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Council 11961 St Mary
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Grand Knight Message

*Charity
Unity
Fraternity*

APRIL 2024



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

We have had our first reading of the new slate of officers. Thanks to all who stepped forward to Be officers. They are all willing to keep this council moving forward. The Icon of ST. JOSEPH was well received by everyone. We will be having another blood drive on April 28th, 2024. Let's make this one a success like the last one. Our lent fish fries seem to have been very well received by the parish. Thank you to all who helped. Our new smoker team did a great job on the trial cookout. Our next cookout will be at Grand Haven on April 8th 2024. Thank you to the smoker crew. We will be having a membership drive soon. We only need one new member to make Star Council. Think of someone who would make a great Knight and give them a formal 100 to join.

*Vivat Jesu
GK Joe Jurec*



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Brothers,

I need to open paraphrasing the same way I did last month.

It's been Another 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 especially the welcoming and display of the St. Joseph ICON plus much much more. Our District will have added 20 or more new Brothers by month end. Everyone of you continues to amaze me.

As Lent comes to an end, I truly hope all of you found the peace and healing this great liturgical season can bring. As we chatted about last month, Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving enhanced our appreciation and discernment during this time of penance and soul searching. Our Good Friday Services can be powerful culminations of this Lenten journey and of course, the great joy and celebration of Easter it's greatest gift! The part you and your councils have played in bringing your parishes this Lenten Journey as well is appreciated and respected more than you can imagine. Every part of our mantra of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was utilized this Lent. The gift of Knighthood has never been so apparent as it was this Lent in District 17. Thank you.

New Officer voting is upon us, just a reminder to actively support and pray for your new Officer Slate and look to ask them what can you do to help them make their 2024-2025 Fraternal Year a tremendous success. I know they need Directors and Chairman and would welcome your help.

I wish you and all your families the most wonderful and rewarding Easter ever. If traveling during this time, please be safe and return to us rejuvenated and ready to finish this year strong and ready to take on the next!

Vivat Jesus
Kevin

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I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights.

Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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



We welcome another new Brother, Don Worthington, to our council. Don and his wife Lanni are very enthusiastic and volunteer as ushers also. On the weekend of April 6/7 be sure to wear your council shirts. We will be kicking off our membership drive. We are now one shy of our goal to achieve Star Council.



Our Council led the Stations of the Cross this Lenten season on February 23. Our Reader was Mike Gossman while Darren Molony held the Cross and Paul Stadtmueller walked with the candle.



300 CLUB WINNERS

March \$50 Winners

190- Emily Pasterna
23- Rich Frieze
204- Albert Z
41- Kevin Ryan

1st Quater \$100 Winners

Elizabeth Kempernick



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



Grand Knight
Joe Jurec



Financial Sec.
Darren Molony



Deputy GK
Joe Marotti



Chancellor
John Picucci



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

OFFICER NOMINATIONS for 2024-2025



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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Galetta 4/02

Joseph Rios 4/14

Benjamin Jurec 4/25

Ronald Kiceina 4/28

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Council Committees



Hear Ye Hear Ye - - - The Friday Fish Fry Team

Our Lenten fish fries were successful but did require much work. Aproximately 45 parishioners enjoyed the fry each Friday. There were 17 Brothers who volunteered their time in this effort. That is quite remarkablle since our members total 70. We should all be proud of our team effort. Father commented that attendance at the Stations increased due to the Fish Fries.

Brothers who gave of themselves are in alphabetic order: Brothers Rich Friese, Joe Galetta, Mike Gossman, Chris Grecek, Fred Harting, Joe Jurec, Tom Kozak, Darren Molony, Joe Moretti, John Picucci, Nigel Powell, Paul Przybysh , Nestor Ramos, John Ruck , Paul Steadtmuller, John Thomas and Don Worthington. Plus as usual, our Worthy DD Kevin Ryan who never fails to help.

DATES TO REMEMBER

ThurApr 4th	Council Meet Off 5:30 Bus 6:00	Thur May 2	Council Meet Off 5:20 Bus 6:00
Sat Apr 6th7th	Membership Drive	Tues May 7	Flagler Scholarship Cook 3:30
Mon Apr 8th	The Annunciation of the Lord	Wed May 8	Flagler Scholarship Cook 5:00
Mon Apr 8th	Council Sponsors Golf Outing	Thur May 9	The Ascension of our Lord
Thur Apr18th	Assembly 2810 Meeting 5:00	Mon May 13	Our Lady of Fatima
Fri Apr19th	Into The Breach	Tues May 21	Assembly 2810 Meet 5:00
Sun Apr 28th	Blood Drive		

***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, Dan Nagy
Joe Rios Family, John Ruck, Dr. Joe Moore, Joe Pimentel, Rich Friese



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.



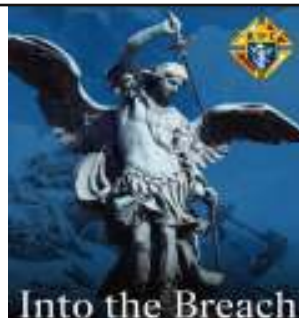
On Sunday April 28th, our Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive outside of the parish center from 8:00AM to 1:00PM.

The Big Red Bus blood mobile will be present to accept blood donations from volunteers. These blood donations will help in saving lives throughout our community. We thank you in advance.



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



Membership Drive April 6/7



On the weekend of April 6th and 7th, we will have a Membership Drive. This past month, our time was completely filled with working the Fish Fries. If nothing else, we learned that large tasks become small when divided among several Brothers. It was labor intensive but we all enjoyed working together and being successful. We strengthened our Brotherhood and deserve to be proud of the St. Mary's K of C. I ask you all to "talk it up" with you friends and neighbors. Ask them to join us. And please remember to wear your Council shirts to Mass on the 6th and 7th.

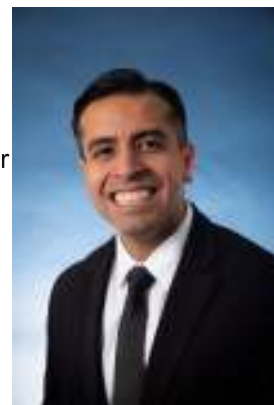


MASON MCGOVERN

A Prayer for Vocations by St John Paul II:

Lord Jesus, as once you called the first disciples and made them fishers of men, continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: "Come and follow me." Grant to men and women in our day the grace and trust to respond to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those living a life of total consecration to Your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into Your fields to feed and guide Your flock as Good Shepherds in imitation of You.



JUSTINO MORENO



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.



Sir Knight, Augustus (Gus) Simms, has passed away. Gus was a member of St. Mary of Korona council for the last 15 years and held many leadership roles with the council including being the Advocate for 10 consecutive years. Let us include him in our prayers