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Council 11961 St Mary
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Fraternity*

JUNE 2024

Grand Knight Message



End of my term as Grand Knight. It has been a GREAT year. This council stepped up to every challenge that came our way. We learned our strengths and our weaknesses. We achieved some lofty goals, which gives a higher goal to go for. We did 6 fish fries, back to back smokers. 2 blood mobiles, and restarted officer installation ceremony. I gave this council a motto last July, DON'T BE JUST A KNIGHT. BE A KNIGHT OF ACTION. You all are KNIGHTS OF ACTION. We earned the Columbian Award. And made Star Council.

Congratulations Brothers you earned it. We ended the year on a high note with a tasty dinner and a magical music night.

THANKYOU THANKYOU THANKYOU.

*Vivat Jesu
GK Joe Jurec*



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District 17 has had a year to remember, and the amazing thing is it's not over yet.

At the time of this writing, there are 5 new Brothers about to be exemplified and added to our District ranks. There are continuing Spiritual Programs focused on The Breach, Core, Adoration and Rosaries for Life. There are Social Events planned for our members and parish communities, as well as ongoing Ultrasound and Life Programs. The District came together to support the successful Baby Box Campaign, St. Joseph ICON and Community Youth Programs. Topping all of this off, every Council in the District will be Star or Multiple Star Councils! Well done Brother Knights! You are all truly the men that Blessed Fr. McGivney envisioned, as worthy of Knighthood and revered as Protectors of Family and the Church!

Last year, every Council honored me in a way I will never forget, as I thought I was stepping down after 4 years. The circumstances of the unexpected passing of my successor DD Brother Paul Gloekler brought us all back together again. As always you did not disappoint. You honored his memory by being the men and Knights you are. You welcomed me back and we did not miss a step. You continued in a way that gave new meaning to the word success. You proved to be one of the top Districts in the Order, and as I will always proclaim, you exemplify the true meaning of Knighthood. I will always be proud to call you Brothers.

With that being said, please allow me to say Thank you Brothers and honor you the way you have always honored me. As I step down after my fifth amazing year with all of you, please allow this last year as my gift to all of you, in appreciation for how you have supported me these last 5 years. We have made an amazing team. For that I will always be grateful and in your debt.

From the bottom of my heart, again Brothers Thank your dedication and all you do!

Brothers,

Vivat Jesus

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Grilling & Graduation

When June rolls around a couple of things come to my mind: grilling and graduations. Now these two things don't seem to have much in common. In fact, some may say they have nothing at all in common. It simply illustrates how amusingly my mind works.

But let me expound a bit on both. Outdoor grilling comes on full force this time of year. Yes, in the warmer climates, there are those that grill all year round. Even in the colder climates, some make a point of outdoor grilling in the coldest of weather. But for most, June starts that season when the grill is often fired up and all the succulent goodness of charbroiled food is readied for the table. Now let me relate that to graduations: I've been to many graduation parties and there always seems to be that one person who is the designated grill master. Flipping hamburgers, turning hot dogs, kielbasa, and sausage, and tenderizing vegetables over an open flame for the celebrants.

How's that for a segue? From grilling to graduations! The end of the school year means graduations. Some, from the lowest educational levels...all the way to the highest. At whatever level you may fall, or your child may fall, I offer hearty congratulations! Graduating may mean moving up one more grade level or for some who are at the end of the educational journey, it might mean a step into a new career. Or maybe advancing in an already established career. Graduating has as a natural consequence, a moving on, taking the next step. Carefully preparing for a career, taking stock of talents and newfound knowledge, thinking of the impact your career may have on your family and the greater community; the graduate is ready!

I think of the work I do with my members and their families in the same way: getting you to graduate at the top of your class; well-prepared, knowledgeable, setting a course with impact for your family. Sitting down with me for a consultation starts the preparation. We can take stock of where you are and any recent changes in your situation with our state of the art financial needs analysis program. The end result is to help make sure you and your family are prepared: Prepared for the expected and the unexpected. The expected might be a comfortable retirement with adequate income to do the things you've always wanted to do. Being prepared for the unexpected is important, too: an untimely loss, an extended care event, a disability. Understanding the impact of having a strategy now is the first step in preparation.

I'll be calling soon to set up a time to get together a make sure you're set to graduate at the top of your class!

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



300 CLUB WINNERS **MAY \$50 Winners**

#244 Darren Molony
#99 Fran Kicena
#72 Tom Butler
#207 Tommy Kozak



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



Grand Knight
Joe Jurec



Financial Sec.
Darren Molony



Deputy GK
Joe Marotti



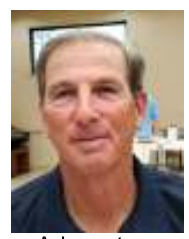
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Recorder
Dr. Jim St John



Treasurer
Mike Gossman



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Phil Lajuenesse



Warden
Bob Stearns



Inside Guard
Joe Beck



Outside Guard
Paul Przbysz



1 Year Trustee
Nigel Powell



2 Year Trustee
Rich Friese



3 Year Trustee
Ron Kiceina



Lecturer
Darren Molony



Chaplin
Fr. Rafal Mazurowski

ELECTED OFFICERS for 2024-2025



Grand Knight
Joe Marotti



Financial Secretary
Mike Gossman



Deputy GK
Darren Molony



Chancellor
John Picucci



Recorder
Nestor Ramos



Treasurer
John Thomas



Advocate
Phil Lajeunesse



Warden
Bob Stearns



Inside Guard
Joe Beck



Outside Guard
Paul Przbysz



1 Year Trustee
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2 Year Trustee
Ron Kiceina



3 Year Trustee
Joe Jurec



Lecturer
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Chaplin
Fr. Rafal Mazurowski

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Anthony Biancardi 6/15, Otto Stellner 6/18
James Kelly 6/19 Joseph Giuliano 6/20
Charles Miller 6/24, Robert borst 6/27
Paul Stadtmueller 6/29

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Community Director Christopher Grecek
BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday April 28th, St. Mary's Knight of Columbus held a successful blood drive at the church. Eighteen donors showed up for the drive and nine whole blood and three double red donations were made for a total of twelve donations. A possible 36 lives were saved from these donations. Double red donations take longer than whole blood, but they are mainly used for newborn babies which was great to learn. I want to thank all of our knights and spouses who came out to donate that day. This drive was very successful in reaching our goal of over 10 donations. Another blood drive will be held within the next few months. God Bless and thank you again!



Mike Gossman

At our last meeting, we welcomed Captain Billy to our council. He comes from Long Island NY where is Captained his ship on Long Island Sound. I'm sure he can spin a few yarns about his adventures. Welcome Billy.



We also announce a Knight of the Month Award for Chancellor John Picucci. He was set up to believe the award was for another deserving Knight. John composes the Newsletter, is the Scribe for the 4th Degree and leads the ushers, plus "other duties as assigned". Thank you John.



"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 June 21st at 11:00AM at the Parish Center. The sessions have proven to be worthwhile, strengthening our Faith and Brotherhood.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed June 5th Rosary For Life 5:00
 Thur June 6th Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00
 Sun June 9th St Mary's Fellowship bkfst after 9 Mass.
 Sun June 16th Fathers Day
 Tues June 18th Assembly 2810 4:30 - 6:30

Wed July 3rd Rosary For Life 5:00
 Thur July 4th Independence Day
 Thur July ?th Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00
 Sun July 7th St Mary's Fellow. bkfst after 9:30 Mass.
 Tues July 22nd Assembly 2810 4:30 - 6:30



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

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



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.



This month the "Hot Smokin Knights" were given a big challenge. We were asked to cook for the 3rd Annual Joe Rizzo Memorial Golf Classic, and two days of 100+ for the Flagler County Education Foundation Scholarship Awards. As usual the challenge was met

with enthusiasm and full participation from the Council. More than 20% of our Brothers jumped in and offered time for these three separate events. The Scholarship menu included brisket which required a full nights attention. Special thanks to Brother Paul Schulten for his volunteering to take on that task himself.

May 23th Social : We had 60 Brothers, Wives and Guests attend the months social. The intent was to thank the Brothers and Women who gave of their time throughout the year at Smokers, Fish Fries, entertainment events, and various ministries. Dinner was chicken marsala with all the trimmings. The evening was topped off with a virtuoso performance by Dr. Paulo Torres, violinist, conductor, and teacher. His music prompted a standing ovation, it was truly magical and appreciated by all who attended. Dr. Torres offered to return for another performance. To quote the Dr. " God gave me a talent and I need to share it."

Below on the left are Alise Torres, and their children Padu and Annie.



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, Gus Simms and also our District Deputy Paul Gloekler. May Our Lord welcome them home.

