



Knights of Columbus
4th Degree

St. Jude Assembly
1750

Epistle *from* St. Jude

October 2026



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

FOURTH DEGREE BUSINESS MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on October 22nd with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. ***The location this month will be St Charles Borromeo Parish Center***, 21505 Augusta Avenue, Port Charlotte. A special Oktoberfest menu will be served with Brats, authentic German potato salad, sauerkraut and home-baked German Chocolate cake. Come for a nice meal and spend some quality time with your fellow Sir Knights.

Our guest speaker will be Father Gregg Klich who will speak about the Church in Poland and his life there.

The business meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m.

STANDING RULES

The officers of the Assembly have drafted standing rules to memorialize policies regarding a dress code for meetings and the reimbursement of a portion of the cost of Color Corps uniforms. The text of the Standing Rules will be emailed to all members soon and the rules will be put to a vote for approval at the October 22 meeting.

COLOR CORP CALL OUTS

October 2, Funeral for the Mother of Brother Terry Callaghan. Service 11:00 am., St Terese Catholic Church, 20115 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH DEGREE ICE

CREAM SOCIAL is on October 24, 2026 at 2 p.m. Jacobson Veterans Home, Port Charlotte. Seeing the grateful faces of veterans who have given so much to our country is a very rewarding experience. Join us as we give a little treat as small thanks for their service.

VETERANS DAY COOKOUT, JACOBSON VETERANS HOME

The Assembly will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the residents, families and staff of Jacobson Veterans Home. The grilling will begin at 10:00 am on November 11 and the event will conclude by 1:00 pm.

All Sir Knights are welcome to come and help with the grilling and food service preparation.

ASSEMBLY NEWS

ASSEMBLY SHIRTS

We are taking orders for personalized Assembly Polo shirts. T-Shirt style work shirts will be available for those who work an Assembly 1750 event such as a Veterans cookout. See Jeff Kult to order your Assembly 1750 polo shirt.

FEAST OF SAINT JUDE

October 28 is the Feast Day of our Patron, St Jude Thaddeus. All Sir Knights are encouraged to attend Mass at your home parish on that Wednesday to honor the Patron of Assembly 1750. Wear your green Assembly shirt or Color Corps uniform to honor our Patron Saint.

FAITH IN ACTION

DIOCESE OF VENICE ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CATHOLIC MASS

The Annual Diocese of Venice Veterans Day Catholic Mass will be held on November 11, 2026. Opening ceremonies begin at 2:45 p.m. with Mass beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota. The event is open to any and all Sir Knights and their families. Come out and honor all veterans, living and deceased.

CHALICE PROGRAM

The Assembly has voted to begin a Chalice Program. Many Fourth Degree Members from Assemblies in the North may be familiar with the Program. A chalice is purchased at the expense of the Assembly. When the Assembly is notified of the death of a Sir Knight, the name of the deceased member is engraved on the base of the memorial chalice. The family of the deceased Sir Knight is presented a Chalice Certificate along with a Fourth Degree Resolution of Condolence. This is done at the Memorial Mass or Funeral Mass for the deceased Sir Knight. Multiple names are engraved on the same chalice. When the chalice will not accommodate the addition of further names, the chalice is donated to an appropriate religious organization such as the Archdiocese for Military Services for presentation to a newly ordained priest for his use during the celebration of the Mass. A small special annual dues assessment of \$5.00 will fund the Chalice Program. Any member can pay in advance the total \$300 cost of the chalice. The first Chalice has been purchased at the expense of a member of the Assembly.

SIR BIRTHDAYS

The following Sir Knights have October birthdays! Happy Birthday and Best wishes to:

Glen Seifried	10-4
Robert Milam	10-6
Vernon Brown	10-7
Thomas Moore	10-7
John Bockin	10-9
Stephen Labbe	10-11
Ronald Klaasse	10-12
Kenneth Baker	10-15
Brian Greathouse	10-20
James Kantor	10-21
Eduardo Velez	10-22
Micheal Fox	10-24
Elvin Mendez	10-25
Gary Miller	10-28

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Any member is welcome to submit an article and/or photographs for inclusion in the newsletter. Just email your content to the Faithful Navigator.

PATRIOTISM IN ACTION

SW FLORIDA HONOR FLIGHT

We were privileged to have as guests at the September 24 business meeting Naomi Copeland and Carolyn Laskey from SW Florida Honor Flight. Ms Copeland gave a very interesting talk about the wonderful work SW Florida Honor Flight does to honor our veterans by giving them a trip to Washington, D.C. to see the memorials and monuments dedicated to military service. Thanks you, Naomi and Carolyn!!



Assembly 1750 has supported SW Florida Honor Flight in the past and will continue doing so in the future. A fundraiser to benefit SW Florida Honor Flight will be held on December 18, 2026 at the Punta Gorda Historical Society. The theme is a "USO Holiday Party". We have been asked to provide some help with the event and will honor the request. More information will be posted next month.

Thank you, Sir Knights, for all you do
for the Order and the Church.

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Vivat Jesus!



ST. JUDE THADDAEUS

Feastday: October 28

St. Jude, known as Thaddaeus, was a brother of St. James the Less, and a relative of Our Saviour. He was one of the 12 Apostles of Jesus and his attribute is a club. Images of St. Jude often include a flame around his head, which represent his presence at Pentecost, when he accepted the Holy Spirit alongside the other apostles. Another attribute is St. Jude holding an image of Christ, in the Image of Edessa. Sometimes he can also be seen holding a carpenter's ruler or is depicted with a scroll or book, the Epistle of Jude.

Biblical scholars agree St. Jude was a son of Clopas and his mother Mary was the Virgin Mary's cousin. Ancient writers tell us that he preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Idumaea, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Lybia. According to Eusebius, he returned to Jerusalem in the year 62, and assisted at the election of his brother, St. Simeon, as Bishop of Jerusalem.

Jude was the one who asked Jesus at the Last Supper why He would not manifest Himself to the whole world after His resurrection. Little else is known of his life. Legend claims that he visited Beirut and Edessa and could have been martyred with St. Simon in Persia.

He is an author of an epistle (letter) to the Churches of the East, particularly the Jewish converts, directed against the heresies of the Simonians, Nicolaites, and Gnostics. Though Saint Gregory the Illuminator has been credited as the "Apostle to the Armenians," the Apostles Jude and Bartholomew are believed to have brought Christianity to Armenia, where Jude was rumored to have later been martyred. There is some debate about where Jude died, though most Biblical scholars agree he was martyred. He is believed to have been martyred either in Armenia or Beirut.

Following his death, St. Jude's body was brought to Rome and left in a crypt in St. Peter's Basilica. Today his bones can be found in the left transept of St. Peter's Basilica under the main altar of St. Joseph in a tomb he shares with the remains of the apostle Simon the Zealot.

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Oktoberfest *Social*

◆ ◆ **Menu Includes:** ◆ ◆

Brats • Sauerkraut
Authentic German Potato Salad
German Chocolate Cake

St. Charles Borromeo
Catholic Church

October 22nd
Social Hour: 5:00 PM
Meeting: 6:00 PM



Good Food • Great Fellowship