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Grand Knight Message

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Brother Knights,

Last evening we had a great turn out and an action-packed meeting. We met our new District Deputy, Allen Venezio and District Warden Michael “Moe” Morris.

We covered a wide range of topics from the Officers installation on 8/2 after the 4 pm mass to the new budget and discussed several purchase options for the coming year that go along with fund raising ideas that we have in place.

I again want to thank the 25 members that came to the meeting and would like to encourage more of you to come.

We used to do a golf tournament as a big fundraiser. It's a lot of work with potential for substantial revenue for us. How does everyone feel about restarting that? Let me know at the next meeting. It would take about 30 to 50 members to run it successfully and about 6 months to book and set up at Del Webb. WE CAN DO IT!

GK Jim Schafer



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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Prayer, Faith, and Action

As a deacon, I know that the first thing to go is prayer. When one is busy, weighed down by the burdens and demands of life and schedules, it is an act of faith to pause what one is doing and seek the Father. Christ even had to pause and slip away to make time for His own conversation with the Father. When the disciples struggled to perform the duties expected of them and were straining under the spiritual burdens before them, Jesus reminded “things like these only come out by fasting and prayer.”

Many men join the Knights because of the fraternal support and Catholic camaraderie it offers on the local level, and grow close by doing things together. They grow through a shared experience of serving the Church and community; good men become better Catholics.

In all cases, the Knights of Columbus aids and protects men and their families and the causes dear to them. Now some men are also looking to join the Knights of Columbus for spiritual and faith formation. How many men see themselves and families under spiritual attack in today's world and are looking for the armor of faith to defend them?

The Knights of Columbus was formed to assist such men and help them thrive! Our parish-based council here at St. Mark's exists to be an entry point for those who seek to return to the practice of the faith and action. Who is better positioned to invite new or returning parishioners to re-engage in the faith? But we must ask: Are we always doing a good, faithful job?

Every man desires to give of himself and this is the action that must take place here and in the future. Yes, we attend meetings, discuss, and perhaps haggle over some important and unimportant issues, but the end results are truly our labors of love for our Lord.

Our parish and council must become a place of invitation and engagement promoting a better prayer life, increasing our faith, and to go forth and continue the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

My wife and I started to increase our prayer life by praying over each other before we go to bed for the night, as it gives a warm and loving feeling to each of us.

I ask every Knight to continue to pray, grow in faith, and labor in action for those who are in need, for these are the fraternal needs of the members. The world needs our brothers to be men of faith, prayer and action. I pray that this council will inspire others and all brother Knights to live the attractive missionary dimension that will invite others to join them in such a task.

“Peace and Grace to all - May the Lord bless all of you, and your families”

God Bless,
Deacon John Rumplach

Saturday, August 2nd is the date for the **Installation of Officers** for Fraternal year 2025-26 after the 4 p.m. Mass. We will gather for Mass at the front pews that face the altar on the St. Joseph side of the church. Please sit in pews behind the EMs. Then, after Mass we will have our Installation for both the Council and the Assembly. See Joe Castrigno for Officers' installation protocol.

All are welcome!

There will be a Pot Luck Social afterwards in the Social Hall. Charlie Fenstermaker has the sign-up sheet for the Pot Luck dinner items (so we all don't bring prime rib).

The items that need warming or refrigeration need to be brought to the Social Hall kitchen before Mass. (Tom Felten will be there to help.)

Budget Resolution

Whereas, St. Paul the First Hermit Council 14222 receives monies from member dues, membership and program rebates, charitable fundraising and other activities; and

Whereas, St. Paul the First Hermit Council 14222 incurs operational expenses; disburses charitable funds, and supports vocations; and

Whereas, a budget will help streamline the council's ability to meet the needs of our council, parish, charitable institutions and vocations in a timely fashion;

Therefore, now be it resolved, that St. Paul the First Hermit Council 14222 funds will be disbursed as they become available and in accordance with the proposed council budget. The budget will cover the period July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2026; and

The proposed budget was presented at the June regular business meeting; and voted upon at the July regular business meeting. The budget was presented to the members present and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Budget Committee

Charlie Fenstermaker
Jim Schafer
Joe Castrigno

Sean O'Connell
Peter Casey
Hank Casey

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It is official that Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13676 is going to be merged with our Council as per the Resolution, which was read at the June meeting. Members will be officially transferred into our Council, if they so desire.

These are the members of Council 13676 that transferred to our Council.

Please welcome:

Stephen Heintz, PGK	steve.heintz@snet.net
Charles Dunn	charlied5945@yahoo.com
Michael Mitton	mmitton6870@gmail.com
Guerino Palmo	poker2734@aol.com
Thomas Van Nice	tjvannice@aol.com
Joseph Zatko	joseph.e.zatko@gmail.com

Also welcome a new transfer, **Timothy Pac**, who was accepted into our Council.
(Not related to the merger)

We have, as of July, 191 members.

We would also like to welcome our new District 22, District Deputy, **Allen J. Venezio** and Deputy Warden, **Michael ‘Moe’ Morris**.

Allen J. Venezio email: KofCFlorida22@gmail.com, Phone # 352-636-0774

New District Deputy
Allen J. Venezio



New Deputy Warden
Michael ‘Moe’ Morris

2025 Bookings Plan

Officers Meetings - Start time has been changed to 6:00 p.m.

All members are invited, Officers are required to attend.

			Start Time
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	11-Aug	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	8-Sep	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	13-Oct	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	3-Nov	1st Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	1-Dec	1st Monday	6:00 PM

Business Meetings – Doors Open 5:30 - Rosary 5:55 – Dinner 6:10-ish

			Meeting Start Time
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

Subject to change

***Please Note:** Food service in the Enrichment Center is questionable.





**“Tootsie Roll Drive”
to Benefit
The Arc Nature Coast
Programs and Services
for People with Intellectual
and Developmental Disabilities
at the Bushnell, Florida Facility.
Friday, August 1st at
Publix, Southern Trace on Rt. 466
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus, Council 14222**




The Tootsie Roll is our Nationwide traditional “Thank You” gift

Please go to “SignUpGenius” to volunteer or call Tom, 631-328-6907 (House phone)

Other Knights Events 2025

Tootsie Roll Drive November 1st & 2nd at St. Mark's - all Masses
Tootsie Roll Drive Dates TBD 10 - 4 at Publix #0004 Mulberry Plaza

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

Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales Tickets on sale all weekends in October.
Christmas Dinner/Dance Dec 13 in the Social Hall - Save the Date!

Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales Nov 29/30, Dec 6/7, Dec 13/14. A chairperson is needed.

Knights Rosary
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31-Aug
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. Having 5 Knights participating is
ideal. Call LeRoy Henneke if you can join us.

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

New Event News

† Please remember that we need volunteers before and after the Baby Shower event sponsored by the Right to Life Ministry, which will be held on Thursday, September 4th between 1 and 2:30 p.m. See Joe Castrigno, PGK for more up-to-date details. **Help is needed after the Masses on August 23rd and 24th and August 30th and 31st to take donations after Mass to the Social Hall.**

† Knights Breakfast with Santa - On Saturday morning, December 20th looks like it's a go. We have permission from the parish office. All volunteers who will be in direct contact with the children must complete the Safe Environment course required by the Diocese of Orlando through the church.

† The Night at the Races in 2026 has also been cleared by the office and Fr. Rafal. Since this is a gambling activity, there might be mandatory County and/or State requirements that must be met for the workers. Charlie Fenstermaker is the chairperson for this new event.

Other Possible Activities

Basketball Free Throw is a possibility and also a monthly pancake breakfast has been brought up as a fundraiser. Come to the meetings and bring up ideas and suggestions.

Council Nominations list was voted on at the June 18, 2025 meeting.

Nominations for Fraternal Year 2025-2026 (July 1 - June 30)

Officers Elected Positions (unless noted otherwise)

Grand Knight	Jim Schafer
Deputy GK	Bob Larson
Chancellor	Paul Martin
Financial Secretary	Charles Fenstermaker (appointed)
Recorder	
Warden	
Treasurer	LeRoy Henneke
Advocate	Larry Waite
3-year Trustee	Mark Carter
2-year Trustee	Joe Castrigno
1-year Trustee	Sean O'Connell
Inside Guard	Bob Harrison
Outside Guard	John Olsen
Lecturer	Deacon Kevin (appointed)

Directors Appointed Positions

Program	Bob Larson
Faith	
Family	LeRoy Henneke
Community	Richard Rosica
Life	Joe Castrigno
Membership	Charles Fenstermaker
Retention	
Public Relations	Tom Felten (Newsletter)

If anyone would like to fill the Vacancies, please think about it, pray over it and let Jim Schafer or Bob Larson know.



Kevin Maxwell has been reassigned as our Field Agent for all our insurance and investment needs.

A Note from the Food Committee

Brothers,

I would like to thank all the members who contributed to our collection jar to help offset the cost of providing our **Hot Dog** meal at our membership meeting on July 23 and Larry for helping me set up the Social Hall.

Birthdays for July Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!

Rev. Louis Bihr
Henry Clemens
Jean Cormier
Charles Coutcher
Stephen Discala
Silas Griffey
LeRoy Henneke
Robert Johnson



Jack McGlone
Dcn. Kevin Mukri
Sean O'Connell
Charles Odders
William Pivnick
Dcn. John Rumplach
Richard Trepanier
Louis Wilkinson

Birthdays for August Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!

Egidio Auletta
Thomas Cadwallader
Fred Carli
Henry Casey
Peter Casey
Richard Cinella
James Commo
James Corcoran
Leonard Davis



Michael Didonna
Raymond McClean
Alfred Monteleone
Thomas Rueck
Pat Serafino
Frank Shomilak, Jr.
Joseph Smith
Jack Suleiman

FYI - Starting this month, we will be posting the birthdays coming up.



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
Mike Colvin
Grace Colvin
Roger & Jerry Cyr
Bill Delaney
Chuck Demino, D.D.
Joe Donlon
Roger & Nancy Ellison
Kathleen Feenaghty
Tony Frank
Vern Garske

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

Lynn Rosica
Tom Rueck
J. Richard and Pat Schafer
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

Our heartfelt condolences to our Grand Knight, Jim Schafer and his family for the loss of his Dad, J. Richard Schafer on July 7th. He was a Knight at St. Vincent dePaul church in Wildwood.

Deacon John is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and other medical issues. Please keep him and his wife in your prayers. John and his wife are both doing better.

Our Past District Deputy, **Chuck Demino** has had major health issues recently. Please pray for his quick recovery. We wish him continued recovery and healing.

Tom Rueck has had some recent medical setbacks. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep **Kathy Colvin** in your prayers as she recovers from major foot surgery. Also, **Mike Colvin**, as he deals with some new medical issues of his own. We wish them both a quick recovery. We miss them at our meetings and activities.

Send information for the newsletter to:

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631-328-6907 (from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) This is not a cell phone, do not text.