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Grand Knight Message

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Brothers,

To all who came to the meeting: thank you!! We had a wonderful time. If you were unable to attend, please check the agenda to see how much we covered.

We started with a rosary followed by a great BBQ meal thanks to Tom Felten. I would like to thank the Kallus's for coming to accept our Family of the Month award.

I would like to encourage any of our brother Knight's who may be in nursing facilities to personally notify me at 352-406-2029. I only know of Bill Nesbitt and Bill Delaney, so if there are more of you I want to know!!

We discussed all of the events we have coming up through the end of this year and I've got to say we are going to be very busy starting with a Tootsie Roll Drive at Mulberry Publix Oct 3rd. Look for the Sign-up genius in your e-mail. Also Oct 17th the 8am mass will be for Right to Life followed by Rosary in the grotto. We also have an upcoming membership drive and more Tootsie Roll drives at the church and that's all just October!!

We finished our meeting at 7:30 pm with a little ice cream social which was a great treat, thanks again to Tom and Gerry Becker. So, as I mentioned, we are going to be busy till the end of the year and then there is NEXT YEAR!!

Please tell your friends about the Knights! We need 9 new members for our quota this year. I'd like Star Council to be our norm!! God be with you all.

Vivat Jesu
Jim Schafer
Grand Knight

REMEMBER: The "DUES" are "DUE"
Annual Membership Dues are being collected and second billing has been sent out.



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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Forgiveness, Mercy, and Love

Two friends were walking through the desert. At one point, during their journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to refresh themselves in the pool of water. The one who had been slapped got stuck on a log in the water, and was in fear of drowning, but the friend saved him.

After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life." The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The friend replied "when someone hurts us we should write it down in the sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, as Knights, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." We must also learn to write our hurts in the sand and to carve our blessings in stone.

Perhaps when the prodigal son left his father, the father wrote in the sand, "Today, my son left me." And when the son returned, he wrote on a stone, "Today my son who I missed and love, returned home to me."

How many of us have written our hurts in the sand, and our blessings in stone. And how many of us have done the opposite by writing our hurts in stone and never letting them go, and not forgiving those who have hurt us.

At different times in our own lives most of us have played each of the following roles as Knights.

- The loving and providing parent.
- The younger son who experiences the lowliness of sin and pride, and is desperately in need of mercy.
- And then the older son, who is responsible and above reproach, but is frustrated and perhaps confused by the generosity and leniency of the father.

Yes, there is a bit of each of these characters in each one of us.

Today we join God in forgiveness, mercy, and the celebrating of His love. The gospel tells us that the younger son repents, the father forgives him, and the jealous brother misses the meal.

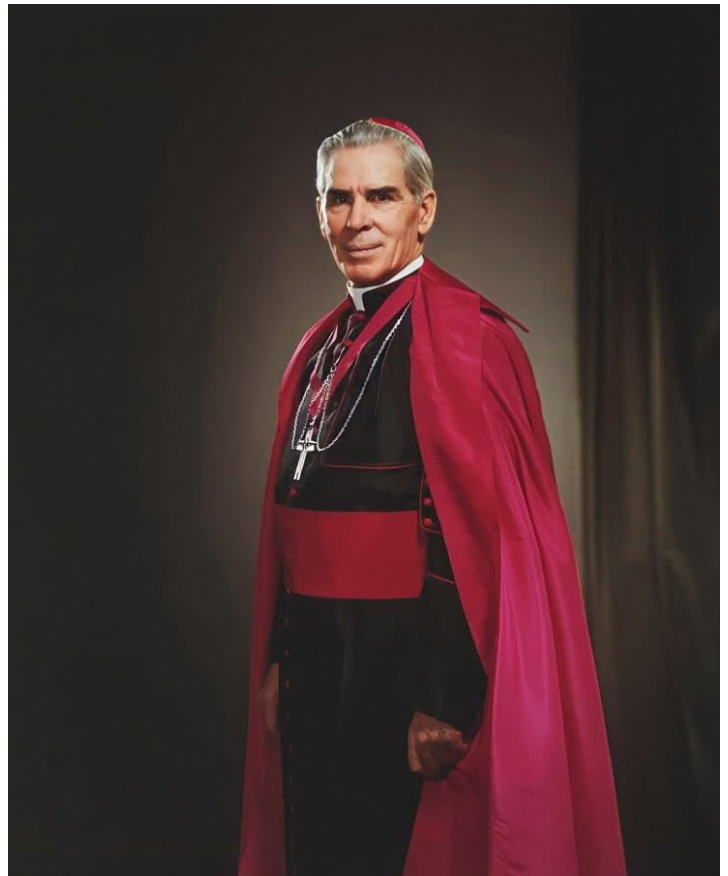
When we think of God's forgiveness, we can picture the father looking out across the fields, longing and waiting for his son to return. With this, we can imagine God looking for us. Then, as we return to Him, He also gives us a hug, embraces us, and calls out to the servants to put a ring on our finger and to get the finest cloak for us. He is perhaps not so concerned with His hurt by us rejecting Him, for He is more concerned about us, and how we are hurting ourselves. When we think of our own sinfulness – it's easy for us to think about the son who offended his father. We realize that our sins place us in darkness, and we further realize how we've hurt ourselves as well as hurting others, especially the ones we love the most.

My brother Knights, yes we have the knowledge of how we can get out of the darkness, but it takes courage to turn back home and say I'm sorry. The Loving Father, our Father in Heaven will forgive us, He will forgive us before we even tell our story. So when we return back home, home with God, we can celebrate the banquet again. And we will have joy in our hearts. Not just a joy of receiving something good, but a Christian joy, but a joy that can fully satisfy our hearts, so we never get tired of it, it never changes, and it will never go away.

Every day, God is inviting each one of us to renew our own Christian joy, a joy given to us through His mercy.

Amen

**Celebrating the Beatification
of
Bishop Fulton J. Sheen
9/24/2026**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

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Real Ordinary Men Encouraging Others

A New Social Group for Men of the Parish



— Organization Meeting —

Wednesday, October 7

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Social Hall

Spaghetti Dinner – BYOB

No dues. No officers.

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Email: Steve.Heintz@snet.net

Phone: (203) 915-7814

— ***All men welcome!*** —

September Awards

Knight of the Month:

Mark Carter for all that he is doing for the Council including being Chairperson for the State Raffle and COR



Mark receiving his Award from the GK



GK presenting award to Tom and Brad Kallus

Family of the Month:

For all the years of serving the Parish, we recognize and Thank You!

Congratulations to all of you!!

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 Oct 12 EC Rm C 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES!

Officer Meeting **Monday Nov 9** EC Rm C 6:00 PM

Officer Meeting **Monday Dec 7** EC Rm C 6:00 PM

Council Business / Membership Meetings 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 Oct 21 EC Rm C 6:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATES!

Business Meeting **Wednesday Nov 11** EC Rm C 6:30 PM

Business Meeting **Wednesday Dec 9** EC Rm C 6:30 PM

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

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.

2 nd Membership Drive (w/Pulpit Talk)	Oct 31 & Nov 1	Outside Church All Masses
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2 nd Tootsie Roll Drive	Oct 31 & Nov 1	Outside Church All Masses
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NOTE NEW DATE AND TIME:

Memorial Mass	Sunday, Nov 15	Mass: 8:00 AM - St. Joseph side pews
Memorial Mass Repast	Sunday, Nov 15	Social Hall 9:00 AM

Christmas Events

Let's save the dates & volunteer! Look for SignUpGenius posts.

Christmas Dinner/Dance Ticket Sales – Oct 10 & 11, Oct 17 & 18, Oct 24 & 25
Outside Church All Masses

Christmas Magnet Sales Nov 28/29, Dec 5/6, 12/13 Outside Church All Masses
Mike Colvin has a lot of Christmas items for sale this year and will
be selling them at both events.

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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Knights of Columbus, Florida State Council raffle tickets are in our possession and will be handed out at the next Membership Meetings. Remember, the top prize is \$25,000! This is a fundraiser for the State and for our Council. Please participate as much as you are able. Mark Carter has volunteered to chair this endeavor.

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. **Our last Rosary for this year is November 29. Please consider volunteering.**

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

Saturday, October 3 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Look for SignUpGenius to volunteer! Thank you!

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

Good News Items!

- The Respect Life baby shower was a great success and thanks to all the Knights who showed up before and after to help with the set up and packing up all the donations afterwards.
- Mark Carter is holding off until the new Pastor takes over and can discuss COR plans. This is a parish-wide men's event. Keep an eye out for more information.
- **Mark Carter has volunteered to chair the K of C Florida State Raffle ticket sales.**
- In 2027 the Knights will plan on having a Halloween "Trunk & Treat" after the 4:00 Mass. Keep an eye out for more developments and information.
- We have three new members and we need eight more to satisfy our Star Council requirements for this Fraternal Year.
- We want to thank the PGK, Steve Heintz, for donating all the Tootsie Roll supplies and Tootsie Rolls from his former Council.
- 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 helping me set up the buffet line and the room for the meeting and the Knights who helped with cleanup!
It was good to see Knights socializing with the ice cream dessert after the meeting. We'll try and incorporate some kind of dessert in the future to continue this. Thanks again to Gerry Becker for donating the ice cream!
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.

Clarification of Backpacks4Kids and Coats4Kids Charitable KofC Programs

Important: They are two (2) distinctly different programs

Backpacks4Kids –

- Services two elementary schools in Marion County – Belleview Elementary and Marion Oaks Elementary
- Requires picking up food at Food4Kids pantry (part of Interfaith Emergency Services (IES)) in Ocala, and delivering it to the respective schools every Tuesday during the school year.
- At the beginning of each school year, IES provides a Backpack for each of the designated students at schools. Subsequently, the food is delivered in bags to the schools, and transferred to the designated students' backpacks by the guidance counselors.
- Designated students are selected through an agreement between the school's guidance office and the students' parents. Designated students are identified via an assigned number only, to protect their identity.
- The program provides food for all of the children in the designated student's household, as specified by the parents.
- K of C Council 14222 currently has 13 Brothers (and some wives) who serve this program on a rotating assigned schedule each week. In addition, the K of C Council 15644 at St. Jude's parish in Marion Oaks has four Knights who have responsibility for Marion Oaks Elementary on an every other week basis. (This was an agreement made between the two Councils approximately 15 years ago.)
- Overseeing this program is Brother Norm Nelson (who took over for Brother Tom Rueck when his failing health prohibited him from continuing several years ago).

Coats4Kids –

- Services five elementary schools in Marion County – Belleview Elementary, Marion Oaks Elementary, Sunrise Elementary, Stanton-Weirsdale Elementary, and Horizon Academy.
- A selection of coats (approximately 14-16 in different sizes) is delivered in the fall of each year to the guidance offices at the respective schools. Guidance offices are contacted every fall to confirm their continued needs.
- The Guidance Counselors distribute coats to needy students during the colder winter months.
- Coats are purchased primarily on the internet during the year, ideally in the off-season when major retailers (Walmart, Macy's, Belks, etc.) are liquidating their winter inventories at reduced prices. Until recently, Brother Tom Rueck did the primary purchasing of coats. This past year, Cindee Miller of The Catholic Daughters became actively involved and did an excellent job of helping balance our inventories. She and her group plan to assist in the future.
- Inventories are maintained in an assigned closet in the Enrichment Center. (Brother Larry Waite provides access to the closet.) We currently have sufficient coats for this fall season.
- Funding this program has been solely thanks to donations from brother Knights and a variety of organizations. We currently have a reserve of approximately \$1800 for future purchases.
- Overseeing this program is Brother Norm Nelson, with the able assistance of Brother Joe Gross, with annual coat deliveries in October/November. Brother Tom Rueck originally organized this program, and several fellow Knights have been involved in the past.)



Our heartfelt “Thanks” to Rebecca and Bob Larson for taking such good care of our Blessed Mother and her Grotto for the Fall.

We know that May is Mary’s month, but September is a close second. Almost every day in September has a tribute or feast honoring our Blessed Mother.

These are only a three well-known Marion Feasts in September:

September 8 – The Nativity of Mary - Celebrates the birth of Mary

September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary – Honors the Name of Mary and its significance in Salvation History

September 15 – The Seven Sorrows of Mary – Focuses on the Seven Sorrows that Mary endured, especially the death of her Son.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

How it Came About

Pope Leo XIII officially promulgated the Prayer to Saint Michael in 1886. For nearly 80 years, Catholics around the world ended every weekday Mass with this prayer, along with the Hail Mary and the Salve Regina.

According to multiple accounts, on October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a profound and terrifying mystical experience immediately after celebrating Mass in the Vatican.

The Pope suddenly stopped at the foot of the altar, his face drained of color. He stood motionless for about ten minutes, staring into the distance. Those present feared he had died or suffered a stroke. When he finally came to himself, he went directly to his office and composed the Prayer to Saint Michael.

According to accounts that circulated among those close to him, Leo XIII had been granted a vision in which he heard two voices — one gentle and one harsh and grating. The harsh voice was that of Satan, boasting to God that he could destroy the Church if given enough time and power. Satan asked for 75 to 100 years to do his worst. God granted the request. The gentle voice was that of Christ, assuring that His Church would prevail.

Whether this account is entirely accurate in every detail, the historical fact is undeniable: Pope Leo XIII was so shaken by what he experienced that he immediately composed a prayer calling on the greatest warrior of heaven for the Church's defense.

The prayer was part of the "Leonine Prayers" — a set of prayers added to the end of Mass by Leo XIII for the intention of the temporal power of the papacy and the conversion of Russia.

After the Second Vatican Council, the new Order of Mass (*Novus Ordo Missae*), promulgated in 1969, did not include the Leonine Prayers. They were not formally abolished — they simply were not incorporated into the revised liturgy. The prayer has seen a significant revival in recent decades as awareness of spiritual warfare has grown.

The Church celebrates the Feast of SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, also known as Michaelmas, on **September 29**. This feast honors not only St. Michael but also SS. Gabriel and Raphael, who are also named in Scripture. Traditional observances include Mass, special prayers, and devotions, especially the St. Michael Chaplet and novena.

*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

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

John J Thomas	Oct 1
David J Pistarelli	Oct 6
Bernard J. Sullivan	Oct 6
Emil F Kloske	Oct 6
Lawrence M Waite	Oct 7
Robert C Morrow	Oct 9
Charles O Stevens	Oct 11
Daniel A Ruehl	Oct 11



Joseph W Hafte	Oct 15
George White	Oct 19
Joseph J Donlon	Oct 19
James P Miller	Oct 22
George E Wood	Oct 24
Roger A Cyr	Oct 28
Thomas J Lane	Oct 28
James M McCallum	Oct 31





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Alberto is scheduled to be at our October meeting.



Oliver and Theodore Mandes, new members of Jim and Marie Schafer's growing family, have some newborn health issues that the family is dealing with, please keep them in your prayers.

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
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
Chris McClean
Ron Moxey
Paul Murphy
Sean & Rita O'Connell

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

† **Deacon John** had another medical incident and is back home again and is slowly recovering. Please continue to pray for his complete recovery.

† **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.

† **Larry Brett, 4th Degree, Rest In Peace.**
Thank you for all that you did for the Knights

It is important that you, or a member of your family, notify our Knights of Columbus Council if you need any assistance, or if you have become incapacitated in some way and cannot communicate or make meetings, or move away to be with family, etc. It is the only way that we would know of the situation. We are not notified automatically by the Parish or anybody.