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*Charity
Unity
Fraternity*

MARCH 2024

Grand Knight Message



We are into lent, our fish frys seem to be doing great. We are hopeful the next four will also be successful. We will be hosting the Icon of St. Joseph from March 5th thru March 11th. At our next meeting we will be nominating a slate of officers. We need brother Knights to step forward and volunteer to be officers. We need to start planning a recruitment weekend. We should pick a date for our next blood drive.

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

*Vivat Jesu
G.K. Joe Jurec*



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Brothers,

It's been a banner month for the District! Every Council has been amazingly busy and active with Social and Spiritual Parish Events, Exemplifications, Fish Frys, Into the Breach Programs, Lenten Program Participation and much much more. I am especially proud of how all the Councils have participated and supported the Baby Box Program spearheaded by Bryant Perszyk and Council 10514. The goal has been made, thank you again to all.

Our elections are quickly approaching, please consider taking a more active role, whether as an Officer or Program Director. I guarantee you will be rewarded in more ways than you know. These are truly volunteer leadership positions that make a difference in so many people's lives. Isn't that what Knights have signed up to do?

Lent is now upon us and what better time to reexamine our commitment to Knighthood and our Faith. A truly spiritually awakening and renewal time. It's never too late to start this renewal. Just today I saw an email from Supreme entitled "It's not too late to kick start your Lent" and contains free short reflections to help us focus and grow spiritually and personally during this lent.

May you all find this Lent to be a gift to your continued growth as a Knight and a Catholic Gentleman. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for what you do!

Vivat Jesus

Kevin

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"LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle"

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for over 20 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today.

Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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

Hot Smokin Knights - Training Session

On January 25th, we had our smoker training session. Brothers Paul Schulten and Rich Friese held class in the Parish Center parking lot. The training was very thorough, now it remains to be seen how well we all learned. It was very rewarding to see the number of Brothers who attended the "class". Our first practice SMOKE was scheduled for Feb 24. It will have occurred prior to your reading of this newsletter.



300 CLUB WINNERS

January \$50 Winners

Pam Lopez
Sally Minney
Melissa Gossman
Diane Matthews

February \$50 Winners

Jason Ruck
Kevin Baker
Ron Roaldsen
MaryAnn Cummings



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



Grand Knight
Joe Jurec



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Darren Molony



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John Picucci



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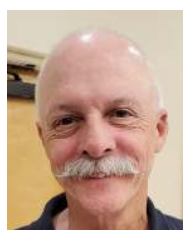
1 Year Trustee
Nigel Powell



2 Year Trustee
Rich Frieze



3 Year Trustee
Ron Kiceina



Lecturer
Darren Molony



Fr. Rafal Mazurowski



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marcus A. Dodd-O 3/14
Frank M. Deluca 3/16

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Hear Ye Hear Ye - - - Friday Fish Fry, with all the trimmings. . February 16 to March 22

Our first Lenten fish fry was held on Friday 16th as ascheduled. Aproximately 40 parishioners enjoyed the fry prepared by the Volunteering Brothers. Our Lead Chef, Deputy GK Joe Marotti made certain that all went well. It was considered a success. Hopefully, word will spread and more dinners will enjoy the fish fry.

Pictured are: DGK Joe Marotti, front and center, left to right, DD Kevin Ryan, Trea Mike Gossman, Dir Chris Grecek, Brother Don Worthinton, Brother Nestor Ramos, Brother Fred Harting, Fin Sec Darren Molony. Others also volunteered their time.

On Feb 23, the second Fish Fry took place and it was a great success

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri Mar (til 22)	Fish Fry 5:00PM/Sta of the Cross	ThurApr 4th	Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00
Fri Mar 1st	Stations by Council 11961	Mon Apr 8th	The Anunciation of the Lord
Tues Mar 5-11	Icon of ST Joseph	Mon Apr 8th	Council Sponsors Golf Outing
Thur Mar7th	Council Off 5:30 Bus 6:00	Thur Apr18th	Assembly 2810 Meeting 5:00
Sat Mar 9th	Military Chaplins Dance 8:00PM	Fri Apr19th	Into The Breach
Fri Mar 16th	Into the Breach 11:00/ Fish Fry 5:00PM		
Sun Mar 17th	St Pats Day		
Tues Mar19th	Assem 2810 Meet 5:30PM		
Sun Mar 31st	Easter Sunday		

***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
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel



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.



Notice all the *RED*, you would never know it was Valentines Day



St Mary's Entertainment Committee, under the direction of Maria and Knight Joe Rios, held a Valentines Day event on Saturday February 10th. Dinner was provided by George Vogel, and music was provided by DJ John Schulten along with some Karaoke vocalists. As usual, the meal was superb, dancing was fun and our BarKeep Lisa Schulten won the 50/50.



"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 February 16th at 11:00AM at the Parish Center. The sessions have proven to be worthwhile, strengthening our Faith and Brotherhood. The following sessions will be March 15th and April 19th.



Safe Haven Baby Boxes

At our last council meeting all Brothers, unanimously voted to donate \$2,000 to the Baby Box cause. FN Rich Friese and Chancelor John Picucci presented the check to Council 10514.

We received a thank you from GK Bob Conochella: **"Thanks for the generous donation for the Safe Haven Baby Box. Your donation put us over the top. Please relay our appreciation to your council."**



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 and Richard Rentz and also our District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May Our Lord welcome them home.



Lenten Fish Fry

The preparations began on Friday at 2:00PM. Without knowing the number of guest we would be serving and with the threat of rain, we erected our tent. The fish were defrosted, work tables were set up, the assembly line trays laid out and the Brothers began.

Keeping in mind our last fry, and number of tickets sold, we had supply for 60 guests. We underestimated, consequently ten guests had to be turned away and there were no left overs for the *WORKER BEES*.



Needless to say, there was nothing to report but rave reviews from all dinners. Some quotes were "Best fried fish I've ever had" "this was delicious", We need to prepare for 90 guests for Friday March 1st.

Council 11961 February Social

Again, preparations began at 9:00AM Saturday AM. Brother Paul Schulten had the wood fire going and smoke poured from the stack. The ribs were trimmed, sausage readied, coleslaw mixed and beans prepared with a special addition of Fred Harting Special recipe.

This time we knew how many dinners to prepare for so we had extra for take home. On a personal note, my wife is not fond of ribs but was delighted by the taste and tenderness of her meal. Great raves and an outstanding social night.



I can not say how proud we should all be of our Council. To my count there were 20 Brothers who volunteered their time and effort to make the fish fry and social event a success. We need to especially thank Brothers Joe Marotti, Fred Harting, Paul Schulten, Joe Galetta, and Chris Grecek for their effort. That is not to diminish the contribution of Tom Kozak, Paul Przybysz, John Thomas, Darren Molony, John Picucci, Mike Grossman, Nestor Ramos, Nigel Powell, Rich Friese, Paul Stedmuller and Don Worthington. As usual our DD, Kevin Ryan also gave his time and expertise.

Family of The Month

The evening was capped of by honoring Mike and Milessa Gossman with a Family of the Month Award. After joining our parish and council, Mike and Melissa became active by Mike joining our council. Mike also is an altar server and usher along with being our Treasurer. He volunteers whenever they are not traveling. Melissa is a Eucharistic Minister, Womens Club member and Sacristan. As Melissa said to me, "We want to do more".

