



Knights of Columbus®

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARY QUEEN OF PEACE
COUNCIL 12072

JUNE 2026

COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

Monthly Meeting — June 16th

The June meeting was held in the School Cafeteria on Tuesday, June 16th — the final council meeting of the 2025–2026 fraternal year. It was a night of celebration: the council closed the year having achieved both Star Council status and the State Deputy Award, capping off an outstanding year of growth and service.

The council brought in 22 new members against a quota of 12, completed 16 programs across all four required categories, and met every benchmark for the State Deputy Award — including Special Olympics participation, seminary ticket sales, and charitable donations to the Bishop Greco Fund and St. Mary's Residential Training School.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

A Great Year — Thank You, Brothers

Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts thanked all Brothers for their hard work and participation throughout the year, noting that the council's collective effort made his job as Grand Knight much easier. As the 2025–2026 fraternal year comes to a close, the council enters the new year on outstanding footing.

DISTRICT DEPUTY

Art McDowell Retires —

Lloyd Alberts Steps In

After five years of dedicated service as District Deputy, Brother Art McDowell is retiring from the role. The council presented him with a framed token of appreciation at the June meeting in recognition of his steady support and leadership. Brother Art thanked the council, crediting the members themselves for the council's success — he was, in his words, “just driving the bus.” Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts assumes the District Deputy role going forward.



Arthur McDowell receiving a framed gift from Lloyd Alberts after 5 years as District Deputy

SATURDAY ROSARY — 7 AM

Brother Steve Fradella is asking Brothers to recommit to the Saturday Morning Rosary for the unborn — attendance has recently dipped below double digits. Just one Saturday a month from each Brother would make a big difference. Steve sends a reminder email every Friday; all are welcome, including wives, children, friends, and neighbors.

FAITH

Thursday Evening Prayers — 7 PM

By Larry Fertitta, PGK

Brothers, I invite you to join me on Thursdays at 7pm for Evening Prayers — Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours and the Holy Rosary. Broadcast on Radio Maria USA at radiomaria.us. Click the ONAIR button, then the right arrow to play.

Sunday Evening Rosary — Online

Brother Larry's Sunday evening Rosary and prayer group continues via Zoom, streaming live to Facebook and YouTube beginning around 8:00 pm. Contact Brother Larry for the Zoom link. This is separate from his Thursday evening Radio Maria program.

MEMBERSHIP

Star Council — What a Year!

The council finished the fraternal year with 22 new members against a quota of 12 — just two short of Double Star Council status. Starting July 1st, the quota resets to 12 for the new fraternal year. Membership Co-Directors Mike Rohm and Beau Long are ready to hit the ground running for 2026–2027.

To join: KofC.org/JoinUs — promo code BlessedMcGivney — Council 12072

SERVICE / COUNCIL LIFE

Installation Dinner — A Night to Celebrate

The council gathered at Benedict's Restaurant in Mandeville on Thursday, June 18th to close out an outstanding fraternal year and welcome in a new one. Family, friends, and Brother Knights came together for a night of fellowship, good food, and recognition of the hard work that made 2025–2026 one for the books — from Star Council status to the State Deputy Award. The evening's highlight was the installation of the council's new officers, with Wiley Conn stepping into the role of Grand Knight to lead the council into 2026–2027. Several well-earned honors were also presented, including the Spirituality Award to Father Robert Cooper, Knight of the Year to Mike Rohm, Valuable Knight to Tony Pastorello, and the Faithful Navigator Gavel Plaque to Bill Treas. Congratulations to all — and thank you to outgoing Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts for a year of steady, dedicated leadership.



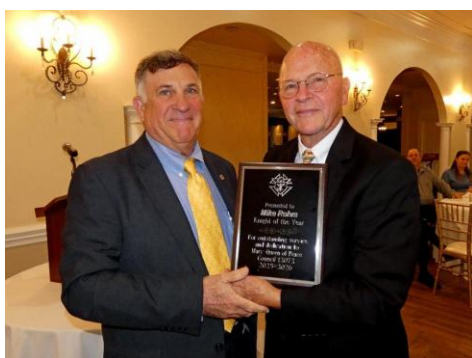
Lloyd Alberts presenting Tony Pastorello with trophy for Valuable Knight



John Tomba presenting Bill Treas with Faithful Navigator Gavel Plaque



Spirituality Award presented to Fr. Cooper



Lloyd Alberts presenting Mike Rohm with plaque for Knight of the Year



New Council Officers



New Assembly Officers



New Faithful Navigator, John Tomba



New Grand Knight, Wiley Conn

AWARDS

Knight & Family of the Month — June

Family of the Month: Oliver & Karen Trowbridge

Knight of the Month: George Bloom

Family of the Year

Brad and Nicole Johnson were recognized as Family of the Year. Brad is a Knight, an usher, a member of the RUN ministry, and made trips to Western North Carolina for flood relief — always ready to serve wherever needed. Nicole serves as co-director of adult formation and evangelization for the parish, coordinates Bible studies including the Bible Timeline and Revelation, ran the Alpha program, and also joined the North Carolina mission trips.



Family of the Year Award presented to Brad Johnson, for him and Nicole

Honorary Life Membership

Brother Greg Huguet was presented with an Honorary Life Membership, recognizing more than 25 years of consecutive service and 70+ years of age. The Grand Knight conducted the council ceremony and presented a commemorative certificate and lapel pin. Honorary Life Members are no longer required to pay annual dues, in honor of their long dedication to the Order.



Honorary Life Membership Award presented to Greg Huguet

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Special Olympics — State Summer Games

The council was on hand for the Louisiana Special Olympics State Summer Games, lending a hand with cooking duties and Bocce Ball volunteering. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the athletes!



Special Olympics — Bocce Ball



Special Olympics — Cooking



MINISTRY

RUN Ministry — Serving Where Needed

The RUN (Responders for Urgent Needs) ministry, founded by Father Cooper, has stayed busy on two fronts recently. A team traveled to Purvis, Mississippi to assist a family with fencing and general labor after a tornado struck their farm. Closer to home, six or seven Knights served about 100 meals in the North Covington area, with additional service opportunities expected there soon. RUN-led projects don't draw funds from the council — they run on volunteer time

and labor, so watch for announcements if you're able to help.

Texarkana Mission Trip — September

The council is partnering with a parish in Texarkana, TX for a mission trip this September. All three RUN groups will take part: the cooking team, the labor team, and Comfort and Joy.

- Informational Meeting: Tuesday, July 22nd, Parish Center
- Commitment Date: August 12th
- Mission Trip: September 16–20

Registering doesn't commit you to going — it simply ensures you'll receive information and opportunities to serve. Scan the QR code below to register.



Blood Drive — July 12th

A blood drive will be held Saturday, July 12th in the school cafeteria. More details to follow — watch your email and the parish bulletin.

FAITH

Day of Reflection — November 28th

A Day of Reflection is being planned for Saturday, November 28th (the first weekend of Advent), beginning at 9 AM. Father Michael Luxbacher is expected to lead, pending his availability. More details to come as plans are finalized.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Parish Men's Day — August 22nd

Ty Talamo, the new director of men's ministry for Mary Queen of Peace parish, is organizing a men's day of reflection and kickoff event for Friday, August 22nd. Dynamic speaker Greg Raymond — who led the council's Memorial Day weekend men's retreat — is expected to present, along with Father Michael Luxbacher. More details will be announced as the event comes together.

FOURTH DEGREE

Exemplification — Lafayette, July 25th

A 4th Degree exemplification is scheduled in Lafayette on Saturday, July 25th. Third Degree members in good standing are eligible. Contact Brother Bill McCrossen or Grand Knight Lloyd Alberts if interested.

MINISTRY

Ushers Needed

Brother Wiley Conn is still asking for Knights to become Ushers at the Mass they normally attend. If you attend Mass regularly, please consider stepping into this ministry.

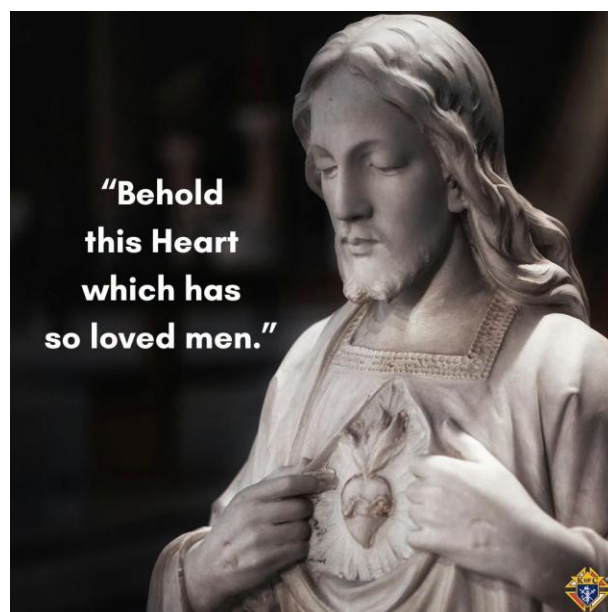
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Blood Drive — Saturday, July 12th | MQP School Cafeteria
- RUN Informational Meeting — Tuesday, July 22nd | Parish Center
- Next Council Meeting — Tuesday, July 21st
- Back to School Shopping Spree — Saturday, July 25th, 8 AM | Walmart, Hwy 190
- 4th Degree Exemplification — Saturday, July 25th | Lafayette
- RUN Mission Trip Commitment Date — August 12th
- Family Mass with Honor Guard — Sunday, August 9th, 9:30 AM | MQP
- Men's Day of Reflection (Parish) — Friday, August 22nd
- Ministry Fair — Saturday–Sunday, August 29–30 | After all Masses
- RUN Mission Trip — September 16–20 | Texarkana
- Day of Reflection — Saturday, November 28th, 9 AM

PRAYERS

To add a name, email Nick Lonergan at nlonergan@yahoo.com

Ukraine & In Conflict	Departed	Those in Need
Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Khimyak Rev. Oleh Kharyshyn and his family All those in conflict around the world	Wayne Jenkins Wade Bollette Sr. Steven Dugal Claire Fradella Ed DiGiovanni Yvonne Bourgeois Samuel Carraway Hugh King Candy Fitch Allison Courtenay Richard Hages Ed McCranen Charles Bond Linda Vernaci	Susan Petro Jerry Sustendal Joan Childers Bruce Bivina Dulci Heim Bob Guise Jean-Paul Sustendal Keri Beckendorf Irv Barousse Charlie Raymond Sandy Raymond Rhett Powers Donna Tomba Melody Verges Tara Huguet Jackie Starks



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\$50.00 annually, due July 1st.

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KC APPAREL

Council shirts, hats, and aprons available through Backyard Printing —

<https://kc12072.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Work T-shirts (\$20) also available at meetings — cash only.

Contact Frank Oliveri: foliveri05@yahoo.com | 985-630-1753

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Required for all ministry volunteers with juvenile contact. Complete via Virtus online through the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Updated each August. Contact Kari Doyle in the school office for assistance.

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