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Our Newsletter



Grand Knight's Reflection

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First, I want to thank the past officers especially the hardest working Grand Knight I've ever had the pleasure to serve under, Joe Castrigno.

I would like to congratulate my new officers and know that my team and I will continue working together and make Council #14222 one of the best in the state.

My main goals are more membership, more fund raising and establishment of a stronger brotherhood as was the wish of our founding Father, Michael J. McGivney.

I also want the wives of the Knights to be a major part of our council including the Women's Auxiliary.

Wishing a happy, healthy and safe summer for all of you and hope to meet all of my brothers at our next meeting. I promise to be always available for all of the membership, the other ministries and the entire family of St. Mark's church.

May God bless council #14222



Joe Castrigno
Past Grand Knight

I thank you all for the confidence you have shown me to serve as your Grand Knight for the past two fraternal years. It has been my honor to fill that office and I hope I have met your expectations. Although my role now is diminished, I will continue to serve the Council in any way I can. I support the incoming Officers as I am sure you all do.

I could not have accomplished anything without the dedication and support of my brother Knights. We awarded more than a few Certificates of Appreciation to Knights who gave freely of their time to support our endeavors. Some of these Knights do not attend meetings, nor are they widely recognized as Knights by other members, but they are ready and willing when asked.

Some of our brothers would very gladly help, but because of age and health issues, they are not able to. These men are examples of good Knights and good Catholic gentlemen. They continue to serve without seeking accolades or have generously participated in the past and, but for circumstances, they would continue to help.

Programs such as Coats for Kids, Food for Families (Backpack Program), Tootsie Roll Drive, Diaper Drive, Lenten Food Drive, and Christmas Magnets & Signs continued, supported by groups of dedicated individuals who have organized and executed these efforts going back several years. With the same kind of support, we ran Christmas parties for the Parish and invited parishioners to participate in our Officer Installation and Memorial Mass celebrations. We brought back the Corporate Breakfast and the Ladies Auxiliary, which is just getting started. Encourage your wives to consider participating in the Auxiliary and help build it up again to the vibrant organization it was.

We continued to donate to seminarians and support charitable organizations such as Hands of Mercy Everywhere (HOME). We helped in parish functions such as the Rummage Sale and the Seder Meal and we held a St. Joseph's Feast, but there were difficulties in scheduling that celebration on March 19 with St. Patrick's Day, Easter and the Seder competing for time and resources.

We have accomplished much but we fell short in recruiting new members. Unfortunately, transfers are not counted as new, even though they may be new to Florida, having come from northern states. But, overall, I believe we have lived up to our principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Without the leadership to guide the Council, the Knights who suggest and lead activities, and the Knights who make them run smoothly, we cannot function as a Council. So pick an office, event, charity, or an activity that is close to your heart and devote your time and talent to the Knights of Columbus, Council 14222.

Presentation to Grand Knight

Joe Castrigno was presented with a plaque for his service and a Past Grand Knight ribbon that will be proudly worn on his 4th Degree uniform. Joe served as Grand Knight from July 2022 to June 2024.



Charlie Fenstermaker, Joe Castrigno, Michael Brooks, Chuck Demino
Financial Secy elect PGK GK elect District Deputy



Council 14222 hosted the St Joseph Icon from June 17 to June 24. During that time, the Icon was displayed in the Church Narthex and venerated in a short service before the June 19th Business Meeting.



**Message From
Deacon Kevin Mukri**

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we enter the month of July, let us not forget the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus that we celebrate every June.

In the late seventeenth century, Our Lord appeared to a young nun, Saint Margret Mary Alacoque. Saint Margret Mary Alacoque said His Heart was on fire and surrounded by a crown of thorns. Our Lord said that the flames represented His love for humanity, and the thorns represented man's sinfulness and ingratitude.

Saint Margret died in 1690 with her last words "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the Heart of Jesus."

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was officially recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765, 75 years after her death. In 1920, Margret Mary Alacoque was canonized.

Our Lord gave to Saint Margret Mary Alacoque 12 promises to those who practice devotion to the Sacred Heart. These promises are for us too. They are:

- † I will give them all graces necessary for their state of life.
- † I will establish peace in their families.
- † I will console them in their troubles.
- † They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of their death.
- † I will pour abundance blessings on all their undertakings.
- † Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
- † Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- † Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfections.
- † I will bless the homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
- † I will give to priests the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
- † Those who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
- † The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to those who shall receive Communion on the First Fridays of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My heart shall be their assured refuge at their last hour.

Our secular world is attempting to hijack the month of June from us to celebrate sins that cry out to heaven for vengeance.

We can fight this by honoring the Sacred Heart not just in June, but every day of the year. Let us make use of Our Lord's promises and always say on our lips and in our heart:

Sacred Heart of Jesus—Have mercy on us.

Elected Council Officers July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025

To fill the position of Financial Secretary, the Grand Knight (elect) volunteered to take on that office. That opened the Grand Knight office, so the Deputy Grand Knight offered to take that position, which then opened his office, which was filled by the Recorder. Again, the Recorder office opened up; Gerry Becker volunteered to serve as Recorder, at least for a time. These Knights stepped up to fill the vacancies under the auspices of the District Deputy, Chuck Demino. The nominations were approved by the Council and a single vote was cast by the Recorder to approve the election. The newly elected officers are as listed:

Grand Knight	Michael Brooks
Deputy G. K.	Paul Martin
Chancellor	Richard Cinella
Warden	Mike Colvin
Recorder	Gerry Becker
Treasurer	Hank Casey
Advocate	Larry Waite
3-Year Trust	Joe Castrigno
2-Year Trust	Sean O'Connell
1-Year Trust	Peter Casey
Inside Guard	Voytek Kulesza
Outside Guard	Robert Thomas
Financial Secretary	Charlie Fenstermaker (awaiting Supreme approval)
Lecturer	Deacon Kevin Mukri (appointed)

The Officers will be formally installed in September together with the new Assembly Officers; they assume their positions and responsibilities on July 1, 2024 and remain in office until June 30, 2025.

Council Newsletter

At an Officers meeting on Monday, June 24, it was decided to continue the Newsletter as a quarterly publication. After deliberating with the Grand Knight elect, it was decided to keep the **monthly** Newsletter ongoing. It will be published after the Officers' Meeting.

Tom Felten accepted the position of Public Relations Director and will be responsible for the Newsletter. He will also act as liaison between the Council and the Parish bulletin, providing Joe Quattrocchi with information for the Bulletin at least three weeks prior to the desired publication date. Please keep Tom informed of activities and dates so that he can get them into the Bulletin. After an event has occurred, provide photographs with a description of the event, both for the Bulletin and the Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE COUNCIL IN JULY

July 8 Officers' meeting / 2:00 pm / (New Location) Enrichment Center
 July 17 Business meeting / 6:00 pm with Rosary at 6:15 / Business 7:00 / Social Hall
 July 17 **Women's Auxiliary Meeting** / 6:15 pm Rosary with the men / **Social Hall**,
 meeting at 6:30, meet and greet dinner at Cracker Barrel 7:00 pm.
 July 26/27 Tootsie Roll drive at Publix on Rt. 466 - 10 am to 4 pm each day.
 The minimum positions are filled for each 2-hour shift, but extras are always
 welcome !!

Council Meetings 2024

(Please save this schedule for future reference)

Officers Meetings			Start Time	
Enrichment Center	8-July	2 nd Monday	2:00 PM	
Enrichment Center	12-Aug	2 nd Monday	2:00 PM	
Enrichment Center	9-Sep	2 nd Monday	2:00 PM	
Enrichment Center	7-Oct	1 st Monday	2:00 PM	
Angel Room	4-Nov	1 st Monday	2:00 PM	
Enrichment Center	2-Dec	1 st Monday	2:00 PM	
Business Meetings			Doors Open	Start Time
Social Hall	17-July	3 rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
District Meeting Mandatory for all Officers & Directors per your Grand Knight	3-Aug		Mass 8:00 AM at St. Mark's	Meeting at 9:00 AM Social Hall
Social Hall	21-Aug	3 rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Social Hall	18-Sep	3 rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Social Hall	16-Oct	3 rd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Memorial Mass Social	14-Nov	2nd Thursday	5:00 PM	—
Social Hall	11-Dec	2 nd Wednesday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Installation	TBD	September		
Chapel	14-Nov	Memorial Mass	4:30 PM	5:00 PM



This meeting is a mandatory event that the following should attend:

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Financial Secretary

All Directors

Council Chaplains (If available)

Trustees (Optional)

Spouses (Especially-they need to know what to do in case you forget)

Any members who want to help out.

Is Your Personal Information Accurate?

Every member of the Knights of Columbus in the Florida jurisdiction is listed on the Florida K of C website. Financial Secretaries update council lists on the Supreme and State websites at least quarterly. Review the brief YouTube video at https://youtu.be/_1VS3XkgiUs to learn how to gain initial access and log on and how to review and correct or confirm your personal information.

To access the video, copy and paste the link into your browser. Another link to the video is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1VS3XkgiUs

All Knights are strongly encouraged to access the Supreme website at www.KofC.org and the State website at www.FloridaKofC.org.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel?

Well, we do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the Facebook page is

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0aref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ

Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.



Gerry Becker	Hank Casey	Charlie Fenstermaker	GK Michael Brooks	Paul Martin	Chuck Demino
Recorder	Treasurer	Financial Secy	Grand Knight	Deputy GK	District Deputy

First Official Officers' Meeting of 2024, with the new Grand Knight and his officers, under the watchful eye of the District Deputy.

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