



***KNIGHTS IN ACTION***  
***November 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**

As we approach the end of the year, and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of “Peace on Earth” and “Goodwill to Men!” We remember Pope Francis’ Prayer for Peace where he prays “Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last.” In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we’re busier than ever. But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.

2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to decide how much to contribute next year? There are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.

3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the “catch up” provision? Now is the time to start making plans.

4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I'd be happy to discuss them with you. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus

God bless & Stay safe!



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## Veterans Day 2023

On November 11<sup>th</sup> Sir Knights Travis Robinson, Bill Marchand, Mark Johns, Mike Reiss, Tony Jette, John Libby, Herb Fosman, Marty Mears, Logan Steele, & Steve Malutich participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in Crestview which began at 9 AM.

Following the Parade, at 11:00 AM, Sir Knights participated in the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Memorial Wall in Crestview; recognizing all active duty and retired Veterans for their dedication and sacrifice keeping our country safe & free.

Veteran's Day Memorial Wall

Participants were: those names above plus, Ret Army Colonel Joe Masterson, Ret Navy Lt. Commander George Liedel, Dale Piedlow, and Mike Winner.

Picture 1 - The Sir Knights in attendance for the parade along with Jeanine Robinson.



Picture 2 - The very impressive Crestview High Big Red Machine consisting of almost three hundred students.

Picture 3 - The Sir Knights who participated in the memorial wall ceremony following the parade.

Thank You Brother Robinson for providing this newsletter input!



Pictures 6 and 7- Brother Joe Masterson saluting the wreath with Brother George Liedel looking on from the front row. Brother George is having some health issues, and it was great seeing him there.

# Diocesan Youth Retreat

On the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November, Our Lady of Victory Council 7968 supported the 2023 Diocesan High School Campout, attended by 100+ youth & chaperones, held at Tri State Christian Camp in DeFuniak Springs, FL. Knights & family members purchased, organized, and prepared for the attendees three meals consisting of nachos (Saturday lunch), pulled pork sandwiches (Saturday dinner), and pancakes & sausage (Sunday breakfast) plus drinks, fruit, and snacks. This is an event our council has been doing for many years, and most of those years Brother Travis has been in charge and has had some super helpers (like his wife Jeanine, and Tony and Rosemary) who have helped Travis purchase the food and work the entire weekend until all the meals were served. The help received every year on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings has always been very much appreciated.

Brother Arnie Fonseca provided the pictures and was one of the chaperones.

Pictures 1, 2, 3 & 4 - Some of the helpers



Pictures 5 & 6 - Additional helpers serving lunch. Dan Lesh and Uschi were also helping. They were in the hall leading students to other goodies, drinks, fruit, and snacks.



Picture 7 - The youth and chaperones in attendance.



Picture 8 - It is lunch time.



## Bob Reyes Funeral

Sir Knight Travis Robinson, our District Deputy, provided this input, thanks Travis.

Sir Knight Robert James "Bob" Keyes, Jr. passed away on 29 Oct 23. The family had requested that Sir Knights attend Bob's memorial service held on 7 Nov 23 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Marianna, Fl. It was a wonderful Mass with 10 Sir Knights participating. From our Joseph R. Perrone Assembly 2789 were four Sir Knights: Tony Jette, Travis Robinson, Bill Marchand and Mike Winner; and five Sir Knights from a Tallahassee Assembly plus a Worthy Master from New Jersey who participated as an Honor Guard. The Honor Guard received the following message, from the family, "We thank each and every Sir Knight and their families for sharing in this day with our family!"

Picture 1 - Brothers Mike and Bill guarding the casket.

Picture 2 - The Obituary.

Picture 3 - Brother Tony leading the changing of the guard.

Picture 4 - Brothers Bill and Tony escorting families to seats.

Picture 5 - The 10 participating Sir Knights.



## Obituary

Robert James "Bob" Keyes, Jr., passed away at his home on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 11:30 A.M. Bob was born in Neptune, New Jersey, on January 31, 1942, and moved to Cottondale with his family in 1978. He served in the U.S. Navy in the early 1960's as a Frogman (Navy Seal) and was an Underwater Demolition Specialist while serving in the Vietnam War. From 1966 to 1974, Bob served on the Brielle (New Jersey) Police Department and medically retired as a Detective. During his tenure, he was a firearms Instructor and founded the Underwater Search and Rescue Team, specializing in training each member on the use of SCUBA equipment and Swift Water Rescue techniques. Bob was the Fire Chief of the Cottondale Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years and on the department for 19 years. He was a longtime member of St. Anne's Catholic Church and is a Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Bob was an avid fisherman and hunter and was well known for his generosity and commitment to serving his community. Bob was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Julia Elizabeth (Brandon) Keyes; his parents, Robert James Keyes Sr. and Daisy Richardson Keyes of Lake Como, New Jersey; brothers, Harvey Keyes and Gary Keyes also of New Jersey. He is survived by his son, Robert James "Bud" Keyes, III, and wife, Carol of Maryland; daughter, Kristine Janice Gray and husband, Rhondon of Cottondale, FL; brothers, Steven Keyes and wife, Jan of New Jersey, David Keyes and Kevin Keyes both of New Jersey; sister, Daisy Wilson of New Jersey; sisters-in-law, Ethel Brandon, Monica Weader and husband, Bryan; brothers-in-law, Alcalde Brandon and wife, Chong, John Brandon and wife, Janice, and David Brandon and wife, Cindy. Other survivors include his grandchildren, Eric Gray and wife, Ashley, Natasha Gray, Briana Gray, Cameron Gray, Jaydon Gray, Robert James "Bo" Keyes IV, Joshua Keyes, Elizabeth Burroughs, and Victoria Sanford; great grandchildren, Ethan Gray, Cali McKnight, Himayah Dabbs, Dicya Bridges, Robert James Keyes V, Alana Keyes and Ariel Keyes; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins, as well as his very special extended family, Bruce and Kathy Diesner, Harmon and Shirley Watts, and Ralph Gandy. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 A.M., Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 5th St., Marianna, Florida with Father Tarsisius Puling and Father Paul Moody officiating. Interment will follow in Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Sunny Hills, Florida with Marianna Chapel Funeral Home directing.



# Golf Tournament

Marti Mears, our Golf Tournament Chairman, provided the following newsletter input.

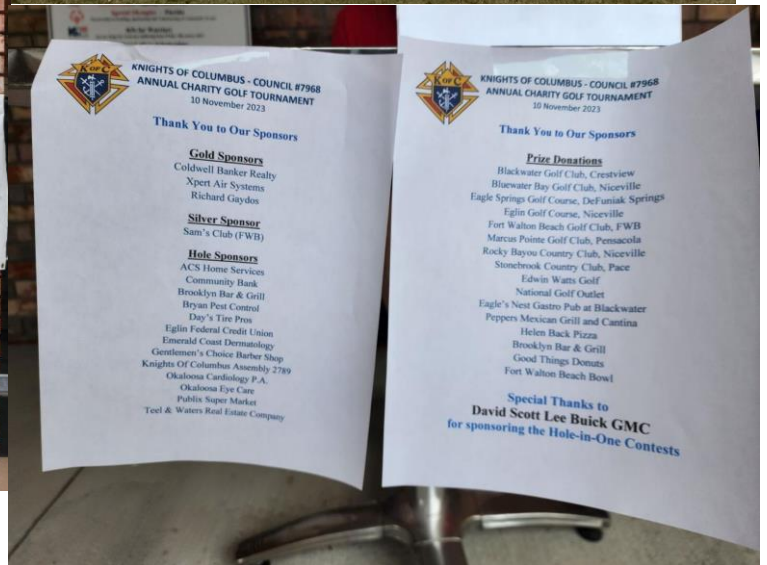
On 10 Nov 23, the Knights hosted their Annual Golf Tournament at the Blackwater Golf Club in Crestview. The tournament was a huge success with 23 teams (91 golfers) playing - maxing out the golf course's limit! The players were treated to a great lunch and the weather held up for a wonderful afternoon of golf. We had several knights who volunteered and helped with the registration, collecting money, raffle ticket sales, and giving out the door prizes! We raised over \$2800 which will go into our Charity Fund. We had at least five of our Knights playing in the tournament and another six knights who came up from Christ the Redeemer Council in Niceville.

Pictures 1 & 2 - Our Golf Tournament advertised on Highway 85/90 and at the Golf course.

Picture 3 - Our tournament sponsors.

Pictures 4 & 5 - Our Golf Tournament helpers.

Picture 6 - The golf tournament is about to begin.







# Senior Bingo

Another successful pre-Thanksgiving Senior Bingo with a full house of seniors, including seniors brought in from the Crestview Rehab Center, a delightful change of pace for them. Senior Bingo is something all the seniors in attendance enjoy. It gets them out of the house, they enjoy conversation, receive free bingo and door prizes, have a wonderful free lunch, and even enjoy an accordion player's music during lunch. The lunch was delicious ham, mashed potatoes, string beans, drinks, and a Thanksgiving cake for dessert. And best of all the unlucky players who won no prizes got to choose a bingo prize before departing for home. The next Senior Bingo is scheduled for 21 Mar 24, and we look forward to another full house of happy senior players.

Picture 1 - Brothers Bill & Mike processing the seniors in.

Picture 2 - Two seniors checking out the bingo prizes.

Picture 3 - The kitchen crew.



Picture 4 - Brother Jim preparing the ham for lunch.

Picture 5 - Reserved seats for the seniors from the Crestview Rehab Center and the setting up of the lunch table in the rear.



Picture 6 - Brother Dan verifying a bingo winner.

Picture 7 - Rosemary and Jeanine cutting up the Thanksgiving cake for dessert.

Picture 8 - The workers deserve to eat too.



# Star Council

At the Council Business Meeting held on 11 Oct 23, our District Deputy Brother Travis Robinson presented our Grand Knight, Dan Lesh with a Supreme 200% Star Council Award for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. The Council needed to bring in 10 new members and brought in 20 new members. Travis also presented our Deputy Grand Knight, Dennis Daigle a Supreme 200% Star Council Pin and the Membership Director, Herb Fosman with a Supreme 200% Star Council Pin. Congratulations for a job well done.



# Exemplification

At 1:00 PM on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November, the Council held a new member social with lunch; a fraternal benefit event held by Jeff Fisher, the Council's insurance agent; and an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

The first thing was enjoying a fine lunch including tacos, drinks and dessert. Secondly, Brother Jeff Fisher talked about what the Supreme Council offers when it comes to insurance, annuities, investments, etc. It was a great discussion with many questions asked and answers provided. Finally during the Exemplification, one new member became a Third Degree Knight - our new member Brother Jesse Ecklund, who was sponsored into the Knights by Brother Tommy Salter.

The following pictures were taken by Brother Mike Winner. Thanks Mike.

Picture 1 - Everyone enjoying a good lunch. The fellow on the far right in the blue pants is Brother Tommy Salter who sponsored Jesse into the Knights.



Picture 2 - Brother Jeff Fisher presenting his fraternal benefit talk.



Picture 3 - The Exemplification Team that include Brothers Jeff doing the Presiding officer's part, Herb doing the Charity and Discourse on the Rosary Parts, Bill Marchand doing the Unity Part, Mark doing the Fraternity Part, Tony doing the Warden's part and Dan doing the Investing Officer's Part.



Picture 4 - Tony the Warden brings Jesse forward where Dan, the Investing Officer presents Jesse with a Rosary and Emblem of the order.

Picture 5 - The Exemplification Team with our new Brother Knight Jesse in the front.

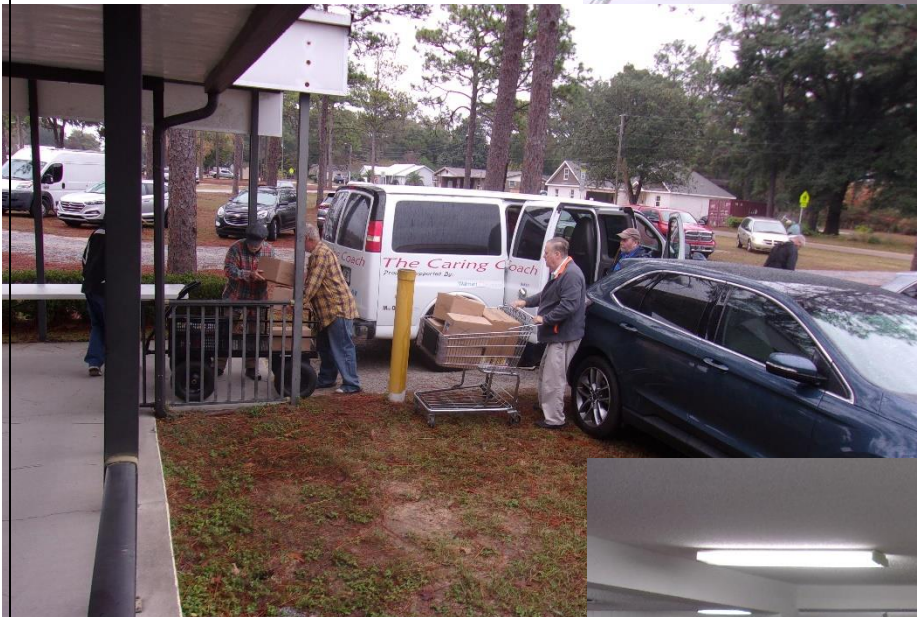


# Second Tuesday

We have been working the monthly second Tuesday for probably a year or more now, where Catholic Charities delivers hundreds of pounds of different type foods that are separated and bagged, then passed out to families in their vehicles. However, 14 Nov broke a record. We had 5 rows of cars parked on the east end of the Care Center, and we passed out 75 Thanksgiving turkeys plus a week supply of food, WOW!!

Pictures 1 & 2 - The unloading of the Catholic Charities truck.

Picture 3 - The separating and packing of a week's supply of food.





Picture 4 - Brother Jim Pazienza controlling the traffic into the area.

Picture 5 - Peggy and Brother Doug setting up the lunch meal.



Picture 6 - The workers enjoying a nice lunch.

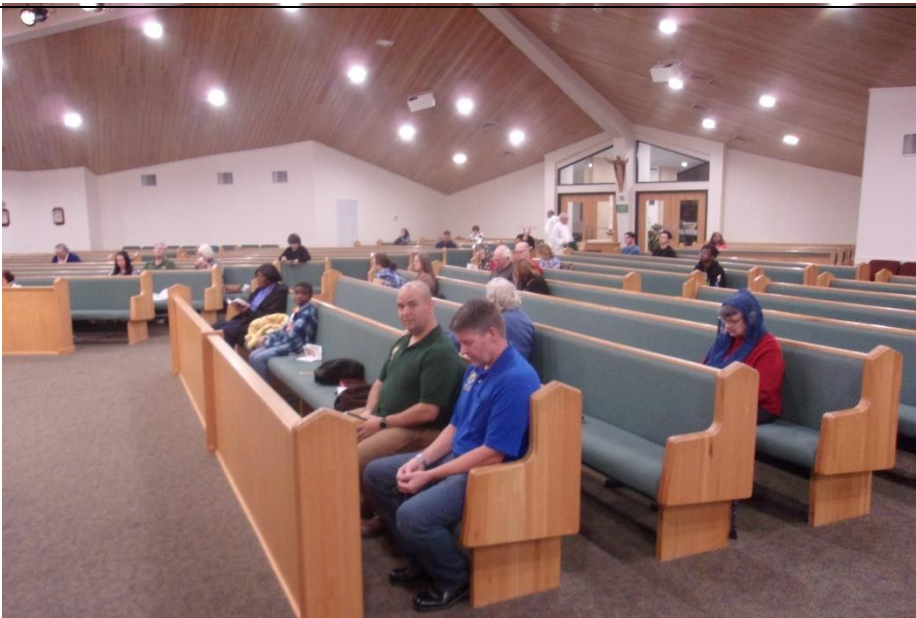


# St Joseph Pilgrimage

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, the Council was honored to host the Pilgrimage Icon of St. Joseph. The Council Chaplain, Deacon Dan Daily, arranged for a Votive Mass to honor the Earthly Protector of the Blessed Virgin, Foster-Father of the Son of God, and the Terror of Demons. Mass included a rosary which was led, along with the mass readings, by Logan Steele and Marty Mears. Some parishioners and Knights remained after mass to participate in confession and Holy Hour Adoration.

Pictures 1, 2 and 3 - Brothers Logan, Marty and Deacon Dan honoring the Pilgrimage of St. Joseph.





Picture 4 - Other Knight families who participated: Herb and Uschi Fosman, Tom and Jane Witzman, Pat and Gisela Bauer and Doug and Peggy Shepherd.

## Christmas Cards

The annual selling of Knights of Columbus Christmas cards took place at all the Masses on Saturday and Sunday 25/26 Nov and on 2/3 Dec 2023. The sale was a huge success, and the proceeds will end up helping those in dire need. We thank our Brother Knights who sold cards at all the Masses.

Picture 1 - Brother Logan responsible for the sales, is selling cards before the start of the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday 26 Nov.

Picture 2 - The selling of cards after the 9:00 AM Mass with Brothers Mike, left and John, right, helping Logan out.

Picture 3 - The selling of cards at the 9:00 AM on Sunday 3 Dec. John Libby was also there. He was passing out calendars when this picture was taken.

The following Knights also helped out at the other Masses: Dennis Daigle, Bill Marchand, Mike Winner, Mike Reiss. Travis Robertson and John Libby



## Knight of the Month

Brother Marty Mears was selected as Knight of the Month for November. Marty was this year's Gulf Tournament Chairman and did a super job raising \$2800 which will be going into the K of C Charity Fund that will be used to care for those in need. On Saturday the 29th of October, Our Lady of Victory celebrated Dia de las Muertas, the Day of the Dead. A Mexican holiday where the kids enjoyed Halloween. The Knights of Columbus, to include Marty, were there preparing and serving a mixed Taco Lunch. Marty brought in food in support of the last social held at the Knight's Hall. He also fills the Chancellor position within the Council.



## Family of the Month

Brother Dale and Nancy Piedlow were selected as the Family of the Month. Dale works Bingo every third week calling quarter bingo; and every three weeks, Dale and his wife work in the kitchen cooking and preparing food for bingo customers. Both Dale and Nancy support OLV every Monday by counting the weekly donations. Dale also attends most meetings and is always available if help is needed at bingo.

