



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BISHOPVEROT COUNCIL # 5845



July 2026

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From the Grand Knight



Men on a Mission

It is an honor and a privilege to be serving you as the Grand Knight for the 2026-2027 Fraternal year. It is my desire for all of us to be “Catholic men on a mission” by becoming better husbands, better fathers and better men by deepening our relationship with God, putting our faith into action, and leading and protecting our families and friends” (taken from www.KofC.org Mission statement). The protection extends to our new HNJ Parish Administrator and US Army Chaplain, Father Adam Marchese (Welcome, Fr. Adam!) and to our HNJ Parochial Vicar Father Peter Corden. Therefore, as a fellow Knight and a disciple of Christ, I am renewing my commitment to serve and share the Gospel by performing faith-filled acts of “charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism”. And I ask that you do the same. With God’s help, we pray. Amen.

Business Meetings

We held our first Business meeting on Wed July 8th in the Chapel due to the Life Center being closed for maintenance. The Knight of the Month and the Family of the Month awards were presented in the Planning meeting. If you know of any Knight in our Council or any Family in our Parish worthy of these awards, let me know for the upcoming months. All future Business meetings are planned to be held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 pm in Room L-101 in the Life Center (south entrance); food and beverages will be present after our business has concluded. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Planning Meetings

The 2026-2027 Calendar plan was reviewed at our first Planning meeting that took place on Wed July 22nd in the Chapel. As shown in the two photos, Deputy Grand Knight Jim Brown presented the Knight of the Month award to BK Javier Ros. DGK Jim Berown also presented the Family of the Month award to BK Timothy Howell and his new bride Lisa. All future Planning meetings are planned to be held on the third Tuesday of the month starting at the same time and place as our Business meetings.

Knight of the Month – Javier Ros

BK Javier Ros is a recent member to our Council since last year and is a 3rd Degree Knight. He has been a parishioner at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church since 2017. Last year, he gave the kick-off talk on the Consecration to the Eucharist and was involved with leading the Pentecost service last year. A month ago, he was the Cantor at the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus service. Javier is an active member in praying and singing the Liturgy of the Hours on Friday mornings in the Chapel after the 7 am Mass. Javier looks forward to organizing and cantoring the Psalms at the next Masses and Solemn Evening Prayers for Advent and Lent, especially at Easter Vigil Mass.





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Javier also gave many uplifting and faith-filled talks at Life Teen and Exalt services. A few weeks ago, Javier was the Keynote speaker at the Live for More Men's Night here at HNJ. In 2019, before having 4 kids, Javi was instrumental in starting the Next Generation Parish initiative (now known as Evening Prayer).

Family of the Month – Timothy and Lisa Howell



BK Timothy Howell is a 3rd Degree Knight in our Council for the past two years. He is also a recent newlywed to Lisa since only a few months ago as he was married by Father Scott Circe here in the Holy Name of Jesus Chapel. Timothy has been very active with the Christ Renews Us men's retreats and with the Live4More Men's nights and annual conferences. He attends weekly Men's meetings on Thursday nights to pray for intentions, read and discuss Sunday Scripture readings, and pray the Rosary (as time permits). Lisa is a daily Mass participant here at HNJ and is a full-time caregiver to her mother and father. She and Tim were both Godparents to a young woman who became a Catholic this past Easter. They both continue to attend OCIA meetings with their Goddaughter. You will also find Tim and Lisa in the Eucharist Adoration chapel at any time of day or night whenever someone is in need of a substitute. Tim and Lisa both attended the recent ordinations in Orlando for Father Dan Bassille and Deacon Steven Lang (our new Chaplain) who are both members of our Council.

Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

One "online" Exemplification member, Eric Brauner, joined the Florida State Council (FSC) in July. He was then transferred to our Council and will attend the "in-person" Exemplification on August 25th along with any other new members that join us in August. Future "In-person" Exemplifications are planned to take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month inside the HNJ Church at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow in the HNJ Community Room.

2026-2027 Membership Goal

Our Bishop Verot Council currently is made up of 360 Knights. Vivat Jesus (Jesus Lives)! We are praying to increase that number to 375 Knights this year but cannot do it without your involvement. Invite a practicing Catholic brother you know who desires to put his faith into action like you do. Signing up is much easier now via the www.floridakofc.org website.

Monthly Pray the Rosary

Neither the "first Friday" Rosary nor the "fifth Sunday" Rosary were prayed in July. The "first Friday" Rosary prayer time will resume on August 7th in the HNJ Chapel at 7:00 pm. There will also be a "fifth Sunday" Rosary prayed on August 30th at 6:30 pm (after the 5:00 pm Mass). Come join us in prayer to our blessed Mother Mary; bring your friends and family members too.

Round Tables

The Supreme Council is encouraging "Round Tables" to meet as a small group of Knights that cannot attend our monthly Council meetings but still want to stay involved with the Knights of Columbus organization. For example, some of the groups could consist of any Knights at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Melbourne Beach or a group of young adult Knights here at HNJ or Knights of a similar ethnicity (e.g., Hispanic).



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"Big" Knight Events in 2026-2027

On Sunday August 16, we plan to have our first BBQ on the HNJ Pavilion after the 12:15 Mass to commemorate our Knights' Founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney who was born August 12, 1852 and who died at the age of 38 on August 14, 1890.



Christmas trees are ready to be placed on order with the same company as last year and are expected to arrive the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The Quonset hut setup and teardown will require a lot of manpower prior to their arrival and after all the trees are sold, respectively. Your assistance in selling the trees the last week in November and the first three weeks in December will greatly contribute to this (our main) fundraiser that allows us to donate to 20+ charities.



During Lent, we plan to have two Fish Dinner nights in the Life Center Hall. Because of the scheduling of these dinners, we will not be hosting a St Patrick's Party. In its place, we will try to have a "Joe-Patty" Dinner that celebrates both Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph by serving both Irish and Italian food. Besides our own Knight fund-raising dinners, we plan to assist other HNJ Ministries with their Dinner events, including providing monthly Spaghetti dinners to Florida Tech students.



We will continue to provide volunteer support to the Special Olympics and to our HNJ children at various sports events, science fair judging, poster contests, and essay contests. From Supreme: There must be at least two Knights present that are safe Environment certified; otherwise the event must be rescheduled.



From the Grand Knight Continued



July Events

8	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Chapel
22	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Chapel
26	Day	Special Olympics Swimming Coastal Exhibition	Stuart, FL

August Events Coming Up *(some events are subject to change)*

4	7:00 pm	Business Meeting / BBQ sign-up for head count	Rm LC-101
7	7:00 pm	1 st Friday Rosary	Chapel
8/9	Masses	Recruitment (after 6 Masses) + (Christmas signs)	Atrium Table
11	7:00 pm	Review new candidate(s) applications (if any)	Rm LC-101
13	7:00 am	Feast Day Mass for Fr Michal McGivney-wear KofC shirts	HNJ Church
16	7:45 am	Coffee & Donuts after 1 st three Sunday Masses	Comm. Room
	1:30 pm	KofC # 5845 BBQ Fr McGivney (Christmas signs)	Pavilion
18	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting (Christmas trees/signs/mag)	Rm LC-101
19	6:00 pm	FIT Spaghetti Dinner	FIT Chapel
25	7:00 pm	Exemplification (if any – depends on Aug 8/9)	Church + Comm. Rm
26	5:30 pm	Back to school BBQ Wed dinner (~250)	Pavilion
27	6:00 pm	Live4More: Deacon Steve Lang (~ 4 Knights)	Cafeteria
30	7:00 pm	5 th Sunday Rosary	Chapel

Financial Secretary Update

Past Grand Knight (PGK) and our current Financial Secretary (FS) "Jay" Casey has resigned as FS so he can focus on returning to good health. Together with the Trustees and myself, we vetted and recommended to Supreme that Senior Knight (SK) "Jason" Dukes take over for PGK "Jay" Casey. We just received notice from Supreme that SK "Jason" Dukes is officially our new Financial Secretary. Please pray for both of them for continued healing and good health during this transition and for all those listed in the Good of the Order emails.

July's Passings - We Remember:

- SK Henry (Hank) Kornmeyer, a 4th Degree Knight. His funeral Mass is scheduled for August 21st at 11am at HNJ. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."



Insurance



A Future Saint, his Vision, and a Brotherhood

Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year is no exception.

I want to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate. We recently heard the latest, Order-wide numbers shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. Know that your council helped make that success possible. Congratulations!

I believe we're making Blessed Michael McGivney proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask his continued intercession for our work.

In founding the Knights, Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they're at their most vulnerable. Your council continues that legacy with every program you put on, every dollar you donate. But you also continue it when you choose financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world.

Every day, I feel immensely Blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and especially to serve it as your Agent. It's such a privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection in that way. If we've never connected, or if it's been a long time, I will be glad to meet with you to review your current coverage or find the coverage to match your family's needs. Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time.

Thank you!

Best Regards,

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present *(here make your request)*. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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