



The

Korona

St. Mary's Council 11961
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April 2025

Grand Knight Message *In service to one. In service to all*



Then the angel spoke, addressing the women: "Do not be frightened. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but he is not here. He has been raised up, exactly as he promised...."

Matthew 28: 5-7

Our Lenten season ends this month and the joy of Easter will be ours on April 20th! We will have completed our journey in the desert on Good Friday and come through it changed men. We will have grown deeper in our faith, hope, and love for Christ and our fellow man. At Easter, we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection and embrace the redemption that is ours through him. ***He is risen, brothers, alleluia!***

Our next **Knights of Columbus Mass** will be on **Sunday, April 6th at 10 am**. Please join us, along with your wife and family members, for this special Mass. Let us continue to keep Bishop Pohlmeier in our prayers and pray to God for His intercession in the hope of more Sunday morning Masses.

We will continue our **Fish Fry** meals at St. Joseph's Monastery, culminating on **Friday, April 11th**. I am so proud of the way that you have all stepped up to provide these delicious fish dinners for all our friends – old and new! Your hard work has raised funds that will continue to support our

council and our charitable efforts. Great work, brothers, and many thanks!

On **Monday, April 7th**, the Hot Smokin' Knights will provide their mouth-watering BBQ for the golfers at the **Joe Rizzo Memorial Golf Tournament at Grand Haven**. This is an annual tradition for the smoker team when the team hands out samplers of sausage and chicken wings to each participant. The Flagler County Education Foundation is always excited to have the Hot Smokin' Knights back! See Brother Rich Friese if you are interested in being involved.

Brothers, one of my goals for our council is to become a more visible presence at the Monastery. My hope is that we will help the community maintain and grow the very special place we have been accepted into as fellow community members. I am incredibly happy, as the community is, with the culinary events we have brought to the Monastery. We can also be a vibrant part of the spiritual opportunities available at St. Joseph's, and the volunteer work that all the community members are involved in – maintaining the grounds, helping out at the chapel, and other activities. Let us look for more ways to be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus.

Vivat Jesus!

*Grand Knight
Darren Molony*



District Deputy Message



Brothers,

I wanted to take a moment to commend you on all your hard work and dedication. Your efforts in adding new members and continuing our faith in action programs have been truly remarkable, and I am incredibly proud of what you have achieved together.

However, more work needs to be done. Please ask that Christian gentleman sitting next to you in church to become a brother knight. It is actually a gift to the Catholic gentleman and his family. Especially for a Catholic gentleman that is still raising a family. As an added benefit if a brother knight passes his family will receive up to \$500 per month per child until age 18, which is extended to age

22 if that child attends college. In addition, that Brother Knight's children would receive a \$20,000 scholarship for college. This benefit is free, just for being a knight. Give the gift of membership.

As we approach Easter, let us all take a moment to reflect on the blessings we have received and the solemnity of this holy occasion. Hallelujah, He is risen!

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication. Let's keep up the great work and continue to make a positive impact in our community.

Vivat Jesus!
Greg Gully

Remember we were INVITED to be Knights. Bless a Catholic gentleman with an invitation

Field Agent – Larry Kennedy Enjoying Springtime



As Spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down...perhaps without the joy of the children!

Spring seems to elicit looking forward.

As I look forward this Spring, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of

any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and helps discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family.

I'll call on you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange for a meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

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April 2025 Calendar

Thurs Apr 3, 2025	5:30pm – 6:00pm
	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Fri Apr 4, 2025	3:00pm – 4:00pm
	4:00pm – 5:30pm
Fri Apr 11, 2025	3:00pm – 4:00pm
	4:00pm – 5:30pm
Fri Apr 13, 2025	All Day
Tues Apr 15, 2025	4:30pm – 6:30pm
Fri Apr 18, 2025	All Day
Sun Apr 20, 2025	All Day

Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
 Business Meeting (Monastery)
 Stations of the Cross (Monastery)
 Fish Fry (Monastery)
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 Palm Sunday
 Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)
 Good Friday
 Easter Sunday



April 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

May 2025 Calendar

Thurs May 1, 2025	5:30pm – 6:00pm
	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Mon May 5, 2025	All Day
Sun May 11, 2025	All Day
Sat May 17, 2025	All Day
Tues May 20, 2025	4:30pm – 6:30pm

Officer's Meeting (Monastery)
 Business Meeting (Monastery)
 Cinco de Mayo
 Mothers Day
 Armed forces Day
 Assembly 2810 Meeting (SMdM Parish Hall)



May 2025						
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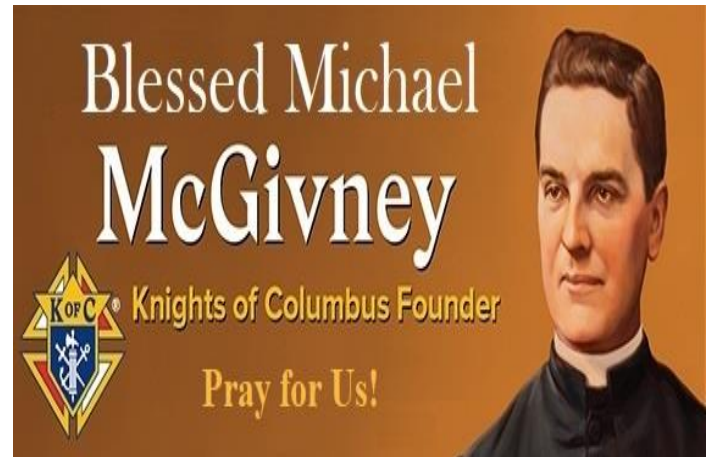
So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **James 2:17**

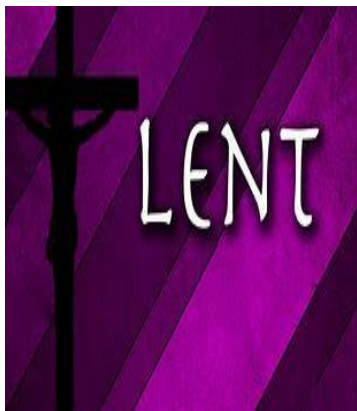
Knight of the Month – Ken Fehner Jr

This month we thank Brother Ken for his contribution towards the planning, purchasing, cooking, and total organization of the Hiwaiian Night.

The results exceeded our expectation enabling our council to contribute \$400.00 to St Joseph Carmelite Monastery.

Brother Ken has also lent his skill to our Lenten fish frys.





Our Lenten Fish Fries continue! The last fish fry will be on **Friday, April 11th**, and we'll be serving up the last delicious meal, after six weeks straight. But we couldn't have done it without **YOU!**

Our volunteers worked continuously —cooking, serving, setup, cleanup, and more.

Brother Joe Marotti.



March 7th and 14th Fish Frys



Our Fish Frys thus far have been deliciously successful. Father Rober And Brother Patrick enjoyed their dinner as did the SEAS contingent. What is most impressive and what we should be proud of is that 20% of our council was on hand volunteering to prepare the feast.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge (April)

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori



She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Gospel for April 6, Jn 11:27) These words belong to Martha, sister of Lazarus, as she and Jesus speak outside her brother's tomb. Her choice of words is important: "I have come to believe." This suggests her belief has evolved, that her previous uncertainty

or ignorance about Jesus has blossomed into faith. Growing in faith is usually a process of moving from questioning or doubt to illumination and trust. How do we come to faith and then grow deeper in it? We do so through prayer, study and reflection. Let us continually deepen our faith in this manner.

This month, I challenge you to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online:

Questions for Reflection:

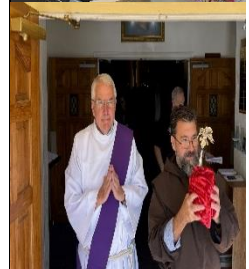
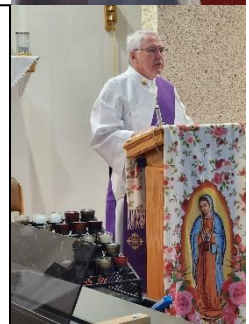
Looking at the development of your own faith, how have you "come to believe" truths about Christ and/or the Catholic faith? What teachings do you still have questions about? What areas of your faith would you like to develop further? Where can you find resources — or whom can you ask for resources — to help you deepen your faith and understanding?

God's On the Line, Don't Hang Up! Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!



St. Mary's Council 11961 hosted a Silver Rose Prayer Service on Monday, March 17th. The prayer service was held at St. Joseph's Monastery. The Silver Rose was brought to the monastery by the 'Knights on Bikes'. Council Brothers, family and friends from councils in District #17; St. Mary's Council 11961 (Korona), Notre Dame Council 10514 (Flagler Beach), and Mother Seton Council 17480 (Palm Coast) were in attendance. The number of attendees filled the monastery chapel.

District #17 DD Greg Gully assisted with the coordination and planning of the event with the Council 11961 leadership. Fr. Robert Marciniak and Fr. Grzegorz Góra concelebrated Holy Mass to begin the service. Bro. Gemmato led the singing of Marian and Eucharistic hymns during the Mass. The homily was given by Deacon Harvey. He gave a detailed account of the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the impact it had on Catholicism in Mexico. He explained that within ten years of the miraculous appearance of Mary's image on Juan Diego's tilma, over nine million people were baptized into the Catholic faith.





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April Birthdays

JOSEPH GALETTA 4/2
JOSEPH RIOS 4/14



BENJAMIN JUREC 4/25
RONALD KICEINA 4/28



300 CLUB WINNERS

March \$50 Winners

#140 John Ruck, #284 Joe Jurec
#2 Mary Zappala, #195 Melody Carrilli

1st Quarter Winner

\$100 Winner

#207 Bob Dumbaugh



If you are over 18 years of age; a citizen of the country in which you reside; a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See; and you are a Third Degree member in good standing, it's time to consider joining the ranks of the Fourth Degree. To learn more about the Patriotic Degree and how to join its ranks, contact:

SK Gregg Wilson 651-470-5781

Please Pray for those on our Sick List

Joe Jurec wife Karen , Nacci Family, Eric Bonilla, Mel Young, Nestor Ramos
Joe and Joan Beck, Bob Stearns and son, Payton Phillips wife Jane, Peter Capozzi
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Friese,
PDD Kevin Ryan's son Shane, Phil Lajeunesse's mom and Family.

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.

Pray for our Deceased Brothers



Let us remember and pray for our Brothers that are no longer with us, George Baldyga, Michael Benedetto, Francis A. Bock, John A. Carey, Jerry Fondow, Hank Kesselring, Thomas Lee, Andrew Petersen, John Placenti, Richard Rentz, Gus Simms and also our former District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May our Lord welcome them home.



MARY, QUEEN OF THE KNIGHTS
intercede to Jesus for those in need of his healing.



Prayer for the Healing of Loved Ones

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our loved ones who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them from danger, and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, that Your bountiful goodness may be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, Source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth, to the Kingdom of heavenly peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these departed souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen

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

Pray for Vocations

**"The way Jesus shows you is not easy. Rather, it is like a path winding up a mountain.
Do not lose heart! The steeper the road, the faster it rises towards ever wider horizons."
*St. John Paul II***





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Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

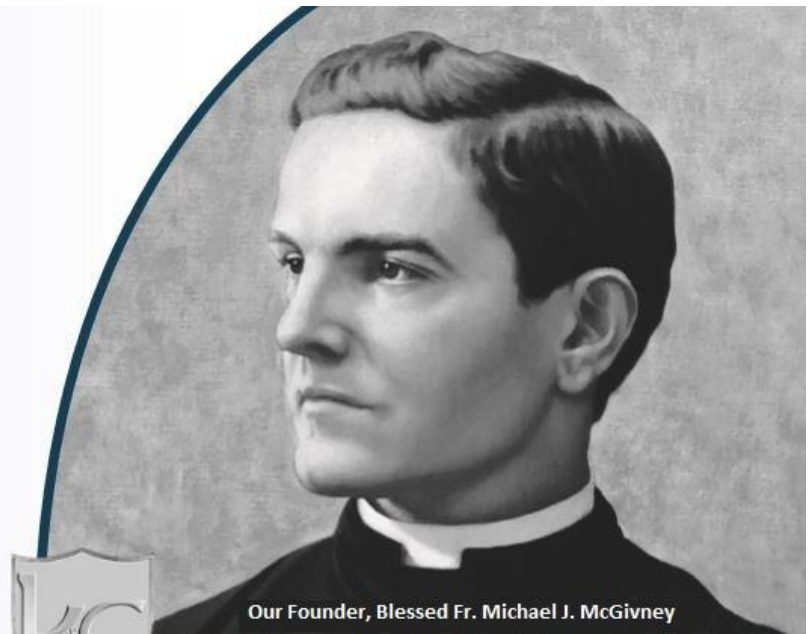


FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

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