



KNIGHTS IN ACTION
June 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*

Welcome to the middle of summer! July means kids are out of school (parents counting down the days till they return!) and family vacations are planned and taken. For many it's the time to get outdoors and enjoy some good weather. The temperature, for some will be too hot, some too cool and for others...just right. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family as the summer moves on. A shady spot in the yard or on the porch may be all you want or need. You might just get away by yourself for some quality rest and relaxation. For some it means the family road trip, driving to that favorite vacation spot. For others it means a trip to see the grandkids. Whatever recharges your battery and strengthens family bonds, I hope you get to do it. Speaking of driving, it isn't prudent to drive without proper auto insurance, which could leave one in a bad spot should the unexpected happen. The same is true for the insurance coverage the Order has available. The Knights of Columbus have the products to protect you and your family as you drive down the road of life. I appreciate the opportunity to meet with brother Knights and their spouses to continue the tradition of protection Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned. Although I've met with many council members, my goal is to meet everyone so you can take advantage of the free service I provide. The financial needs analysis tool provided by the Order will take a snapshot of where you stand today, what your goals and objectives are, and help identify any gaps in your coverage. Let's get together. This drive through life has many unexpected sharp turns, speed bumps and blind spots!

*This is a solicitation for insurance.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,
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Supporting the local USO Office

On the 2nd of June, Sir Knights Bill Marchand, our Faithful Navigator, and Travis Robinson, our Faithful Captain, presented the USO at Destin-Fort Walton Beach Regional Airport with a \$500 gift card. The money will be used to maintain/replenish supplies needed to aid active duty and retired military personnel who are traveling to or from our area, or simply passing through. Input provided by Brother Travis. We appreciate input to the monthly newsletters very much.



The Luau, aka the annual Parish Picnic!

A few pictures of our hard-working Knights serving up the food, enjoying lunch and having fun at the OLV Luau held after the 11 AM Mass on the 4th of June.

Picture 1 – Our Grand Knight, Brother Dan Lesh, pictured with Brother Jim Pazienza, the Council's Financial Secretary.

Picture 2 - Brother John Libby has worked bingo for over 20 years and is pictured with Brother Mike Winner, the Council's news reporter.

Picture 3 - Brother Deacon Dan Dailey showing everyone how it's done at the water balloon 🍷 shot game.

Pictures taken and provided by Brother Arnaldo Fonseca OLV's dependable photographer and Director of the OLV Youth Ministry.





District Exemplification

On June the 8th, a District Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was held at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Church in Niceville. There was one new member from Niceville in attendance. Brother Arnaldo Fonseca (behind the camera) ran the ceremony throughout the state of Florida. The District 5 Exemplification team included one member from our council, Brother Mark John, second from the right. Next month's Exemplification will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Niceville on July 13th.



Council Exemplification

A Council Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity was held on Saturday the 24th of June at the Knight's Hall. Attendees enjoyed coffee and donuts before the Exemplification ceremony which started at 11 AM. One of the requirements to receive the 'Star Council' award is to bring in 10 new members during the year. We ended up bringing in a total of 21 new members and met all the other requirements for Star Council so we will be receiving Supremes' DOUBLE Star Council Award. Congratulations to all who helped make that happen. The award will be presented in late July. Once again Congratulations!

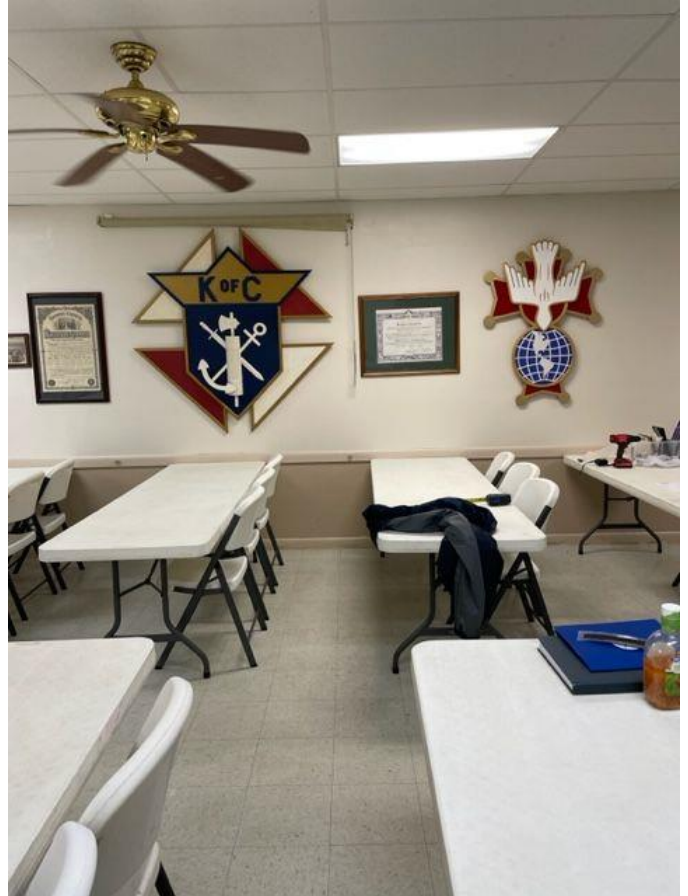
The four newest members of our council are, from left to right next to Brother Dan are Brothers Mike Aldrich, Thomas Roccisano, Joe Parenteau and Ron Unite. The fifth individual is from a council in Niceville. We welcome all our new members and their families to Council 7968, Congratulations!

The picture was provided by Brother Mike Winner, thanks Mike!



New Fourth Degree Emblem

Approximately 10 years ago, Brother Joe Masterson spent many hours working on the beautiful Third Degree Emblem on display in the Knight's Hall (picture 1). More recently Brother Joe has spent countless more hours on a Fourth Degree Emblem (picture 2). Both emblems are now on display in the Knight's Hall as shown in picture 3. Over the years, Brother Joe has made many beautiful things out of wood for the church, for the VA in Biloxi, for friends and for our council and we want to thank Joe for all the great things he has done for us. Thanks Joe!



Special Event

On Wednesday the 28th of June, the Council held a very Special Event: The celebration of Brother George Liedel's 90th Birthday and the honoring of our Family and Knight of the Year selectees. We had a wonderful turnout, and everyone was waiting for George when he came through the door at 7 PM as we sang Happy Birthday. He was very surprised, and we all had a great time and a wonderful meal. After the meal Brother Dan Lesh, Grand Knight, passed out award certificates. Also, our Faithful Navigator, Bill Marchand, presented a Patriotic Angel to Rosemary for all the wonderful things Rosemary consistently does every year.

Picture 1 - George entering the hall and the crowd singing Happy Birthday.

Picture 2 - George saying grace before the meal, our former acolyte.

Picture 3 - Brother Dan reading a very nice certificate about Brother George from his hometown in Michigan.

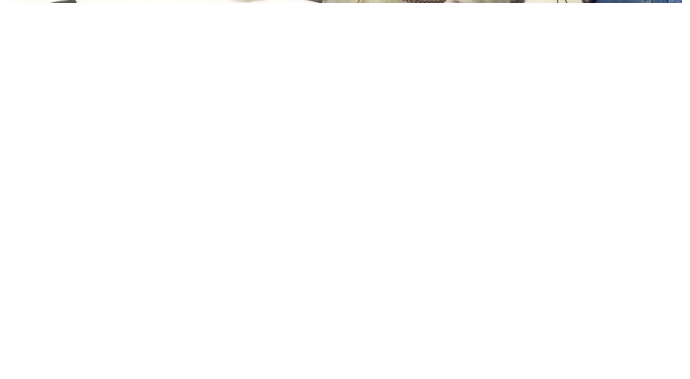
Picture 4 - Dan presenting George the Knight of the Month certificate for June 2023.

Picture 5 - Dan presenting Brother Tony and Rosemary the Family of the Year Certificate for Fraternal Year 2022-2023.

Picture 6 - Dan presenting Brother Arnie the Knight of the Year Certificate for Fraternal Year 2022-2023.

Picture 7 - Brother Bill presenting Rosemary the Patriotic Angel.

Picture 8 - Because the angel is so hard to see, we included a separate large picture of just the Patriotic Angel.





Knight of the Month

Brother George Liedel was selected as Knight of the Month for June 2023. George's selection is a tribute to him for all the great things he has done for the Knights over the past 30 years. George became a Knight on December 12, 1992, at the age of 59. He is an amazing, hard-working individual who on the 9th of July turned 90! For many years George was a member of the Council's Bingo Team and worked almost every Tuesday night helping the Council earn money to support its charitable programs. George has brought great joy to hundreds of children of all ages, folks confined to nursing homes and hospitals, and people of all faiths, by playing the role of Santa Claus throughout the month of December for over 25 years, only ending a few years ago due to Covid 19. George also represents the Council at all Crestview Chamber of Commerce functions. George's dedication to the Knights was recognized when he was twice selected as our Councils Knight of the Year, and Knight of the Year at the State Level in 2011. Thank you, George, for all the great things you have done over the years for the council, your friends and for untold numbers of strangers.



Family of the Month

Brother Herb and Uschi were selected as Family of the Month for June 2023. Herb was the Membership Director for Fraternal Year 2022-2023 and greatly contributed to the council earning Supremes' Double Star Council Award.

Herb and Uschi work bingo, the main means of support for the council, every Tuesday evening. Uschi works in the kitchen while Herb works quarter bingo.

Herb and Uschi also support the church's Care Center. They work every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:30 AM stocking shelves with food items, by use date received from parishioners and stores and work every Wednesday morning from 7 to 8:30 AM passing out bread and pastries to the needy within the community that were picked up from a neighboring food store. They also pick up bread and pastries every Thursday morning from the food store and deliver it to Sharing and Caring where it is also issued to the needy within the community.

Herb is also a member of the Florida State district 5 weekly Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity which are held every second Thursday of the month and is conducted across the State of Florida. Herb does the lesson on Charity.

Herb is also the contributing editor to the council's monthly newsletter. He takes pictures of council events and writes articles about them.

The council runs various projects to raise money throughout the fraternal year and you will always find Herb and Uschi there helping.

Herb is also a Lector at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.

Picture - Brother Herb on the left side being presented the Family of the Month certificate by Grand Knight Dan Lesh.

