



DISTRICT 53 KNIGHTLY NEWS

MAY 2026



May 1 St. Joseph the Worker - Patron of Fathers, Church, Workers and Dying



"May Day" has long been dedicated to labor and the working man. It falls on the first day of the month that is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that this feast would accentuate the dignity of labor and would bring a spiritual dimension to labor unions. It is eminently fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honored on this day.

The liturgy for this feast vindicates the right to work, and this is a message that needs to be heard and heeded in our modern society. The responsorial for the Canticle of Zechariah says that "St. Joseph faithfully practiced the carpenter's trade. He is a shining example for all workers." In many of the documents issued by Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II, reference is made to the Christian spirit that should permeate one's work, after the example of St. Joseph. In addition to this, there is a special dignity and value to the work done in caring for the family.

—Excerpted from *Saints of the Roman Calendar* by Enzo Lodi

Council Rosters should be uploaded monthly. The date to upload your roster this month is **May 12**. Supreme updates all transactions submitted by Financial Secretary's 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!**

Officer Elections: All Councils should have their Officer Slate completed and published to the entire council membership. The election of officers should be completed as soon as possible. Once the election is complete, file your Form 185 and schedule the Installation of Officers with the District Deputy.

Prepare your SP-7 Be working on your SP-7 now. Do not miss out on Star Council because your SP-7 is rejected. Remember that earlier is easier! Use May 31 as a target date for completion of the form. Review the document with the District Deputy before it is submitted. If the SP-7 is done early and rejected, you want to have plenty of time to correct it for resubmission before the drop dead date of June 30.

Be sure to file **Form 10784 Fraternal Programs Report** after each Council event. Any member can file the form. This will make filling out your SP-7 much easier.

Online Recruiting Incentive: Every Council will have their membership quota reduced by one (1) for every ten (10) new members AND transfers who join the council **ONLINE** between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

122nd FSC State Convention will be held on May 22-23 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. All Council Delegates should have registered for the Convention and reserved your rooms directly with the hotel. Any questions may be sent by email to conventionregistration@floridakofc.org.

Schedule your **Open House/Fraternal Benefits Events** with our Field Agent, Alan Kotlarski. Each council must conduct two FBEs during the fraternal year **AND** meet your participant quota of fourteen (14) participants to qualify for the Founders Award. The Founders Award is an essential element required for the Star Council Award. Grand Knights should coordinate with our Financial Advisor, Alan Kotlarski, to make schedule an FBE and get the required number of participants.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS:

May 9, 2026 Naples, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

June 27, 2026 Davie, FL - St Bonaventure Catholic Church. Registration deadline is June 18, 2026. This will be a special exemplification honoring the 250th Birthday of the USA!

Contact Robert Urrutia, FL Master for further information. (407) 486-7883,
robert.s.urrutia84@gmail.com

St Jude Assembly 1750

Fourth Degree Meeting – May 21 at 6:00 p.m. Social hour at 5:00 p.m. San Antonio Parish Center.

No Fourth Degree Ice Cream Social in May.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

St. Charles Borromeo Council 5399

KENTUCKY DERBY DINNER AND RACING

Sponsored by:

St. Charles Borromeo Knights of Columbus Council 5399

May 2, 2026 in the Parish Center

From 5:00 PM . 8:00 PM

First race starts at 5:30 PM



Tickets are \$15.00

Dinner will include Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries and Dessert. Beer, Wine, and Soda will be available for purchase. Water and coffee are free.

No BYOB please.

Prizes for:

Best Women's Hat
Best Dapper Dan
Also, a 50/50 Drawing &
A Money Wheel



View the Derby on the big screen at 7:00 PM
All are welcome. Don't miss out on a fun night with friends!

Tickets are available at the door.

Ponce de Leon Council 8074

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – May 20 at 6:00 p.m.

St Maximilian Kolbe Council 11483

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – May 13 at 6:00 p.m.

San Antonio Council 12456

Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – May 6. 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Gary D. Miller

District Deputy, Dist 53

Vivat Jesus!