



**Knights of Columbus  
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## Grand Knight Message

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Brothers,

Well, I just got home from the State Convention. It was very informative, much better than last year and I learned quite a bit. More on that at the next meeting.

At our last meeting we had our first exemplification of a new member Trevor Yeoman. It went near perfect! Next month we hope to have 3 more!

We worked out final details on Night at the Races, we discussed the success of the Tootsie Roll drives and the one coming up Friday at Southern Trace Publix.

**We discussed the need for EVERYONE to participate in either the video benefits conference on June 8th, link to be included, or come to the next meeting for a benefits night with Alberto Fernandez. We need this one thing, only this to make Star Council!! How great would that be! All of our hard work for the year finally paying off!!**

Vivat Jesus  
Jim Schafer  
Grand Knight

Welcome back from the Convention, we hope to hear all about it at our June Meeting!

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**Yearly Membership Dues bills will be coming out soon.  
Please pay them as soon as possible at the meetings or by mail.**



## Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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Deacon John is in Orlando and is recovering from emergency surgery. He is doing ok at last call and will be going into rehab for another week. Please keep him in your prayers.

We filled in the space that is normally saved for the Deacons' reflections with this little article from *The Vatican Gift*.



## What Is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a Christian feast celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The name comes from the Greek word Pentekoste, meaning “fiftieth.”

According to the Acts of the Apostles, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary while they were gathered in Jerusalem. They experienced a powerful wind and tongues of fire resting above them, receiving the strength and inspiration needed to begin preaching the message of Christ to all nations.

This event fulfilled Jesus' promise that the Holy Spirit would come to guide and sustain His followers after His Ascension into Heaven.

## The Meaning of Pentecost in the Catholic Tradition

For Catholics, Pentecost represents far more than a historical event. It symbolizes the living presence of the Holy Spirit within the Church and in the hearts of believers.

The Holy Spirit is traditionally associated with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, known as the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is therefore seen as a celebration of spiritual transformation and renewal.

It is also considered the moment when the Apostles, once fearful and uncertain, found the courage to openly proclaim the Gospel. Because of this, Pentecost is often referred to as the birth of the Church's mission in the world.

## **Why the Date of Pentecost Changes Every Year**

Pentecost does not have a fixed date on the calendar.

Because it is directly linked to Easter, which is a movable feast, the date of Pentecost changes every year as well. It always falls on a Sunday, between May 10 and June 13.

With the celebration of Pentecost, the Easter season officially comes to an end in the liturgical calendar.

## **Symbols and Traditions Associated With Pentecost**

Several symbols are traditionally connected with Pentecost and the Holy Spirit.

### **Fire**

The "tongues of fire" described in the Acts of the Apostles symbolize divine presence, purification, and spiritual strength.

### **The Dove**

The dove is one of the most recognized symbols of the Holy Spirit, representing peace, grace, and God's presence.

### **The Color **Red****

During Pentecost liturgies, priests wear red vestments to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit and the zeal of faith.

## **The Importance of Pentecost Today**

Pentecost continues to hold profound meaning for Christians today. It is a reminder that faith is not meant to remain hidden, but lived and shared with courage and compassion.

For many Catholics, Pentecost is also a time of prayer for guidance, renewal, and spiritual strength. It invites believers to reflect on the action of the Holy Spirit in daily life and to rediscover hope, unity, and purpose.

The celebration remains one of the most meaningful moments of the liturgical year, bringing the Easter journey to its fulfillment and looking ahead to the ordinary time of Christian life and witness.

*Copied from "The Vatican Gift"*

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**Please pray for Deacon Kevin's safe travels on his pilgrimage.  
We hope to hear all about it when he can address the Membership at a future meeting.**

## Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Flag Planting at Bushnell Before & After Pictures



Members of our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assemblies and their wives.

## May Awards

### **Knight of the Month:**

**Gerry Becker** for all that he does for our Council and his recording skills, which he's doing under duress. Photo to follow.

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Our first Tootsie Roll Drive of the year was at St. Mark's the weekend of **May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. With the generosity of our parishioners, we raised \$1,906.00. It was very successful, with the help of the following people, some of whom stayed for multiple Masses:

Janice Lathrop, Jim Schafer, GK, Sean O'Connell, LeRoy Henneke, Roger Mott, Roger Cyr, Joe Gross, Bob Larson, John Olsen, Bob Thomas, Mike Colvin, Rich Rosica, Mac McClean, John Farr and yours truly. My heartfelt thanks to all of you!

Janice Lathrop is the widow of Jack Lathrop who was very active with the Knights and Tootsie Roll Drives. She is a real go-getter and her collection tube is always full. She knows a lot of the ladies in the Parish and they are always glad to give a little extra.



### **Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix (Mulberry Shopping Center-Route 42) was held on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

This particular drive, without snowbirds again, was about average. The generosity of our neighbors and friends who shop at the local Publix came through. Our total was \$883.00. It was the first time we tried an earlier start at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 3:00 p.m. We'll try this again in June at Publix, Southern Trace.

I would like to thank all the Knights, who again, put in multiple 1-hour shifts to fill in all the slots available.

Jim Schafer, Mike Colvin, Rich Rosica, Sean O'Connell, LeRoy Henneke, Tom Kallus, Bob Larson, Mac McClean, Paul Martin, John Shiptenko and yours truly. My heartfelt thanks to all of you who put up with daytime heat and Publix Rules & Regs, and helped to make this a successful drive.

The Tootsie Roll Pops at both drives seem to be popular as a good alternative to the Tootsie Rolls themselves.

**The next Tootsie Roll Drive will be Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 3 at Publix Southern Trace SC on 466.**

## Our First Official Exemplification: Trevor Yeoman



Trevor is not only a brand new Knight, but also a brand new Catholic! He received his sacraments at our Easter Vigil Mass this year. God Bless and we hope to see you around at Knights of Columbus activities!

As per Charlie, we are currently at 190 Members and we have two more in the works!

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## Council 14222 Activities for May – June



We'd like to thank Bob and Rebecca Larson for their outstanding and beautiful work on the Grotto for Our Lady's 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>Jun 8</b>	<b>EC Rm C</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
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 / Membership Meetings

**Note: New Location - Enrichment Center**

**Note NEW TIMES**

All members are encouraged to attend. Doors should be open by **5:30**.  
Rosary at **5:45 in the Knights Grotto**. Dinner at **6:00-ish**  
Business Meetings officially start at **6:30 P.M.** sharp

<b>Business Meeting</b>	<b>Jun 17</b>	<b>EC Rm C</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
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

## Proposed Nominations for Fraternal Year 2026-2027

Voting will be held at the June Meeting

### 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*	Open
Warden	Mike Colvin	Mike Colvin
Inside Guard	Bob Harrison	Bob Harrison
Outside Guard	John Olsen	Open
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

Chaplin	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		Open
Public Relations	Tom Felten	Tom Felten

**See the sent email from Joe Castrigno about the basic responsibilities of each position.**

\*Gerry has filled in as recorder after his term had expired because no one else stepped up for the job. It's getting difficult for him to do it.

# A Night At The Races

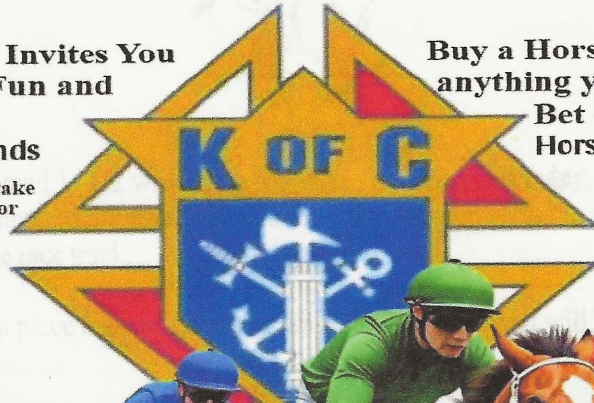
**Council 14222 Invites You  
To a Night of Fun and  
Excitement.  
Bring your Friends**

The QR Code below will take  
you to our event website for  
more information.



**Buy a Horse and name it  
anything you want.**

**Bet on one of the 10  
Horses in each Race.**



## Please Mark The Date

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**Saturday, June 20, 2026**

**Post Time at 7:00 PM EDT**

**St. Mark Social Hall**

**7081 SE Hwy 42, Summerfield, FL 34491**

## 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.

### **Knight At The Races      Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.      Social Hall**

Charlie Fenstermaker is the Chairperson for this event with past experience from his council up North. We will need a lot of volunteers to do tasks that are going to be new to us. We do have the opportunity to make some decent money for our Council's charity works. Please consider volunteering and also invite family, friends, neighbors to this new event. If all goes well, we would probably do another one in the Fall.

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
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Tootsie Roll Drive	Oct 31 & Nov 1	Outside Church All Masses
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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
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Christmas Dinner/Dance	Sat., Dec 12	Social Hall 6:00 PM
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Breakfast With Santa	Sat., Dec 19	Social Hall 9:00 AM
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## 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 **May 31**, August 30 and November 29. **Please consider volunteering.***

- † The **Nominating Committee** is looking for volunteers for Officers for the next Fraternal Year. If you want to run for office, present yourself at the June Meeting.
- † The **Budget** for the next Fraternal Year 2026-2027, will be voted upon at the June Meeting. The presentation of the budget was presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be voted upon, for approval, at the June meeting.

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

**Friday, June 26**      **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**      Volunteers needed! Sign up with  
2<sup>nd</sup> date in the fall TBD      SignUpGenius when it gets posted.

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

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

- † Rosary for the Respect Life Ministry at the Grotto after 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday, Oct. 17
- † **Silver Rose Icon** will be at our Church/Council in the Spring of 2026 (look for announcements). DD had no update as of the May Membership meeting.



Our \$200.00 investment in a new wagon for Belleview Elementary Grammar School. They were thrilled when the Knights delivered it. This makes the job of delivering the food for the backpacks much easier and safer. Norm thanks the Knights for approving the appropriations for the purchase.

**Birthdays for June  
Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!**

Raymond Kleczkowski Jun 02  
 Jay Rodriguez Jun 04  
 James Rose Jun 09  
 Peter Thomas Jun 09  
 John Shiptenko Jun 10



Andrew Daly Jun 11  
 Arnold Bott Jun 15  
 Kevin Kennedy Jun 21  
 John Farr Jun 24  
 Thomas Feenaghty Jun 27

**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.

Tom Felten got pizza from Costco for our May Membership meeting. Thank you for the money that was put into the donation jar to offset the cost of providing the pizza dinner. Thank you to Gerry, who helped clean up and bring everything back to the Social Hall.

**Does anybody know where our  
tablecloth and aprons are?**

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**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., we’ll do a repeat of the virtual fraternal benefit event: “How Your Field Agent Can Help Your Family.” Please register and sign in. There is a QR code for the event.**

Proud to be your Insurance Agent and Financial Advisor... again!



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	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	John Sloman
Rick Cinella	Betty Kloske	Pat Smelas
Jean Clark	Henryk & Barbara Kulesza	Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer
Grace Colvin	Tom & Roberta Lane	Jolene Sutherland & Family
Roger & Jerry Cyr	Rebecca Larson	Fred Targos
Bill Delaney	Patrick McCarty	Bob Thomas
Chuck Demino, D.D.	Ron Moxey	Lourdes Thomas
Nancy Ellison	Paul Murphy	George & Pam White
Kathleen Feenaghty	Sean & Rita O'Connell	Louis Wilkinson

- † **Deacon John** had emergency surgery and survived and is recovering and will soon be in rehab. Please pray for his complete recovery.
- † **Sean O'Connell** will be having an operation on his foot again, up north, please pray for his recovery. Hope we see Sean *running* around this fall!
- † **Rebecca Larson** is going through a rough time. She is home from the hospital, went through some tests there. Please keep her in your prayers.
- † **Gerry Becker** Our prayers and with good meds, Gerry is back on his feet and doing well!
- † **Steve Gilkeson** fell and broke his shoulder and arm.
- † **Jean Henneke**, had a procedure and is doing very well! Prayers DO work!
- † **Tom Rueck** Please keep him in your prayers.
- † **Jack Fennell** recently had eye surgery & his wife is completing cancer treatment.