



Knights of Columbus
4th Degree

St. Jude Assembly
1750

Epistle *from* St. Jude

August 2026



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

In the coming months, we will continue to have a light meal during the social hour. During each business meeting in this Fraternal Year we will have a presentation or guest speaker who will give us an inspirational and informative presentation designed to feed our spirit of patriotism. The August presentation will be about the Military Chaplains Corp.

We are planning to have a potluck Christmas Party on December 17 featuring a best homemade Chili contest. We plan a Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner on February 9, 2027 and a Concert or comedy show on April 9, 2027. We hope these events will be enjoyed by all.

We will have many patriotic programs during the coming year. We will donate to Honor Flight and provide a color corps for veterans returning from Honor Flight and we will provide a color corps at the Quarterly Memorial Service at Jacobson Veterans Home to honor veterans who have passed. The next memorial service is August 20. If called upon, we will cook lunch for veterans and their families at Jacobson Veterans Home on Veterans Day. We will participate in Wreaths across America in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH DEGREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL is on August 29, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Jacobson Veterans Home, Port Charlotte. Seeing the grateful faces of veterans who have given so much to our country is a very rewarding experience. Join us as we give a little treat as small thanks for their service.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION

Any member is welcome to submit an article and/or photographs for inclusion in the newsletter. Just email your content to the Faithful Navigator.

50/50 DRAWING will premiere at the August Meeting. Details to follow.



FOURTH DEGREE BUSINESS MEETING will be held on August 27th with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. Come for a nice light dinner and spend some quality time with your fellow Sir Knights. The business meeting will commence at 6:00 p.m. San Antonio Parish Center, Rooms 1 & 2.

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION: August 29th in Port Orange, FL at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. Contact your Faithful Navigator for further information if you would like to attend.

COLOR CORP CALL OUTS:

August 7, 11:00 am. Funeral for Brother Stan Drewnowski, San Antonio Church

QUARTERLY MEMORIAL SERVICE at Jacobson Veterans Home is August 21st. Report NLT 9:45 am. Hope to see you there to honor our fallen veterans.

SIR BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHDAYS: The following Sir Knights have birthdays celebrated in August. Happy Birthday and Best wishes to:

Thomas S Mastrocola	8-1
Jofran Medina	8-1
Lawrence J Gregorchik	8-4
Leonard R Bernas Jr	8-7
Rev. Severyn Kovalyshin	8-9
Scott D Dunsmore	8-10
Dale A Claybolt	8-13
Ralph E Goracke	8-14
Vernon Murray	8-14
Craig J Woolley	8-15
William E Snow	8-16
Nicholas Finamore	8-17
William J Chisholm	8-18
William E Keller	8-21
Edwin G Salazar	8-21
William E Soares	8-21
Everett J Kimball	8-25
Philip J Stoll	8-26
Dr Robert J Aruta	8-27
Dennis V Kemp	8-27
William A Grimes	8-28
Donald Roth	8-28
Denis Emile	8-30



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I asked a friend about a rose
In a vase it stood so tall
Quite pretty this lone red flower
It appeared it would not fall

I asked if the blue base was a sponge
There to keep it straight and wet
And she said no it's just some glass beads
Two months old it hasn't fallen yet

I thought of what she told me
And thought I could have used some beads
To keep me straight and upright
As a good life I tried to lead

In times of indecision
The beads could have made me see
And helped me make good choices
Just doing their job for me

In times of plenty they could have shored me up
And lead me to the spirit of caring
And I could have reaped the benefit
Of giving up and sharing

In times of personal tragedy
They could have dried my tears
And wiped away all misery
In those lonely saddened years

In times of loss they could have held me
As in my Mother's arms so tight
And led me to a peacefulness
As day turned into night

In times of spiritual healing
They could have made me understand
That God was always with me
He had me in His hands

And when I pass on from this earth
Perhaps they'll say a Rosary
The beads have been there all along
Comforting and caring for me

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Vivat Jesus!

