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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights and Ladies,

This is my last message to you all as Grand Knight. The next Vessel will be written by your new Grand Knight, Ray Standard, and I am sure he will do a better job than I have. I tried not to set too high a bar for my successor, and I think I have achieved that – in spades!

It has been my great honor to have served you all the last two years. I do believe that the main goal I set – to bring the Council back to its pre-COVID level of service – has been accomplished. Not by me, but by you. We'll talk about it more at the Annual Awards Dinner, but by my reckoning I think we have brought back all the activities we did pre-COVID, and added several more. We now underwrite the cost of maintenance of the Golf Carts for the Parish, and implemented Parish events such as the Men's Dinners and the Chili Cook-off (Thanks to Jim V!). More Knights participated in events than we've had in years – not just the regulars but also Knights we haven't seen in while due to the pandemic and other responsibilities. To all of you I want to express my gratitude and admiration. Every time I leave to go to a meeting or event, my wife (your outgoing Grand Lady) says to me: "Have fun – you'll never find a better set of ..."

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CHAPLIAN'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights and Ladies,

We have returned to the largest liturgical season Ordinary time. Even though the word Ordinary seems to connote simple or not special this season is far from it. It is a period of growth and reflection, providing a space for us the faithful to deepen our understanding and practice of the Christian faith. During Ordinary Time, the Church focuses on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, emphasizing his ministry, miracles, parables, and the formation of his disciples. It is a time for believers to contemplate the implications of Christ's message and its relevance to their daily lives. While Ordinary Time lacks specific feasts or solemnities, it is not a period of spiritual emptiness. Instead, it offers an opportunity for individuals and communities to nurture their spiritual lives and cultivate a deeper relationship with God. It encourages us to live out our faith in ordinary circumstances and to seek holiness in our everyday activities.

Let us then take this opportunity to enter the ordinary life of Jesus. That we may grow day by day into his image, being Christ to others.

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."
Lk 12:34

Fr. Francisco J. Ojeda

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KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

APRIL/MAY

Jim Pellechia / Jim Valentine

GOD BLESS YOU,

In order to prove that only the Pope is infallible, last month your Grand Knight made a major boo-boo. In the Vessel, I profiled brother Jim Valentine as the Knight of the Month. I then filled out a Certificate for Jim Pellechia... Both "Jim's" were on my list for Knight of the Month, but Jim P was for April, and Jim V was for May! So, to both of them: please forgive me.

APRIL: Knight of the Month: Jim Pellechia was selected as Knight of the Month for all the little (and bigger) things he does for the Council. Jim joined the Council this past year after attending a Men's Dinner we sponsored. He had just lost his wife and that Men's Dinner was the first outing he had undertaken. He enjoyed our event and decided that he would like to transfer in. Very much a gain for Council 5958! Jim is now an Officer (one of our Guards), assists in setting up for meetings and in 50-50 ticket sales at every meeting and event, and was at the Golf Tournament at 0-dark-30 to check people in and help wherever he could. Jim is a great addition to the St. Joseph Council!

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

MAY

The Gallaghers

GOD BLESS YOU,

Sometimes it is easy to name the Family of the Month, and sometimes it is hard. This month it was easy. One of the criteria I apply to the selection is that the entire immediate family must be a model of faithfulness. One family that has always been a role model of the Catholic faith is the Gallagher's. Brother John is currently our Advocate and also one of the voices in the Choir at Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass. Since he's in the choir, his wife Dianne and two daughters sit together halfway back, near the choir, faithfully every Sunday. Both girls have continued their Catholic education at Bishop Moore High School. John has also been active in Right to Life issues, acting as our liaison to developments in that area. He delivered the Lecturer's address at the May meeting providing details on the Florida Legislature's bills. The Gallagher's clearly meet the criteria for Family of the Month for May!

May the Lord Bless you,
and Thank You for everything you do for
our Church and our Council
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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all of our Brother Knights who were born during the month of **June** (Day indicated)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Robert Valentine | (22) Ron Schroeder |
| (3) Dr. Rick Houle | (23) Craig Turner |
| (4) Scott Lloyd | (26) Dan Boyle |
| (5) Jonathan Corporan | (27) Roger Vincent |
| (7) Tom Poutier | (28) Raul Marin |
| (15) Paul Gutweniger | (30) Victor Salcedo |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roger & Anita Vincent will celebrate their 72nd Wedding Anniversary on June 30th.

PGK Joe & Vicky Clark will celebrate their 42nd Wedding Anniversary on June 27th.

GK Mark & Marty Bassett who will celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary on June 20th



Saint of the Month:

ANTHONY OF PADUA

Anthony of Padua felt that God called him to try many new and different things. As he felt the tug of God's love, he gave up one job to work at another. He did this over and over.

Anthony was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195 to a wealthy and noble family. His father chose to serve God as a soldier, but Anthony chose something different. When he was 15, he became an Augustinian Canon. He spent the next eleven years praying and studying the Bible.

Then, in 1221, when Anthony was 26, God called him to something new. That year, Anthony saw the bodies of the first martyred Franciscans. He, too, wanted to die for his faith by preaching to the Moors in Africa. So he joined the Franciscans. But when he went to Morocco to preach, he fell ill and had to return home. ^{SEP}His ship was swept off course and he landed in Sicily. For a time he lived as a hermit, praying and studying in solitude.

One day, a Franciscan superior asked Anthony to preach a sermon without any preparation. His words amazed people. Now God was calling Anthony to something new again. He was to become a great preacher throughout Italy and at his home church in Padua.

There are legends that reflect how great a speaker he was. One says that when he preached on a beach in Italy, the fish stuck their heads out of the ocean to hear him!

In 1231, when he was 36, Anthony died. Within a year, the Church declared him a saint because of the many miracles that he had performed in his life. People remembered his sermons. Many had lost God, and he helped them find God again. So still today, many people ask Anthony to help them find things they have lost, so he is the patron of lost items. In 1946, Pope Pius XII declared Saint Anthony of Padua a Doctor of the Church.

In Memory of Mary Gale Merkes

WAYNE TURPIN MEMORIAL CLUB AWARDS MARCH

1st Award – 121-Dave Haddock

2nd Award – 180-Luca Ruocco

3rd Award – 167-Mark Bassett

COUNCIL 5958 SATURDAY DINE-OUT

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

June Dine-out has been cancelled and replaced by the Annual Awards Dinner!

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 JUNE.

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 May Anniversaries

Name	1 st Degree Date	Years of Service
Sal Aprile	06-02-1998	25
Hector F Lugo	06-23-2007	16
Peter J Savickas	06-11-2008	15
Elias De Jesus	06-09-2018	5
Luis O Justiniano	06-16-2020	3
Mario Rivera	06-24-2021	2

May in Review

May might have seemed tame after April, but we still managed to get in a number of events, not the least of which was our very first Chili Cook-off!

Coffee & Donuts: Coffee and Donuts was moved up a couple of weeks to May 7, due to labor disputes (actually a couple of the regular crew couldn't make it on the 21st, plus that was Corporate Communion Sunday!). As usual the team did a great job and numerous parishioners were seen licking their fingers as they left the Social Hall.

Chili Cook-off: Led by worthy Jim Valentine, the Knights sponsored the first Parish Chili Cook-off ever (or, at least to my knowledge) on Friday, May 12th. I'm guessing it was the first because we all spent time explaining what a Chili Cook-off was to many of the parishioners. Over 60 people attended and there were 11 pots of chili entered into the competition. Fr. Francisco and Jen Williamson won the best Chili competition, and a good time was had by all! Special thanks to Pescadores de Hombres for supplying the kids food (mac&cheese & Chicken Nuggets) and the Women's Council for serving the desserts!



Dine-Out: the May Council 5958 Dine-out switched things up a little and was held on a different Saturday (May 20) and at a different place (Red Lobster). That resulted in a little smaller crowd than normal but the food was scrumptious! Kudos to organizer Alan Schlagter for thinking out of the box and for all his work taking reservations. Great job Alan!

SJV Parish Altar Servers of the Year: On May 21, while bunches of Knights were at the Corporate Communion Mass, we presented the Altar Server of Year Awards. One boy and one girl, who role model the best in Devotion to Church, are selected to receive this Award. For 2022-2023 the winners were:

- Alexander Cameron, a 10th grader (headed for his Junior year) at Bishop Moore High School
- Juliana Cremata – who just graduated from SJVS and will be going to Bishop Moore next year

Both have served since the 4th Grade, and both serve faithfully at least once a month. Congratulations to both, and enjoy your Target Gift card!

Corporate Communion: As alluded to above, we held our Quarterly Corporate Communion at the 11:00 AM Mass on May 21. It was well attended by Knights and their families and even a few of the Council's widows were able to join us. We all got to witness the presentation of the Altar Server of the Year Awards and Fr. Francisco gave us some great recognition and PR!

Upcoming Events

Addition of Rosary to Monthly Membership (General) Meeting – We will be saying the Rosary before the Membership (General) Meeting. We will meet in the Chapel at 6:30 PM on the 10th.

June Membership Meeting: This meeting will be held June 8th, starting at the normal time (7:00 PM) and in the Social Hall (Rosary beforehand starting in the Chapel at 6:30 PM). PLEASE plan to attend, as we will be voting on the slate of Officers approved in the May meeting. The current slate consists of:

Voted On Officers:

Slate of Officers 2023-2024

Grand Knight	Ray Standard
Deputy Grand Knight	Elias DeJesus
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2-yr Trustee	Luca Ruocco
3-yr Trustee	Tom Wilhelm
Recorder	Mark Perrault
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Advocate	John Gallagher
Warden	Alan Schlagter
Inside Guard	Mike Kulikowski
Outside Guard	Jim Pallachia

Annual Awards Dinner: The 2022-2023 Annual Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday, June 10th at Dixie Belle Café, 7125 S. Orange Ave. Festivities will begin at 6:30 PM with an open bar (beer & wine only).

We have selected a choice of 3 entrees, based on past rave reviews:

1. Fried Chicken
2. Meatloaf
3. Shepherds Pie

A dinner Salad is also available for anyone who doesn't like/can't eat the above choices.

In addition, the buffet line will have Corn, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy (brown & chicken), Biscuits (Regular, Sweet Potato and Corn Bread) and Tossed Salad. A dinner salad is also available

Dessert is currently planned to be cupcakes from Sam's!

WHAT WE NEED: *Time to make your reservations and choice of Entree.* Please email to me (mark-bassett@cfl.rr.com) or call me at 407-851-5592. I need to know:

1. Number of people (each Knight +1 are free. Additional Guests are \$15.00).
2. Choice of Entree for each person
3. Any other food needs you might have. If the above menu is inedible to you, please let me know and we will get you an alternative. Please don't let the above food choices stop you from coming!

I need this information as soon as you can, but no later than June 3rd!

Coffee & Donuts: will be held early this month, on Sunday, June 18th after the 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM Masses.

New Officer Installation: The installation of the New Officers (the ones we elect on June 8th) will take place on June 22nd in the Social Hall. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 PM. Please come and support your new officers – and enjoy the food spread Warden Alan Schlagter will have for us!

June Dine Out: June Dine-out has been cancelled and replaced by the Annual Awards Dinner!

Farewell to some long-standing Council members:

This month will also be the last month of membership for two of our most senior members – and I don't mean age – I mean longest lasting.

As we all know, Eric Rodriguez will be departing for the West Coast. No, not California, but rather Apollo Beach near Tampa. He and wife Vanessa have already sold their house and are in the process of moving into their new condo.

Jim Jetmore and wife Lisa have moved over closer to Blessed Trinity and he will be transferring to the BT Council at the end of June. Jim tells me that the Council needs people, and he is answering the call.

Both these Knights have served the Council in key positions for years – not the least of which is the office of Grand Knight. Please extend to each of them your thanks for their service and maybe memories of times spent together.

And IN with the new: Welcome to the newest member of Council 5958: Kevin Rickson! Kevin is a long-standing SJV Parish member, and (I hope) the first of our new generation of Knights. Kevin is actually one of my Boy Scouts from when I was Scoutmaster for Troop 76. He is currently a volunteer coach of the SJVS Boys' Basketball team, and he has agreed to take on the role of Family Director, the main focus of which is the Youth Director. WELCOME to Kevin!!

Grand Knights Message Continued:

men to go play with". She is so right. Every month I had to choose a Knight of the Month and Family of the Month, and the hard part was deciding between numerous worthy candidates.

My message to you is: Thank-you! And please keep up the enthusiasm and faith and service and dedication. We will need it next year, and the year after that, and the year after that.

Vivat Gesu!!!

GK Mark

Knight(s) of the Month Continued:

MAY: As mentioned above, Jim Valentine is the Knight of the month for May.

The month of May marked the end of our Youth activities, and almost the end of our Knight of the Month's tenure as our Youth Director. Jim Valentine has led a very successful Youth program for the last two years, partnering with the SJV School to get participation. The biggest successes involved working with the school Athletic Director, JoAnn Morrison, to hold the Soccer and Basketball events. Each event was run during PE classes at the school, and as a result involved almost 200 students each. As noted earlier, Council 5958 had 4 State Champions this year – two in Spelling Bee, and two in Basketball Free Throw. Congratulations and Thank-you to Jim for a great program! Add to that the other things Jim does for the Council, such as organizing the Men's Dinners, the recent Chili Cook-off, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Altar Server of the Year and you can see why he is our Knight of the Month for May.

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



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JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 BUSINESS (OFFICERS) MEETING SOCIAL HALL & ZOOM 7:00 PM	2	3
4	5 4 TH DEGREE MTG AT COUNCIL 2112 & 2279 8 PM	6	7	8 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – SOCIAL HALL & ZOOM 7:00 PM ROSARY IN CHAPEL 6:30	9	10 AWARDS DINNER 6:30 AT DIXIE BELL ON ORANGE AVE
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 COFFEE & DONUTS SOCIAL HALL AFTER 7,9 & 11 AM MASSES	19	20	21	22 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 7:00 PM SOCIAL HALL	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:

Ursula Sauro
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Kevin Rodenski
Bob Valentine
The DiMauro Family
Maria Toro
Paul Merkes
Sergio Moreno
Fr, Michal Muhr
Shirley Perrault

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 1 – Business (Officer's) meeting –
7:00 pm Social Hall
- June 8 – Membership Meeting– 7:00 PM Social
Hall/Zoom (6:30 PM Rosary in Chapel)
- Elections for New Officers
- June 10 – Awards Dinner 6:30 PM at Dixie Belle on
Orange Ave
- June 18 – Coffee and Donuts Happy Father's Day
- June 22 - Installation of New Officers
- July 6 - Business (Officer's) meeting – 7:00 pm Social
Hall & Zoom
- July 8 – Dine-Out – starting at 6:30 pm – Longhorns on
OBT 6:30 PM

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.