

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BISHOP VEROT COUNCIL # 5845

August 2025

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From the Grand Knight



Brothers,

The dog days of Summer may be upon us but we at Council 5845 aren't lying down!

We started our month, August 1 in communal prayer, with a First Friday Rosary attended by 25 knights and family.

Our Business Meeting, on August 5, was attended by 42 members and we were honored with the presence of our Worthy District Deputy Eddy Merlet. Deacon Michael Nussear lead us in the Lord's prayer and before we dove into the Council's business, we presented John Tucker Jr. and James (Jim) & Bonnie Brown with Knight and family of the Month awards respectively.

Knight of the Month - John Tucker Jr. has faced physical, family, and financial challenges and through all this has placed his trust in God's grace and love. He continues to experience physical pain associated from his life's work, cares for his father who also has numerous health issues, and continues to work to make ends meet. Even with these challenges John has dedicated himself to the church and to the Knights. He is a sacristan, church lecturer, Eucharistic minister, attends multiple hours of adoration, daily mass, leads a decade at our first Friday Rosaries, and is our Council Lecturer. John is a true inspiration to all who know him.

Family of the Month - Bonnie Brown is a member of our Church's Pastoral Council dealing with formation issues, including HNJ's school. She is an active member of the Council of Catholic Women and faithfully attends the Knight's First Friday and Fifth Sunday Rosary. Jim Brown has done a fine job filling in for Steve Ewing as Council Warden and during our installation ceremony as District Warden. He also actively assists with food preparation, set up, service, and cleanup at Live4More, Daily Bread, Christ Renews, and at our installation dinner. He recently took on the duties of the Knight's Family Program Director and has volunteered to lead our State Charity Raffle efforts.

We also presented Jay Casey with the 2024/2025 Knight of the year plaque.



From the Grand Knight Continued





On the weekend of August 9/10, we held our first recruiting activity before and after all Masses. Many of our members stepped up to man the recruit tables in the atrium and a number of candidates signed up.



On Sunday, August 17, we celebrated the life of Blessed Michael McGivney with a BBQ/ Picnic under the Pavilion. Seventy Knights, families, and friends enjoyed burgers, dogs, and drinks supplied by the council and tasty side dishes and desserts prepared and provided by the attendees. And we were joined by our District Deputy Eddy Merlet.

Prior to Father Scott leading us in prayer, he spoke to us about the life of and work of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

We also took the opportunity to sell "Keep Christ in Christmas" items and raffle tickets, and to provide information on the Knights of Columbus.



From the Grand Knight Continued



We held our first exemplification of the fraternal year on August 19. In fact, it turned out to be our Council's first exemplification that combined the welcoming of three new members, the reinstatement of one member and the raising of two members from the 1st and 2nd degrees to 3rd degree status. New members included: Ron Demuynck, Russell Kimler, and Timothy Tuschinski

Reinstated member: Mike Manese Raised members to the 3rd degree: Jim Brown and John Kevin Dunlevy



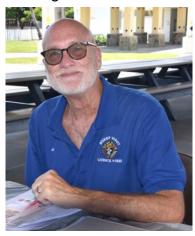


From the Grand Knight Continued



Some of the new initiatives we will be conducting over the next months are:

The Knights of Columbus State Charity Raffle – Jim Brown will lead our council's effort.



Supreme's Membership initiative – Jeff Rollman will be leading this effort.



The "Keep Christ in Christmas" initiative – Jamey Reeves and Michi Davis have suggested and are leading this effort. Lawn signs and magnets will be sold at various events and at times in the atrium.



Peter Gioia Grand Knight





August Events

Aug	I	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary	Chapel
	5	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	9/10	All Masses	Recruit Weekend	Atrium
	17	All Masses	Coffee and Donuts	Community Room
	17	1:30 pm	Council BBQ/picnic to celebrate Fr McGivney	Pavilion
	19	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting/Exemplification	Church
	27	6:00 pm	FIT Spaghetti Dinner	FIT Chapel
	28	6:00 pm	Live4More Speaker: Fr. Tony Welle	Cafeteria
	31	6:30 pm	Fifth Sunday Life Rosary	Chapel



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Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks!

Vivat Jesus!

Best Regards,

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Knight of the Month for August John Tucker Jr.

Family of the Month for August
Jim & Bonnie Brown





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Upcoming Events:

September 2nd-Business meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101
September TBD-HNJ Soccer Challenge at HNJ Soccer field
September 5th-First Friday Rosary, 7:00pm at HNJ Church
September 13th-Unborn Memorial Service at K of C monument
September 13th-Christ Renews BBQ 11:00am, at HNJ Pavilion
September 16th-Planning Meeting, 7:00pm at Room 101
September 21-Coffee and Donuts, all masses, Community Room
September 23rd-Exemplification, 7:00pm at HNJ Church
September 27th-Sr Fran 70th renewal of vows anniversary,
4:30pm at HNJ Church/Community Room
September 29th-Blue Mass honoring First Responders, 6:00pm
at HNJ Church