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## Grand Knight Message

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Here we are already halfway into 2025 and I am pleased to say we've already had a productive year. As you all should know, I sent everyone a survey of participation in the K of C, specifically coming to meetings. Out of 184 members I received 38 responses. A few of you are snowbirds, many are older and don't like to drive at night, several have ongoing illnesses, a few like to just volunteer but don't like meetings (understandable) and most responders do come. Check your spam folder if you didn't get the survey.

We have more fund raising planned for charities and for ourselves and the church. We have membership drives upcoming and of course our annual Christmas Dance. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can now that I've been elected Grand Knight for the full year. I want our council to succeed and excel this year and in the future. That can only happen with all of us together.

Fraternally yours, Grand Knight Jim Schafer

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**Please note:** Sunday, June 29, is the fifth Sunday of the month. We gather after the 10:00 Mass and we process at 11:15 to say the Rosary. Meet in the Ministry room for our sash. See/Call LeRoy Henneke if you would like to volunteer (281-414-8836).

We need 5 Brothers. Also consider coming to pray the Rosary in the pews.



## Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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### Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Imagine you are living in the first century. A person you know has extended an invitation to dine with him and his family. You accept the invitation, because you know that meals are very personal and a much defined cultural event. This was why Jesus raised so many eyebrows when he ate with sinners and tax collectors. So on the evening of the meal, you show up at the door, and as you are greeted by your friend and you enter the house, you are astounded by what you see. You begin to back out the door, but your friend takes you by the hand and leads you inside the house. What astounded you was that around the table there were both women and men at the same table, a Greek and a Jew sharing a cup, a person in rich clothes handing bread to a person in ragged clothes, and at the end of the table sat a slave as if he/she belonged there.

You are at a loss in trying to understand how all of these people could be around the same table. You shout out, "How is this possible - How can this be?" And your friend answers, "We are all one in Jesus Christ."

Today, how do we eat our meals at home or at another's home? Are we picky about who we eat with? Have we ever refused an invitation because we knew who was going to be there? I confess that in the past I would at times ask who was going to be there, and if I thought I didn't like who was going or thought it would be a problem for me, I would back out from the meal or gathering. Was I right to do so? Have any of you been in that situation?

In the gospel Jesus said, "Have them sit down in groups of fifty." He didn't say, "Have the women sit here and the men sit over there," or "Have the slaves serve the others and then they can eat what is left." Jesus simply said, "Have them sit down in groups." And that is what happened. Paul understood this connection; Paul knew that Jesus was reconciling communities, bringing everyone together. In Paul's famous words, "We are one body because we partake of the one bread."

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) causes many to scratch their heads wondering what it is all about. When the feast was originally presented to us it had a two-fold intention. First, it was intended to focus on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Secondly, it was to focus on the Real Presence of Jesus in the world.

We, in our hearts acknowledged and received the Real Presence of Christ, and then during the liturgy, we processed around the church to the four exterior altars to show the world (the communities outside our church) the Real Presence of Christ. The focus on The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is in the words of Jesus, "This is my body that is for you - Do this in remembrance of me."

In the Eucharist, Jesus is as close to us as he was to those people who walked with him on the dusty roads of Palestine. In fact, he is even closer. Those people received bread at his hands, but we receive the Lord himself in Holy Communion. He comes to dwell in us, and then we carry him to others, through our examples, words, and actions. As Knights this is how we bring the action of

the Eucharist to the world. We can say that every Christian, every follower of Christ, is another Christ.

The Eucharist is the extraordinary food that makes this possible. Ordinary food is absorbed by us and becomes part of our bodies. But when we receive the Eucharist, it absorbs us; it makes us into more and more, living members of Christ's body.

This is who we, brother Knights are: co-workers of God, Co-Workers in the Vineyard, created to put our talents at the service of building his Kingdom. If we live this mission, it gives us the meaning and fruitfulness we yearn for.

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Each one of us is a co-worker of Christ - we must labor hard to carry Him to the hearts where He has not yet been known and loved." "But unless we have Jesus, we cannot give Him; that is why we need the Eucharist." "Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power."

I can remember when I first started studying to become Catholic in an RCIA class in 1997, and when I was told that I could not receive the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. I did not understand why not. Then when I learned about the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ, I fully understood.

In the past, during my younger years, before becoming Catholic, I would receive communion as a Presbyterian and only at Easter, and that was only a symbolic act of what was performed at the Last Supper. What I received was only a piece of bread and a small cup of grape juice that was placed on large tables. And during my RCIA studies, I couldn't wait to receive communion in the Catholic Church, the real Body and Blood of Christ. I became like a child waiting for Christmas, waiting to open that big Christmas gift that I knew I you would be receiving. But that gift at my First Holy Communion was the opening of my heart to Christ, fully accepting Him, but then becoming part of Him, and He becoming part of me.

This Solemnity of Corpus Christi is not just about Jesus giving Himself, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Holy Eucharist. It is also about the Eucharist transforming the Church, His body. It is about the Eucharist transforming us, because we are the Church.

May this wonderful solemnity touch all of our hearts, all of our minds, and all of our souls, so that we can be transformed as the people of God, entering into the living presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is forever present in this world. May the Body and Blood of the Lord remove our sins and stains so that the loving and compassionate face of Christ may give light to our entire world.

My brother Knights, let us not simply "get" or "receive" Holy Communion. Let us - ENTER INTO - Holy Communion, let us enter into Christ's life that is among us, let us come together at the same table, the table of the Lord, all women and men seated together, all races, whether rich or poor, sharing the same cup, for we are all one in Jesus Christ.

Amen

*Welcome back, Deacon John. We are glad you are feeling better and able to give us your words of wisdom once again!*

**Blessed Fr Michael McGivney**  
*Information Submitted by Joe Castrigno, PGK*

August 12 – Fr Michael McGivney Birthday  
August 13 – Fr Michael McGivney Feast Day  
August 14 – Fr Michael McGivney Death

The official Feast Day in the Catholic Church of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, patron and founder of the Knights of Columbus, is August 13. The feast is celebrated annually across the universal Catholic Church. Blessed Fr. McGivney was born on August 12, 1852 and passed away on August 14, 1890 (aged 38). His feast day is celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup> because it falls between these two dates. Blessed Fr. McGivney was Beatified on October 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin (on behalf of Pope Francis). This Cathedral is the Diocese Seat for the Blessed Fr. McGivney's shrine that also was the final parish church he served at during his life as a Priest and also where he founded the Knights (Church of Saint Mary in New Haven, Connecticut).

Blessed McGivney was born of Irish immigrant parents in Waterbury, Conn., and began his priestly ministry in 1887 after being ordained in Baltimore. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to offer practical solutions to immigrant Catholic communities in Connecticut. In 1882, he founded the Knights of Columbus to provide spiritual support to men and offer financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of a breadwinner. He died of pneumonia on Aug. 14, 1890, after falling ill amid a pneumonia pandemic.

The process for his possible canonization officially opened in 1997. In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney “a Venerable Servant of God,” citing the “remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest.” Beatification brings Father McGivney one step further in the canonization process.

Watch a short documentary that explores the life, legacy and impact of Father Michael McGivney:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html>

A full version can be found on YouTube. This half-hour documentary Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed highlights Father McGivney's remarkable life and legacy, from his childhood as the son of Irish immigrants to his founding of the Knights of Columbus. It also explores the heartwarming story of Michael McGivney Schachle, a child with Down syndrome who was healed in utero from a fatal disease through the intercession of Father McGivney.

For those who can or wish to, try to attend Mass on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 2025 Bookings Plan

### Officers Meetings - Start time has been changed to 6:00 p.m.

All members are invited, Officers are required to attend.

			Start Time
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	14-Jul	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	11-Aug	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	8-Sep	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	13-Oct	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	3-Nov	1st Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	1-Dec	1st Monday	6:00 PM

### Business Meetings – Doors Open 5:30 - Rosary 5:55 – Dinner 6:10-ish

			Meeting Start Time
Social Hall	23-Jul	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Social Hall	20-Aug	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
Enrichment Center*	17-Sep	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
Enrichment Center*	22-Oct	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Social Hall	12-Nov	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM
Enrichment Center*	10-Dec	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM

### Subject to change

**\*Please Note:** Food service in the Enrichment Center is questionable.

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The Fourth Degree Flag Sale was a success and please remember in the ministry room there is a basket for worn out flags to be properly disposed of.

Jim Schafer and John Olsen, with their wives, went to the Convention in Orlando in May and were exposed to what the Knights do at a higher and deeper level of charitable activities, i.e., ultra-sound machines, Special Olympics, wheelchairs, etc.

## Other Knights Events 2025

### Tootsie Roll Drive is happening on August 1<sup>st</sup> – Volunteers Needed!

Tootsie Roll Drive	Aug 1 (Fri.), 10 - 4 at Publix #1080 Rt. 466
Tootsie Roll Drive	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov-St. Mark's all Masses
Tootsie Roll Drive	Dates TBD 10 - 4 at Publix #0004 Mulberry Plaza

### Council Officers Installation & Social TBD

Memorial Mass &	12 Nov - 5:00 (Subject to change)
Memorial Social	12 Nov - 6:00 refreshments in Social Hall

Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales      Tickets on sale all weekends in October.  
**Christmas Dinner/Dance**      **Dec 13 in the Social Hall - Save the Date!**

Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales      Nov 29/30, Dec 6/7, Dec 13/14

Knights Rosary	31-Aug
Knights Rosary	30-Nov

Meet @ 11:05 a.m. in Ministry Room for sash.  
Wear Knights shirt and tan pants. We process  
in at 11:15 a.m. Having 5 Knights participating  
is ideal. Call Leroy Henneke if you can join us.

Doughnut Sunday(s)      Oct 26 after 8 and 10 a.m. Masses

### New Event News

† Knights Breakfast with Santa - On Saturday morning, December 20 looks like it's a go. We have permission from the parish office. Any Knight that would be in direct contact with any kids must pass the "Safe Environment" course and/or be current with the Knights of Columbus and Parish.

† The Night at the Races in 2026 has also been cleared by the office and Fr. Rafal. Since this is a gambling activity, there might be a County and/or State requirements met for the workers. Charlie Fenstermaker is the chairperson for this new event.

† Volunteers will be needed in September with the Baby Shower event sponsored by the Right to Life Ministry. More details will be published in August.

### Other Possible Activities

Other fund raising activities as ideas develop (we all come from different parts of the country and different councils. I am sure that there were successful fund raisers in those councils. **Can those ideas be passed on to our council, at least for consideration?**) Let our Grand Knight know your thoughts and ideas.

**Council Nominations** list was voted on at the June 18, 2025 meeting.

Nominations for Fraternal Year 2025-2026 (July 1 - June 30)

**Officers**      Elected Positions (unless noted otherwise)

Grand Knight	Jim Schafer
Deputy GK	Bob Larson
Chancellor	Paul Martin
Financial Secretary	Charles Fenstermaker (appointed)
Recorder	
Warden	
Treasurer	LeRoy Henneke
Advocate	Larry Waite
3-year Trustee	Mark Carter
2-year Trustee	Joe Castrigno
1-year Trustee	Sean O'Connell
Inside Guard	
Outside Guard	John Olsen
Lecturer	Deacon Kevin (appointed)

**Directors**      Appointed Positions

Program	Bob Larson
Faith	
Family	LeRoy Henneke
Community	Richard Rosica
Life	Joe Castrigno
Membership	Charles Fenstermaker
Retention	
Public Relations	Tom Felten (Newsletter)

Our Thanks to Hank Casey, who has been Treasurer for the Council for many years and hasn't lost a penny! We wish LeRoy a smooth and successful transition.

If anyone would like to fill the Vacancies, please think about it, pray over it and let Jim know.





Tom Felten

LeRoy Henneke

**LeRoy Henneke** receiving Certificate for “Knight of the Month” for April 2025 for chairing a very successful 40-40-40 Lenten Food Drive.

**Thomas Felten** receiving Certificate for “Knight of the Month” for May 2025 for the two successful Tootsie Roll Drives in May.

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It is official that Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13676 is going to be merge with our Council as per the Resolution, which was read at the June meeting. Members will be officially transferred into our Council, if they so desire.

We have, as of June, 184 members plus the new transfer of Timothy Pac, who was accepted into our Council. **Welcome, Timothy Pac!** (Not related to the merger)

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## A Note from the Food Committee

Brothers,

I would like to thank all the members who contributed to our collection jar to help offset the cost of providing our **Pizza** meal at our membership meeting on June 18 and Larry for helping to set up in the Enrichment Center. I'd like to thank the owners at Zella's Pizzeria for the great deal they gave us on the pizzas. They are located at Frontier Plaza just North of Belleview on 441.

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### Birthdays for June Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!

Raymond Kleczkowski Jun 02  
Jay Rodriguez Jun 04  
James Rose Jun 09  
Peter Thomas Jun 09  
John Shiptenko Jun 10



Andrew Daly Jun 11  
Arnold Bott Jun 15  
Kevin Kennedy Jun 21  
John Farr Jun 24  
Thomas Feenaghty Jun 27

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Raul is our new Insurance Field Agent and Financial Advisor

	 <p><b>Knights of Columbus</b> Asset Advisors®</p> <p><b>Raúl E. Fernández, CLU®, CRPC, FICF, FSCP®</b> Financial Advisor J. Spinelli Agency O: 352-573-6114 M: 352-234-6161 <a href="https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/Meet-Raul-Fernandez.html">https://info.kofcassetadvisors.org/Meet-Raul-Fernandez.html</a></p>	<p><b>Catholic Investing</b></p>  <p>Let your faith guide your financial decisions</p> <p><b>LEARN MORE &gt;</b></p>
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Pray for the souls in Purgatory who need our help to reach perfection.

Also, please remember all of those in our Council Family who are ill, hospitalized and in need of our prayers.

Especially:

Gino & Joan Aultta  
Jean Brett  
Lorilee Cinella  
Rick Cinella  
Jean Clark  
Kathy Colvin  
Mike Colvin  
Grace Colvin  
Roger & Jerry Cyr  
Bill Delaney  
Chuck Demino, D.D.  
Joe Domlan  
Roger & Nancy Ellison  
Kathleen Feenaghty  
Tony Frank  
Vern Garske

Kathleen Gross  
Jean Henneke  
Chris Joss  
Betty Kloske  
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza  
Denny Laczko, PGK, PFN  
Tom & Roberta Lane  
Rebecca Larson  
Patrick McCarty  
Ron Moxey  
Paul Murphy  
Sean O'Connell  
Rita O'Connell  
Greg Ochalek  
Jim Rose

Lynn Rosica  
Tom Rueck  
J. Richard and Pat Schafer  
Chet & Harriett Sedke  
Bruce & Judy Schladen  
John Sloman  
Bob & Pat Smelas  
Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer  
Jolene Sutherland & Family  
Fred & Mary Ann Targos  
Bob Thomas  
Lourdes Thomas  
George & Pam White  
Louis Wilkinson  
George & Patricia Wood

Our District Deputy, **Chuck Demino** has had major health issues recently. Please pray for his quick recovery. It was good to see Chuck looking good at our meeting in June. We wish him continued recovery and healing.

**Tom Rueck** has had some recent medical setbacks.

Please keep **Kathy Colvin** in your prayers as she recovers from major foot surgery. Also, **Mike Colvin**, as he deals with some new medical issues of his own. We wish them both a quick recovery. We miss them at our meetings.

**Deacon John** is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and other medical issues. Please keep him and his wife in your prayers. John and his wife are both doing better.

Our **Grand Knight** has his hands full with his parents' health issues. Pray for the Schafer family as Jim and Marie take care of his parents.

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