



KNIGHTS IN ACTION
July 2022
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 Meetings held the Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 PM at the Knight's Hall.
Assembly Meetings held the First Thursday of the month at 7 PM at the Knight's Hall.
Bingo workers needed every Tuesday night. Be there by 6 PM if can spare a few hours!

GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER
Insurance News

Welcome to the middle of summer! July means most are in full summer vacation mode. Kids are out of school (And parents are already counting down the days till they return!) and family vacations are planned or maybe already taken. For many it's the time to get outdoors and enjoy some good weather. The temperature, much like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, for some will be too hot, for 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 all by yourself for some quality rest and relaxation. For some that might mean the family road trip, kids and parents driving to that favorite vacation spot. For some who are older it might mean the trip to see the grandkids. Whatever it is that recharges your battery and strengthens the family bonds, I hope you get to do it.

This is a solicitation for insurance

Speaking of driving, it isn't prudent to drive without proper auto insurance. Anyone who does could be in a bad spot should the unexpected happen. The same is true for the insurance coverages that the Order has available. The Knights of Columbus has 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 and continue the tradition of protection that Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned. Although I've met with many members of the council, my goal is to meet with each of you so you can take advantage of the free service I provide. The financial needs analysis tool that the Order has provided 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. Call me soon. This drive through life has many unexpected sharp turns, speed bumps and blind spots!
Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

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July the 4th Fundraiser

We had quite a turnout for our July the 4th fundraiser in support of Ukraine, and we thank everyone who attended and helped out. The food was excellent; hotdogs or hamburgers with cheese, tomato and lettuce with a side of chips and a drink, all for \$5.00, what a bargain!

The proceeds of \$717.00 will be going to our Brother Knights in Ukraine to help them in their war-torn country. At the next business meeting, the \$717 will probably be increased to \$1000. Please continue to pray that the Russian / Ukraine war ends soon.





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Food Truck Distribution

This is the fourth month now that we have been receiving hundreds of pounds of food from the Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida Food Assistance Program. It is delivered to our Lady of Victory Parish Hall at noon time, where the food is offloaded, sorted, and at least 50 big bags filled with a week's supply of food by volunteers. After the bags are filled, they are passed out to families as they drive through in their cars. The families are interviewed by members of Catholic Charities so we know how many bags go into each vehicle. The helpers stay to enjoy a free lunch which consisted of delicious sandwiches, drinks and dessert.







Adopt a Highway Cleanup

Brother John Mehalopoulos, the Knights Highway Cleanup Chief, scheduled us for Highway Cleanup on Saturday the 16th. Highway cleanup began at 7:00 AM, but before that, those who got there early were treated to free donuts and coffee! At 7:05 AM we were all out the door to clean up our two-mile stretch of Highway 90, which took us about an hour to complete, followed by a wonderful breakfast consisting of eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausages, juice, and coffee. A real treat!







Our Highway Cleanup Chief loads his vehicle with the cleanup bags and then takes them to a drop off location on east Highway 90. The bags are then picked up by the city on Monday. Also, John picks up and returns left-over cleanup bags and equipment to Ferrevial Services located on west Highway 90.

Senior Bingo

On 14 Jul. Senior Bingo was once again held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The attendees had a great time socializing with friends, enjoying free bingo, free prizes, free lunch and free entertainment by Herb on his accordion! In addition to all that free stuff, participants could purchase raffle tickets for some nice prizes, or 50/50 raffle tickets with 50% going to help support the next Senior bingo. Senior Bingo began at 10:00 AM and ended at noon followed by lunch and a lot of socializing until about 1:00 PM. Lastly, those who did not win at bingo got to pick a prize before departing for home.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the next Senior Bingo which will be held on Thursday, 17 Nov.







Loss of Brother Knight Kenneth Woodard

Brother Kenneth Woodard, age 70, of Holt, FL passed away on Saturday July 9, 2022, at his home surrounded by family.

Ken was born November 8, 1951, in Chicago, IL. Ken was a member of our Lady of Victory Church, serving as an usher and extraordinary minister of the eucharistic for the sick. Ken also served his country honorably during the Vietnam Era Conflict. He was a Charter Member of the Knights of Columbus, helping to bring Council 7968 into existence back in 1982. Ken was the owner of Abbey Carpet, Tile, and Hardwood Floor Business, and enjoyed the Rolling Field Lane Alpaca Farm along with his wife Patricia.

Those left to cherish Ken's memory include his wife Patricia Martha Woodard, his mother Eileene Allen Chesshire; children Kimberly Lea Allen, Rebecca Eileene Woodard, and Kelly Woodard Palakshappa. Brothers are Michael Edward Woodard, Carl Eugene, Jr. and Richard Jerome Woodard. Also, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Ken's viewing and Memorial Mass was held at Our Lady of Victory Church on 18 Jul 2022 followed by burial at the Pensacola Memorial Gardens in Pensacola, Florida.

Interesting information provided by Brother Tony Jette: It was the late 1990's when the upper and lower floors at the Knights of Columbus Hall were mostly carpet. At that time Ken had a flooring company, so we reached out to him for information about replacing the carpet with tile. Ken, being a fellow knight, offered to assist in the preparation and installation of the new floor. Once the floor was prepped, he laid out areas where the glue was going to go, and starting with the large inner areas put down the glue, which had to sit overnight. He showed us how to lay the tiles, and as expected, somebody now and then would get stuck to the floor and have to unstick themselves in order to continue laying the tile. All told, I think it took about 8 to 10 members helping to lay both floors. Those two floors are still in excellent shape today, thanks to Ken Woodard.

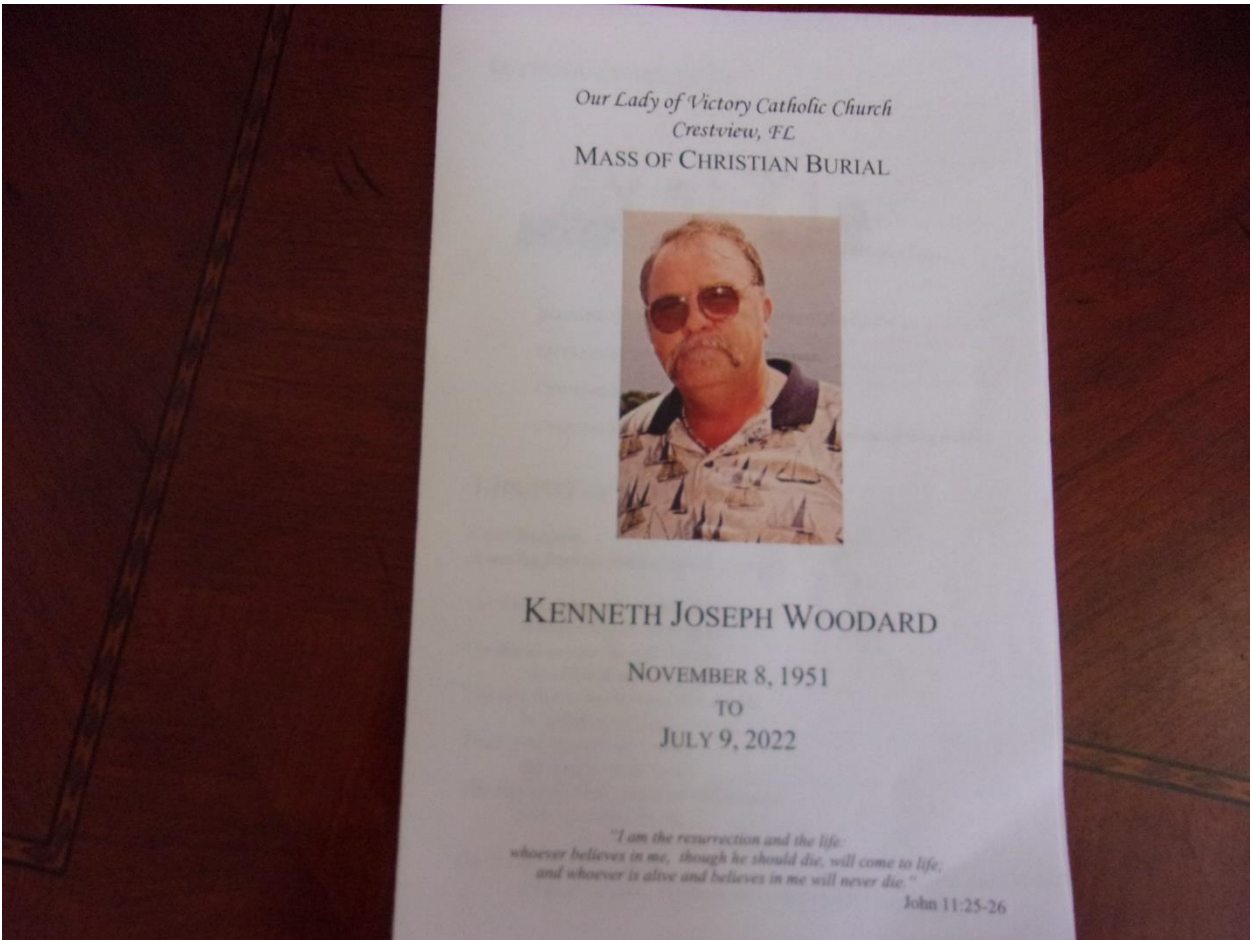
The Knights of Columbus, Council 7968 enrolled Ken as a Perpetual Member to the Society of Saint Columban with the Certificate of enrollment sent to Mrs. Patricia Woodward. Ken will share in the following spiritual benefits of the society:

- 2,000 Masses offered each year
- Special Masses offered at Christmas and Easter, and throughout the year.
- Daily public prayers offered in all of the Columban Seminaries and Mission Houses. The prayers and sacrifices of all Columban missionaries.

Picture 1 - Memorial church page of Brother Ken.

Picture 2 - Brother Sir Knight Jeff Fischer presenting Mrs. Woodard the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Memorial Plaque.

Picture 3 - These six pallbearers, brother Knights, with the exception of Richard, the third from the left, continued on to the burial site in Pensacola.





Council Installation

The Council's Installation of New Officers for Fraternal Year 2022-2023 was held at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Defuniak Springs on 5 July. The priest there is Father Dawson. It was a wonderful event with many of the wives in attendance, followed by a wonderful dinner at a local restaurant.



Family of the Month

Brother Doug Shepherd and his wife Peggy were selected as Family of the Month for July 2022. Doug and Peggy are an amazing couple. On 3 April 2022, Doug converted to Catholicism and shortly thereafter became a Lector at Our Lady of Victory Church. On 24 June Council 7968 hosted an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity welcoming Doug as one of four new members of our council, and at that ceremony Doug was asked if he knew anything about computers. He said yes and volunteered to take over the Newsletter Editors job that he knows absolutely nothing about. He is however, receiving a lot of help from Brothers Herb and Travis on what it is he needs to do. His wife Peggy, beginning 1 July, volunteered to run the Care Center Operation taking over from Dawn Butler who moved to Fort Walton Beach. Peggy is also a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instructor and has been for many years. Peggy is a member of the music ministry, a sacristan, and a lector at Our Lady of Victory; and both Doug and Peggy helped out with Highway cleanup on 16 July. I would venture to say that since the council's existence back in 1982, this is the first KofC Family of the Month recognized one month after becoming a member.



And lastly, a note from our Membership Director, Herb Fosman...

Thanks to our hard working past Membership Director Brother Travis Robinson, and our supporting hard-working Brother Knights, Council 7968 will receive the Star Council Award for "Fraternal Year 2021-2022" for the second year in a row. Congratulations for a job well done! In our 39 years of existence, the Star Council Award was received by our Council 16 times.

The Star Council Award recognizes excellence in our council's programming and charitable outreach. To earn this award the council must conduct and report programs in each of the four program categories (Faith, Family, Community, and Life) for a total of 16 program credits, with four in each category. The Council must also receive the Columbian Award and Father McGivney Award. The Columbian Award recognizes excellence in the council's membership growth. To win this award our council must meet or exceed its yearly membership quota. The quota for 2022-2023 is 6% or 10 new members. The Father McGivney Award recognizes excellence in the council's promotion of our top-rated insurance products. To win this award the council must host two approved Fraternal Benefit Seminars, in conjunction with our General Agent or Field Agent. Finally, report forms for completion of these awards must be submitted to Supreme by 30 Jun 2023.

Over the years I have been Membership Director four times and with the help of the membership received the Star Council Award four times. Brother Dan Lesh, our new Grand Knight, asked me to be the Membership Director. and at age 85 on 11 August 22. I didn't think that would be a good idea, especially with my getting dumber by the day. But Dan kept pestering me, so I said OK. I will do my upmost best this coming year to help earn the Star Council Award, but it will take all of us, and I am sure with the help of the membership we will earn the Star Council Award again next year. All Brothers Knights are asked to start today to help recruit new members. When attending Mass or some other parish function, should you see a new family introduce yourself and tell them about the Knights of Columbus. Being a Knight brings the experience of supporting the church, the community, our families, deepening one's faith and paving a new direction in one's life. Be an active recruiter. New families appreciate being approached and welcomed into the community and you may be very much surprised of your positive results.

Recruiters receive 500 points for each new or readmitted member recruited and these points can be redeemed for merchandise from the Supreme Council Supply Department. After the recruitment of two members, the recruiter becomes a member of the Supreme Council's Very Important Proposer's Club (VIP Club) and if you bring in two new members you will receive \$25 for each of the two members and that will pay your next year's dues. Lastly, a new reward has been added: Bring in two new members in a month and you will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$300.00 prize, WOW! And the council will be entered into a drawing for \$100.00. Can our Council receive the Star Council Award for 2022-2023, working together, you bet we can, AMEN.