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Grand Knight Message

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Due to health issues, Jim has not submitted his reflection for July at this time.

Please keep him in your prayers.

Get well soon, Jim!

The “DUES” are “DUE”

Annual Membership Dues are being collected and second billing has been sent out.

Knights of Columbus, Florida State Council raffle tickets are in our possession and will be handed out at the next Membership Meetings. This is a fundraiser for the State and for our Council. Please participate as much as you are able.



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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“Good Fish - Bad Fish”

My brother Knights, in the Gospel of Matthew (Chapter 13), Jesus mentions that the Kingdom of God is like a net thrown into the sea. The net teaches us a lesson about the church; it is made of both good fish and bad fish. The net symbolizes the Church, and the fish are the members of the Church – you and I. The water (sea) symbolizes the world of human history, in which the Church exists and with which the Church interacts. And at the end of history, there will be judgment. Jesus will “come again to judge the living and dead.” This is what we pray each week in the Creed. And at this judgment, some of the fish in the net will be saved, but others will be thrown back – Yes, thrown back into the fiery furnace, where “there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.” It is true that the righteous and the wicked are inside the net, and inside the Church.

So, it is not enough just to be an official member of the Church, or just to say we are Catholic, or just to go through the motions of being Catholic on the outside. We do need to do these things to get inside the net, but we also need to let God’s grace penetrate our minds and change our lives, so that we follow in Christ’s footsteps all week long, not just on Sundays.

It is like the farmer and the merchant in the other parable; we have to sell everything in order to take full possession of the treasures and the pearl. We have to actively fight against our selfish, sinful habits in order to enter fully into friendship with Jesus Christ, the only treasure that will fill us with everlasting joy.

It is possible to work in the field without possessing the treasure, and that's exactly what Christ wants us to avoid. The judgment only happens at the end, which means that there is always hope, until the very last moment of life, that God’s grace can redeem a lost soul.

There was a man named Joe, who was in an assisted living facility. He lived a good average life, and he was now toward the end of his life here on earth. He would attend Communion Services on Sundays and he would attend Mass that was celebrated on the first Wednesday of each month. But he would not receive Holy Communion; he would not receive the Body of Christ. He thought he was not in grace with the church – he thought he was a bad fish. During WWII he knew that he had killed many people by performing his duties as a bombardier. He did not like what he did and his heart suffered. Then, one day, he agreed to confess his sins, sins that he had kept to himself for over sixty-five years. After his confession, he attended Mass that day, and when it was his turn to receive Holy Communion, he looked up and asked, “Is it alright?” He received Holy Communion that day, and for the next few months before going home to the Lord.

Yes, there are good fish and bad fish in the net, but as long as that net is still in the water, there is always hope for the victory of grace. Joe was an example of that hope. The net gives us a good reason to check up on ourselves, to make sure that we are not just going through the motions of being Catholic. God will only welcome onto the shores of everlasting life those of us who truly desire to be there, and who show that desire by really trying to follow Christ.

But, this parable has another meaning as well. It reminds us that the people around us – the people in the water with us – need our help. Just because our friends and family members appear to have a good relationship with God doesn't mean that they don't need the help of our prayers, words, actions, and good example. The fish right next to us may be going through a difficult time right now, a time of terrible temptation and spiritual battle, whether we can see it or not. When we look at the net, and see the others in the net, we feel that all of us fish are safe. We feel that since we are pulled out the water – pulled out from the world, and in the net, we made it, but at the end, it will turn out that not all are good fish.

None of us are immune from temptation – and we need the help of others, we need to pray, and we need the graces of God. So, we should never stop praying for each other, and we should always encourage each other to stay faithful to Christ, and we should never think that our own example of faithfully following Christ doesn't matter, it always matters.

Jesus wants to bring everyone into the net, and He wants to select each of us as a good fish, so that we can be brought into the bright light of eternal life. Remember, we all came from the same waters, and we will all be in the same net, but will we all be selected as good fish? Today, let us thank Him for the gifts of grace He has given us already, and let us promise that we will continue to make good use of them – both for our own sake, and for the sake of those around us.



Wishing our Deacon John a blessed, happy and healthier birthday on the 30th of this month. We thank him for all that he's done for the Parish, all that he does for our council through the Newsletter and being available to anyone needing some spiritual guidance.

God Bless you and grant you many more birthdays!

July Awards

We have yet to hear, “officially,” about making Star Council. Keep an eye out for any announcements, and fireworks, etc.

Knight of the Month:

We know who it is. He’s been picked and approved. We are waiting for him to pick up his award at a meeting. Congratulations!

Family of the Month:

We have not picked a family for this month.

Our new 3rd Degree Knight, Jerry Tata:
Presented by Bob Larson, DGK

Welcome to our Council!





Again, our heartfelt “THANKS” to Bob and Rebecca Larson for taking such good care of our Blessed Mother Grotto. Ready to celebrate our 250th Anniversary! The Red, White & Blue theme will remain throughout the Summer.

Fall and Christmas decorations are in the works.

Our first Night at the Races was a winner! People had a great time with our new event. we’re sure to have bigger and better races in January and June of 2027.

The profit for the Council was just over \$1,000.

Events like this are what we need to build up our reserves which will allow us to do our charity works and our council’s financial security.



Newly Elected and Appointed Officers for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year

Elected Positions

Office	Present Officer	Nominee
Grand Knight	Jim Schafer	Jim Schafer
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Larson	Bob Larson
Chancellor	Paul Martin	Paul Martin
Treasurer	Leroy Henneke	Leroy Henneke
Advocate	Larry Waite	Joe Castrigno
Recorder	Gerry Becker (Acting)	Raymond (Mac) McClean
Warden	Mike Colvin	Mike Colvin
Inside Guard	Bob Harrison	Bob Harrison
Outside Guard	John Olsen	Steve Heintz
3 Year Trustee	Mark Carter	Larry Waite
2 Year Trustee	Joe Castrigno	Mark Carter
1 Year Trustee	Sean O'Connell	Sean O'Connell

Appointed Positions

Chaplain	Fr Rafal (acting)	Fr Rafal (acting)
Financial Secretary	Charlie Fenstermaker	Charlie Fenstermaker
Lecturer	Dcn Kevin Mukri	Dcn Kevin Mukri

Directors (appointed)

Program	Bob Larson	Bob Larson
Faith	Mark Carter	Mark Carter
Family	LeRoy Henneke	LeRoy Henneke
Community	Rich Rosica	Rich Rosica
Life	Joe Castrigno	Joe Castrigno
Membership	C. Fenstermaker	C. Fenstermaker
Retention		
Public Relations	Tom Felten	Tom Felten

Our “Thanks” to Joe Castrigno for holding the election proceedings and compiling the list.

Good Luck and God’s Blessings on this team to take us through this new Fraternal Year!

The Budget that was submitted by Charlie Fenstermaker was voted on at the June meeting and passed.

Knights of Columbus - Council 14222 - Room Bookings for 2026

Officers Meetings

All Officers are required to attend - All members are invited - Doors of Enrichment Center should be open by 5:30. Officers Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

Officer Meeting	Aug 10	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
Officer Meeting	Sep 14	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
Officer Meeting	Oct 12	EC Rm C	6:00 PM

Please note **NEW DATES:**

Officer Meeting	Nov 11	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
Officer Meeting	Dec 9	EC Rm C	6:00 PM

Council Business / Membership Meetings

Note: New Location - Enrichment Center

All members are encouraged to attend. Doors should be open by **5:30**.

Rosary at **5:45 at the Knights Grotto (weather permitting)**.

Dinner at **6:00-ish**

Business Meetings officially start at **6:30 P.M.** sharp

Business Meeting	Aug 19	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
Business Meeting	Sep 23	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
Business Meeting	Oct 21	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
Business Meeting	Nov 18	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
Business Meeting	Dec 16	EC Rm C	6:30 PM

If there is an exemplification ceremony, it will start at 5:00 p.m.

Tootsie Roll Drive Proceeds Presentation to ARC Nature Coast, On July 23, 2026

This is a majority of the clients at the Bushnell, Florida location.



As you can see, I've been made an "honorary member" because I brought money and cupcakes!!



Check presentation to the new Development Director, Shannon Vandenhoeve.

Our check of \$3200 represents the last 7 months of holding Tootsie Roll Drives in the hot Florida sunshine!

Knights of Columbus Booked Events at St. Mark's for 2026

Volunteers will be needed for ALL these events.

See "SignUpGenius" email for Volunteering for any event.

Installation of Officers	TBD (Most likely September)	
	Due to change of Pastors, date has not been set.	
2 nd Membership Drive (w/Pulpit Talk)	Oct 31 & Nov 1	Outside Church All Masses
2 nd Tootsie Roll Drive	Oct 31 & Nov 1	Outside Church All Masses
Memorial Mass	Wed., Nov 11	Church 8:00 AM (Veteran's Day)
Memorial Mass Breakfast	Wed., Nov 11	Social Hall 9:00 AM

Christmas Events will be here before we know it, let's save the dates & volunteer!

Christmas Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales	Oct 10 & 11	Outside Church All Masses
Christmas Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales	Oct 17 & 18	Outside Church All Masses
Christmas Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales	Oct 24 & 25	Outside Church All Masses
Christmas Magnet Sales	Nov 28/29, Dec 5/6, 12/13	Outside Church All Masses
Christmas Dinner/Dance	Sat., Dec 12	Social Hall 6:00 PM
Breakfast With Santa	Sat., Dec 19	Social Hall 9:00 AM

Other Knights of Columbus Events in 2026

We pray the **Rosary** on the fifth Sunday of any given month. Volunteers (5) will meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room and we process down the aisle at 11:15. *This year those dates are **August 30** and November 29. **Please consider volunteering.***

Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix (Mulberry Shopping Center-Route 42)

Saturday, October 3 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

† **Respect Life will be holding their Baby Shower on Thursday, September 17. The Baby Shower will be held in the Social Hall and collection weekends will be September 5 & 6 and 12 & 13. Help is needed on all three dates!**

† **Rosary for the Respect Life Ministry at the Grotto after 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct. 17**

Good News Items!

We'd like to Welcome back, safe and sound, Deacon Kevin, from his Pilgrimage. We hope to hear all about it at an upcoming meeting.



Happy Birthday to our Lecturer, Deacon Kevin, who celebrates his birthday on July 30th. We thank you for all that you do for our Council with your insightful lectures at our Membership meetings. God Bless you and many more birthdays!

Mark Carter is holding off until the new Pastor takes over and can discuss CORE plans. This is a parish-wide men's event. Keep an eye out for more information.

Tom Felten brought Pizza from Costco for our July Membership meeting. Thank you for the money that was put into the donation jar to offset the cost of providing the dinner. Thanks to Larry, who was a great help, as usual and to the Knights who helped unload and set up the buffet line!

Any volunteers who would be willing to help with the food prep (cooking, baking, buying) for future meals for our meetings and different events, would be greatly appreciated.

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

Egidio V. Auletta
Thomas F. Cadwallader
Fred M. Carli
Henry L. Casey
Peter D. Casey
Richard F. Cinella
James R. Commo
James P. Corcoran
Leonard T. Davis



Michael A. Didonna
Mac McClean
Alfred J. Monteleone
Thomas E. Rueck
Pat V. Serafino
Frank R. Shomilak Jr
Joseph A. Smith
Jack D. Suleiman

An advertisement for Alberto B. Fernandez, FICF, LUTCF, Field Agent. It features a portrait of a man in a suit and tie. To the right of the portrait is the Knights of Columbus logo and the text "Knights of Columbus J. Spinelli Agency". Below the portrait, the text reads "Alberto B. Fernandez, FICF, LUTCF Field Agent", "Phone: 352-895-4992", "alberto.fernandez@kofc.org", and "License #P-051799". At the bottom, it lists "Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance", "Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance", and "Protecting Catholic families since 1882." There are also Facebook and LinkedIn icons.

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement.

What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies.

If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come?

Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest step may be making the initial decision to start. From there, it doesn't need to be intimidating.

I'm here to partner with you in finding insurance solutions. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need.

Thank you for your time! Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings.

Pray for the souls in Purgatory who need our help to reach perfection.

Also, please pray for all of those in our Council Family who are ill, hospitalized and experiencing difficulties.



Gino & Joan Aultta	Jack Fennell & his wife	Paul Pitonzo
Gerry Becker	Tony Frank	Jim Rose*
Ron Bellonio	Vern Garske	Tom Rueck
Jean Brett	Steven Gillian	Pat Schafer
Yvette Carter	Kathleen Gross	Chet & Harriett Sedke
Hank Casey	Jean Henneke	Bruce & Judy Schladen
Lorilee Cinella	Chris Joss	Salvatore Sciandra
Rick Cinella	Betty Kloske	John Sloman
Jean Clark	Henryk & Barbara Kulesza	Pat Smelas
Grace Colvin	Tom & Roberta Lane	Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer
Roger & Jerry Cyr	Rebecca Larson	Jolene Sutherland & Family
Bill Delaney	Patrick McCarty	Fred Targos
Chuck Demino, D.D.	Chris McClean	Bob Thomas
Nancy Ellison	Ron Moxey	Lourdes Thomas
Kathleen Feenaghty	Paul Murphy	George & Pam White
	Sean & Rita O'Connell	Louis Wilkinson

- † **Chris McClean**, keep her in your prayers as she goes through a long series of medical tests.
- † **Bill Delaney** is now living at High Point assisted living.
- † **Hank Casey** is dealing with new heart issues. Please keep him in your prayers.
- † **Charlie Fenstermaker** had surgery on his shoulder. As he begins his long, slow recovery, please keep him in your prayers.
- † **Deacon John** had another medical incident and is back home again and is slowly recovering. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.
- † **Sean O'Connell** His foot surgery has been postponed. We will keep you updated.
- † **Rebecca Larson** is going through a rough time. Please keep her in your prayers.
- † **Jean Henneke**, had a procedure and is doing very well! Prayers DO work!
- † **LeRoy Henneke**, has been battling sciatica, please pray for his complete recovery.
- † **Steve Gilkeson** fell and broke his shoulder and arm.

R I P Jim Rose ...MAY GOD BLESS AND WATCH OVER YOUR FAMILY