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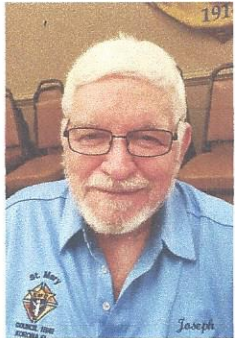
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Grand Knight Message

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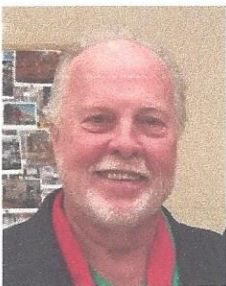
May 2024



Remember DON'T BE JUST A KNIGHT, BE A KNIGHT OF ACTION.

We are closing in on the end of our year. We still need one new member to make star. We are having a blood drive on the 28th of April. I hope we have a good turn out like our last one. The state convention will be held in May. There will be a memorial for Brother Gus Simms on May 3 at Elizabeth Ann Seaton at 11am. Gus was a long time member of our council. It would be fitting for our council to have a good attendance. We are attempting to have a social in May bring some ideas with you at our next meeting as what type social to have. We will be having our last reading of new officers before the election. Remember in your prayers any of our brother Knights and their families who are ill.

Vivat Jesu
GK Joe Jurec



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Brothers,

Welcome to the home stretch!

After a very successful and wonderful Easter Season in the District, it's time to get ready to button everything up. We will elect new Officers this month, as well as prepare to close out the year and get ready to welcome the new fraternal year. Thanks to all those that stepped up to run and accept Officer roles, but Brothers, it doesn't stop there. Please seek out these newly elected Officers and see what you can do to help them in the upcoming new year. They need Directors, Chairman, Volunteers, Ideas and every bit of Support you can give them.

Let's not lose sight of the remaining year's finishing responsibilities.. Make sure there are no open items needed to complete the Columbian Award and Star Council requirements. Ask your Officers what you can do to help close out and meet these goals. Don't forget to be proud and celebrate all your accomplishments this year. It's not too late to add a few more!

A gentle reminder that this is the Month of Our Lady and the very special gift of the Rosary she gave us. We need Peace, Harmony, Healing and Faith now more than ever. What better tool do we have in our arsenal to help achieve this but her blessed Rosary.

Put your Degree pledge into action this month, remember? "Carry it with you and pray it often". Let's close out strong and remember the world needs Knights now more than ever!

Vivat Jesus
Kevin



Larry Kennedy FICF MDRT
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Member of Board of Directors NAIFA Central
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Spring is here, at least by the calendar, and it will soon be summer. Perhaps you're planning your summer vacation. Maybe you've not only planned it, but you've already booked your hotel, VRBO®, or Airbnb®. Maybe you've gone so far as to purchase plane tickets...or maybe your vacation spot will be within driving distance. You're already thinking of the clothes you'll have to pack and those new pieces that you'll have to buy. You've got a little extra cash saved to buy some special souvenirs. You are researching the area and finding the interesting historical sites to visit. Seeing where the fun spots are...checking out the local places to dine. How do you want to plan your week away?

I'll admit it, I enjoy doing that research, especially when I'm driving. I like looking at maps and seeing what sights there are to see, the historical venues, the local restaurants. I like looking online (and maybe even getting some old fashioned travel brochures) to check out my travel destination. If I'm driving I like to pick a route. Not necessarily the fastest on my GPS though. The fastest route often bypasses the interesting sites. (Think historical Route 66 and all the interesting places along that road!) When I'm all done and I've got everything laid out, I have a certain sense of accomplishment. I know I'm going to have a good time because I've looked at many options and picked the ones that mean the most to me.

I think of working with you, my brother Knights, in much the same way. When I sit down with you and your spouse we start with a financial needs analysis. We "drop a pin" on your map to show where you are now. We enter a destination of where you want to go. What do you want to see for your family if the unforeseen happens? That might be a situation where one of our products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, or a retirement annuity, may be needed. Think of that product as the vehicle that gets you or your family farther along to a better place on your financial road map. Much like a vacation, we'll make stops along the way, take a look "under the hood," and make sure the strategy is still "running on all cylinders." There are many options to discuss, even within the different lines of products available, to help you get to where you want to go.

Do you have a strategy? May I have the privilege of helping you and your family develop one or fine tune the one you have? I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together to discuss your financial road map.

For further information contact Larry Kennedy at 407-579-9888 or Lawrence.Kennedy@KofC.org



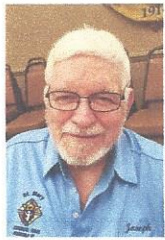
300 CLUB WINNERS

April \$50 Winners

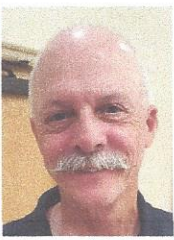
#66 James Wyatt
#206 Linda Kozak
#137 Noreen Simmel
#64 James Wyatt



St. Mary Knights of Columbus, Council 11961 Officers 2023-2024



Grand Knight
Joe Jurec



Financial Sec.
Darren Molony



Deputy GK
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Chancellor
John Picucci



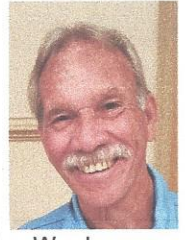
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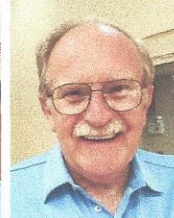
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Warden
Bob Stearns



Inside Guard
Joe Beck



Outside Guard
Paul Przbysz



1 Year Trustee
Nigel Powell



2 Year Trustee
Rich Friese



3 Year Trustee
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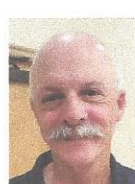
OFFICER NOMINATIONS for 2024-2025



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Deputy GK
Darren Molony



Chancellor
John Picucci



Recorder
Nestor Ramos



Treasurer
John Thomas



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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Peyton Phillips 5/03

Melvin Young 5/03

Eric Bonilla 5/18

Joseph Beck 5/27

Morman Mugford 5/31

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On Monday April 24th, all our children and adults were ready to smoke chicken wings and sausage for the "duffers" at Grand Haven Golf Course. One more time, the Flagler Education Foundation chose our Brothers to support their annual golf outing.



As can be seen in the above picture, Brother and head smoker, Paul Schulten gets very excited by the compliments heaped on the Knights by the golfers as they passed the 3rd hole. Brothers Fred Harting, Nestor Ramos, Joe Galetta, John Thomas, John Picucci, Rich Frieze, and Joe Marotti also contributed to the event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur May 2 Council Meet Off 5:20 Bus 6:00
 Fri May 3 Mass at SEAS 11:00 Gus Simms
 Sun May 5 Mass at St Mary 8:00 H. Kesselring
 Tues May 7 Flagler Scholarship Cook 3:30
 Wed May 8 Flagler Scholarship Cook 5:00
 Thur May 9 The Ascension of our Lord
 Mon May 13 Our Lady of Fatima
 Tues May 21 Assembly 2810 Meet 5:00

Thur June 6th Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00
 Tues June 18th Assembly 2810 Meet 5:00

Gus Simms founded the Twenty Fifth Evening of Jazz. The Combo will perform in his honor on May 4th from 7-9 at SEAS Seaton Hall. Tickets are \$25 (purchase at the rectory office)

***If you know any Brother or family member
 in distress please notify one of my officers.***

MARY QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS

intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing

George Baldyga, Gus Simms, Joe Jurec Family, Nacci Family,
 Pat Tolleo, Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Dan Nagy
 Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Frieze



Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. Hear us for Your sick servant for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he (she) may give thanks to You in Your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



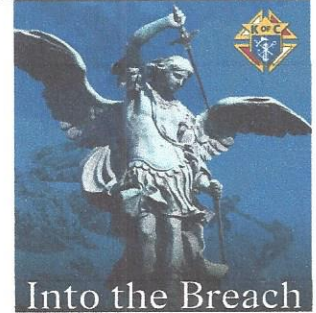
On Sunday April 28th, our Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive outside of the parish center from 8:00AM to 1:00PM.

The Big Red Bus blood mobile will be present to accept blood donations from volunteers. These blood donations will help in saving lives throughout our community. We thank you in advance.



"Into the Breach"

The councils in our District have been holding "Into the Breach" seminars. Our Faith Director Darren Molony has reserved the Parish Center for the 3rd Friday of the month. Our next is **May 17th at 11:00AM** at the Parish Center. The sessions have proven to be worthwhile, strengthening our Faith and Brotherhood.



Please VOTE "NO" on Amendment #4 on November 5,

On, April 8, 2024, JESUS was brought by Bishop Pohlmeier to a local abortuary in Jacksonville. They were accompanied by many clergy and hundreds of laity from the Diocese of St Augustine .Facing A Woman's Choice of Jacksonville, they prayed

LORD GOD, grant all Florida citizens the resolve to vote NO on Amendment #4 the pro-abortion amendment to "Limit Government Interference with Abortion."

LORD GOD, grant Florida's Supreme Court Justices, Governor, and Lawmakers a firm commitment to use their authority to recognize and support the sanctity of Unborn life and the rights of Unborn children, including the right to LIFE.

Our Council was represented by Financial Sec. Darren Molony and his wife Debbie plus Treasurer Mike Gossman and his wife Melissa.



Knight of the Month

During our Council meeting , April 4th, Grand Knight Joe Jurec presented a Knight of the Month Award to DGK Joe Marotti. It is obvious to all that Joe had a huge task organizing the Lenten Fish Fries. It took many hands, from a dedicated crew to make a success of all six Friday nights. Joe was the

Help Needed... Keep The Reputation High

We have a large smoke due on May 7th and 8th for our best fan, Flagler Education Foundation. We will be serving 100+ guests each day. Paul Schulten is preparing a cook timeline. Please ket Darren Molony (203-241-8034) or Rich Friese 9386-503-1999) know when you can help.



In 2016, our then Grand Knight Dan Nagy began work on improving St Mary's Cemetery, one of St Augustine Diocesan Cemeteries. With help from Brother Sonny Demartino, they began with the installation of a flag pole. Since then, spearheaded by FN, PGK Richard Friese, the conditions have improved. Work has continued as Brothers from Council 11961 and later Council 10514 spent many weekends at the cemetery.

As recently as April 24 a team cleared and burned scrubs, felled branches and the like from the grounds.

Teams were assembled. Pictured is but one team, many other Brothers participated.



Head stones were uprighted and cleaned



Respect for those entombed was shown by removing over 10,000 squarefeet of debris.



Wreaths and flags were placed on the graves of 76 veterans



The main entrance is now more appropriate to a peaceful resting place. On Memorial Day, Assembly 2810 Color Corps held a ceremony honoring veterans and others buried here.



Let us remember and pray for our Brothers who are no longer with us, Francis A. Bock, John A Carey, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, Jerry Fondaw, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May Our Lord welcome them home.

