

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12376



May 2026

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES



GRAND KNIGHT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

What a truly wonderful Holy Week we shared together this year. From the quiet moments of reflection to the joyful celebrations, each day felt especially meaningful and full of grace.

One of the most beautiful highlights was our Palm Sunday service, made even more memorable by the moving sound of the bagpiper. The music added such a powerful and reverent touch, creating an atmosphere that many of us will not soon forget. It was a special addition that brought a sense of tradition, beauty, and unity to our gathering.

Grateful for a week filled with faith, community, and moments that will stay with us long after the season has passed.

We had a successful Tootsie Roll drive. Thank you, Brother Bill Shea, and everyone who participated to make it a great one.

We are looking for volunteers to help our CCW ladies with the Shred truck on May 2nd from 9-11 am in the parking lot. They need some strong men to lift boxes.

Shirts are in anyone who requested a shirt please reach out to me and we can get you the shirt you ordered. Button Downs are \$30 and Polos \$28.

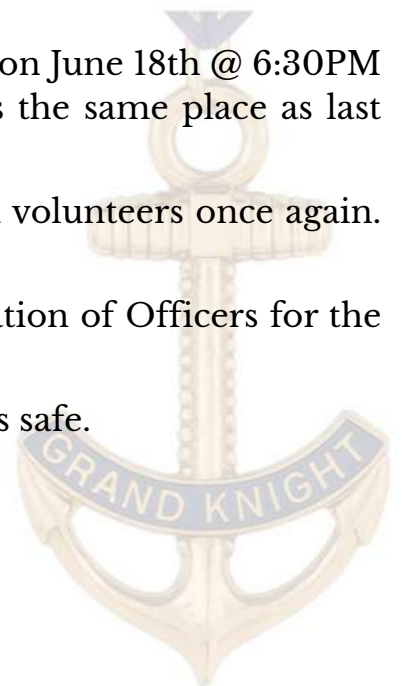
We are winding down the fraternal year and our PGK dinner will be on June 18th @ 6:30PM at the Olive Garden in Wellington (10280 Forest Hill Blvd). This is the same place as last year.

Our 2nd Annual Chicken dinner will be on May 30th. We will need volunteers once again. Let's make this another great dinner for all.

Please keep your eyes out for additional information on the Installation of Officers for the next fraternal year. Exciting things ahead.

Until next month may God bless you and keep you and your families safe.

Vivat Jesus!
Guy Scavelli
Grand Knight





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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE

Worthy Brothers,

As we head toward the end of the fraternal year, things are starting to wrap up, but we still have a lot going on. It's been a good year, and it's important we finish it strong.

We have our Chicken Dinner coming up this month, and we'll need volunteers to help make it another success. It's always a great event for the parish and a good way for us to come together.

We're also moving along with elections for next year's officers. If you've been thinking about getting more involved, now is a good time to step up and take on a role.

Even as things slow down a bit going into summer, there are still events to look forward to like the Memorial Mass with the Bishop, breakfasts with the Knights, and other parish activities. Keep an eye out for updates.

Thank you again for everything you do for the council.

Vivat Jesus!

Pete Salamalay

Deputy Grand Knight



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2nd Shred Truck 9-11am OLQA	May 11th Officer Mtg 7PM Festival Hall	May 16th 4 th Degree Honor Flight PBI Concourse C	May 17th Breakfast w/ the Knights
May 18th General Mtg Rosary @ 7 pm Festival Hall	May 27th 4 th Degree Meeting Festival Hall	May 30th Chicken Dinner	June TBD Sausage and Peppers after Masses
June 13th Deliver Pantry Food TBD Bel Glade	June 18th PGK Dinner 6:30pm Olive Garden		



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CHICKEN DINNER

★ **MAY 30** ★

Join us behind the scenes.



We're looking for volunteers
to help with all aspects of the event.



No experience needed —
just willing hands.



More details and times to follow
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPDATES!



COUNCIL OFFICERS 2025-2026

GRAND KNIGHT
Guy Scavelli



TREASURER
William Shea



WARDEN
Neville Moo Young



3 YEAR TRUSTEE
Greg Mazzella



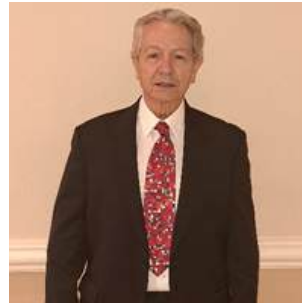
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
Pete Salamalay



RECORDER
Bob Cataldo



INSIDE GUARD
Vincent Loria



2 YEAR TRUSTEE
Bill Mergens



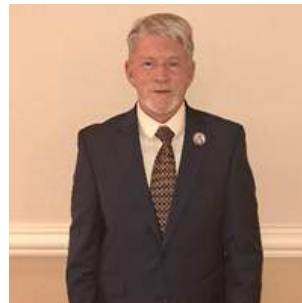
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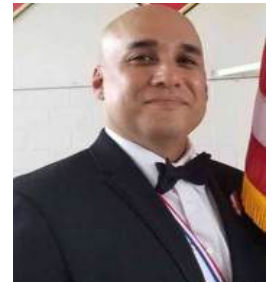
ADVOCATE
Dan Carbone



OUTSIDE GUARD
Ray Taylor



1 YEAR TRUSTEE
Ken Ida



District Warden

FINANCIAL SECRETARY
Jose Calas



CHANCELLOR
Frank Balzano



LECTURER
Deacon Robert Laquerre





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ELECTIONS

First call for Nominations 2026-2027 Officer Positions

Position	Nominee 1	Nominee 2
Grand Knight	Steve Holdaway	
Deputy Grand Knight	Pete Salamalay	Oliver Brown
Chancellor	Frank Balzano	
Recorder		
Treasurer		
Advocate	Dan Carbone	
Warden	Neville Moo Young	
Inside Guard	Vincent Loria	
Outside Guard	Ray Taylor	
Three Year Trustee	Guy Scavelli	

NOTE: A valid membership card must be presented at the May 18th meeting in order to be able to vote.





A KNIGHT'S REFLECTION

Pride and Envy...

Acknowledging Our Place as We Stand Before Scripture.

Pride and Envy... Acknowledging Our Place as We Stand Before Scripture.

Standing Ever Before our Lord Jesus Christ, there remains two personalities.

The first body remained positioned as if to be nestled upon a perch.

They are educated, unshakeable in their own belief, eloquent, persuasive, lucid and intelligible.

They dare to dispute doctrine as if to be an originator or founding father. A prime mover, mastermind and/or author of all points in question.

They examine and disintegrate faith as though it were simply conjecture. They worship "preciseness", as this same "exactitude" idolizes them in return.

...And yet, beneath their polish of genius, trembles within them the ancient primordial whispers of Eden.

"You shall be like Gods." (Genesis 3:5)

In the days of Christ, these individuals walked in the temple courtyards. They were scribes and keepers of the law. They pridefully paid the tax on mint and rue and were warned by our Lord, that as they loved their positions in high places they neglected justice and the love of God. Their preciseness of paying tithes was a demonstration of legalism. Jesus affirmed tithing but emphasized justice as significantly more important.

"Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees... Hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside are full of dead men's bones, greed and self-indulgence." (Matthew 23:25)

The second body remained bowed down to their knees. Certainly not standing tall as the first group.

They are sinners and knowingly are sinners. They kneel in humility. Their shame is worn and carried as a discernible garment.

They are worn out from themselves; they do not dispute truth, they crave it. They do not dismember Scripture, they embrace it.

Like the tax collector in Luke 18, they beat their breast and whisper, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." And Christ stipulates, it is this individual who returns home justified.



A KNIGHT'S REFLECTION

Pride and Envy... Continued

Acknowledging Our Place as We Stand Before Scripture.

The direction of the Catholic Church — if she is to remain faithful to the Gospel — cannot buttress pride of intellect nor offer support toward contempt of intellect.

The church always cherished the mind, as faith has sought understanding. But when knowledge ceases to kneel, it ceases to be wisdom.

Between these two groups, envy also loiters within the shadows of the soul. The intellectual may envy the simplicity of the penitent's peace. The sinner may envy the intellectual's brilliance. Both are temptations away from grace. **Envy measures.... Pride compares.... Love kneels.**

Christ does not reject the learned; He calls them to become children. He does not excuse the sinner; He calls them to repentance. But to both He says the same words: "Follow Me."

The Cross remains the measure. It humbles the proud and lifts the lowly. It exposes envy and silences boasting. It reveals that salvation is neither earned by intellect nor deserved by desperation — but received by grace.

...And so my Beloved Brothers in Arms, I leave you,
In Christ's Love,
Frank X.



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Birthdays

Christopher Santoro	5/1
Daniel Bosca	5/2
Mario Cardone	5/2
Leonard Khan	5/3
John Kissel	5/3
Christopher Korbela	5/3
Henry Paetow	5/4
Joseph Ryan	5/6



August Pascual	5/8
Michael Cuccio	5/15
Jean Gonzales	5/16
Martin Farraher	5/18
Brian Junkes	5/22
Yannick Njowir	5/24
Cesar Sastoque	5/29
George Kobosko	5/30

Anniversaries

Mark & Rita Jean Vormittag	5/8
George & Ramona Kobosko	5/14
John. & Kelly Duemig	5/25
Nick & Carolyn Reising	5/26



William & Linda Mergens	5/29
Paul & Carole Leffler	5/31
Jose & Anna Thomas	5/31

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Please, Pray For

Ray Sulla,
Danielle Sulla,
Linda Mergens,
John Agbi's - mother
Veronica passed away,
Alfred & Rita Casinelli.

For Brothers, Family Members and those in need of our prayers please contact the G.K. or the D.G.K. so they can make those names available to all of the brothers.



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

This brother has a way of speaking that quietly settles a room. Each month, when he shares his reflections with the council, it's never just a routine message, it becomes a moment people genuinely look forward to. His words carry a sense of sincerity and lived experience, shaped not only by knowledge but by a deep understanding of faith, service, and brotherhood.



What makes his reflections especially inspiring is their consistency. Month after month, he brings thoughtful insight that connects everyday life with larger purpose. Whether he's drawing from scripture, personal stories, or simple observations, he has a gift for making those ideas feel both meaningful and accessible. There's also a quiet strength in how he delivers his message. He doesn't rely on grand gestures or elaborate language. Instead, his authenticity does the work. You can tell that what he shares is something he believes deeply and strives to live out himself. That kind of integrity resonates, and it inspires others to reflect more honestly on their own paths. If you don't know yet the Knight of the Month goes to **Brother Frank Balzano**.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

This Brother's dedication is the kind that keeps a council running smoothly without ever asking for recognition. Week after week, he faithfully takes it upon himself to pick up pastries, making sure there is always something welcoming and ready for the parishioners to share. It's a simple act on the surface, but one that reflects consistency, generosity, and a deep sense of responsibility to the council. Beyond that, this brother ensures the kitchen remains in order—clean, organized, and prepared for whatever the gathering may require. These behind-the-scenes efforts often go unnoticed, yet they are essential to creating the warm and functional environment everyone depends on.



What makes his service even more meaningful is that it extends beyond himself. When the Deputy Grand Knight is unable to be present, his daughter Marisa steps in to lend a hand, continuing that same spirit of service and reliability. Together, they embody a family commitment to helping others and supporting the council however they can. This Family of the Month goes to **Vincent Loria and Marisa Scavelli**.



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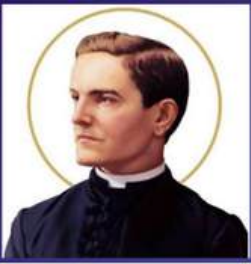
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FRI

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						Help CCW w/ Shred Truck 9-11am at OLQA
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
May Crowning						4th Degree Exemplification in Naples, FL
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Mother's Day	Officers Mtg 7pm Festival Hall					HONOR FLIGHT at PBI Concourse C
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Breakfast w/ the Knights	General Mtg 7:30pm Festival Hall ROSARY AT 7PM					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pentecost Sunday	Our Bishop at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery Mass at 10am		4TH Degree General Meeting 6:30pm Festival Hall			Chicken Dinner
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



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FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Blessed Father
McGivney

Apostle to the Young

**Protector of Christian
Family Life**

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Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J McGivney

God, our Father protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J 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 your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here you make your request). Through Christ our lord, Amen

Catholic Devotion of the Month



Mary

Luke 1:28

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!”

Luke 1:38

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

Luke 1:42

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”



SAINT MARY

TITLES OF OUR LADY APPARITIONS & DEVOTIONS

Apparitions

- Our Lady of Guadalupe — Appeared in Mexico (1531); patroness of the Americas; emphasizes God's love for all people
- Our Lady of Lourdes — Appeared in France (1858); associated with healing and repentance
- Our Lady of Fatima — Appeared in Portugal (1917); call to prayer, conversion, and peace
- Our Lady of Knock — Appeared in Ireland (1879); silent witness to faith and the Eucharist
- Our Lady of La Salette — Call to repentance and returning to God

Titles of Protection & Help

- Our Lady of Perpetual Help — Mary's constant assistance to those in need
- Our Lady of Good Counsel — Guidance in making wise decisions
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor — Quick help in urgent needs
- Our Lady of Consolation — Comfort in suffering
- Our Lady of Refuge — Safe shelter in spiritual danger

Titles of Virtue & Spiritual Meaning

- Our Lady of Grace — Source of grace through Christ
- Our Lady of Sorrows — Focus on Mary's suffering with Jesus
- Our Lady of Mercy — Compassion and forgiveness
- Our Lady of Hope — Trust in God's promises
- Our Lady of Charity — Love for others

Titles of Queenship & Glory

- Our Lady, Queen of Heaven — Mary as queen with Christ the King
- Our Lady of the Rosary — Promotes praying the Rosary
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel — Connected to the Carmelite order and scapular devotion
- Our Lady of Victory — Spiritual triumph through faith



SAINT MARY

TITLES OF OUR LADY APPARITIONS & DEVOTIONS

Cultural / Regional Titles

- Our Lady of Czestochowa – Poland; known as the Black Madonna
- Our Lady of Aparecida – Brazil; patroness of Brazil
- Our Lady of Akita – Japan; messages of prayer and repentance
- Our Lady of Kibeho – Rwanda; approved African apparition
- Our Lady of Walsingham – England; ancient Marian shrine

Titles from 'The Litany of Loreto'

**Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of Mercy,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother of Hope,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honour,**

**Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Solace of Migrants,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of families,
Queen of peace.**



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