

Message From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights.

August is now upon us and that brings school back into session. That being said, August brings more activities into our busy schedules with both the Knights and our families.

The Education Department has asked us to provide a back-to-school breakfast on August 10th which is on the calendar. A Signup Genius has been posted so please look at your availability.

Texas flood relief: Our recent doughnut sale in July totaled \$640. In addition, the council voted to donate an extra \$500 through the Georgia KofC State Council. The doughnut sale on July 27 raised another \$200 at the 7:15 Mass. In total, Holy Trinity and Council 8081 have raised \$1340 to assist with recovery efforts in Texas.

Our next General Meeting is on August 7th so please mark your calendars. Just a reminder, please have your rosary with you because we will once again have rosary checks at the door. Each brother Knight who doesn't have a rosary (which we should always have with us), can still join the meeting after putting \$1.00 into the 50/50 fund.

The Good of the Order

- Seminarians Oswaldo Franco & Jose Felipe Bejarano
- Ron & Karen Plues
- Frank & Sandi Destadio
- George Uhrin
- Cathie Payton
- Mark Tennant
- Luther Graham
- Frank & Mary Chapman
- Gratitude for answered prayers
- Armando Corredor
- Jesus Barrera
- Guillermo Monzori
- Robert Arnold
- Steve McPherson
- Joyce Mastriani
- Ric Lim Family & Denam
- Texas flood victims
- Peace in the Middle East
- Small business in PTC

Deacon's Corner

Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Few saints embody the Knights of Columbus principles of charity, unity, and patriotism more than Saint Maximilian Kolbe, whose feast we celebrate on August 14. A Polish Franciscan priest, Kolbe lived during one of the darkest periods of the 20th century—and chose light over darkness, love over hatred, and sacrifice over self-preservation.

Born in 1894, Maximilian had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary from a young age. He founded the Militia Immaculatae (“Army of the Immaculate One”) to bring souls to Christ through Mary, using modern media—printing presses and radio—to spread the faith across Europe and Japan.

Kolbe’s greatest witness occurred at Auschwitz. In July 1941, after a prisoner escaped, ten others were condemned to death. Hearing one was a husband and father, Kolbe stepped forward, declaring, “I am a Catholic priest. Let me take his place.” He was executed by lethal injection on August 14, 1941.

The man Kolbe saved, Franciszek Gajowniczek, survived and attended Kolbe’s canonization in 1982, where Pope John Paul II named Kolbe a “martyr of charity.” Today, Kolbe is the patron saint of journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. For Knights, St. Maximilian Kolbe remains a powerful model of Christ-like love.

Here is a reflection I found to St. Maximilian Kolbe:

St. Maximilian Kolbe, martyr of charity, you gave your life in heroic love. You faced hatred with mercy, darkness with light, and cruelty with courage.

Intercede for us, that we may love sacrificially, stand firm in truth, and serve joyfully.

Teach us to see Christ in suffering, offer hope where there is despair, and remain faithful in trials.

Patron of the oppressed, pray for our families, our Church, and world. Inspire Knights of Columbus to follow your example— to be men of charity, unity, and fearless love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Richard Schmidt

The Programs Cave

Brothers,

Welcome to the first edition of The Programs Cave! I realize that many of you are unable to attend our monthly meeting, so I hope to inform you through the Newsletter of some of our upcoming programs and past successes.

For the 2025 – 2026 fraternal year, Programs will have a slogan (just as many successful corporations do). Ours will be: Do One More!

Think about the number of volunteer hours that Council 8081 would have at the end of our fraternal year if every Knight participated in at least one more program; be it the Fish Fries, 4th of July Parade, or Breakfast with Santa! Think deep. Pray. Do one more program!

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest: The Knights of Columbus sponsors the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade (public, private, parochial, or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values...and to encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Students only compete against other students in their same grade level. For example, 8th grade students only compete against other 8th grade students, 9th grade students vs 9th grade students, etc.

The essay should be approximately between 500-750 words on the topic chosen for this year. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and theme presentation clarity. It should showcase creativity, imagination, and overall development of the topic. This year's topic is: "Of the 267 Popes who have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite Popes, and why?" Please check with your children or grandchildren for any interest. Last year, Council 8081 had runner-up's in grades 8 and 10 in the International Championship! Let's see if we can win this year. For an entry form or more information, contact Mark Hickey at: Mahick1953@gmail.com.

On August 10, we will host a Back-to-School Breakfast in conjunction with the Faith Formation Fair. The Knights will have a table at the Fair. Come out and help or just say hi to those manning the breakfast and fair.

Finally, Bill Bizjak and his crew have done a bang-up job with the Sunday After Mass Coffee and Donuts. Because of their hard work, 8081 has been able to contribute in excess of \$750 to the Texas Flood Relief.

If you can...Attend our monthly general meeting. And remember to: **Do One More!**

Mark Hickey
Program Director – Council 8081

Officer positions for Fraternal Year 2025-2026.

Grand Knight		Dennis Payton	770-480-1522
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Treasurer		Tom Crofton	770-630-8560
Advocate		Dave Lagatere	
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	2d YEAR	Mike Knippel	404-697-5639
	3d YEAR	Sergio Gianella	404-429-7709
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	Inside	Mark Tennant	678-972-4861

Happy Birthday to:		Years of Service:	
John H Martin	Aug 2	Clifford E Cotton	37
H Graham Tucker Jr.	Aug 3	Rev. John M Murphy	28
Richard Welsh	Aug 5	John E Zanni	27
Jonathon D Pilato	Aug 6	Luis E Sample	26
Tom D Crofton	Aug 7	Donald S Walker	25
Eduardo J Kianes	Aug 8	John R Fortener	20
Ronald S Smith	Aug 8	John T Kovach	20
Tim Wolf	Aug 8	Randall D Thamer	20
Philip Y Browning Jr.	Aug 10	Sergio Gianella	16

Mark Tennant	Aug 11	Anthony Tramonte	15
Peter Labarbera	Aug 12	James D Towle	14
Jose A Martinez	Aug 13	Patrick E Tunnell	13
James W O Day	Aug 13	Bob I Dillon	6
Bert W Close	Aug 14	Abraham Gunby	2
John R Fortener	Aug 17	Terrence P Richey	2
Sidney D Barron	Aug 20	Richard Pastorella	1
Michael A Clendenning	Aug 20		
Abraham Gunby	Aug 20		
Stephen R Allen	Aug 21		
M Hank Thernes	Aug 22		
Stephen M Meyers	Aug 29		
Thomas E Reddy	Aug 31		

Council #8081 Calendar August - December

AUG	3	7:30am-12pm	Donut Sales	Loreto Hall
	7	6:30pm-7pm	Exemplification of new Knights	Chapel
	7	6:30pm-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Knight's Hall
	10	7:30am-12pm	Back to School Pancake Breakfast	Loreto Hall
	16	9:00am-12pm	District 19 Officers Meeting	St. Mary Magdalene
	17	7:30am-12pm	Donuts Sales	Loreto Hall
	21	7:30pm-9pm	Planning Meeting	Knight's Hall
	31	7:30am-12pm	Donut Sales	Loreto Hall
SEP	4	6:30pm-7pm	Exemplification of new Knights	Chapel
	4	6:30pm-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Knight's Hall
	13	7:00pm-10pm	Texas Hold'em Card Game	Loreto Hall
	18	7:30pm-9pm	Planning Meeting	Knight's Hall
	27	3:00pm – 9pm	Octoberfest	Loreto Hall
	29	12:00pm-6pm	Blood Drive	Loreto Hall

OCT	2	6:30pm-7pm	Exemplification of new Knights	Chapel
	2	6:30pm-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Knight's Hall
	16	7:30pm-9pm	Planning Meeting	Knight's Hall
NOV	6	6:30pm-7pm	Exemplification of new Knights	Chapel
	6	6:30pm-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Knight's Hall
	8	5:30pm-6:00pm	Fallen Knights Ceremony	Sanctuary
	8	6:00pm-6:30pm	Fallen Knights reception	Knight's Hall
	20	7:30pm-9pm	Planning Meeting	Knight's Hall
	23	7:30am-12pm	Donut Sales	Loreto Hall
	30	7:30am-12pm	Donut Sales	Loreto Hall
DEC	1	10am-6pm	Blood Drive	Loreto Hall
	4	6:30pm-7pm	Exemplification of new Knights	Chapel
	4	6:30pm-9pm	General Membership Meeting	Knight's Hall
	6	3pm-7pm	Monastery Fudge Sales	Vestibule
	7	7am-5pm	Monastery Fudge Sales	Vestibule
	13	3pm-7pm	Monastery Fudge Sales	Vestibule
	14	7am-6pm	Monastery Fudge Sales	Vestibule
	18	7:30pm-9pm	Planning Meeting	Knight's Hall
	20	3pm-7pm	Monastery Fudge Sales	Vestibule
	21	7am-6pm	Monastery Fudge Sales	Vestibule
	21	7:30am-12pm	Donuts & Coffee	Loreto Hall
	21	6am-4pm	Breakfast & Hot Chocolate w/Santa	Loreto Hall