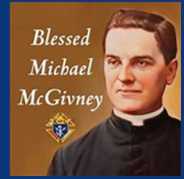




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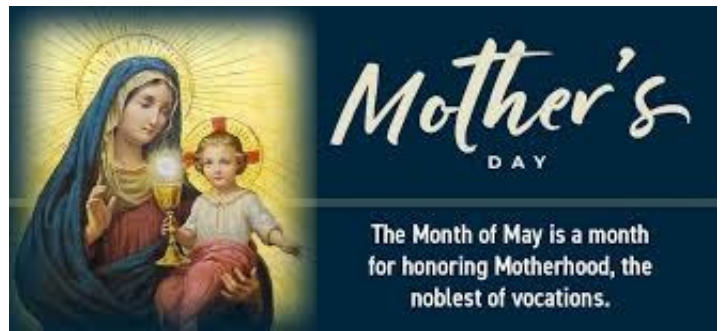
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## Grand Knight Message – SK Dan Kimble

Brother Knights, as we enter the month of May, we are given two meaningful opportunities to reflect on love, sacrifice, and gratitude—Mother’s Day and Memorial Day.

Mother’s Day reminds us to honor the women who have given us life, nurtured our faith, and shaped our values. It is also a time to reflect on the Blessed Mother, whose example of faith and obedience continues to guide us. Whether our mothers are still with us or have gone before us, let us remember them in prayer and take time to express our appreciation through acts of love and gratitude.



Memorial Day calls us to solemnly remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice is the foundation of the freedoms we enjoy today. As Knights, we are called not only to remember them but to honor their legacy through our continued commitment to faith, charity, and patriotism. I encourage you and your families to attend a Memorial Day Mass or local observance and to keep our fallen heroes and their loved ones in your prayers.

Photo at left: Knights of Columbus display the American flag following a Mass of Christian Burial at our church for a Brother Knight who served our nation in uniform.

May is an active and important month for our Council, offering many opportunities for spiritual growth, service, and fraternity: On May 1, we begin the month with First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, a powerful opportunity to deepen our faith and relationship with the Lord. On May 7, we have our monthly visit with veterans at the veterans’ nursing home, spending time in conversation, prayer, and companionship with those who have served our country. On May 9, *Cor* gathers, where through prayer, reflection, and discussion, we strengthen our faith and support one another as Catholic men. On May 12, our Officers Meeting is being held, as we plan for the continued success of our Council. On May 17, we have a Corporate Communion at the 11:00 am Mass to worship together. On May 20, we have our monthly workday for Habitat for Humanity, where we support families in need of affordable housing. Finally, on May 26, we have our monthly Council Meeting, discussing the activities of our Council and holding the election of Officers for the upcoming Fraternal Year. In addition, we host Coffee & Donuts after Mass every Sunday, supporting hospitality.

I encourage each of you to stay active and involved. Whether through prayer, service, or fellowship, every contribution you make helps strengthen our Council and our mission. Thank you for your continued dedication, and may God bless you and your families throughout this month. Vivat Jesus!



## Deputy Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Ernst

### Patriotism: The Fourth Principle

Conflict with Iran raises concern for me that Americans are once again being sent into harm's way. We once feared a similar strategic nuclear reality during the Iraq war. As Memorial Day approaches, these renewed tensions should weigh on every Catholic who understands the cost of service and the duty to pray for those in danger.

This awareness reminds me of when I entered the Air Force during the Gulf War. I believed then, as I do now, that the nature of nuclear weapons was morally wrong. I see that conviction reflected again in my son's service. He was a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer responsible for shipboard weapons systems, including Tomahawk missiles. He now works for a defense contractor as a logistics analyst supporting programs to improve the readiness and performance of Tomahawk missile systems. For me, it is not comforting knowing my child works with weapons systems that can take lives.



As Knights of Columbus, we regard patriotism as a virtue rooted in the Fourth Commandment. We honor what we have received and protect the good entrusted to us, often at real personal cost. Veterans understand this instinctively. When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. At that time, people feared Catholics owed primary allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country.

The Fourth Degree is the face of the Order in public and parish life. It is here that Knights honor veterans, support active-duty service members, and assist Catholic priests serving as chaplains in the military. To the men in our Council who are veterans, Fourth Degree Knights, and men present when the Church and nation call: your example strengthens our Council and our assembly. Brothers, thank you for your service.



## 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, building and coming together, best reflected by achieving the many requirements in your Faith-In-Action programs and in new membership for the awards and Star Council again this Fraternal Year.

Photo at right: District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong.

The State Convention is coming up on May 22 and 23 in Orlando, followed by an organizational meeting in June for the next Fraternal Year. Florida is number one for recruiting the most new members to join the Knights of Columbus in the United States. There have been changes at the Supreme Council. It includes an updated website, [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). He also encouraged Knights to visit the Florida State Council website, [floridakofc.org](http://floridakofc.org), as it is excellent and full of information, including many videos. Please take a look. All Knights have access. He commented that a new Master has been nominated for the Fourth Degree, and that the current Supreme Secretary is leaving and a new Supreme Secretary will be appointed. We expect the next Fourth Degree Exemplification to be at the Great Cross in St. Augustine in January or February.



Your time and efforts are always appreciated and recognized, as seen in the Council's newsletter. Many thanks for all you do for your parish and your community as Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus!



# Honoring our Knights Veterans on Memorial Day

As we observe Memorial Day on May 25, we pause as a nation to remember and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice is the ultimate expression of love of neighbor, and we remain forever grateful for the freedoms they secured.



On this solemn occasion, we extend heartfelt thanks to each of you—our Brother Knights—who have served or are currently serving our nation in uniform. Your willingness to stand in defense of our country reflects the highest ideals of duty, honor, and sacrifice. You embody the principles of patriotism that our Order holds dear. We recognize that service to our country often comes with great personal cost, not only for you but also for your families. Please know that your Brother Knights deeply appreciate your commitment and the example you set for all of us. Let us remember in prayer those who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as all veterans and active-duty service members. May God bless them, protect them, and bring peace to our world. Thank you for your service, your faith, and your brotherhood.

Below are the names of our Brother Knights who have made us aware of their service. We know there are others who also served. We are grateful to all of you, named and unnamed, for your commitment and service.



## ARMY

Edwin Baden, Russell Cormican, Kenneth Crews, Joseph DiBlasi, Robert Guidotti, Arthur Keating, Martin Librizzi, John Malafronte, James McCormick, Richard Murphy, James Nunn, James Phillips, Christopher Sidor, and John Trollinger.



## NAVY

Charles Armstrong, Guy Baratte, Gary Bowden, Joseph Collins, Victor Dean, Joseph Fulweber, Robert Kindergan, Maurice Laffin, Mark Leary, Henry Lumbra, James Morris, James Ostrowski, Robert Schornstein, Peter Valdez, John Van Buren, and Jim Weite.



## MARINE CORPS

Daniel Armstrong, Gabriel Savage, Martin Tse, and Andrew Wilbert.



## AIR FORCE

Michael Abbott, Harold Bennett, Michael Ernst, Frank Hudak, Robert Knapik, Thomas Kruse, Ronald Piasecki, Roy Rearden, and John Stottle.

If you have served our nation in uniform, we want to add your name to our service list above. Please send an email to [knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com) and let us know. Thank you.

### **Prayer for Memorial Day** (from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops):

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update



## **Statement from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly**

(Courtesy *kofc.org*)

Photo at left: Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight

In recent days, many Catholics and other people of goodwill have been deeply disappointed by the disparaging comments directed at Pope Leo XIV by the President of the United States. The Successor of Saint Peter is not a politician — he is the Vicar of Christ, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel and shepherding souls.

The Knights of Columbus has always stood in solidarity with the Holy Father, recognizing in him a spiritual father who calls the world not to division, but to unity, not to conflict, but to peace. In this moment, we reaffirm that commitment

with clarity and conviction.

At the same time, we recognize that faithful Catholics can and do engage vigorously in the public square, and that nations have a right and duty to safeguard the security of their own people — always in accordance with the demands of justice and the pursuit of peace. The Church does not ask Catholics to withdraw from civic life, but to engage with and elevate it — bringing to our civic dialogue the light of truth, respect for the dignity of every human person, and a steadfast concern for the common good.

Pope Leo XIV has consistently called for peace, dialogue, and restraint in a world marked by war and suffering. The Holy Father's words are not political talking points — they are reflections of the Gospel itself. Whether one agrees or disagrees with particular policy judgments, the Holy Father's prophetic voice deserves to be heard with respect and engaged seriously.

As Knights, we are called to be men of unity, as followers of Christ and patriotic citizens. I encourage all Knights of Columbus to pray for the Holy Father, to pray for civic leaders, and to pray for peace and those working to achieve it. And let us recommit ourselves to charity in our public discourse. May we be known not for echoing the divisions of our time, but for healing them. In a moment of tension, the path forward is not louder conflict, but deeper fidelity — to truth, to charity, and to the Gospel.

## **Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for May**

(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:

[Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Gospel for May 24, Jn 20:21)

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Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission — to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God — and we are commissioned to do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state of life. We are not just “receivers” of the Gospel; our mission is to bear witness to the Good News in word and action, living the Gospel through our example and outreach to others.

Challenge by the Supreme Chaplain:

This month, I challenge you to take a few minutes each morning and prayerfully ask Jesus how you can use your gifts for his mission, and set one clear, specific resolution (large or small) for what you will do on that particular day.

Questions for Reflection:

How seriously do you take this mission that Christ has given you? What specifically has Jesus sent you into the world to do? How can you better live out this mission in the workplace, in your family life, and through your participation in the Knights of Columbus?



## Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Update



### **Open Wide The Doors For Christ**

Michael Gizewski, State Deputy

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

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

In this most sacred season of the Church, as we enter into the profound mystery of the Passion, Crucifixion, and glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are reminded that our faith is not simply something we profess it is something we are called to live. The Cross stands before us not as a symbol of defeat, but as the ultimate expression of sacrificial love. And the empty tomb proclaims to the world that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life. It is within this holy context that we reflect on our mission as brothers of the Knights of Columbus, especially here within the Florida State Council.

Easter is not just a moment in time it is a call to transformation. It is an invitation to draw closer to Christ, to die to ourselves, and to rise with Him in a renewed spirit of faith, hope, and charity. As Knights, we are uniquely positioned to live out this calling in a powerful and visible way. Our Order was founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, and it is through these virtues that we become instruments of Christ’s love in the world.

At the heart of our mission is the salvation of souls. Everything we do every act of charity, every hour of service, every prayer offered is ultimately directed toward bringing souls closer to Jesus Christ. This is not a task we can accomplish alone. The world today presents many challenges to faith, many distractions that pull people away from God. But what we cannot do individually, we can accomplish together as brothers united in purpose and guided by the Holy Spirit.

There is something deeply spiritual about the unity we share as Knights. When we gather in fraternity, we are not merely a group of men we are a brotherhood rooted in Christ. We strengthen one another, encourage one another, and hold one another accountable in our journey of faith. In this unity, we reflect the very nature of the Church itself, the Body of Christ, where each member plays a vital role in the mission of salvation.

During this holy season, we are called to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross. He gave everything for us His body, His blood, His very life. This total gift of self is the model for our own lives. As Knights, we are

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called to give of ourselves generously, to serve without expecting anything in return, and to love as Christ loves. Whether it is supporting our parishes, assisting those in need, standing for the dignity of life, or simply being present for a brother in need, each act becomes a reflection of Christ's sacrificial love. The Resurrection, however, reminds us that sacrifice is not the end of the story. There is hope. There is victory. There is new life. This is the message we are called to bring into the world a world that so often struggles with despair and uncertainty. Through our actions, our words, and our witness, we proclaim that Christ is alive, and that His love has the power to transform lives.

The Florida State Council has been blessed with dedicated men who live this mission every day. Across our state, Knights are serving their communities, supporting their parishes, and standing as witnesses to the Gospel. But as we reflect during this Easter season, we must also ask ourselves: how can we do more? How can we deepen our commitment? How can we bring even more souls to Christ? The answer lies in our willingness to grow spiritually. Our works are important, but they must always be rooted in a deep and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayer, the sacraments, and a life grounded in faith are essential. Without Christ at the center, our efforts lose their true purpose. But with Him, everything we do becomes a means of grace.



We must be intentional in inviting others to join us in this mission. There are many men who are searching for purpose, for brotherhood, for a deeper connection to their faith. The Knights of Columbus offers all of this and more. By inviting them to become part of our Order, we are not simply growing our membership we are extending the reach of Christ's love and bringing more souls into a life of service and faith.

As we stand at the foot of the Cross and gaze upon the empty tomb, let us renew our commitment as Knights. Let us be men of faith, men of action, and men of charity. Let us embrace the mission of bringing souls to Christ with renewed passion and dedication. And let us remember always that we are not alone in this mission. We are brothers, united in Christ, working together for His glory. In the end, it is not about what we achieve as individuals, but what we accomplish together in the name of our Lord. Through our unity, our faith, and our commitment to service, we become instruments of God's grace in the world. And in doing so, we fulfill the true purpose of our calling as Knights of Columbus.

May this Easter season renew our hearts, strengthen our resolve, and inspire us to continue the sacred work entrusted to us. And may we always strive to lead others to the One who gave everything for us Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. And please always remember. God loves you and so do I.



## **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/](http://fathermccgivney.org/join-the-guild/).

**“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock  
I will build my church...” Matt 16:18  
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!**





# U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

## **Ordination Class of 2026 Survey Results Released in Conjunction with World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

(Courtesy *USCCB News*, April 21, 2026)



“Vocations are a sign of God’s free gift of merciful love to a world in need of salvation,” said Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, in anticipation of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 26. “We join in prayer for all disciples of Christ, especially young people, to experience the loving God, the Good Shepherd, who has a unique call for each person’s life,” he continued.

In conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the USCCB’s Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations released the Ordination Class of 2026 Study conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University. According to this survey, four in five ordinands reported regular participation in Eucharistic adoration before entering the seminary. The full CARA report and profiles of the Ordination Class of 2026 may be found [here](#).

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV extends an invitation to all, not just clergy and those in religious life, to commit to creating conditions that allow the gift of vocations to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. “Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God’s call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world,” he says.

This year’s CARA report was sent out to the 428 men scheduled to be ordained this year. 334 completed the survey for an overall response rate of 78%. These ordinands represent 110 U.S. dioceses and eparchies and 34 distinct religious institutes. A few of the major findings of the report are:

- In regard to prayer practices before entering the seminary, ordinands participated in Eucharistic Adoration (81%) on a regular basis, praying the Rosary (79%), participated in a prayer/Bible group (52%), and prayed Lectio Divina (48%).
- Most of the ordinands received formation at a seminary in the Midwest (35%), in the Northeast (28%), South (19%), West (14%), and abroad (5%).
- Nine in ten responding ordinands (92%) reported being encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life, most frequently by a parish priest (70%), friend (49%), or parishioner (44%).
- Hispanics/Latinos constituted 17% of the responding ordinands. They represented 14% of ordinands in religious institutes and 18% of ordinands to the diocesan priesthood.
- Most respondents (93%) were baptized Catholic as an infant and raised primarily by their biological parents (97%) and a married couple living together (88%).

**Prince of Peace Council 8791 supports Vocations.** The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program), our Council provides support for a local seminarian, Our Council is currently sponsoring seminarian Chuan Van Trinh, pictured at right, who was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on April 18, 2026.



Photo at right: Deacon Chuan Van Trinh pictured with Rev. Father Kenneth Gill, Rector of the Basilica of St. Paul, his home parish, at the Seminary on April 17, 2026.



### **Pope decries the Horror and Inhumanity of War; Encourages Prayers for Peace**

(Courtesy *Catholic News Service*, April 12, 2026)



Photo at left: Pope Leo XIV prays during an evening prayer vigil for peace in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on April 11, 2026.

Warning against an increasingly unpredictable and aggressive "delusion of omnipotence" threatening the globe, Pope Leo XIV called on world leaders and individuals to empty their hearts and minds of hatred and violence, and to start serving life.

"Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown in serving life," he said during a special evening prayer vigil for peace in St. Peter's Basilica on April 11.

"Those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death," he said. "Instead, death enslaves those who have turned their backs on the living God, turning themselves and their own power into a mute, blind and deaf idol, to which they sacrifice every value, demanding that the whole world bend its knee." "Let us listen to the voices of children," who write to him all the time, recounting "all the horror and inhumanity of actions that some adults boast of with pride," he said.

The vigil, which drew thousands of people inside and outside the basilica, featured the recitation of the glorious mysteries of the rosary. Before each mystery was recited, women wearing traditional dress from countries representing the different continents of the world lit small lamps from a flame from the Lamp of Peace from Assisi that was placed below a statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Prayer can move mountains, he said in his remarks in Italian. "War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens." It just takes a tiny bit of faith "to face this dramatic hour in history together," he said. For a people of faith in the risen Lord who conquered death with love, he said, "nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seem to be enough graves, for people continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy."

While the pope did not mention any one current conflict in his remarks, he did recall St. John Paul II's fervent efforts and calls for peace during the 2003 invasion of Iraq conducted by the U.S. with the assistance of a multi-national coalition. "I make his appeal my own this evening, relevant as it is today," Pope Leo said, referring to his predecessors' calls for "No more war." "The Church is a great people at the service of reconciliation and peace," he said. "She advances without hesitation, even when rejecting the logic of war may lead to misunderstanding and scorn."

The Church "proclaims the Gospel of peace and instills obedience to God rather than any human authority, especially when the inherent dignity of other human beings is threatened by continuous violations of international law," Pope Leo said. With the help of prayer and God, people can help "break the demonic cycle of evil" and be at the service of the Kingdom of God, where there is "no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity, understanding and forgiveness," Pope Leo said. "It is here that we find a bulwark against that delusion of omnipotence that surrounds us and is becoming increasingly unpredictable and aggressive," he added. He criticized the use of God's name in justifying violence

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saying "even the holy name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death." Those invoking God's name in such a way erase a world made up of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father and instead create a "nightmare" where the world is made up of enemies and threats, rather than calls to listen and to come together.

Photo at right: Pope Leo XIV waves to the faithful after the recitation of the rosary for peace during a prayer vigil in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on April 11, 2026.



Speaking to the world's leaders, the Pope said, "Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned, and deadly actions are decided!" However, all the world's people also have a duty to reject the violence in their own hearts and minds, and help build a kingdom of peace each and every day in one's own home, school and community, he said. "Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics," he said, urging people to learn more and "get personally involved" in being part of "the mosaic of peace!" "Dear brothers and sisters, let us return home having made a commitment to pray without ceasing and without growing weary, a commitment to a profound conversion of heart," the Pope said.

Before entering the basilica, Pope Leo greeted the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square, thanking them for their presence. He explained his reason for calling for the prayer vigil, which was also being joined by countless others around the world, either online or in their own parishes. By praying the rosary together, he said, "we want to tell the whole world that it is possible to build peace, a new peace, that it is possible for all people, of all religions, of all ethnicities, to live together, and that we want to be disciples of Jesus Christ, united as brothers and sisters, all united in a world of peace."



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 **Want to know more about the Council Officers positions?** Please visit [kofc8791.org/leadership](http://kofc8791.org/leadership).



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## Nominations for Officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year

Pursuant to Article II of the By-Laws of Council 8791, Prince of Peace Council 8791 will hold its annual election of Officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year at our next Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall. All Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend. Nominations were accepted by the Nominations Committee, consisting of SK Jeff Delgado, SK Jim McCormick, and SK Rob Grant, and from the floor at our April Council meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at our May Council Meeting prior to the election. The nominees for the elected Officer positions for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year currently are:

- ✚ Grand Knight: SK Michael Ernst
- ✚ Deputy Grand Knight: SK Daniel Kimble
- ✚ 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
- ✚ One Year Trustee: SK Eugene Nelson
- ✚ Two Year Trustee: SK James Morris
- ✚ Three Year Trustee: SK Arthur Keating



The following are the recommendations to the next Grand Knight for the appointed Officer and Director positions for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year:

- ✚ Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Justin Vakko, Pastor
- ✚ Financial Secretary: SK Harold Bennett (appointed by the Supreme Knight)
- ✚ Lecturer: vacant
- ✚ Program Director: SK Daniel Kimble
- ✚ Faith Director: SK Eugene Nelson
- ✚ Family Director: SK Harold Bennett
- ✚ Community Director: SK Jay Young
- ✚ Life Director: SK Angelo Salvo
- ✚ Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF)/Cor Director: SK Christopher Munson
- ✚ Membership Director: BK Ronald Nowviskie
- ✚ Communications Director: SK Daniel Medved



# Knights of the Month

SK Jim Nunn



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 SK Jim Nunn. Since rejoining our Council two years ago, he always shows a strong commitment to our mission, working in the kitchen, serving the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, as an Usher, and as Faithful Captain for the Assembly. SK Jim Nunn is always willing to serve as needed. This year, he reached 30 years of service as a Knight, becoming an Honorary Life Member. We thank and congratulate SK Jim Nunn for being our Knight of the Month.



# 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 for April. The next Family of the Month will be announced in May. We are always looking for our next Family of the Month. SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, has asked all Knights to identify deserving families in the parish for Family of the Month and contact him at [hlbenn@yahoo.com](mailto:hlbenn@yahoo.com).



# Recruit and Welcome New Knights

Welcome BK Jon Haas



At our April Council Meeting, we welcomed a new Knight to Council 8791: BK Jon Haas. He has been a long-time parishioner at Prince of Peace, lives in Ormond Beach, and has completed his Exemplification. We invited BK Jon Haas into the meeting room as our newest Knight of Columbus. He introduced himself to his Brother Knights, who expressed their appreciation and 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.



BK Jon Haas



The Knight of Columbus continues to offer one free year of membership for new Knights, in addition to the many benefits of the Order. We have a table filled with Council information available in the Social Hall and more on our Council website at [kofc8791.org](http://kofc8791.org) and at the QR Code shown at left. The Knights of Columbus has made it easier than ever to join, taking but a few minutes online. We ask you to assist and be active in recruiting new Knights. Please contact Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie at [rnowviskie@yahoo.com](mailto:rnowviskie@yahoo.com) with any questions or for assistance in recruiting.



## Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

Assembly 2901, which includes our Council, continues to seek Council Knights to join the Assembly and become members of the Color Corps. Faithful Navigator SK Bill Whelan has announced that the Assembly will pay all of the Exemplification registration fee and pay half of the cost of the uniform for the Color Corps. Fourth-Degree membership is open to any Third Degree Knights of Columbus Council member. Assembly membership offers the opportunity for Catholic men to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fourth Degree membership is the highest level for a Knight, bestowed with the title of 'Sir Knight' (SK).



Photo at right: SK Bill Whelan, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2901 and Treasurer of Council 8791.



## 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.

#### Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP).

The RSVP program supports a Seminarian in our Diocese in their vocation studies. Our Seminarian this year is Chuan Van Trinh. We have provided him with our annual donation and prayers at Adoration to support his studies, and are pleased to share that he was ordained as a Transitional Deacon on April 18, 2026.

#### Fifth Saturday Rosary.

Our Council supports 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 May 30. Please consider joining us.

#### Corporate Communion.

Our next Corporate Communion will be on Sunday, May 17 at the 11:00 am Mass. All Knights are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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



### Family

SK Harold Bennett, 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. In April, we were unable to select a family, but we will select a family in May. If you have a family to recommend for Family of the Month, please contact SK Harold Bennett at [hlbenn@yahoo.com](mailto:hlbenn@yahoo.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 sixth of the Fraternal Year, on Sunday April 26 was successful, with 17 pints donated and 18 persons attempting to give. Our goal for the Fraternal Year in the Blood Drive Program remains at 90 pints. We currently stand at 73 pints donated, with one drive remaining in the Fraternal Year, so we are still below where we should be to meet our goal in this program. Our next Blood Drive is on Sunday, June 21. 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.

### Habitat for Humanity.

The next Habitat for Humanity workday is on Wednesday May 20 (the third Wednesday of the month). We have contributed 188.5 hours to date with our "Weekday Warriors". SK Andy Wilbert also donates his hours of surveying, totaling 140 hours this Fraternal Year. For the Fraternal Year, we stand at 328.5 hours, exceeding our Fraternal Year goal and qualifying for 2 program credits in the Community Category with two months remaining. We are also on track for another consecutive record-breaking year for hours donated to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Volusia County. If you are interested in joining the Habitat Team and maybe learning a few more home building or maintenance skills, contact SK Mark Leary at [learymm4@gmail.com](mailto:learymm4@gmail.com). We congratulate SK Mark Leary for being recognized as the "Construction Volunteer of the Year."

### Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

Social Services is doing good and remains busy. We always need more volunteers at the Like New Shop. At the Food Pantry, we can always use more men to help pack the grocery bags and to assist with food pickup. Please contact SK Jay Young to help at [jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com).

### Veterans Nursing Home.

Our next gathering is on Thursday, May 7 at 10:00 am. Please join us if you can. We had a good turnout last month on April 2. Thanks to the nine Knights who participated from our Council. The veterans appreciate our presence and fellowship.

### Breakfasts; Coffee & Donuts.

Our next Breakfast is the Father's Day Breakfast on Sunday, June 21. We continue to serve Coffee & Donuts after Masses every Sunday, except on Easter Sunday. Thank you to the many Knights who provide support to our Coffee & Donuts and our Breakfasts.

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



## Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

### Special Olympics.

On May 7, there is an online seminar on Family Connections at 6:00 pm. On May 15 and 16, Special Olympics Florida is holding the State Summer Games at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando. If interested, please contact SK Angelo Salvo.

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP).

Our Council made its annual pro-life donation to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach as a part of the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. We recognize with the services and efforts of the Center and its staff. We always have the opportunity to form a group to support sidewalk counseling.

Pro-Life Events.

On May 12, there is a Life Banquet at Calvary Assembly of Orlando in Winter Park at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information.

Pro-Life Banner.

Our Council’s new Pro-Life Banner reading “Love Life, Choose Life” is displayed each Sunday in the Social Hall to promote the protection of life.

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



## Highlight of the Month: Name Tag Sunday and Mini-Ministries Fair/Membership Drive



On Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, the weekend of Good Shepherd Sunday, Council 8791 facilitated "Name Tag Sunday" for our Parish. The event was hosted by our ministries and staff, the Council of Catholic Women, the Vietnamese Catholic Community, and our Council. The goal was to ensure that everyone attending Mass was wearing a name tag. The purpose was to foster fellowship and create a welcoming environment for worship. Name tags were available for parishioners and visitors to fill out before Mass, followed by light refreshments in the Social Hall on

Saturday and Coffee & Donuts in the Social Hall on Sunday. A mini-Ministry Fair was also held in the Social Hall concurrent with “Name Tag Sunday.” Parishioners had the opportunity to learn more about the many ministries and organizations of the parish and join any of interest. Our Council was well represented. Thanks to all the Knights who supported this event. Please enjoy the photos below.



Ready with nametags before the Vigil Mass, are (L-R) Father Justin Vakko, Pastor and Chaplain, SK Jay Young, and Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble.



BK John McFarland and CCW ready with nametags.



BK Ron Nowwiskie and parishioner.



SK Bob Simcoe and CCW ready with nametags.



On Sunday, SK Bob Simcoe returned, joined by SK Ramon Oyola, BK Sebastian Nocita, and Dawn Laylock, CCW President.



SK John Van Buren joined by SK Jay Young.



At the Membership table, Chancellor BK Ron Nowwiskie is joined by Louise Trudel, CCW.



Ready with donuts in the Social Hall, (L-R), SK Roger Lanoue, BK J.C. Phillips, SK Ramon Oyola, SK Bill Whelan, and SK Maurice Laffin.



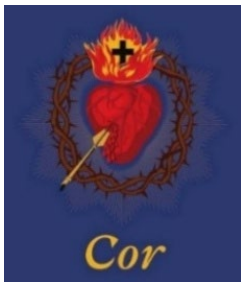
# Upcoming Activities: First Friday Mass and Adoration; Veterans Home Visit; Cor; Habitat for Humanity; Rosary



The next First Friday Mass with Holy Hour and Adoration is Friday, May 1, beginning at 5:30 pm. Our Council supports First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a Faith activity. Adoration is an opportunity to pray and worship Jesus in the Eucharist, which we believe is His body, blood, soul and divinity. Knights are welcome to attend Mass beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by Holy Hour with Adoration at 6:00 pm in the Church.



Our next visit with veterans is Thursday, May 7 at 10:00 am at the Emory Bennett 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.



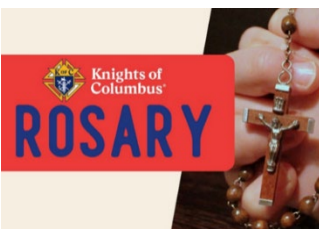
The next *Cor* is Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 am in Room 7 in the Parish Administration Building. Created by the Knights of Columbus, *Cor* is a ministry filled with prayer, formation, and fraternity that focuses men on Jesus through building a Christ-centered brotherhood. We meet for one hour, and usually watch and discuss a video, discuss a recent Gospel reading, and pray a decade of the Rosary. We invite all Knights and all men of our parish to join us at *Cor* this month.



We have a Corporate Communion Mass for our Council on Sunday, May 17 at the 11:00 am Mass. A Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion Mass is a designated service where Council members, along with their families and friends, attend Mass together to share the Eucharist as a group, promoting fraternity and unity. We will sit together and worship together. Please plan to join us at this Mass that weekend.



The next workday for our Habitat for Humanity program is Wednesday, May 20 (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](mailto:learymm4@gmail.com).



We have a Fifth Saturday Rosary this month on Saturday, May 30, at 5:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. 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. Please consider joining us.



# Calendar of Council Activities

## MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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## JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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May 1 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)

May 3 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

May 7 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)

May 9 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (Room 7)

May 10 – Mother’s Day

May 10 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

May 12 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Room 3)

May 17 – Corporate Communion of Council 8791, 11:00 am Mass (Church)

May 17 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

May 20 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)

May 24 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

May 25 – Memorial Day

May 26 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)

May 31 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

June 4 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)

June 5 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)

June 7 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

June 9 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Room 3)

June 13 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (Room 7)

June 14 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

June 17 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)

June 21 – Father’s Day Breakfast, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Social Hall)

June 21 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

June 21 – Blood Drive, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm (Big Red Bus, Church Parking Lot)

June 23 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)

June 28 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

 **Looking for the most current upcoming activities?** Please visit the Calendar at [kofc8791.org/calendar](http://kofc8791.org/calendar).



## Birthdays in May

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

David Renschen – May 2

Andy Paine – May 5

Alphonse Savarese – May 5

James Ostrowski – May 9

Rev. Fr. Bernard Kiratu – May 13

Kenneth Crews – May 22

William Rodriguez – May 23



Ernest Ballak, Jr. – May 24

Erick Palacios – May 24

Shawn Rosado – May 24

Edmond Malone – May 25

Joseph Mikulan – May 29

Leonard Drolet – May 31



## Anniversaries in May

Happy Anniversary to our Brother Knights celebrating their wedding anniversary this month:

John and Glenda Malafronte – married on May 11, 1968 (58 years)

Kenneth and Elaine Crews – married on May 12, 1978 (48 years)



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

Robert Simcoe (66 years)

James Weite (52 years)

James McCormick (49 years)

Arthur Keating (38 years)

Henry Lumbra (38 years)

Robert Kindergan (38 years)

Alan Eaby (27 years)

Daniel Medved (25 years)

David Batten (16 years)

Jeffrey Delgado (15 years)

Edward Fisher (15 years)

Robert Mara (7 years)

*Thank you*



## Knights Intentions

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

### For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

SK James Morris

SK Jack Toia

SK Tom Welter

SK Bob Simcoe

SK Paul Clare

BK Bob Falkenberg

BK Scott Waddell

SK John Peters

SK Gene Nelson

SK Marty Librizzi

SK James Weite

SK John McCarthy

BK Sebastian Nocita

SK Daniel Eppelheimer

SK Bob Guidotti

BK Joe Fulweber

SK Joseph Taibl

BK Frank Guillena

SK Joseph Collins

SK Jerry Mackey

SK John Malafronte

BK George Graff

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

Melissa Kyer, stepdaughter of SK James Morris

Elaine Crews, wife of SK Ken Crews

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

Matthew Morris, nephew of SK James Morris

Joan Nelson, wife of SK Gene Nelson



✚ **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](mailto: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.



## Council Shirts Ordering

**Free shirt for new Knights; Additional shirts can be paid online at Council website**



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](mailto:rssimcoe@aol.com) with any questions.



## Council Website: [kofc8791.org](http://kofc8791.org)

Our Council website at [kofc8791.org](http://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. We are always looking to add new information. Please visit our website and invite others to do so. For any questions, please contact SK Dan Medved at [danielmedved@gmail.com](mailto: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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