



KNIGHTS IN ACTION
September 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 – Steve Malutich
State Deputy – Richard P. Hughes
District Deputy – Travis Robinson Jr
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

November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month, an event recognized by Congress and many States. To mark the occasion, the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance has compiled these 10 facts:

- # 1 - Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was 20 years on average in 2019.
- # 2 - By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.
- # 3 – The number of people in need of long-term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.
- # 4 – Average out-of-pocket costs are \$140,000 for those individuals who utilize paid long term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 percent will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9 percent will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.
- # 5 – By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.
- # 6 – For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55 percent of long-term care costs out of pocket.
- # 7 – Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 percent of solo households age 80 and over.
- # 8 – Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two-thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.

9 – The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection in 2019. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grows older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.

10 – 69.5 percent of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely to need long term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.

<https://www.aaltci.org/about/long-term-care-awareness-month-2020.php>

God bless & Stay safe

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Soccer Challenge

Here are the different reports for the 2023 Soccer Challenge held at OLV Church on Sunday, September 24th. We had a total of 17 young people who participated, not including the little ones playing on the two small goals.

The Soccer Challenge Champs for each age category are as follows:

Age 9 - Chai Poindexter

Age 10 - Aaron Unite

Age 11 - Katherine Nurmy

Age 12 - Henry Nurmy

Age 13 – no entries

Age 14 - Anola Poindexter

Thanks to Brother Arnie Fonseca who did a great job organizing and running the event!



Annual Spaghetti Dinner

On the 16th of September the Knights held the annual Spaghetti Dinner. We had a great turnout and made about \$1600 which went into our Charity Fund. The food was great, the crowd was great, and everyone enjoyed each other's company as Herb played the accordion.

Picture 1 - Most of the Spaghetti Dinner helpers



Picture 2 - The in-processing crew



Picture 3 - The serving crew



Picture 4 - The kitchen crew



Picture 5 – A very nice crowd



Picture 6 - Herb entertained everyone with his accordion.



Catholic Charities Food Van

September the 12th was another Second Tuesday of the month when local families in need received a week's supply of food from Catholic Charities. Unloading the van, unpacking and separating the food, packing the individual bags, and issuing them to those in need is a lot of work; but also a lot of fun. If you can spare an hour or two on the next Second Tuesday (14 November) come on out to the Parish Hall and lend a hand and enjoy a nice lunch. The fun usually gets underway around 11:30 AM and we get done by 2 PM, if not before.

Pictures 1 & 2 - Separating the food items and loading the bags.



Picture 3 - Brother Travis controlling the incoming traffic.



Picture 4 - Issuing the food bags.



Picture 5 - Enjoying a free lunch.



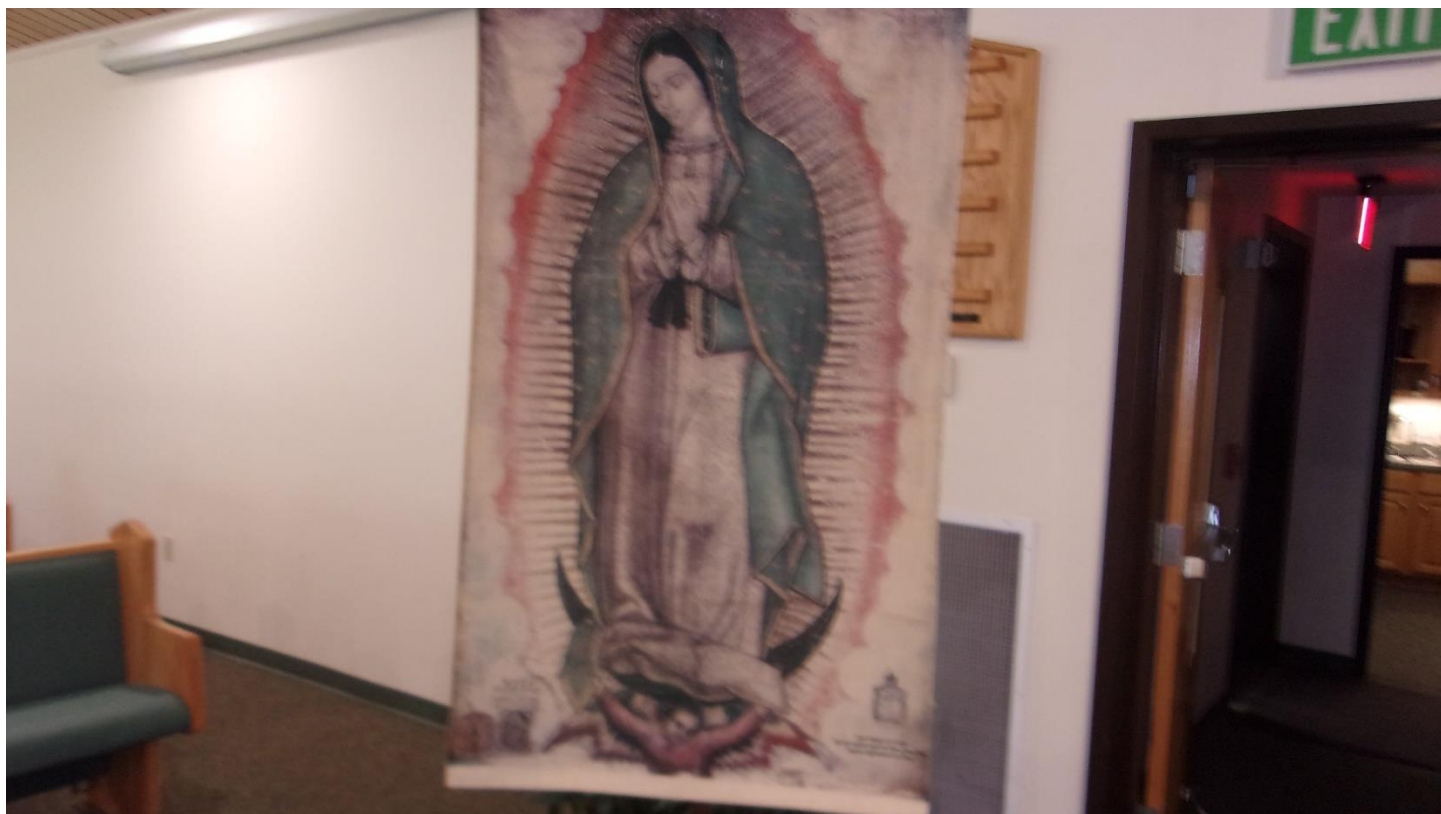
A note from our Grand Knight

We started our 2nd Annual School Supplies Drive way back in July on the weekend of the 22nd, collecting school supplies after all masses through August 13th. We collected supplies valued at \$3,847 from OLV Church and another \$457 from our Tuesday night BINGO players for a total value of \$4304. We helped 49 kids and then divided the rest by donating to local schools (Crestview High, Davidson Middle, and Bob Sykes Elementary). The \$457 from the BINGO players were donated to Ellie's Voice, a program that we have supported with donations over the past 5 years. We can't wait to see what we will do next year.

Silver Rose Prayer Service

On the 31st of August, we honored Our Lady of Guadalupe at Our Lady of Victory Church with an integrated Mass and Silver Rose Prayer Service dedicated to the sanctity of human life. Our Knight's Council along with other parishioners participated in this very special event. The Silver Rose Prayer Service is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Office. It is a rosary-oriented service praying for life as it begins at the moment of conception and ends with natural death. We had a very nice turnout with a wonderful Mass and prayer service. The Silver Rose starts its journey in Canada, then travels through the United States before finally ending in Mexico at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There are 8 Silver Roses taking different routes through the three countries, with prayer services at every stop. They all converge in Mexico on December 9th, the Feast Day of St. Juan Diego; and complete their journeys on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.

Picture 1 - Our Lady of Guadalupe



Picture 2 - A nice picture also of Father Roy



Picture 3 - Participating Knights and there were a couple more.



Picture 4 - A nice turn out. The back side of the church on the right side was almost full.



Knight and Family of the Month



Brother John Mehalopoulos was selected as Knight of the Month for September. For many years John has been picking up the supplies for the quarterly highway cleanup from various locations, some of which are quite far away. After the cleanup, John would return the

supplies and take all the bags of trash to a pickup point designated by the city of Crestview. Additionally, John has been a member of the Bread and Pastry Ministry for 24 years. Before the first Publix opened in Crestview in 2001, John would drive a trailer to Destin every Wednesday to pick up bread and pastries. Unfortunately, John has had to give up both jobs due to health issues. We thank John for his hard work and dedication over the years. Please add John to your prayer list. John plans to continue attending monthly council and assembly meetings whenever possible.



Brother Bill and Linda Marchand were selected as Family of the Month for September. For the past year and a half Bill has been the Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2789 and has done a great job. Both Bill and Linda work the second Tuesday of every month unloading food from the Catholic Charities truck and packing bags with a week's supply of food that is issued to between 40 and 50 families. Both Bill and Linda also worked Senior Bingo in early August where Bill processed all the seniors in, and Linda worked with the ladies in the kitchen preparing the food and setting up the bingo prizes. They both also worked the six Fridays we had the Lenten Fish Fry Dinners at the Knight's Hall working 4 1/2 hours each week.

A very important note from Brother Tom Witzman...

Decline to Sign

The pro-abortion community has hired people to gather signatures on a petition calling for a Constitutional amendment to the Florida State Constitution permitting abortion up to birth and rescinding every pro-life law in Florida. The amendment is to be on the November 2024 ballot.

As of September 1st, the total statewide verified signature count for the proposed pro-abortion constitutional amendment stands at 297,586. Remember, these pro-abortion petition gatherers will need to collect at least 891,523 valid signatures from Florida voters in at least one-half of Florida's 28 Congressional districts by February 1, 2024

For more information go to Florida Voice for the Unborn's "Decline to Sign" webpage, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

****DECLINE TO SIGN****

The Petition for a Proposed Constitutional Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion

Attention *Floridians!* Petition circulators are hiding the TRUTH about this proposal!

Here's why *Floridians* should **DECLINE TO SIGN**:

- 1) The amendment mandates *unlimited* abortion in Florida!
- 2) The amendment requires the return of barbaric partial-birth abortions in Florida!
- 3) The amendment overrides parental *consent* for an abortion in Florida!
- 4) The amendment encourages the expansion of abortion businesses in Florida!
- 5) The amendment prohibits reasonable protections for women's health in Florida!

Do not be fooled by the petition's deceptive, purposely vague language. If approached by a petition circulator, politely **DECLINE TO SIGN!**

A project of Florida Voice for the Unborn | More info: FloridaVoiceForTheUnborn.com/decline-to-sign