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Grand Knight Message

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Greetings from the Florida State Convention of the Knights of Columbus!

This month's meeting, while much quicker, was jam-packed with many important events. To name a few, the potential merger of a smaller council from Ocala into ours, elections next month, the retirement of Msgr. Jim who is a Knight and the voting of an appropriate going away gift for him.

I am hopeful that more of you will attend next month's meeting as it involves elections of Officers for the next year.

We are still in need of a Recorder, a Warden and an Inside Guard. Please consider how you can assist your council to achieve its goals in the come year. We as a council have not really done much lately. I blame myself partly because I'm new at the job but that will change.

Did you know the Knights maintain the Eternal Flame at JFK's grave site memorial? The Knights are helping to restore St Peter's Basilica, have helped hundreds of thousands of refugees in Ukraine and Poland. We did a very successful diaper drive and a Tootsie roll drive this year. We haven't done one fund raiser for ourselves save \$400 from the Christmas party. MEN!! We need to do better!! This has to be our year to prove our worth. Come up with fund raising ideas and bring them to meetings, we are open to your ideas. See you at the next meeting.

Fraternally yours, Grand Knight Jim Schafer

We would like to wish our Grand Knight, Jim and his wife, Marie, and Outside Guard, John Olsen, and his wife, Prudence, safe travels and an enjoyable weekend.



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

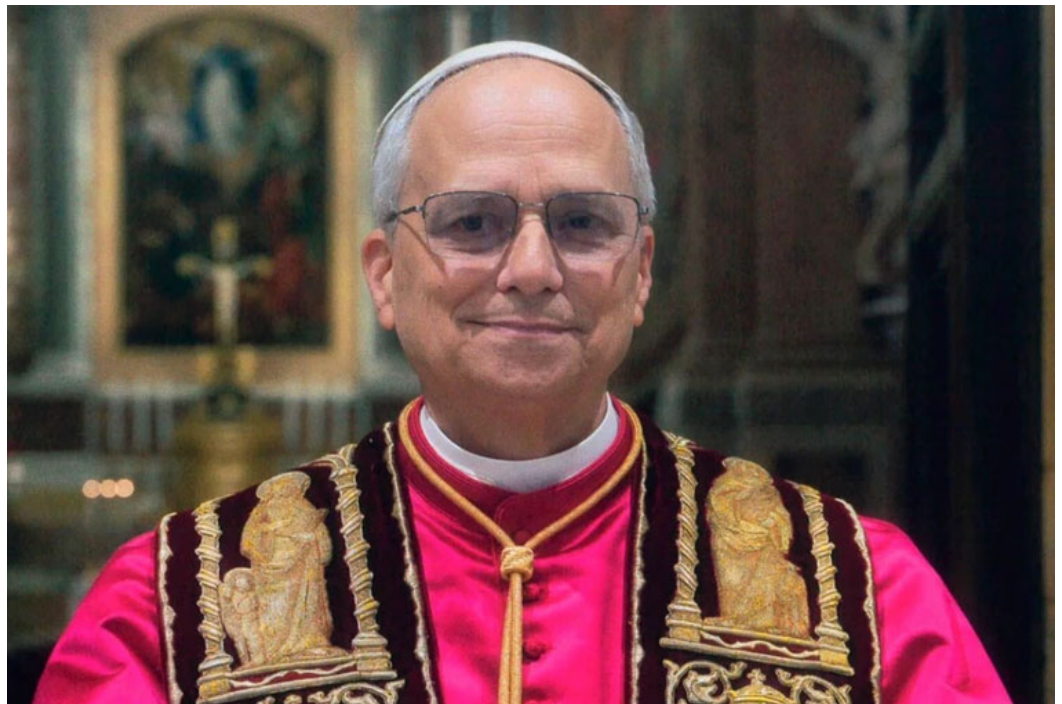
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Due to the ongoing health issues of the Deacon and his wife, there will be no reflection this month. Please pray for them to heal and recover quickly.

White smoke from the Sistine Chapel tells us a new Pope has been elected.



USA-born Pope has been elected and Robert Francis Prevost is now Pope Leo XIV.



God bless our new Pope! We pray for him and wish him well.

The Secrets Behind the Vatican White/Black Smoke

Reprinted from Aleteia.org.

1. The smoke's color is created thanks to a chemical process

Both white and black smoke are created by burning the electoral cards used by cardinals during the papal conclave. These envelopes are then mixed with different substances to obtain white or black colored smoke. Thanks to combustion of specific materials, such as metallic zinc with elemental sulfur, a thick white gas can be generated, resulting in the famous “white smoke.” Burning carbon heavy materials like wood releases compounds that look gray or black, thus resulting in the “black” smoke.

2. The smoke originates from two cast iron stoves located in the Sistine Chapel

We can all see the smoke emitted by the external chimney on the roof of the Sistine Chapel. But where does that smoke originate? The answer lies in two cast iron stoves located in the Sistine Chapel. The stoves are about 3.2 feet high and have two openings, one at the bottom to start it up and one at the top to insert the envelopes and other materials needed for the combustion.

3. The current stove system was first used in 1939

The iron stove system was first used for the election of Pope Pius XII in 1939. It has been used seven more times since then: in 1958 (Pope John XXIII), 1963 (Pope Paul VI), 1978 (Pope John Paul I), 1978 (Pope John Paul II), 2005 (Pope Benedict XVI), 2013 (Pope Francis). Each of these dates is engraved in Roman numerals on top of the stove.

4. The stove system is 98 feet long

From bottom to top, the stove system measures approximately 98 feet. The first part is made of a total of 32 tubes while the final part, reaching the roof, is made of a single 65-ft long tube made of steel and copper.

5. Bells and smoke are the only permitted ways to communicate the election of the pope

Together with white smoke, the election of a new pope is communicated by the ringing of St. Peter's Basilica's bells. Any other form of communication about the papal conclave's result, including text messages, is forbidden.

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	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 5:55 – Dinner 6:10-ish

			Meeting Start Time
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.

**** Subject to change. Keep a lookout for updates.**

Other Knights Events 2025

Tootsie Roll Drive is coming up in August – Volunteers Needed!

Tootsie Roll Drive	Aug 1 (Fri.), 10 - 4 at Publix #1080 Rt. 466
Tootsie Roll Drive	1 st & 2 nd Nov-St. Mark's all Masses
Tootsie Roll Drive	Dates TBD 10 - 4 at Publix #0004 Mulberry Plaza

Council Officers Installation & Social

September TBD

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

Knights Rosary

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29-Jun

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

Memorial Day Flag Harvest, 5/31, Veterans' Cemetery at Bushnell, Florida
Starts at 9 a.m. (helping with a 4th Degree activity)

Map and traveling directions were sent out to all members May 22nd.
Check your email! If you need a ride call Tom Felten.

Other Possible Activities

Knights Breakfast with Santa - Early December on a Saturday morning.

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.

Flag Planting, National Cemetery at Bushnell, Florida, May 25, 2025



Before



Before



PGK Joe Castrigno on the job



Jim Devereaux & his wife, Patty, the Bugler



A job well done by the Fourth Degree Assemblies and some 3rd Degree members!



Our Council gave support to the Project Rachel presentation in the Social Hall on May 17th.

Mrs. Leidy Rivas, Director of the Orlando Diocese's Culture of Life Office with Catholic Charities, gave a talk with her husband, Deacon John Rivas, about Project Rachel.

For more information, contact Bob Larson at (919) 452-2923 or RKLarson85@yahoo.com

Thank you to Bob & Rebecca Larson for all the hard work and planning that they put into organizing this presentation.

Following the 12 Noon Mass on Sunday, June 1st, there will be a reception in the Social Hall to say Godspeed and Farewell to Msgr. Jim for his dedication, kindness, inspiration and funny jokes.

The gift that our Council is giving is just a small token of appreciation for his "Sunday Funnies" as well as his beautiful ministry.

He will be missed!

"May the Angels kiss you and the Devil miss you"!!!





The two Tootsie Roll drives were successful. The check has already been sent to the Arc Nature Coast. I would like to thank Phil Babel, Leroy Henneke, Jack McGlone, Bob and Rebecca Larson, Rich Rosica, Joe Gross, Sean O'Connell, Roger Cyr, John Olsen, John Farr and Maria Felten. Charlie emailed the Certificates of Appreciation to all. Thank you, Charlie!

The next Tootsie Roll Drive is scheduled for August 1st.

Looking back at our charity work...

As we come to the last month of our fraternal year, and June will be busy with electing a new board, we look back on all our successes, including the Coats for Kids, Backpacks for Kids, and have backup funds for the coming school year and winter. Sean O'Connell has joined the team. The yearly Diaper Drive was a great success in diapers, wipes and monies. Our 40-40-40 Lenten Food Drive was also a success with food and funds for St. Theresa's food pantry and soup kitchen. The first half of the Tootsie Roll Drives for this calendar year, which we recently did, have been a success. We also helped and supported other ministries in their work.

We can be proud of ourselves and the generosity of the people of our parish who help us attain these goals and successes and the volunteers who helped get the job done.

News for the Council

Merger with another K of C Council.

There is a good possibility that the Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 13676, from Silver Springs Shores will merge with our Council. It is a small Council with approximately 36 members.

K of C safe environment and church safe environment.

If we are to have any fund raisers and/or interaction with children in the future, we will have to attend a class through the Knights and through the parish/diocese. If you have done this already, please check to see if it has not expired. You may need to attend another class.

Leesburg baseball.

There is a league that plays at Pat Thomas Stadium in Leesburg. The team is The Lightning. It's a College baseball league (comparable with A-AA baseball). Joe Quattrocchi announces for the games on WQBQ. We can visit Joe before or after the games while he's in the sports booth. The home game season starts on May 30th, games home and away in June and season ends with a home game on July 19th.

Long Term Care Webinar

Extended care planning "The Gift of a Lifetime," Tuesday, June 3rd, 8:00 pm online with the Knights of Columbus Supreme.

Dear Brother Knights,

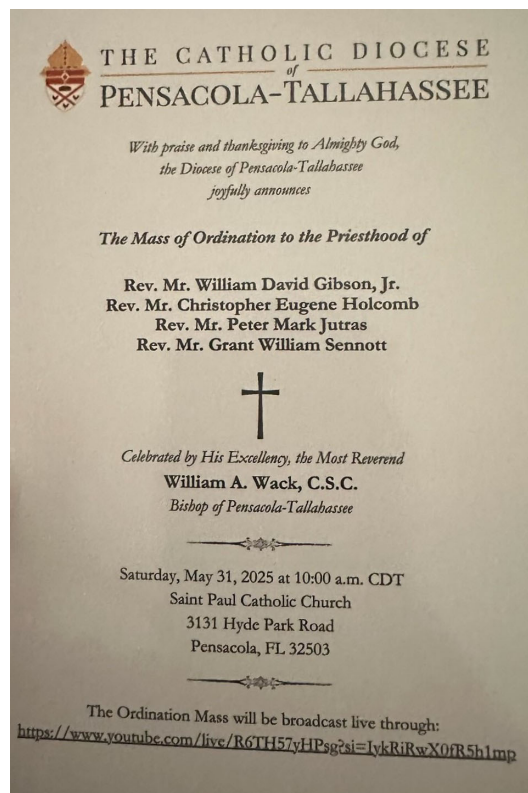
I want to pass along my personal thanks to all of you for many things, but in particular, the \$500 gift to my nephew, Peter Jutras, who will be ordained as a priest this month!

We are very grateful for every ordination but when God's grace blesses one's own family, it becomes even more tangible how much He loves us and wants us to participate in the building of His Kingdom here on Earth!

Thank you for helping Peter and for assisting him to spread God's love to countless souls!

Sincerely in Christ,
Joseph Quattrocchi
Council 14222

P.S. Peter's ordination announcement:



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 **Baked Pasta & Salad** meal at our membership meeting on May 21. Also, a huge thank you to Prudence Olsen for taking the time to bake us a wonderful cake! It was delicious! Since Larry was on vacation, the pre set up was not available. A huge “Thank you” to Marie Schafer and Gerry Becker and everyone else who helped in the kitchen and cleanup.

I’d like to thank the Knights for their continued generosity to our food fund jar.

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

Joseph Barton May 29
Allan Benway May 8
Bill Delaney May 15
John Farren May 8
Joseph Higgins May 1



Thomas Kallus May 2
Voytek Kulesza May 13
Jerzy Maj May 6
Gregory Ochalek May 29
Frank Popeleski May 18
William Villella May 10

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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
Jean Brett
Lorilee Cinella
Rick Cinella
Jean Clark
Kathy Colvin
Mike Colvin
Grace Colvin
Roger & Jerry Cyr
Bill Delaney
Chuck Demino, D.D.
Joe Domlan
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
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Patrick McCarty
Ron Moxey
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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 District Deputy, **Chuck Demino** has had major health issues recently. Please pray for his quick recovery.

Tom Rueck has had some recent medical setbacks.

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.

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