



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Mother Seton Palm Coast  
Council # 17480**



**Join us: Third Thursday at 6 PM**

**4600 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast 32137**



## **Grand Knight Ralph Esposito Message**

**June 2025**

I have just returned from our Florida State Convention. It is always a nice experience and it should be shared at least once, by every long-lasting Knights Of Columbus Officer at some point.

Getting to meet, and vote on our new State Deputy, along with other notable positions in our great state, is always a great experience. I sat in my District 17 seat proud to be the Grand Knight, and representing our great Council 17480.

The mass, performed by Archbishop Bender was a beautiful service. This kicked off the festivities of the day. Saturday is by far the most important day, as it contains the election of the State representatives in their respective positions. It is also the day that the awards are presented to the councils most worthy in various categories.

We are in Division Three. There are only 3 divisions in the entire state, so that gives you an indication of the magnitude of these awards. One award that we have received was a third-place plaque. This is for "State Service Awards-Family." Quite an honor.

The big one that every one of you need to be proud of is in Membership Award. First Place my Brother Knights. First place in the entire Division Three State Of Florida. Our percentage of growth was an incredible 431%, more than double of the runner up.

Our Worthy District Deputy and I went up there to collect our trophy. Gentlemen, if I could bring up more people, I would of. Many of you made this possible, especially our Worthy Membership Director Joe Lupo. I actually pointed at him for a couple of seconds to indicate recognition as I was walking back with the trophy, to acknowledge that this was not possible without his hard work. Our Worthy District Deputy Greg Gully also contributed greatly in this effort. This isn't possible without any of the three of us, but also many of you guys. I thank you with all my heart. I am so blessed to be running the greatest team in Florida, Council 17480. We truly had a great year, and I thank all of you for this experience, You will get to see the trophy and the plaque at our next meeting on June 19th. I hope everyone of you will attend and be proud of what all of you fine Brother Knights accomplished. God Bless us all!

Vivat Jesus!

Ralph Esposito Grand Knight



**June 2025**



**Mark Your Calander**

| Sunday             | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday        | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8                  | 9      | 10      | 11        | 12              | 13     | 14       |
| 15<br>Father's Day | 16     | 17      | 18        | 19<br>June 19th | 20     | 21       |
| 22                 | 23     | 24      | 25        | 26              | 27     | 28       |
| 29                 | 30     |         |           |                 |        |          |

May4,2025, 2:30pm: First Holy Communion

September22-25,2025: Parish Mission led by Fr. Jack Conley,CP

October30, 2025,6pm:Talk and Healing Service by Alan Ames,

December 27,2025, 6pm: Feast of St. Stephen Mass at St.

Stephen Chapel, celebrated by Bishop Erik Pohlmeier



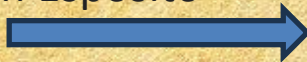
## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION



State Service Awards-Family  
Grand Knight Ralph Esposito



First place Membership Award  
Grand Knight Ralph Esposito



Grand Knight Ralph Esposito. Deputy Grand Knight Joseph Paul, District Deputy Greg and Membership Director Joe Lupo.





There is only one month left in our 2024-2025 fraternal year. Thanks to all of you all 3 councils in District 17 will be Star Council. This does not mean we let up on the gas pedal. We still have goals we set back in July to attain. Notre Dame council is 8 new brothers away from double star, St Mary's is 3 new brothers away from double star and Mother Seton is 3 new brothers away from 5 star.

You do NOT need to wait for a membership drive to offer a Catholic gentleman the gift of membership. That Catholic gentleman you see in church every week is a prime candidate for the invitation to join our brotherhood. In unity and fraternity, we can accomplish this. Every faith in action program is a membership opportunity.

We are so blessed to have witnessed the election of the first Pope born in the USA. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guides Pope Leo XIV to lead our Church to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ. May our Holy Father help us to continue to help the less fortunate and the downtrodden of society. May God inspire our Holy Father to lead our Church in the way Jesus Christ inspired St Peter to lead with humility, and most of all for continuity of faith, wisdom, and guidance in Church leadership.

The 2025 State convention was held on May 23-26th in Jacksonville at the Hyatt Regency. I will give you an update at your June business meeting. We thank those who have served our state council and pray for those that will be taking new positions.

**Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation.**

Vivat Jesus

SK Greg Gully

District Deputy 17 212-879-2013



### SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

JUNE 2025

**"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." (Gospel for June 8, Jn 14:15-16)**

Last month, we reflected on how Jesus probed Peter three times with the question "Do you love me?" Here we have an answer to what it means to truly love Jesus — by keeping his commandments, as expressed in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church. The monthly challenge for March underscored how our faith bears fruit in what we do. Let us remember that to keep the commandments for love of Christ is to allow the Holy Spirit to bear good fruits in our lives.



**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month, I challenge you to use the Catholic Information Service® resource *A Guide to Confession*, which is organized around the Ten Commandments, to examine your conscience and then go to confession.

#### Questions for Reflection:

What is your response to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" Do you show your love for Christ in how you live? In what ways do you need to become more attentive to the commandments and the teachings of the Church?





This month we will celebrate Father's Day. Every year at this time, I think of my father and all the father figures I've had in my life – spiritual fathers like the great priests who have helped shape me into who I am. My membership in the Knights of Columbus has given me incredible examples of men who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and in their example, made me a better man.

Being a Knight truly is to live a life of service and to give of one's self.

When I think about the many ways our Order contributes to our parishes and to our communities, I'm reminded of what St. Paul tells us about giving: *"Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Cor 9:7).

"A cheerful giver" — that perfectly describes what it means to be a Knight.

As a Knights of Columbus field agent, I see in my daily life how Knights give of themselves with joy. When a brother Knight chooses to protect his family through Knights of Columbus insurance, he does so out of love. He wants to make sure his loved ones are taken care of when he's gone.

And I remind him that he's not only protecting his family. He's furthering the charitable mission of our Order.

That's what sets Knights of Columbus apart. Members who've purchased a Knights of Columbus insurance product or invested with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are doing business with an organization that aligns with their Catholic faith.

Through the business activities and the contributions of state and local councils, Knights of Columbus was able to donate more than \$185 million to charity last year alone. That doesn't even include the nearly \$21 million distributed through Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund via grants by donor clients. To be a Knight is to be part of a culture of giving – and in terms of business, it's a culture that turns insurance premiums into charitable impact.

Whether it's supporting new mothers in need, delivering Coats for Kids, bringing relief after natural disasters, or supporting seminarians, the number of people who depend on our help is countless. And the extent of our reach would not be possible without our insurance program.

As the Fraternal Year comes to a close, I want to congratulate you all for the many successes you've achieved as a council. When we come together under our principles of charity, unity and fraternity, we truly make a great impact.

Thank you, and I wish all of the fathers here many blessings this Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus,

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## June Birthdays

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| James P Lamson           | 06-01 |
| Joseph E Vallely         | 06-01 |
| Dr Ethelbert M Lara      | 06-05 |
| Christopher L Daley      | 06-07 |
| Welmon B Pippin Sr       | 06-07 |
| Deacon Stephen J Johnson | 06-10 |
| James V Byrne            | 06-11 |
| Gregory D Luther         | 06-14 |
| Kevin G Oster            | 06-15 |
| David Trice              | 06-19 |



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|---------------------|-------|
| Tom J Beatty        | 06-21 |
| Phillip M Gabriel   | 06-22 |
| Raymond J Thomann   | 06-22 |
| Rev Robert Trujillo | 06-22 |
| John M Clarke       | 06-24 |
| Joseph F Schippiani | 06-24 |
| Wilfredo Lleras     | 06-25 |
| Frank J Zadnik      | 06-28 |
| Paul R Bergeron     | 06-29 |
| Kevin P Clymer      | 06-29 |



## POPE LEO XIV



Pope Leo XIV will be known for many firsts. He's the first [American-born pontiff](#), first [Augustinian pope](#) — and possibly the first pope to root for the Chicago White Sox.

Before he was introduced to the world as the new pontiff Thursday, the former Cardinal Robert Prevost was known as “Father Bob” in his hometown of Chicago and “Padre Roberto” in Peru, where he spent decades.

**1. His family has deep roots in Chicago's South Side** Leo's father, Louis Prevost served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, according to the Chicago-Sun Times. Afterward, Prevost served as an educator and superintendent of a local district in Chicago's South Side. Chicagoans remembered Leo's mother, Mildred, who was known as Millie, as a librarian with a constant presence at their local parish. The Prevost family's home served as a gathering spot for members of the clergy, who also stopped by to try homemade food courtesy of Leo's mother.

**2. He has Creole ancestry in New Orleans, genealogists say** Leo is descended from Creole people of color from New Orleans, The Washington Post reported, with the pope's maternal grandparents, Louise Baquie and Joseph Martinez listed as Black in the 1900 Census, The Post reported. Martinez's birthplace was listed as “Hayti,” according to census records, and they lived in New Orleans's 7th Ward, then the center of the city's Creole community. The couple was listed as White in the 1910 and 1920 censuses. They eventually moved to Chicago where Leo's mother was born. John Prevost, one of the pope's brothers, told the New York Times that the family didn't identify as Black and never discussed Creole roots. Their paternal grandparents were from France, he said. Andre Kearns, founder and chief executive of Black Ancestry, a company that researches the ancestry of people of African descent, told The Post that the evolution of the racial description of Leo's ancestors was probably an attempt to hide their African ancestry during the Jim Crow era.

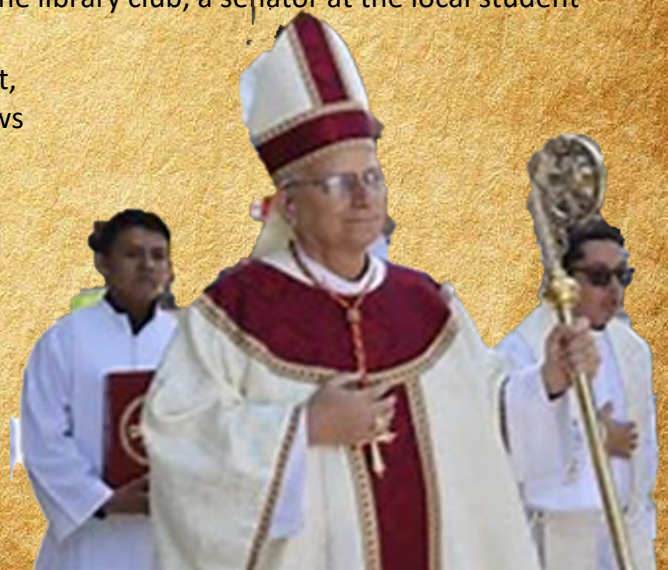
**3. Leo is a Chicago White Sox fan** There were early rumblings that the native Chicagoan rooted for the Chicago Cubs, but his brother John Prevost set the record straight. “He was never ever a Cubs fan, so I don't know where that came from,” John Prevost told local media Thursday. “He was always a Sox fan.”

The Chicago-Sun Times obtained a photo of Leo in attendance at a 2005 World Series game featuring the White Sox.

**4. Leo was a star student in high school** He participated in many activities in high school, according to a 1972 newspaper archive from the Holland Evening Sentinel. In addition to appearing multiple times on the honor roll at St. Augustine Seminary High School, he earned a high score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, was editor in chief of his yearbook, and a member of National Honor Society and mission club. He was also the vice president and secretary of his student council, president of the library club, a senator at the local student congress and president of his senior class.

**5. He wanted to be a priest from a young age** Louis Prevost, one of the pope's brothers who lives in Florida, told BBC News that while the other boys would play with bows and arrows growing up, Leo “would play priest.” Louis Prevost said his brother would ask: “Can I give you Communion?” “He knew from an early stage that he wanted to be a priest — and he did,” Louis Prevost said.

**6. He was teased for his good behavior** Louis Prevost told local media that he and his brothers were a rambunctious bunch growing up, but joked that Leo was always “the holy one.” “When we were little kids we used to tease him, ‘You're going to be pope someday, you're too holy!’ ” Louis Prevost said. on Friday.





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**7. He is a graduate of Villanova University** Leo studied mathematics at Villanova University, a private university in Pennsylvania, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1977. He maintained a connection with the only Augustinian Catholic university in the United States as an alumnus, earning an honorary degree from the institution and briefly serving on its Board of Trustees. "Whenever he comes to the United States, he stops by the university," Villanova's president, the Rev. Peter M. Donohue, told the "Today Show" Friday.

**8. He was known in Rome as the 'Latin Yankee'** The nickname "Latin Yankee" was because of the decades he spent in Peru, ministering to the marginalized.

**9. He is a naturalized citizen of Peru** Leo became a naturalized citizen of Peru in 2015, the same year the late Pope Francis appointed him as bishop of Chiclayo in the country's northwest.

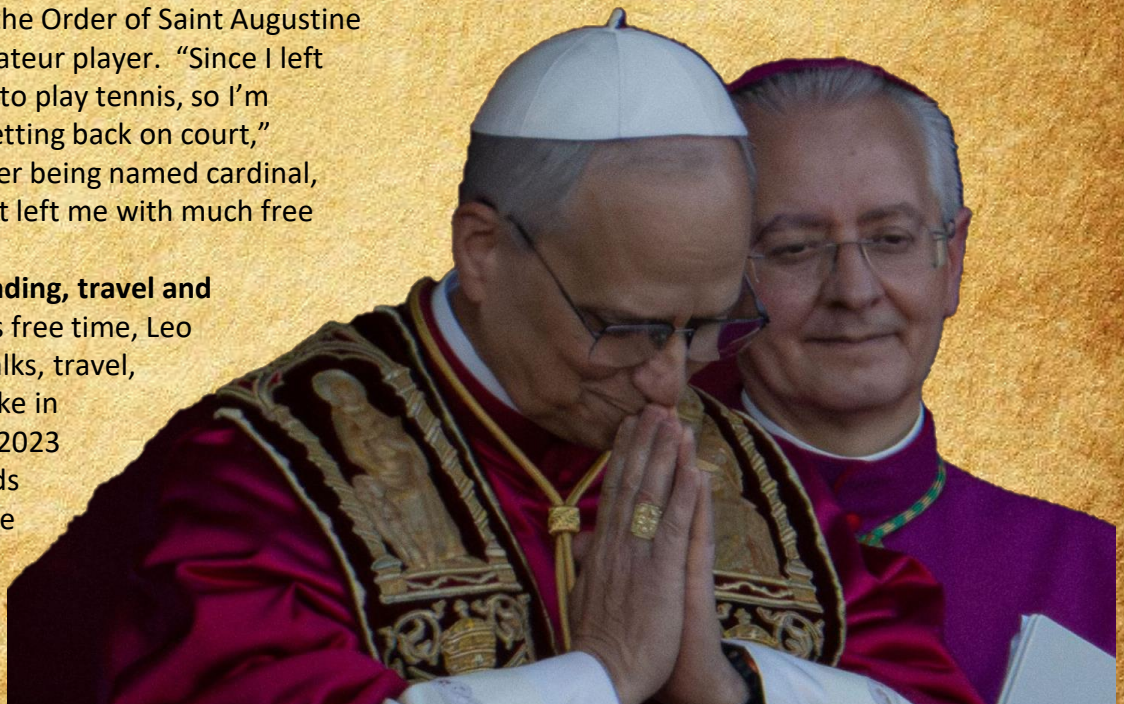
**10. He is fluent in five languages** Leo is a polyglot. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese, according to the National Catholic Reporter.

**11. The late Pope Francis put Leo into key Vatican roles** Francis entrusted him with positions of power within the Vatican. In 2022, Francis asked Leo to preside over a groundbreaking reform: adding three women to the voting panel that determines which bishop nominations are presented to the pope. Leo was appointed president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America and leader of the Dicastery for Bishops — the Vatican office that selects bishops — in 2023.

**12. He watched the movie 'Conclave' before the conclave** Before Leo was sequestered for the papal conclave, he went through a routine to "keep his mind off life in the real world," John Prevost told NBC Chicago. He played his daily games of Wordle and Words With Friends. Then, the brothers chatted about current events. "I said, 'Did you watch the movie 'Conclave' so you know how to behave?' And he had just finished watching the movie 'Conclave,'" John Prevost said. "So he knew how to behave."

**13. He's an amateur tennis player** Leo spent some time on the tennis court during his time in Peru and said in an interview published on the Order of Saint Augustine website that he was an amateur player. "Since I left Peru, I've had few chances to play tennis, so I'm really looking forward to getting back on court," Leo said in an interview after being named cardinal, "though my new role hasn't left me with much free time so far."

**14. His hobbies include reading, travel and relaxing with friends** In his free time, Leo likes to read, go on long walks, travel, discover new places and take in the countryside, he said in 2023 "I enjoy relaxing with friends and meeting a diverse range of people whose gifts I learn from and appreciate greatly," Leo said.





# May Meeting Awards

**Knight of the Month**  
**Mike Tennyson**



**Knight Family**  
**Of the Month**  
**Dennis and Hilda Kow**



**Bee Patrol**  
**Joe Lupo**



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# New Members

Shawn Lynn II  
Shane Lynn  
Shawn Lynn



## Altar Server Award

Lucia Biggs





# Tortugas Baseball Night







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**5:00 P.M.**

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