



**KNIGHTS IN ACTION**  
**February 2024**  
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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 Easter! Easter is the very end of March, the 31st, so I will take this time to hope you conclude your Lenten observances with a celebration of the Resurrection! March is Ethics Awareness Month for the insurance industry. Oxford Languages defines ethics as "moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity" In many professions there is an ethical code that practitioners are to observe. In medicine, we've boiled down the Hippocratic oath to, "First, do no harm." Attorneys have the American Bar Association's "Model Rules of Professional Conduct." In psychology there are codes of conduct for both treatment and research. The insurance industry is no different. Here at the Knights of Columbus I think all members are familiar with our founding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These have been ingrained in us. However, there are also four Core Values that all who represent the Knights subscribe to. By "represent the Knights" we include Supreme Officers, employees, independent contractors like me, and other vendors and contractors who are expected to live up to our four Core Values. From our Code of Ethics and Conduct handbook the Core Values are these: Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code. Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do. Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best. Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard. I consider it an honor to be assigned to serve your council and I take seriously my responsibility to care for each of you members. Furthering Blessed Michael McGivney's vision of caring for the widow and orphan is my goal. I hope to always live up these Core Values in all my work with the council and with each and every one of you. Vivat Jesus!

God bless & Stay safe



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# First Fish Fry

We had our first of six Friday Lenten Fish Frys on 16 Feb 24 and served 168 meals from 4:00 to 7:00 PM with the proceeds of \$1,802.00 going to support Our Lady of Victory Care Center. At our last Business Meeting, the membership approved \$500 for the Care Center because of their need for immediate help. That is a total of \$2,302.00, WOW! One cannot help but thank all the Knights and their wives for all the great things they do.

Picture 1 - The in-processing crew.

Picture 2 - Brothers Travis, Steve and Mike preparing the fish and French Fries and bringing them into the serving line. Brother Roy on the left worked the serving line.

Picture 3 - The serving line.

Picture 4 - Rosemary and Linda preparing the coleslaw while Brother John prepares the hush puppies.





Picture 5 - Brother Jim unpacking the fish.

Picture 6 - Keagan helping Brother Bill prepare the fish for cooking.

Picture 7 - Brother Bill and Melanie preparing the tartar sauce.

Picture 8 - Brother Marti soliciting for new members.

## USO Donation

A newsletter input provided by Brother Travis, thanks Travis! On Feb 24, Faithful Navigator Bill Marchand and Worthy Admiral Travis Robinson presented the USO at the Destin/Fort Walton Regional Airport with a \$500 donation (Gift Card) to help maintain the supplies needed to Support our Active Duty and Retired Military during their travels at home and abroad. The USO representative receiving the gift card was Al Schlechter. Rox Baugh, another USO volunteer is not pictured.



# Free Throw Competition

On 10 Feb 24, a local KofC Free throw Competition was held at the Baker School gym with 19 students from Baker participating. Brother Mike Martello, the principal at Baker, was in charge of the event. Also helping were Brothers Dan, Herb and Marti. The competition included boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14. The winners were:

Girls:

10-year-old Adelynn Sowell

11-year-old Kenzlee Draper

12-year-old Paisley Cobb

13-year-old Veyda Dixon

Boys:

9-year-old Braydon Cook

10-year-old Sawyer Kolb

11-year-old Triton Anderson

12-year-old Carter Kolb

13-year-old Carson Johnson

14-year-old Clayton Whigham

Picture 1 - Before starting, Mike instructed the participants on the sequence of events. Each participant had two practice throws and 15 competitive throws.

Picture 2 - Brothers Mike and Dan worked the left side of the court. Dan kept score and Mike retrieved the balls.

Picture 3 & 4 - Brothers Herb and Marti worked the right side of the court. Herb kept score and Marti retrieved the balls.

Picture 5 - Mike announcing the winners.

Picture 6 - This picture includes the workers, but the winners from left to right are: Braydon, Sawyer, Adelynn, Kenzlee, Triton, Paisley, Carter, Veyda, Carson, and Clayton.

Each of the ten winners received a KofC winner's certificate and a \$25 Wal-Mart Credit Card donated by Brother Mike Martello, thanks Mike.

The 2024 Regional Basketball Free Throw competition will be held on March 2, 2024, at 10:00am. District 4 will host the competition at Council 4444 and it will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 110 St. Mary Ave SW, Fort Walton Beach, FL. 32548 at the gym. Winners from our area will be noted in the March newsletter.





# Another Fish Fry

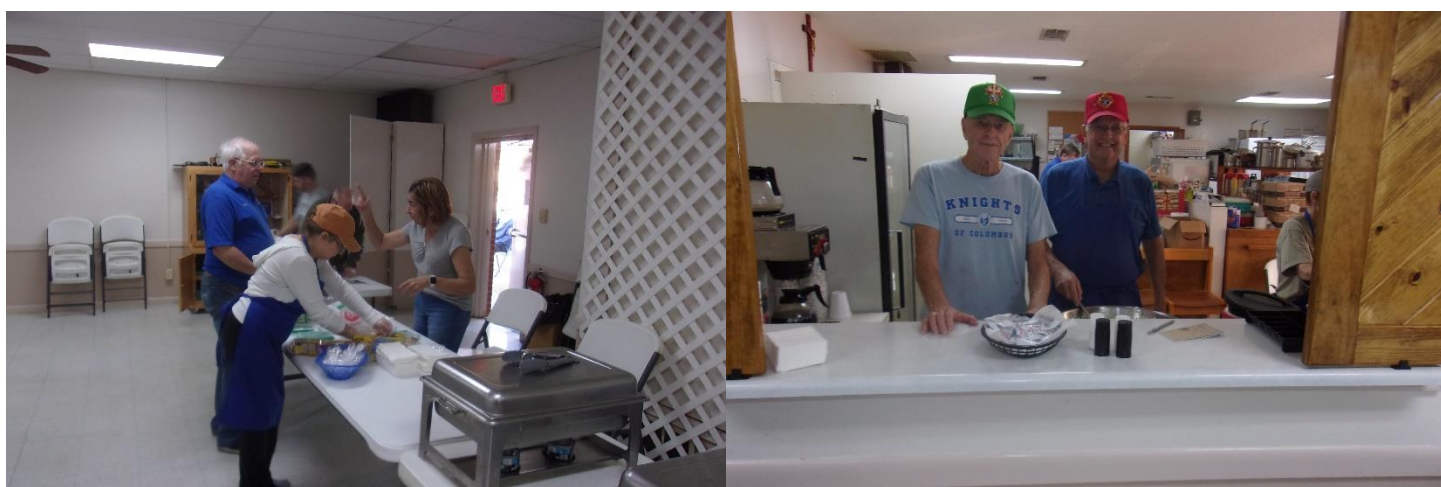
We are thankful our parishioners and locals enjoy our weekly fish fry dinners. Our second fish fry held on 23 Feb profited \$1780 dollars that will be donated to the Biloxi VA Hospital and Veterans Home. Council 7968 has been supporting the Biloxi VA for 20+ years and they sure appreciate our yearly contributions of needed items.

We had four additional workers this week in addition to the same workers from the previous week, and we surely appreciated their support. They are noted in the following pictures:

Picture 1 - Brother Pat and his wife Gisela.

Picture 2 - Brother Dale to the left of Brother Bob.

Picture 3 – Brother Dale’s wife Nancy is second from the left.



# Adopt a Highway Clean Up

On 10 Feb a Highway Cleanup was scheduled, but those who reported to the Knights Hall to help out had it made. Why? The weather was so bad the Highway Cleanup had to be cancelled. And without having to work, everyone enjoyed Travis' super breakfast.

Picture 1- Travis and Jeanine preparing the breakfast.

Picture 2 - Keagan delivering the meals.

Picture 3 & 4 - Everyone enjoying a delicious free meal.





# Another Fish Fry

Supporting the third Lenten Fish Fry on 1 Mar, were three additional helpers offsetting the two others who could not make it. The added helpers were: Picture 1 - Brother Brian and his older son William. William helped in-process customers and his dad helped to bring in fried fish and french fries to the serving line. Picture 2 - Brother Nathan helping to bring finished food to the serving line. The success of this dinner will allow approximately \$1754 in earnings to go to the Police K-9 Foundation.

On Friday 8 Mar, we had sufficient workers for the fourth fish fry. Although the weather was terrible, the rain resulted in our making \$1,151, which is not bad. We have been Blessed so far and I am sure it will continue for the next two Fridays as well. The funds from the fourth Friday went into the Knights Charity Fund.



## Advertisements

Come and join us by playing Tuesday night Bingo as noted on advertisement # 1. We can also use some more Bingo helpers. If interested in helping, please contact one of the following: Tony Jette at 865-6556, Travis Robinson at 826-4694, or Dan Lesh at 306-2444.

Advertisement # 2: We just had our last Friday Lenton Fish Fry dinner on Friday 22 Mar, and we did really well. We sure appreciate all our brother Knights and wives that helped support these six Friday events.

Brother Mike Winner provided the pictures, thanks Mike.



## Knight and Family of the Month

Brother Bob Webster and his wife Carol were selected as Family of the Month for Feb 24. Bob works bingo every three weeks and has worked all the Friday Lenten Fish Fry dinners held at the Knight's Hall. Carol is in the choir and practices on Thursdays and sings in the choir on Sundays. She also works at the OLV Care Center Tuesdays and Wednesdays, helps out with RCIA on Tuesdays and helps with the youth group on Wednesdays, WOW!



Brother Mike Reiss was selected as Knight of the Month for Feb 24. Mike works quarter bingo every Tuesday and works every three weeks on Bingo Team One after working quarter bingo. Mike has also worked all the Friday Lenten Fish Fry dinners held at the Knight's Hall. Mike is also a Fourth Degree Knight and has purchased Regalia and helps out when needed at Memorial Masses.