez, daughter of SK Joseph Collins
 Jim Toia, brother of +SK Jack Toia
 Melissa Kyer, stepdaughter of SK James Morris
 Elaine Crews, wife of SK Ken Crews
 Betty Nowvieskie, wife of BK Ron Nowvieskie



 **If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers,** please send an email with their name and prayer request to knights@columbus8791@gmail.com.

Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members and friends who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them healing and good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting illness, injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, may Your bountiful goodness be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.



Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth to the Kingdom of Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.

+ Mass of Christian Burial for SK Jack Toia



On July 30, the Knights of Council 8791 and Assembly 2901 came together to pay our respects at a Mass of Christian Burial for SK Jack Toia, who passed away on July 6 at the age of 91. Jack was a dedicated Knight, devoted altar server, and beloved member of our parish family for many years. He joined the Knights of Columbus Council 8791 in 2014 and Assembly 2901 in 2018. He was always helping where needed, but was a mainstay at Daily Mass, the Vigil Mass, and all Sunday Masses as the chief altar server, and at the Like New Shop where he was integral to ensure that donated items were sorted, priced, and displayed. We will miss his brotherhood. We will miss his smile. Rest in peace, Brother Jack. Please see the photos below.



Knights of Columbus Color Corps stands ready for the Opening Procession.



Knights from Council 8791 process in as the Mass begins.



The Clergy process in as the Mass begins.



John Toia, son of SK Jack Toia, delivers a Eulogy.

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Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, delivers his homily and reflections.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, and priests concelebrate the Mass, assisted by Deacon Bruce Gesinski.



Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst reads the Proclamation of Condolences.



Knights stand during the Roll Call.



The Color Corps leads the procession at the close of the Mass.



Many memories of SK Jack Toia adorn the head table at the Reception.
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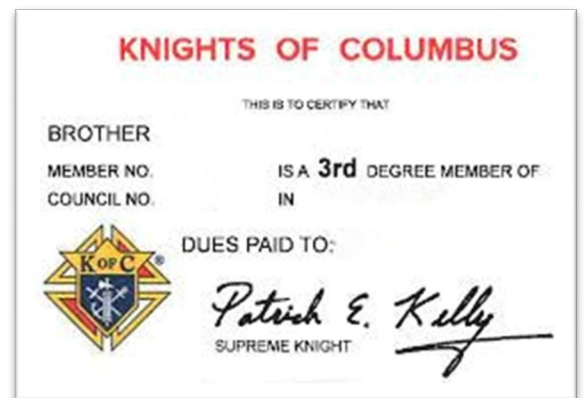
Knights gather after the Mass on July 30, 2026. More than 50 Knights attended, including those pictured here.



Membership Dues

Reminder: Dues may be paid in person or online

Membership dues for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year were due on July 1. Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett has emailed or mailed notices to all Knights, except those who are exempt. Dues are \$35.00. They may be paid by check and mailed to Knights of Columbus Council 8791, 600 S. Nova Rd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174 or hand-delivered to the Parish Office in an envelope marked Knights of Columbus, Council 8791. You also have the option to pay your membership dues by credit card. Go to our Council website, kofc8791.org, click on the "More" tab, then click on the "Pay Membership Dues" tab. If you have any questions about dues, please contact Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett at hlbenn@yahoo.com.



Council Shirts Ordering

New Knights receive a free shirt; Council Knights may order additional shirts



Our Council shirts reflect our fraternity and unity, and enhance the visibility of the Knights to those we serve. The Council purchases personalized navy-blue Council shirts for all new members and transfers. There is no cost to you. The Council also handles orders for Knights who would like to purchase a new or additional shirt. Please complete the shirt ordering form and submit it to SK Bob Simcoe, who will take payment, order the shirt, and ensure it reaches you when received. You can also pay for your shirt through our website. Please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe@aol.com with any questions.

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Save the Date

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8:00AM - 10:00AM

SPEAKERS THRU THE DECADES
11:00AM - 1:00PM

BINGO
1:00 - 3:00PM

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