



Bishop Verot Council 5845 Newsletter

December/January



Brothers,

Happy New Year! December and January were big months for us. Of course, our greatest effort was selling nearly 500 Christmas trees and making enough money to fund most of our charitable giving for the remainder of the fraternal year. Once again, thanks to all of you who bought the trees, built the lot (referred to by Fr. Matthew as “Sanford and Sons”), unloaded the truck, repaired the lot, sold the trees, and took everything down when it was all over. It was a magnificent effort, and I especially thank WPGK Jay Casey who lead the way.

We capped off 2023 with a great Christmas party in the Life Center Hall that many folks felt was our best yet. The delicious food from Green Turtle Market, the good wine, the elaborate decoration, the live entertainment on violin and piano, and the festive Christmas spirit made it special. Much credit goes to WDGK Tom Ghesquiere and Joan Crabtree who pulled it all together.

Now we race down the second half of the fraternal year with multiple KofC-sponsored competitions at HNJ school, monthly rosaries, coffee and donuts, FIT spaghetti dinners, retreat cookouts, Special Olympics, Laps for Life, new member exemplifications, fraternal benefits nights, a Mardi Gras dinner, three Lenten fish dinners, a sunrise Easter Mass, another Tootsie Roll Drive and more. Lots of opportunity ahead to pitch in and help our church, our families, and our community.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fischer, GK



Worthy Past Grand Knight Jay Casey accepted the 2023 Star Council Award from District Deputy Pat Farrelly at the December business meeting. This award is a testament to the hard work and servant's heart of every Knight who contributes to our council and to Jay's outstanding leadership as our Grand Knight for three straight years. Well done!

KofC Christmas Party









Congratulations to our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for December

SK Andrew Moore



Richard and Sue Saunders



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WPGK Jay Casey



Dr Bob and Michelle Krenzer

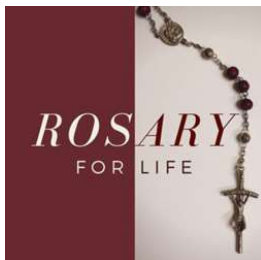


New Member Exemplification



At our ceremony on January 23rd, with our Worthy District Warden Ed Merlet (far left) in attendance as the Investing Officer, we welcomed two new brothers to our council: BK Michael McGlaughlin and BK Colin Kennedy. Both new brothers are great additions to our council, and this brings our new member total to 13 for the fraternal year. As always, our exemplification team of SK Dr Bob Krenzer, SK Lynn Mallak, SK Randy McClure, SK Jim Kiffer, Deacon Mike Nussear, and our Warden, BK Peter Gioia, did a great job.

Rosary and Novena For Life



In keeping with January's Pro-Life theme, we prayed our First Friday Rosary on January 5th as a Rosary for Life in partnership with our HNJ Pro-Life Ministry. Thanks go to SK Thom Fair for putting that event together. In addition, many Knights prayed the Novena for Life sponsored by the USCCB from 16-24 January.

FIT Spaghetti Dinner

WPGK Dr. Bob Krenzer and company cooked another delicious spaghetti dinner for FIT students on January 17th at the FIT Chapel. If you want to cook and/or serve one of these dinners, our next one is scheduled for March 13th.

KofC Spelling Bee and Free Throw Competition



In December, we held the annual KofC Spelling Bee at HNJ School. Winners advanced to the regional competition in Kissimmee on January 20th where Claudia Carney took 3rd place in the 5th-6th grade division. We also ran the KofC Free Throw Competition at HNJ on January 9th. Our winners move on to regional competition at Melbourne Central Catholic on February 10th. Thanks to SK Steve Ewing, our Community Director, and Michi Davis for making our youth events successful.



As they do every month, our Bishop Verot Brothers served lunch to those in need at Daily Bread in Melbourne.

Upcoming Council Events

Feb	2	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary	Chapel
	3	10:00 am	State Spelling Bee	#6624 Kissimmee
	6	8am-2pm	Holy Name Science Fair Judging	School
	6	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	10	9:00 am	District Free Throw Competition	MCC Gym
	13	6:00 pm	Mardi Gras Dinner	Hall
	15	All day	HNJ Hockey Challenge	HNJ School
	18	7:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	Comm Rm
	20	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	22	6:30 pm	Live 4 More Men's Night	Cafeteria
	24	9:00 am	Regional Free Throw Competition	MCC Gym
	27	7:00 pm	Exemplification	Church / Comm Rm

Mar	1	5:00 pm	Fish Dinner #1	Hall
	2	11:00 am	Men's Christ Renews Retreat – Lunch BBQ	Pavilion
	2	9:00 am	Brevard Laps for Life	MCC
	5	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	8	5:00 pm	Fish Dinner #2	Hall
	9	10:00 am	State Free Throw Competition	MCC Gym
	13	6:00 pm	FIT Spaghetti Dinner	FIT Chapel
	17	7:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	Comm Rm
	19	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	22	5:00 pm	Fish Dinner #3	Hall
	26	7:00 pm	Exemplification	Church

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Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a joyous and Merry Christmas.

As start the new year afresh, we make resolutions. Let's plan now to look back at the end of 2024 and be able to say, "I kept those resolutions to improve myself, to improve my relationship with my family and friends, and my relationship with God!" An improved prayer life is the goal of many. I know I've made that resolution almost every year.

Some years I do better than others but here are few things I've found about making resolutions that helped me:

First, I don't want to make a resolution that is not possible to keep. I've got to be realistic. I can't go to an extreme. For example, to improve my prayer life, I can't go from praying for 15 minutes in the morning to reading a chapter of the Bible, attending daily Mass, reciting the rosary, and saying the Liturgy of the Hours each day. For me, that's too much of a jump. I'm going to follow that for a day or two and then something will get me off track. Myself, I need to take baby steps. Maybe start with saying the rosary each day. I've got to make my resolution achievable.

The same is true of all those other resolutions we make.

I can't go from being a couch potato to running six miles a day...but I could start by walking a mile each day as an achievable step in that direction.

I can't starve myself trying to lose weight...but I could cut out snacks between meals as a start. Again, an achievable step.

I might want to read more, so I can start by reading a chapter a day in a book.

You get the idea. The resolution has to be reasonable, achievable, and specific.

Now here is one resolution that is reasonable, achievable, and specific: Resolve to meet with me to update the information on your family's financial needs analysis. (Or maybe you need to complete a financial needs analysis.) Let's see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. As your field agent I'm charged to meet with each of my members each year. We can take a look at your goals and aspirations and make sure you're on track to keep your family appropriately protected.

I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus!

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