

# KNIGHT VISION



*Star Council 2024-2025*

**Council 13527 Newsletter**

**November 2025**

## Grand Knight's Report

We're entering the time of year often called the "season of giving," that time associated with the holidays—Thanksgiving through New Year's—when generosity, kindness, and community spirit are in greater focus. Giving is something we Knights know a thing or two about! Charity coupled with service is foundational to who we are and what we do throughout the year.

The charitable work accomplished by our council throughout the year has been notable! The fundraising success from our Oktoberfest, St. Patrick's Day, Baby Bottle Drive, and Keep Christ in Christmas campaigns has been essential to our support for organizations like the Twin Cities Pavilion Assisted Living Center, the Sunland Center for adults with developmental disabilities and the A Bed 4 Me foundation providing bedding kits to children.



Additionally, through Coats for Kids we provide winter coats to children in need. We also provide direct financial support to seminarians and the Archdiocese of Military Service, as well as the Niceville Catholic Outreach which provides assistance to local residents needing emergency help for food, rent, and/or utility payments.

Finally, the pancake breakfasts we frequently host for the parish, work to landscape church grounds, setting up and cooking for our annual parish picnic, and our work with Habitat for Humanity have also exemplified our commitment to community service. There's no doubt our council has been generous with its time, talent, and treasure. I'm immensely proud to be the Grand Knight of Council 13527, a council that doesn't falter in providing for those in need.

Vivat Jesus!

*Peter Blaise*

Grand Knight	Peter Blaise	Advocate	Dan Rooney	Trustee (3 Year)	Steve Wolfrom
Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson	Lecturer	Ken Rodriguez	Faith Director	Dcn Tom Dwyer
Deputy GK	Mic Wehmeyer	Warden	Jim Thennes	Vocation Dir.	Mark Haddorff
Chancellor	John Rafferty	Inside Guard	Greg Muntzner	Community Director	Kevin Knebl
Recorder	Ralph McDonald	Outside Guard	Eric Wehmeyer	Family Director	Ryan Wehmeyer
Financial Secretary	Lenny Smales	Trustee (1 Year)	Jim Yurack	Life Director	Dave Halupowski
Treasurer	John Wohleber	Trustee (2 Year)	Stuart Lewis	Public Relations	Joe Purka

# Council Christmas Party Set for December 7th

Sunday, December 7, 2025

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:15 Dinner

Dinner prepared by John Sallman,  
former Executive Chef at Beachwalk Café and Café Provence

Cost: Approx \$28 pp



## Menu

Plated Mixed Greens Salad

Beef Bourguignon

Grilled Mahi Mahi w/Cardinale Sauce

Smoked Gouda Cheese Grits

Roasted Potatoes

Spinach Souffle

*Bring cookies to share at the Cookie Table*

**R.S.V.P.** Tom Sanders at [tsandersniceville@gmail.com](mailto:tsandersniceville@gmail.com)

**NLT November 30th**



## Upcoming Events

Nov 14	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)
Nov 20	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ, 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m. )
Nov 27	THANKSGIVING
Dec 4	Council Meeting at 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m. )
Dec 6	Knights March in Niceville Christmas Parade
Dec 7	Council Christmas Party at COR approx. \$28 pp (Cocktails @ 5:30; Dinner @6:15)
Dec 8	Comfort & Joy Advent Concert (Mass at 5:30 p.m., Concert at 7 p.m.)
Dec 13	Sunland Christmas Party in Marianna
Dec 13-14	Knights Lead Rosary before all Masses
Dec 19	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)
Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS

# CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

**Deacon Tom Dwyer**

In the near future we will enter the Advent Season. Advent is from the Latin word for “coming”. That “coming” refers, of course, to Jesus the Son of God becoming human; annually remembered at Christmas.

In the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent we will hear how Jesus offered this warning to His listeners about the “End Times”: “Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

The *Intro* prayer for the first Advent weekday mass sums up what our focus should be: “Lord our God, help us to prepare for the coming of Christ your Son. May He find us waiting, eager in joyful prayer.” Laid out succinctly are our instructions: “prepare” and “prayer”.

“Prepare” in the context of our Catholic Christian tradition obviously means more than completing shopping for gifts and decorating the house! The reason Jesus became human was ultimately to sacrifice Himself on the Cross in reparation for Adam and Eve’s original sin, and to offer humanity a pathway for divine reconciliation with God. Consequently, we *prepare* by honestly reflecting on our own transgressions, and availing ourselves of the sacramental reconciliation offered by Christ’s Church. While the Church readily makes the sacrament of Reconciliation available, we know neither the day nor the hour of our own personal “End Time”.

“Staying awake” is not just for seeing Santa! We also need to “stay awake” to maintain a constant moral vigilance to avoid sin.



**Pensacola Ice Flyers vs. Macon Mayhem**

**4:05 p.m., Sunday Jan 18**

**For tickets, email [jwpurka@gmail.com](mailto:jwpurka@gmail.com)**

**or text 850.974.1491**

**Tickets are \$20**

**Cash or Check to Joe Purka**



## *October Knight of the Month*

*Chad Fuentes*

Our October Knight of the Month, regularly attends 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass with his family and regularly serves as an usher at that Mass. He participated with another Knight assisting an elderly community member with some needed landscaping work. They brought their own tools (i.e., rakes, shovels, gloves, etc.) to clear and dig holes, to include the removal of roots. This knight then helped plant the bushes in this member's garden, along with fertilizer and spread mulch to cover the area, as part of the beautification effort. The homeowner was grateful and donated approximately \$80 to the Knights. For these things and all else that he has done, we congratulate Brother Knight Chad Fuentes as the October 2025 Knight of the Month.



## ***Council Hosts Pancake Breakfast in the New Parish Hall***



The parish asked and the Council delivered. Although it was not originally planned, the council was quick to respond with 25 volunteers, setting up and serving a full pancake breakfast for well over one hundred parishioners. The first pancake breakfast in the new Faith Formation Hall resulted in a net profit of \$884 for the council.



## September Family of the Month

### Kevin, Denise and Drew Knebl



The Knebl family has served our order and community for many years and in many ways. Kevin is a charter member of Council 13527 and Assembly 3236, and was previously a member of HNJ Council 7667. he has served as the council's Community Director for the past 12 years., having previously served as Council Advocate. He has also been the lead for the Knights Scholarship program since 2013, lead the Soccer Challenge, and managed Oktoberfest and the St. Patrick's Day volunteer scheduling. Kevin has helped with Coats for Kids, Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Relief and Twin Cities Pavilion. Kevin regularly volunteers in support of Bingo, pasta dinners, and COR parish support activities.

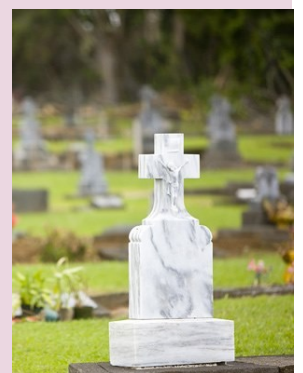
Denise has served as part of the kitchen staff for Bingo and for pasta dinners, since 2005, helped with the Oktoberfest and St. Patrick's Day serving lines and Raffle ticket sales. In addition, Denise is 3rd Sunday Banker/Counter, Bible Study participant, and former 10:30 Mass Lecturer.

Their son Drew has been a member of Council 13527 member since 2017, supported the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser, and previously served as an Usher and Altar Server. For these things and many more, we congratulate the Knebl family as the October 2025 Family of the Month.

#### **New Faith in Action Program:**

**Remembering Our Faithful Departed** calls upon councils to honor and pray for the deceased members of their council, families, and parish community. By commemorating the dearly departed, and asking for the intercession of the saints, Knights can help others overcome the grief that accompanies the death of a loved one, strengthen family bonds, promote the unique cultural and religious traditions of their parishes, and help the suffering souls in purgatory

Councils can implement the Remembering Our Faithful Departed program by creating "ofrendas" or altars in their churches or homes which serve as a call to prayer for the deceased. Other means of commemoration can include praying a memorial rosary, offering a Mass for the deceased, praying the 100 Requiem prayer and visiting cemeteries. Councils can also work with their parishes to organize a youth costume party honoring the Saints or clean and decorate gravestones and cemetery plots,





# *Knights Support Parish Picnic*



The Council was out in force on Sunday, November 9th supporting the Parish Picnic with cooking, serving and a youth soccer challenge

