



Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Last month, I reflected on the core values of the Knights of Columbus serving as a bulwark against the negativism that permeates segments of our media today. In that vein, I was pleased to find similar thoughts from Jim McCann, CEO of 1-800-flowers.com, in his Celebrations Pulse newsletter. A brief excerpt of his treatise reads:

While political disagreements have always been a part of American life, recent years have seen those differences spiral into hostility that's straining our communities, friendships, and even families.

The situation is exacerbated by negative political ads, news outlets, and social media platforms that prioritize sound bites and outrage over thoughtful conversation and facts.

And the divides are only widened by the modern ways we interact and communicate with each other.

Although it may be tempting to tune out of civic life, disengagement isn't the answer. Our country's proud tradition of open and spirited debate is a cornerstone of democracy. And sticking our heads in the sand is just as dangerous as open hostility.

The solution lies in what we can control: our own actions and attitudes. Each of us has a unique power – the ability to connect with others and foster meaningful, deep relationships. I know you may seem skittish to do so in today's political climate, but if we use our power, we can begin to heal our country's divisions.

If you are interested in reading the entire article, it's at
<https://www.1800flowers.com/articles/jims-corner/relationships-civic-discourse>.

I rejoice in our brotherhood of Knights, a group of men that know how to lead by example! In doing so, I believe we're doing our part to help heal society's divisions, one relationship at a time.

Peter Blaise



Join Your Brother Knights

for

Hockey in Pensacola

4:05 p.m., Sunday, January 19, 2025

Tickets are \$20

Cash or Check to Joe Purka

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

2025 – A Jubilee Year!

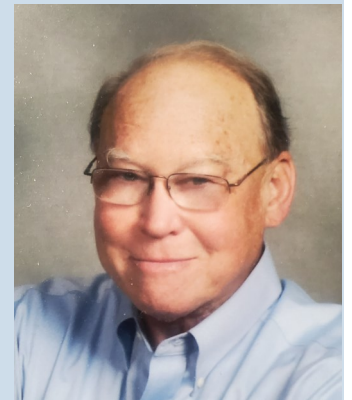
Last month I wrote about Pope Francis' declaration in May of a "Jubilee Year". In the Catholic tradition it is a year of forgiveness of sins, for obtaining a plenary indulgence for temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven (i.e. time in Purgatory), and for serving God through service to our brothers and sisters. It begins on December 24, 2024 with the opening of the Sacred Door of St. Peter's at the Vatican. It will end January 6, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany.

Finding its origin in the Mosaic Law (Leviticus 25), it was reduced from 50 to 25 years by Pope Paul II in 1470. The theme for this Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope," noting that the heart of our faith and basis of our hope is the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A Plenary Indulgence can be obtained in several ways.

- By Pilgrimage to a Major Papal Basilica in Rome, the Holy Land, or other designated ecclesiastical sites;
- Praying for the Pope's intentions;
- Receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist within 15 days before or after visiting a Cathedral;
- Engaging in acts of penance, such as fasting or practicing abstinence;
- Donating to the poor or supporting religious and charitable works;
- Performing works of mercy (e.g. visiting the sick or prisoners, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, welcoming migrants).

More information can be obtained at the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org).



KNIGHTS GO THE EXTRA MILE FOR HABITAT



On Saturday, Sept. 21st, Knights from Council 13527 answered a call from Habitat for Humanity of Okaloosa County to put up plywood to make the exterior walls of a house being built in Crestview. This was in addition to the Council's commitment on Sept. 7th.

The Knights helped keep the house on schedule so that roof trusses could be installed the following week. Habitat for Humanity was appreciative of the help provided by the Knights of Columbus and the Knights were happy to help a family get closer to living in their new home.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 20	Baby Bottle Drive
Oct. 25	Bingo at HNJ (Alpha Team)
Oct. 26	Patriotic Rosary in Pensacola for Right to Life, 9:00 a.m.
Nov. 2	Pasta Dinner at HNJ (Team from 13527)
Nov. 3	Parish Picnic
Nov. 5	Election Day (Remember to Vote)
Nov. 7	Council Meeting , 7:00 p.m., (dinner & social at 6:15)
Nov. 10	Pancake Breakfast
Nov. 13	Necrology Mass at COR 6:00 p.m., dinner to follow
Nov.21	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ 7:00 p.m., (dinner & social at 6:15)
Nov. 22	Bingo at HNJ (Bravo Team)
Nov. 28	THANKSGIVING DAY
Dec. 8	Council Christmas Party at COR 5:30 –9:00 p.m.

September Family of the Month

Joe & Dee Purka



A Life Member with 36 years of service to date, this Knight has served as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, and District Deputy. He also served as the Florida State Council's Public Relations Director. He headed up our Council's American Wheelchair Mission efforts, raising nearly \$14,000. He is a regular caller for Bingo and currently serves as our Public Relations Director and Fraternal Activities Director. He helps build esprit de corps by arranging trips to Blue Wahoos baseball and Pensacola Ice Flyers hockey games, as well as coordinates meal activities before our Council meetings. He serves as an Usher for 1030 a.m. Sunday Mass and on the Parish Gala Planning Committee. During the Gala, he emceed the event and coordinated the silent auction which raised more than \$15,000 for the parish building fund. Additionally, he serves as director of the Emerald Coast Public Relations Foundation awarding scholarships to local area high school students. He also serves on the board of the Northwest Florida Symphony Guild where he

served as President for seven years. Dee supports a variety of Knight of Columbus programs and bake sales. She also serves on the Gala committee and as a greeter at the 10:30 a.m. Masses. She volunteers at Niceville Catholic Outreach and was recently Vice President of the Council of Catholic Women, also serving on their scholarship committee. For their outstanding service, we are pleased to recognize Sir Knight Joe and Dee Purka as our September 2024 Family of the Month.

September Knight of the Month

Scott Bauer

Our September Knight of the Month is a person who likes to keep busy helping others. He helps our Friday night Bingo fund-raiser by serving in the kitchen. He's also helped make facility improvements around the Christ Our Redeemer church, such as repairing fencing and repairing a sidewalk. When Ms. Brenda Every requested help to do some yard work around her home, this Knight eagerly joined in and provided some of the 30 man-hours worth of work to the cause. Due to the team's great work, she later expressed her appreciation to our Council by presenting us with a \$1,000 donation. This Knight also serves as the vice chair of Christ Our Redeemer's Pastoral Council and is going into his third year. He also serves as an Usher for the 07:30 a.m. Mass. Additionally, he likes to help on Habitat for Humanity projects. This Knight volunteered to replace our Deputy Grand Knight when he leaves the area, and he is currently learning the ropes, focusing on activities like Oktoberfest and the sponsorship program. For the many talents he presents, we are pleased to recognize Brother Scott Bauer as our September 2024 Knight of the Month.

Council Receives Columbian Award



District Deputy Travis Robinson, presents the Columbian Award to Past Grand Knight Steve Wolfrom at the Council's September meeting. The Council was awarded the Columbian Award for earning at least four program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories: **Faith, Family, Community, and Life**. Looking on is the council's current Grand Knight, Peter Blaise.



2024 Bingo Schedule – COR Team

Show at **HNJ** at 5pm. **Setup shows at 3pm**

Team A Steve Wolfrom

850-333-7229

Team B Stuart Lewis

865-661-3602

March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec
8	12	10	7	5	2	30	27	25	22	27

Bingo is one of the best fundraisers that supports our many of our charitable programs and scholarships. We always need volunteers as callers, floor workers or kitchen workers. If you can spare a few hours on a Friday evening **once every eight weeks**, contact Steve or Stuart.

Supreme Knight Recognizes the Starr's 65th Anniversary

Grand Knight, Peter Blaise, presents Jack and Grace Starr with a Proclamation from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in recognition of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. The presentation was made at the Sept. 27th Bingo at Holy Name of Jesus. Jack is a regular floor worker at bingo and Grace is a regular player. Congratulations Jack and Grace!



Council Team Plays in Destin Council's Golf Tournament



Four members of Council #13527 participated in the Destin Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament recently. The golf tournament is the Destin Council #11893 major annual fundraiser. Representing our Council were, from left, Lenny Smales, John Wohleber, Tom Means and Stuart Lewis. Our council team placed fifth in the tournament.

Vote No on Amendment 4

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion. These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.