



# Bishop Verot Council 5845 Newsletter

March 2024



Brothers,

Happy Easter to you all! Let us count our blessings as we look back on another great Lenten Season for our council and for our church. Thanks to your effort, starting with our superb Mardi Gras dinner, followed by three great Lenten Fish Dinners, we set a new fundraising record in support of our HNJ School. We oversold tickets to meet demand at the door for the first fish dinner and we still turned 10 people away. Word of mouth spread quickly and our parishioners kept coming back; so over the three fish dinners combined, we averaged complete sell-outs. Every meal was uniquely delicious thanks to the culinary brilliance of our head chef Rod Holzworth and the skill of his kitchen crew. Each dinner only seemed to get better and I heard nothing but rave reviews. Once again, thanks to all of you who sold tickets, decorated, cooked, ran food, served, bartended, and cleaned up at the end.

Though the final numbers aren't in, we can now fund our goal of \$7000 in HNJ scholarships as well as \$7000 that we plan to earmark for a re-modeled KofC Computer Center at our school. Nice work!

Amidst the joys of Easter, please remember to keep our departed brothers Deacon BK John Farrell and SK Dan Krebs in your prayers. Mass for Dan will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 and Mass for Deacon John will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fischer, GK



## Easter Sunrise Mass

Thousands gathered at Canova Beach for the Easter Sunrise Mass celebrated by Fr. Scott and Deacon Dan Bassile. Thanks to all our Knights who helped with setup, parking, serving, collection, and cleanup.



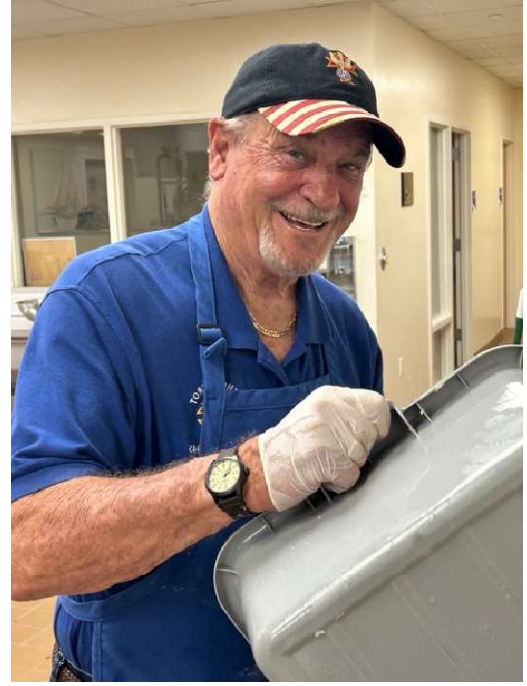
**Our Awesome Fish Dinner Crew**













## Congratulations to our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for March

SK Vince Greco



SK Glen and Joan Crabtree



## Special Olympics



On March 16<sup>th</sup> Dustin Woodbury, Peter Gioia (two on the left) and Knights from other local councils supported the Special Olympics Track and Field Competition at Holy Trinity School. We'll have another Tootsie Roll Drive 27-28 April at Lowes and Winn Dixie Beachside to raise more money for this great organization.



## KofC Basketball Free Throw Competition



Gabriella Pirazzi-Miceli from HNJ School won the KofC State Free Throw Competition for her age bracket at MCC on March 9<sup>th</sup>. She's pictured here with SK Pat Farrelly, our KofC District Deputy. Thanks again to SK Steve Ewing and Michi Davis for running this competition from the beginning at HNJ School.

## FIT Spaghetti Dinner



"The usual suspects" cooked another great meal for the FIT Students on March 13<sup>th</sup> including DGK Tom Ghesquiere, Joe Strohfus, Tom Enos, Rod Holzworth, Peter Gioia, Steve Ewing, Bill Warinner, Jim Brown and, of course, PGK Dr Bob Krenzer (not pictured).

## St Patrick's Day Parade



March 17<sup>th</sup> is, of course, St Patrick's Day and many of our Knights and their significant others marched in the Melbourne St Patrick's Day Parade on the 16th. The turnout by the citizens and families of Melbourne was terrific.



### Upcoming Council Events

<b>Apr</b>	2	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	2	8:00 pm	Fraternal Benefits Online Presentation	Supreme Website
	5	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary	Chapel
	8	7:30 am	HNJ School Trophy Presentations	Gym
	8	10:30 am	SK Dan Krebs Funeral	Church
	11	6:30 pm	Corporate 5k	Melbourne Airport
	16	10:30 am	Deacon BK John Farrell Funeral	Church
	16	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	19	7:00 pm	Live for More – Fr Jeremiah	Hall
	20	7:30 am	Live for More Men’s Conference	Hall
	20	9:30 am	Regional and State Hockey Shoot Out	Resurrection, Winter Garden
	21	7:00 am	Coffee and Donuts	Comm Rm
	23	7:00 pm	Exemplification	Church/Comm Rm
	24	5:00 pm	FIT Spaghetti Dinner	FIT Chapel
	27-28	10:00-6:00	Special Olympics Tootsie Roll Drive	Lowes/Winn Dixie

<b>May</b>	3	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary – Patriotic (NOML)	Church
	7	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	19	7:00 am	Coffee and Donuts	Comm Rm
	21	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	22	6:30 pm	DD Meeting	TBD
	24-26	All day	State Convention – Orlando	Hyatt Regency
	28	7:00 pm	Exemplification	Church/Comm Rm

## From Our Agent John Barfield

### ***Lent, Easter, and the Supreme Knight***

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God.

I had the pleasure of spending the week with our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his lovely wife Vanessa last week. I wanted to bring a couple of updates that we shared during the week:

1. As you may be aware, the Knights of Columbus has taken on various restoration projects in our history. The Knights of Columbus has been awarded and accepted the restoration project of the Baldacchino of St. Peter. The sculpture is over 400 years old and towers over the main altar at St. Peter's Basilica.



2. The long-awaited client portal is closer to its completion. Like you, I am excitedly anticipating the rollout of the portal for you to have access at your fingertips to your information. I will keep you updated, however anticipate the completion and rollout to be this year.

Spending a little time with our Supreme Knight in Phoenix, AZ:



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