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Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



November 2024

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are less than 2 months from completing 2024! October was another month full of activities and also some unexpected disruptions caused by hurricane Milton. Most of us were fortunate not to have substantial damage but folks on the West coast of Florida had a much more difficult time. I would like to thank all of you who participated in one way or another in the **Italian Dinner Fundraiser for Hurricane Relief**, and in a special way thank Be and Lan Duong for leading this effort and for their generosity with their time, talent, and treasure. \$3769 in donations were sent to the Florida KofC Charities Disaster Relief Fund to help those affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton.

We conducted the **Novena for Life** between October 6th (National Life Chain Day) and October 14th. Thank you to all who helped with the 9 videos, and those who helped reading each of the days after morning Mass.

The rain did not stop a group of about 17 people, including Knights and Ladies to participate in the **Life Chain** on October 6th along US1 in front of the Church.

It took 2 days to complete the **Soccer Challenge** with Ascension School in the gym during all PE classes. About 300 students participated. 9 have advanced to compete at MCC against other councils in the district. I want to thank Bob Richmond for co-chairing the event with me, Nick Cavano, Dave AmRhein, Carl Cioci, Eddy Merlet, Mike Marzec, Wayne Hosburg, Randy Lascody, and Chet Poeta for their help. We also had Jose Rodriguez, one of the parents at Ascension help us a great deal both days. The District competition will be on Saturday November 2nd starting at 9 AM at MCC.

In this month of Thanksgiving reflect on all the blessings in your life, and include being grateful to be a part of a very active council.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Jose Montes
Grand Knight

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on November 21 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



Grand Knight Remarks Continued

The **10th Annual SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat** was another successful event. There were approximately 1004 attendees! A lot of fun activities were arranged for the kids and we had 37 trunks handing out candy. There were 380 lbs. of canned goods donated by attendees for Social Concerns. There were a lot of volunteers needed to make it happen and we had the fabulous support of parishioners with candy donations and also several sponsors. Thank you to all who contributed and to SK Rich Passarella and Lady Karen Mitchell for organizing the event.

Our Council was asked to help serve meals to the young adults as they conducted their SANCTIFY retreat on October 26th. They had around 120 attendees and a successful event. Our appreciation to Deacon Chris Meehan, Tom Giblin, John Pechar, Ralph Carestia, Bill Quinn, Paul and Barbara Klein, Dave and Kathy AmRhein, and Jack Duggan for helping with the setup, meal service, and cleanup.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest – all 8th graders from Ascension Catholic School participated and a winner has been selected who will receive a \$50 check as the prize. The topic was: *"What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?"* Thanks you to Mike Marzec for leading a well-organized event.

Next month we will have the Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet sales during the weekends in Advent, led by Jose Cardet and Richard Becker, the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest led by Dave AmRhein, and the Christmas Party on Saturday December 14th in the Buescher Center from 6PM to 9:30 PM, chaired by Richard Becker. December is also the month that the Knights are asked to help serve coffee and doughnuts after morning masses on Sunday and a signup request will go out for that later this month.

We have some activities in 2025 that need someone to chair them. They include the Fish Frys on Fridays during Lent after the Stations of the Cross, the 40 Cans for Lent Pledge Drive, and the St Patrick's Day Dinner. Please let us know if you would like to step up and chair, co-chair, or just be a part of the team that plans and makes these events happen.

Looking ahead, in addition to the regular monthly activities, here are some events taking place in November:

- 1 1/2 Commemorative All Souls Day Service – after the 4:30 PM Mass. Thank you to Norm and Doreen Bodreau for volunteering to read the names of the faithful departed during the service.
- First 3 weekends in November – the Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting donations that will be used for Thanksgiving baskets for Social Concerns. Please support them.
- Support for Seminarians – The Council and Ladies Auxiliary send letters of encouragement and a \$500 check each year to seminarians sponsored by our Council. This November that will be sent to Michael Anctil, who is studying at Pontifical North American College and Gavin Foreman, who recently started at the St Joseph Seminary College in Louisiana.

Membership. We were able to bring in 8 new members so far this Fraternal Year. We will also continue to try and contact all men who gave us their contact information during the August membership drive. We are ahead of our recruitment goals with these new members but we don't want to let down our recruitment efforts — we still have a ways to go to meet our goal for this fraternal year. We need to meet our recruitment goal in order to be eligible for the Star Award.



Notes from the Grand Knight

School Activities. We have provided the school staff with a plan of activities for this school year. This plan was approved by the school principal Mrs Claudia Stokes. Below are the scheduled activities ahead that we will participate in:

- **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest (Dec)** - 3rd through 8th graders are eligible to submit Keep Christ in Christmas themed posters. There are three age groups and the winner in each are group receives a \$25 prize.
- **Adopt a Family (Dec)** - The Knights provide an assistance check to two families during the Christmas season. Your administration selects the families based mostly on need.
- **Council Free Throw Challenge (Jan/Feb)** - participants shoot free throws. Top scorers in two age groups and boys and girls categories advance to District competition.
- **Science Fair Judging (Jan/Feb)**, Knights provide a few judges for the annual Science Fair as requested by school staff.
- **MCC Scholarships (May)** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. Your administration selects the students.
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)** - Knights offered lunch for the teachers and staff in appreciation for another successful school year.

Prayer Requests – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click on the Prayer Requests image](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.

Renew Your Dues Now. July 1st marked the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to "K of C Council 14573" and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: "K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934"
2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council's website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.



- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** The Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary continue to use the embroidery services of Lady Joyce Defusco for shirts — and Joyce does an outstanding job! We also have red tee shirts available for \$20 which includes embroidery services. Tee shirts can also be ordered directly from the Knights online store and have Joyce embroider them if desired. See John for more information on Assembly or Council shirts and hats.
 - **Assembly Star Shirt.** This is something we are always on the lookout to find. We have them sourced from Bartman but they are pricy there. FN John found a new source for the shirt that is much cheaper. You can take a look at [Epic Sports here](#) to see the shirt.
 - If you do use this option, Joyce will be happy to put your name and Assembly emblem on the shirt for a small fee. The total cost will be the shirt and the embroidery from Joyce. To keep things simple for Joyce, please order your Star shirt from John and pay him up front.
 - **Bartman.** This too is always an option for Council and Assembly shirts. A little more expensive but you can order the shirt and get your name and Council or Assembly emblem on the shirt there — one stop. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. The only downside is that the shirts are more expensive from Bartman — but the quality and service is excellent. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop. Or go through John and he will order the shirt for you. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications.

THANK YOU to Richard Becker (92 years of age) who donated an extremely generous amount of food to our pantry. This gift was in memory of the 3rd anniversary of the passing of his beloved wife, Gloria.





Birthdays for November

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eric Montes	November, 1
Raymond Palubin	November, 2
Chet Poeta	November, 2
John Barfield	November, 7
Robert Terneus	November, 7
David Conroe	November, 9
Ralph Turingan	November, 9
William Rich	November, 10
William Hampton	November, 13
Richard Passarella	November, 15
Carl Cioci	November, 17
Tom Giblin	November, 18
James Mac Davitt	November, 18
Michael Marzec	November, 18
Mauricio Medina	November, 18
Rex Gibson	November, 21
Earl Miller	November, 22
Daniel Dang	November, 23
Joseph Schuerger	November, 29

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**Nov
2024****COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
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Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Fri 1 st	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 2 nd	0900	District Soccer Challenge	SK D. Blair
Sat 2 nd – Sun 3 rd	See Note 1	Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser for Social Concerns	Becky Richard
	1630	All Souls Day Mass	SK R. Passarella
	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 3 rd	1345	Life Chain	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 7 th	1815	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy	SK R. Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WFN B. Quinn
Sat 9 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
	1000	Veterans' Day Parade	CCC E. Merlet
Sat 9 th – Sun 10 th	See Note 1	Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser for Social Concerns	Becky Richard
Mon 11 th	1100	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery	WFN B. Quinn
Thu 14 th	1700	Meal Packing for the Children's Hunger Project	WGK J. Montes
	1830	Council's Officer Meeting	SK J. Montes

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th	See Note 1	Ladies Auxiliary Fundraiser for Social Concerns	Becky Richard
Sat 16 th	0900	Regional Soccer Challenge	SK D. Blair
Sun 17 th	1130	Council Corporate Communion Mass	WGK J. Montes
Wed 20 th	1900	Meeting with District Deputy Pat Farrelly	WGK J. Montes
Sat 21 st	1815	Power Rosary	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting	WGK J. Montes
Sat 24 th	1030	Council 14573 Daily Bread (815 E Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Dec 1 st – Dec 2 nd	All Masses	Keep Christmas Magnet Sales	DGK J. Cardet
Dec 7 th	1400	Bible on Parade	
Dec 7 th – Dec 8 th	All Mases	Keep Christmas Magnet Sales	DGK J. Cardet
Sat Dec 14 th	1800- 2130	Council and Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party!	Richard Becker
Dec 21 st	0930	Wreath Across America Shady Oaks Memorial Cemetery	WFN B. Quinn

***Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to Jose
Cardet at: fso123788@cfl.rr.com**Notes:**1 Starting at 4:30 PM on Saturday and ending at 6:30 PM
Sunday.**Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:**

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)
- Dec. 7th: (1400)

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✦ THE 4TH DEGREE ✦



✦ PATRIOTISM ✦

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From the Faithful Navigator



Sir Knights

Again this month, I want to emphasize that this is the time of the year when we have to push membership. We have our big Exemplification Ceremony in Orlando coming up the Thanksgiving weekend so we all need to do our part to bring new members up from the Council and join our ranks. So please talk to Council members when you see them and I encourage you all to personally contact at least one member of the Council and let them know they are welcome as members of the Fourth Degree.

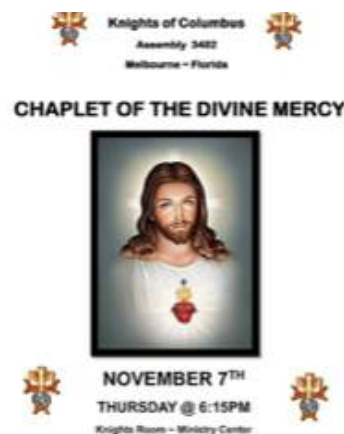
It is also that time of year when we need to develop a plan to do a bit of fall cleanup on the J.N Tucker Memorial Cemetery. We need to pick a Saturday and organize a detail to get this done.

Our next meeting is November 7 at 7PM in the Knights Room.

Immediately before the meeting at 6:15 we will pray the Chaplet of the Devine Mercy. We did a dry run of the Chaplet last month and hope to see many more participating this month..

Vivat Jesus

SK Bill Quinn
Faithful Navigator



Please keep FN Bill in your prayers after the loss of his sister, Pat Beall.

Next Assembly Meeting – November 7, 7 PM in the Knights Room
Chaplet of the Devine Mercy Prior to the Meeting at 6:15



Membership. One way to stand out is to wear your Assembly shirt to Mass — especially on the first weekend of the month. You may get asked about the shirt which will open the opportunity to bring in new members into not only the Assembly but also the Council.

We need to keep up the recruitment efforts and make our goal to bring in any and all members from the Council who want to move up to the Patriotic Degree. Spread the word that they are very much welcome into the ranks of the Assembly. It will be a very rewarding experience for them as we support the patriotic activities of the Knights. And let them know they do not need to join the Color Corps to be a member of the Assembly.

- Our next Exemplification opportunity will be the Thanksgiving weekend on November 30 where the event will be held in Orlando.
- Make it your goal to approach one Council member to bring forward to the Fourth Degree.
- We already have one new member for this Fraternal Year — Felix Rodrigues. But we need to keep up the effort to meet our membership goal.

Next Assembly Meeting – November 7, 7 PM in the Knights Room Chaplet of the Devine Mercy Prior to the Meeting at 6:15

2024-2025 ASSEMBLY 3482 PLAN OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Event	Chairman
July 16 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
July 23 1800	St. Joseph Icon	SK Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
August 4 1400	Veteran Presentation Purple Heart Recognition	SK Bobby Sullivan CCC Eddie Merlet
August 11 1130	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Jose Montes FN Bill Quinn
Sept 11 1200	911 Patriotic Rosary Ascension Catholic Church	PFN John Pechar SK John Autio
Sept 11 1800	911 Ceremony at Veteran's Center Merritt Island	SK Bobby Sullivan
Oct 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Nov 2 1630	All Souls' Day Memorial/Vigil (ask Fr. John B.)	PFN Rich Passarella CCC Eddie Merlet
Nov 11 TBD	Veterans' Day Parade – Color Corps Assembly / Council / LA	CCC Eddie Merlet SK Bobby Sullivan
Nov 11	Veterans Flag Ceremony at Shady Oaks Cemetery following Veterans' Day Parade	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio
Nov 21	Vietnam/American Disabled Veterans Fundraiser Dinner	SK Be Duong SK Bobby Sullivan
Dec ?? TBD	Quarterly Council/Assembly Corporate Communion, Color Corps CCC Eddie Merlet	WGK Jose Montes FN Bill Quinn
Dec 21	Wreaths Across America at Shady Oaks and JS Sloan Cemeteries	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio CCC Eddie Merlet
Jan 3-14	Prepare Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Report – Due Jan 31	FN Bill Quinn FC Rob Light
Jan 21 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP
Jan 11? TBD	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House American Heritage Girls	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio
Jan 28 1600	Deployed Family Dinner 84 Harrier Ave., Satellite Beach, FL	FN Bill Quinn FP Ralph Carestia SK Frank Conley
Feb 12	Flag Retirement Ceremony at Knight's House Ascension Scout Troop 173 & Trail Life Boys	FN Bill Quinn SK John Autio
March 17 TBD	Saint Patrick's Day Parade	CCC Eddie Merlet
April 15 1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco	Parish Office, WGK, FN, MP



10th Annual SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat

By SK Rich Passarella

On Friday October 18th KoC Council 14573 held its 10th ANNUAL CHUCK MITCHELL MEMORIAL TRUNK OR TREAT on the south campus of Ascension Catholic Church. SK Rich Passarella co-chaired the event with Ladies Auxiliary, Lady Karen Mitchell. Rich and Karen welcomed everyone and told the attendees, "11 years ago SK Chuck Mitchell and SK David Humes, God rest their souls, had an a great idea...and here we are today, hosting it for the 10th time, thank you Brothers Chuck & Dave. Also, "this event would not be possible without the support of our loving pastor, Father John Bosco Maison and all our faithful Knights and Ladies Auxiliary volunteers, parishioners, maintenance and parish staff and the many sponsors that support our community – thank you all".



Father Zach Parker, Ascension's Parochial Vicar, gave the opening prayer, thanking Our Lord for His abundant blessings. Grand Knight Jose Montes, and Ladies Auxiliary Vice-President Lyn Becker were recognized for all the background work and organizing that makes an event like this so successful.

There were 37 'trunks' decorated to hand out goodies to the over 1,000 attendees. In addition to all the yummy treats the kids received, there were hamburgers, hotdogs, s'mores, beverages and cookie decorating. Special thanks to American Heritage Girls team for assisting the kids with cookie decorating and the children's games. We collected about 380 lbs. of canned goods which went to the Food Pantry at Ascension Social Concerns..

The evening's entertainment was provided by Merlet Productions with DJ Eddy and Harry's Halloween tunes. There were children with amazing and creative costumes and many "Trunks" displaying "Saints and Halloween" themes with prizes awarded in several categories for best costume and best trunk. Lady Karen and her team organized several games for kids and awarded many prizes but the best was the children's 'conga line" led by Grand Knight Jose Montes.

All of this could not be possible without the dedicated support of our Brother Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary who volunteered many hours of planning, preparing, set-up and the event itself. A team of Knights set up the lighting for the field, thank you brothers: Carl Cioci, John Toppa, Jose Montes, Dave AmRhein, Jack Duggan, Joe Ameigh and John Pechar. Thanks to Trunk or Treat committee for all their time, talent and resources: Ginny Reeder, Rex Gibson, Lyn Becker, Jose Montes, Eddy Merlet, Bill Quinn, Karen Mitchell and Rich Passarella. Special thanks to Ladies Auxiliary team; Ginny Reeder, Angela Sullivan, Jan Oryan-Wilson, Kathy Ameigh, Karen Mitchell and Lyn Becker for preparing and packaging all the children's prizes

We are so grateful for all the support we received from Ascension parishioners who donated a huge amount of candy to restock the "trunks" during the event. We appreciate the participation from our community partners Melbourne's Fire Department four man crew and fire truck from Engine 76 and Brevard County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit Patrol cars and Reserve Deputies Major Bobby Sullivan and Chris Hendrix.

We also would like to recognize the generosity of our sponsors: Club 52, McKune Team/Keller Williams Realty, SAM'S, Texas Roadhouse, Galaxy Skateway, Gators Dockside, Chick-Fil-A, Publix, Home Depot, Urban Air, Gentle Dental, Cracker Barrel, Route 7 Amusements, & Sky Zone. Please visit and thank our sponsors for their participation and support.

We also would like to thank Elon Musk's Space X for the spectacular visible launch of Falcon 9 at the close of Trunk or Treat. What a great ending of a great council event.

For all our Ascension friends and supporters if you like what you saw at Trunk or Treat and what our Council and Ladies Auxiliary does for Ascension community and would like to be a part of it or find out more info, [please visit Council website.](#)

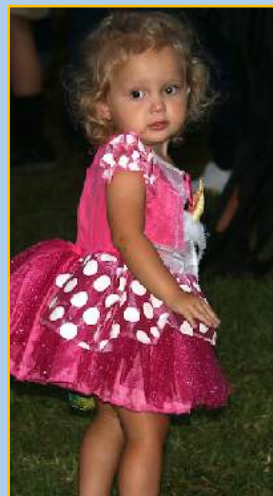
You will find a good selection of pictures taken at Trunk or Treat by Lady Lyn Becker on the next few pages.

[You can view all of the pictures here.](#)









Citizenship Essay Contest

All 8th graders from Ascension Catholic School participated and a winner has been selected who will receive a \$50 check as the prize. The topic was: "What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?" Thanks you to SK Mike Marzec for leading a well-organized event. Both Knights and Ladies volunteered to read and grade the essays and all 34 essays were distributed to all judges to read and evaluate on October 19. The judges then get together on Monday, October 28 at 1:30 to select the winning essay. The winner received a check for \$50 which was presented to the winner at the School Mass held on All Saints Day, November 1 by Mike.

The winner for this years' Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is:

Natalya Alicea



The Key to Leadership

What makes a great leader? Many people may have many different answers. Qualities that a good leader should have are providing direction, motivation, and inspiration to the people they are leading. But what are some of the virtues that uphold these qualities? While there are numerous important different virtues for this question, the two most important ones would have to be empathy and integrity. These two virtues should be the building blocks to a better society through our leaders.

First, empathy is a crucial trait for a leader to have. It is not only an emotional attribute but also a leadership virtue. Furthermore, empathy can help someone understand and resonate with another person's feelings, it also provides the possibility for open communication and inclusivity. Empathy also helps with self awareness. Self awareness is key for leaders because it can allow them to have more self-confidence and make more informed decisions. If more leaders led with empathy we would have a greater world.

While leaders actually having empathy is important, knowing how to detect that empathy is just as significant. Without knowing how to find this virtue in people, putting leaders in positions of power may be a little harder. One way to see if a leader is empathetic might be seeing if they understand the different viewpoints of others. This is also known as cognitive empathy. Another way to detect if a leader has empathy is if they are not afraid to be vulnerable. Forcing to be there and not ignoring someone's problems requires vulnerability which goes hand in hand with empathy. Being empathetic is impossible without being vulnerable.

Next, integrity is one of the most important virtues a leader can have. Leading with integrity means being honest, sincere and reliable. These are all the key qualities that any leader should have. As the famous 34th president, Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office." (Eisenhower). When a person in power leads with integrity this results in gaining trust among the people. Moral and ethical clarity are a result of this gained trust and honesty. This ensures people that they will only be getting involved in creditable and top-notch actions.

Additionally, looking for this virtue is relatively easy. Making sure a leader has clear principles is one way to look for integrity. Leaders who have integrity will clearly show that they have a set of morals that influence their decision making and actions. Another sign to look for integrity in a leader is if they are honest. They will always tell the truth no matter the consequences. This can also go into them standing up for what they believe in and being truthful about that no matter the consequence. Integrity is a very simple virtue to look for in leaders but very important.

In conclusion, the virtues of empathy and integrity are greatly beneficial for leaders to have. If all leaders share these virtues, society will most definitely be greater. With empathy helping in the understanding of the people and integrity helping with the trust of the people, both of these combined would wholeheartedly be a great improvement to the world.



Around the Ascension Community



Highway Cleanup
October 4



Daily Bread
October 27





Monthly Council Meeting



September Family of the Month
SK Allen and Lady Carol Allebach



Our Newest Knight
Brother Tom Giblin



Veterans Day

Lord God, Almighty
Father,
creator of mankind and
author of peace,
as we are ever mindful
of the cost paid for the
liberty we possess,
we ask you to bless the
members of our armed
forces.

Give them courage, hope and strength.

May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and
compassionate healing.

Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to
light.

To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.





Spiritual Corner from SK Deacon Chris Meehan

Deacon Chris wanted to remind everyone that October is Respect for Life month. He also related a story that shows a real life example of what Respect for Life means to all of us.

He recently purchased a book from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire titled

"On Assisted Suicide" by Stephanie Gray Connors

He wanted to share one point that shows the respect for life we all should have. Just before the meeting, Deacon Chris spoke with someone in the parking lot who has a daughter who was declared brain dead by the hospital. They asked the parishioner that it was time to end life saving measures since she had no hope of recovery and was essentially brain dead. A cardiologist came into the room and observed the daughter interacting with her father. This immediately gave the father hope for his daughter. The next day when he came in to visit there was a camera mounted over the bed. Apparently the cardiologist and the neurologist got into a heated argument about the girl's condition. So the hospital installed the camera to observe and show who was right about the girl's condition. The camera proved the cardiologist was right and the neurologist was removed from the case.



Brother Knights we are under attack from the devil. Do not allow these things to happen on your watch. Be aware and educate yourself. Make your voice heard and stand up for what is right.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.

Here are some ideas for participating in Respect Life Month!

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar.



Statelessness

SK Deacon Chris Meehan

First a question — How many of you have seen the movie “The Terminal”? This was a 2004 Comedy—Drama partially inspired by the true story of Mehran Karimi Nasseri who lived in Terminal I of Charles de Gaulle Airport, France, from 1988 to 2006.

Why did he live so long at an airport? This is not a talk about the life of Meehan Nasser but as an introduction to point out that this did actually happen. But what is interesting here is the concept of Statelessness. This is when you have the circumstance where someone has no national alliance. Someone who is not a citizen of anywhere. And there are people who are actually in that situation now. It is estimated that 4.4 million stateless persons exist worldwide. That number may actually be over 10 million because of unreported cases. Lack of proof of birth, born to stateless parents, political chance such as the break up of Yugoslavia and other circumstances can all result in a person being stateless.

So what do you do about this? You can appeal — ask for help from a lawyer or other legal representation to resolve this stateless problem. There are also people working on ways to solve this statelessness problem. In the US, Congressman Jamie Raskin and Senator Ben Cardin introduced in March of 2024 the Stateless Protection Act of 2024 to address this problem. Believe it or not, the US has never had any kind of legislation to deal with statelessness. If someone shows up in the US and is Stateless, the US has no legislation to deal with their problem. These laws introduced to the House and Senate would adopt the international definition of statelessness thus providing definitions of statelessness for the first time in US history. Secondly, these laws would provide protection for stateless persons and give them a path to citizenship in the US by giving them Stateless Protected Status. A stateless person residing in the US could ask for help under this new statute and receive help and guidance to help sort out their situation. These laws would also promote education and research on statelessness through partnerships with universities and international organizations who work to provide relief for persons in a stateless situation. It would also promote information sharing with other countries to establish stateless status determination and protection legislation.

For those who think this is not really a serious problem today or that these stateless persons are just left over from the former communist countries, This is a real problem in Nicaragua today. Members of the clergy there have been stripped of their status of Nicaraguan citizens and are now stateless. This is just another tool to attack the Church. These laws would help those who are stripped of their citizenship to find a path to US citizenship.

There is a bill that will be introduced that would put these laws into effect — so please [click on this link](#) and contact your representatives to support this act and make it happen. We as Knights are called on to defend the poor and voiceless. So [please click on this link](#) and ask your Senator and Congressional Representative to support this bill.

[Urge Congress to Pass this Legislation](#)

Reference material used for Deacon Chris's talk are available here:

[Statelessness](#)

[Story behind the movie — “The Terminal”](#)



From the Ladies Auxiliary



Lady of the Month for October Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Congratulations to Jan O'Bryan-Wilson, who was our Lady of the Month! I can't begin to list all of the ways Jan has earned this honor, so I will just say that she is amazing and invaluable to us all.

As October comes to a close, once again, our Ladies' Auxiliary level of participation in the community this month was "scary good"! Below you will find some of the many ways that you were actively serving in October...

10/ 6: Annual Life Chain - thank you to Angela Sullivan for co-chairing this event and to all of you who showed up to defend life for all pre-born

10/ 7: Soccer Challenge - thank you to all who helped out and to Susan Blair for co-chairing

10/12: Pumpkin Patch - thank you to everyone who helped the Scouts set-up the pumpkin patch and to all who took shifts during the sale

10/14-23: ACS Citizenship Essay Contest - thank you to Lyn Becker for co-chairing, and for all who helped read and score the great essays submitted by our ACS students

10/17: Power Rosary and Meeting - thank you to all of you who joined in praying the rosary and attended our meeting. Thank you to Lyn Becker for leading the meeting.

10/25: Annual SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat - thank you to Karen Mitchell for continuing to co-chair this annual event honoring SK Chuck and blessing so many families with all of your hard work. I've heard wonderful things about the event, and below are some pictures to remember it by — and many more pictures in this newsletter. Thank you to Lyn Becker for the pictures. Some are here and elsewhere in this newsletter — to see all of Lyn's pictures — [click here](#).

In November our LA will be highlighting our Annual Thanksgiving Collection for Social Concerns. We will also be looking ahead to the Annual Bible on Parade and Christmas Party in December.

Have a blessed All Soul's Day and Thanksgiving! Our next meeting will be held on January 16.

Your Sister in Christ,

Becky Richard
President, Ladies Auxiliary





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This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I'm thankful to call each of you my brother Knight, and I give thanks to God for all he has helped us do in our community this year.

Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

Knights of Columbus is your capable partner in this pursuit. In addition to helping form members in faith, we also offer a variety of insurance products to help you protect your family financially.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could make a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.

With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.

WhatCareCosts gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus. Visit www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started. We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them.

Now is the time to prepare for your family's future needs. As your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you review your financial goals and ensure you have an extended care plan in place. Come talk to me to set up an appointment.

Thank you for your time, and I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus!

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Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you
for the goodness of our people
and for the spirit of justice
that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the
land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest,
for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord:

accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reflection: Thanksgiving is not only an American holiday, it is also celebrated as an optional liturgical memorial within the Catholic Church in the United States. Similar Church celebrations take place in many countries at different times according to local history and customs. Thanksgiving Day in the United States takes its roots from a feast of thanksgiving for the harvest that the English Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe shared at Plymouth in 1621. The governor appointed a day for public praise and prayer after the first harvest; legend holds that about ninety members of the Wampanoag tribe arrived unannounced and joined the fifty or so English settlers in a meal that lasted days and included provisions from both sides, such as fowl, fish, shellfish, stews, and vegetables. This first Thanksgiving led to a peace for more than fifty years.





Videos of the Month





Ascension Catholic School



A big congratulations to our winner of our teacher Halloween costume food drive contest, Ms. Connors or should we say Taylor Swift!!

Thank you all again for your generous donations and participation. We are so glad this was a success! We donated a total of 1,125 food





Soccer Challenge

The first major event planned with the school is the Soccer Challenge where the local completion was planned to be held at Ascension School on October 7 and 8. Hurricane Milton did cause some disruption in the schedule as there was only half a day of school on October 8 so we completed the Soccer Challenge for the two 8th grade classes on October 15. We scored over 300 children in all PE classes held on Monday and Tuesday. We then compiled a list of First, Second and Third place students. We also have official entry forms circulating in the school for those students who placed so we have the best chance of fielding a student for the later competitions held at MCC. The event was held in the gym to avoid heat — and in this case very inclement weather. We ran the soccer challenge similar to how we ran the Free Throw Competition in January of this year.



As with the Free Throw, all volunteers needed to be fingerprinted and Safe Environment trained with the Diocese — and be entered in the school system. Chairs are WGK Jose Montes and SK Bob Richmond.

- Next step is notifying the parents of those who will be participating at the next level at MCC — District on November 2, Regional on November 16 and State on December 7.
- A big thank you for those who were able to take the time to score the students — it was a huge task to be there for every PE class on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you Carl Cioci, Dave AmRhein, Eddy Merlet, Mike Marzec, Randy Lascody, Wayne Hosburgh and Jose Rodriguez (not a Knight — yet — but a parent of Ascension students).

Council-Level Winners

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>
9-year-old Girls	1st	Valentina Sanchez
9-year-old Boys	1st	Pablo Guzman
10-year-old Girls	1st	Wavy Dutra
10-year-old Boys	1st	Hank Polinski
11-year-old Girls	1st	Liana Roemer
11-year-old Boys	1st	Emmanuel Montoya
12-year-old Girls	1st	McKenzie O'Connell
12-year-old Boys	1st	Isaac Diaz
13-year-old Boys	1st	Gio Vargas



Prayer Requests

Pray For Recently Deceased

Sir Knight Phil Gaeta

Pat Beall, sister of PGK/FN Bill Quinn,

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

Those suffering from the Terrorist Attack in Israel, the invasion of Ukraine and loss of life in other war-torn areas

All those suffering under the jack boots of oppression

All those in need of prayers for health issues

WRA SK Gerry Grillo

PGK/PFN Charlie Hunton

SK Doug Blair

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK Pat Martin

SK Earl Miller

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

James Richmond — Brother of SK Bob Richmond

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Anctil

Jonathan Amgott

Gavin Foreman

SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)





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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*)

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