



KNIGHTS IN ACTION
October 2021
OUR LADY OF VICTORY COUNCIL 7968
JOSEPH R PERRONE ASSEMBLY 2789

Our Lady of Victory Council 7968
Grand Knight – Mark Johns
Deputy Grand Knight – Bill Marchand
Faithful Navigator-Bill Marchand
State Deputy – Robert S. Urrutia
District Deputy – Steve Zajack
Insurance Agent – Jeff Fischer

Council Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday at 7 PM at the Knights Hall.

Assembly Meetings are held the First Thursday at 7 PM at the Knight's Hall.

Bingo workers are needed every Tuesday night. Be there by 6 PM if you have a few hours to help out.

GRAND KNIGHT CORNER

INSURANCE NEWS

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

"Big deal!" you might say. "What's so special about that?" Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We've had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That's about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything, but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What's all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn't come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let's get together soon...and I'll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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In the July newsletter, it was noted that a Farewell Party was held for Gene and Faylene Calabro who intended to move to Londonderry, Vermont, but ended up moving to Andover, Massachusetts to be closer to family. The newsletter also noted that Gene and Faylene were selected as the July 2021 Family of the Month for all the remarkable things they have done over the years. And although they are no longer with us, they continue to do remarkable things for the Council. Prior to their departure in early September 2021, they donated most of their household items: furniture, electrical lamps, many pictures, etc. Many of the furniture pieces were given to a large family in the parish who were in desperate need of furnishings. With the items that remained, members of the Council and their wives held a garage sale on October 9th at the Knights Hall with proceeds to benefit our annual fundraiser in support of the Veterans Administration Rehabilitation Center in Biloxi, Mississippi which was an enormous success. We cannot thank Gene and Faylene enough for their generosity in support of this project as well as their support and leadership throughout the years. We wish them the very best in their new home. They will be deeply missed but will always be a Blessed part of our family. Love, Members of the Council and their wives.



Picture #1



Picture #2



Pictures 1 through 3 - The sale of the Gene and Faylene Calabro donations

***Our Lady of Victory Catholic Care Center Support
Submitted By Jim Pazienza***

Our Lady of Victory Council 7968 donated \$500 to the OLV Catholic Care Center to supplement them for the upcoming Holiday Season.



Here's what \$500 worth of food looks like. The Catholic Care center would like to thank the Knights for its donation.

Star Council 2021-2022

Congratulations are in order. At our last business meeting held on 13 Oct, our District Deputy, Matthew French, presented our Grand Knight, Mark Jones and our Membership Director, Travis Robinson with Supremes' Prestige's Star Council Award for Fraternal Year 2020-2021. Congratulations Mark and Travis!

The Star Council Award is earned by councils for outstanding achievement. The council must meet or exceed its membership quota which for our council for Fraternal Year 2020-2021 was bringing in a minimum of nine new members. Councils must also sponsor four programs in each of the four Service Programs Categories (Faith, Community, Family and Life activities). Lastly councils must have a minimum of two benefit seminars by a Field Agent during the Fraternal Year.



Our Grand Knight, Mark Johns pointing to the top right Star Council Award for 2020-2021 with Travis the Membership Director

Quarterly Highway Cleanup

The Knights Quarterly Highway Cleanup was held on Saturday, 16 Oct, with a great helping crew of twenty-four that included members and their wives and one son, one grandchild and one nephew. The clean-up began at 7 PM, but for those who arrived before 7 PM enjoyed coffee and donuts brought in by Brother Travis. Following the clean-up, the helping crew couldn't wait to enjoy a SUPER DELICIOUS BREAKFAST prepared by Travis. The next Highway Cleanup will be on January 15th, 2022. Come on out, help with the clean-up and enjoy a SUPER FREE BREAKFAST. We also want to thank Brother John Mehalopoulos, our hard-working Highway Clean-up Chief who does an excellent job preparing and working the Highway Clean-up events.



Twenty-one Volunteers

Herb took the picture and two more showed up after the picture was taken for a total of twenty-four helpers.



Check the area out and see what an excellent job this cleaning team did on the east side of Highway 90



Time to eat and enjoy a great breakfast.

***Council Social
10/27/2021***

During our October Council Social, Ashley Bailey Barineau from the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office provided valuable information and literature concerning some of the latest Scams currently being used to Fraud young and old out of their hard-earned monies. Great food was enjoyed by all followed by a highly informative presentation.





History Quiz

1. Who made an adjustable podium that the Knights still has, and presented it to the council on 27 Jun 09 at the installation of new officers?

Gene Calabro
Herb Fosman
Dan Lesh
John Koday

2. From 1998 to 2015, what knight prepared super breakfasts during Highway Cleanup?

Jim Nelson
Joe Scheid
Tony Lovito
Michael Smidt

3. Who was the Knights Santa Clause that brought joy to young kids and elderly people in schools, hospitals, homes, restaurants and churches for about 25 years?

Jim Seiffert
Bob Sellers
George Liedel
Michael Stanford

4. Who was the councils first Grand Knight?

Tom Lovito
Gerald Martello
Don Widmaier
Joe Scheid

5. Who is not a member of KofC, but calls Quarter Bingo every other week?

Pat Quinn
Ron Buhl
Dale Piedlow
David Phinney

6. Who was Membership Director in Fraternal Years 2001-2002, 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2015-2016, and all four times received Supremes Star Council Award?

Tom Lovito
Joe Scheid
Herb Fosman
Pete Stadts

7. During the knights Crestview Golf Tournament in Oct 2007 if you got a hole in one on hole eight you could have won a 2007 Ford Mustang and if you got a hole in one on holes 4, 13 and 16 you could have won \$500. What knight worked at Hub City Ford and made those arrangement possible?

Russ Giambrone
Steve Maloney
Bill Cunningham
Arni Radowicz

8. What Membership Director won the First Supremes' Star Council Award in Fraternal Year 1988-1989?

Herb Fosman
Jerry Brown
Joe Scheid
Tony Lovito

9. On 3 June 2007, the Bishop of Pensacola/Tallahassee installed our new priest, Who was that?

Father Mike Tugwell
Father Steve O'Connor
Father John Kelly
Father John Cayer

10. What knight started the Ministry of Finding Easter Eggs and presenting special egg gifts for different aged kids from Our Lady of Victory and still runs that yearly Ministry?

Pat Quinn
Herb Fosman
Travis Robinson
Tony Jette

***Knight Of The Month
Arnaldo Fonseca***



Brother Fonseca was selected as Knight of the Month for October 2021. Below are a few of his Ministries:

- Director of Youth Ministry, lead catechist, work with a team of up to six times of up to six times adult CORE ministers, with twenty-five teams currently registered; in addition to Evangelization, we sponsor one social every month to encourage fellowship; we collected 25 Boxes of Joy for Catholic Outreach and raised \$1,700 for Food for the Poor.

- Lead Confirmation catechist: teaching eight candidates this year through a twenty-four sessions program

- Walk for Life in Pensacola, organizes teens to participate and be witness of their Faith

- Diocesan Youth Conference, leads teens to participate and exchange with other parishes; supports the Diocese in multiple roles as required

- Lead Hospitality Minister: trains and organizes youth participation during 11am Mass; supports other Masses as required
- Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister; distributed Communion during Mass and to the home bound
- Parish Social Media Communications, publisher on Facebook and Instagram; graphically designs every posted image; responds to every request for information or assistance messages
- Parish Photographer and Video Media producer; director of Livestream during the high of the pandemic; supported other ministries like Respect Life and Vacation Bible School creating videos to evangelize, instruct, advertise, or entertain
- Hallow App lead representative for the parish; advertises, promotes, and responds to questions as needed; initial push was for five hundred accounts and more as needed

***Family Of The Month
Matt & Rita Coleman***



Matthew & Rita Coleman were selected as Family of the Month for October 2021. Brother Matthew is the Music Director for Our Lady of Victory Choir. Matt and Rita both sing in the choir at Saturday Vigil Mass and both Masses on Sunday. Their three oldest children, Cecilia is an Altar Server and a Member of the Kids Choir, Phillip is a Junior Sacristan, and Eibhlin is an Altar Server and a Member of the Kids Choir.

History Quiz Answers

1. John Koday
2. Joe Scheid (deceased)
3. George Liedel
4. Tom Lovito (Deceased)
5. Ron Buhl
6. Herb Fosman
7. Russ Giambrone (Now lives in S. FL.)
8. Jerry Brown (Now lives in Milton)
9. Father John Cayer
10. Travis Robinson

REMEMBER: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Not just words.....