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Council 11961 St Mary
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*Charity
Unity
Fraternity*

FEBRUARY 2024

Grand Knight Message



Looks like we hit the ground running in 2024. We have a lot going on. We will have fish fries every Friday during lent. We are looking at doing more with the smoker. The school board has shown interest in us doing some meetings again. We will again be supplying drinks for the next dinner/dance in February. We need to pick delegates for the state convention. And we need to keep thinking of a slate of officers for the upcoming year. Think about which officer position you want to fill. Also think about being a usher at church we can always use more.

Remember **DON'T BE JUST A KNIGHT**

BE A KNIGHT OF ACTION.

Vivat Jesu GK Joe Jurec



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Brothers,

While in conversation with a Grand Knight, his concerns echoed that of almost every Grand Knight I speak with. How do I get more Brothers to re-engage and get involved? How do I get more in the meeting room with us? How do I get them to remember what a gift of Knighthood really is and how wonderful it is to share it?

Charity, Unity and Fraternity! The founding ideals of our Order. The principals we all accepted and pledged to during our degree process. Let's all revisit our own beginnings, as well as the Order's. A simple dedicated Parish Priest and a handful of men founded this Order in a church basement. Worried about widows and orphans. Look what it has become. We have become this wonderful order because these men started a little bit at a time and founded an organization that has accomplished more than they ever dreamed of. So now it's our time. In this very hectic and confused world, we are ALL needed now more than ever. We are needed to provide charitable solutions to those that need us. We need to be unified and step up and consistently together do the little things that matter. We need the fraternity of Brotherhood, we have been gifted with that also supports us in our times of need. We all need to remember how great it is to be a Knight.

Many of us are blessed with more available time than others. That is never a measuring stick for success. It's every little bit of time we can all offer to help that really makes us successful. So now my appeal to every Brother reading this letter personally and to every Knight we all can reach. Please come back home. Join us at your Council's meeting and rekindle and make new friendships. Share a meal. Find an hour here and there to pitch in and join in some great camaraderie. There are so many different areas we work in, jump in with us to the ones you are interested in. I guarantee the rewards are great and the rekindling of spirit a phenomenal gift.

Brothers, it's time to come back and join us, See you there and Welcome Home!

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“Last Minute Tax Strategies”

Before you file your 2022 Federal Tax Return, talk to me about the advantages of a Knights of Columbus Traditional or ROTH IRA. Not eligible for an IRA? Let's talk about how a KofC IRA rollover, ROTH IRA conversion, or a non-qualified annuity may be suitable for your financial situation. The Knights of Columbus offers you the opportunity to earn a guaranteed rate of return through its annuity program. Our annuities offer a guaranteed minimum interest rate for life. Current interest rates are adjusted to reflect current market conditions and may be more, but never less, than the guaranteed minimum interest rate.

For those with an interest in investing in the equity markets, the Knights of Columbus began offering mutual funds in 2015. Members and non-members alike now have the benefit of investing in funds that follow the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The Knights of Columbus have seen multiple pandemics, world wars, euphoric stock market bubbles, and painful equity market crashes. Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors (KoCAA) and its predecessor organization – a division of Knights of Columbus – has invested through all of these challenges. As a result of administrative success and strong historical investment results, our investment professionals have earned the Knights of Columbus a Superior rating for financial strength from independent rating agencies Standard & Poor's every year since 1991 (currently AA+).

Our \$28 billion+ investment portfolio is diversified across fixed income (bond), equity (stock), and alternative investments and is designed to meet a wide variety of short-term and long-term investment objectives. Investors with KoCAA gain access to the same time-tested investment team and fundamental strategies used by the Knights of Columbus to invest their own multi-billion portfolio. For any of your life insurance, annuity, long-term care insurance, or disability income needs, schedule an appointment today so we can have a discussion about how the Knights of Columbus can cover your needs.

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



Let us remember our two fine seminarians that our Council supports. They are both hard at work pursuing their vocations. The life they have chosen requires much dedication and strength. I am sure they would appreciate a few extra prayers from us.



300 CLUB WINNERS

January \$50 Winners

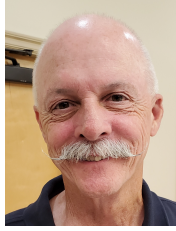
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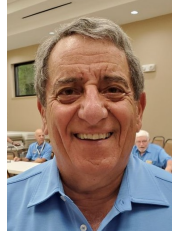
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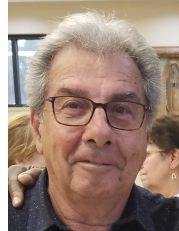
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Darren Molony



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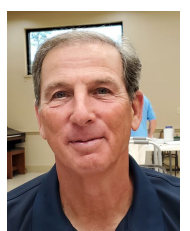
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Bob Stearns



Inside Guard
Joe Beck



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Paul Przbysz



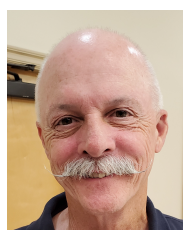
1 Year Trustee
Nigel Powell



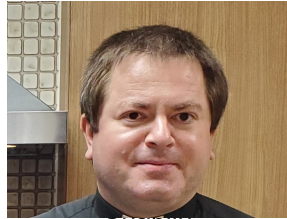
2 Year Trustee
Rich Frieze



3 Year Trustee
Ron Kiceina



Lecturer
Darren Molony



Fr. Rafal Mazurowski



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Schulten 2/8, Darren Molony 2/11
Theus Scott Munds 2/14, Carlos Antonio Lopez 2/23
Gary Anderson 2/25, Dr. William Moore 2/25
George Baldyga 2/26, Augustus Simms 2/29

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*Hear Ye Hear Ye - - - Friday Fish Fry, with all the trimmings. .
Special Thanks to those Knights who volunteered to prepare, cook and clean*

February 16 to March 22



Family Director Ron Kiceina has been showing inspirational movies for the past few months. This Decembers movie was part 2 of "Karol", a biography of Pope John Paul II. Ron will be showing Fatima on February 1st at 1:00PM. FREE



Ron Kiceina

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur Feb1	Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00	Fri Mar (til 22)	Fish Fry 5:00PM
Thur Feb1	Movie Fatima 1:00PM	Thur Mar7th	Council Off 5:30 Bus 6:00
Sat Feb 10	Valentine Dinner Dance	Sat Mar 9th	Military Chaplins Dance 8:00PM
Wed Feb 14	Ash Wednesday / Valentines Day	Fri Mar 16th	Into the Breach 11:00/ Fish Fry 5:00PM
Fri Feb 16	Into the Breach 11:00AM/Fish Fry 5:00PM	Sun Mar 17th	St Pats Day
Mon Feb19	Presidents Day	Tues Mar19th	Assem 2810 Meet 5:30PM
Tues Feb 20	Assembly 2810 Meeting 5:00	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.



Welcome new Brother
Joe Galetta

This January, we honor Knight Christophor Grecek with a Man of the Month award.

As Community Director, Chris has done an outstanding job with the Free Throw Program, Blood Drive, and the soccer challenge. Along with his Director responsibilities, Chris is an Usher, volunteering for extra services when needed. He is quick to help whenever he can, whatever the need.



Knight of the Month
Chris Grecek

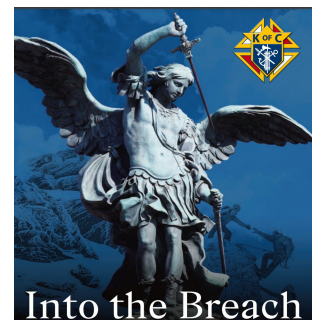


St Mary's Entertainment Committee, under the direction of Maria and Knight Joe Rios, will hold a Valentines diner/dance on Saturday February 10th at 5-7:30. Dinner will be provided by George Vogel, and music provided by DJ John Schulten.



"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

Every year in the US, more than 7,000 children are abandoned. In 2021, 31 babies were placed in dumpsters, found in backpacks, or discarded in other locations. The Baby Box in the Ocala Fire Rescue received a surrendered newborn, the first to ever be surrendered in Florida.

Founder, Monica Kelsey, started Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. after learning she was abandoned as an infant and after seeing a "baby box" in operation at a church, in Cape Town, South Africa. She has made it her personal mission to educate others on the Safe Haven Law and to do whatever it takes to save the lives of innocent babies from being abandoned. The Safe Haven Baby Box takes the face to face interaction out of the surrender and protects the mother from being seen. The Safe Haven Baby Boxes organization's primary goal is to raise awareness of the Safe Haven Law. Women in crisis can call the 24 hour hotline and can receive counseling and assistance.



Monica Kelsey

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.

