



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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Minor Basilica and National Shrine of San Lorenzo Ruiz – Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, commonly known as **Binondo Church**, is in **Plaza San Lorenzo Ruiz, Binondo, Manila**. ([Page 8](#))

Coming Events

Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
9/3/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting	Risen Lord Room
9/4/2026	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	HOLY HOUR	SANCTUARY
9/4/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	SPAGHETTI DINNER	Parish Hall
9/5/2026	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
9/8/2026	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	COR	St Rose Room
9/10/2026	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	VESPERS	Chapel
9/10/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K OF C BUSINESS MEETING	Risen Lord Room
9/13/2026	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	K of C BREAKFAST (LIFE OPTIONS)	Parish Hall
9/19/2026	10:00 AM	3:00 PM	K of C FAMILY PICNIC	Whiting Park (5499 Old River Rd, Milton, FL 32583)
9/24/2026	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	SPECIAL DANCE	Parish Hall
10/1/2026	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting	Risen Lord Room
10/3/2026	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
10/8/2026	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	VESPERS	Chapel
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10/13/2026	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	COR	St Rose Room



The latest calendar of events can be found on the web at <https://kofc7027.com/events> . If you have an addition to the calendar send the information about when and where to info@kofc7027.com .



Grand Knight's Report

Michael Hamel

A Message on Transition – September 2026

Brother Knights,

As we move into September, the word that keeps coming to mind is **transition**. We are in a season of change as a council, and while change can sometimes feel uncertain, I believe this transition is already opening the door to renewed purpose, stronger fellowship, and deeper service.

One of the most meaningful steps before us was the decision to transition to the Risen Lord Room and begin the process of moving out of the Knight's Hall. I believe this is more than a change of location; it is an opportunity to refocus on who we are, how we serve, and how we continue building a strong presence in the life of our parish.

We also have much to celebrate. Four new members are transferring to our council, and we welcome them with gratitude and excitement. Their presence is a great sign of momentum, and I hope each of us will help them feel at home among brothers.

At the same time, our council is already doing great loud service in practical and powerful ways: building ramps so elderly neighbors can safely access their homes, repairing hospital beds for hospice care patients, replacing faucets and sinks for low-income members of our church, and visiting brothers who are homebound. These works may not always draw attention, but they speak loudly of charity, unity, and fraternity.

I also want to offer a sincere thank you to the brothers who stayed after the combination party for Father Dennis, Sister Margaret, and Father Diaz. Your willingness to remain, help clean up, and serve behind the scenes did not go unnoticed. Those quiet acts of support are

part of what makes this brotherhood special.

Now, as we transition into the last quarter of the year, we look ahead to cooler weather, more time at home with family, and more opportunities to come together as brothers. One of those opportunities is our KofC Family Picnic on September 19. It has been a hit for the past couple of years in my home, and I hope this year will be another chance for our families to enjoy fellowship, food, and time together.

As our council continues through this transition, and as I continue getting my feet wet in this role, I want to extend both an invitation and a challenge: find something to get involved in. It does not have to be long, complicated, or overwhelming. Pick a day, an afternoon, or even an hour, and be present in some kind of service for one another or for the Church.

If you do not know where to start, reach out to me directly. In August alone, I personally fielded a dozen requests that came from all directions, and I would love the help in responding. Let me know your comfort level. Not everybody can set a toilet or build a treehouse, and that is perfectly okay. Some needs are as simple as assisting before or after Mass with the new crosswalk ministry or grabbing groceries one morning for the food pantry.

If the Church speaks as the mouth of God, then I believe the Knights of Columbus are His hands. Continue your good works, continue to answer the call, and thank you all for everything you do for our parish, our brothers, and our neighbors.

Vivat Jesus



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Catholic Investing



I want to start off this month's message with an interesting, but lesser-known story about Father McGivney. We know our Founder cared deeply about the lives of his parishioners and strengthening their sense of community. He was also very practical about what a parish community most often needs: money.

One fall, with St. Mary's in debt to creditors, he led an ingenious combination fundraiser and social event. St. Mary's hall turned into a coffeehouse filled with music, dancing, skits, dessert and, of course, coffee, which was a profitable draw at the time. The party was only supposed to last one night, but the people of New Haven kept coming and drew it out for a week! In the end, Father McGivney was able to pay down a good amount of the debt — and further solidified his reputation as a priest deeply embedded in the life of his parish.

Father McGivney recognized and valued the things that really matter: God. Fellowship. A sense of belonging and the space to reinforce those ties of friendship, mutual support and common faith.

Brothers, September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, but what I'd like to

propose is that we think of it as "The Things That Matter" Month. What does your family value? What are the pillars of your family culture? What do you want to preserve for them when you're no longer here?

Life insurance can be a big part of that. Maybe you want to protect the home that shelters your family, that's set the stage for so many memories and is a safe haven for your children to return to. Maybe you want to ensure that your children — or grandchildren — will have access to high-quality education. Or maybe you want to safeguard a family business or a similar legacy that can continue to provide for your loved ones.

We can talk about these options and more, and whether they might best be covered by temporary or permanent policies. Ideally, I want to help you match your insurance coverage not just with your basic needs, but with the things that your family deems most important to preserve.

This month, I challenge you to think about what those things are. And if you don't have a plan to protect them, give me a call.



From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey



Brothers,
Greetings as we end August and begin September.
Late in September, on Saturday the 26, at 12:49 PM, we welcome the Full Harvest Moon, so named because it is the Full Moon that occurs nearest to the Autumnal or Fall Equinox. (Fall Equinox, is Wednesday, 23 September, 2026.) Just in case you were wondering... We note that the Harvest Moon is not always in the same month. For both 2026 & 2027 it is in September, replacing the Full Corn Moon.

3 September

Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8 September

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 September

Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

The Knights of Peter Claver, was founded in Mobile, Alabama, but is presently headquartered in New Orleans.

14 September

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

In the liturgical year, this celebration honors and celebrates

the Cross used in the crucifixion. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the **Passion of Christ and the Crucifixion...** this feast celebrates the Cross itself, **as the sign of salvation.**

15 September

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows also known as Mother of Sorrows (Latin: Mater Dolorosa).

16 September

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

21 September

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

23 September

Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Padre Pio.

29 September

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

30 September

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

As we close the month, I will close with this lesser known of his quotes: "When we pray, we speak to God; but when we read, God speaks to us."

Pax

Deacon Jeff



Life

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Brothers,

With our commitment to Pro-Life, we as Knights are dedicated to protecting all human life. We are not limited to protecting the unborn; especially in our current society, we must remain diligent in our efforts to protect and support life at every stage.

We are blessed in our area to have several pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. One center closest to us is Life Options Clinic, which has provided our community with life-saving resources for more than 30 years.

We are currently in the process of helping Life Options obtain a new ultrasound machine, which we hope they will have within the next few months. There are also two fundraisers for the clinic taking place over the next two months.

The first is the Sportsman Givin Back event. They have donated several thousand dollars to Life Options over the past four or five years. Santa Rosa Kids'

House is also among the other organizations benefiting from this event.

You can visit their website at sportsmangivinback.org to purchase banquet tickets, zero-turn mower raffle tickets, and tickets for the .308 WIN BK/WD 20" 4+1 gun raffle.

The event will be held on September 26 at Immanuel Baptist Church in Pace.

The second event is the Life Options Clinic Golf Tournament, which will be held on Saturday, October 24. More information will be coming soon.

I hope many of you will be able to participate in these events and help support the important, life-saving work that Life Options Clinic provides to our community.

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Sick & In Need Prayer List

We lift the following individuals in prayer, asking the Lord to grant them healing, peace, and strength in their time of need. If you know someone who should be added—or if a listed name needs an update—please contact us at info@kofc7027.com:

July, Jim Gaus, Francis "Rocky" Rock, Kevin Smitley, Shirley Gaus, Michael Blackman, Bill Glover, Randy Van Buren, Jim & Maryanne Richardson, Dale Sogor, Larry Johnson, Bruce Mabley, **August**, Ed & Valerie Stanislawczyk, State Secretary, Edward Sleyzak, Walter Gross, Ian McDonald, Mike Lofftis, George Pfeiffer

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!

Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day. Amen.

Council #7027 Provisions for Monthly Meeting



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Meal/Food</u>
September 10th		
October 8th	Alex Wilson	Tbd
November 12th	Bernie Schultz	Chili
December 10th		
January 14, 2027		
February 11th	Dan Walker	Tbd
March 11th	Alex Wilson	Tbd
April 8th		
May 13th		
June 10th	Nick Amaral	Tbd
July 8th		



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK Cesar Mascardo, PGK, FDD, RA1



Sir Knights,

Summer has come and gone. Schools are back in session, and folks are preparing for activities this fall. We will be starting back with the VA Hot Dog at VA Clinic which is the second Wednesday of each month headed by Vic VanGrowski. The council will be hosting a Holy Hour for our parish family and community on the first Friday of each month in the church at 6pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. In conjunction with that, our assembly will be restarting the spaghetti dinner funded by the council. It is served in the Parish Hall after Holy Hour and is free of charge, but donations are appreciated.

Feast Day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz will be celebrated at the 10:30 am mass on September 27. Afterwards our Fourth Degree will lead the procession from the church to the St. Lorenzo reception in the Parish Hall. The feast day of St. Lorenzo Ruiz is celebrated annually by the Roman Catholic Church and Filipino communities around the world. The Minor Basilica and National Shrine of Saint Lawrence Ruiz of Manila (formerly Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish) serves as the center of his devotion. Processions, novenas, and special masses mark the celebration. The feast day is also a moment for Filipinos around the globe to gather and draw strength from their patron's example of courage far from home.

We will be selecting the 2026 Sir Knight of Year this month which will be selected by the general population of the assembly selecting among the four selected from the Sir Knights of the Quarter recipients. They are Vic VanGrowski 1st Quarter, Michael Hamel 2nd

Quarter, Arturo Ojeda 3rd Quarter and Joey Davis 4th Quarter. This is a very prestigious award.

This month's meeting will be posted via email due to the change of meeting date.

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday of September annually which is September 7, 2026. The day celebrates the American labor movement and the contributions and achievements of the American worker, in the United States Labor Day is the three-day weekend ending the summer season, where Memorial Day weekend starts the summer season.

The Fourth Degree is the highest degree of the Order. It is an extension of the third degree. Members of this degree are addressed as "Sir Knight". Patriotism and Pride in one's nation are the driving force behind more than 370,159 Sir Knights in over 3,603 Fourth Degree Assemblies.

The Fourth Degree is the most prestigious among the Knights of Columbus. Sir Knights stand in the breach to serve, protect and defend our country. "Sir Knight" is more than a title, it's an honor.

Fourth Degree Knights put their faith, and their love of country, into action. It is a group of outstanding Sir Knights who are dedicated to the service of their Church, their Country and their Order. It is the very core of our belief as Knights, and as Catholics. Be willing to help when needed, pray often for each other, forgive easily.

Vivat Jesus!

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2025-26	Richard Sturgis	Bill & Beth McDonald
July, 2026	Alexander Wilson	Roger & Emily Leblanc
August, 2026	Ray Kutch	Ed & Valerie Stanislawczyk
September, 2026		
October, 2026		
November, 2026		
December, 2026		
January, 2027		
February, 2027		
March, 2027		
April, 2027		
May, 2027		
June, 2027		

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight Michael Hamel presented the Knight of the Month for July to Alexandar Wilson. Pictured are GK Michael Hamel, Nicole, Andrew & Alexander Wilson, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Knight of the Year

Past Grand Knight James Gaus presented the Knight of the Year for 2025-26 to Richard Sturgis. Pictured are PGK James Gaus, Richard & Kathleen Sturgis, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Family of the Year

Past Grand Knight James Gaus presented the Family of the Year for 2025-26 to Bill & Beth McDonald. Pictured are PGK James Gaus, Bill & Beth McDonald, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Florida Knights Offer Specialty License Plates



The Florida State Council has initiated a project, working with the Florida State Legislature, to authorize Knights of Columbus Specialty License Plates for automotive vehicles registered in the State of Florida. The purpose for this initiative is twofold: to promote the visibility of our Order, and to derive income for State Council Charities.

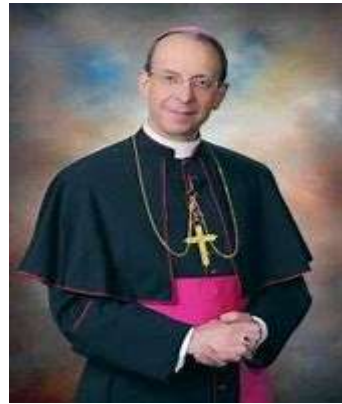
State Legislature Representation has been engaged to present the KofC Specialty Plate

Authorization Bill for approval during the March, 2027 Legislative Session. Once legislation has been approved, our Membership will have 24 months to purchase 3,000 vouchers for the plate, at regular Auto Registration Centers – for final approval. The vouchers will cost the same as regular/standard registration plates, plus \$25. The \$25 (less specialty production costs) will be sequestered for KofC Charities for disbursement to KofC selected Charities. This will approximate \$100K with the purchase of 5,000 plates. (Note that Florida Membership exceeds 57,000.) Once 3,000 vouchers have been purchased, the FLHSMV (Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles) will authorize Auto Registration Centers to convert vouchers into purchases for KofC Specialty Plates. They will so advise the State Council, who will in turn advise the Membership. (Applicants must provide Proof of KofC Membership, Auto Registration, and Driver's License with the Application Form to qualify for the plates.)

If you are interested in purchasing a KofC plate in Florida, click the link below and fill out the form. No money is required at this as we are only collecting signatures. [Yes, I want the license plate](#)

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori



Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Gospel for Sept. 13, Mt 18:21-22)

To forgive others can be very difficult at times, especially when someone repeatedly offends us. Jesus tells us there is no magic number that limits our obligation — our desire to forgive and show mercy to others must be boundless, just as God's mercy toward us is infinite. We pray in the Our Father, "Forgive us our trespasses *as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" Our very salvation depends on our willingness to forgive, for God will forgive us in the measure that we forgive others (cf. Mt 6:14-15).

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to make a list of the people in your life — past and present — whom you find or have found difficult to forgive, and to sincerely pray for them each day.

Questions for Reflection:

Are there people in your life whom you find difficult to forgive for past offenses? Do you sometimes find yourself saying the words "I forgive you," but holding on to the hurt like a grudge? What steps can you take to move to true forgiveness?

(From kofc.org select "What We Do", "Faith Formation", and "Monthly Challenge")

The Pope's Monthly Intentions September



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER
UNITED STATES

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>

Council 7027 Membership Milestones

August 2026 Honorees: Celebrating Years of Faithful Service

We extend our heartfelt fraternal appreciation to the members of Knights of Columbus Council 7027 who commemorate the anniversary of their joining during the month of June. Bound together in brotherhood, their years of steadfast dedication reflect a deep and abiding commitment to one another and stand as a living testament to their faithful service to our parish and community.

First Name	Last Name	Years of Service
RONALD	BRADBERRY	24
GERALD	BRIDGES	4
DANIEL	CASEY	24
NICHOLAS	DEES	14
EMMANUEL	GUICO	29
TODD	JONES	4
DON	MASSEY	7
DAVID	PARKS	32
JUSTIN	PAUL	12
KELLY	RECKE	1
RAIMUNDO	RIBEIRO	1
VINCENT	ROSE	1
VICTOR	VANGROWSKI	48

MENTORSHIP: A Quiet Strength Every Council Needs

PGK Jim Gaus, Membership Director



In every strong Knights of Columbus council, mentorship plays a vital role — even though many men shy away from the word. Some think mentorship sounds too formal, too corporate, or too much like a job title. But in reality, mentorship is simply this: One Brother Knight helping another Brother Knight grow in faith, confidence, and service. It's one of the most important traditions in our Order, and it's something every council, including ours, needs in order to thrive.

Mentorship doesn't require a program or a committee. It looks like an experienced Knight showing a newer member how we run an event, or explaining why our principles matter in everyday life. It looks like encouraging a man who's still finding his footing, or inviting him to help with a project so he can discover his gifts. It looks like listening, guiding, and reminding one another that we are Catholic gentlemen striving for holiness together.

Blessed Michael McGivney understood this deeply. His vision for the Knights wasn't just about charity — it was about forming men. He knew that strong Catholic men don't appear by accident; they grow because other men invest in them. When we take time to guide one another, we continue his mission.

Our council is full of men with wisdom, experience, and faith to share. And we are also full of men who would benefit from that steady encouragement. Mentorship is not something to avoid — it is something to embrace. Every Knight can be a mentor. Every Knight can be mentored. And when we lean into this simple, powerful tradition, our council becomes stronger in charity, unity, and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Council and Assembly Officers

Council 7027 Officer Fraternal Year 2026-2027	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed
Grand Knight	Mike Hamel
Deputy Grand Knight	George Pfeiffer
Chancellor	Alex Wilson
Recorder	Michael Gaus
Treasurer	Ray Kutch
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald
Advocate	Dcn Jeff Massey
Warden	Sergio Diaz
Inside Guard	Adrianne Cuyuch
Outside Guard	Ed Medina
Lecturer	Walter Gross
One Year Trustee	Mike Stafford
Two Year Trustee	Mike Simoneaux
Three Year Trustee	Jim Gaus

Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2026-2027	
Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed
Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo
Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley
Faithful Pilot	SK Gilbert Saenz
Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis
Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald
Faithful Purser	SK Brian McGuire
Faithful Scribe	SK Peter Axt
Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Michael Gaus
Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Bob Bezick
Color Guard Commander	SK Bruce Mabley
Patriotic Liaison	SK Gilbert Escobillo
Trustee 3 Year	SK David Lambert
Trustee 2 Year	SK Dan Walker
Trustee 1 Year	SK John Recke

Knights of Columbus
Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

<http://www.kofc7027.com>

State Council has important information about Knights in Florida.

<https://floridakofc.org/>

Supreme contains something for everyone.

<http://kofc.org>

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

<http://www.knightsgear.com>

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

<http://kofc.org/knightline>

Invocations monthly publication of the Florida State Council.

<https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocations-State-Newsletter>

Knightcast An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics.

<http://kofc.org/knightcast>

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Birthdays

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



CHRISTOPHER AUSDENMOORE
JAMES BAKER
JOHN BERRY
GERALD BRIDGES
SEAN BRYANS
NORMAN CHAMPAGNE
ALLEN DEL ROSARIO
ROBERT ERISMAN
CECIL HIGGINBOTHAM
JAMES HULL

09-03-1965
09-27-1939
09-18-1988
09-15-1963
09-24-1967
09-16-1938
09-05-1989
09-20-1955
09-25-1965
09-28-1981

JOHN JAMES
GERALD LANGILLE
TRAVIS LARSON
GREGORY LEECH
JOSEPH LEONE
HUGH MCCAFFERY
THOMAS MOHAN
CHARLES SMITH
THOMAS TERGLIAFERA

09-16-1959
09-01-1939
09-02-1990
09-30-1957
09-11-1944
09-10-1965
09-20-1972
09-08-1950
09-18-1952