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# Knights of Columbus Mario "Chick" Alberghini Council 13277

#### **Grand Knight Words**

Brothers, during this season of Advent, as we await the birth of the savior, I would like to reflect on all you do for our Parish. Some of the jobs performed by those in our Council, include but not limited to Ushers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes, Cooks, Teachers, PBC volunteers, Prison Ministry, Smokin' in the Square & Golf committees– the list just goes on and on.

We have a vibrant Parish, and you Knights (and many wives) are right in the heart of all activities – in one form or another. Countless hours by countless good Christian men. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for all that you do.

**Growth in numbers** - Supreme & State are constantly preaching – Recruit, recruit, recruit – so I would ask that if each of us to ask that that young man that sits near you – week after week - but you never see them at a meeting – ask them, "are you a knight" and if not why? Encourage them to join, don't be afraid to share with those you know the importance of being a Knight.

Lastly, from my family to yours, may God bless and keep you during the holiday season and through all the new year.

Merry Christmas

Brian Hagensick, GK



EVENTS

<u>2024</u>

12 Dec - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

19 Dec - Assembly Meeting

#### <u>2025</u>

03 Jan - First Friday Adoration

04 Jan - First Saturday Devotions

09 Jan - Council Meeting

19 Jan - Pancake Breakfast

23 Jan - Assembly Meeting

25 Jan - 4th Degree Exemplification

25 Jan - Emerald Coast Coalition for Life - Walk for Life

01 Feb - First Saturday Devotions

06 Feb - Council Meeting

07 Feb - First Friday Adoration

15 Feb - Interfaith Ministries Bingo Tournament

16 Feb - Pancake Breakfast

27 Feb - Assembly Meeting

07 Mar—First Fish Fry

15 Mar—St. Patrick's Day Dinner

(see website for our most up to date calendar)

## **Rejoice! Rejoice!**

Rejoice! Rejoice! This is what the Third Sunday of Advent is all about. For the first two weeks of Advent, we have been quietly anticipating Jesus coming again into our lives. We have been reflecting on the nature of our living in this world. We acknowledge that we need Jesus in our lives because we want the salvation that only he can bring. In him, we have someone who can not only save us from ourselves, but who also understands our sinfulness better than we understand it ourselves. And that is something else we all want deep inside—to be understood.

When I reflect on my sinfulness over an extended period of time such as during Advent and Lent, I can begin to get down on myself. I find myself repeating what St. Paul wrote in Romans 7:15 – "I cannot even understand my own actions. I do not do what I want to do, but what I hate." I don't doubt that most people feel this way about themselves at some point. For me, I feel like I am torn between two competing aspects of myself. First there is my ego who sees sin as a weakness and wants to control it and eliminate it. Then there is my compassion who has finally understood that sin is human frailty and a weakness that we can never completely overcome by ourselves.

Eventually compassion wins out over ego. Surrender wins out over control. But it isn't a surrender to sin; that would defeat all hope in us. Instead, compassion overcomes ego by surrendering to Jesus who restores all hope. This is when joy comes rushing back like a cleansing rain filling up what was an empty stream with new energy and life. This Third Sunday of Advent is a day to rejoice at the coming of our savior who knows each one of us. He is someone who understands each of us personally. Now our Advent reflections take a turn from a hard inward look at ourselves to a refreshing outward look at what is possible with this living stream of water rushing into our lives. Rejoice in this renewal of your baptism! Rejoice!

Peace Be With You, Marc Barrett

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### **Happenings**

November Clothing Drive results: 211 kids coats. We more than filled up the big box truck, thanks to generosity of the parishioners. Thank you! Phil Price

Sorry Brothers—Our Christmas party has been canceled due to low ticket sales. We'll try again next year.

Our next 4th Degree Exemplification will be on the January 25th. Please sign up if you are not a 4th degree.

The Cornhole tournament on January 11th is cancelled -- the next event is set for Feb 8th.

We still need one more usher for the Navarre High School Christmas Concert on December 16th. Please call Neal Carter to volunteer.

Jeff "Coach" Koonz is at Bay Breeze in room 410 if you want to visit him.

Smokin' Raffle is occurring daily! What will you

win?





Christmas cards are almost sold out; 8 boxes left.

#### **Reminders**

If you are interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister, reach out to Jim Eastman.

As always, the minutes from each council meeting can be found on our website on the "Members" page under the "Minutes" option. Please review prior to the next council meeting and send any requests for edits to Tony Giangiulio.

#### Seminarian Corner

Please include on your prayers our Seminarians as they journey to the Priesthood:

Abbè Brent Gordon

Mr. Jake Woods

Dean Caputo



## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Practice

# Knights on Target

In his first time participating, Rich Huzil won the Top Shot box of ammo prize in our 2nd annual Knights on Target "Turkey Shoot".























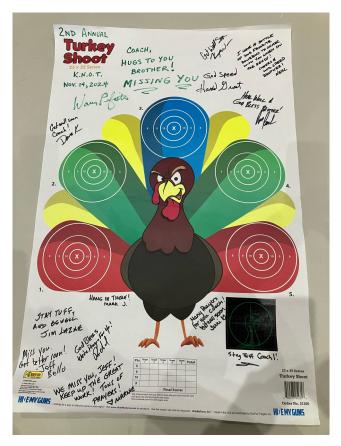
## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

# Fellowship

# **Missing You!**

The KNOTs gang are missing their coach.

# FACES & PLACES





Get Well Jeff!

## FACES & PLACES

### **KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

Service

## **Clothing Drive**

Knights sort and bag for the annual Coats for Kids and the Clothing Drive.





"2010 International Rookie of the Year"

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"

# **MILESTONES!**

December Wedding Anniversaries				
Name	Date	Years	Wife's Name	
Harold A. Groat	12/17/1993	31	Mary Groat	
James B. Bagby	12/31/1982	42	Kelly Kathryn Bagby	

Years of Service			
Name	Years of Service		
Warren W Pfister	28		
Joseph R Aguayo	22		
Michael T Raymond	22		
James J Brown	17		
Luke A Filipiak	17		
Mark J Jurecki	16		
Joseph J Boni	13		
Alex S Botardo	13		
Paul M Generoso	12		
Walt L Del Vecchio	12		

# BIRTHDAYS

December Birthdays				
Name	Birthday	Age		
Mark A Place	12-01-1968	56		
Caleb Bauman	12-05-2005	19		
E C Cummings	12-05-1937	87		
Jacob E Meyer	12-05-1999	25		
Michael C Cowles	12-07-1961	63		
Harold A Groat	12-07-1954	70		
Carl J Durfee	12-11-1940	84		
Mr Bruce Trumbull	12-11-1958	66		
Dr James A Gschwind	12-13-1949	75		
Joseph R Aguayo	12-14-1947	77		
Michael T Raymond	12-14-1956	68		
Jon D Brandon	12-18-1961	63		
Vincent A Colley	12-18-1947	77		
Charles L D'Angelo Jr	12-18-1958	66		
Paul J Merrick	12-19-1953	71		
William A Teegarden	12-19-1952	72		
Robert W Slye	12-21-1981	43		
Daniel Juarez	12-23-1959	65		
Donald B Cicero	12-27-1947	77		
Robert L Sears	12-27-1946	78		
Norman F LaRose Sr	12-28-1945	79		
Justin D Ballengee	12-30-1997	27		
John Hamburg	12-30-1953	71		
Richard R Plummer	12-30-1943	81		

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This council of the Knights of Columbus serves the community of St. Sylvester and the surrounding area in support of our diocese.

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT?

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

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One-year Trustee - Warren Pfister

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