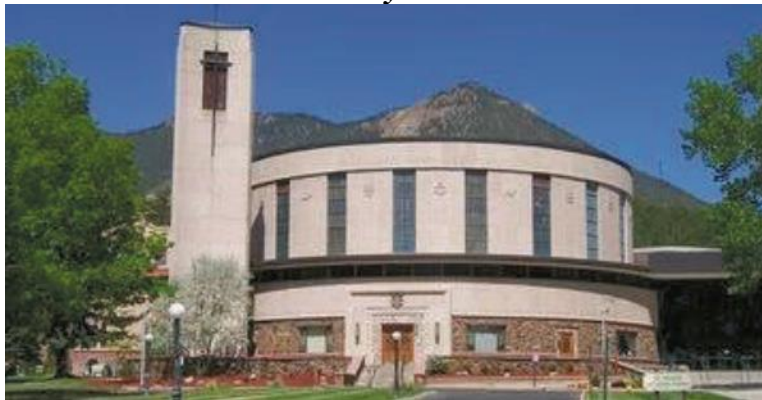


THE KNIGHTLY NEWS



MOUNT ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #12228
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO
2025 July Edition



GRAND KNIGHT'S VIEW

Worthy Brother Knights and Ladies;

I feel privileged to have been selected as Grand Knight. We have begun the new Fraternal Year in the same way we concluded the last one, with numerous diverse activities that benefit the Council, the Parish, and the community. As always, we are ensuring success with our current activities while planning for future success.

We are fortunate to have many individuals with extensive knowledge, experience, and a deep passion for the activities they engage in. The diversity of interests within our group has equipped us with the skills and enthusiasm to address a broad range of needs. It has also provided us with experienced individuals who can assist new members who wish to engage in activities they are passionate about.

As Grand Knight, I believe my most significant task is to understand the needs of others and seek ways to help them achieve success in their endeavors. My work may be accomplished by assisting in recruiting helpers, finding ways to fund activities, or simply keeping the flies off people so they can complete their tasks. Fortunately, we have many people who have been successful in accomplishing a great deal of beneficial activities. These people need no direction, only support. Don't stand on the sidelines. Find a meaningful activity and join those who are organizing it. Do what you can to support their success.

Please help me learn more about how I can assist in planning and executing our activities and functions. I am here to grow and help others grow. We accomplish an incredible amount for those we serve, and I wish to continue that tradition by helping you achieve your goals.

- SK Javan Ridge, Grand Knight, Council 12228

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS JULY 2025

As I begin July I thank Lise Wolfe for her leadership over the last two years. We stand on the shoulders of those preceding us. My goal is to continue as a community of women loving God by serving others. Let us all do the work of Martha with the heart of Mary.

Ladies Night Out

It was a drippy start to a lovely evening. Our group of ladies gathered at the Lazy Dog Restaurant for an evening of good company and good food. The menu was delicious and diverse. The table was long enough to dance upon, but no one did.

Bakhita Mountain Home Walk

The annual fund-raising walk for Bakhita Mountain Home is on August 2, 2025. Registration starts at 8:00am with the walk beginning at 9:00am. Volunteers are needed to cut fruit, put out water bottles and ice for the walk participants. We will meet downstairs in the lobby at 8:00am to get organized. The upper floor was reserved by Bishop Golka for a function. We may be working out of the staff kitchen. If you have a favorite watermelon cutting knife, you might want to bring it along.

Condolences to the Heyne Family

Margaret Beaty, an active member of our Ladies Auxiliary and wife of John Heyne, passed away on June 6 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Please keep Margaret and the Heyne family in your prayers at this difficult time. Her funeral will be on **Wednesday, July 30** at 10:30 am with a rosary before at 10 am. Inurnment will be at the Columbarium immediately following the mass. There will be a luncheon afterward. Her husband has requested **NO** flowers please. In



lieu of flowers, and in memory of Margaret, please consider donating to the Mission church in the diocese of Kahama (in Tanzania) to help build a medical center. Make checks payable to: St. Francis of Assisi, with the notation: for the missions. Mail donations to 2650 Parish View, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Thank you!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is **Thursday, August 7, 2025**. The rosary will be at 6:45pm in the Knights room and then the Ladies will meet at 7:10pm in the **St Francis Hall upstairs**. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert to share at the social afterwards. Hope to see you then.

Susan Ridge

Make a joyful noise

719-439-6887



SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



The Silver Rose Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish was celebrated in front of the grotto on Wednesday, July 23, attended by more than 110 parishioners.

FYI: Today, eight roses run along different North American routes that include Canada, every U.S. state, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and Mexico. This tradition spreads devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and embodies international brotherhood as jointly nurtured across the continent.

CULTURE OF LIFE

SUPPORT THE WORK OF BAKHITA MOUNTAIN HOME!

A Walk for Bakhita Mountain Home

STEPS TO EMPOWER



Bakhita Mountain Home (BMH) provides a rent-free, trauma-informed residential program for survivors of sex trafficking. We offer a safe, supportive community where women can heal, grow, and work toward independence for up to two years.

Walk-in registration opens at 8:00 AM on August 2, 2025, at St. Francis of Assisi. Register by July 18 to guarantee a free Bakhita Mountain Home t-shirt! After July 18, shirts will be available only while supplies last at the event.

When

Saturday August 2nd, 2025
@9:00 AM

Where

Mount Saint Francis
2650 Parish View
Colorado Springs, CO US 80919

Fun for the Whole Family!

- Arts and Crafts
- Games
- Facepainting

**Can't make it on August 2nd?
Join us virtually instead!**

Any Questions?

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August Novena

Novena for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Novena dates: August 6 to 14 | Feast Day: Friday, August 15

Majestic Queen of Heaven and Mistress of the Angels, you didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of hell. “Who is like unto God?”

With firm confidence we present ourselves before you, our most loving Mother, afflicted and troubled as we are, and we beg you to let us understand the love you have for us by granting this petition, if it is according to the Will of God and profitable for our salvation. (*Mention your request*)

O good and tender Mother, you shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend me and drive far from me the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us.

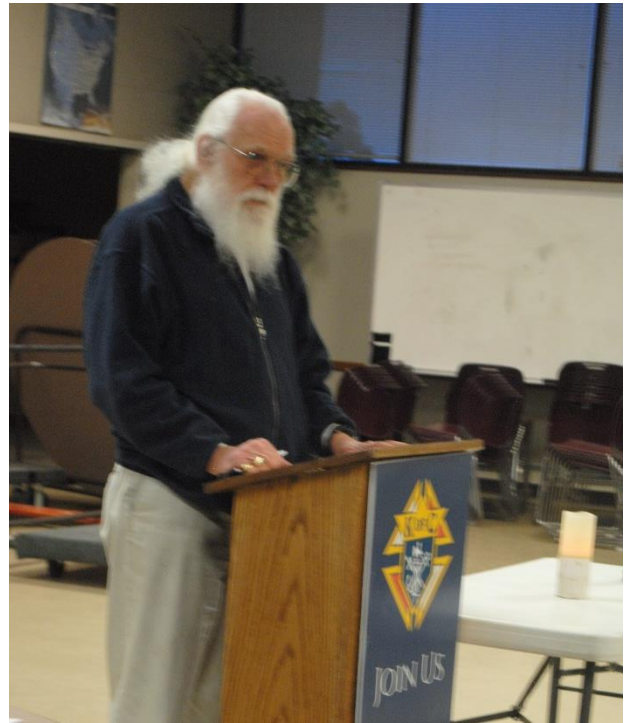
(Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus Council 12228 Family of the Month for June 2025 is **The Joe and Donna Priester Family**. Joe is a Third-Degree member of our council who joined the Order in 1963 but went missing in 1964. By the grace of God and some encouragement from both our council members and his wife Donna, he reentered the order in December 2019.

Joe serves as the Lecturer for our Council, and we can always count on him for an entertaining reading from the book “Drinking with the Saints” at our monthly member meetings. He also leads our council’s 5th Sunday Rosary Program and as always did an excellent job leading our most recent 5th Sunday Rosary on June 29th. In addition, Joe has been researching the history of The Rosary and is putting together a presentation outlining the details of this rich, but not well-known history, so that Catholics can be better informed on how and why we have a rosary.



For some reason, it seems his name comes up every December. But anyone that knows him, need not wonder why, because after all, he is known as Santa Joe. And yes, that beard and body is real. Not only is he our Santa Claus for our annual St Francis Santa Breakfast, but he is Santa for the Academy Optimist Club whos’ motto is “Friend of Youth”.

A couple decades ago his Optimist Club was looking for an additional way to support youth and came up with a Santa experience featuring Santa and his elves. This serves to bring joy to countless hundreds of children and their families and any money that is raised goes to support youth programs. This can make for a very busy December with as many as a dozen events and yes, his wife Donna assists as Mrs. Claus or as one of Santa’s Elf’s in many of them.

They are very active in our church. Both Joe and Donna are eucharistic ministers and lectors, so you will see them serving regularly in one or both capacities on Sundays at the 10:30 Mass. They’ve also done Marital Counseling for over 20 years. In addition, they are very active leaders in the Academy Optimist Club. They love the fact that the Club works with children rather than just for children. Joe is a founding member of the Academy Optimist Club, started in 1989. Joe is currently serving as Treasurer and Donna is a Co-President. Joe is also a Past President of the Club. Sadly, due to the aging out of its members, they now have the unenviable task of closing down the club this year.

The Joe and Donna family genuinely demonstrate the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism to our council, parish, and community. This family has earned and truly deserves the designation of “Family of the Month” for June 2025.

Mike Wolfe, Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



The Knight of the Month for June 2025 for the Mount St Francis of Assisi Council number 12228 is **Sir Knight John Heyne**. Brother John is a Third-Degree member of our council joining the Order in April 2008. SK John is a Fourth-Degree member of Assembly 88 and is a retired AF officer.

John has served as Recording Secretary, Warden and is now the Advocate of Council 12228 and was instrumental in

helping update the council by-laws. He is a member of the most active Color Corp in the state at Council 12228 and honors our council with his patriotism. John may come across as mostly quiet, but he is very active in getting things done at our council. In other words, he does speak softly but carries a big stick!

In April of this year John retired from the Colorado State Patrol so that he could stay home and care for his wife Margaret and support her during her courageous fight against cancer. While a Port of Entry Officer with the Colorado State Patrol he was honored several times for his efforts in protecting our highways from those who are determined to undermine our country. He was named the Port of Entry Officer of the Year twice and was also a recipient of the Community Engagement Pillar Award.

SK John has a special place in his heart for Pregnancy Support programs such as Mater Filius, an organization providing dignified housing for pregnant moms and their children. Whenever he sees a good sale on diapers and/or children's clothes, he regularly buys them and makes sure they are delivered to the Mater Filius Maternity Home. This June when he saw a big sale on diapers, he purchased a full case and donated them to the Mater Filius Home.

Brother John is also a man of prayer and thankfulness. He usually visits 5 cemeteries a month to pray for all the souls in purgatory. He even takes other Knights and Ladies with him when they ask. He purchased 1,000 rosaries and Chaplets of Divine Mercy booklets and donated them to Penrose and St Francis Hospitals so that the priest there can provide them to anyone in need of one. He also donated special prayer plaques to both hospitals that he had custom made by Deacon Andy. He purchased 200 Saint Agatha – Patron Saint of Nurses medal-coins and then had them blessed by Bishop Golka. He has been presenting them to nurses to recognize and thank them for all that they do. This includes the nurses at the hospital that cared for Margaret along with those that provided hospice care at his home.

John even attended our June member meeting to present these to nurses in our council/auxiliary.

For John's efforts to reach out and help others in our parish, community, state and nation, we honor him as the Council 12228 "Knight of the Month" for June 2025.

Mike Wolfe, Immediate Past Grand Knight

The after party...



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August	Dedication: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord
Every Friday Morning	Rachel Rosary @ 9:15 am, 3420 Centennial Boulevard
August 2, Saturday	Steps to Empower Walk in support of Bakhita Mountain Home
August 7, Thursday	Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B and C, Knights, Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.
August 10, Sunday	Parish Breakfast in St Francis Hall after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses
August 15, Friday	Assumption for the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
August 21, Thursday	Council Officer's Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
August 23, Saturday	Palisade Peaches and Pears Pick-up (last day to order is August 2 nd)
August 23, Saturday	Marian House Cooking Team Habitat for Humanity, Apostles Build
August 24, Sunday	Parish Picnic (this year the parish will have to set up tents/pop-ups)
August 31, Sunday	5 th Sunday Rosary
Next Month(s)	
Sept. 4, Thursday	Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:10 p.m., Rooms B and C, Knights, Ladies Auxiliary meeting (Hall), followed by Social in Hall.=A
Sept. 14, Sunday	Parish Breakfast in St Francis Hall after 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses
Sept. 18, Thursday	Council Officer's Meeting, Rooms B and C, Time: 6:00 p.m.
September 25 & 26	Life Network 42 nd Fundraising Gala and Silent Auction with Mark Shultz, DoubleTree Hotel
November 30, Sunday	5 th Sunday Rosary

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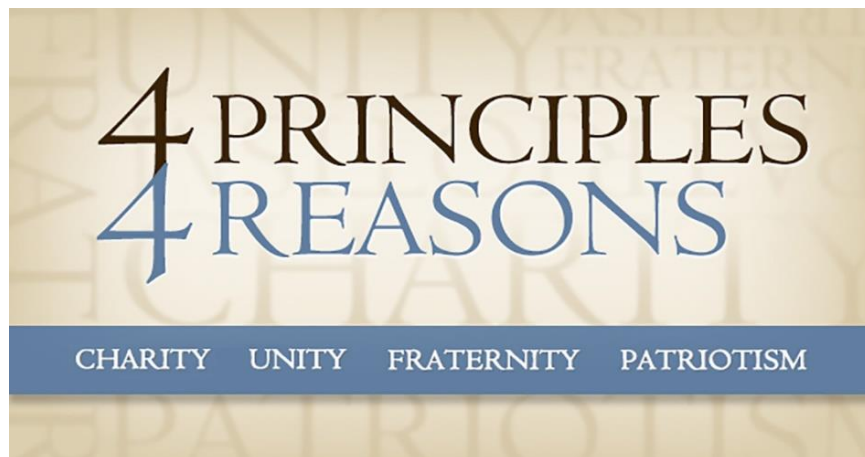
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