



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

May 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 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

When June rolls around a couple of things come to my mind: grilling and graduations. Now these two things don't seem to have much in common. In fact, some may say they have nothing at all in common. It simply illustrates how amusingly my mind works. But let me expound a bit on both. Outdoor grilling comes on full force this time of year. Yes, in the warmer climates, there are those that grill all year round. Even in colder climates, some make a point of outdoor grilling in the coldest of weather. But for most, June starts that season when the grill is often fired up and all the succulent goodness of charbroiled food is readied for the table. Now let me relate that to graduations: I've been to many graduation parties and there always seems to be that one person who is the designated grill master. Flipping hamburgers,

turning hot dogs, kielbasa, and sausage, and tenderizing vegetables over an open flame for the celebrants. How's that for a segue? From grilling to graduations! The end of the school year means graduations. Some, from the lowest educational levels...all the way to the highest. At whatever level you may fall, or your child may fall, I offer hearty congratulations! Graduating may mean moving up one more grade level or for some who are at the end of the educational journey, it might mean a step into a new career. Or maybe advancing in an already established career. Graduating has as a natural consequence, moving on, taking the next step. Carefully preparing for a career, taking stock of talents and newfound knowledge, thinking of the impact your career may have on your family and the greater community; the graduate is ready! I think of the work I do with my members and their families in the same way: getting you to graduate at the top of your class; well-prepared, knowledgeable, setting a course with impact for your family. Sitting down with me for a consultation starts the preparation. We can take stock of where you are and any recent changes in your situation with our state-of-the-art financial needs analysis program. The end result is to help make sure you and your family are prepared: Prepared for the expected and the unexpected. The expected might be a comfortable retirement with adequate income to do the things you've always wanted to do. Being prepared for the unexpected is important, too: an untimely loss, an extended care event, a disability. Understanding the impact of having a strategy now is the first step in preparation. Call me soon to set up a time to get together and make sure you're set to graduate at the top of your class!

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF

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Council Scholarships

On May 10th, Dan and Herb traveled to Crestview High School, Baker School, and Laurel Hill School to present scholarship checks to the principals for their deserving students. All donations received from Bingo go into the KofC Scholarship Fund. On May 9th, our bingo players were thanked for their generosity throughout the year and told about where their donations went.

Picture 1 - The Principal of Crestview High, Mr. Sanders, was presented with a check for \$2000, enough for four \$500 scholarships.

Picture 2 - The Assistant Principal of Laurel Hill School, Ms. Ashley Miller, was presented with a check for \$1000 for two \$500 scholarships.

Picture 3 - The Principal of Baker School, Brother Mike Martello, was presented with a check for \$1000 enough for two \$500 scholarships.



Catholic Charities Food Van

On May 9th, Catholic Charities delivered sufficient food to the Parish Hall to provide 60 families with a week's supply of food, however, only 41 families showed up. It is much better to have too much food than

not enough. The next 2nd Tuesday will be June 13th. Mark your calendars and come on out and help.

Picture 1 – The crew putting the food into bags.

Picture 2 - The Catholic Charities representative reviewing the needs of those in each car.

Picture 3 - Brother Travis controlling the incoming traffic.

Picture 4 - Brother Dan carrying out food bags to the issue point.

Picture 5 - Food being issued to each car.

Picture 6 - Brother Doug and his wife Peggy providing the hard workers lunch consisting of two types of sandwiches, salad, drinks, and dessert.

Picture 7 - Workers enjoying lunch.



Visit to the VA in Biloxi

On May 17th five pickups loaded with needed supplies, valued at thousands of dollars, were taken to the VA Rehab center



and Hospital in Biloxi, Mississippi 150 miles away. Rosemary Jette is the Project Officer, who works months in advance helping the Knights raise funds, purchase items needed by the hospital, coordinate the help of Our Lady of Victory parish as well as the Eglin Base Chapel, and work with the Knights to obtain trucks and drivers for the trip to Biloxi. Once a year, for the past 20+ years she has done a marvelous job in supporting the needs of the VA Rehab center and Hospital. She has been a blessing to the Knights of Columbus for all the great things she does. It is also worth mentioning the Knights and their wives that traveled to Biloxi along with many others who are also very dedicated and do wonderful things in support of the needy throughout the world and we thank them all for the great things they do.

Picture 1 - Rosemary and VA Respiratory Therapy Supervisor, Aja Clark.

Picture 2 – Just some of the needed support items.

Picture 3 - VA Respiratory Therapy Workers showing some of the items received.

Picture 4 - The Knights and wives that made the trip to Biloxi.





Council Degree Ceremony

On Saturday May 7th after a wonderful meal enjoyed by prospective new members and their families plus Knights and their families, the Council held an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We brought in four new members to Council 7968 with a few others still wanting to join. The Council is doing just great this Fraternal Year. Thus far, the Council has brought in 16 new members, and we have already met Supremes' highest Star Council Award requirements for the year and will be receiving Supremes' Star Council Award. As a matter of fact, if we can bring in four more members by the end of June, the Council will receive double Star Council credit. To our new members: we welcome you and your families into our family council and hope to see you participating in helping the needy and enjoying our social events.

Picture 1 - The degree team presenting the Exemplification.

Picture 2 - Dan and Tony presenting the new members a rosary and membership pin.

Picture 3 - Our new four members: Daniel Jimenez, Jose Mejias, Norbert Bigirimana, and Antoine Hynso.





District Exemplification

On May 11th a District Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was held at our Knights Hall with one new member from Niceville in attendance. As a reminder our District 5 is one of five districts throughout Florida required to provide an Exemplification for First, Second and Third Degree once a month. Each district Exemplification is displayed throughout the State of Florida and councils that have potential new members who watch the Exemplification become third degree members of the Knights of Columbus. District five is required to conduct an Exemplification the second Thursday of every month, and the next one will be held at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Niceville.

Thanks to Brother Arnaldo for taking the picture and running the ceremony throughout the state. The District 5 Exemplification team included four members from our council. From right to left: Brothers Mark, Dan, Travis, and Herb. The two individuals in the front are: the new Third Degree Member on the right with his 17-year-old son to his left. The monthly Exemplification Team members vary every month depending on who is available and where the Exemplification is held.



Memorial Day 2023

On May 29th, a Memorial Day Service was held at the Veterans Memorial in Crestview, and the Knights were there to help celebrate this wonderful day of paying tribute to our lost veterans.

Picture 1 - In addition to those sitting down, there were many more standing. It was a nice turnout.

Picture 2 - We had a very good turnout. There were 17 Knights there including Travis who took this picture.

Picture 3 - A U.S. Air Force reserve Chief Master Sergeant gave a very nice Ceremonial Speech.

Picture 4 - Brothers Retired US Army COL Joe Masterson and Retired US Navy Lt. Commander George Liedel presented the KofC wreath.



Robert (Bob) Yoder

Brother Robert (Bob) F. Yoder, Jr. age 68, passed away on 19 April 2023 while vacationing in the Philippines. He was the proud husband of Rosalyn Yoder, with whom he shared 23 wonderful years of life. He was born in Adrian, Michigan and attended Michigan Public Schools. Bob enlisted in the United States Navy at age 17 and served in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf, Desert Storm, and the Global War on Terror. After 32 years of helping protect our great nation, Bob retired from the Navy as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus (KofC) since 14 August 2005. He was an active member until he experienced a terrible fire incident that burned his body and impacted his health. Even after that incident, Bob still attended meetings. Bob enjoyed rebuilding classic cars, riding his Harley, and traveling the world. He was a strong-willed, hardworking, honest father who loved all his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Bob is survived by his mother Ruby, his wife Rosalyn, seven children, fourteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Tuesday, May 23rd at the chapel of Davis-Watkins Crestview Memorial, and a Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Victory Church on Wednesday, May 24th followed by a Committal service at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, Florida.

At the Mass, Rosalyn was presented a KofC Third Degree Jesus Christ Plaque by the Grand Knight, Dan Lesh. Bob was enrolled

by the KofC as a Perpetual Member in the Missionary Society of St. Columban to share in the Masses, prayers, and work of Columban missionaries worldwide. All Associate members share in the following:

Each year 2,000 Masses are offered for Associate Members including 100 special Masses at Easter, All Souls and Christmas.

Each week special prayers are offered in all Columban houses and mission centers.

Each Day the sacrifices and prayers of Columban missionaries are made throughout the world.

Picture 1 - A very nice picture of Bob serving in the Navy.

Picture 2 - Rosalyn along with members of the KofC that guarded Bob's casket.

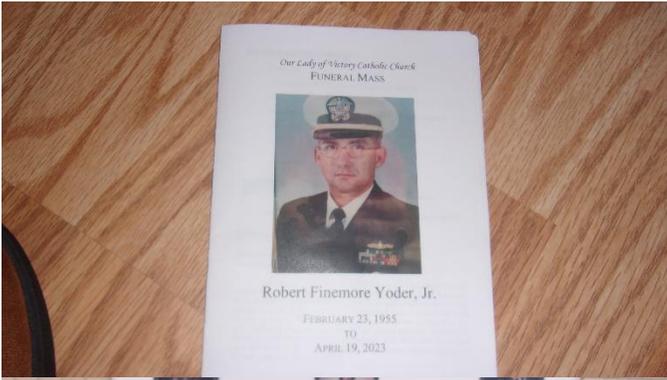
Picture 3 - The replacement of the KofC guards.

Picture 4 - KofC Honor Guard welcoming Father Roy and the start of the Mass.

Picture 5 - Father Roy officiating the Mass with Matt Coleman in the background providing music and singing.

Pictures 6 & 7 - A very nice crowd.

Picture 8 -The KofC Honor Guard greeting parishioners as they leave the church.



Knight of the Month



Brother Deacon Dan Dailey was selected as Knight of the Month for May 2023. Deacon Dan held an 8-week discussion series on the Breech series videos and booklet that helps examine the men of the KofC and their deep faith in Christ and the Church. Each week participants read a part of the book that went along with the video segment participants watched. Discussions about family situations and how the church and our faith lead us in the right direction ensued after each video segment. Learning to lead the family unit in the Catholic faith was a big part of all of it. Fraternity kept these men and their discussions going along with the support of each. It was a worthwhile undertaking and participants thank Deacon Dan for hosting the event and for his leadership of the discussions. In addition to serving with Father Roy during weekend Masses, Deacon Dan also periodically provides the sermon and holds a communion service three weekend days a month at the Crestview Correction Institute.

Family of the Month



Brother Travis and Jeanine Robinson were selected as Family of the Month for May 2023. Brother Travis is presently the District Warder for District 5 and starting the 1st of July will become the District Deputy for District 5 responsible for seeing that the Four Councils within the district are doing their job, a very responsible and time-consuming position. He is currently the 4th Degree Assembly Captain and is a member of the Council's Exemplification Degree Team. Every three weeks Travis spends about 6 to 7 hours running Tuesday night Bingo with Jeanine helping in the kitchen. The council runs various projects to raise money and you will always see Travis and Jeanine running or working on the projects. For example: visiting and helping to deliver numerous gifts to the Veterans Hospital in Biloxi every year and working the KofC six weeks Fish Fry dinners during Lent every year. They both also support the church, where Travis is a member of the Ministry of Hospitality, and Jeanine a Eucharistic Minister.