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Grand Knight Message

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Fellow Knights,

We had a very productive meeting Wednesday evening, and I wish more of you were there to participate in it. There was a great presentation by Nancy Stubbs from The Arc.

We were able to get Paul Martin elected as Chancellor and we talked about many of the great programs we have going on and their successes. Most importantly, we talked about the future of our Council and what we need to do to meet the needs of our community. It all starts with YOU! **Volunteering is the biggest part of being a Knight! Please always ask yourself: "What can I do to help?"**

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Schafer
Grand Knight Council 14222



Rebecca & DGK Bob Larson & Marie & GK Jim Schafer
Rebecca and Marie are members of the newly-formed Ladies Auxiliary



Congratulations to Paul Martin on becoming our new Chancellor!



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach
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Due to health issues with both the Deacon and his wife, there will be no reflection this month. Please pray for them to heal and recover quickly.

The Explanation of Laetare Sunday from Catholic Answers Encyclopedia

Laetare Sunday, the fourth, or middle, Sunday of Lent, so called from the first words of the Introit at Mass, “Laetare Jerusalem” — “Rejoice, O Jerusalem.”

During the first six or seven centuries the season of Lent commenced on the Sunday following Quinquagesima, and thus comprised only thirty-six fasting days. To these were afterwards added the four days preceding the first Sunday, in order to make up the forty days’ fast, and one of the earliest liturgical notices of these extra days occurs in the special Gospels assigned to them in a Toulon MS. of 714.

Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but afterwards the special signs of joy permitted on this day, intended to encourage the faithful in their course through the season of penance, were transferred to the Sunday following. They consist (like those of Gaudete Sunday in Advent) in the use of flowers on the altar, and of the organ at Mass and Vespers; rose-colored vestments are also allowed instead of purple, and the deacon and subdeacon wear dalmatics, instead of folded chasubles as on the other Sundays of Lent.

The contrast between Laetare and the other Sundays is thus emphasized, and is emblematical of the joys of this life, restrained rejoicing mingled with a certain amount of sadness. The station at Rome was on this day made at the church of S. Croce in Gerusalemme, one of the seven chief basilicas; the Golden Rose, sent by the popes to Catholic sovereigns, used to be blessed at this time, and for this reason the day was sometimes called “Dominica de Rosa.” Other names applied to it were Refreshment Sunday, or the Sunday of the Five Loaves, from the miracle recorded in the Gospel; Mid-Lent, mi-carems, or mediana; and Mothering Sunday, in allusion to the Epistle, which indicates our right to be called the sons of God as the source of all our joy, and also because formerly the faithful used to make their offerings in the cathedral or mother-church on this day. This latter name is still kept up in some remote parts of England, though the reason for it has ceased to exist.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom and Maria Felten

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	14-Apr	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	12-May	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	9-Jun	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	14-Jul	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
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 5:45 – Dinner 6:10

			Meeting Start Time
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

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

Other Knights Events 2025

40-40-40 Lenten Food Drive	Mar 29/30
40-40-40 Lenten Food Drive	Apr 5/6
40-40-40 Lenten Food Drive	Apr 12/13 Palm Sunday

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

Leroy Henneke reported that, so far, the food drive has been going very well in both food and cash donations. Keep up the good work! Volunteers are always needed and welcomed at all the Masses.

Tootsie Roll Drives are coming up soon! May 2nd, 3rd and 4th .

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

Installation & September TBD
Installation Social

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. 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
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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

Knights Breakfast
Fishing Trip

Other fund raising activities as ideas develop (we all come from different parts of the country and different councils. I am sure that there were successful fund raisers in those councils. **Can those ideas be passed on to our council, at least for consideration?**) Let our Grand Knight know your thoughts and ideas.

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

As per Charlie Fenstermaker, his “Night at the Races” dream has come to fruition. It has been approved by Fr. Rafal for May of 2026 (probably around Kentucky Derby time). As plans come together, we will be needing a lot of volunteers to help out. It should be a lot of fun and a major fundraiser for us.

START SAVING YOUR GAMBLING MONEY!!



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 hot dog meal at our membership meeting on March 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.

We have leftover sauerkraut, baked beans, and sweet relish. If anyone is having a party and could use any of these items, call me and we can meet or deliver or pick up. It is just too much to throw away. It is safe in my refrigerator right now. Email me if anyone wants any (or all) of these items.

Thank you, Tom Felten (19mariatom82@gmail.com)

Nancy Stubbs - Guest Speaker

At the Membership Meeting on March 19th we had, as our guest speaker, Nancy Stubbs, the Chief Development Director from The Arc Nature Coast. She spoke to us and educated us about what the organization does for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Hernando, Pasco and Sumter Counties.



The Day Care facility, that we support through our Tootsie Roll Drive, is in Bushnell, Florida. Besides the informational talk, she also gave us an ample supply of literature and brochures that we will have on hand at the Tootsie Roll Drive at different locations so we can better explain to people why we are doing what we're doing. In the past we did not have a really clear picture of the organization plus there was reorganization and consolidation of other organizations that made everything unclear.

On January 31, when Rich Rosica and I made the trip to Bushnell Day Care Facility and saw first-hand what they do and who they are doing it for, it helped to clarify why we do what we do. Actually seeing adult patients being helped to be the best that they can be, independent, employed, and living life. Most individuals will need support for their adult life.



Laurie Geary accepting the Knights donation for Alpha House for the 2025 Diaper Drive, presented by Hank Casey on behalf of Sean O'Connell, Diaper Drive Chairperson.



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

Denny Laczko, PGK, PFN

Tom & Roberta Lane

Rebecca Larson

Patrick McCarty

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

Please pray for Pope Francis' continued recovery.

Please keep Kathy Colvin in your prayers as she recovers from major foot surgery.

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

Our Grand Knight has his hands full with his parents' health issues. Pray for the Schafer family as Jim and Marie take care of his parents.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE
In Memory of Sir Knight
J Roger Ellison**

Whereas It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brother who departed from this life on March 7, 2025

and

Whereas, by his death, our Council and Assembly have sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight

therefore, be it Resolved that, while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us,

and,

be it further Resolved that this testimonial of condolence be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

The funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, March 12th in the Chapel. The Chapel was full with members of his family, Knights, 3rd and 4th degree and members of all the other ministries that Roger was a member of. Please keep his wife, Nancy, and his family in your prayers.

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

Dcn Roger Gallagher Mar 1
Mark G Matonek Mar 2
James A Monaco Mar 2
Philip A Arcoria Mar 4
George E Floto Mar 6
Eugene J Rafter Mar 8
Scott D Wozniak Mar 8
John S Mulvey Mar 12
Paul J Simonitis Mar 12
Philip P Sutton Mar 14



Bruce A Schladen Mar 16
Robert J Bitondo Mar 24
Paul G Ryerson Mar 25
Joseph Agnello Mar 26
Joseph J Gagliardi Mar 26
Joseph A Castrigno Mar 27
Joseph A Gross Mar 27
John F Sloman Mar 27
Donald A Kaufman Mar 28

Our Board and Members voted and approved a check for this year's Seminarian and Navy Chaplain, Peter Jutras from Cantonment, Florida, who is Joe Quattrocchi's nephew.



Raul is our new Insurance Field Agent and Financial Advisor



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