



KNIGHTS IN ACTION
January 2024
Our Lady of Victory Council 7968
Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789

Grand Knight – Dan Lesh
Deputy Grand Knight – Dennis Daigle
Faithful Navigator -- Bill Marchand
Faithful Captain – Steve Malutich
State Deputy – Richard P. Hughes
District Deputy – Travis Robinson Jr
Insurance Agent – Jeff Fischer

Council business meetings are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at 7PM.

Council social meetings are held on the **4th Wednesday** of the month at 7PM.

Assembly meetings are held on the **1st Thursday** of the month at 7PM.

All meetings are held at the Knight's Hall, 701 E. James Lee Blvd.

INSURANCE NEWS

Happy Valentine's Day! I've been reading about different kinds of parties to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. Valentine's Day is a well-established holiday to celebrate. From individual cards adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates; the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections. The celebration of love is always popular. After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration should be about? Valentine's Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for one another. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons. Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect your family. Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. A retirement annuity helps spouses know they have a guaranteed income. All the products I have are centered around protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss your needs. I'll give you a call or feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

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God bless & Stay safe

Manger Scene Disassembly and Storage

With the Christmas Season now behind us, the wonderful manger scene was taken down on the 7th. We had a good turnout, as you can see from the pictures. OLV parishioners Bob Frey and Steve Malutich rebuilt the entire manger creche, and in the process, made several improvements. The changes will make it much easier to assemble and disassemble and as such, add to its expected usable life. The manger will be safely stored out of the wind and rain in an empty stall in Brother Steve's horse barn (actually Miss Sandy's barn :)) until it is needed again next Christmas.

Thanks to Brother Mike Winner for taking the pictures, and thanks again to Bob Frey and Steve Malutich.



Baby Bottle Drive Update

During the month of November our Council ran the annual Baby Bottle drive at Our Lady of Victory Church. We received donations into late December. The Baby Bottle Drive was a great success as we collected \$4,778.00 to be distributed to local Pregnancy Centers. The pregnancy centers will also receive an additional \$400 from the Supreme Council as they reimburse our local council at the rate of \$100 for every \$500 donated (up to a max of \$2000 or \$400 extra). I wish to thank all the volunteers who donated time and effort to the success of this drive, the pregnancy centers will reap the rewards of your efforts.

Pre-Lenten Fish Fry

On 19 Dec, the Council held its annual Pre-Lenten Fish Fry from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. We had a great turnout and the proceeds of \$1,368 from the event will be donated to the Special Olympics. Most of the customers took their orders home, but some dined in at the hall. During Lent starting the Friday after Ash Wednesday, we will be having a Fish Fry dinner every Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM with the last Fish Fry scheduled for 22 March, the Friday before Good Friday. The proceeds from the Fish Fry dinners will be going to various worthy charitable organizations.

Picture 1 - The customer in processing crew.

Picture 2 - Brothers Bob and Dale preparing coleslaw and tartar sauce.



Picture 3 - Outside in the cold Brothers Jim, Travis and Mike getting ready to prepare the fish and French Fries.



Picture 4 - Rosemary and Jeanine setting up the serving area.



Picture 5 - Brother Bill working in the kitchen preparing and delivering the fish for cooking.



Picture 6 - Brother John preparing the hush puppies.

Picture 7 - The serving line. Herb was also on the serving line but was taking pictures.



Picture 8 - Folks enjoying their meal in the hall.



Emerald Coast Walk for Life

The following newsletter input/pictures were provided by Brother Mike Winner, thanks Mike!

Council 7968 was represented by six Brother Knights (Tom Witzman, Arnie Fonseca, Jim Paziienza, Dan Lesh, Mike Winner, and John Dick) at the 8th Annual Event in Pensacola on Saturday morning, January 27, 2024. This year, the "Pro-Life Witness" Walk and speaking event was regrettably cancelled at the Seville Square Park location due to severe inclement weather conditions. Nonetheless, Historic St. Joseph Catholic Church graciously opened their church hall doors to host the speaker presentations, after the 9:30 a.m. Youth Mass, administered by Fr. Patrick LaPointe. A Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Wack was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. The Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church's Youth Group also attended this meaningful event. Mrs. Jane Witzman, Executive Director Emerald Coast Coalition for Life spearheaded the event and served as the Emcee.

The guest speakers included Keynote Speaker Lauren Eden (Abortion Survivor and Pro-Life Speaker) from Atlanta, GA., Dr. William Lile, D.O., FACOG, the "Prolife Doc" (ProLifeDoc.org), Ernie Cyr (Majella House), and Charity Dunn (West Florida Baptist Church's Walking with Moms program). All were very enlightening and informative in sharing their stories, experiences and missions.

This year's event theme is "Love the Mothers, Love the Babies, Save Baby Humans!"

T-Shirts were available for sale for patrons to exemplify this worthy annual pro-life cause.

Jane Witzman also reminded us that it was our KofC council that helped sponsor this event by donating \$1,000 to the Emerald Coast Walk for Life and that our council has helped sponsor this event every year.



Catholic Charities Food Van

Because of bad weather the delivery of food by Catholic Charities had to be postponed from the 9th of January to the 30th. Unfortunately, only 10 automobiles showed up on the 30th, although we had sufficient bags for 47 families. Food not issued was returned to Catholic Charities.

Picture 1 - The delivery of food by Catholic Charities.



Picture 2- The separation of the food and the packing of the bags.



Picture 3 - Brother Travis controlling the traffic into the area.



Picture 4 - Brother Dan pulling the bags out to the issue area.



Picture 5 - Issuing bags to each arriving car.

Picture 6 - The working crew enjoying a super lunch.



Knight of the Month

Brother Jim Paziienza was selected as Knight of the Month. Jim is the Council's Financial Secretary, one of the most difficult jobs within the Council. He also works a several hours every Tuesday in support of OLV's Care Center stocking shelves, packing and issuing food bags out to those in need. On the 19th Jim worked the Pre-Lenten Fish Fry and helped process customers. Jim will also be working the six Fridays before Good

Friday with the proceeds going to various charitable organizations. Jim and Molli had been running a prayer/study group on Monday nights. Now with Molli in Heaven Jim has continued to run it. The group recites the rosary and watches a religious study video. The number in the group varies between 4 and 7. If you would like to be part of the group contact Jim at 850-398-8611. Jim is also an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic and attends all KofC business and social meetings.



Family of the Month



Brother Travis and his wife Jeanine were selected as Family of the Month. In addition to Travis being the District 5 Deputy (which takes a lot of his time considering he has to ensure the Councils within District 5 are functioning properly), he also works very hard along with Jeanine supporting council 7968. Every three weeks Travis runs Bingo for about six hours with Jeanine helping in the kitchen. On the 19th, Travis and Jeanine worked the Pre-Lenten Fish Fry with Travis cooking the fish and Jeanine working the serving line. During the

Lenten season, Travis and Jeanine will also be working the six Fridays before Good Friday with the proceeds going to organizations in need. At our Lady of Victory Church, Jeanine is a Lector and Travis is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharistic and an Usher. Travis also attends all business and social KofC meetings.

STAR COUNCIL AWARD

The Star Council Award awarded by the Supreme Council recognizes excellence in our council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award our council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. This is something our council has always had under control, because we do wonderful things in all four program categories every year. The area; however, that is of concern is the Council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota and for this fraternal year 2023-2024 is 6% of our 175 membership or 11 new members.

Currently we have three new members, and we need eight (8) more. We are currently in the last half of this fraternal year, and we need to do our best to get eight more members by 30 June 2024. If you see a new face in church introduce yourself and ask if he is a member of the KofC. New parishioners enjoy and appreciate meeting new people. You may find yes; he would like to join the KofC. If you bring in a new member you will receive \$25 off your next membership dues and if you bring in two new members you will receive free dues for Fraternal Year 2024-2025, WOW! KofC Membership Forms 100 can be found in a draw in the Narthex. Herb Fosman, Contributing Editor to the Newsletter.