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DECEMBER 2023

Grand Knight Message

Do not be just a Knight, Be a Knight of action.



Hope everyone had a **fulfilling** and Blessed Thanksgiving. We are now moving into the Christmas season, I hope it will be a happy and blessed time for all. Remember, this December 9th we have the parish dinner dance with open mike night. Be sure to bring an appetite and be in full voice. As usual, our Council will supply the beer for this event. This December, we will have the blood mobile here. The date and time are noted in this newsletter. Also check church bulletin and posters for details. Let us go into the new year with renewed energy and a desire to keep this great council moving forward.

Keep those 300 club tickets moving.

Vivat Jesu

GK Joe Jurec



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As we begin December, we are at the end of the first half of our fraternal year. Many accomplishments have been realized by our District 17 three councils. In reviewing the goals and objectives that each council laid out at the beginning of the year, we look to be well poised to have another successful year.

Brothers, with the Christmas season upon us, I'm sure we are all looking forward to vacations and Christmas celebrations. I know that Patti and I are looking forward to taking some rest and quiet time with friends and family over the Christmas break.

For some folks unfortunately, this time of the year isn't always pleasant. Loss of close friends or a family member, or a change in financial situation may have an overwhelming effect on the enjoyment of the true spirit of Christmas. We should keep these folks in our thoughts and prayers. An old fashioned Christmas card with a note can brighten someone's Christmas.

May you and your family enjoy the spirit of Christmas and share your joy, mercy, charity and fraternity with your family, friends and parish community. Merry Christmas to all,

Paul

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"Insurance Check-Up for 2024"

Where did 2023 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and yet we just celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday.

I hope you and your family had a great 2023. Now, we are all preparing to 'ring in' 2024.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for the upcoming year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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



On the left is our Council's founder, Hank Kesselring. He was our first Grand Knight from 1997-1998 and assumed the same role in 2005-2006. We recently lost touch with Hank until our Financial Sec. Darren learned that he was at a nursing home in Ormond Beach. Last week a small group of us, representing our council visited him. He was very weak so we prayed the Rosary for him. This Sunday morning, his daughter told us that her Dad had passed on Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. Please pray for Hank, we Brothers of Council 11961 are indebted to him.



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

#16 Jim O'Connell. # 12 Jim Bradsley
#38 Cathy Popi, #108 Richard Pasternak

*Our Grand Knight has set the goal of ALL tickets sold. Make sure you get your quota of tickets from Ron Kiceina to sell .
53 chances to win.*



"The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday December 17th from 8:00am - 1:00pm. The Big Red Bus will be here and parked near the parish center. This Christmas, give the gift of life by donating blood and helping someone in need. Appointments can be made online at One Blood's website. More details can be found in the bulletin."



**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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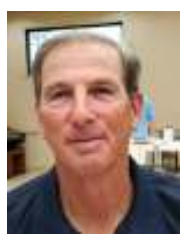
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1 Year Trustee
Nigel Powell



2 Year Trustee
Rich Frieze



3 Year Trustee
Ron Kiceina



Lecturer
Darren Molony



Fr. Rafal Mazurowski



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Frank McNally 12/03, Alexander Saccovino 12/04
Nigel Powell 12/09, Fred Harting 12/16
Nestor Ramos 12/21

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to the QR and the
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SOCCER CHALLENGE



Chris Grecek

The Knights of Columbus councils from St. Mary's, Notre Dame, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton co-sponsored a soccer challenge for our youth ages 9-14 at Wadsworth Park in Flagler Beach. Approximately 50 participants within our community competed in this event. Each participant was given a medal and certificate with their total score. There were approximately 20 Knights who volunteered for this event, 8 being from St. Mary's. I want to thank everyone who volunteered at this very fun, and successful "feel good" event within our community.



Family Director Ron Kiceina has been showing inspirational movies for the past few months. This November's movie was "Karol", a biography of Pope John Paul II. The movie is lengthy and we have seen only part 1. Ron will show the next 2 parts in January. The exact dates will be published in the bulletin.



Ron Kiceina

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thur Dec 7	Council Meet. Off 5:30 Bus 6:00	Mon Jan 1	Mary, Mother of God
Fri Dec 8	Immaculate Conception	Thur Jan 4	Off Meeting 5:30 Bus 6:00
Sat Dec 9	St Mary Christmas Event	Tues. Jan 16	Assembly 2810 Meeting 5:00PM
Tues Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe		
Wed Dec 20	Into the Breach		
Thur Dec 21	Usher Meeting		
Mon Dec 25	Christmas		
Sun Dec 31	New Years Eve		

***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.



Knight of The Month

Our November Knight of the Month is Brother John Ruck. He was our Financial Secretary 2019 to 2021. He had been the Treasurer ever since until his physical challenges forced him to step down from that role. John has also been an usher/greeter and daily communicant. He is a perfect example of what a Knight of Columbus strives to be.

"Into the Breach"

The councils in our District have been holding "Into the Breach" seminars. Our Faith Director Darren Molony has held two meetings thus far. The schedule is usually the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our next is December 20th at 11:00AM at the Parish Center. The sessions have proven to be worthwhile, strengthening our Faith and Brotherhood. I totally enjoyed our session and encourage Brothers to join us.



GK Joe Jurec welcomes Eric Bonilla to our counsel.



Our District and Council recognizes Veteran Tom Kozak with a "Less We Forget" award for his contribution to our Nation



Have a holy Christmas

Our God is so great that He became a small child in order to make us great too. He wanted to be tied with swaddling clothes to liberate us from the chains of death. He descended to earth so that we may ascend to heaven. This is Our God made man!

St Alphonsus Liguori

