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Congratulations to the 4th Degree K of C on their 125th Anniversary!



Grand Knight Message

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To most of you this will seem like Deja vu, but I want to tell you how honored I am that you put your faith and trust in me to be your new Grand Knight. I am anxious to get down to business. Fundraising and recruiting, will be two of my top priorities to start.

We are very blessed to have amongst us many Knights with years of experience. I hope and pray that you all are ready to have a productive year. I have already spoken on the phone with two potential candidates and I am working on another. I am also excited about a long-term repeating fundraising idea that I am working on. It will be a fun way to spend time together as well as profitable for our group. I am looking forward to sharing this idea with you soon. I also look forward to hearing any ideas you may have that will bring us closer together as brother knights as well as helping our church and community. All I need from you all is that you come to meetings, share your thoughts, and participate! You put your faith in me, and I will put my faith in you. Please feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Schafer
Grand Knight Council 14222

Congratulations to Bob Larson, our new Deputy Grand Knight!





Message from Den. John Rumplach

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Brother Knights,

I hope all of you are in good health and spirits this past month.

Advent and the Christmas Season, the birth of Christ has now past, but is Advent, the Christmas Season, and especially the birth of Christ still in our hearts? Do we still remember the Advent candles that were lit each week during Advent that represented, **HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE**? And do we still remember the sacred mystery when “the Word became flesh, and made His dwelling among us” (Jn 1:14), realizing that it is important to recognize the role that charity can play in proclaiming the Gospel.

Yes, a few months have now past and I know you as Knights still have the feeling of Advent and Christmas in your hearts. A new birth, through the birth of Our Lord and Savior, and a renewal of our own Christian birth, and a feeling of a new life in Christ. This is what keeps us going each and every year with every beat of the heart. This past Christmas was a time of giving, and you as Knights of Columbus of this council definitely showed that in the way that you all gave of yourselves and especially to others. So, when we as Knights, who collect donations and organize charitable activities, we often serve as the point of contact for the Catholic Church with those in need.

Now that we are approaching the weeks of Lent, let us continue to give in a spiritual way to everyone we encounter; be humble, do not be hypocrites, or be full of pride. It is a time for all of us to **take care of ourselves, our wives/loved ones, and our families**, in a loving and spiritual way. For when our own spirit is great we will achieve wondrous deeds not only for ourselves, but for God and our fellowman. This is why our own spirit has to have that glowing light in our hearts, that light that is filled with God’s Love, graces, and with the action of the Holy Spirit.

With the love of the heart of Christ, we as Knights can consistently serve many who remain invisible to the eyes of the world. Of course, the first one helped is the giver himself, whose sacrifice of time and effort is rewarded by the encounter with the Lord Jesus.

I invite all of you during Lent to attend the Stations of the Cross as a group to show your faith and support.

2025 Bookings Plan

Subject to Change

Officers Meetings

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

We are looking into changing the 2:00 p.m. start time to 6:00 p.m.

Business Meetings – Doors Open 5:30 - Rosary 5:45 – Dinner 6:10

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

Other Knights Events 2025

Membership Drive	Mar 15/16	+ Pulpit Talk
Lenten Food Drive	Mar 1/2	Pulpit Presentation Only
Lenten Food Drive	Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
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	Palm Sunday

All food and cash contributions go to St. Theresa's food pantry

**Installation &
Installation Social**

September TBD

Memorial Mass & 12 Nov - 5:00 (Subject to change)
Memorial Social 12 Nov - 6:00 refreshments in Social Hall

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 13 in the Social Hall - Save the Date!

Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales Nov 29/30
Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales Dec 6/7
Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales Dec 13/14

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

Meet @ 11:05 a.m. in Ministry Room for
sash. Wear Knights shirt and tan pants. We
process in at 11:15 a.m.

Tootsie Roll Drive **May 2 (Fri.)** & Aug 1 (Fri.), 10 - 4 at Publix #1080 Rt. 466
Tootsie Roll Drive **3/4 May**-St. Mark's all Masses
Tootsie Roll Drive 1/2 Nov-St. Mark's all Masses
Tootsie Roll Drive Dates TBD 10 - 4 at Publix #0004 Mulberry Plaza

Doughnut Sunday(s) Oct 26 after 8 and 10 a.m. Masses

Memorial Day Flag Placement and Harvest at Veterans' Cemetery
– Dates probably 5/24 or 25 & 5/31 (helping with a 4th Degree activity)

Other Possible Activities

Wednesday, Mar 19 St. Joseph's Day – St Joseph's Feast Possible
Knights Breakfast Possible
Fishing Trip Possible
A Night at the Races - waiting for approval from Fr. Rafal
Other fund raising activities as ideas develop

Formed.org is an informative and interesting Catholic website.
Check it out. See what you think.

Nancy Stubbs of The Arc, Nature Coast, has been rescheduled for the March 19th meeting.

Knights doing what Knights do best!



PGK Joe Castrigno invited Florida K of C Charities, Inc., Chairman, Mobile Disabilities, Michael (Mike) Costanza to speak to us about the K of C Wheelchair Program
If you see a yellow wheelchair in the Narthex, it is a K of C wheelchair.

Diaper Drive

Sean O'Connell, PGK, chaired another successful Diaper Drive benefitting Alpha House of Ocala. This yearly event in February helps to supply the facility with much needed diapers of all sizes, baby wipes and funds to use to help unwed mothers with their babies.



These pictures were taken at the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. Many Knights and Women's Auxiliary and wives came out to help at all the Masses. On Monday morning, we took the loaded truck and a caravan of cars and drove up to Ocala to do our traditional unloading of the donated items.

A Note from the Food Committee



They came, they ate, they were happy Knights. Thank you Little Joey's for working with us, customizing pizzas and giving us a nice discount. By the way, NO LEFTOVERS!

Brothers,

Mike Colvin and I would like to thank all the members who contributed to our collection jar to help offset the cost of providing our pizza meal at our membership meeting on February 19.

As you know, the price of food is through the roof and trying to provide a variety of appealing foods within our budget is a very difficult task. With your continued generosity, we will be able to plan a larger variety of simple meals. Thank you, Tom Felten



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
Lorilee Cinella
Rick Cinella
Jean Clark
Kathy Colvin
Grace Colvin
Roger & Jerry Cyr
Bill Delaney
Chuck Demino, D.D.
Roger & Nancy Ellison
Kathleen Feenaghty
Tony Frank
Vern Garske

Kathleen Gross
Jean Henneke
Chris Joss
Betty Kloske
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza
Danny Laczko, PGK, PFN
Tom & Roberta Lane
Rebecca Larson
Patrick McCarty
Paul Murphy
Sean O'Connell
Greg Ochalek
Jim Rose
Lynn Rosica

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

Please pray for Pope Francis.

Deacon John, is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and other medical issues. Please keep him in your prayers.

Miscellaneous News Items

- Silver Rose will not be coming to our Council on its current visitation cycle.
- Mr. Rick Lee is not eligible at this time to be a member.
- We are currently 185 members strong.
- Yearly financial audit is done and balanced to the penny!
- Coats for Kids has funds for the current year.

Birthdays for February:



S. Reed Finley	Feb 1
Joseph S. Markiewicz	Feb 7
Norman F. Nelson	Feb 7
Guy N. Cadorette	Feb 11
Robert K. Larson	Feb 11
William V. Whelan	Feb 14
Michael D. Colvin	Feb 20
Karl E. Joss	Feb 22
Gerald E. Goeden	Feb 24
Rev. Joseph Hanks	Feb 24
Joseph C. Folker	Feb 25
Martin J. Hughes	Feb 28
David W. Smith	Feb 28



Happy Birthday, Guys and many, many more!!

Newsletter Funnies

Two guys grew up together, but after college one moves to Georgia and the other to Texas. They agreed to meet every ten years in Florida (The Villages) to play golf and catch up with each other. At age 32 they meet, finish their round of golf and head for lunch. "Where you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why Hooters?" "They have those servers with the big boobs, the tight shorts and the gorgeous legs." "You're on."

At age 42, they meet and play golf again. "Where you wanna go for lunch?" "Hooters." "Again? Why?" "They have cold beer, big screen TVs, and side action on the games." "OK."

At age 52 they meet and play again. "So, where you wanna go for lunch?" "Hooters." "Why?" "The food is pretty good and there's plenty of parking." "OK."

At age 62 they meet again. After a round of golf, one says, "Where you wanna go?" "Hooters." "Why?" "Wings are half price and the food isn't too spicy." "Good choice"

At age 72 they meet again. Once again, after a round of golf, one says, "Where shall we go for lunch?" "Hooters." "Why?" "They have six handicapped parking spaces right by the door and they have senior discounts." "Great choice."

At age 82 they meet and play again. "Where should we go for lunch?" "Hooters." "Why?" "Because we've never been there before." "Okay, let's give it a try."

And that my friends is the circle of life...

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