



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

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Faithful Navigator -- Bill Marchand
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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

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert; to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of our central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God. As Spring settles in, I observe the many rituals of the season. I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Schoolchildren begin to count down the days to summer vacation. Parents do the same counting down...perhaps without the joy of the children! Spring seems to elicit looking forward. As I look forward this Spring, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure you are on track to reach your goals. The Order offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and helps reveal any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability

income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family. Call me soon to see if it makes sense to arrange for a meeting. Vivat Jesus!

God bless & HAPPY EASTER!



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Final Lenten Fish Fry

Friday the 22nd of March was our last Lenten fish fry dinner. Lenten Fish Fry Dinners were held at the Knight's Hall every Friday for six weeks starting after Ash Wednesday. In preparation for those six dinners, a dinner had also been planned and held prior to Ash Wednesday to train



and re-familiarize helpers with what exactly needed to be done. During the seven dinners, we raised an amazing \$10,587.40; with \$2500 going to support Our Lady of Victory Care Center, \$2500 to Police K-9s for warriors, \$2500 to support the VA Hospital in Biloxi, \$2000 going through Supreme in support of the victims in Israel, and the remaining \$1087.40 going into the council's Charity Fund. All of our helpers can be proud of what they did to support these needy organizations and we thank you for all your help. What could we do without you?



Senior Bingo

Senior Bingo was held on the 21st of March at the Knight's Hall and is held every four months. The seniors love it! It gets them out of the house, they meet old and new friends; and the best part is they play free bingo, get free prizes, eat a free lunch, and enjoy entertainment during lunch. Usually we also have members from the Crestview Rehab Center there, but they were unable to obtain transportation this time. That was too bad, because they love getting out of the Rehab Center and enjoy being part of Senior Bingo. The lunch consisted of vegetable and chicken stew, salad, fruits, cake, and various drinks. Senior bingo is a Rosemary Jette project - one she has been doing for years now, and the seniors love it. She spends countless hours determining what bingo prizes she needs to purchase, preparing for the next bingo event, deciding on the meal, and getting wives and Knights to help serve food, call numbers, and verify bingo winners. It is quite an operation, and we thank Rosemary for all the great things she does for the Knights of Columbus. The next Senior Bingo will be held on the 18th of July starting at 10:00 in the morning. Mark your calendars, and plan on attending.

Picture 1 - The bingo prizes.



Picture 2 - Brothers Bill and Mike in-processing the seniors.

Picture 3 - Brothers Mike and John verifying the bingo winners. Each bingo game continues until we have at least five or six winners. Brother Travis was calling bingo, and he does a great job. After this game there were six winners who picked up prizes



Picture 4 - Chow time with Jeanine, Linda, Uschi, Rosemary, Melanie, Brother Dale, and Jim Nelson working in the serving line or the kitchen.



Picture 5 - Brother Herb playing a few songs during lunch.

Catholic Charities Food Van

The 12th of March was another second Tuesday of the month when Catholic Charities delivered hundreds of pounds of food to be offloaded from the charities service van by Knights, wives, and Care Center volunteers; and transported into the Parish Hall. The food was sorted, and an assembly line set up to pack bags to be given to those in need. Thirty-seven of those 45 bags were placed into vehicles of the people who had shown up for help. This is a wonderful example of three different ministries working together for successful community outreach.

Picture 1 - Separating the food and packing the bags.



Picture 2 - Brother Travis controlling the incoming traffic.



Picture 3 - Brother Dennis taking the bags outside.



Picture 4 - Placing food bags into the cars.



Picture 5 – The volunteers enjoying a nice fried chicken lunch.



Knight and Family of the Month

Brother Steve Malutich was selected as Knight of the month for March. Steve is a member of the bingo team and calls bingo every three weeks and does a super job. Steve helps most second Tuesdays when Catholic Charities arrives with food for the needy. Steve also helped to build the new Nativity scene, set it up in front of the church, disassemble it after Christmas, and store it. Steve also worked the seven Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, helping out approximately 5.5 hours each time; helping the council to earn the \$10,587 that was donated to five different organizations, including \$2500 going to our OLV Care Center and \$2500 going in support of the VA in Biloxi.





Tony and Rosemary Jette were selected as Family of the Month for March. Just recently we had seven Lenten Fish Fry dinners and Tony and Rosemary worked them all. The \$10,587 earned all went to needy organizations, including \$2500 to be spent on supplies for the VA Hospital. 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 find out what they need, and the

VA Hospital then receives thousands of dollars in merchandise from the Knights of Columbus and OLV Parishioners. Tony and Rosemary are also back up workers of the Bread and Pastry Ministry and get to fill in quite often. They are also members of the Bingo Team with Tony selling bingo tickets and Rosemary working in the kitchen. Rosemary spent countless hours preparing and working the Senior Bingo on 21 March. Tony is a Minister of Hospitality and Rosemary a Eucharistic Minister at Saturday night Masses. Rosemary is also an invaluable volunteer every Tuesday and Wednesday at the OLV Care Center.

Knight and Family of the Year

Brother James Pazienza is our selected Knight of the Year, and Brother Travis and Jeanine Robinson our selected Family of the Year. Their contributions during Fraternal Year 2023-2024 make it clear why they have been selected by the membership as Knight and Family of the Year.



The Florida State Family and Knight of the Year entry forms have been completed and submitted by our Grand Knight, Brother Dan Lesh, to the Honorable Florida State Deputy Richard Hughes as Our Lady of Victory Council 7968 nominees for Fraternal Year 2023-2024 Florida State Knight and Family of the Year awards.

We congratulate our Knight and Family of the Year Council Award Winners and wish them the best of luck in the Florida State Knight and Family of the Year competition. The winners will be announced during the May Florida State Knight's Convention.

