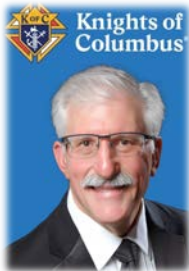




The Shield

Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brother's and Ladies,

I hope you had a relaxing Labor Day weekend and a pleasant, fun-filled summer. Now, with summer winding down and Fall approaching later this month, we as Knights start to move forward into full gear with the start of all of our programs.

August was a busy month of serving for the Knights. We grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for the Religious Education students and their families as they attended the orientations for the new year as well as for those parishioners who attended the Church's Ministry Fair. Thank you to all who manned the booths at the ministry fair. I am so grateful to everyone who helped in various capacities at this special event for the families of our church. Thank you, Ed Amador and Wally Vazquez, for taking all the extra food that was left over down to Pinellas Hope. I'm sure they really appreciated what we provided for them. Let us never forget those less fortunate. Thank you, God, for all the blessings that we receive each day!

Below is a list of our tireless workers for the above event.

Gene Jajuga	Jack Strehle	Amaro Lionheart
Karen Jajuga	Kay Strehle	Tom Fitzpatrick
Bill Gallant	Ed Amador	Margaret Krivchenia

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, September 11 @ **7:00 pm**
in the Parish Center

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Tom Stanko Mark Feldman Tom Krivchenia
Betty D'Amelio Joe D'Amelio Justin Harrington

We also had a Unified Degree Exemplification Ceremony on Thursday August 21st where we had our first new member join for this fraternal year. I would like to welcome James McCarthy to our council. We are looking forward to getting to know you and helping you through your growth in the Knights.

Margaret and I will be attending the Eucharistic Encounter on September 20 at the newly renamed Amalie Arena, Benchmark International Arena. This is a sold-out event with over 12,000 attendees including Bishop Gregory Parkes and many clergy plus inspirational guest speakers. Please pray for us as we honor Our Lord in the Eucharist. We feel such gratitude that we are fortunate enough to attend.

We honor, mourn, and pray for all those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. This month will mark the 24th anniversary of this horrific attack.

Upcoming Events

Our first event of the month is Coffee & Donuts on Sunday September 7th after all the morning Masses. This will coincide with the Religious Education Family Session. We are expecting a very big crowd for this

event. We will need a lot of volunteers to help. Sign-up sheets will be coming very soon. As we are concluding the Coffee & Donuts, the Membership committee will be handing out frozen fruit bars to the children and parents from the Religious Education family session in the hope of recruiting new members. This will start about 11:30 AM and a sign-up sheet will be coming soon.

We will have our monthly Rosary led by Jerry Custin and Wally Vazquez on Thursday September 11th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center. This is open to anyone in the parish. So, please invite someone to come with you.

The Ladies Auxiliary will resume their monthly meeting on September 11th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering room

This year we will have the Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon arriving on September 16th and remaining through the 22nd. The Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Catholic faith focuses on the human and divine love of Jesus Christ, symbolized by his Heart. We are encouraged to meditate on Christ's love for humanity, make acts of reparation for sin and indifference towards God, and to seek a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus. Key practices in honoring the Sacred Heart include the First Friday devotion, in which one receives Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays to obtain graces and a holy death.

June is the month devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Icon will be displayed on the altar for everyone to spend some personal time with the Icon after all Masses or during the days that it will be with us. On September 19th we will have a special Holy Hour Service with the Icon starting at 7:00 PM. Please plan on attending this beautiful event that focuses on Jesus' immense love, mercy and compassion for all of us, particularly his redemptive suffering for the world. This Holy Hour is open to the entire parish, friends and families. Please spread the word and invite someone to attend.

Council 7109 Officers Meeting – Thursday, September 4th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Coffee & Donuts - Sunday, September 7th at 7:00 AM in the St. John Bosco Center

KofC Membership Drive – Sunday, September 7th at 11:30 AM under the Pavilion

Monthly Rosary – Thursday, September 11th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

Council Business Meeting – Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Pinellas Hope Food Prep – Thursday, September 18th at 8:00 AM in the Parish Center Kitchen

Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour – Friday, September 19th at 7:00 PM in the Main Church

Kimberly Home Workday – Saturday, September 20th at 7:00 AM in Clearwater

Assembly 2474 Monthly Meeting – Thursday, September 25th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

Council 7109 Officers Meeting – Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, September 27th at 5:00p in the Parish Center

Tootsie Roll Drive – Saturday, October 4th after all Masses

Tootsie Roll Drive – Sunday, October 5th after all Masses

Program Directors Meeting – Monday October 6th at 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room

Monthly Rosary – Thursday, October 9th at 6:15 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

Council 7109 Business Meeting – Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 PM in the St. John Bosco Center

KofC Family Picnic – Saturday, October 11th at 11:00 AM in Philippe Park Shelter # 5



WGK Tom Krivchenia presents Jim Lankford with June 2025 Knight of the Month



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Council 7109

Holy Moments

Brothers in Christ,

This past month has been full of Holy Moments where God's grace broke into our ordinary efforts and turned them into something extraordinary.

One of the greatest blessings was our participation in the Espiritu Santo Catholic Church Ministry Fair on August 17th. Though our table was tucked away against the flow of foot traffic, God still provided fruit. We came away with two solid candidates who have filed their Form 100s, and we engaged in three meaningful conversations with parishioners who are now prayerfully discerning membership.

Special thanks to Brothers **Bill Galant and Tom Stanko**, who faithfully manned the recruitment tables and shared the mission of the Knights. Their presence and joyful witness turned what could have been "just a booth" into a real opportunity for evangelization.

But the blessings did not stop there. When the fair was over, we had leftover food and thanks to our Faithful Admiral **Wally Vazquez** for joining me, we took that food, along with 100 pounds of gently used women's clothing, to Pinellas Hope. When we arrived, the site manager's eyes filled with tears. Told us, "God must have heard our prayers, as we prayed for food today as we had none to feed these folks. He brought you to us."

That moment was not by chance it was a Holy Moment, a powerful reminder that the **Holy Spirit is alive** in our work.

Another highlight was one especially moving Exemplification Ceremony. Please join me in welcoming our newest Brother Knight, **James McCarthy**. James is a proud Espiritu Santo Catholic School and Jesuit High School graduate, and just this year graduated from USF with a BA in History. His exemplification was intimate and powerful, almost as if God had set it apart just for him.

The story grows richer: James' father, Michael McCarthy, is already a brother Knight, and his grandfather, James J. McCarthy, was a Knight in the early 1950s. The elder James served honorably as a US Army Sergeant in WWII and later retired after 20 years with the NYC Transit Police. This is a family of **three generations** of Knights of Columbus. A beautiful testimony of faith passed down from father to son, across generations. Truly, this is what building Catholic men of faith looks like.

Brothers, all these blessings the new prospects, the service to Pinellas Hope, the family legacy of the McCarthys, are Holy Moments that remind us why we serve, and why we recruit. But let us also be mindful of our mission: our Council's goal this fraternal year is to welcome **15** new members. As of now, we have **one**. We have work to do.

So, I challenge each of you: be open to the Holy Spirit. **One invitation, one conversation, one Holy Moment could be the seed that changes a man's life forever.**

Let us keep pressing forward with courage and faith. Together, we will grow, we will serve, and we will make this fraternal year one of lasting impact.

Save the Dates:

Council Open House – October 15 @ 7:30 PM ET
Next Exemplification – October 16 @ 7:00 PM ET

Vivat Jesus!

SK Edward J. Amador
Chancellor, Pilot, Director of Membership
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Assembly 2474
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Unity – Strength in Numbers

Informational Open House Schedule

2025-2206

Oct 15 | Dec 17 | Feb 18 | Apr 15 | Jun 16

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule

2025-2026

Oct 16 | Dec 18 | Feb 19 | Apr 16 | Jun 18

Look for more information from our Grand Knight



Council Membership Report

Total Membership	331
Insurance Membership	127
Honorary Life Members	62
Honorary Members	08
2024-2025 Membership Growth vs Goal	01/15
2024-2025 Insurance	00/02

Assembly Membership Report

Total Membership	127
Honorary Life Members	14
Honorary Members	01
2024-2025 Membership Growth vs Goal	00/06



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Happy Birthday Brothers! Many Happy Returns!

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Prayers for the Sick

Marie Bishop, Sean Michael Cook (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Ken Seguin, Susanne Papa (d), Ward Griffin, Elizabeth Inderwies, Linda Cooper (d), Bob Ehrman, Antonia Rosin (d), Frances Hamacher (d), Jacqueline Barry (d), Mary Branham (d), Mary Williams (d), Frank Schuster II (d), Kennedie McFadden, Sal Burriesci, George Smith (d), Pauline Sager (d), Vicki Nolan (d), Steve Gorey (d), Felice D'Elia (d), Stanley Kwiatowski (d), Ethan Griswold (d), Alex Griswold, Dick LaLuzerne, Fr Rich Rosin (d), Mary Duell (d), Tony Doyle (d), Mary Frances Lowe, Dwight Rochester, Jim & Pat Nolf, Frank Diaz (d), Nancy Pagnott, Ed Warticki (d), Joann Finney, Joseph Genalo Jr, John Clarke, Jack Mills (d), John Cathcart, Ed Sleyzak, Thomas O'Rourke, Karen Jajuga, Bob Justiana, Wally Vazquez, Edward Amador, Santo Loparo, Sue Engelmann, Madison Lentz, Helen Lentz, Kathleen Griffin, Karen Loparo, Taylor Dumke, Richard Roberto, Peter Saleses, Peggy Gohman, Barbara Papa, Kathy King, Richard Roberto, Joe LaGuardia, Michael D'Amelio, Steve Wozniak, Evelyn Harvey (d), Skylar Ruckart, Krish Sujamani, Jack Greenwald, Don Bishop (d), Claire Inderwies, Matt Sunski, Colleen Spaeth,

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727.286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support Our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Mark Wegener



John Paul Grabowski

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. Austin and Mark are located at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, while John Paul is located at St. Joseph Seminary College. Austin Smith is from Nativity parish in Brandon. Mark Wegener is from St. Anthony the Abbot, Brooksville. John Paul Grabowski is from Catholic Student Center, USF – Tampa.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations, but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Edward & Violet Amador, Mark Barrett, Donald Borbath, James & Jean Burris, William Cullen Jr, Joseph & Betty D'Amelio, Douglas & Carol De Wolfe, Peter Demzak, Frederick & Suzanne Di Masi, Sean Donahoo, Robert & Zoe Dufour, Michael & Sue Engelmann, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Michael & Lisa Furman, Joel & Karen Gray, Robert & Catherine Gwinner IV, James & Anna Haitz, Thomas & Anne Harkins, Timothy & Ann Hartle, James Hayes, David & Donna Heezen, Joseph & Sandra Hoherl, George & Claire Inderwies, Steven & Anne Ippolito, Robert & M. A. Justiana Sr, Michael & Katherine King, Dan & Donna Kistel, Mark & Renee Kraf, William & Katherine Krajewski, Frank Laffey, Stephen & Ellen Leger, Milton Levine, Amaro Lionheart, Jerry Maratea, Frank & Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, John Morgan, Adel Nammour, Chris & Leah Nesci, Thomas & Carolyn O'Rourke, John & Susanne Papa, Paul & Virginia Pappas, Mark & Christine Peterman, Robert & Vickie Pickard, Richard Roberto Jr, Kenneth & Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jason Seguin, Morgan Sheaffer Sr, James & Karin Smith, Thomas Stanko, John & Kay Strehle III, Matthew Sunski, Roy & Linda Vanderveer, Steven & Jaclyn Verba, Paul & Josefina Vilchez, Mario & Judy Zaccaria, Dennis & Joyce Ayril, Jonathan & Marianne Boyce, Sean Casey, John Coyne, Gerald Custin Jr, James & Sylvia O'Neill, Michael & Mary Kathleen Dixon, Philip & Jane Farney, Mark & Elaine Feldman, Charles & Raquel Friesema, John & Peggy Gohman II, Michael Gutknecht, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul & Rose Marie Harvey, Eugene & Karen Jajuga, Shawn & Pattie Jajuga, Christopher & Celise Jones, Gregory & Kim Juedes, Richard Kembell-Cook Jr, Timothy Kielich, Matthew Killeen, Tom & Margaret Krivchenia, Jack Kuczej, Christian Kuczej, Thomas Kukulski, James & Maria Lankford, Brian & Christina Lapointe, Brian & Angela Lawandus, Santo Loparo Jr, Patrick Mackin, Michael & Maria McCarthy, James & Patricia Nolf, Brian & Lisa O'Connor, Gerald & Holly Pappa, Frank Pensabene, Daniel & T Peterson, Donald & Alexis Reed, Andrew Rodnite, Juan & Rosemary Romero, Peter & Susan Saleses, Daniel & Paula Saracki, William & Mary Scott, Jim & Nancy Shirer, Michael & Melissa Short, Massimo & Valeria Simeoni, Chuck & Elizabeth Sullivan, Keith & Griselda Taylor Sr, Thomas & Jean Wozniak, Patrick & Joan Alix, Patrick & Beatrice Boland, Sal & Ingrid Burriesci, Ryan Burriesci, Patrick Carroll, Joseph Celic III, Terrell & Victoria Clampitt, Joseph Cortese, Joseph Culmone, Hoyt Decker, Frank & Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Terry & Shirley Drake, Richard & Joan Ducheny, Frederick & Christi Elflein, Zach Faraone, Joseph & Megan Gajewski, Ward & Kathleen Griffin, Mark Gurley, Irving Hernandez, Kenton & Sue Heuertz, Jarret & Lesley Ann Honahan, Mark & Maryann Kapinos, William & Elizabeth Kasak, Brian & Christine Kearns, Robert Kenny, Raymond Kraker, Dennis Lentz, Francis & Carol Mahoney, Frank & Juliann Marsalek, Edward Martinenko, Kevin McMullen, Clifford & Michelle Merz, Anthony Metty, Darryl & Mary Miller, Thomas Myers, Javier & Xiomara Ortega, Todd & Margaret Owers, Edmund & Diane Pagnott, Donald & Carol Palacheck, Robert Papariella, Thomas Penders, Glen Pettersen, James & Suzanne Preston Jr, Christopher Purcell, Edward & Sandra Riley, James & Drema Servoss Rooney, John Ruckart, Kurt & Mary Lynn Salac, Julius & Minnie Silva, Thomas Smith, Bryan & Krista Snyder, Gregory & Carolina Sohn, James & Darlene Stanley, Jugdesh & Sucheta Sujjanani, Alvah & Margaret Vankleeck, Walberto & Ramona Vazquez, Margaret Watson

Total Collected to Date: \$2794.13



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

Holy Hour to Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Friday, September 19th, at 7pm our Council will host a Holy Hour to celebrate the Lord's unceasing love for each of us in the Icon of the Sacred Heart. Sponsored by the Supreme leadership and locally coordinated by Wally Vazquez. This Holy Hour is open to all parishioners and friends (Invite them!). Based on Presentation Sister Saint Margaret 'Alaeque spiritual visions from the Lord were supported by her Jesuit spiritual director, Blessed Claude de la Columbiere, in Paray Le Monial France in the sixteenth century.

Captured in the image of the Heart as the symbol of Jesus unconditional love for each of us, this devotion comes as a needed reaction to the Heresy of Jansenism. Jansenism proclaimed an angry, vengeful, and punitive image of our Loving Creator God. This abomination was meant to scare and terrify people and some of the effects four centuries later are still felt. For example, some people basically act out of fear of God and of being punished. The human person is basically described as a sinner and truly bad!

This image of the human being goes contrary to authentic Catholic biblical theology:

~ "The human person is made in God's image and likeness." Genesis 1 (We are not a mistake, and God does not make junk!)

~ "See I am wondrously made." Psalm 130

~ "I am God's work of art in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2

We always need some reassurance and clarification of God's Love for us, so come to the Holy Hour and bring some friends.

Michael Cooper, SJ
Chaplain



WGK Tom Krivchenia presents Paul & Rose Marie Harvey with July 2025 Family of the Month

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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Hello everyone, we are getting back into the new year. The children and grandchildren have started back to school. Also, college football is back on TV. We have many projects to complete this month so please join in when you can. Our Membership Drive will be on Sunday the 7th from 11 to 1pm at the Parrish Center Pavilion. On Sept 14 we will have Coffee & Donuts in the JBC from 7am to 1pm. Our golf committee meeting will be Monday the 15th at 6pm in the Gathering Room. Pinellas Hope Food Prep will be Thursday the 18th at 8 am in the kitchen center. On Friday the 26th a Spaghetti Dinner will be held in the Parish Center from 5 to 8pm. Before our Membership meeting on the 11th, there will be a gathering in the John Bosco Center for the saying of the Rosary. If you can attend, please reach out to a friend and invite them.

From the Faith & Life Directors' Desk

Continuing to work on the organizing the Sacred Heart Icon holy hour. This event is scheduled at the church on Friday the 19th. The Altar Servers Pizza Party is currently scheduled for Sunday the 21st in the Parrish Center. More to follow.

From the Community Director's Desk

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic Students, in public, private or parochial schools, in grades 8 thru 12 during the current school year. we have reached out to ask 8th graders at Espiritu Santo Catholic School to participate. This year's essay topic is: The office of the papacy was established by Jesus Christ nearly 2000 years ago, when he chose St Peter to lead his church on earth. A 500-to-700-word essay on who are your favorite three Popes.

From the Family Director's Desk

Information has been sent to Ms Slain on Christ in Christmas Poster dates and times, age groups from kindergarten through 8th grade. Posters are needed by October 12th so that they can be judged and turned in by November 1st.

September Liturgical Calendar

- Sept 03: St Gregory the Great - Memorial
- Sept 05: St Teresa of Calcutta - Memorial
- Sept 08: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
- Sept 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary – Optional Memorial
- Sept 13: St John Chrysostom - Memorial
- Sept 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Feast
- Sept 15: Our Lady of Sorrows – Memorial
- Sept 16: Cornelius and Cyprian - Feast
- Sept 21: St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist – Feast
- Sept 23: St Pio of Pietrelcina - Memorial
- Sept 27: St Vincent de Paul - Memorial
- Sept 29: Sts Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael – Feast
- Sept 30: St Jerome, Doctor of the Church – Memorial

St John Chrysostom – Memorial

Born in Antioch in 347, he was baptized in 368 and tonsured as a reader (one of the minor orders of the Church). He eventually became a lawyer. As he grew older, he became more deeply committed to Christianity and went on to study theology. John lived in extreme asceticism, a lifestyle of self-discipline and abstinence. He became a hermit in about 375, spending the next two years routinely standing, scarcely sleeping and committing to the Bible to memory.

Moving back to Antioch, he gained popularity because of the eloquence of his public speaking, especially his insightful expositions of the Bible passages and moral teachings. In 397 he was appointed archbishop of Constantinople. He founded a number of hospitals in Constantinople. Around 405, John began to lend moral and financial support to Christian monks who were enforcing the emperor's anti-pagan laws. He was later exiled (causes were not clear), where a few years later in September 407 he passed away. His last words were said to have been "Glory to God for all things."



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INSURANCE
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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

Is there a gap between the insurance coverage you have and the insurance coverage you need?

Maybe you wonder about this every once in a while, before putting it out of mind. Or maybe you don't think about it all. But September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, so I think it's important to bring this question up now.

According to the most recent Insurance Study performed by the Life Insurance Marketing and Research Association ("LIMRA"), 40 percent of American adults say they need life insurance or need to obtain more life insurance coverage.¹

That's a lot of people wondering, "What if?" What if you need more? What if you're not prepared for the unexpected?

Let's explore some situations in which you might need to fill an insurance gap:

- Young adults. If you're getting group coverage through your employer, consider what will happen if your job situation changes. That coverage is not likely to follow you. The good news is, buying your own life insurance is generally more affordable the younger you are, so don't miss the opportunity to lock in coverage now.
- Those with accrued debt. Life insurance can help ensure money is available to pay off any debts, such as student loans or a mortgage, without forcing your loved ones to sell assets or inherit a financial obligation.
- Those who are married. Many married couples share financial responsibilities. If one spouse dies, the other could struggle to cover those expenses alone. Life insurance can help provide security for the unknown.
- Those with children. Life insurance helps protect children in case of tragedy. It ensures they would be able to maintain their standard of living, stay in their home, help cover childcare or schooling and

eventually go to a secondary education option, if desired.

- Small business owners. You built your business — now protect it. Life insurance can help with estate planning, final expenses and ensuring your business would operate if the unexpected happens.
- Getting ready to retire? What happens when all that employer group insurance goes away?

There are many reasons why you may need life insurance protection, and I'm here to help you find the coverage that matches your needs.

Don't wait — ensuring you and your family are protected can be quicker and easier than you may imagine.

Set up time to meet with me and we will start the process together.

Thank you!
Vivat Jesus!
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Faithful Navigator's Log

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we enter September, I am reminded that this month is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Her steadfast faith and strength in the face of trial is a powerful model for us as Knights. Just as she stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross, we are called to stand firm in faith, service, and fraternity.

This past month, our Assembly has continued to demonstrate that spirit - through our participation in parish and community events (i.e., Color Corps participation in St Catherine of Siena's 50th Anniversary kickoff Mass and participation in the Ministry Fair and Re Open House), our support of our brother Knights, and our commitment to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have given of their time, talent, and treasure to make a difference.

Looking ahead, we have important opportunities for service and fellowship. Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events such as golf tournament preparations, Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour, Coffee & Donuts, etc... I encourage each of you to stay engaged and invite a brother Knight to join us in these activities. Our Assembly is strongest when we stand together.

Let us continue to ask Our Lady's intercession for our families, our Church, and our country. May her example inspire us to live our mission as Fourth Degree Knights with honor and devotion.

The Seven Sorrows

Our Lady of Sorrows is a Catholic devotional title for the Virgin Mary, referencing her intense suffering and grief as the mother of Jesus. This devotion, centered on Mary's "Seven Sorrows," is a popular religious theme involving a mournful Mary, often depicted with a pierced heart. Celebrated on September 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates her unique participation in Christ's Passion and serves as a model for confronting personal suffering and growing in virtue.

The seven sorrows are a series of events in Mary's life that caused her great grief and pain:

1. **Simeon's prophecy:** (Luke 2:35): The prophet Simeon foretells that Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword.
2. **The flight into Egypt:** Mary and Joseph flee to Egypt with the infant Jesus to escape King Herod.
3. **Jesus is lost in the Temple:** Mary and Joseph spend three days searching for Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.
4. **Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary:** Mary witnesses her Son carrying the cross on the way to his crucifixion.
5. **Jesus dies on the cross:** Mary stands at the foot of the cross as her Son is crucified.
6. **Mary receives the body of Jesus:** Mary holds the body of her Son after He is taken down from the cross.
7. **Jesus is buried:** Mary is present for the burial of Jesus.

The Devotion

- **Symbolism:**

In art, Our Lady of Sorrows is often portrayed with seven swords piercing her heart, symbolizing the seven sorrows she endured.

- **Feast Day:**

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is celebrated annually on September 15.

- **Spiritual significance:**

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows encourages meditation on Christ's Passion through Mary's suffering heart and fosters spiritual growth, virtue, and a greater desire to live a life that does not cause Christ further suffering.

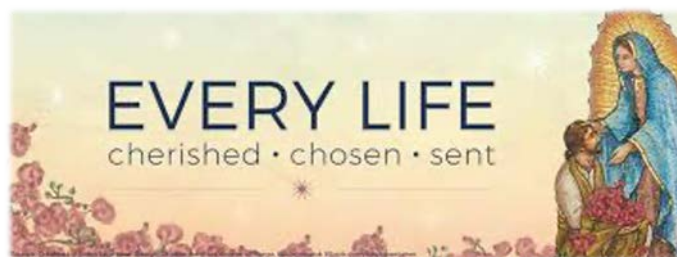
- **Patronage:**

Mary, as Our Lady of Sorrows, is the patron saint of several places, including Slovakia, Mississippi (USA), and the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Vivat Jesus,
JJ Coyne
Faithful Navigator



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The Mother's Sword: Our Lady of Sorrows

There is a heart that bleeds. A heart pierced, not by sin, but by love so fierce that it consented to be wounded for the salvation of the world. It is the heart of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, whose feast the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church commemorates on September 15. In August, the Immaculate Heart blazed as a furnace of reparation. In September, that same heart weeps as a chalice of compassion. Her tears are not weakness. They are water and blood, joined to the Passion of Christ, flowing as grace upon the earth.

This is no passing sentiment. This is a summons. For in Mary's sorrows we behold the mirror of Calvary, and in her silence, we hear the thunder of divine love. She is the Mother who stood when others fled. She is the Woman of prophecy, whose soul was pierced by the sword foretold by Simeon, that the thoughts of many hearts might be revealed. In her we discover that sorrow, borne with faith, is not destruction but redemption.

The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, in her wisdom, gathers us each September to kneel at the foot of the Cross beside Mary. The Seven Sorrows are not relics of a distant past. They are the map of every Christian life. They are sacraments of fidelity. They teach us that true faith does not flee when the night falls but waits with hope for the dawn.

First sorrow. The prophecy of Simeon, and a sword promised for your soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed (Luke 2:35). Steel enters the story, yet you do not step back. You open your heart to the blade, and the blade opens the world to its truth. Faith is not a charm against pain. Faith is the courage to let light divide bone from marrow.

Second sorrow. The flight into Egypt, a cradle lifted into exile under a moon that knows every refugee by name

(Matthew 2:13 to 15). You move through desert silence with the Child who made the desert and the jackals He tamed. You learn the grammar of danger and the syntax of trust. In your footsteps, every homeless mother finds a map.

Third sorrow. The loss of the Child in the Temple, three days of absence that feel like a lifetime condensed into a single unanswered question (Luke 2:41 to 50). You search the streets where joy once skipped, you search the corners where memory hides, you search your own heart until you find Him in the Father's house. Not all losses are punishments. Some losses are lessons that ripen into awe.

Fourth sorrow. You meet your Son on the road to Calvary, and in that gaze two oceans recognize each other's salt (John 19:25). The world calls this defeat. Heaven calls it the hour. Your eyes do not bargain with what must be. You stand and consent to love's terrible arithmetic where one life will buy the many.

Fifth sorrow. The Crucifixion, the Lamb lifted up as the serpent once was, so that the bitten may look and live (John 19:25 to 30). You stand near the Cross, priestly and pure, offering the only offering that equals the altar. Your yes at Nazareth matures here, beneath a darkened noon, into a yes large enough to shelter every sinner who dares to come home.

Sixth sorrow. The body taken down, the Pietà formed by grief's gentle hands (John 19:31 to 37). You cradle the Beauty that made all beauty, now bruised and still. The world has exhausted its violence. You answer with reverence. In your lap mortality rests like a tired bird, and you do not let it fall.

Seventh sorrow. The burial, stone and silence, garden and seed (John 19:38 to 42). You accompany Him to the place of beginnings. You do not pry at the door God has closed. You keep vigil with the earth, a mother

keeping watch with Mother Earth, until the garden remembers how to rise.

Our Lady of Sorrows is no passive figure. She is not resignation but resistance. She takes upon herself the pain of the world and offers it to God as intercession and plea. She is the Mother who does not turn her eyes from suffering, but enters into it, so that her children may learn how to suffer with purpose. In her seven wounds we see the wounds of every mother who buries her child, every exile who flees under darkness, every parent who searches in anguish, every faithful soul who bears injustice. She makes their grief her own and carries it to Christ.

To honor her is not to drape her image with flowers alone. To honor her is to walk her path. To pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, bead by bead, as if climbing Calvary at her side. To consecrate our families, our sorrows, and our nation into her keeping. To kneel in silence and let her school of sorrow teach us that even tears can become prayer, and that sacrifice borne with love becomes seed for redemption.

September is no ordinary month. It is a call to the Cross. It is the voice of the Mother saying, "Stand with me." It is the voice of heaven urging us to transform sorrow into sacrifice, grief into grace, tears into triumph. The world today hides from pain and flees from sacrifice. But Mary shows us another way. She teaches us to face the sword, to embrace the silence, and to stand beneath the Cross unafraid, because already within the tomb stirs the promise of resurrection.

Let September be our school of fidelity. Let it teach us that holiness is not for the faint but for the steadfast. Let us pray with Mary, fast with Mary, and weep with Mary, until our lives themselves become her litany. In her tears the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church is reborn. In her sorrows the faithful are forged. In her pierced yet radiant heart, we behold the victory of her Son.

O Mother of Sorrows, make us your companions. Teach us to stand, to love, and to endure. Until every sorrow is gathered into joy, every wound is healed in Christ, and every tear is wiped away by the hand of God.

This September let us not remain passive. Let us consecrate our homes, our council, and our parish under the mantle of Our Lady of Sorrows. Let us take up the Rosary of her Seven Sorrows as our weapon, our shield, and our school of courage. Let us stand where Mary stood, beside the Cross, so that our order may become a living banner of fidelity and strength for Christ and His Church.

Ad Jesum per Mariam



Hello everyone, here we are nearly ending our summer in less than a month. Hopefully everyone had blessed travels and family time. Prayers for a mild fall season without hurricane threats and some coolness too! Whew it's been hot!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be kicking off their 2025–2026 events with our first meeting to be held Thursday, September 11th at 7 PM in the Gathering Room. We welcome any ladies who are interested in supporting our Knights of Columbus Council 7109. Looking forward to adding new members to our dedicated ladies' group.

The first event we will help with will be the spaghetti dinner scheduled for Saturday, September 27. This is a first for our Knights, so we ladies will discuss decorations and our raffle basket themes!

Hope to see all of you ladies and share what our summer adventures/projects were. Until then, God's blessings to you and yours.



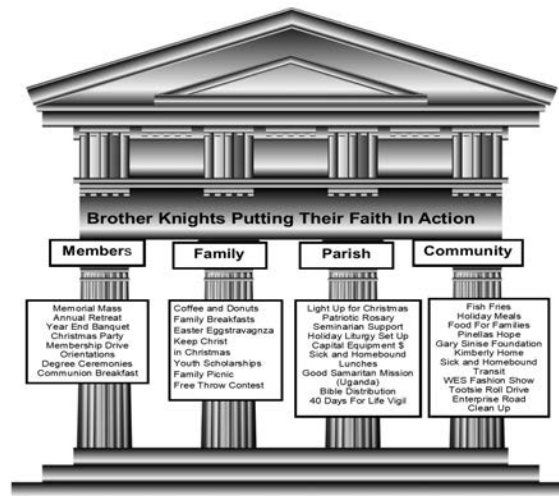
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Build The Common Good

David is the most prolific author of the Psalms. He has written Psalms of petition, thanks, repentance, and praise. Psalm 23 is among his most famous and his most succinct. It is a Psalm of unrelenting praise. He expertly uses the analogy of a shepherd, as he fully understands what shepherds are called to do. Protect, preserve, and sustain the flock; especially when danger abounds. To make his flock so secure that they fear no evil. To make them so comfortable and to gain their trust so that they will never leave.

Think about all that we do in our Council, Parish, and community to make us all better in everything we do. Feeding the flock is one of our core strengths. Serving the youth of our parish through spelling bees and free-throw contests is another example. Our brothers and auxiliary members serve the parish as lectors, ushers, and Eucharist ministers. As a flock, I think we show our Good Shepherd that we are full of gratitude and praise for His guidance and protection.



Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You set a table before me in front of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for endless days.

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“Open Wide The Doors for Christ” is a powerful and fitting exhortation for the Knights of Columbus in this Jubilee Year. As men of faith, the Knights are called to welcome Christ into every aspect of their lives – into their homes, their parishes, and their communities. By echoing the words of St John Paul II, we are reminded to live boldly and faithfully, opening our hearts to Christ’s truth, mercy, and love. Worn as a pin, it becomes a visible sign of commitment to evangelization, service, and the defense of life; encouraging all to embrace and share the Gospel in this special year of grace.

“Jesus in Mary’s Womb” is a profound symbol of the sacredness of life from its very inception. His presence as a child, unborn, reflects the divine value of every human life. The Knights of Columbus draws strength and inspiration from this mystery, standing firmly for the right to life from conception to natural death. As Mary carried the Savior of the world in her womb, so too must society recognize and protect the dignity of every human being at all stages of life.

We are a fraternity of men who love our god, love our Family, and love our Country. We are the children, we salute our veterans, and we pray to our patron Blessed Michael McGivney. We do all unashamed and with pride because we understand that which is not against us is with us. For we are the Knights of Columbus, protectors of the widows and orphans, and we wear it proudly so Open Wide the Doors for Christ and he shall enter.

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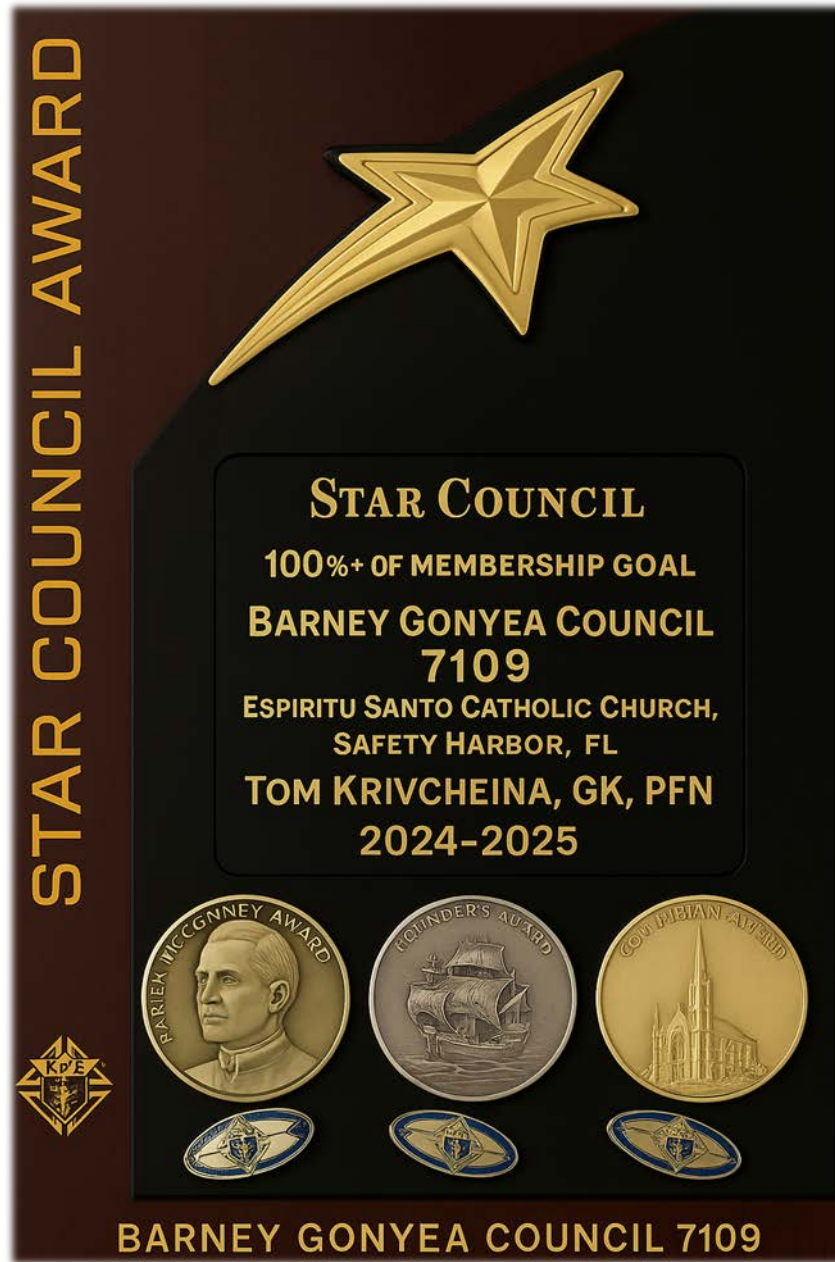
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*Scenes from the recent Espiritu Santo Catholic Church Ministry Fair...
Brother Knights and Ladies of the Auxiliary were found at most ministry tables*

Letter to the Editor

Pope Leo XIV Woodstock Jubilee

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a Jubilee Year. Pope Boniface VIII started the tradition in 1300, as pilgrimages to Rome dramatically increased on Christmas 1299 with sojourners seeking forgiveness. This was based on Jewish tradition. Initially, they were set for every hundred years. That was later reduced to 50 years, then 25. The theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Pope Leo XIV definitely showed his intent as our Pontiff in focusing on hope with his recent "Woodstock Jubilee" on

August 3 that attracted over a million young Catholics from 146 countries. The youth pilgrimage came about three months after the start of Leo's papacy and 25 years after John Paul II organized the last such gathering in Rome. It was announced by Pope Francis on World Youth Day in Lisbon in 2023. The church planned a series of events for the young pilgrims over the course of the week, including turning the Circus Maximus – where chariot races were held in ancient Rome – into an open-air confessional.

On Saturday, August 2, a twilight vigil was held in a vast open space east of Rome. The crowd was estimated at over 800,000. Leo was greeted with deafening screams and applause after his arrival by helicopter and as he toured the grounds in his popemobile, with many people running to catch a better glimpse of the new pope. Most of them spent the night in tents, in sleeping bags, or on mats in anticipation of Sunday's mass.

The Vatican has sought to highlight the fact that pilgrims travelled to Rome from war-torn regions, and Leo said in his Angelus prayer: "We are closer than ever to young people who suffer the most serious evils which are caused by other human beings." "We are with the young people of Gaza. We are with the young people of Ukraine, with those of every land bloodied by war," the pontiff said. "My young brothers and sisters,

you are the sign that a different world is possible, a world of fraternity and friendship where conflicts are not resolved with weapons but with dialogue."

On Sunday, the Mass was accompanied by music from a choir and about 450 bishops and 700 priests all dressed in green robes. A towering cross dominated the golden arch covering the stage where the pope led mass. Pope Leo XIV core message was, "Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less." A perfect theme for this month's Domestic Church focus to Build the Common Good. We have been led by Good Shepherds and Pope Leo XIV is just starting.



One of the youths was a former parishioner in Rome for classes with his University of Florida mates. He bought a Papal Zuchello (skull cap). He is shown in this photo passing his cap to a Papal guard. Pope Leo XIV took it, placed it on his head, smiled graciously, and handed the cap back to Robby St. Pierre. One in a million!

From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...



The following is a transcript of:
*Video Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
for the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus
August 5, 2025*

Dear friends,

I am pleased to greet all of you gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. I also greet those who are participating virtually in these opening ceremonies.

You are meeting during the Jubilee Year of Hope, which encourages the Universal Church, and indeed the entire world, to reflect on this essential virtue, which Pope Francis described as “the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring” (*Spes Non Confundit*, 1). I’d like to reflect briefly with you on this important virtue.

As Catholics, we know that the source of our hope is Jesus Christ and he has sent his followers in every age to bring the good news of his saving Paschal Mystery to the entire world. The Church has always been called to be a sign of hope through the proclamation of the Gospel in words as well as in actions. In a particular way during this Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.

Your founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, understood this well. He saw the many needs of immigrant Catholics and sought to bring relief to the poor and suffering through his faithful celebration of the sacraments as well as through fraternal assistance, fraternal assistance which continues on to this day.

This year’s Convention has the timely theme of “Heralds of Hope,” reminding all Knights of Columbus of the invitation to be signs of hope in your local communities, parishes, and families. In this regard, I commend your efforts to bring together men in your communities for prayer, formation, and fraternity, as well as the many charitable efforts of your local Councils throughout the world. In particular, your generous service to vulnerable populations, including the unborn, pregnant mothers, children, those who are less fortunate, and those affected by the scourge of war, brings hope and healing to many and continues the noble legacy of your founder.

With these brief words, I offer my good wishes for the work of the Supreme Convention, which I entrust to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney. And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

A Season for Intentional Growth

To my Grand Knight, District Deputy and State Officers, and let's not forget, the Regional Administrators and Brother All: As August settles in, many of us might view this time as a quiet pause between the busyness of early summer and the energy of fall activities.

But for us as Knights of Columbus, August is not a time for slowing down - it is a season for intentional growth, both spiritual and fraternal. It is a time to reawaken our mission, deepen our faith, and reach out boldly to Catholic men who are still waiting to be invited into something greater than themselves.

Now is the time to renew our vision of what it means to be a Knight. We are not just members of a service organization - we are men of faith, anchored in the Eucharist, devoted to our families, loyal to the Church, and committed to living out the Gospel in the public square. This month let's place spiritual renewal at the heart of our efforts. Let us begin again with God.

Every council, every parish, and every event we host should reflect the light of Christ. Whether we are handing out coats, supporting seminarians, or leading the Rosary, people should see something different in us - something deeply rooted in faith. That difference is not our programs or our numbers. It's our spirituality. That is the true foundation of the Knights of Columbus, and it is the most powerful tool we have in attracting new men to join our brotherhood.

The truth is simple: Catholic men today are hungry. They are searching for meaning, for purpose, for brotherhood, and for a way to serve that aligns with their faith. In many cases, they don't even know where to begin. That's where we come in - not just with invitations to join, but with witness. A council filled with spiritually active men - men who pray together, serve together, and build each other up - is a witness that is impossible to ignore.

This August, I urge every council to double down on this mission. Use your spirituality to lead. Center your meetings in prayer. Offer Mass intentions for your parishes. Lead parish Rosaries. Host Holy Hours. Invite men not just into a group - but into a mission that calls them higher. Let's not be afraid to speak openly about our faith and to show the joy and strength that come from living it out in community.

Growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens when we are deliberate. That means setting goals for recruitment, yes - but it also means setting a tone for how we live as Knights. If each of us invites just one man this month, and does so with sincerity, prayer, and passion, the impact will be exponential. But even more importantly, when we grow spiritually - when we deepen our own walk with Christ - our councils become magnets for others seeking the same.

Let's also not forget that many men who once were active Knights have fallen away from their involvement, especially in the wake of recent years. Now is the time to reach out to them too - to welcome them back with warmth and a renewed sense of purpose. A phone call, a personal conversation, or an invitation to a faith-centered event could be all it takes to reignite their passion for the Order.

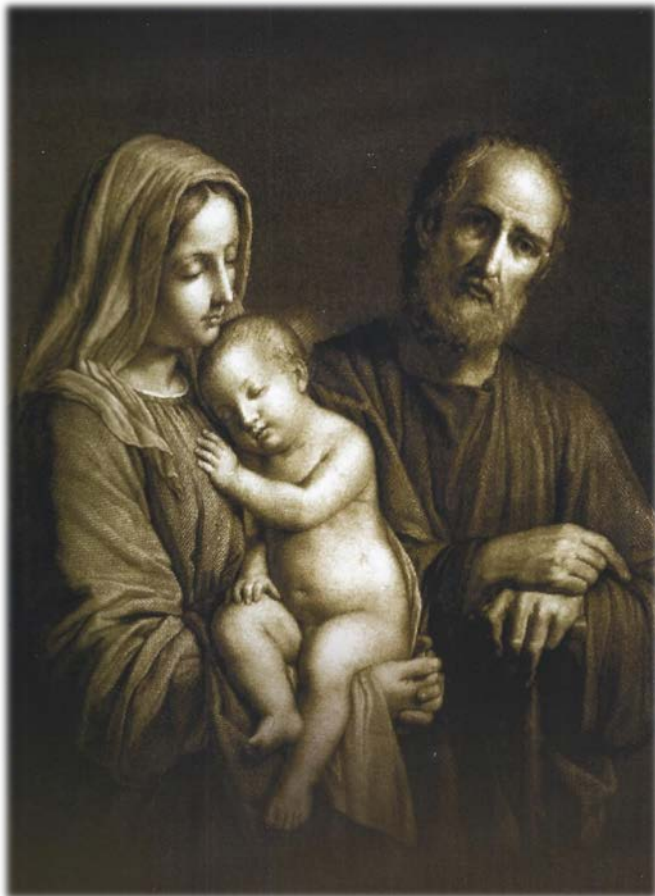
As Knights of Columbus, we are called to be men of action, but more importantly, men of faithful action. If our councils grow in number but lack spiritual depth, we miss the mark. If we serve our parishes without anchoring that service in prayer, we miss the point. Let us never lose sight of our identity: we are Catholic men, first and foremost, united in our commitment to be faithful sons of the Church and loyal brothers to one another.

As we look ahead to the rest of the fraternal year, may August be remembered not as a slow month, but as a turning point - a time when we recommitted ourselves to growth, to brotherhood, and most importantly, to God. May our efforts bear fruit not only in our councils and assemblies, but in the lives of the men and families we serve. May we always be guided by the Holy Spirit, strengthened by the sacraments, and inspired by the example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

Let us step forward this month with courage, humility, and joy - trusting that when we put Christ at the center, everything else will follow. Open wide the Doors for Christ! I say to you, Open wide the doors for Christ! He will enter, he will enter, and when he enters set him free in your words and your actions. Open wide the doors for Christ!

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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

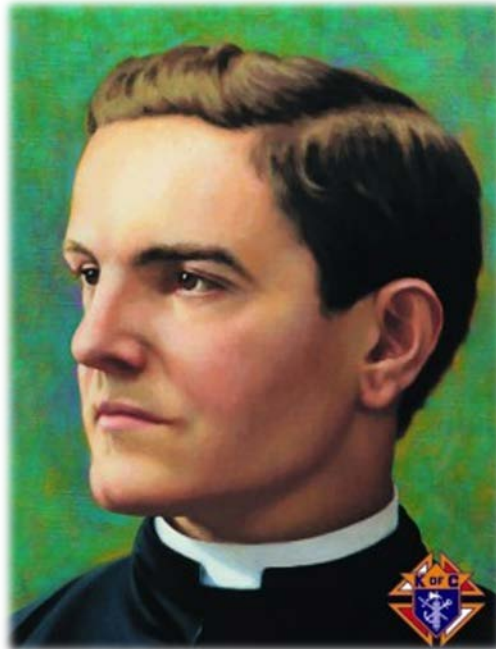
In our daily life and work,
May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
O Father, eternally show with your Son
and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



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.

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

September 2025

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| • 09/04 Thu 7:00p | Staff Officers Meeting |
| • 09/07 Sun 7:00a | Coffee & Donuts |
| • 09/07 Sun 11:30a | KofC Membership Drive |
| • 09/11 Thu 6:15p | Rosary |
| • 09/11 Thu 7:00p | Council Membership & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings |
| • 09/18 Thu 8:00a | Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery |
| • 09/19 Fri 7:00p | Sacred Heart Pilgrim Icon Holy Hour |
| • 09/20 Sat 7:00a | Kimberly Home WorkDay |
| • 09/27 Sat 5:00p | Spaghetti Dinner |

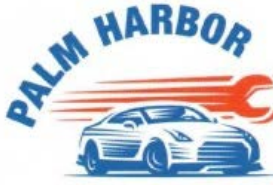


Assembly Calendar of Events...

September 2025

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| • 09/15 Mon 7:00p | Golf Tourney Committee Meeting |
| • 09/25 Thu 7:00p | Assembly Membership Meeting |
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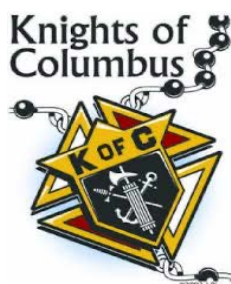
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Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

