

Counsel of the Holy Spirit Council #18557

Charity * Unity * Fraternity * Patriotism December 2025



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Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
WOW!! What a month. Thank you to all for your support and help with HSCCW's 'Boots, Bids and Bites' event. Word on the street is that a great time was had by all. The food was wonderful, and the ladies made a few dollars. Our Dec 2nd meeting will be a Degree Exemplification. Big 'Thank You' to all who helped with our first big recruiting event. HUGE success. Last count was 8 new members to the council and that number could grow. Advent is here, and that means Christmas is just around the corner. Please do not get caught up in the commercial trappings of the season, but take the time to reflect on the true meaning of the birth of Christ, and the salvation he brought to the world.

Vivat Jesu
Al Therriault

Do you Need a ride to the Council Meeting?



If you need a ride to our meeting, or if you can provide a ride for one of our brother knights; please call Joe Rothenburg (321-289-1764). I am going to coordinate to ensure that any brother that wants to attend the Council meeting, but is having trouble driving at night, has a ride to the meeting.

Joe Rothenburg



Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion
1st Sunday of each month 11 AM Mass



Officers

Council 18557

Chaplain	Rev Father Andrew Wojtan.....	269-2282
Grand Knight	Al Therriault PGK607-1274
Deputy Grand Knight	Ricky Trainer (Michele).....	264-9627
Chancellor	Rick Fugaro PGK, PFN (Joan).....	412-1862
Recorder	Michael Olka PGK, PFN, FDD (Gay)....	684-9491
Fin Secretary	Tom Norton PGK, PFN, FDD (Judy).....	264-4962
Treasurer	Bob Balke (Marge).....	269-3539
Lecturer	C.J.Rogers.....	239-3453
Advocate	John Dotson PFN (Laura).....	931-224-6945
Warden	Michael Vendlinski PGK (Georgi Ann)....	848-8832
Inside Guard	Matthew Pelligrino.....	732-589-3639
Outside Guard	Tim Frank (Lori).....	543-6538.
3 Year Trustee	Jack Gallagher (Jayne).....	843-271-9793
2 Year Trustee	Gene Pichardo.....	213-1078
1 Year Trustee	C.J.Rogers.....	239-3453

Assembly 1851

Faithful Friar	Rev Father Chris Bugno.....	268-3441
Faithful Navigator	SK Bob Balke (Marge).....	269-3539
Faithful Captain	SK Eric Hoppenbrouwer.....	831-8729
Faithful Pilot	SK Joe Kubisky (Mary).....	973-650-5407
Faithful Admiral	SK Jesse Lugo PFN (Elizabeth).....	405-609-7305
Faithful Comptroller	SK Al Therriault PGK607-1274
Faithful Purser	SK Tom Norton PGK, PFN, FDD (Judy)....	264-4962
Faithful Scribe	SK Michael Olka PGK, PFN, FDD (Gay)....	684-9491
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Faithful Outer Sentinel ...	SK Tom McFadden (Joyce).....	407-580-1894
Faithful 3 Year Trustee...SK	John Dotson PFN (Laura).....	931-224-6945
Faithful 2 Year Trustee ...SK	Rick Fugaro PGK, PFN (Joan).....	412-1862
Faithful 1 Year Trustee ...SK	Paul Abate PGK PFN(Tess).....	269-1818

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Assistant Editor.....		

Dues

We still have some brothers who have not submitted their dues. If you are having financial difficulties, Please see me or our Treasurer (Bob Balke) privately. Thank You!

Tom Norton



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every week Tuesday after 8 am Mass until Wednesday at 7pm. Please make an effort to attend.

Bulletin

If you notice errors or omissions please write them down and turn them in to me, or e-mail me at molka@cfl.rr.com so that I may correct the next bulletin. Also if you know some one needing or no longer needing prayers please let me know. After 3 months on the Prayer list I will delete the names unless some one lets me know that prayers are still needed. If you want to receive the bulletin in your e-mail and are not currently getting it, please e-mail me and let me know your correct e-mail address. Thanks

Mike Olka

Calendar of Events

- Nov 30 Sunday **Pancake Breakfast**
- Dec 02 Tuesday Council Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
- Dec 08 Monday **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- Dec 15 Monday Assembly Meeting After 5:30 PM Mass @ Carpenters Hall
- Dec 23 Tuesday Council Officers Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
- Dec 25 Thursday **Christmas Day**



Brothers Birthdays

JACK GALLAGER Fr. ANDREW WOJTAN
MARC LAMB

Those in Need of Prayers

Clair Bobbit, Faith Chandler, Tom Christiano, Tony Cianciotto, Gary Cosgrove, Lee Crocker, Gail Deboise, Amber Dotson, Tim Eady, Gerry Frulio, Rick & Joan Fugaro, Tom & Cheryl Gebhart, Wade Gray, Holly Gilbeau, Hazel Gillooley, Elloyd Gonsalves, Babiella Grubs, James Hepburn, Terrence Jones, Elvis & Luisa Jusino, Dale Kastle, Tracy Kern, Joe Kubisky, Kathy LaRoque, Peter Levins, Liz Lugo, Joy McFadden, Tom & Judy Norton, John Norton, Lisa Pack, Chris Parina, Henry Payout, Joe Peake, Terry Pelegrino, Laura Plona, Trudy Prosky, Elizabeth Ramirez, Carmon Rodriguez, Joe & Norma Rothenburg, Jose Santiago, Suzy Sharnsky, Chester Sheets, Jenny Shoemaker, Mary Spears, Teresa Spring, Ed Stanton, Pete & Joan Taddie, Cathy Taylor, John Tippit, Ed and Sandy Tokarski, Michele Trainer, Pat Tumeo, Corrine Vancleef, Michael & Georgi Ann Vendlinski, Mario, JoAnn & Barbara Vento, Wilma Family, Diane Zenzis, Bradley Therriault, and the other Military in Harms Way and their Families, Pope Francis, Seminarian Amaru Vasquez, All Seminarians, And all Alzheimer Patients and their care givers.

Repose of the soul of Don Green

Our Lady Queen of the Knights

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of your divine son on earth.

Through Your intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court.

Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, from Your Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

St. Gertrude Prayer

Eternal Father, we offer thee the most precious blood of thy divine Son Jesus Christ, in union with all the Masses said around the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners every where, for sinners in the universal church, those in my home and in my family.

Church Websites

www.saintteresatitusville.org
www.holyspiritmims.com

Free Videos and Bible Study

<https://watch.heroicmen.com/login> & Amen.com



Parish Rosary Challenge — Do you wish to preserve your religious liberty and freedom, and obtain ALL the graces God wants for you? Pray the rosary with Holy Spirit's daily rosary groups, special sessions, online resources, anywhere! Mary promised graces to ALL who recite the rosary daily. More details to be announced at weekend Masses. This link helps explain to children (and adults) Mary's 15 Promises to those who recite the rosary daily. [http:// saintannparish.org/marys-15-promises](http://saintannparish.org/marys-15-promises). Our parish rosary challenge is led by parishioner Veronica Komar.



Greetings and Salutations my fellow Knights

December Council Meeting Message

Brothers, As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it's undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them. These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen? I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance. The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payments, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly. Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds of a growing financial legacy — a foundation to give your loved ones so they can continue to build upon what you've worked for. Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives.



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Eric Monte

Mission trip to Dominican Republic

When someone leaves their home to go on a trip to a foreign country that you know to be impoverished, you are not sure what to expect and are very anxious. You don't know anyone, you don't speak the language, you are isolated. Arriving on Saturday and being greeted at the airport by a smile and a sandwich was 'Welcome #1'. Gathering as a group for the first time, we begin to make new friends. During the flight over the island before landing, showed the awesome beauty of Dominica. On the car trip up to the residence high school, we saw an interesting contrast between the beauty of the mountainside and the poverty of the people of the area. Again, you ask the question, 'Why did I come here?' Arriving at the school and being greeted by so many was truly heartwarming. Welcome #2. Sunday, day of rest, greeting and touring the community and church. As we walked through the villages so many of the folks came out waving and greeting, 'hola', 'salude', and offers of coffee from many. Welcomes # 3,4,5.... High anxiety and tensions are lowering, and the heart becomes more at ease. The week's work flew by and more progress was made each day. The work was not easy but it was not hard. We could see the building transform from what it was to what one young girl said, 'The best church in the area'. Seeing the children's faces looking in the windows as we were putting the finishing touches on the church and seeing the smiles and look of joy, I was able to answer that earlier question. 'What am I doing here?' I was here to help bring God to all these wonderful young souls. See photos page 10 & 11.

Al Therriault



Counsel of the Holy Spirit Knights of Columbus Council 18557



NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - JANUARY 10, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NOV 30</p> <p>Pancake Breakfast</p>	<p>DEC 1</p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p>	<p>DEC 2</p> <p>Adoration Holy Spirit 9 am Tuesday til 7 pm Wednesday Council Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>DEC 3</p>	<p>DEC 4</p>	<p>DEC 5</p> <p>Adoration St. Teresas 9 am to 6 pm.</p>	<p>DEC 6</p>
<p>DEC 7</p> <p>Corporate Communion at Holy Spirit 11:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>DEC 8</p> <p>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</p>	<p>DEC 9</p> <p>Adoration Holy Spirit 9 am Tuesday til 7 pm Wednesday</p>	<p>DEC 10</p>	<p>DEC 11</p>	<p>DEC 12</p>	<p>DEC 13</p>
<p>DEC 14</p>	<p>DEC 15</p> <p>7:00 PM Assembly Meeting</p>	<p>DEC 16</p> <p>Adoration Holy Spirit 9 am Tuesday til 7 pm Wednesday</p>	<p>DEC 17</p>	<p>DEC 18</p>	<p>DEC 19</p>	<p>DEC 20</p>
<p>DEC 21</p>	<p>DEC 22</p>	<p>DEC 23</p> <p>7:00 PM Council Officers Meeting Adoration Holy Spirit 9 am Tuesday til 7 pm Wednesday</p>	<p>DEC 24</p>	<p>DEC 25</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p>	<p>DEC 26</p>	<p>DEC 27</p>
<p>DEC 28</p>	<p>DEC 29</p>	<p>DEC 30</p> <p>Adoration Holy Spirit 9 am Tuesday til 7 pm Wednesday</p>	<p>DEC 31</p>	<p>JAN 1</p> <p>Happy New Year</p>	<p>JAN 2</p> <p>Adoration St. Teresas 9 am to 6 pm.</p>	<p>JAN 3</p>
<p>JAN 4</p> <p>Corporate Communion at Holy Spirit 11:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>JAN 5</p>	<p>JAN 6</p> <p>Adoration Holy Spirit 9 am Tuesday til 7 pm Wednesday Council Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>JAN 7</p>	<p>JAN 8</p>	<p>JAN 9</p>	<p>JAN 10</p>



Tentative Calendar of Events 2024-2025

Jan 01 Thursday **Happy New Year**
 Jan 06 Tuesday Council Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Jan 06 Tuesday *The Feast of the Epiphany*
 Jan 19 Monday Assembly Meeting After 5:30 PM Mass @ Carpenters Hall
 Jan 27 Tuesday Council Officers Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Feb 03 Tuesday Council Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Feb 14 Saturday **Valentines Day**
 Feb 16 Monday Assembly Meeting After 5:30 PM Mass @ Carpenters Hall
 Feb 18 Wednesday *Ash Wednesday Lent Begins*
 Feb 24 Tuesday Council Officers Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Mar 03 Tuesday Council Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Mar 16 Monday Assembly Meeting After 5:30 PM Mass @ Carpenters Hall
 Mar 17 Tuesday **St. Patricks Day**
 Mar 24 Tuesday Council Officers Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Mar 29 Sunday Palm Sunday
 Apr 03 Friday **Good Friday** (Father Forgive Them)
 Apr 05 Sunday **Happy Easter** (He is risen)
 Apr 07 Tuesday Council Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall
 Apr 20 Monday Assembly Meeting After 5:30 PM Mass @ Carpenters Hall
 Apr 28 Tuesday Council Officers Meeting 7PM @ Emmaus Hall

Program/Activity Chairmen Please provide a date and an article for the bulletin for your function

Items in **Red** still need some discussion/planning
 Mike Olka

Utreya

There is an Utreya meeting the First Wednesday of every month at Holy Spirit Church in Emmaus Hall after the 7:00 PM Mass. This Utreya serves Mims, Titusville, and Sharps; all Cursiستا's are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mike



Olka

Cursillo Weekends and Events

Spring 2026

Men's #112 Feb. 26-March 1, 2026

Women's #120 March 12-15, 2026

Mike Olka

Program/Activities

Chairman

Flag Committee	Al Therriault
Knights on Bikes	Al Therriault
Membership/Membership Retention	TBD
4th Degree	Jesse Lugo
Pall Bearers	Jesse Lugo
Public Relations	TBD
Honor Guard	Mike Olka
Degree Team	Mike Olka
Newsletter	Mike Olka
Beta	Bob Balke
Pro-life	Bob Balke
Faith Director	C. J. Rogers
Family Director	Mike Ramirez
Community Director	C. J. Rogers
Life Director	Ricky Trainer/Bob Balke

Bargains

 **W**e are open. There are many great bargains at Holy Spirit's Attic Shop and St. Teresa's Buyers Bargain Shop. The Attic Shop is open Wednesday thru Friday from 10 am to 3 pm. The Bargain shop 10 am to 1 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If you have large furniture donations for the Attic Shop call me at 321-684-9491, so I can be there to help you unload them on to the dock. Thanks.

Mike Olka

B.E.T.A. Birth Education Training and Assistance



BETA is always in need of Diapers, High Chairs, and Cribs that are in good condition. I or Mike Olka will even pick them up if you cannot take them to them on Garden Street.

Bob Balke



2025 Survey of Fraternal Benefits — Council 18557

Name: _____ Date: _____

FAITH ACTIVITIES	Hours
a. RSVP	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	
FAMILY ACTIVITIES	Hours
a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	Hours
a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	
LIFE ACTIVITIES	Hours
a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	
OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:	Hours
a. Visits to the Sick	
b. Visits to the Bereaved	
c. Number of Blood Donations	
d. Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
TOTAL	



Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Faith Activities

- a. Refund Support Vocations Program - direct contributions to students studying to become priests or postulants.
- b. Church Facilities - construction, repairs, remodeling, memorial gifts, etc.
- c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries - donations, grants, equipment, etc.
- d. Religious/Vocations Education - scholarships, CCD, lay apostolate, programs, speakers, films, program materials, etc.
- e. Prayer & Study Programs - direct contributions to prayer groups, faith program materials, domestic church kiosk, rosary program, Marian Icon program, etc.
- f. Sacramental Gifts - costs related to gifts presented to congregation.
- g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities - all other disbursements not outlined above relating to Faith Activities.

Family Activities

- a. Food for Families - direct contributions to food banks, pantries, soup kitchens.
- b. Family Formation Programs - Family Fully Alive, Family of the Month/Year, Consecration to the Holy Family, Good Friday Family Promotion, etc.
- c. Keep Christ in Christmas - all contributions to KCIC, Journey to the Inn, Light Up for Christ, Christmas Poster Contest, billboard signs, etc.
- d. Family Week - direct contributions to the coordination, promotion, and conduct of this program.
- e. Family Prayer Night - direct contributions to coordination and execution of this program.
- f. Miscellaneous Family Programs - all other disbursements not outlined above relating to Family Activities.

Community Activities

- a. Coats For Kids - direct contributions to purchasing and distribution of coats to those in need.
- b. Global Wheelchair Mission - direct contributions to purchasing and coordination of wheelchair distribution to the needy.
- c. Habitat for Humanity - direct contributions to Habitat for Humanity projects, materials, tools, and construction.
- d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief - direct contributions to planning and executing disaster preparedness and response, food, water, equipment, etc.
- e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities - direct contributions to schools, care services, organizations, etc.
- f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care - direct contributions to homes for the aged, retired/senior volunteer programs, construction, repairs, remodeling, gifts, etc.
- g. Hospitals/Health Organizations - direct contributions to Red Cross, Hospice, heart/cancer funds, equipment, construction, donations, etc.
- h. Columbian Squires - direct contributions to the operations and support of the Columbian Squires program.
- i. Scouting/Youth Groups - direct contributions to sponsorship, volunteer efforts, projects, 4-H, Big Brothers, CYO, mentoring, etc.
- j. Athletics - direct contributions to council sport events, youth sport sponsorships, equipment, transportation, etc.
- k. Youth Welfare/Service - direct contributions to substance/child abuse, foster parents, etc.
- l. Scholarships/Education - direct contributions to career nights, essay contests, scholarships, tuition, fund raising, etc.
- m. Veteran Military/VAVS - direct contributions to veterans, VA hospital support/visitation, memorials, parades, etc.
- n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities - all other disbursements not outlined above relating to Community Activities.

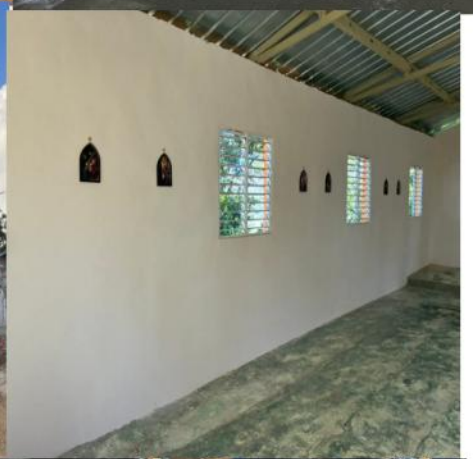
Life Activities

- a. Special Olympics - direct contributions to local, state, and national events.
- b. Marches for Life - direct contributions to local, state, and nation marches.
- c. Ultrasound Initiative - direct contributions to the purchase and placement of Ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy centers.
- d. Pregnancy Center Support - direct contributions to donations, diapers, supplies, baby showers, birthright, etc.
- e. Christian Refugee Relief - direct contributions to aid provided to refugee relief, Solidarity Crosses.
- f. Memorials to Unborn Children - direct contributions to purchases, fund raisers, donations, construction, etc.











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