

# The Vessel



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***IN GOD WE TRUST***



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## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Brother Knights and Ladies,

June is the end of the Council fiscal year, and we start July with a new set of officers (at least some of us are new!) and the task of planning the next 12 months. The Council Planning Team, consisting of the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Trustees and Youth Director all met at Joe Clark's house on June 25<sup>th</sup> to begin the planning process. We went through the prior year's budget, comparing planned expenditures to what was actually spent, decided what activities we wanted to schedule again, what charities we wanted to support and used those decisions to create the tentative budget for 2022-2023. A few highlights:

- We will keep our donations pretty much the same as this past year. We make significant donations to almost 20 different charities, most of which are local to the Orlando Area. We did drop one – Ronald McDonald House – not because it is not a worthy charity, but rather because they have not allowed us to bring in a meal once a quarter for the families staying there. If they begin to allow this activity again, we will reinstate them.
- We plan to keep several of the Service Activities we performed last year, including Monthly Coffee & Donuts, set up/dismantling of the Christmas Nativity Scene, assisting with decorating the Church as called upon to do so, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Large Service events we plan to tackle include assisting with (not leading) the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner, and partnering with Women's Council for the Parish 50-50 Raffle as we did last year. We also plan to bring back at least one Spaghetti Dinner for the benefit of the School, and perhaps several Pancake Breakfasts. We also plan to hold a couple of Parish Men's Dinners this year. All the Youth events will be held in partnership with the School and Parish, as they were this past year.

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**Mandatory for Officers and Program Directors**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

7 PM in person or Zoom virtual Meeting

#### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

7 PM in person or Zoom virtual Meeting

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## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

JUNE

*Chaplain & Pastor, Fr. Carlos  
Caban*

**GOD BLESS YOU,**

Our Knight of the Month for June is our very own Chaplain & Pastor, Fr. Carlos Caban! We have had the privilege of having a totally supportive Pastor for all of this past year. The primary purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to support their Parish Priests, but sometimes it feels like Fr. Carlos supports us at least as much! Whenever he asks the Council for help he makes sure to recognize us publicly for our efforts, both during the Mass Announcements and in the Parish Bulletin. He also comes to as many of our meetings and outings as his busy schedule allows. This past year he has attended our Officer Installation, our Christmas Party, the Putt-putt Golf Outing, and the Family Picnic. In June he battled COVID and had to make plans for Fr. Raul's departure, but he still made time to attend the Annual Awards Dinner!

May the Lord Bless you,  
and Thank You for everything you do for  
our Church and our Council  
Mark Bassett  
Grand Knight



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

JUNE

*All of the families in Council 5958*

**GOD BLESS YOU,**

Following in the footsteps of my predecessor, I want to acknowledge all the families in Council 5958 as the Family of the Month for June. Our spouses, offspring and even some parents (we do have a few still around!) all contribute in one way or another to the success of this Council. Some help plan and staff some of our events. Some help spread the word when we need help or are holding an event that the Parish is invited to. But – most significantly – they give up family time with their Knight so that he can participate in the Council. Without that kind of support, many of us would not be able to dedicate the time and treasure we do for the benefit of the Council. To our families we can only say: Thank-you!

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and Thank You for everything you do for  
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Mark Bassett  
Grand Knight

## MEMBERSHIP DUES 2021- 2022

Membership Dues of \$30.00 are now payable for the Fraternal Year rather than the calendar year. Dues are due **July 1, 2022**.

**Please check the expiration date on your current Membership Card. If expired, please send in your dues payment.**

Checks should be made payable to **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5958**. Payment may be made at any meeting or may be mailed to the Financial Secretary at the following address:

Eric Rodriguez FS-5958  
12777 Gettysburg Cir  
Orlando, FL 32837-5014

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We also are celebrating our Brothers with Birthdays in June. Congratulations to our Brother Knights making it through another year!! Remember, AGE is the reward you get for living this long! The Knights of Columbus and our Council pray to our Lord for your continued longevity.

(01) William McMillion	(27) Jim Valentine
(22) Bruce Hicks	(31) Luis Flores
(27) Yogi Mueller	

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**PGK Dennis & Sue Arena will be celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July.**

If you would like your anniversary listed in the Vessel send an email to [Vessel5958@gmail.com](mailto:Vessel5958@gmail.com)



## Saint of the Month:

### BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

Bridget was the daughter of a wealthy governor who used his riches generously. He donated money for good causes and helped the poor. He worked for the just and fair treatment of all the people. Bridget, who was born in 1303, learned these lessons early in her life.

Bridget married into the Swedish royal family and lovingly raised eight children, one of whom came to be known as St. Catherine of Sweden. Bridget and her husband followed her father's example of caring for people in need. It is said that she even arranged for a hospital to be built on their estate. The hospital was open to all.

When her husband died, Bridget gave away all her possessions. She founded a double monastery for men and women who lived apart, but worshipped together. The religious order was known as the Order of the Most Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines.

When Bridget learned of an epidemic in Rome, she made a pilgrimage there to assist the sick and dying. While in Rome, she spoke out against the injustices she saw and worked to change situations that kept all people from living a good life. Her words and actions influenced government and Church officials, even the pope!

Bridget made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the places where Jesus taught, died, and rose from the dead. During her pilgrimage Bridget experienced Christ's presence in prayer visions.

Bridget died after she returned to Rome, but her body was eventually returned to her land and the people she loved and cared for. Her coffin was carried reverently through Europe to Sweden, and she is buried at the monastery she founded.

Because of her holiness, Bridget was declared a saint only 18 years after her death in 1373. She is the patron saint of Sweden. In 1999, Pope John Paul II honored her once more: St. Bridget was named co-patron saint of all of Europe along with St. Catherine of Siena and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, who was known as Edith Stein in life.

We honor St. Bridget, also known as St. Birgitta, on July 23 each year. We can pray to Bridget, asking her to help us to love and care for our neighbor as she did.

***In Memory of Mary Gale Merkes***

## WAYNE TURPIN MEMORIAL CLUB AWARDS

### November

1st Award – 188 Tom Wilhelm

2nd Award – 223 Brian Fitzgerald

3rd Award – 101 Janet Valentine

## COUNCIL 5958 SATURDAY DINE-OUT

\*\*\*\*\*6:30 PM\*\*\*\*\*

On the second Saturday of each month, we invite all Brother Knights and their Ladies & Friends to join us for dinner.

The July Dining Out will be held on July 9 at Longhorn's Steak House, 12901 Orange Blossom Tr, Orlando, FL 32837. Reservations will be made for 6:30 PM.

**PLEASE RSVP with Alan Schlagter at 321-276-0757 before EOD July 7 so that he has an accurate count for the reservation.**

## Years of Service

We are celebrating Our Brothers and their years of Service to the Order. This month we are celebrating our Brothers who joined in a previous July.

***Congratulations*** to our Brother Knights for their years of Service & Commitment to our Order. The Knights of Columbus and our Council say **Thank You** and we pray to our Lord for many more years of Service to our Parish, Community and Council.

### Brother Knight Years of Service

Name	July Anniversaries	
	1st Degree Date	Years of Service
Patrick P Gonzales	07-25-1990	32
Walter A Rickus Jr	07-10-1996	26
Paul A Gutweniger	07-09-2015	7
Victor J Salcedo	07-09-2015	7

## **June in Review**

June is the end of the year for us as a Council. That didn't keep us from being plenty active!

### **National Special Olympics Games      June 5-12**

Special Olympics held their National Games here in Orlando, Florida, **June 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>**. At least 4 members of Council 5958 volunteered multiple days as staff at the games. Many thanks to those who committed their time to insuring a safe and smooth Special Olympics experience for so many.

### **Annual Awards Dinner – June 11**

The Council 5958 Annual Awards Dinner was held on Saturday, June 11 at Dixie Belle Café. The bar opened at 6:00 pm. We had 44 attendees and I didn't see anybody who looked bored or sleepy throughout the night. Lots of Awards were given out, including several new Awards such as Ironman and Faithful Shepard. The big awards were:

Knight of the Year – Alan Schlagter  
Family of the Year – Joe and Vicky Clark  
Rookie of the Year – Leonardo Silva  
Indispensable Wife Award – my very own Marty Bassett  
Christmas Cheer Award – Vanessa Rodriguez

### **June 17 - Fr. Raul Concert & Send-off**

Fr. Raul Caga was been recalled to his religious order in the Philippines. His departure date from the Parish was June 20. As a going away gift to the Parish, Fr. Raul held a Concert on June 17, with all proceeds going for repairs to the Church. The Knights purchased 100 Tickets and a Gold Sponsorship for the Concert. We also volunteered to supply the Cake and Cookies for Fr. Raul's Farewell Receptions, held after every Mass on his last weekend – June 18/19.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Addition of Rosary to Monthly Membership (General) Meeting** - During the February Membership Meeting, the Council 5958 decided to hold a Rosary service before every monthly Membership meeting. We have now recited the Rosary before the 4 months of Meetings, with very limited attendance. We invite all the Knights to attend the General Meeting and to start it with a Rosary beforehand.

### **1H22 Financial Audit**

In the month of July we are required to audit our books covering the first 6 months of 2022. The Audit is prepared by the Financial Secretary, conducted by the Council Trustees, and attended by the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight. Time and Date TBD.

## **Grand Knights Message – Cont.**

- Fundraising Activities will look a lot like 2021-2022. Laps for Life, Bowl Game Party Staffing with Port-a-Pit BBQ, Tootsie Roll Drive, Wayne Turpin Memorial Fund, and the Golf Tournament are all on the schedule. We will be adding two events where we “Adopt-a-Precinct” for the Primary and General Elections in August and November, respectively. The previously mentioned Spaghetti Dinner and Pancake Breakfasts will also be fund raisers for specific causes.
- Last year we did our best to resurrect Social Outings for the Council – with a great deal of success. Putt-Putt Golf, the Family Picnic and a Night with the Knights Basketball game were post-COVID activities, and we held both our Christmas Party and Annual Awards Banquet. Next year we hope to do even more social gatherings – perhaps ‘A Knight at the Races’ or some Solar Bear Games were suggested.
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As you can see we have a busy year planned, and that leads me to my Grand Knight Message.

**First – *Congratulations*** to all the Council for meeting the challenge I made to you 12 months ago: we DID re-activate so many aspects of the Council that had been shut down due to COVID restrictions.

**Second** – The plans for next year are even more ambitious, and they cannot happen without the participation of the vast majority of our members.

This past year many of our Council members came to at least one of our activities – a service project, a social event, a fundraiser, etc. Many came to more than one. I hope and pray that each of you will continue to come out for this year’s events! I had the privilege of meeting some Knights who I had never seen before, but knew their names. How wonderful to actually meet them!

That said, about 50% of our members came to nothing, for whatever reason. If you are one of those members, I ask that you commit this year to attend at least one Council event/activity. Better yet, commit to help out at one. We have 148 members. Some are disabled, some have moved out of town, but most are in the vicinity. You are all valued members of Council 5958, and we’d love to see you before NEXT June.

Vivat Gesu!!!  
Mark





Andrew J Rodriguez  
Photographer

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5958, ORLANDO, FLORIDA**  
**COUNCIL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**  
**JULY 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 BUSINESS (OFFICERS) MEETING – SJV SOCIAL HALL & ZOOM <b>7:00 PM</b>	8	9 DINE OUT LONGHORN'S STEAK OBT @ 6:30
10 COFFEE & DONUTS SOCIAL HALL AFTER 7,9 & 11 AM MASSES	11 4 <sup>TH</sup> DEGREE MTG AT COUNCIL 2112 & 2279 8 PM	12	13 4 <sup>TH</sup> DEGREE MTG AT COUNCIL 2112 & 2279 8 PM	14 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – SOCIAL HALL & ZOOM <b>7:00 PM</b>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



**SICK AND VISITATION**

The following Brother Knights and family members of Council 5958 who are sick or in distress and need our help and prayers:

Rodger Vincent  
 Ursula Sauro  
 Stephen Zink  
 Troy Cook  
 Hector Lugo  
 Joe Liktenhus  
 Terance McGovern  
 Marie Ann Chenette  
 Carlos Rodriguez Jr  
 Yvette Moglia  
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 David Vogelpohl  
 Dennis Arena  
 Charlie Wilmeth  
 Marilyn Rodenski  
 Kevin Rodenski  
 Bob Valentine  
 Janice Wilhelm  
 The DiMauro Family

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

July 7 – Business (Officer's) meeting – 7:00 pm Social Hall & Zoom  
 July 9 – Dine-Out – starting at 6:30 pm – Longhorn's Steak on OBT  
 July 10 - Coffee & Donuts after 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses  
 July 14 - Membership (General) Meeting – 6:30 PM  
 Rosary in Chapel, 7:00 PM Social Hall & Zoom  
 July TBD – 1H22 Audit  
 August 4 – Business (Officer's) meeting – 7:00 pm Social Hall & Zoom  
 August 11 - Membership (General) Meeting – 6:30 PM  
 Rosary in Chapel, 7:00 PM Social Hall & Zoom  
 August 13 –Dine-Out – starting at 6:30 pm – Olive Garden on Sand Lake near Florida Mall  
 August 14 - Coffee & Donuts after 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses

**If you know of a Brother Knight, or a member of his immediate family, who is sick, hospitalized, in distress, or who died, please notify GK MARK BASSETT 407-851-5592 without delay. Please give me a name of the hospital, address, and room number of the person you want me to visit.**