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Our Newsletter

**Membership dues for fraternal year 2024-2025
are now due and payable !!**



Grand Knight's Reflection

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My brothers in Christ I have been in tough jobs in my life but being Grand Knight is probably one of the toughest I've ever been a part of. But it also has a tremendous inspiration on my faith and my love of our brotherhood.

I would like to congratulate Charlie Fenstermaker and Maria and Tom Felten on their awards well deserved. I'd also like to thank Kathy and Michael Colvin for their hard work cooking for us to break bread meeting night. Last my heart swells with pride from the hard work and tremendous success of the Tootsie Roll team.

I hope to see more brothers at our next meeting. We have a lot of work to do and we will soar as a council to new heights.

My prayers go out to our members and family and may God and St. Michael watch over St. Mark's council 14222.



**Message From
Deacon Kevin Mukri**

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Two Saints Knights Should Know About

On July 26, we honor two great saints, Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the parents of Our Blessed Mother and grandparents of Our Lord.

These two saints are particularly important to Knights, as they are the patron saints of grandparents.

Their names are not recorded in the Gospels. Their names come from an apocryphal, or false, document called the Gospel of James.

Although this document was found to be inauthentic, it does not mean that everything in this document is false.

According to tradition, Joachim was a very wealthy and generous elderly man. He and his wife Anne were childless.

One day, before Anne conceived of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joachim went to the temple to make an offering. The offering was rejected by a man named Rubin, most likely a Levitical priest, because Joachim was childless.

At that time, if you were childless, many believed you were disfavored from Almighty God. Distressed, Joachim left the temple. But remembering Abraham was given a child in his old age, embarked on a 40-day period of fasting and prayer in the desert, beseeching God for a child. Anne also prayed for a child.

Nine months later, Anne bore a daughter, and the couple named her Mary.

Because of the vow they both made if they had a child, Joachim and Anne brought Mary to the Temple at the age of 3, where she took up residence until it was time for her to be married to St. Joseph.

What we know for certain is that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, had parents. They loved her, raise her, and offered her to Almighty God. In fact, on a spiritual level, just as the Blessed Virgin Mary is our spiritual mother, so also Saints Joachim and Anne are our spiritual grandparents in the order of grace.

Pope Francis stated: "Mary grew up in the home of Joachim and Anne; she was surrounded by their love and faith: in their home she learned to listen to the Lord and to follow his will. How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith."

I have spoken to many Knights who are grandparents and are worried sick as their children and grandchildren have left the Catholic faith. They have tried everything to bring them back, but are unsuccessful.

The world is full of evil and it is powerful. But so is the powerful intercession of Saints Joachim and Anne. They were not only grandparents of Our Lord, but they are both our spiritual grandparents too. Ask them to assist you in your efforts to bring family members back to the Catholic Faith.

Fellow Knights,

The gentleman who attended our meeting on July 17 was Richard Valentino, the District Warden for District 22. He is the assistant to our District Deputy Chuck Demino.

Their info is provided below.

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Also, from this meeting:



Knight of the Month - Charles 'Charlie' Fenstermaker



Family of the Month - Tom & Maria Felten
(Richard Valentino in the background)



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If you did not receive a dues invoice, please contact Charlie Fenstermaker, Financial Secretary, at 610-574-0304 or cfensty49@gmail.com. Membership cards are delayed due to an inventory issue with the printer. As soon as they are available, they will be distributed.

REMINDER: Council Meetings 2024

(Please save this schedule for future reference)

Officers Meetings			Start Time	
Enrichment Center	9-Sep	2 nd Monday	2:00 p.m.	
Enrichment Center	7-Oct	1 st Monday	2:00 p.m.	
Angel Room	4-Nov	1 st Monday	2:00 p.m.	
Enrichment Center	2-Dec	1 st Monday	2:00 p.m.	

Business Meetings (Note NEW TIMES)			Doors Open		Start Time
Social Hall Knights & Ladies	21-Aug	3 rd Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Rosary 5:45	Dinner 6:10 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Social Hall	18-Sep	See Info below			
Social Hall Knights & Ladies	16-Oct	3 rd Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Rosary 5:45	Dinner 6:10 p.m. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Special Events

New Flag presentation at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 1 (after the noon Mass) with the Assembly Color Guard members. Open to all parishioners who wish to stay after Mass for this ceremony. **A good K of C membership turnout would be appreciated.**

Installation Mass and ceremony (finally) on Wednesday, September 18.....

As per Joe Castrigno, PGK, "I also have a tentative OK for the installation on Wednesday, September 18. We will start with Mass in the Chapel (maybe the Church but more likely the Chapel) at 4:00 p.m. Then do the Council installation followed by the Assembly installation. That should take about 2 hours total. We will go to the Social Hall for dinner. The Council will lead dinner preparations and the Assembly will assist." Grand Knight Michael Brooks would like all officers being installed to be at the church at 3:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Men's Retreat: Wednesday, October 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$20.00 fee. All parish men are invited.

Multi-District Kickoff Meeting – 2024/2025

Multi-districts #21, 22, and 23 meeting at St. Mark's on Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Standing: MC Denis Milonas, DD #23.

Seated left to right:

Ronald Ciampi, State Membership Chairman;
Richard Valentino, District Warden;
Chuck Demino, DD #22;
Rogelo Preze, DD #21;
Chris Berens, Special Olympics Chairperson.



The general theme of the speakers was the importance of acquiring new and younger members for the growth and continuance the K of C organization. Chris Berens spoke on behalf of the Knights of Columbus involvement with the Special Olympics and how it helps the public to see what we do.



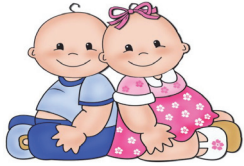
Alberto Fernandez, Insurance Field Agent, spoke to us about how the K of C insurance coverages, that are not offered by regular insurance companies, can be very appealing to newer, younger members.



... and the winners (tied for FIRST place) of this year's Multi-District Meeting Chili Cook-Off were:

Chili pot #3 **Carey Melvin**
Chili pot #4, *our very own*, **Mike Colvin**

Respect Life Ministry Baby Shower



The Respect Life Ministry is sponsoring a Baby Shower on Thursday, September 5th, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the Social Hall. The members of Respect Life (mostly ladies) could use some help in setting up the Social Hall starting at 9:30 AM that morning. **Knights and their wives are invited to attend the shower, which will include light refreshments, and stay to help cleanup.**

There is no admission charge, but **unwrapped gifts** for soon-to-be-born babies and infants will be appreciated. Look for announcements in the Church bulletin and a brief pulpit talk on August 17th and 18th. Gifts will be accepted on the weekends of August 25th and September 1st.

The Knights have worked closely with Respect Life in the past, and this is also an opportunity for the Ladies Auxiliary to get involved. Come out and help to make this event even more successful than it has been.



On July 26th and 27th we had our **Tootsie Roll Drive** at Publix at Southern Trace. This was Rich Rosica's last drive as chairperson and my first (Tom Felten). Thanks to Rich for his help in making the transition as smooth as possible and being there for any assistance.

Total monies collected over the two days was \$1,163.00.

It involved a total of 36 man hours of charity work.

As your old and new chairpersons, we would like to thank the following Knights who participated in the Tootsie Roll Drive in what was very hot and humid weather, with no breeze (Florida summer weather).

Michael Brooks, Rick Cinella, Mike Colvin, Bob Larson, Mac McClean, Jack McGlone, and John Ryan.

The next Tootsie Roll Drive will be at Publix at Mulberry in November. Date to be announced.

In the first quarter of 2025, I hope to have two Tootsie Roll Drives.

Something for Sports Fans



Joseph Quattrocchi, our very own fellow Knight and Communication Assistant at St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Summerfield, Florida announces games for the Leesburg Lightning from Pat Thomas Stadium. Over the years, Joe earned a broadcasting degree and has done play-by-play announcing for football, basketball and soccer. Baseball, however, proved to be tougher to land, but he got his big break last summer.

Joe in front of Pat Thomas Stadium

“I was driving through Lake County and had my radio tuned to WQBQ 1410 AM in Leesburg and I was surprised to hear live baseball announced over the air. When I got home, I picked up the phone and called the radio station owner and asked if I could have a shot at broadcasting baseball. He said ‘yes,’ and I felt like I was in heaven.” Joe is now their regular baseball play-by-play broadcaster.

WQBQ broadcasts select Leesburg Lightning games during the two-month Florida Collegiate Summer League. The Lightning are a wood bat collegiate summer baseball league team that plays its home games at Pat Thomas Stadium in Leesburg.

For our Internet Surfers

I came across this Facebook site because of my own surfing. It is interesting to see what other councils around the world are doing, how they celebrate different events, like Installation of Officers.

This is a photo and video with text Facebook page. Search on:

“Knights of Columbus Worldwide”



Pray for the souls in Purgatory who need our help to reach perfection.

Also, please remember all of those in our Council Family who are ill, hospitalized and in need of our prayers.

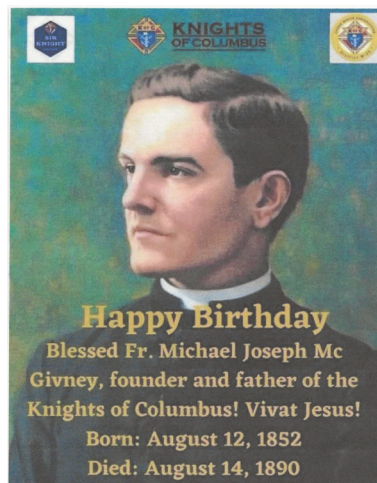
Especially:

Gino & Joan Aultta
Jean Brett
Rick Cinella
Grace Colvin
Roger & Jerry Cry
Bill Delaney
Ted Deshaw
Roger & Nancy Ellison
Kathleen Feenaghty
Tony Frank
Vern Garske
Jean Gear

Kathleen Gross
Jean Hanneke
Chris Joss
Betty Kloske
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza
Tom & Roberta Lane
John Lathrop
Patrick McCarty
Paul Murphy
Sean O'Connell
Jim Rose
Lynn Rosica

Tom Rueck,
Chet & Harriett Sedke
Bruce & Judy Schladen
John Sloman
Bob & Pat Smelas,
Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer
Tom & Jolene Sutherland
Fred & Mary Ann Targos
Lourdes Thomas
George & Pam White
Louis Wilkinson
George & Patricia Wood

and all those needing prayers for whatever reason, not published in this newsletter.



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