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## Grand Knight Message

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Brothers,

Thank you to all who attended. We had a fantastic meeting. We covered a wide range of topics from the ongoing 40/40/40 Lenten Food Drive, which is a huge success so far, the upcoming Membership drive, and Tootsie Roll drive, State Convention, various needed committees and opportunities to be involved in the Knights.

It looks like we will need an outside Guard and a Recorder so if you're interested please let me know. We are going to need volunteers to cook hotdogs on the 8th of April

for the Easter Egg Hunt. Look for a Signup Genius or call Charlie Fenstermaker.

Finally, planning for this year's Christmas dinner dance is already underway. If you want to have input you should be attending meetings now. Mike Colvin works very hard at this and is always open to help and constructive suggestions. Thank you all, see you at the next meeting which is, I believe, April 15th.

Vivat Jesu

Jim Schafer  
Grand Knight

Knights will be doing the Rosary on Palm Sunday, at 11:00 a.m., March 29<sup>th</sup> (the Fifth Sunday of March).

**Volunteers (FIVE) are needed and welcomed! Meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Ministry Room for a sash and cards and be ready to process down the aisle at 11:15. Thank you**



LeRoy Henneke is the Rosary leader.



## Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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### Seven Last Words of Christ

***“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”***

His executioners expected Him to cry and curse like all those who had been crucified before Him. Instead, He cried out for the Father to forgive those who were executing and mocking Him; soldiers, Pilate, Herod, and many others. May we all be forgiven?

***“This day you shall be with me in Paradise”***

The thief (Dismas) next to Christ realized he was next to the Redeemer: “Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” “God is more anxious to save us than we are to save ourselves”... more than anything, God wants us to give Him our sins...Dismas does and he is promised paradise.

***“Woman, behold thy son”***

He had already given away everything – His blood to the Church, His garments to the soldiers, paradise to the thief, soon His body to the grave, and His soul to the Father, “to whom, then, could He give the two treasures which He loved above all others, Mary and John?” He gave them to one another and through them He gave us the church. “Thy son” - is John, who represents us in the Church. “Woman!” is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annunciation; “behold thy son” is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nativity. We are born of Mary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nativity of the spirit; Christ is born in the 1<sup>st</sup> Nativity of the flesh.

***“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?”***

Darkness covered the earth when spoken...the protest of nature to the Crucifixion, separated from the Father? No, otherwise how could He cry, “My God, my God...” Pain and desolation of not being able to see the Father’s face...like when it’s cloudy but sun is still there. Christ reaches out to all those who have been rejected, are lonely, isolated, hurt, etc...He knows what we are experiencing whenever we’ve been abandoned, rejected, lonely, hurt or isolated. If He experienced this and rose from it, anyone in union with Him in these ways will rise with Him.

***“I thirst”***

He says to all mankind, “I thirst ... He thirsts for love!” Christ thirsts for the love of the Father, He thirsts for our love; do we give Him only vinegar and gall when He asks for a drink? Do we quench Jesus’ thirst with our love or do we leave Him parched with our hardness of heart? Do we thirst for Jesus? For love? For Heaven? Do we thirst for others like Jesus does?

## *“It is finished”*

Redemption, the Father’s work, is now accomplished; we were bought and paid for, Christ won in a battle with five wounds (hands, feet, side), torn flesh, a cry (“forgive them” not “crush and kill them”), and dripping blood, Christ triumphantly says this, like an artist who puts the finishing touches on a masterpiece. Is our work finished? No. He has finished the foundation; so we must build on it. It depends on us becoming Christ like to others and to take up our cross and follow Him. Do we accept crosses in our lives with faith?

## *“Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit”*

Like the Prodigal Son who returns to his father’s house...33 years ago, left the Father’s eternal mansion and went off to a foreign country of this world...spent Himself and being spent...divine riches of power and wisdom spent on humanity...in His last hour, He gives “the last drop” of His precious blood.

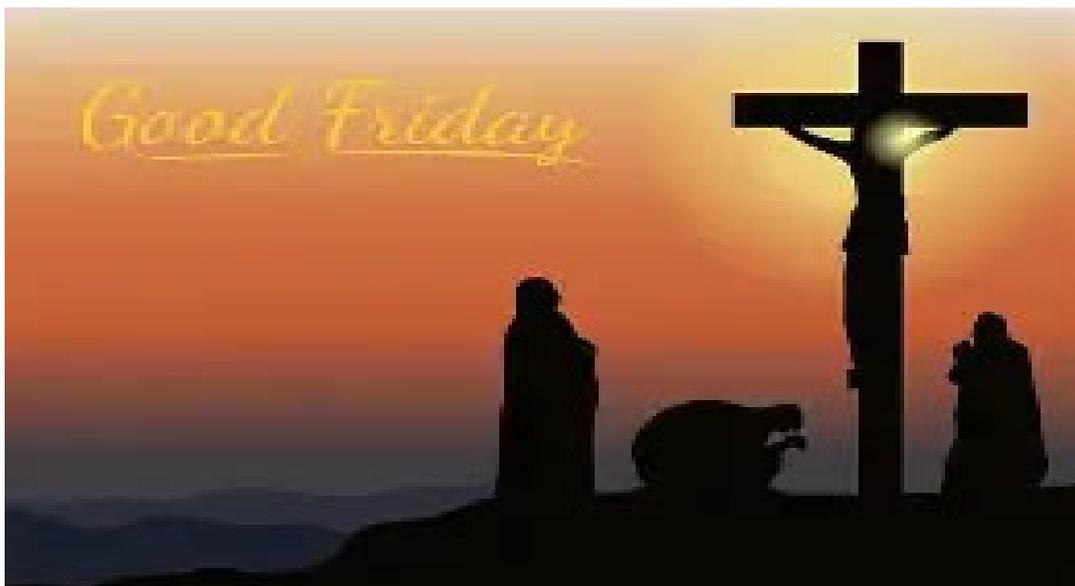
Mary, now at the foot of the Cross, looking up at His crucified body. Bethlehem has come back: thorn-crowned head was His head at her breast in Bethlehem, faded eyes who glanced at her from the manger, feet with nails that were once adored with gold, frankincense, and myrrh, embraced at the foot of the cross, embraced at the side of the crib, at Bethlehem, Mary gave Jesus to man; at Calvary, sinful man gave Him back to Mary.

Do we entrust our lives to our Father in Heaven?

Do we commend our spirits to God?

Do we give Him everything we’ve got - heart, mind, soul, and strength?

Do we have our eyes on God who is in Heaven?



## March Award

### **Knight of the Month - March**

**Sean O'Connell** for his hard work in being the chairperson for the very successful Diaper Drive for the Alpha House of Ocala.

Sean would like to thank all the volunteers that worked that weekend and Monday morning delivering the truckload to the Alpha House.

Thanks to our generous parishioners, we collected approximately 18,000 diapers, 40,000 wipes, many gallons of formula, and over \$4,000 in cash.



## Visiting Ministries



**Catholic Daughters of America** represented by Cindee Lou Miller, who is the Regent and Carole Huber, who is the Vice Regent, addressed our Council at the March Membership meeting. They were speaking about what Catholic Daughters do and how they can help the Knights. They invited all of our wives to join their group. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Catholic Daughters was, years ago, part of the Knights of Columbus. Phone # 240-405-7032.

## Council 14222 Activities for February - April

Our 40-40-40 Lenten Food Drive for St. Theresa's food pantry and soup supper is coming to a close with Palm Sunday being the last weekend of the drive. The numbers, so far, show that it is another successful drive!



**LeRoy Henneke, Chairperson**



Typical food collection after just two Masses: the 4:00 p.m. and the 8:00 a.m. After the 10:00 and 12:00 it's usually overflowing.

Thanks to all the Knights who have helped for 6 weekends to make this drive a success!



**Bob and Rebecca Larson** have done a beautiful job revitalizing the Social Hall's Mini Grotto. It is now all decorated for Easter! There will be more decorations added for the month of May.

## 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.

<b>Officer Meeting</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>EC Rm C</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Officer Meeting	May 11	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
Officer Meeting	Jun 8	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
Officer Meeting	Jul 13	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
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
Officer Meeting	Nov 9	EC Rm C	6:00 PM
Officer Meeting	Dec 7	EC Rm C	6:00 PM

### Council Business Meetings     **Note: New Location - Enrichment Center**

## **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES!**

All members are encouraged to attend. Doors should be open by **5:00**.

Rosary at **5:30**. Dinner at **5:45-ish** (food service could be limited due to electrical outlets, etc.)

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

<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>Apr 22</b>	<b>EC Rm C</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
Business Meeting	May 20	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
Business Meeting	Jun 17	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
Business Meeting	Jul 22	EC Rm C	6:30 PM
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

The new times were voted in at the February business meeting.

## 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.

### **Lenten Food Drive      Mar 28 & 29      Outside Church All Masses**

*This is the last weekend for the Lenten Food Drive*

### **Easter Egg Hunt      Wed. Apr 8      6:00 p.m.**

Our Council will assist the Children and Youth Faith Formation Ministry. Our role is to cook and serve hot dogs to the participants. **We will need 3 volunteers to cook and 3 volunteers to serve.** A SignUpGenius has been sent to all members.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Membership Drive      Apr 11 & 12      Outside Church All Masses** **(w/Pulpit Talk)      Please invite one prospect to join.**

Donut Sunday      April 26      Social Hall After 8:00 and 10:00 Masses

1<sup>st</sup> Tootsie Roll Drive      May 2 & 3      Outside Church All Masses

Knight At The Races      Sat. May 2      Social Hall **7:00 PM - Save the Date!**

Installation of Officers TBD

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Drive  
(w/Pulpit Talk)      Oct 31 & Nov 1      Outside Church All Masses

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 will be **March 29**, May 31, August 30 and November 29. **Please consider volunteering.**

### **Tootsie Roll Drives at Publix (Mulberry Shopping Center-Route 42)**

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

### **Tootsie Roll Drives at Publix (Southern Trace Shopping Center-Route 466)**

Friday, June 26                    9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> date in the fall TBD

**Silver Rose Icon** will be at our Church/Council in the Spring of 2026 (look for announcements). DD had no update as of the March Membership meeting.

### **Newsworthy Items:**

- † “Rides for Knights” program will have to be kept in an informal manner. Please always be ready to help your Brother Knight.
- † Rosary for the Respect Life Ministry at the Grotto after 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday, May 16
- † John Olsen is heading up the Exemplification Team that will perform the new version of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree installations. The committee will consist of Deacon Kevin, GK Jim Schafer, LeRoy Henneke - Warden, Paul Martin for Charity, Joe Castrigno for Fraternity, and Bob Larson for Unity.
- † The **Nominating Committee** is looking for volunteers for Officers for the next Fraternal Year.
- † The **Budget Committee** needs volunteers to help create our budget for the next Fraternal Year.
- † Delegates to the Florida State Convention will be covered by Grand Knight Jim Schafer and Steve Heinz.

### **FYI:**

Check out the new Knights of Columbus website that has been totally redone and is filled with great information.



## Birthdays for April Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!

Renato Quiterio	April 2
Michael Lanosz	April 4
Philip Babel	April 5
Paul Trunk	April 6
Phillip Graniello	April 7
Charles Klein	April 7
Paul Romano	April 12
Frank Nuite	April 13
Michael Tweedy	April 14



Karl Krichbaum	April 15
David Creamer	April 18
Charles Cimmino	April 22
John Gear	April 24
Kenneth Kelly	April 25
Peter Hanley	April 28
Michael Lucas	April 30
John Sopczyk	April 30

### Good News Items!

Mark Carter informed the Council of a possible Saturday morning meeting with breakfast, for the CORE program. This is a parish wide men's event. Keep an eye out for more information.

Mike Colvin cooked up some delicious chili and the trimmings for our March Membership meeting. It's good to have Mike back in the kitchen again. Thank you for the money that was put into the donation jar to offset the cost of providing dinner.

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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  
Gerry Becker  
Ron Bellonio  
Jean Brett  
Yvette Carter  
Hank Casey  
Lorilee Cinella  
Rick Cinella  
Jean Clark  
Grace Colvin  
Roger & Jerry Cyr  
Bill Delaney  
Chuck Demino, D.D.  
Nancy Ellison  
Kathleen Feenaghty

Jack Fennell & his wife  
Tony Frank  
Vern Garske  
Steven Gillian  
Kathleen Gross  
Jean Henneke  
Chris Joss  
Betty Kloske  
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza  
Tom & Roberta Lane  
Rebecca Larson  
Patrick McCarty  
Ron Moxey  
Paul Murphy  
Sean & Rita O'Connell

Paul Pitonzo  
Jim Rose  
Tom Rueck  
Pat Schafer  
Chet & Harriett Sedke  
Bruce & Judy Schladen  
John Sloman  
Pat Smelas  
Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer  
Jolene Sutherland & Family  
Fred Targos  
Bob Thomas  
Lourdes Thomas  
George & Pam White  
Louis Wilkinson

- † **Gerry Becker** has been diagnosed with some serious health issues.
- † **Gregory Ochalek** passed away on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- † **Steve Gilkeson** fell and broke his shoulder and arm.
- † **Jean Henneke**, has new serious heart issues and is under a new heart specialist's care.
- † As per our D.D. Allen, asking for prayers for **D.D. Mike** and kids and the **State Deputy** who has taken ill.
- † **Rebecca Larson** is going through a rough time. Please keep her in your prayers.
- † **Deacon John** is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and other medical issues. Please keep him and his wife, Michelle, in your prayers. They are both doing better.
- † **Tom Rueck** has had some recent medical setbacks. Please keep him in your prayers.
- † **Jack Fennell** recently had eye surgery & his wife is completing cancer treatment.



If you'd like to hear a wonderful hymn by Dolly Parton, Google "Dolly Parton, 'He's Alive'"

It's a story in song of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb on Easter Sunday morning. It is a powerful hymn. It was performed at the Country Music Awards many years ago. We think you'll like it.

A Blessed Easter to all of our Brother Knights and their families!

Tom & Maria Felten - publisher and editors