



**Knights of Columbus
St. Paul the First Hermit
Council 14222 – December 2024**

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS IN TWO PARTS



Our Newly Elected Grand Knight:
Paul Martin

Grand Knight Reflection Paul Martin

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I am so proud to be the new Grand Knight. I am looking forward to getting new members to join our council and work with each and every one of you with what is left of our Fraternal Year. I will work very hard on that. Recruitment will provide for the expansion of our way of life, expansion of our church and our faith and the expansion of our order.

Remember the words of Lyndon Johnson:

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."

I want to wish all my brother knights and their families a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus,
Paul Martin
Grand Knight, Council 14222





Past Grand Knight's Message

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Wishing my brother Knights a very Merry and Faith-filled Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

We are beginning the new year with newly elected leaders to guide the Council through 2025. Congratulations to the new Grand Knight, Paul Martin and the Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Schafer. As they have my support, I know that they have the support of all our members. What that means is that we all will participate in Council activities and be there when needed.

In the past and now again, the Council has faced significant challenges in how it was run and how our Offices were selected. We need to get back to the published guidelines for meetings and activities that Supreme has available. We need to establish a working nominating committee to propose candidates, obtain their consent to serve and prepare a slate. For the 176 members that I see in the latest roster, we have 3993 years of membership; that's about 23 years average of being a Knight. With all the transfer members that we have, many have held various offices in their original Councils, so we have a wealth of experience. Again, please participate by sharing your experience and consider serving again in this Council.

It has been an honor and a rewarding experience to be your Grand Knight for the past two years and again as Acting Grand Knight for the month before this election. I will continue to support the new officers in any way that I can.



Our NEXT Upcoming Events

Donut Sunday – December 29, 2024. **We need volunteers**

Rosary Sunday – December 29, 2024. Meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Narthex. Check with Leroy Henneke

1st Officer's Meeting of 2025 – January 13, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the Enrichment Center. All are invited to attend.



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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CHRISTMAS IN TWO PARTS

We are now “Waiting in Hope” for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to share with you a story about PEACE, FAITH, LOVE, and HOPE.

Four candles slowly burned. The ambiance was so soft, one could almost hear them talking. The first candle said: “I am PEACE!” “The world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit.” Then the flame of Peace went out completely.

The second candle said: “I am FAITH!” “I am no longer indispensable. It doesn't make sense that I stay lit another moment.” Just then a breeze softly blew Faith's flame.

Sadly the third candle began to speak: “I am LOVE!” “People don't understand my importance so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them.” And waiting no longer Love's flame went out.

Suddenly ... a child entered the room and saw the three unlit candles. “Why aren't you burning? You're supposed to stay lit till the end.” Saying this, the child began to cry.

Then the fourth candle answered: “Don't be afraid. I am HOPE!” “While I am still burning we can re-light the other candles.” With shining eyes the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles.

The Greatest of these is LOVE ... but the flame of Hope should never go out of your life! With Hope each of us can live with Peace, Faith and Love.

PRAYER:

“Dear God, You are my light and my salvation. You are my HOPE. Please come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs and give me your wonderful gift of eternal Life. Help me be an instrument of our love and cause our light to shine on others through me. Amen”



PART 2

The Coming of Christmas

We are now nearing the end of Advent and the last Candle has been lit - the candle of Peace. We have now completed our Advent journey in Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace.

So what is next?? Yes, we all know that it is the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World. Are we truly prepared for his coming on Christmas Day? And if so how are we prepared? Yes, we probably helped our wives clean the house, clean the cars, prepared some food, especially cookies and cakes, and we made sure we purchased all of the gifts that we will give to others.

What about ourselves and our relationship with Christ? Have we cleansed our souls in preparation for his coming on the awaited Christmas Day, and have we prayed to the Father thanking Him for that wonderful birth?

We must all together, as one community reflect on the symbols of Advent; Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace and ask ourselves as Knights, what does it all mean to us. Do we bring Hope to others, are we truly sharing our Faith, do we see the joy in us as in others, and are we at peace with not only ourselves but with all others?

Yes, as Knights you do bring hope to others by your actions of charity, and yes you do share your faith by proclaiming the Good News, and you do bring joy to those you all encounter which is seen on the smiles of those you serve, and you are at peace.

So, I ask each of you that during this Christmas Eve just before you go to bed, go outside and look to the heavens and observe the night sky and the quietness. Then imagine the angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

And as the shepherds did go to Christ (in your hearts) when you return back into your homes, Glorify and Praise God for all that you have seen and heard.

May you and your families have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



2025 Bookings Plan

Subject to change

Officers Meetings - Enrichment Center Room C

	Start Time
13-Jan 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
10-Feb 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
10-Mar 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
14-Apr 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
12-May 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
9-Jun 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
14-Jul 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
11-Aug 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
8-Sep 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
13-Oct 2nd Monday	2:00 PM
3-Nov 1st Monday	2:00 PM
1-Dec 1st Monday	2:00 PM

Business Meetings - Social Hall Doors Open 5:30 - Rosary 5:45 – Dinner 6:00

	Meeting Start Time
22-Jan 4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
19-Feb 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
19-Mar 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
23-Apr 4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
21-May 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
18-Jun 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
23-Jul 4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
20-Aug 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
17-Sep 3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
22-Oct 4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
12-Nov 2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM
10-Dec 2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM

Other Knights Events 2025

Diaper Drive	Apr 28/Mar 1
Lenten Food Drive	Mar 8/9
Lenten Food Drive	Mar 15/16
Lenten Food Drive	Mar 22/23
Lenten Food Drive	Mar 29/30
Lenten Food Drive	Apr 5/6
Lenten Food Drive	Apr 12/13

Installation
Installation Social

September TBD

Memorial Mass
Memorial Social

November TBD

Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales	Oct 4/5
Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales	Oct 11/12
Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales	Oct 18/19
Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales	Oct 25/26
Christmas Dinner/Dance	Dec 6

Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales	Nov 29/30
Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales	Dec 6/7
Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales	Dec13/14

Knights Rosary	30-Mar
Knights Rosary	29-Jun
Knights Rosary	31-Aug
Knights Rosary	30-Nov

Tootsie Roll Drive	Pending. Date TBD
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Doughnut Sunday(s)	Plan w/Church
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Other Possible Activities

St. Joseph Tickets Sales Possible Dates
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Wednesday, Mar 19 St. Joseph's Day – St Joseph's Feast Possible

Passover 4/12 Support Parish Seder Possible
Memorial Day Flag Placement and Harvest at Veterans' Cemetery – Dates TBD
Knights Breakfast Possible
Fishing Trip Possible

St. Mark Church Events for 2025

Ash Wednesday - March 5
Palm Sunday - April 13
Easter Sunday - April 20
Christmas - Thursday, December 25

Officer Election December 11, 2024

Elections were held for Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, since the existing DGK was a candidate for GK. There were two nominations for the Grand Knight position, but Jay J. Rodriguez withdrew his name. Paul Martin was elected. Jim Schafer was elected as Deputy Grand Knight. **Congratulations to both.**



DGK Jim Schafer
DD Chuck Demino
GK Paul Martin



PGK Joe Castrigno
GK Paul Martin
DGK Jim Schafer

Revised List of Elected Officers of Council 14222:

Grand Knight, Paul Martin
Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Schafer
Chancellor, Rick Cinella
Recorder, Gerry Becker
Treasurer, Hank Casey
Advocate, Larry Waite
Warden, Mike Colvin
Inside Guard, Voytek Kulesza
Outside Guard, Bob Larson
Three-year Trustee, Joe Castrigno
Two-year Trustee, Sean O'Connell
One-year Trustee, Pete Casey

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Thank you to Kevin Maxwell and his associates for helping council members this past year.

Council 14222 Sponsored the November Donut Sunday. The Council took advantage of the event to promote a membership drive having a table displayed and greeting everyone as they entered the Hall. We are also sponsoring the December Donut Sunday on the 29th. Any and all volunteers will be welcomed with gratitude and a donut!

