



DISTRICT 53 KNIGHTLY NEWS

OCTOBER 2025



GENERAL IMPORTANT ITEMS

November 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY Holy Day of Obligation! All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

All Souls' Day on November 2 is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed and the poor souls who are in purgatory. Remember to pray daily for the poor souls and all the faithful departed.

A Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, to the end that they may obtain, by the humble supplications of Thy Church, that pardon which they have always desired of Thy mercy. Thou who, being God, livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

V. Give them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen

New Family Program . %Remembering Our Faithful Departed%:
Graveside Prayers or Memorial Rosary. Details are on the FSC and Supreme website under Family Faith-in- Action programs.

Council Rosters should be uploaded monthly. Supreme updates all transactions submitted by Financial Secretary\$ throughout the Order after normal business hours every Monday. Therefore, if you update your council Member Management on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, your council membership roster will always be up to date. **Put a note on your calendar to complete this important task!** Upload your roster this month on **October 14**.

IMPORTANT DATES

Diocese of Venice Youth Rally 15 November Charlotte Harbor Conference Center -- Volunteers needed. Must be Diocese Safe Environment certified. Contact Gary Miller, DD 53 to volunteer: (502) 777-5659 or gdmillerDD53@gmail.com.

Be sure to file Form 10784 Fraternal Programs Report after each Council event. Any member can file the form.

Men's Gospel Discussion Group

The men of San Antonio Church have started a Men's Gospel Discussion Group which meets every Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 1&2 of the Ministry Building at San Antonio Catholic Church, 24445 Rampart Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33980.

The Men's Gospel Discussion Group provides men an opportunity to grow in their Faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. The upcoming Sunday Gospel is read aloud followed by an open and meaningful sharing on what it means to us today, as Men, and as Members of our Community. We learn Scripture, we Pray, we have Fellowship, and we laugh a lot! Come as you are, wherever you are in your Life. Men from all Parishes are Welcome.

For More Information, contact:

Chris Wagner: 941-628-9554; chris.wagner5453@yahoo.com

Jerry Vekteris: 609-513-2335; vekterisgerald@gmail.com

Schedule your **Open House/Fraternal Benefits Events** with our Field Agent, Alan Kotlarski. Each council must conduct two FBEs during the fraternal year to qualify for the Founders Award. The Founders Award is an essential element required for the Star Council Award. A change for this year is that the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight meet individually with their agent for a personal review of the benefits available to them. These two meetings count for one of the two required FBEs. The Grand Knight reports these GK/DGK meetings and the regular FBEs using this online reporting tool: [#11077 Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report \(25-26\)](#)



SACRED HEART ICON . The Icon is coming to your parish this month. Please support this program by attending the event planned by your pastor and program director.

SILVER ROSE - If your Council is interested in hosting the **Silver Rose Icon** in 2026, contact your District Deputy.



Annual Veterans Day Mass and Ceremonials

On November 11, 2025 beginning at 3:00 p.m., the Knights of Columbus will host the Annual Diocese of Venice Veterans Day Mass and Ceremonials at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241. The event honors of all Veterans, past and present, who sacrificed to ensure the freedoms we enjoy today. Men and women who went off to war left behind families, friends, careers and the comforts of home. Some have paid the ultimate price with their lives and may have found their rest today in Sarasota National Cemetery.

All Knights of Columbus, their wives and their families are invited to attend the Catholic Mass on Veterans Day to honor the deceased veterans and pray for the repose of their souls as well as the intentions of all living veterans.

THE CHOSEN IS BACK!

Come join St. Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483 on Friday nights for Season 5 of "The Chosen - The Last Supper". The Knights of Columbus will be showing episodes of the award winning series on the life of Christ and His Disciples beginning Friday, October 3rd, in the St. Max Parish Center starting at 6PM. Contact Ray Desjardins, desjardinsfl@gmail.com, (941) 628-1590 for details.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION:

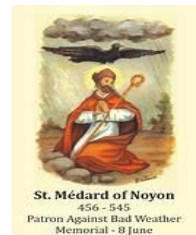
November 1, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Wildwood, FL

Contact Robert Urrutia, FL Master for further information. (507) 486-7883, robert.s.urrutia84@gmail.com

Fourth Degree Member meeting 23 October 7:00 p.m., San Antonio Church Parish Center.

SAINT MEDARD, PATRON OF THOSE THREATENED BY BAD STORMS

Prayer to Saint Medard



Saint Medard, patron saint for protection against bad storms, we ask you to intercede for us during the storms of our lives, as well as the storms in nature. Protect our families and our homes. We pray for assistance for the victims of snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. Loving God, send in more helpers, and multiply resources and supplies for the aid of those in need. Please avert all hurricanes from our shores and keep us safe. You calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee; deliver us from the storms that are raging around us now. Saint Medard, pray for us. Please pray daily during hurricane season.

Source: Fr. Brett Brannen, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Savannah, Georgia

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

San Antonio Council 12456

17 October Oktoberfest 6:00 p.m. Ministry Center

1 November Golf Scramble Deep Creek Golf Club

Sacred Heart Icon November 4-10

CUF 1st Wednesday of each month as needed

St Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483

16 October Open House/FBE All Catholic Men are welcome. 6 p.m. . 7:30 p.m. St. Max Parish Center

Yard Sale October 24th and 25th Centennial Park For details, please contact Ray Desjardins, Deputy Grand Knight at dgk11483@gmail.com or 941-628-1590.

Golf Outing at Paradise GC 17 JAN 2026

Sacred Heart Icon 28 OCT . 3 NOV

Ponce de Leon Council 8074

5 October Pancake Breakfast after all Sunday masses. Cost is \$14.00 Adult; \$6.00 Children under 10. Menu: Pancakes, sausage links, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, potatoes, drink

October 24 Hour Adoration with the Rosary The 24 Hour Adoration begins with the Rosary at 7:45 AM on October 7. It concludes with Mass at 8:30 AM on October 8.

18 October Pork Chop Dinner 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Sacred Heart Icon October 21-27

29 October Social at Visani for Comedian Night

CUF 3rd Wednesday of each month as needed

St. Charles Borromeo Council 5399

12 October Pancake Breakfast Sunday from 7:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Free throw Challenge November 2025

Sacred Heart Icon October 14-20

(Please provide me by email the details including photographs for any event or program you are running in the coming six weeks that would be open to members of all councils and parishes.)

Thank you for all you do for the Order and the Church.

Gary D. Miller

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Punta Gorda, FL

Vivat Jesus!