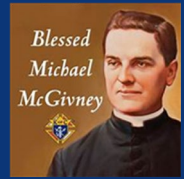




Knights Page



Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

July 2026



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Ernst

Brother Knights, my father used to pray at St. Mary's in New Haven, Connecticut on his lunch hour. This is the church where Father McGivney helped families through hardship. He knew that burden himself because his father died young and left his own mother in need. Though he was not a Knight, when I think of him now, I remember how he helped me when my first wife died and I had to raise two children. As I take on the role of Grand Knight again, I see more clearly why Father McGivney created the Knights of Columbus.



Father McGivney knew the Church needed men who could help struggling families. In 1881, he gathered two dozen of them in the basement of St. Mary's and established the Order. Today, families still face powerful moral, economic, and social pressures. Our task is to continue the work he began. As your Grand Knight, I'm asking you to pray more and draw closer to Christ. That's how a man's faith becomes strong enough to move mountains. Prayer also demands humility. Mary's fiat shows what a humble disciple looks like: "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."

To serve this parish well, our Council must begin with humility, because humble men become witnesses who bring others into our brotherhood. Christ said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." That call still defines our mission. Men who will one day serve this Church are already here, watching how we live our faith. As Knights, they see us protect the vulnerable, strengthen one another, and work to leave the world better than we found it.

Knights who pray become virtuous men others want to follow. This is how we must grow. We must become servants Christ can use. Every man is forged by fire, but only faith makes him ready. Let us be disciples Christ can count on—tempered by grace and willing to serve.



Happy Independence Day and 250th Anniversary

Independence Day, Patriotism, and the Knights of Columbus

(Courtesy kofc.org)

America...God shed His grace on thee. Independence Day is typically celebrated with public displays of patriotism, including parades, picnics, fireworks displays and speeches at civic events. Members of the Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus, our Fourth Degree, will often be found turning out in full regalia at these ceremonies. Patriotism has been one of the four principles of the Knights of Columbus since the Fourth Degree was established in 1900. We joyfully celebrate our Independence Day every July 4th, and especially this year on the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

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Photo at left: A few years ago, Council Knights stand proudly with a big U.S. Flag displayed at Prince of Peace.

Saint Pope John Paul II, in 2005, published what was to be his last book, titled "Memory and Identity." He discusses good and evil, church and state, freedom and democracy, and the Communist and Nazi totalitarianism which produced so much human tragedy during the 20th Century. The saint drew a careful distinction between nationalism and patriotism. "Whereas nationalism involves recognizing and pursuing the good of one's own nation alone, without regard for the rights of others," he wrote, "patriotism ... is a

love for one's native land that accords rights to all other nations equal to those claimed for one's own. Patriotism, in other words, leads to a properly ordered social love."

Saint Pope John Paul II noted that the word patriotism comes from the root word patria, meaning "home" or "native land." It is related to the Latin word pater, meaning "father," and so we sometimes speak of "fatherland" or "motherland" as well. "The concept of patria includes the values and the spiritual content that make up the culture of a great nation," the Pope wrote. "The very idea of 'native land' presupposes a deep bond between the spiritual and the material, between culture and territory."

For members of the Knights of Columbus, for whom faith and patriotism go hand in hand, Saint Pope John Paul II's is a concise description of the relationship between the two: the Fourth Commandment, which tells us to honor our father and mother, obliges us to honor our homeland as well. "The spiritual patrimony which we acquire from our native land comes to us through our mother and father," he says. The Pope continued, "Patriotism is a love for everything to do with our native land: its history, its traditions, its language, its natural features. It is a love which extends also to the works of our compatriots and the fruits of their genius. Every danger that threatens the overall good of our native land becomes an occasion to demonstrate this love. The native land is the common good of all citizens and as such it imposes a serious duty."

God bless America, land that we love; stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above.



District Deputy Message – SK Chuck Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and our State Deputy, Michael Gizewski. Council 8791 has been doing a great job, and has achieved Star Council for the second year in a row. Congratulations.

Photo at right: District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong.

The State Convention was held last month and provided a lot a good information for the Council. The new State Officers are in place. There are several changes in Programs and Reports this coming Fraternal Year, so there was a State Organizational Meeting in Orlando to review and discuss the changes. That information will be shared with your Council in coming meetings.



It was a privilege for me to conduct the Installation of Officers for Prince of Peace Council 8791 on July 1. It was a meaningful opportunity to reflect on the purpose and focus of our Order and to celebrate the men who will serve as Council Officers this Fraternal Year. My thanks to all who attended and especially your new Officers. Please give them your support. It was also special to have a live Third Degree Exemplification immediately thereafter. Three men were received as Third Degree Knights. It was great to welcome them.

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We have an upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification next month on Saturday, August 29 in Port Orange. All are welcome. Please consider joining the Fourth Degree. The Assembly will pay your membership fee to join. Also, please consider joining the Color Corps. They are always looking to add to their ranks. Please contact me or SK Bill Whelan with any questions.

At the Basilica of St. Paul, there has been a big change as of July 1. Father Ken Gill, Rector, transferred to Ascension parish in Melbourne to be closer to family. Father John Bosco, formerly of Epiphany parish in Port Orange and most recently Ascension parish, is the new Rector. The Basilica will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary next year, and the Knights in the District, including your Council, will have a role. More to come.

Finally, the next State Raffle is underway. A book of tickets is \$10.00, and your Council keeps \$5.00 for each book sold. Please promote and utilize the raffle again this year.

Brother Knights, thank you for all that you do. Vivat Jesus!



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

Conform Our Hearts to His Sacred Heart

(Courtesy *Columbia*, June 16, 2026)

Photo at right: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, accompanied by Supreme Officers and fraternal leaders, unveils an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during an enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the lobby of Supreme Council headquarters in New Haven, Conn., on June 12, 2026.

The Supreme Officers, joined by fraternal leaders, Supreme Council staff members and their families, gathered in New Haven, Connecticut, on June 12 for the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Supreme Council headquarters building.

The event, organized by Supreme Council staff members under the leadership of Supreme Master Michael McCusker, took place in the lobby of the Order's international headquarters one day after the U.S. Bishops' consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart as part of this year's observance of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



Following a Gospel reading and reflection by Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch, director of chaplains and spiritual development, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly unveiled a framed image of the Sacred Heart and led those assembled in an act of consecration to the Sacred Heart prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "To have the image of the Sacred Heart here will be a reminder when we walk in and walk out ... it's not simply another office here in the city," Father Kalisch said in his reflection. "Seeing that image of our Lord is a reminder of why we do what we do, especially — more than what we do — what God does for us."

Father Kalisch then led the assembly in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart and blessed home enthronement kits that were distributed to Supreme Council staff and their families. "As we bless them, let us pray that our Lord may be praised, adored and loved in our homes," he prayed. "We ask that we may be reminded of God's love and mercy every time we see these images of the Sacred Heart."

The ceremony was followed by Mass at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, for the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father Michael Dolan, pastor of the citywide Blessed Michael McGivney Parish, celebrated the Mass. In his homily, Father Dolan reflected on the spirituality of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the 17th-century French religious sister to whom Jesus revealed his Sacred Heart in a series of apparitions. A relic of the saint was present during the Mass.

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Photo at right: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (second from left), accompanied by Supreme Officers and Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch, director of chaplains and spiritual development, leads the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus following the enthronement of the Sacred Heart image in the lobby of Supreme Council headquarters on June 12, 2026.

In remarks at the conclusion of the liturgy, Supreme Knight Kelly noted, “Our enthronement of an image of the Sacred Heart today at our headquarters building should also lead us, as an Order, back to the heart of Christ — despite our shortcomings, our limitations, and our weaknesses.”

The Supreme Knight also reflected on Blessed Michael McGivney’s devotion to the Sacred Heart. Father McGivney grew up in a home with an image of the Sacred Heart on the wall, and as a seminarian he studied with the Vincentians, the Jesuits and the Sulpicians — all of whom promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. Upon his death in 1890, he was buried with a cloth depiction of the Sacred Heart.



Photo at left: Supreme Officers, fraternal leaders, Council staff members, their families and Father Michael Dolan, pastor of the citywide Blessed Michael McGivney Parish, are pictured on the steps of St. Mary’s Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven, Conn., following the enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Supreme Council headquarters on June 12, 2026.

“The national consecration was especially meaningful to the Knights of Columbus,” the supreme knight said. “Devotion to the Sacred Heart has been with us since our very beginning, thanks to our founder.”

Last year, the Order sponsored the [restoration](#) of the 325-year-old Sacred Heart Chapel of the Church of the Gesù in Rome, which houses the 18th-century image of the Sacred Heart by Italian

artist Pompeo Batoni. The image is the centerpiece of the Order’s Pilgrim Icon Program, which began in 2025, and coincided with the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart to St. Margaret Mary.

Photo at right: U.S. Bishops consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, in Orlando on June 11, 2026.

Earlier this month, the major relics of St. Margaret Mary were escorted from Paris to the United States by a delegation of French Knights led by Arnaud Bouthéon, territorial deputy of France. They were brought to Orlando, Florida, for the consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart by the U.S. Bishops on June 11 and will remain in the country through September. The relics will be available for public veneration at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven from June 17 to 27, 2026.



“Let’s answer this spiritual call to action as the collective family of the Knights of Columbus,” Supreme Knight Kelly said on June 12. “And let’s do the same in our own individual families. If you haven’t already, I’d encourage you to enthrone an image of the Sacred Heart in your home — and every day, let’s strive to make God’s love our own and to conform our hearts to his.”

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

(Courtesy Knights of Columbus *kofc.org*.)

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. Men undertaking the challenge can gather as a group and share their experiences living the challenge. 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.



Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain

This month's Bible Verse:

"While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well." (Gospel for July 19, Mt 13:25-26)

In the midst of his suffering, Job asked, "Why do the wicked keep on living, grow old, become mighty in power?" (Job 21:7). It seems to human eyes an injustice: the good suffer while the evil prosper. But Jesus explains that God "makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Mt 5:45). He is a patient God, and we must "consider the patience of our Lord as salvation" (2 Pt 3:15a). God is patient with sinners — including us.

Challenge by the Supreme Chaplain:

This month, I challenge you to reach out to a family member or friend and invite them to go to the sacrament of penance.

Questions for Reflection:

In what way are you like wheat, and in what ways are you like weeds? Are you envious or disturbed by those who lead unholy lives but seem to prosper? Do you find it difficult to love the "weeds" in your life, to pray for and work toward their salvation?



Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Update

A Job Well Done

Michael Gizewski, State Deputy

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

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

As we approach the conclusion of the 2025–2026 Fraternal Year, the countdown has officially begun. June 30, 2026, is rapidly approaching, and while the calendar may be winding down, our mission is not. In fact, these final weeks present one of the greatest opportunities we have had all year. Too often, organizations view the end of a year as the finish line. In the Knights of Columbus, it should be viewed as a launching point. There is still important work to be done, lives to be touched, and men to be invited into our Order. The year is not over until June 30, and every day between now and then matters.



One of the greatest opportunities before us is membership growth. Every new E-member who joins during the month of June can be transferred into a local council in July, giving that council a strong start toward Star

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Council for the upcoming fraternal year. Imagine beginning July with new members already engaged and ready to serve. That momentum can make all the difference in helping councils achieve their goals and continue their growth. This is why I am encouraging every District Deputy and every Grand Knight to stay focused and finish strong. We have worked too hard throughout this year to slow down now. We have conducted meaningful programs, supported our parishes, served our communities, raised funds for charitable causes, defended life, strengthened families, and brought men closer to Christ. The foundation has been laid. Now is the time to build upon it. Let us continue pursuing the Father McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards. Let us continue striving for Star Council. Most importantly, let us keep the train on the tracks and moving forward.



For the first time in twelve years, Florida has an opportunity to bring Pinnacle back to our jurisdiction. That is not a small accomplishment. Pinnacle recognition represents the very best of what a jurisdiction can achieve in membership growth, insurance growth, charitable outreach, and overall excellence. Bringing Pinnacle back to Florida would be a testament to the dedication, faith, and hard work of every brother throughout our state.

The good news is that this goal is within our reach. It does not require extraordinary measures. It requires commitment, determination, and a willingness to continue doing what successful councils have always done—invite Catholic men to join us in our mission. Membership drives do not have to be complicated. Sometimes the most effective invitation is the simplest one. Set up a table after Mass. Speak with a parishioner. Share your experience as a Knight. Invite a friend, a neighbor, a fellow ministry member, or a family member. Ask someone to join. Of course, always work closely with your pastor and obtain the necessary permission from your parish. When Pastors see Knights actively serving their parish and supporting its mission, they often become our strongest allies in membership growth.

Every new member represents more than a number on a report. Every new member is a Catholic man seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, a stronger connection to his parish, and an opportunity to serve others. Through the Knights of Columbus, we provide that pathway. We help men grow in faith, build lasting friendships, support their families, and become leaders in their communities. That is why membership growth is not simply about statistics. It is about evangelization. It is about building the Church. It is about bringing souls closer to Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on this fraternal year, I am filled with gratitude for all that has been accomplished across the Florida State Council. I have witnessed extraordinary examples of faith in action. I have seen councils step forward when communities were in need. I have watched brothers volunteer countless hours serving their parishes and charitable organizations. I have seen families strengthened through our programs and lives changed through our works of mercy. For all of this, I simply want to say thank you. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for your sacrifices. Thank you for your dedication. Thank you for your willingness to answer the call to serve. Thank you for being visible examples of Catholic faith in your communities. Most importantly, thank you for helping bring souls to Christ.

The strength of Florida is not found in any one individual. It is found in thousands of dedicated Knights and their families who choose every day to live out the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. It is found in Grand Knights who lead with humility, District Deputies who mentor and encourage, chaplains who provide spiritual guidance, and members who quietly serve without seeking recognition. Together, we are making Florida a better place to live. We are strengthening our parishes, supporting our priests, serving those in need, defending the dignity of every human life, and building a stronger future for the Church.

I ask each of you to remain focused, remain energized, and remain committed to the mission. There is still work to be done. There are still men waiting to be invited. There are still goals to be achieved. Let us finish strong. Let us continue moving forward. Let us continue building upon the tremendous success of this year. May God continue to bless you, your families, your councils, and the great State of Florida.



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(Courtesy *USCCB News*, June 11, 2026)

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Bishops consecrated the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the Bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart.



Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and Archbishop of the Diocese of Baltimore, delivered the homily at Mass of Consecration of the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Here is his message:



Photo at left: Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore gives the homily as U.S. Bishops consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026, in Orlando.

Why We Consecrate

What a remarkable moment of grace we are privileged to share. On the threshold of our nation's 250th anniversary, we gather, not first to celebrate ourselves, but to consecrate. To entrust. To place the Church in the United States, and indeed the whole nation, into the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ.

Why do we do this? Because consecration is an act of faith. It is an acknowledgment that history is not simply the story of what human beings accomplish; it is the story of God's faithful love at work in the world. We give thanks for the blessings of these past 250 years, but we do so with humility,

recognizing in faith that every nation stands in need of God's mercy, wisdom, and guidance. We consecrate our nation, not because it is perfect, but because it is beloved by God. We entrust to the Heart of Christ our achievements and failures, our hopes and anxiety, our present challenges and our future aspirations. We ask him to heal what is wounded, strengthen what is good, and guide us towards a future marked by justice, peace, freedom, and respect for the dignity of every human person.

Consecration is also an act of hope. It is a declaration that the future does not belong merely to political movements, economic forces, or human plans. The future belongs to God. And so we place into His Heart, not only ourselves but generations yet unborn, and all those who will inherit the Church and the nation.

Remaining in the Love of Christ

In a culture that prizes independence and self-reliance, we gather publicly to acknowledge that our deepest identity and our truest hope come, not from ourselves but from the Lord. That is why today's Gospel is so fitting. Jesus says: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love." The Sacred Heart is the visible sign of that love. It is not an abstract devotion. It is the revelation of God's love made flesh—a heart that has known joy and sorrow, friendship and betrayal, suffering and sacrifice.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us something else that is extraordinary. He says, "I have called you friends." The Sacred Heart reveals a Savior who desires not merely our obedience, but our friendship; not simply our service, but our communion with Him. To consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart is ultimately to accept Christ's invitation to remain in His love and to allow that love to shape every aspect of our lives, public and private.

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Consecration Requires Humility

In my recent pastoral, *In Charity & Truth: Towards a Renewed Political Culture*, I reflected on the certainty that love and truth are never opposed. They meet perfectly in the Heart of Christ. Jesus tells us: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." To love as Christ loves is the true measure of Christian discipleship and the true measure of our humanity. Yet if we are honest, we must acknowledge that neither our nation nor the Church has always clearly reflected that love—indeed, it is sometimes obscured almost beyond recognition. To be sure, there have been moments of extraordinary witness and holiness. But there have also been moments of failure, division, and sin. Consecration requires the humility to acknowledge both. We cannot come to the Heart of Christ while pretending we have no need of His mercy. To consecrate ourselves and our nation is to place our wounds, our shortcomings, and our sins before the One whose love is greater than all of them.

Consecration Sends Us Forth

Jesus also says in today's Gospel: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." Those words describe the Church's mission throughout our nation's history. Catholics have contributed immeasurably to the life of this country through faith, sacrifice, education, charity, and service. We give God heartfelt thanks for that legacy and commend to the love of his heart those who have gone before us in faith.

Yet consecration is not merely about remembering the past. It is about accepting responsibility for the future. To consecrate ourselves to the Sacred Heart means remaining in Christ's love and carrying that love into the world.*** It means resisting the temptation to define ourselves by division, ideology, or resentment. The Sacred Heart does not divide; it reconciles. It does not harden hearts; it transforms them. It does not simply invite us to receive love; it sends us forth to share it. *** The renewal of the Church and our nation will not come thru declarations alone. It will come through disciples who remain in Christ's love and bear the good fruit of holiness in families, parishes, communities and in their daily lives.

(On) this great anniversary of our nation, we may be tempted towards nostalgia for the past or anxiety about the future. Today we choose something better: trust. Today we place the Church in the United States, and this nation we love, into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Not because we have everything figured out, but because we know the One whose love endures forever. In his Heart, we find gratitude for the past, strength for the present, and hope for the future.



Vatican Update

Pope reflects on Spain trip; says migration concerns call for Christians to reread the Gospel

(Courtesy *Catholic News Service*, June 17, 2026)



Photo at left: Pope Leo XIV celebrates Mass at the Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona during an apostolic journey to Spain on June 10, 2026.

Reflecting on his weeklong trip to Spain, Pope Leo XIV said one of his clearest impressions came from the Canary Islands, where migration revealed both the challenges facing Europe and what he described as a Christian path toward a "civilization of love." Speaking at his weekly general audience June 17, the Pope said the archipelago's role as a gateway for thousands of migrants from Africa offered a "comprehensive insight" into a complex issue that also challenges Christians to reread the Gospel in today's world. *(Continued on next page.)*

Pope Leo XIV said migration is "complex and requires organic and coordinated action plans," but it also challenges Christians to "reread the Gospel in today's world, exchanging with each other the gifts of our respective cultures, and in particular the results produced in them by the fruitfulness of Christ's message." "This path is not easy; it requires goodwill and God's help, but it is the path that leads to the civilization of love," he said in St. Peter's Square.

The Pope repeatedly returned to migration during the final days of his trip, delivering some of the strongest language of his pontificate on the issue. "A human conscience, and even more so a Christian conscience, cannot remain indifferent in the face of these graveyards of the sea, to the victims of shipwrecks and the lack of aid," he said while meeting organizations helping integrate migrants in Tenerife on June 12. Standing at the Port of Arguineguín on Gran Canaria the previous day, he warned against indifference to migrant deaths. "We cannot grow accustomed to counting the dead," he said. "Human dignity has no passport and does not lose its value when crossing a border." The Pope encountered massive crowds throughout the country. More than 1.2 million people attended Mass at Madrid's Plaza de Cibeles, and another 500,000 gathered for a youth prayer vigil at Plaza de Lima.

Photo at right: Pope Leo XIV greets children gathered in the atrium of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat in Montserrat, Spain, on June 10.

"I was able to observe with joy how much people of every age and situation were looking forward to the Pope's visit: everywhere I found multitudes who welcomed me with great warmth. This fact was not to be taken for granted, and is worthy of reflection," he said. Throughout the trip, Pope Leo said the service of the papacy is to promote communion, dialogue and unity through diversity, themes he emphasized in speeches across Spain. Reflecting on the enthusiastic reception he received, he said, "I believe it reveals a widespread need to find unity on a true and deep foundation, one that is neither ideological nor based on partial interests." What people are searching for, he said, can ultimately be found only in Christ, whose Gospel responds to humanity's search for truth and thirst for justice.



Among the major moments of the trip, the Pope highlighted his visit to Barcelona's Basilica of the Sagrada Família, where he celebrated Mass and blessed the newly completed Tower of Jesus Christ, which made the basilica the tallest church in the world. "This encounter of ancient and modern Catholic tradition and contemporary culture enabled me to perceive first-hand the very character of Europe, its inestimable wealth,



as a living reality, not a thing of the past," he told the crowd in St. Peter's Square. "It is a heritage to be safeguarded with care, so that it may be invested in today's global world with its momentous challenges: peace, integral ecology, equitable and sustainable development, and respect for human dignity."

Photo at left: Pope Leo XIV venerates a 12th-century wooden sculpture of Mary with the Child Jesus in the Abbey of Montserrat, outside of Barcelona, Spain, on June 10, 2026.

The Pope also reflected during his weekly audience on his encounters with young people, abuse survivors and prisoners, saying
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modern society often leaves people searching for hope and meaning. "It is important to recognize how mental health is increasingly threatened in the context of societies that consider themselves advanced," he said on June 9 at Barcelona's Lluís Companys Olympic Stadium. "This is a sign that there is something deeply wrong with a certain notion of progress that subjects people to pressures, expectations and tensions that compromise healthy balances."

The motto of the journey was "Lift up your eyes," drawn from the Gospel account in which Jesus teaches his disciples to look beyond their circumstance and recognize the desire for life, truth and fullness in others. Pope Leo said he witnessed that longing throughout Spain. "Today I would like to share this invitation with you: let us lift up our eyes! Let us learn from Jesus to look at our neighbor, at people, at the world 'through God's eyes,' that is, with love, respect and compassion," he said on June 17.

Priests, Nuns, Deacons. They Need Us, We Need Them!
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!



Installation of Officers for the 2026-27 Fraternal Year

On July 1, Prince of Peace Council 8791 held its Installation of Council Officers for the 2026-27 Fraternal Year. The ceremony was held in the Church Chapel, presided over by our Chaplain, Father Justin Vakko, and our District Deputy, SK Chuck Armstrong. The Installation of Council Officers is a formal Catholic ceremony where newly elected leaders of a Knights of Columbus Council officially assume their duties. It is a solemn, spiritual event that transitions administrative and charitable leadership for the new Fraternal Year. Officers openly pledged to protect the Catholic faith, support their parish priests, and serve their community. The Council Chaplain, Father Justin Vakko, blessed the new leaders and their official medals, framing their administrative work as a religious ministry. The Installation ensured a seamless, orderly transfer of governance of our Council. Please see and enjoy the photos below.



Prince of Peace Council 8791 Officers gather after the Installation Ceremony. Pictured (L-R), SK Harold Bennett, SK Eugene Nelson, SK Michael Ernst, Rev. Fr. Justin Vakko, SK Skip Keating, SK Robert Simcoe, SK William Whelan, SK Angelo Salvo, and SK Daniel Medved. Not present: SK Daniel Kimble, BK Ronald Nowviskie, SK Ramon Oyola, and BK John McFarland.



Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst, accompanied by District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong, gavels open the Installation of Council Officers Ceremonial in the Church Chapel on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.



Father Justin Vakko, Chaplain, provides his message and blessing.



Father Justin Vakko, Chaplain, blesses the Officer Medals.



Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst receives the medal of his office. Carol Bennett assisted during the ceremony and conveyed the medals.



Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett receives the medal of his office.



Treasurer SK William Whelan receives the medal of his office.



Advocate SK Robert Simcoe receives the medal of his office.



Warden SK Angelo Salvo receives the medal of his office.



One-Year Trustee SK Eugene Nelson receives the medal of his office.



Two-Year Trustee SK James Morris receives the medal of his office.



Three-Year Trustee SK Skip Keating receives the medal of his office.



Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst announces important upcoming dates and makes closing comments.



Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett presents roses to Carol Bennett for as appreciation from the Officers for her assistance during the ceremony.



Council Officers for the 2026-27 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight	SK Michael Ernst
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Daniel Kimble
Chaplain	Rev. Fr. Justin Vakko
Financial Secretary	SK Harold Bennett
Chancellor	BK Ronald Nowviskie
Recorder	SK Daniel Medved
Treasurer	SK William Whelan
Advocate	SK Robert Simcoe
Warden	SK Angelo Salvo
Inside Guard	SK Ramon Oyola
Outside Guard	BK John McFarland
Trustee – One Year	SK Eugene Nelson
Trustee – Two Year	SK James Morris
Trustee – Three Year	SK Arthur (Skip) Keating
Lecturer	(pending appointment)



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 Chris Munson
Communications Director	SK Daniel Medved
Blood Drive/Habitat Chairman	SK Mark Leary
Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901	SK James Nunn



Knight of the Month

BK Anthony Cantwell



Photo at left: BK Anthony Cantwell receives the Knight of the Month award for June from Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst on June 28, 2026.

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. Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst announced that the Knight of the Month is BK Anthony Cantwell. Dr. Cantwell has served our community for more than four decades as a physician specializing in urology. His professional accomplishments are significant — but it is his service to the parish that we especially honor this evening. For the past two years, Dr. Cantwell has served as our sacristan. Much of a sacristan's work takes place behind the scenes, ensuring that

everything is in order for the celebration of Mass. This work is essential to the life of our parish and must be exercised with care and wisdom. Dr. Cantwell exemplifies what it means to be a Knight. He is a man of faith who serves without seeking recognition. His humility and devotion to Christ enriches our parish and sets an example for us all. We thank and congratulate BK Anthony Cantwell for being our Knight of the Month.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights

Welcome BK Don Baril, BK Bob Bohl, and BK John Girard

At our June Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie announced that we have one new member and two transfers for consideration. We also have two online members preparing to transfer into our Council and two other prospects pending. BK Ron Nowviskie shared information on John Girard, who is a new parishioner, and Donald Baril and Robert Bohl, who are transfers. The Council unanimously approved the membership of all three Knights, and expressed their welcome.

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.



Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity

Congratulations BK Guy Baratte and BK John Haas

On July 1, Prince of Peace Council 8791 held a live Third Degree Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity in the Church Chapel. The Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity is the formal initiation ceremony of the Knights of Columbus. It combines the traditional First, Second, and Third Degrees into a single, public presentation. Historically, a prospective member had to attend three separate, secret ceremonies over many months to become a full Third Degree Knight. In 2020, the Supreme Council combined these into one streamlined ceremony which is open to family members, friends, and parishioners. We were pleased to have family members in attendance and to welcome three Knights into full membership of our Order, including BK Guy Baratte and BK John Haas from our Council. Please enjoy the photos below.



District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong opens the Exemplification.



Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst presents the Lesson on Charity.



SK Steve Silvestro, from St. Paul Council 1895, presents the Lesson on Unity.



Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett presents the Lesson on Fraternity.



BK Jon Haas receives his Knights of Columbus lapel pin from Regional Administrator SK Patrick Coggins.



BK Guy Baratte receives his Knights of Columbus lapel pin.



Regional Administrator SK Patrick Coggins provides closing remarks.



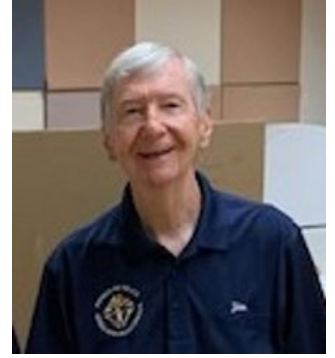
Displaying the watchwords of the Knights of Columbus "Tempus Fugit Memento Mori," meaning "time flies; remember death."



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

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

Assembly 2901 continues to seek Council Knights to join the Assembly and become members of the Color Corps. Past Faithful Navigator SK Bill Whelan has announced that there is a Fourth Degree Exemplification scheduled for August 29 at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Hope in Port Orange. This is the closest that a Fourth Degree Exemplification has been to us in several years. The Assembly will pay all of the Exemplification registration fee. The Assembly will also pay half of the cost of the uniform for the Color Corps, the ceremonial arm of the Assembly. 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).



At its final meeting of the Fraternal Year, Assembly 2901 elected its Officers for Fraternal Year 2026-2027. We are pleased to recognize those who are members of our Council: 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. We spent 231 hours in Adoration last Fraternal Year.

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 in August. Please consider joining us.

Corpus Christi Celebration.

The annual Corpus Christi Celebration was held from June 4 through June 6. There were more than 40 hours of devotion, led by the many organizations and ministries of the parish. The Knights led the praying of the Rosary on Friday, June 5, and supported the Procession and Closing Benediction at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 6. Please see the article and photos below.

Cor.

Cor meets each month on the second Saturday beginning at 10:00 am for one hour. Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. *Cor* (Latin for "heart") 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*.

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Photo at right: SK John Malafronte leads the discussion at Cor on Saturday, June 13.

Our thanks to SK John Malafronte for sharing his heart with the men of our parish. SK John helped establish *Cor* and has completed his commitment as its leader for the Fraternal Year. We are forever grateful for his ministry and leadership. SK Christopher Munson will be our new *Cor* Leader beginning in September, with BK Domenico DelliCarpini serving in the interim months. Thank you, Brother Knights.

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, and a financial donation was presented to the parish for the Food Pantry. We encourage Knights to support the Food Pantry by bringing a grocery donation with you to Mass on the weekend.

Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our last Blood Drive, the seventh and final drive of the Fraternal Year, on Sunday June 21st was successful with 16 pints donated and 17 folks attempting to give, including some new Knight donors contributing. We collected 89 pints from over 108 folks who attempted to donate "the gift of life" this Fraternal Year. Thank you to all who gave, attempted to give, or asked a family member or friend to give this year. 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 about when one may be unable to give blood which are not correct. If you have questions about whether you can donate, AI can be a useful tool as well as the One Blood website and, of course, the best advice for your personal medical well-being comes from your doctor.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next Habitat for Humanity workday is Wednesday July 22 (the third Wednesday of the month). We contributed 214.3 hours for the last Fraternal Year with our "Weekday Warriors". SK Andy Wilbert also donates his hours from his Surveying Company which for the last Fraternal Year totaled 140 hours. So, in total for the last Fraternal Year, we worked 354.3 hours, substantially exceeding our Fraternal Year goal and qualifying for 2 program credits in the Community Category and setting another consecutive record year for hours donated to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County. Thank you to those who came out and worked for this great "Hand Up" program of home ownership for low-income working-class families. If you

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are interested in joining the Habitat Team and maybe learning a few more home building or home maintenance skills, contact SK Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

Social Services remains busy and always need more volunteers at the Like New Shop. The Like New Shop is now open on the First and Third Saturdays of the month and very busy on those days. We need men to unload cars then and on the other days of the week with the regular schedule. The Like New Shop is open Tuesday through Friday, but we accept donations on Mondays. 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 at the Like New Shop or Food Pantry, please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com.

Veterans Nursing Home.

We had a good turnout of nine Knights from our Council last month on June 4. Eleven Knights participated from the Assembly, including eight Knights from our Council: SK Russell Benett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Jim Nunn, SK Gary Konopka, SK Jay Young, SK Chuck Armstrong, SK Jim McCormick, and SK Bob Simcoe. Thank you. The veterans appreciate our presence and fellowship. Our next visit is on Thursday, July 2 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. More to come.

Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

BK Ron Nowvieskie expressed thanks to the many Knights who celebrated Father's Day last Sunday by coming over to the Social Hall after Mass for breakfast and coffee & donuts. We served breakfast to about 145 people, with members of the choirs and music ministry as their special guests. In addition, we served the usual 25 dozen parish-provided complimentary doughnuts. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you.

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



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

There will be a training school for coaches on July 11 at the Indian Trails Sports Complex in Palm Coast beginning at 9:00 am. The focus will be the coaching of softball and flag football. The next Area 4 competition events are on July 25 (Swimming Competition, Aquatic Center, Jacksonville) and August 1 (Bowling Competition, Jacksonville). 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.



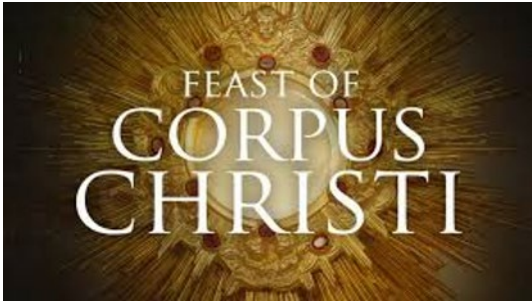
Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

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: fathermccgivney.org/join-the-guild/.



Highlight of the Month: Corpus Christi Celebration



Prince of Peace Catholic Church held its annual Corpus Christi Celebration with Forty Hours of Devotion, Prayers, and Adoration this month on June 4, 5 and 6. Forty Hours of Devotion is a Catholic tradition involving a continuous period of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The Knights of Columbus, as a Catholic fraternal organization, actively participated in this Parish celebration. It was a time to deepen our relationship with Christ and receive graces through prayer and adoration. The Knights led the hour of the Rosary and prayer on Friday, June 5 and supported the Procession and Closing Benediction at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, June 6. Please see and enjoy the photos below.



The altar with the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Knights gather to pray the Rosary on Friday, June 5.



Color Corps Knight, SK Phil Minicozzi from St. Brendan Council 13018, leads the beginning of the Procession from the Church.



The Knights hold the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament for the Procession. Pictured (L-R) SK Gene Nelson, SK Chris Munson, BK John McFarland, and SK Roger Lanoue. Also pictured, Deacon Bruce Gesinski and SK Jim Morris. Rev. Father Paul Parker carried the Blessed Sacrament.



The Procession went around the perimeter of the Church.



The Procession continued and returned into the Church sanctuary for the Closing Benediction.



The Closing Benediction was led by Father Paul Parker, assisted by Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, Father Andrew Nguyen, Deacon Bruce Gesinski, and Deacon Carlos Bom Conselho.



Knights gather for the Closing Benediction.



Highlight of the Month: Father's Day Breakfast



Our annual Father's Day Breakfast was held on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. It was a perfect opportunity for parishioners to celebrate with "Dad" and fill up on pancakes and all the fixings. The Breakfast was from 8:15 am to 11:00 am, and include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, cereal, juice and coffee. There was also complimentary Coffee & Donuts as usual. It was very well-attended, as we served breakfast to about 145 people, with members of the choirs and music ministry as their special guests. In addition, we served the usual 25 dozen parish-provided

complimentary donuts. Thank you to the many Knights who worked at the Breakfast and to many others who joined us and provided hospitality. Please see and enjoy the photos below.



In the kitchen, (L-R) BK Rob Littleton, SK Jay Young, and SK Mike Worley.



At the coffee bar, (L-R) SK Harold Bennett, BK Jon Haas, SK Jim Burns, and SK Roger Lanoue.



Parishioners in the serving line.



Serving, (L-R) BK Brian Rademacher, SK Tom Reilly, and SK Maurice Laffin.



Serving coffee, (L-R) SK Angelo Salvo and SK Jim Burns.



Readying the plates, (L-R) SK John Van Buren and SK Rob Grant.



Knights prepare food in the kitchen.



At the beverage station, (L-R) SK Roger Lanoue and SK Bill Whelan.



Assisting with the condiments, BK Michael Capdevilla.



At the donut table, SK Ramon Oyola and Margaret Reilly.



Upcoming Activities: Veterans; Parade; Cor; Habitat



On Wednesday, July 1 at 6:00 pm, our Council will hold the Installation Ceremony of Council Officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year. All Council Knights, wives, family, and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. Attendance is required for all incoming Officers. Immediately thereafter, we will also hold a live Third Degree Exemplification for new Knights and those who are still First or Second Degree. We invite all Council Knights to attend the Installation Ceremony, Exemplification, and Reception.

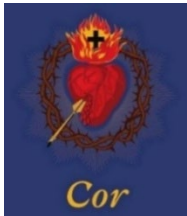


Our next visit with veterans is Thursday, July 2 at 10:00 am at the Emory Bennett Veterans Nursing Home. Please join us if you can. We spend time playing BINGO and talking with the veterans. They truly appreciate the opportunity for this interaction. We always come away with a sense of receiving more than we gave. Please consider joining us this month.



The Knights of Columbus will participate in the annual Fourth of July Parade, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, on Main Street in Daytona Beach. The parade will pay tribute to veterans and first responders. The lineup will feature nearly 40 local military organizations, as well as combat veterans, and the City of Daytona Beach Police and Fire Departments. The parade will begin on Main Street at Atlantic Avenue and travel west on Main Street to the base of the Main Street Bridge. The public can view the parade from the sidewalks along Main Street. In addition to

the parade, there will be a special Veterans Ceremony beginning at 9:00 a.m. by the Clock Tower between the Boardwalk and the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort at 100 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach. SK Skip Keating is the point of contact for our Council at skipkeatin@aol.com. Please join us if you can.



The next *Cor* is Saturday, July 11 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.



The next Habitat for Humanity workday is Wednesday, July 15 (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, July 28 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.



Calendar of Council Activities

JULY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Independence Day	4 Independence Day
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26	27	28 Feast of St. James	29 Feast of St. James	30 Feast of St. James	31 Feast of St. James	

AUGUST 2026						
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SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
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- July 1 – Installation Ceremony of Council Officers, 6:00 pm (Church Chapel)
- July 1 – Third Degree Exemplification and Reception, 7:00 pm (Church Chapel and Social Hall)
- July 2 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- July 3 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)
- July 4 – Independence Day
- July 5 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

July 11 – Cor, 10:00 am (Room 7)
 July 12 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 July 14 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Room 3)
 July 15– Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 July 19– Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 July 26 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 July 28 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)
 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 Highlight:
 September 15 to 21 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (Church)



Birthdays in July

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

Andrew Wilbert, Jr. – July 3
 James Nunn – July 5
 Christopher Therrien – July 6
 Robert Knapik – July 8
 George Bellefontaine – July 9
 Timothy Cleaveland – July 10
 Robert Falkenberg – July 10
 Leon Consolatore – July 11
 Rev. Fr. William Neumann – July 11
 Roger Lanoue – July 13



Joseph Anania – July 14
 Michael Ernst – July 16
 David Kurek – July 18
 Henry Lumbra – July 20
 David Tucker – July 20
 Arthur (Skip) Keating – July 26
 Robin Grant – July 27
 Mark Derouaux – July 29
 Gary Konopka – July 31
 Jeffrey Lucas – July 31



Anniversaries in July

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

James and Betty Weite – married on July 1, 1961 (65 years)
 Michael and Jennifer Caffrey – married on July 31, 2009 (17 years)



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

Francis MacAdam (54 years)
David Renschen (40 years)
Russell Parker (25 years)
Ernest Beliak (23 years)
Carlos Janiola (22 years)
Leon Consolatore (12 years)
Thomas Martin (11 years)

Joseph Anania (9 years)
Gabriel Savage (9 years)
Timothy Lowe (6 years)
John Gribben (5 years)
Christopher Therrien (2 years)
Frank Detommaso (1 year)



Knights Intentions

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

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

+Carolyn Hoffman, wife of SK Harley Hoffman

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

SK James Morris	SK John McCarthy
SK Jack Toia	SK James Weite
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 John Malafronte

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

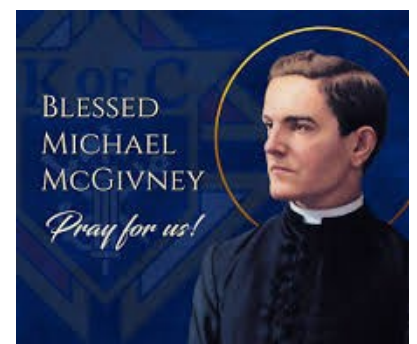
Linda Guidotti, wife of SK Bob Guidotti
Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski
Calvie Dean, wife of SK Victor Dean
Mason Collins, grandson of SK Joseph Collins
Beth Rodriguez, daughter of SK Joseph Collins
Jim Toia, brother of SK Jack Toia
Melissa Kyer, stepdaughter of SK James Morris
Elaine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



✚ **If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers,** please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsofcolumbus8791@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 Carolyn Hoffman, wife of BK Harley Hoffman



On June 24, the Knights of Council 8791 came together to pay our respects at a Mass of Christian Burial for Carolyn Hoffman, wife of BK Harley Hoffman, who passed away on June 9 at the age of 94 after many years of illness. Carolyn and BK Harley have six adult children, and were founding members of Prince of Peace, instrumental in raising the funds to build the first church sanctuary opened in 1969. Carolyn was a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Council of Catholic Women, and a master of crafts, hosting a booth with her creations at arts and crafts events. BK Harley is an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus, with 73 years of service. Please see the photos below.



The opening procession of the Mass.



Regional Color Corps Knights at the opening procession, including SK Bob Simcoe from our Council.



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



Regional Color Corps Knights prepare to salute the family after Mass.



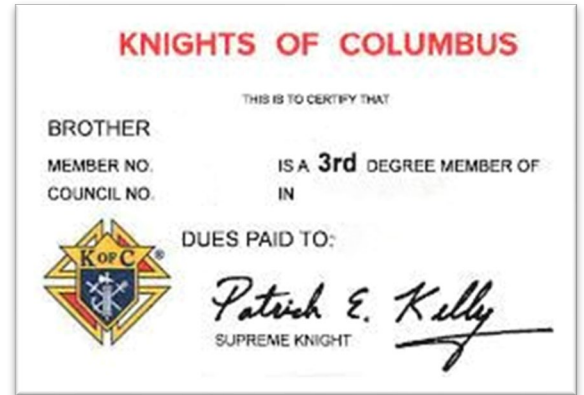
Membership Dues

Due July 1; Pay in person, by mail, or online

Membership dues for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year are due on July 1. Prompt payment of your dues is extremely important. It ensures you remain eligible for all of the benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and it supports our Council budget for our programs, services, and activities.

Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett has emailed or mailed notices to all Knights, except those who are exempt (Clergy and Honorary Life Members). 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.

Also, you 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. There is a \$1.50 fee, which is charged to the Council, for a total is \$36.50. Considering the cost of a stamp and an envelope, it's pretty much the same to pay online. Please give it a try. If you have any questions about your dues or did not receive a notice by email or mail, please contact Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett at hlbenn@yahoo.com.



Council Shirts Ordering

Free shirt for new Knights; Additional shirts may be ordered and paid online



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 Council website. Please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe@aol.com with any questions.



Council Website: kofc8791.org

Our Council website at kofc8791.org is a great source of information on the Knights of Columbus and Prince of Peace Council 8791, and includes updates about Council programs, activities, members, and supports our recruitment of new Knights. The website also includes our Calendar and Newsletter. We are always looking to add new information. It is easily usable with a phone, tablet, or computer. Please visit our website and invite others to do so. For any questions, please contact SK Dan Medved at danielmedved@gmail.com.





Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

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