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Council 11961 St Mary
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Grand Knight Message

*Charity
Unity
Fraternity*

JANUARY 2024



We are closing out 2023 on a successful trend, let us carry this into 2024. Our basketball, soccer kick and blood drive went well. Our smoker has fallen off a bit but is still ongoing. We still need help in this area. We are looking at having a event in January for the entire parish. Our web site is up and running please log in and check it out. We still have to set our tootsie roll drive. Also plan a membership drive. We want to go into 2024 on the same positive note we ended 2023. Start thinking of which officers position you want to fill in the coming year. Remember DONT BE JUST A KNIGHT BE A KNIGHT OF ACTION. Merry Christmas to all and a happy and successful New Year

Keep those 300 club tickets moving.

Vivat Jesu

GK Joe Jurec



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Brothers,

The District sustained many sad losses this past year, especially the recent passing of two good friends and Great Knights, DD SK Paul Gloekler PGK and SK EY Walter FDW, PGK. Being true to what they believed and stood for, Let's make the rest of the 2023-2024 Knights year the best in District and Council History!

We have a lot to do and plenty of time to do it. Let's start off with winning the "Sprint of Founders Day" Banner Contest. I will do my best to help every Council get this Banner from Supreme. Together with DW Greg and Larry Kennedy attain 6 new members by March 29. I can assure you that together we will succeed. Additionally, this will help us all on our way to Star Council and Star District again!

Brothers, I am honored to return again as District Deputy till year end. I am looking forward to working closely with all of you again. I'm excited to be working with our dedicated DW Greg in continuing Paul's vision for a successful and great District. We have so much yet to accomplish, but in Charity we help, in Unity we get stronger and in Fraternity we proudly declare to all We are Knights!

May God bless us all this new year and Vivat Jesus!

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Larry Kennedy FICF MDRT
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“NewYears Resolution”

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy and good health this coming year!

It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.
10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.
11. Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. My resolution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them.

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



300 CLUB WINNERS

December \$50 Winners

#94 JenniferFlatertyl. # 37 Vitalis Paul
#231 julius Kish, #186 Paul Przybysz

\$!00 Winner Gus Simms #51

\$500 Winner Joel Ostrowski#50



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



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Joe Jurec



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Darren Molony



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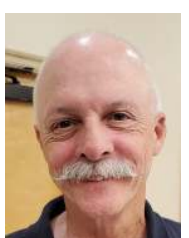
1 Year Trustee
Nigel Powell



2 Year Trustee
Rich Frieze



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Darren Molony



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Richard Frieze 1/16, Philip Lajeunesse 1/23

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



On Saturday, Dec. 16, members of the general public took part in this year's National Wreaths Across America Day, beginning at 8 a.m. Arlington National Cemetery was one of more than 3,000 participating locations nationwide. Also on that day, Richard Friese FN, PGK held a Wreaths Across America event at St Mary Cemetary. All three councils in District 17 participated along with the Color Corps. Wreaths were placed on stands at the 76 veterans grave sites, four of which were veterans of WWI. Approximately 28 Knights and guests attended.



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 more films later in the month so check the bulletin for the time and date.



Ron Kiceina

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God	Thur Feb1	Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00
Thur Jan 4	Off Meeting 5:30 Bus 6:00	Wed Feb 14	Ash Wednesday / Valentines Day
Sat. Jan 6	The Epiphany	Mon Feb19	Presidents Day
Tues. Jan16	Assembly 2810 Meeting 5:00PM	Tues Feb 20	Assembly 2810 Meeting 5:00

***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, Paul Family, Pat Tolleo

Beck Family, 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.



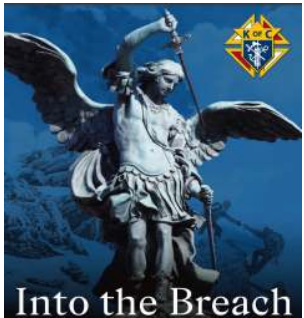


St Mary's Entertainment Committee, under the direction of Maria and Knight Joe Rios, held a Christmas diner/dance on Saturday December 9th. Diner was provided by George Vogel, and music was provided by DJ John Schulten. We had a few "open mike" singers with Angela Harding as the overall favorite. Thanks to all who contributed.



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



Donor Tanya Zinda

On Sunday December 17th, our council sponsored a blood drive outside the parish center from 8:00am-1:00pm. The Big Red Bus blood mobile was present to accept blood donations from the 13 volunteers who showed up for our drive. A total of 10 blood donations were made which was the exact goal One Blood had set for us. Three volunteers were not able to donate due to medical reasons. Thank you to everyone who was able and willing to donate, your blood helped in saving lives throughout our community and making another successful event for our council.



2023 was a costly year for our 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.

