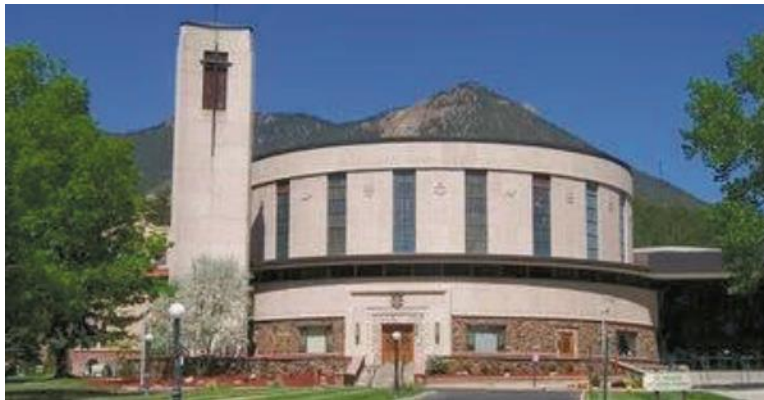


THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



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2025 November Edition



GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW



November is the month for honoring our Veterans and preparing for Advent. Our Council has honored our Veterans by conducting a Patriotic Rosary since SK Bob Knapp was Grand Knight of Council 12228. Many Veterans belong to St. Francis Church and continue the service to others they demonstrated during their military career.

Knights from our Council have also participated in the Colorado Springs Veteran's Day Parade for many years. This year was not different. Our National Colors, the Papal flag, Colorado flag and Knights of Columbus flag were proudly carried during the parade.

As we move toward the Advent season, we prepare for the celebration of the arrival of Jesus. Knights and members of the Ladies Auxiliary decorate the Church for the Advent season. Their efforts help us to focus on the different themes of the season, hope, peace, joy and love. May each of the four weeks of Advent bring you and your family the hope, peace, joy and love of the season.



LADIES' AUXILIARY NEWS – November 2025

Our November meeting commenced after the presentation of the Patriotic Rosary. This moving prayer was led by Lise and Mike Wolfe.

Lisa Kita gave a treasurer report of the Bake Sale. Our proceeds were \$2178.42. Thank you for all the delicious donations of baked goods. We also thank the wonderful people who bought our wares.

Knights' Christmas Party

The Knights are making the meal with a protein, starch and vegetables. The Ladies are providing rolls and butter, salad and a dessert. We will purchase salad and cake for dessert. There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. We will discuss more details at our next meeting.

Ladies Night Out

Our January meeting was tentatively a Ladies Night Out at a restaurant while the men have their meeting. We need to discuss those details at our December meeting.

Life sure has a way of moving fast. Thanksgiving is past, Advent has started and that means Christmas will be here in a blink. Take a deep breath, 2026 will be here in less than 30 days. WOW!

Upcoming events:

4 December – Rosary at 645pm with the meeting afterwards

7 December – Breakfast with Santa

13 December – Knights' Christmas Party

25 December – Merry Christmas

Thank you to all the helping hands that decorated the church on Saturday November 29. It looks wonderful and makes me feel like a child again.

Susan Ridge

Ladies' Auxiliary

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The Council 12228 Knight of the Month for November 2025 is Brother Sir Knight Al Batey. Al is a Third-Degree council member, joining the Order on May 23rd, 2005, and became a 4th Degree member of Assembly 88 on May 20th, 2007.

Sir Knight Al is a past Grand Knight of Council 12228. He distinguished himself in that position in that position and was selected to serve as a District Deputy. As a District Deputy, he has mentored and guided many Grand Knights from many Councils. Most extraordinarily, he has served the needs of Council 12228 through multiple Grand Knights.

Though he holds a very high position in the Knights, he also serves in activities that do not require his extensive knowledge and leadership skills. You will see him taking his turn preparing doughnuts for consumption. You will also see him preparing the Hall for parties, meetings, or ceremonies. There is no job too simple nor too complex for him. He helps wherever hands are needed.

Sir Al also volunteers throughout the community. He provides communion to those who cannot travel to Church and visits those who are hospitalized. He also volunteers at the United States Air Force Academy pharmacy.

Given his broad field of practice, it is not surprising that he has also distinguished himself in Assembly 88's Color Corps. He has risen to the position of Captain in the Assembly that provides service to our Parish and has participated in most of the Color Guard and Honor Guard events at our Parish. He has also stepped up to provide Color Corps assistance to Parishes with few Color Corps Knights of their own.

We are proud to honor our brother Knight, Al Batey, as Knight of the Month for November 2025 for what he does for our parish, community, and council.

SK Javan Ridge, Grand Knight

FAMILY OF THE MONTH:

The Council 12228 Family of the Month for November 2025 is the Condron family. SK Bob Condron is a Third-Degree council member, joining the Order on January 25th, 2018, and is a 4th Degree Knight in Assembly 88, receiving that degree on May 20th, 2018.

SK Bob Condron is instrumental in the transition of the new Grand Knight and other new officers for the Fraternal year. His professional experience and experience as a Knight and Officer have been instrumental in ensuring that new officers succeed. He is genuinely a standout as a leader and brings confidence to those around him.

He participates in activities ranging from the physical setup of the hall in various configurations to the Parish picnic and all social functions. He is instrumental as a member of committees, able to grasp the breadth of an event and ensure that all the bases are covered. His previous professional experience prepared him well to ensure complex requirements are executed smoothly and on time.

Lynnett Condron has been equally proficient at applying her talents and experience to complex, time-sensitive tasks. She has been a mainstay in overseeing the Lady's Auxiliary's tasks and in working with the new leadership to ensure all projects, activities, and functions are planned and executed in a way that not only delivers excellent results but also reduces or eliminates frustration and missed steps.

The Condron Family works as a team to ensure the success of Council 12228 and consistently provides the guidance and support needed to reduce the stress on those responsible for the Council's success. Bob and Lynnett Condron genuinely demonstrate the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity to our Council, parish, and community. They have earned and deserve the "Family of the Month" designation for November 2025.

SK Javan Ridge, Grand Knight

DECEMBER NOVENA

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O Lord, Word of God, You, whose glory is complete, came to us in perfect humility as a child in the womb. Your love for us and Your humility are unsurpassed and bring us to our knees in prayer and worship.

Your incarnation forever changed the world.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

O Lord, infant Jesus, fill us with Joy! The birth of any child is a cause for joy and so much more is the birth of You, our Savior. We pray in union with Mary, Your mother, for a greater joy this Christmas.

We also pray for these intentions... (State your intentions here)

May Your Holy Will be done in my life and with these intentions.

We pray that the work of salvation that Your first coming began will reach fulfillment in each of us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

Read more at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/christmas-novena>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Every Friday Morning	Rachel Rosary at 9:15 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard
December 4, Thursday	Knights Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.; Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B & C
	Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.
December 13, Saturday	Council & Ladies Christmas Party
December 14, Sunday	Breakfast with Santa after morning Masses
December 18, Thursday	Council Officer's Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
December 25, Thursday	Christmas Day
December 28, Sunday	5th Sunday Rosary
January 1, Thursday	New Year's Day
Future Month(s)	5th Sunday Rosary (months with 5 Sundays)

COUNCIL #12228 OFFICERS	
Grand Knight	Javan Ridge
Chaplain	Fr. Erin Kochivar
Chaplain Emeritus	Fr. Ken Przybyla
Deputy Grand Knight	Robert Bogart
Chancellor	Ben Davis
Advocate	John Heyne
Recording Secretary	Patrick Baldwin
Treasurer	Ron Toman
Warden	Michael Kindt
Inside Guard	William Wolfe
Outside Guard	Nick Pepenella
Lecturer	Joe Priester
1st Year Trustee	Michael Wolfe
2nd Year Trustee	Robert Condron
3rd Year Trustee	Frank Castellano
Financial Secretary	Ron Born
District Deputy	Al Batey

SERVICE PROGRAM DIRECTORS	
Program Director	Ben Davis
Faith	Larry Gray
Community	Joe Shonka
Family	Paul Lagatta
Life Director	Harvey Siegle
Membership	Ron Toman
Cooking Team Director	Mike Ortiz
Retention	Michael Kindt
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