



***KNIGHTS IN ACTION***  
***November 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 business meetings are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at 7 PM.  
Council social meetings are held on the **4th Wednesday** of the month at 7 PM.  
Assembly meetings are held on the **1st Thursday** of the month at 7 PM.  
All meetings are held at the Knight's Hall, 701 E. James Lee Blvd.

**GRAND KNIGHTS CORNER**

**INSURANCE NEWS**

Merry Christmas! To all my brothers and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a merry and a blessed Christmas. As we are celebrating the Christmas season, we give thanks that God sent his Only Begotten Son to live among us and save us! That gift from the Father sets the stage for our giving gifts at Christmas. It seems we say it every year: "It's Christmas; where did the year go?" Seems like a good time to look back on the year and note all the gifts given by you and our members worldwide. As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly mentioned in his annual report this year in Nashville, Tennessee, we have much to be thankful for and much more work ahead of us. Consider these gifts that SK Kelly mentioned. The Order gave more than \$154 million and more than 48 million hours of volunteer service. But those are the big totals. Look at these specifics: we gave the gift of warmth to more than 150,000 children through the Coats for Kids campaign. We gave

8,891 physically challenged individuals the gift of mobility this year through our wheelchair program. We raised more than \$19 million for Ukraine support and gave those families the gift of respite at Mercy Centers and Easter packages. RSVP gave the gift of financial support to nearly 5,900 seminarians or postulants. And we had more than 450,000 members give the gift of life through donating blood. These are gifts that change lives. Real people, real individuals benefited from these gifts. As I consider Christmas I think of the gift of support and encouragement that you have given me. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your families this past year and I look forward to a new year and renewing connections with you. Again, a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all,

Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF

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# Turkeys Turkeys and more Turkeys!

The 8<sup>th</sup> of November was another second Tuesday of the month where a week's supply of food is passed out to those in need. We had a good turnout of helpers and Catholic Charities delivered enough food for 100 families to include 100 frozen turkeys! Although the team packed 100 bags, only 70 bags, and 70 frozen turkeys, were given out. Excess food was returned to Catholic Charities. To date 70 families has been the largest number of families served. Had we known we were getting the turkeys we would probably have had 100 families. Catholic Charities has requested donations to help support the great things they do. At the Knights of Columbus business meeting held on 9 Nov, the council voted a \$500 donation for them.







# Golf Tournament

Pat Quinn, the Knight's Golf Tournament Chairman with the help of Dick Gaydos a parishioner from the parish had a very successful Golf Tournament earning \$2700.25 in profit that will go into the Knights Charitable Fund. There were nine golf teams, and all enjoyed a nice luncheon, door prizes, and a chance to bid on auction items received from Biloxi and D'Urberville, MS

Picture 1 - The hard-working crew that processed the teams in and helped include from left to right: Mike Carrera, Dan Lesh, Jim Nelson, Herb Fosman, Pat Quinn, and Rosemary Jette not included in the picture.

Picture 2 - Golf members practicing their game before the start of the tournament.

Picture 3 - Getting ready to go play golf.





# New Members!

We had a good showing on November 13th where everyone enjoyed welcoming six new members into Our Lady of Victory Council 7968. The names of the newest members are Jaime Feliciano, Jacob Gibbs, Marty Mears, Jose Portugal, Michael Reiss, and Evan Torline. The first thing we did was listen to Jeff Fischer, our Field Agent, who talked about the Knights of Columbus and about insurance availability followed by a wonderful meal prepared by our Super Kitchen Crew. Next was an online degree ceremony that brought our new Third-Degree members into the Knights of Columbus. We congratulate our new Knight members and welcome them into our order.

Picture 1 - Our kitchen and meal preparation crew. Herb is not included. He happened to be in the kitchen when Jeanette took the picture.

Picture 2 -The lovely ladies that helped to move and decorate the tables.

Picture 3 - A nice crowd.

Picture 4 - Jeff Fischer our Insurance Field Agent.

Picture 5 - Everyone being served a delicious meal.

Picture 6 - During the degree ceremony, Knights and new members taking the oath that they will obey the policies and Laws of the order.

Picture 7 - The participating Knights and new members.











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NEW MEMBERS



# Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony!

Veterans Day (13 Nov) was a very busy day for the Knights who participated in the Parade and the Memorial Service held thereafter. Retired Army Colonel Brother Joe Masterson, representing the Knights of Columbus, presented the wreath to the Veteran's Memorial Wall. We must admire Retired USN Lt. Commander Brother George Liedel who is 89 years old, who along with Brother Joe, presented the wreath for many years, but due to major health problems the last two years, was unable to do so. But still George, last year and this year, has been in attendance participating in uniform, what a great guy.

Picture 1 - Brother Knights that participated in the Veteran's Parade.

Picture 2 - Brother Knights waiting for the parade to begin.

Picture 3 - Brother Knights participating in the Veterans Memorial Service.

Picture 4 - LTC Freeman, USA from the 7th Support Group (Airborne) gave the veterans memorial speech.

Picture 5 - Brother George and Joe standing in front of the wall.

Retired 6 - Retired USA Colonel Brother Joe Masterson presenting the KofC wreath.

Picture 7 - The Veterans Memorial Wall with the presentation of the wreaths from many different organizations. To the left of the wall are also four wreath presentations.

***“The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.” —G.K. Chesterton***











# Flag Retirement Ceremony

Following the Veterans Day Parade and memorial service, a Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Picture 1 - Retired USA Col Joe Masterson starting the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Picture 2 - All the pictures together show who participated in the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Picture 3 - Brother Knights taking down the KofC flag.

Picture 4 - Brothers John and Travis completely folding the KofC flag and retiring it.

Picture 5 - The raising of the new KofC flag.

Pictures 6 & 7 - The processing of retired flags and the burning of them.









# Senior Bingo

Every four months Rosemary Jette runs Senior Bingo with the help of several Knights and their wives and does a SUPER job of ensuring sufficient help is available as well as free bingo prizes, food, and entertainment.

Senior Bingo was held on 17 Nov at the Knight's Hall. The event included playing bingo from 10 AM to 12 noon with winners selecting a wonderful prize of their choice, followed by lunch at 12 noon. The menu included ham, potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, drinks, and dessert. During lunch everyone was entertained by the Good Time Line Dance Group who did a super job dancing to many different songs. They were enjoyed by all.

The wives did the setting up and helped in the preparation and serving of the food. Also, Neneth Libby brought in Egg Rolls and fried rice for the working crew to enjoy after the event. The Knights called bingo with Brother Travis doing a great job playing different bingo games with Brother Herb, Dan and Mike Winner verifying bingo winners. Brother Bill Marchand processed the people in. The bingo team also ensured that nobody went home without a prize. There were three participants that had no luck so they could pick out a prize before departing for home. Everyone goes home with a prize from Senior Bingo. The next Senior Bingo is planned for 16 Mar 23, so mark your calendar and plan to attend this enjoyable event.

Picture 1 - A nice turnout to include residents from the Crestview Rehab Center and Shoal Creek Rehab.

Picture 2 - Nice bingo and door prizes.

Picture 3 - The helping wives serving the meal with Rosemary somewhat hidden to the left of Linda. Neneth did not get included in the picture as she was washing dishes in the kitchen.

Picture 4 - The Line Dance Group invited participants to join in one of the easier songs, As you can see from this picture Herb, Travis and Jeanine participated.







# Brother Dennis Thibeau

In early Feb 2021 a Farewell Party was held for Dennis a hard-working and dedicated Knight and Julie Thibeau who for years was a dedicated member of the ladies Auxiliary. They moved to The Villages in southern Florida in Feb 21, and we hated to see them leave. Dennis had health problems and on 1 Oct 2022 at age 72, Dennis passed away. On 4 Nov, a Memorial Mass was held for Dennis at Our Lady of Victory Church. Knights also participated in the Mass. After the Mass a few friends talked about the great and funny things that Dennis did. Dennis will be interred at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL on 6 Jan 2023 at 1100 AM with Air Force honors. Their friend, Deacon Roger from St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Summerfield will be giving a special blessing. Herb was also asked by Julie to say a few words at the Memorial Mass and for the benefit of those who had to work and couldn't make the service, here is most of what Herb said:

To start off with Dennis was a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight and held the position of FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR for one year. The Faithful Navigator is the chief executive officer of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly and acts as the Presiding Officer, with all the powers and duties incident to such office. All members of the KofC are asked to become 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights, but only about ten percent of all knights attain the rank of fourth degree and thus earn the title of Sir Knight.

From 2001 to 2015, Dennis was the Council's Newsletter Editor and what a super job he had done filling that position for 14 years. His monthly newsletters were always professionally done, and so well done that Dennis won the Florida State Knights of Columbus Bulletin and Newsletter Award for Fraternal Year 2005-2006. What a great honor that was, not only for Dennis, but for the Council as well. Our Crestview Council came into existence back in Jan 1982 and that was the first and last time that award was won. Quite an achievement when you consider there are over 300 councils in the state of Florida.

Dennis rarely missed a business meeting and for many years Dennis was the lecturer, an officer's position responsible for providing a short biblical story and reflections prior to the end of a monthly business meeting that were for the "Good of the order. He always had good short biblical and some laughable stories that the membership enjoyed. Dennis had a unique personality and delighted in putting smiles on the faces of friends. He could tell good jokes and was everyone's friend.

And over the years the Knights have sponsored all kinds of different type meals and other fund-raising events to earn money in support of the needs of others and you would always see Dennis who was a very good cook in the kitchen helping to cook or doing other necessary tasks in support of other fund-raising events.

Yes, once again, Dennis was quite a guy, and he will be missed by all that knew him. But one thing is for sure: Dennis for many years as a member of the KofC responded to God's call to prayer and to the serving of others. What Dennis has done for others over the years has earned him the place we all want to go. Amen

Picture 1 - Participating Knights.

Picture 2 - Knights practicing before the Mass.

Picture 3 - Brother Bill Marchand, Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree presenting Julie Thibeau the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Memorial Plaque.

Picture 4 - A nice crowd.

Picture 5 - Col Brother Joe Masterson, Ret, USA presented Julie a Military Flag Case that he made in memory of Dennis. Behind Joe, on the altar is Father Roy and Deacon Ken that celebrated the Mass.

Picture 6 - A luncheon following the Mass.

Picture 7 - Our friend Dennis.

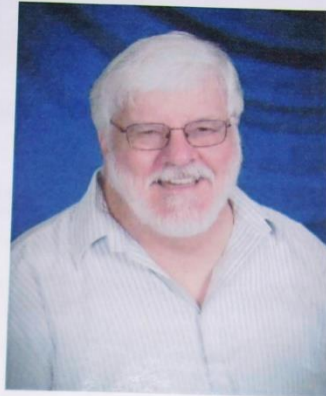








Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church  
FUNERAL MASS



DENNIS MARK THIBEAU

OCTOBER 21, 1949  
TO  
OCTOBER 1, 2022

*"I am the resurrection and the life:  
whoever believes in me,  
though he should die,  
will come to life;  
and whoever is alive and believes in me  
will never die."*

John 11:25-26

## Knight of the Month

Brother Michael Carrara was selected as Knight of the Month for Nov 2022. Brother Mike helped with the Golf Tournament held on 5 Nov at Blackstone Golf Course located in Mossy Head, FL, and was helping at the Flag Ceremony held at the Knight's Hall on 11 Nov. His son Caine, included in the picture, was also at the Flag Ceremony and helped, what a cute and friendly kid. Mike also joined the funeral service of a brother Knight in his Army dress uniform helping with other Knights in Regalia.



## Family of the Month

John and Neneth Libby were selected as Family of the Month for Nov 2022. Brother John is a member of the Bingo Team and Works bingo every three weeks and has been on the team for over 20 years. John was also in the Veterans Day Parade on 11 Nov, at the Veterans Ceremony at the Vet Wall after the parade and at the Flag Ceremony at the Knight's Hall. Both John and Neneth helped with the second Tuesday where Catholic Charities brings in food that is packed and issued to the needy in their automobiles by helpers. They both also helped with Dennis Thibeau's luncheon on 4 Nov. Neneth prepared some food and both helped to serve the people. They both also attended the Membership Ceremony and dinner held on 13 Nov in support of the Knight's six new members. And lastly, Neneth helped with Senior Bingo on 17 Nov and brought in Egg Rolls and fried rice for the working crew to enjoy after the event. Neneth is also a hospitality minister and delivers communion to the sick.



# Upcoming Events

## December

Friday the 23rd at 6:30pm, we will be putting together Christmas 'goody bags' for the youngsters to be given out at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, meet at the Knight's Hall

## January

Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am, we will be cleaning up our section of Highway 90, meet at the Knight's Hall

Tuesday the 10th at 11:00am, we will be helping Catholic Charities distribute a week's worth of food to needy families, meet at the OLV Hall

Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, Walk for Life in Pensacola, meet at Seville Square Park on Government St

Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our pre-Lent fish fry at the Knight's Hall.