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Past Grand Knight Message to the Council

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We are again having to select a couple of new Officers but this time, not for any nefarious reasons.

The way we have nominated a slate of Officers goes back several years and we have continued that practice up to the time of the 2024-2025 fraternal year. In many cases, positions were filled either reluctantly or by candidates with limited experience because it always has been difficult to find members willing to accept the responsibility. I will suggest to the new Grand Knight to establish a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of Officers by the May meeting for elections in June.

In accordance with Article II of our By-Laws, “the Grand Knight shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three who shall prepare a slate of candidates for the elective council offices.....Other nominations may be made from the floor.” The Nominating Committee must be familiar with the duties of each Officer and the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary shall provide a list of members and their contact information. From that list, the committee will identify likely candidates and contact them to explain the duties of an office and obtain their willingness to be nominated. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary will provide the experience that each candidate has in serving in a leadership position, whether it be an elected or appointed position.

Although the published duties of an Officer may seem intimidating, these duties were written to apply to all Councils however they are run. In our case, the primary obligations are to attend all Officer and Business meetings unless excused and to accept responsibilities as designated by the Grand Knight. There are several specific duties outlined for each office, but none are particularly difficult or time-consuming, except maybe for the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, but the Financial Secretary is an appointed office, not elected.

Hopefully, we will find members willing to serve the Council as an Officer. Know that you will have the support and assistance of past Officers and of all the Council members.

Jim Schafer is our interim Grand Knight.
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Due to health issues with Deacon John, there will be no reflection this month. Please pray for his swift recovery.

We found this interesting article on the CNA website, written by Kristina Millare about Holy Doors and the Jubilee Year:

The Dicastery for Evangelization issued a note on Thursday reaffirming that the Holy Doors of the 2025 Jubilee of Hope in Rome will be located at the four papal basilicas as well as at a prison.

The Jubilee of Hope will take place from Dec. 24, 2024 — Christmas Eve — to Jan. 6, 2026, the feast of the Epiphany.

The Holy Doors will be located at the Basilica of St. Peter, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. A fifth door will also be located at a prison, the name of which has not yet been announced.

The five Holy Doors were specified by Pope Francis when he officially proclaimed the 2025 Ordinary Jubilee through his bull of indiction, *Spes Non Confundit* (“Hope Does Not Disappoint”) on the feast of the Ascension on May 9.

The first Holy Door will be opened by Pope Francis at St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve this year to usher in the beginning of the Jubilee Year worldwide. This door will be the last one to be closed on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026, marking the end of the holy year.

The Archbasilica of St. John Lateran will be the second door opened by Pope Francis — on Dec. 29, the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy Father will then open the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Mary Major on the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on Jan. 1, and then on Jan. 5 he will open the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. These three papal basilicas will all be closed on Dec. 28, 2025.

The Dicastery for Evangelization has not yet specified the location or dates for the opening or closing of the Holy Door at a Rome prison.

In his papal bull, the Holy Father expressed his wish that prisoners “look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence” during the Jubilee Year.

The note released by the dicastery’s Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World did not mention the opening of any other Holy Doors within Italy or abroad but issued further guidelines for the granting and use of the Jubilee 2025 indulgence when visiting cathedrals, international and national shrines, and other significant places of worship outside of Rome.

The Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary released on May 13, mentioned in the Aug. 1 note, states that the Catholic faithful who wish to live “this moment of grace in its fullness” can obtain the 2025 Jubilee indulgence in three main ways: pilgrimages, pious visits to sacred places, and works of mercy and penance.

The upcoming holy year will be the 28th jubilee celebrated in the Catholic Church and comes 10 years after Pope Francis opened the extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015. That year, Holy Doors had been erected in basilicas and sacred sites in 40 different countries.

2025 Bookings Plan

Subject to Change

Officers Meetings

			Start Time
Angel Room	10-Feb	2nd Monday	2:00 PM
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

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

			Meeting Start Time
Social Hall	19-Feb	3rd Wednesday	7:00 PM
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

Diaper Drive Feb 15/16 + Monday Feb 17th - Delivery to Alpha Center

Membership Drive Mar 15/16 + Pulpit Talk

Lenten Food Drive Mar 1/2 Pulpit Presentation Only

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
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

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.

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) Plan w/Church

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
Other fund raising activities as ideas develop

New Members!

After seeing the 25-minute Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity video of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees (something we should all see to remind us of who we are and what we should be doing as Knights), were sworn in by PGK Joe Castrigno. Welcome!

Ivan Ortego - a new member
Bruce Kolman - transfer
Rick Lee - pending

Knights doing what Knights do best!

Coats for Kids

Brothers -

My sincere thank you to all the Brother Knights whose generous response to the recent appeal for support for our Coats4Kids program helped get us back into a more favorable financial position!

We are now again in a position to take advantage of the end of season sales to supplement our inventory for the 2025 Fall/Winter Season. Thank you again for your generosity.

Brother Norm Nelson
Council 14222

A Note from the Food Committee

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 “picnic in January” buffet meal at our membership meeting on January 22.

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. Mike and I pull foods out of our own pantry to offset some of the costs. With your continued generosity we will be able to plan a larger variety of simple meals.

Thank you,
Tom Felten

Auschwitz Prisoner's Carvings Reflect Divine Mercy

(Submitted by Joe Castrigno)

If you travel today to Auschwitz I, a World War II Nazi German concentration camp, you'll discover that every prison cell has a story — a terrible and largely untold story of human suffering. In Block 11, however, you'll find two prison cells of unusual legacy. One is where St. Maximilian Kolbe gave his life in place of another man. The other, less known, is the cell in which Lt. Stefan Jasienski awaited execution after a failed espionage attempt. Upon the walls of this dark, bleak chamber, you'll find Jasienski's masterpiece: an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which he carved with his fingernail into the stone.

Think about it: The prisoners at Auschwitz would not have had knives or any other sharp implements in their cells — what if they used them to attack and overthrow the guards? — and so Jasienski only had one option: carving into the stone walls, using his fingernails.

When everything else seemed lost, Jasienski clung to this heart, the heart that had suffered, died, and rose for him, the heart that gave hope and purpose to his own. The Heart of Christ reveals to us our identity and our destiny. Our hearts are created to be places of light and truth, places where God dwells. Because of this, we are never alone.

Lt. Stefan Jasienski died in Auschwitz in January of 1945. It took 21 years before the inscription was discovered but serves as a beautiful reminder that Christ is always with us, even in our darkest moments.



Reference: <https://sistersoflife.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/IMPRINT-SPRING-2019.pdf>



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
Ted Deshaw
Roger & Nancy Ellison
Kathleen Feenaghty
Tony Frank
Vern Garske
Jean Gear

Kathleen Gross
Jean Henneke
Chris Joss
Betty Kloske
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza
Tom & Roberta Lane
Rebecca Larson
John Lathrop
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

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

We deeply regret to report that Tom Sutherland passed away January 9th. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Obituary of Thomas Edward Sutherland
August 17, 1943 – January 9, 2025

SUTHERLAND, Thomas Edward – of The Villages, Florida, formerly of Traverse City, Michigan, age 81, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2025, surrounded by loved ones. A celebration of life service will be held later.

Thomas (Tom) is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jolene; his daughter, Wendy (Tom) Rocha; his son, Troy T. Sutherland; his grandsons, Keegan J. Sutherland and Quinlen T. Sutherland; his sister, Linda (Robert) Conley, and nieces and nephews who will remember him fondly. Tom was preceded in death by his father, Stanley J. Sutherland; his mother, Katherine B. Sutherland; and his brother, Gerald R. (Shirley) Sutherland.

Birthdays for January:

Dennis R Adamek	Jan 2
Frederick P Targos	Jan 2
Lawrence F Brett	Jan 3
Ephrem J Bouchard	Jan 4
Thomas P Felten	Jan 6
Clayton Bard	Jan 8
Andrew W Bennis	Jan 10
Robert D Morrill	Jan 11

Robert H Harrison	Jan 14
Gilbert A Weber Jr	Jan 16
Richard A Rosica	Jan 17
John G Fennell Jr	Jan 18
William T Nisbet	Jan 21
Rex L Ripple	Jan 28
Mario J DeVito	Jan 31



**Happy Birthday, Guys
and many, many more!!**



Larry celebrates ten years as an employee of St. Mark parish. Congratulations to Larry Waite on his tenth anniversary as a member of the St. Mark Maintenance team. Larry is also a great asset to the Council, helping to set up and clean up the Social Hall for various events. He is often seen at these events, waiting for everyone to leave so he can complete the cleanup. Thank you, Larry, for your dedicated service.

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