



KNIGHTS IN ACTION
August 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.

GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER
Insurance News

As I write this, we have scores of people in the Supreme Office and around our jurisdictions who are preparing for the Supreme Convention. It's an exciting time because many accomplishments of the past year will be recognized. All of you, the members of this council, and the members of the other councils I serve, can take great pride in playing a part in these successes. I congratulate all of you for your dedication to our first principle, charity, and reaching so many in need both here at home and around the world. While we have helped many right here, you have responded generously to help our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and our brother Knights in Poland who have been critical in providing for so many refugees. Our Order, started by a simple and humble parish priest, who is on the path to sainthood, was to provide for both the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. You are helping to do that today. When people in the local community think about the Knights of Columbus, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent the Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, giving out Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles. I look forward to next month when we can see the actual impact as outlined in the Supreme Knight's Report at the convention. But even with a report of all that has been accomplished, let's not lose sight that our work is not done. We have challenges every day and I am pleased to be assigned to this council and help further the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

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Field Agent's Report

Every September a non-profit organization known as Life Happens coordinates the Life Insurance Awareness Month campaign. This campaign is dedicated to informing people about how important life insurance is to protect their families. Life insurance is a cornerstone of a family's future financial security. Blessed Michael McGivney certainly knew how important life insurance was to a family. But many members don't understand how involved Fr. McGivney was in developing the Order's insurance program. According to Christopher Kauffman, the author of the centennial history of the Order, Faith and Fraternalism, The History of the Knights of Columbus 1882-1982, one of Fr. McGivney's two main reasons for founding the Order was "the need to protect families during sickness and death." (pg. 17) Kauffman goes on to say that Fr. McGivney "spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature." (pg. 35) Originally, when the Order was founded, there was no such thing as an "associate member." Everyone was insured; that was one of those two primary reasons for joining. While the Order is now well known for its charitable works and strong advocacy for the most vulnerable, strengthening men in their faith and protecting them and their families with life insurance were twin catalysts in forming the Order. While young Catholic men still seek to strengthen their faith, we know families still need protection from untimely death. This mission remains just as important today. In an attempt to make every member and every eligible Catholic man aware of how important life insurance is, the Order has made a substantial investment. The Order has provided me with a high-tech, state of the art financial needs analysis platform that can help us determine where you stand today. It can help me formulate a strategy for you and your family and offer meaningful insurance and financial solutions...a strategy specific to your family and your situation. The analysis can be done in the comfort of your home or virtually. What can life insurance provide? Peace of mind and security.

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Our District Deputy hosted a Membership Ceremony, the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity on 19 Aug 22 at our Council Hall. We welcomed eight new members within our District 5 with three of them new members of our council. They include Garrett Braun, wearing a suit and yellow tie who celebrated his 18th birthday on 18 Aug 22 and became a Knight on 19 Aug 22, The youngest Knight in the state of Florida as of 19 Aug 22. followed by Jaime Feliciano to the right of Garrett who runs Buck's Grass and Tree Service in Crestview and William Martello behind Jaime whose brother Michael Martello is also a member of our council, and William's deceased dad Gerald Martello was also a very active member of our council for many years, with the remaining five men to the right joining other District Councils. The second last gentleman on the right is Richard Urrutia, the Florida State Knights of Columbus State Deputy, and we were honored to have him with us. Our District Deputy is Matt French the first fellow in the back row on the left of the picture with several other leaders from the other three councils that attended the ceremony.

We also have two transferred members: Robert Groves and Daniel Avanzi. Welcome all of you and your families to Council 7968

Herb
Membership Director

Hello Brother Knights,

As your Membership Director, my primary responsible is to help along with the membership to bring in new members for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. Our membership quota is 6% or 10 new members. Thus far we are doing great. On 19 Aug we had a membership ceremony and brought in three new members - SUPER, only seven more to go. In addition to getting seven more members 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. We are a great Council and yearly we complete these four program requirements with no problem. End result of all this by receiving seven or more new members we will receive the Star Council Award, Supreme's highest award for recognizing excellence in our council's operation.

What follows is very important information that I provided in last month's newsletter, but because of its importance I would like to reiterate it again: 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.

Also, important are the benefits of bringing in new members: 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 Fraternal Year 2022-2023, working together, you bet we can, AMEN.

Membership Director, Herb

Gentlemen, our main means of financial support comes from weekly bingo, and much of it supports charitable organizations, annual scholarships, and the church. We currently have three bingo teams that work normal bingo games every third week from 6:15 to 9:15 PM. We also have some help that works quarter bingo every week from 4:15 to 6:15 PM. It would be wonderful if we could get sufficient help to have a 4th bingo team that would require an additional seven men. One man to sell bingo cards, two men to work the floor validating bingo winners, two bingo callers, one that would work from 6:15 to about 8 PM and the second that would work from 8 PM to 9:15 PM, and a kitchen cook that would work from 4 to 7 PM. Training would be provided as needed. We can also use a backup to support Quarter Bingo, and training for this position would be required. So gentleman, if you can support a maximin of three hours every fourth week that would be wonderful. We had a 4th bingo team, but we lost a team resulting from Job changes, moves and health problems and getting a 4th team back again would be wonderful. Soooo, if interested in helping your brother knights out and we hope you are, let Herb know by calling 423-1262 or sending him an email at herbandursula@cox.net.

On 24 Jun and 19 Aug, the Council brought in seven new members. As your new Membership Director, I would like to provide those new members the attached information on Member and Fraternal Benefits that they perhaps have not yet received, and to refamiliarize our current long-standing members on Member and Fraternal Benefits as well. To those members that would like to help support the Council bring in new members, please consider providing a copy of this handout to prospective new members.

Thanks, and God Bless!
Herb

We want to thank Bill Marchand, our Faithful Navigator, Dan Lesh, our Grand Knight, and Mike Winter our Council Recorder for participating along with five other Sir Knights from other councils as Honor Guards for Father Angelo Messina's Memorial Mass held on 31 Aug at the Resurrection Catholic Church in Miramar Beach. Father Angelo was a very popular priest, loved by many and will be missed by all that knew him.

For fourth degree Knights that do not have Regalia, the 4th Degree Assembly is providing \$300 to help support the payment of Regalia. So, if interested in purchasing Regalia order the Regalia and attend the next Assembly meeting to get the help of \$300.

*Family Of The Month
John & Catherine Widmaier*



John and Catherine Widmaier were selected as Family of the Month for Aug 22. John at age 86 and Catherine right behind him are an amazing couple. They work at Sharing and caring every Tuesday from 8:45 to 12 noon supporting the needy in the community, and they have been doing that for over 20 years. At their age you would think they do enough. But that is not the case, every Saturday both John and Catherine pick up bread and pastries from Publics and deliver it to the Nazarene Church that provides a weekly meal to the needy. They also deliver to the Crestview Shelter House that cares for the homeless. Over the years they have supported KofC Senior bingo with Catherine preparing food and John making different bingo items as gifts for bingo winners and have supported many council projects. They are an amazing couple considering their age, and we pray that John and Catherine will be with us for many more years.



Brother Dennis Daigle presented the Family of the Month Award to John and Catherine at Sharing and Caring on Tuesday 20 Sep. where they work every Tuesday providing food to the needy. A great couple well worthy of the Family of the Month Award.



Matt Coleman has been selected as Parishioner of the Month for Aug 22. Since 2018 Matt has been the full-time OLV Music Director. In 2020 Matt received a bachelor's degree in Business Management and on 1 Jul 22 received a master's degree in Business Management. Matt and his wife currently have five children with a sixth one on the way. Matt was recently offered a business management job in Miramar Beach that will better support his growing family. But Matt will continue to support OLV with music and song until Father Roy gets a new Music Director. Thanks Matt!



The Knights of Columbus (KofC) collected donated funds and school supplies from parishioners (following the Okaloosa School District's recommendation list) Funds and donations received amounted to \$4,529. KofC passed out supplies to some schools and teachers who have reached out to us and asked for it, plus school supplies were issued out of the Care Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to noon and on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 AM to needy families with kids. The picture shows Carol, Dan and Rick sorting the supplies by school grade and passing out the supplies to those who have children in school. It was a very successful and hardworking project, and we thank all that donated and helped with the project.

The Knights of Columbus at Supreme level donates \$100.00 for every \$500 that is donated in food to our Lady of Victory Care Center, with a maximum of \$500 offered by Supreme every Fraternal Year. Last Fraternal Year the Care Center received \$300 from Supreme, but we missed out on \$200 additional dollars. we can easily do better than that and here is how: We have Knights and their families that bring in food supplies to the Care Center or provide money or check for the purchase of food. When you do that, please let Brother Jim Pazienza know how much you spent or donated in cash or check. Jim will keep track of that and will inform Supreme of what was spent in support of our Care Center. Your donations and cooperation are very much appreciated.



At the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, 18 Sep, the Deputy Grand Knight to the Knights of Columbus presented The Knight of the Month Award to our past Music Director that is currently filling in until Fr. Roy obtains a new Choir Director. It is something the KofC and OLV parishioners appreciate very much. We will miss both Matt and Rita for all the great music and song that they have provided over the past few years. With Gods Blessing for the Coleman family, we wish them all the best. With Love from all the Members of the KofC and all OLV parishioners.