

#### KNIGHTS IN ACTION November 2021 Our Lady of Victory Council 7968 Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789

Grand Knight – Mark Johns Deputy Grand Knight – Bill Marchand Faithful Navigator -- Bill Marchand State Deputy – Robert S. Urrutia District Deputy – Matt French Insurance Agent – Jeff Fischer

> Council meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday at 7 PM at the Knight's 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 Field Agent's Report

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nonstop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy are you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at <u>www.KofCSurvey2021.org</u>. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together, I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling, we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless of what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

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Annual Golf Tournament



The Golf Tournament was a moderate success. It was a small turnout, but everyone enjoyed the day. The analysis shows a small profit of around \$1,400.00 to support Our Lady of Victory Council 7968 Charitable Contributions

#### Veteran's Day 2021

November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the Veteran's Day Observance/Ceremony was held at the American Legend attended by twelve Sir Knights from Our Lady Of Victory Council & Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789. Due to weather conditions the ceremony was not held at the Memorial Wall where it is normally held.

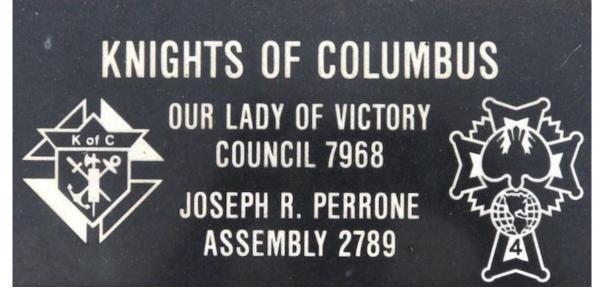
## Happy Veterans Day

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy

# thank you

for your service, support, sacrifice, and protection

#photofymyday





Sir Knight Tony Jette, Sir Knight John Libby, Sir Knight Mark Johns



(Back Row Left to Right) Guest Speaker, Ret. Navy Lt Commander George Liedel, Mark Johns, Pat Quinn, Bill Marchand, Mike Winner, Herb Fosman, Ret. Army Colonel Joe Masterson (Front Row Left to Right) John Libby, Carlos Santos, Travis Robinson, Army Capt. Mike Carrara, Tony Jette



Army Capt. Mike Carrara wearing new Army Class A Uniform. Ret Army Colonel Joe Masterson wearing present Army Class A Uniform.



POW/MIA Remembrance



### All gave some; Some gave all! POW/MIA Remembrance Service



"We call your attention to this <u>small</u> table which occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is <u>set for one</u>, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs.

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence.

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolic of the purity of their intentions to respond to their Country's call to arms.

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. This rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith, while awaiting their return.

A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait.

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty. They are NOT here.

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to open arms of a grateful nation.

The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return -- and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom.

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks.

Let us remember -- and never forget their sacrifice.

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families."

I thank the Voyageurs of Niceville/Crestview Voiture 1490. You have honored me with a part in V-1490s creation and growth.

Richard J. Kupfer Richard J. Kupfer Chef de Gare (2004-2006)

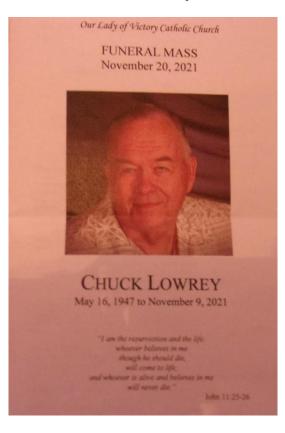
#### Senior Bingo Returns

Thursday, 11/18/2021, marked the return of Senior Bingo coordinated by Rosemary Jette assisted by Knights and their family members. Approximately 60+ senior citizens signed up and as many attended the event who participated in Bingo followed up by a great meal, all of which was free to all who attended. The next Senior Bingo event is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Saint Patrick's Day) at 10:00 A.M.





#### Loss Of A Brother Knight Chuck Lowery



Brother Chuck Lowrey, age 74, passed away on Tuesday November 9, 2021. Chuck was born on May 16, 1947, in Medon, Tennessee. He served 24 years in the US Air Force retiring as a Senior Master sergeant. Chuck was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 7968 since December 14, 2008. He loved God, his family, eagles, fishing, his Indian heritage and researching his ancestry, and reading a good book. During his healthy days, chuck was a member of the Bingo team and worked Tuesday nights to help the council earn money in support of the needy within the community. In memory of Chuck a service was held at the Whitehurst Powell Funeral Home November 19, 2021, followed by a Memorial Mass held at Our Lady of Victory Church on November 20, 2021. Interment followed the Memorial Mass at the Live Oak Park Cemetery in Crestview, Florida.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 7968, enrolled Chuck as a Perpetual Member to the Society of Saint Columban.



Sir Knight Dan Lesh & Sir Knight Mike Winner guarding the coffin and Linda Lowery praying



Sir Knight Tony Jette presented Linda Lowery the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus Memorial Plaque at the visitation of Chuck Lowrey held at the Whitehurst Powell Funeral Home.



Sir Knights Mike Carrara, Travis Robinson, Dan Lesh, Mike Winner, Tony Jette, and Herb Fosman guarded the coffin in 15- minute increments



Father Roy and Deacon Dan celebrating the Memorial Mass



Knights saluting the casket and family as they depart the Church



Sir Knights Bill Marchand, Mike Carrara, Dan Lesh, Travis Robinson, and Tony Jette (Not Shown) at the graveside interment.



The Air Force Honor Guard presenting Linda Lowery the American Flag from the casket.

#### HISTORY QUIZ

1. What Knight's wife has been running Senior Bingo every three months and later every four months prior to the pandemic with free bingo and door prizes and a free meal and began Senior Bingo again in Nov 21?

Faylene Calabro Margret Riley Julie Thibeau Rosemary Jette

2. What Knights couple has worked the Pro-Life position for the Council, Church and Diocese for many years?

Toni and Rosemary Jette Tom and Jane Witzman Travis and Jeanine Robinson Gene and Faylene Calabro

3. Who was the first knight to hold the Grand Knight position for two consecutive years?

Glen Moore Mark John Harry LeBoeuf Travis Robinson

4. Who were the two knights that won the first Florida State Council of the Year award in Fraternal Year 2003-2004 and the second Florida State Council of the Year Award in Fraternal Year 2012-2013?

Richard Walcheck and Tony Jette George Liedel and Tom Witzman Herb Fosman and Tony Alcobia Pat Bauer and Ric Arevalo

5. Who was the first knight back in 2003-2004 to receive the First Shining Armor Award?

Mike Martello Herb Fosman Jim Nelson Dan Lesh

6. Who was installed to the Ministry of Acolyte on Sunday, 16 Nov 2003, by Bishop John Ricard?

Cliff Wolf George Lledel Bob OLds Reggie Brown

7. A KofC Christmas Bazaar and German Dinner was held in 2003 at Our Lady of Victory Church. What Knight's wife ran the German Dinner?

Fayleen Calabro Rosemary Jette Uschi Fosman Sally Murphy 8. What OLV parishioner back in 1982 made the Council's Banner

Butch Castille Jean McGuire Heike Green Kay Vondra

9. What Knight has been working the OLV Bread and Pastry Ministry since 1999?

John Mehalopoulos Joe Lakatos John Koday Herb Fosman

10. What Knight's Family was the first family from our Council to win the Florida State Family of the Year Award in Fraternal Year 2003-2004?

Charles and Catherine Black Gene and Faylene Calabro Guy and Elaine Stockton Bob and Judy Elgin

#### Knight Of The Month Jerome "Jerry" Gudinas



Jerome "Jerry" Gudinas was selected as Knight of the Month for November 2021. Jerry is an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, a member of Our Lady of Victory (OLV) Catholic Church Parish Council and a member of the Pro-Life/Right for Life Committee. Jerry was the coordinator, between Knights of Columbus Council 7968 and OLV for the Parish Chili & Gumbo Cookoff held December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

#### Family Of The Month John & Catherine Widmaier



John and Catherine Widmaier were selected as Family of The Month for November 2021. They have worked one day a week at Sharing and Caring supporting the needy within the community for over 20 years. Additionally, they are members of our parish, Bread and Pastry Ministry. Every Saturday they pick up bread and pastries and deliver it to the Crestview Nazarene Church that provides a weekly meal to those in need, They, also deliver bread and pastries to the Crestview Shelter House that cares for the homeless, and excess bread and pastries are brought to the Parish Care Center. Over the years they have also supported Knights of Columbus senior bingo and Knights local fund raiser projects.

#### **History Quiz Answers**

- 1. Rosemary Jette
- 2. Tom and Jane Witzman
- 3. Glenn Moore
- 4. Herb Fosman and Tony Alcobia
- 5. Mike Martello
- 6. Cliff Wolf
- 7. Uschi Fosman
- 8. Butch Castille (Deceased)
- 9. John Mehalopoulos
- 10. Guy and Elaine Stockton

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