



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

March 2023

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 – Travis Robinson Jr

State Deputy – Robert S. Urrutia

District Deputy – Matt French

Insurance Agent – Jeff Fischer

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

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

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

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

INSURANCE NEWS

Easter greetings! As we roll through the first full month of spring, we celebrate Easter with thoughts of gratitude for the gift of new life. The Resurrection and thoughts of our Savior's sacrifice and triumph over death are fresh in our minds and hearts. The dreariness of winter and Lent fade away with April rains that seem to have their own scent. All nature seems in bloom. Trees barren not long ago are now budding and flowers begin to poke through the warming soil. For many, it's their favorite season of the year. Along with everything else going on in April, it is also Autism Awareness month. The Autism Speaks website (www.autismspeaks.org) contains much more information that I can give you here. Autism has been more widely discussed and better understood in recent years. Although the TV show "The Good Doctor" portrays a doctor who has autism, those with autism spectrum disorder exhibit a broad

range of characteristics. Many have much less functionality than the doctor portrayed on the show. I mention this because many of us know of someone who is on this autism spectrum. If diagnosed in early childhood, those with autism may still live a relatively normal life. However, many with autism struggle and have other medical or psychological issues and need much support. That's where the Knights of Columbus Family Fraternal Benefits may be able to help. One benefit addresses the child who is older than 60 days and younger than 18 and is uninsurable according to our ordinary underwriting practices. Many children with autism as a primary or secondary diagnosis fall into this category...uninsurable. For those children, the Order has a special family fraternal benefit that allows the issuing of an ordinary permanent life insurance policy on this uninsurable child. Some members may be unaware of this benefit, but it's great news for any parent with a child who does not qualify for life insurance. There are some other qualifiers for the parents and any other children in the family, including that the father must be a member in good standing. I won't go into the others here, but this is a very worthwhile benefit, not only for those children with autism, but for any child who may be uninsurable. If you know of a Catholic family that may have a child with autism or any family with a child who is uninsurable, please reach out to me. They may be unaware of this benefit. I will be happy to contact them and explain this valuable protection. If you prefer, give my name and contact information to that parent so they can contact me at their convenience. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a consultation about this benefit may bring them some small comfort. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

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Bingo!

We currently have a Quarter Bingo Team that works every Tuesday night from 4:00 to 6:45 PM and includes three Quarter Bingo Callers that work once every three weeks. We also have three Bingo Teams 1, 2 & 3 that work from 6:15 to 9:15 PM once every three weeks with the exception of the individuals that sell the bingo cards, they work from 2:30 to 9:30 PM. Lastly, we have a kitchen crew that works Bingo taking food orders, preparing the food and delivering the food to the customer and work from 3:00 to 7 PM. Bingo is our main means of support, and in the next three weeks we want to identify and thank those who work on these teams. This input includes the workers on Bingo Team One.

Picture 1 -Our team 1 Kitchen Crew: Uschi takes the orders, Sally carries out the order and Rosemary is the cook.

Picture 2 - Brother Dan selling the bingo cards.

Picture 3 - Brother Jim paying out a bingo winner and works Quarter Bingo every Tuesday night.

Picture 4 - Brother Dale calling Quarter Bingo

Picture 5 - Brother Bob sells Pull Tabs and works every Tuesday night.

Picture 6 - Brother Mike collecting the money for the next quarter bingo game and works quarter bongo every Tuesday night.

Picture 7 - Brother Mike works regular bingo.

Picture 8 - Brother Steve calling regular bingo.

Picture 9 - Brother John working regular bingo.

Brother Herb took pictures and works Quarter Bingo every Tuesday night receiving and controlling the quarter bingo funds.





Easter Egg Hunt!

Many years ago, Brother Travis Robinson came up with the idea of having an Easter egg hunt after the 11 AM Mass on Easter Sunday and it always has been a great success story. On Wednesday we had a social at the Knights Hall with a great meal after filling 1500 plastic Easter Eggs with candy or a toy that three different age groups of kids will be looking for on Easter Sunday after the 11 AM Mass. The kids in each group will hunt for eggs filled with the candy and prizes.

Pictures 1, 2 and 3 - The filling of the eggs with candy or a toy.

Picture 4 - Travis and his crew getting ready to start the meal.

Picture 5 - Everyone enjoying a super meal together. Notice in the far-left corner is Brother George Liedel and Virginia who were brought to the Knights Hall by Brother Joe Masterson, thanks Joe!



Baby Bottle Drive

Grand Knight Daniel Lesh and Brother Mike Winner visited the Pregnancy Support Center in DeFuniak Springs on Thursday, 23 March. They presented a check for \$800 as allocated from the funds raised during the KofC Baby Bottle Drive. They met the Director, Sharon Taylor, Assistant Director Nancy Bosenbeg, and a dedicated volunteer, Genedis Buicente. All were very grateful for our donation to their mission, and extremely pleasant in providing a tour, history lesson, and an explanation of their programs both for expectant mothers, and those who have given birth for up to one year. It was amazing to see all the "baby portraits" of the infants, framed by year in the hallways benefiting from their service. The Knights of Columbus are very proud, and diligent in supporting all Life Programs, and are very appreciative that the community continuously contributes towards our goals.



Senior Bingo!

On 16 Mar Rosemary and her working crew decorated and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with Senior Bingo. The seniors love Senior Bingo where bingo is free with nice free bingo prizes and a free good lunch after bingo that consisted of Vegetable Beef Chili, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. The next Senior Bingo will be held on 20 Jul 23. Mark your calendar and come and enjoy a morning of fun.

In case you forgot who St. Patrick was: He was English-born and kidnapped by pirates at the age of 16, Patrick eventually escaped his slavery in Ireland to later return as a priest, converting many and becoming the island's patron saint.

Picture 1 - Jeanine and Rosemary decorating the tables with bingo prizes.

Picture 2 - Brother Dan decorating the wall with Irish symbols.

Picture 3 - Brothers Travis and Jim preparing the Senior Bingo lunch.

Picture 4 - Brothers Bill and Mike working the guest in processing table.

Picture 5 - Brother Pat calling bingo.

Picture 6 - Brothers John in the back left and Mike on the far right verifying the bingo winners.

Picture 7 - Time to eat, bingo is over with Uschi, Neneth, Linda and Rosemary wherever she is serving the food.

Picture 8 - The workers deserve to eat lunch too.





Catholic Charities!

Another second Tuesday of the month, how times flies by. Catholic Charities always arrives on time or maybe a little early, but never late. They brought sufficient food to feed 60 families for a week, but only 44 families showed up in their family cars. The unloading of the food and packaging the bags is a lot of work, but the helpers enjoy what they are doing to help support those in need.

Picture 1 - Brothers John, Mike, Dan, Steve and David who helped out, and there were others there as well.

Picture 2 - Knights unloading the Catholic Charity van.

Picture 3 - Brother Travis controlling the vehicles arriving at the area.

Picture 4 & 5 - Helpers packing the bags of a weeks amount of food.

Picture 6 - Brother Dan wheeling out bags to the issuing point.

Picture 7. Brother Dennis wheeling out bags to the issuing point.

Picture 8 - Getting ready to issue out the bags.

Picture 9 - Those waiting to receive their bags.

Picture 10 - Brother Bob went and purchased and delivered a good lunch for the workers.

Picture 11 - Hungry workers getting ready to eat a good lunch.





Fish Fry!

The 3rd Fish Fry Lenten Dinner was held on 10 Mar at the Knights Hall, and we had a very good turnout and earned a profit of a little over 1400 dollars that will be going into the Council's Charity Fund. We sure appreciate the hard work of our Knights and their wives.

Picture 1 - Our in-processing team.

Picture 2 - Our food servers.

Picture 3 - Our fish and French fry processors and cooks.

Picture 4 - The kitchen crew and Tarter Sause preparer.

Picture 5 - Brother Steve carrying fish out to the cooks.

Picture 6 - Brother Mike, hurry up and get those French fries out to the cooks, more French Fries are needed.

Picture 7 - Rosemary preparing the Cole Slaw.

Picture 8 - Brother John preparing the Hush Puppies.

Picture 9 - Brother Mark carrying out pre-prepared fish to the cooks.

Picture 10 - Brother Tony resupplying French Fries.





Another Fish Fry!

On 17 Mar the Knights held its fourth Lenten Fish Fry Dinner and the weather was terrible. It was raining cats and dogs for a few hours and we felt sorry for Travis, Jim Nelson, Steve Malutich, Bill Marchand and Mike Reiss our cook and crew that helped bring out the prepared fish and French fries outside to be cooked. There was much less business than usual. The proceeds for the dinner were to go to the K-9 For Warriors that train dogs for disabled veterans, but because we profited only about \$400, that money will be going temporarily into the Knights Charity Fund. At the next business meeting in April approval will probably be made to donate a few hundred dollars more from the Charity Fund to the K-9 for Warriors organization. We will keep you informed. We have been very fortunate that we have been having the majority of the same people helping out each week except for two additional helpers that you will see in the attached pictures.

Picture 1 - The serving line helping to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Picture 2 and 3 - Kinsleigh the granddaughter of Pat Quinn and Keagan, the granddaughter of Travis and Jeanine Robinson that have been bringing the food orders from the in processing table to Jeanine who receives the orders and provides the ordered food container or containers to the first person in the servicing line that is passed along until the order is filled.



Another One?

Our fifth Lenten Fish Fry was held on Friday, 24 Mar. We had a pretty good turnout with the approximate proceeds of \$1000 that will be going to Catholic Charities who the second Tuesday of every month offers a weeks supply of food to about 65 needy people living in our community that is issued out at our Lady of Victory Parking area.

Picture 1 - In preparation for our Lenten Dinner Brother Bob thought the front and rear doors needed to be cleaned up.



Picture 2 - Brothers Tony and Marti are cleaning the kitchen before the opening.



Picture 3 - Brother John preparing the hush puppies.



Picture 4 - Brother Bill with the help of Keagan preparing the fish to be deep fried.



Picture 6 - The in-processing line.

Picture 7 - The serving line to include Brother Herb who took the picture.

Picture 8 - The kitchen crew who prepares coleslaw and tartar sauce and who constantly has to resupply the serving line and later cleans up the kitchen.





Last One!

Friday 31 March was the council's last Lenten Fish Fry Dinner and boy was it busy. The working crew served over 150 meals and profited about \$1700 that will be going into the council's Charity Fund. Previous Lenten Fish Fry Dinners noted in this months newsletter identifies all of the workers that worked all or most of the dinners. The weekly working of the six dinners was a great sacrifice and we thank the helpers for their great work in helping to support charitable organizations and others in need. God Bless you all.

Our Newest Sir Knights!

A 4th Degree Ceremony was held at St, Sylvester Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze on 4 Mar 23. We had eight (8) Third Degree Members that attended and received their 4th Degree. The ceremony lasted almost two and a half hours and Bishop Wack was one of the team members.

Picture 1 - We had six Knights in regalia and one in a very nice army dress uniform that helped. They were Sir Knights Tony Jette, Travis Robinson, Dan Lesh, Bill Marchand, Dennis Daigle, Mike Winner, and Mike Carrara in a dress uniform.

Picture 2 - Sir Knights Travis and Tony ensuring the future Sir Knights are properly seated for the ceremony.

Picture 3 - This picture shows 5 of the 8 members that advanced to the 4th degree. They are from left to right Sir Knights Steve Malutich, Paul Pronovost, Steve Kerr, Martin Mears, and Mike Reiss. After the ceremony three of our new members scattered about and here, they are in the following pictures.

Picture 4 - Sir Knight John Humphrey, Jr. John is 18 years old and is probably the youngest Sir Knight in the state of Florida and probably throughout the US.

Picture 5 - Sir Knight Joe Masterson. Joe's wife Toni was also there and fell and had a big bump on her head and he took her to emergency, Thank God she was OK.

Picture 6 - Sir Knight Logan Steele, Logan transferred from Davis Monthan AFB,

Tucson, AZ to Hurlburt AFB, FL in Feb 23 and is now a member of our council.

Picture 7 - And here is Sir Knight Mike Carrara on the left in his very nice Army dress uniform. On the right is a military individual from another assembly who also received his 4th Degree.

Congratulations to all our new Sir Knights.





Knight of the Month

It is with great pleasure that we present our Knight of the Month for March 2023, Brother Martin Mears.

Marty, as he is known to all, has been very active in our council's endeavors since joining our council last fall. In March he became involved with and was an integral part of the Into the Breach discussion-based program lead by our Deacon and joined by 12 fellow Knights. He also participated in all the council fish fry's and worked wherever he was needed, often floating from one position to another contributing to our council's success. On March 4th Marty became a new 4th degree Sir Knight and has supported them as well. He has shown a positive can-do attitude with any project he has been involved with as a Knight.



Family of the Month

Tony and Rosemary Jette were selected as the Council 7968 Family of the Month for March and Family of the Year for period 1 Apr 22 to 31 Mar 23. To compete in the Florida State Family of the Year competition you must be selected as Family of the Month within the council for that reporting year. For the past 20 + years Tony and Rosemary have supported the VA Nursing Home and Hospital in Biloxi, MS. They coordinate every year with the VA hospital to see what they need. Once known, they had a special dinner at the Knight's Hall and raised \$2000. The money was used to purchase needed VA hospital equipment. In addition, they coordinated with the church and received approval to provide parishioners with a list of proposed VA needed items and provided bags and instructions on how to get the donated merchandise back to Tony and Rosemary. In July of this year four pickups were needed to transport thousands of dollars of donated equipment and items to Biloxi, 175 miles away.



Upcoming Events

April 25 (Tuesday) BINGO [Team 2]

April 26 (Wednesday) Fraternal Benefits
Webinar, 6:30 pm (Speaker: Jim Effner)

May 2 (Tuesday) BINGO [Team 3]

May 4 (Thursday) Assembly Meeting

May 9 (Tuesday) Catholic Charities Care
(Food) Van – OLV CCC; *by 11:30 am*

May 9 (Tuesday) BINGO [Team 1]

May 16 (Tuesday) BINGO [Team 2]

May 17 (Wednesday) VA Biloxi Trip

May 17 (Wednesday) Council Meeting

May 20 (Saturday) KofC District (Joint
Council) Luau Fundraiser [3rd Planet Brewing]
{*Proceeds for Rwanda Diocese new Water
System install*}

May 23 (Tuesday) BINGO [Team 23]

May 26-28 (Weekend) Florida KofC State
Convention

May 30 (Tuesday) BINGO [Team 1]