



Grand Knight's Report



I recently completed a number of state reports, including nominations for Knight, Family and Altar Server of the Year. Thanks to our program directors and financial secretary for accurately tracking data from our programs so that most of my work was transferring information to online forms. I also appreciate that Bernie Busovne, deputy grand knight and program director, stayed on top of things and got the reports lined up by the deadline. This was a change from the past, and your new leadership can see if this delegation makes sense.

When filing reports, it was clear that every council probably had its own personality, and that becomes evident as we document our activities. Our council tends to extend its hand to the outside-of-church community through donations made possible by our fundraising. Our activities are not chosen to match up with designated programs on the state and Supreme forms.

We've chosen our own ways of being effective. If you feel there is program that would be a valuable tool in putting our Faith in Action, talk to leadership and let's see if we can help you make it happen.

And we're always looking for more Knights to join us in activities, whether it be a single event or a role as a coordinator. For example, our programs directors are willing to delegate events and programs under their umbrella. Please consider finding a role here you might pitch in and feel the satisfaction of putting your Faith in Action.

Steve Wolfrom

Proposed Council Officers 2024-25

The following Knights have been nominated to assume their elected positions on July 1, 2024. Elections will be conducted on June 6th.

Grand Knight	Peter Blaise
Deputy Grand Knight	Bernie Busovne
Chancellor	Dave Carter
Recorder	Ralph McDonald
Treasurer	John Wohleber
*Financial Secretary	Lenny Smales
Advocate	Dan Rooney
Warden	Jim Thennes
Inside Guard	Greg Muntzner
Outside Guard	Ryan Wehmeyer
1-Year Trustee	Jim Yurack
2-Year Trustee	Stuart Lewis
3-Year Trustee	Steve Wolfrom

- The Financial Secretary is an appointed position serving three-year terms.

Council 13527 Knight of the Year

Brother

Jim Thennes

Three words can describe this Knight -- service, humility and faith. His life is centered on service to others, whether they are widows, veterans or elderly, needy or indigent, as well as the Church, the Council and the Community.

Helping widows care for their home so that they can remain in them, rather than move to assisted living; spending hours visiting with the elderly and infirm in nursing homes, laying a new floor at a local nursing home; serving as a Eucharistic Minister, Usher and Acolyte at Mass; performing various construction, maintenance and repair on the church and rectory properties; an active participant in virtually any and all council activities, personally fixing the entryway and lighting at his local community -- these barely summarize this Knight's service activities.



He performs all these without hesitation and always with a smile. He shuns the spotlight and when he is thanked or praised for his work, carefully turns it around so that others receive the recognition, rather than himself. He has remained as Council Warden for several years, avoiding election to more visible or prominent positions because he prefers to serve without recognition. He doesn't hesitate to do what is needed. When working within a group, his first question is "What do you want me to do?" and whatever the task he devotes all his energy to perform it to the best of his ability.

This Knight lives his Catholic faith every day, all day, without hesitation. His service at Mass, his work on the church and rectory grounds, his visitations to the least among us clearly serve as an example of faith and service to all Knights and to all Catholic men. Yet, he reflects on his shortcomings and his belief that he could be doing more. Jim has built his life on his faith and spends almost all his waking hours in service to and helping others. When asked, he attributes all this to his favorite saying: "Jesus, I trust in you!"

Council 13527 Family of the Year

Brother Ralph & Beth McDonald

Our Council's Family of the Year is one of the most active families in service to the parish. Ralph is ushers at Mass, serves as Council Recorder and 4th Degree Sentinel and has been a regular floor worker for our bingo program. He has also taken the lead on each of our pancake breakfasts, purchasing supplies, scheduling workers and basically managing all aspects of the parish event. He recently pressure washed the sidewalks on the parish's campus. Ralph has also worked long hours, supporting our annual St. Patrick's Day event and the annual Oktoberfest at 3rd Planet Brewing.

Beth is a sacristan and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She coordinates the all-day Adorations on Tuesdays, leads the parish prayer line and was instrumental in conducting the All-Souls Day Remembrance Mass. She also organizes monthly lunches at the Twin Cities Pavilion, visits the sick, and baked for the CCW Oktoberfest fund-raiser.

Together, they supported the annual picnic and Christmas party for the residents of the Sunland Training Center, a residential facility in Marianna for the physically and mentally challenged adults.

The McDonalds set the gold standard for being both active and effective, readily taking the lead on many of their endeavors. They are quiet, organized and humble. They get the job done without fanfare, yet member of the parish readily recognize their good works and service. For these reasons, Council 13527 is proud to named Ralph and Beth McDonald as the 2024 Family of the Year.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

On the Feast of Divine Mercy (also known as the Second Sunday of Easter), our Council led the Rosary before each of the weekend Masses. The Knights proclaimed one of the Glorious Mysteries before leading each decade of the Rosary. While it is appropriate to reflect on each of those Mysteries when praying the Rosary, it is worth considering that the first three are liturgically celebrated over the 50-day Easter Season concluding with the feast of Pentecost (which is May 19th this year), the "Birthday" of the Church. Given that Easter is the most important feast in the Church's liturgical calendar, it only makes sense that the Church should celebrate a whole season in honor of Our Lord's Resurrection.

The Gospels for the first three Sundays of Easter recount Jesus' appearance to his disciples after His Resurrection. The following three Sundays (Four through Seven) offer us some of Jesus' most important teachings before He ascended 40 days after His resurrection (May 9th): Jesus as the Good Shepherd (4th); Jesus as the True Vine (5th); Loving one another (6th); His prayer for His apostles at the Last Supper (7th).

The Gospel on the Ascension offers St. Mark's version of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to His disciples along with His "Great Commission" for them to go out into the world to testify to what Jesus taught them.

So don't wind down your Easter celebrations yet. We've got four weeks of joy ahead of us.

Altar Server of the Year

Mia Schnurbusch, daughter of Jeremy and Kimberly Schnurbusch, has been selected as Council 13527 Spring 2024 Altar Server of the Year. The council has also submitted the 11-year-old for consideration as Altar Server of the Year in the 7- to 12-year-old category for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Mia is in the 6th grade at Ruckel Middle School where she participates in a variety of extracurricular activities. Mia is a member of both the Ruckel Girls Volleyball and Swim teams, plays trombone in the Ruckel Band and sings in the Chorus.

Mia serves on Ruckel's "Student-to-Student Council" orienting new transfer students to the school, which occurs frequently with several military bases in the area. Mia's father is an active-duty U.S. Air Force officer assigned to Eglin AFB. In addition to being an altar server of several years at Christ Our Redeemer, Mia is also a volunteer assistant for the parish's first grade religious education class.

With two dogs at home, Mia loves animals and has expressed a career desire to work with and train dolphins. Mia is a big sister and good example for her two younger sister siblings at home, ages 6 and 9. Mia's mother works as a nurse practitioner and has stated that "Mia carries a lot of responsibility and she carries it well." In both her church and school lives, Mia demonstrates personal initiative and service to other. She's an example of the young Christian woman that the COR community can be rightfully proud.



March Family of the Month Mic & Beth Wehmeyer

Mic Wehmeyer serves as our Family Director and spearheads the annual Baby Bottle Drive and Keep Christ in Christmas campaign. He also recently led classes to help seven Scouts earn their Pope Pius XII religious emblems. As a result of his significant contributions to the Scouting program, he was recently awarded the Silver Beaver Award.



One of his sons, Ryan, is an Eagle Scout and serves as our council's Outside Guard. Ryan is currently working on a Mechanical Engineering degree at the University of West Florida. His other son, Eric, is an altar server at the 1030 Mass and recently completed his Eagle Scout project. Eric also recently completed his application to become a Knight.

Our Knight's wife, Beth, and daughter, Tina, are also very active in Scouting. Beth serves as a Roundtable Commissioner and troop Advancements Chair. And Tina, an Eagle Scout, serves as Youth Roundtable Commissioner and Assistant Scoutmaster. For the focus this family has on serving our youth, we are pleased to name Sir Knight Mic and Beth Wehmeyer as our March Family of the Month.

March Knight of the Month

John Thomas

Brother John Thomas believes in service, service to our country and service to our council. Shortly after earning his 3rd Degree about a year ago, this Knight quickly got involved with council activities. He hunted down and purchased 950 bratwursts for our annual Oktoberfest fund-raiser, which helped us raise \$8,000. He was also very instrumental in the success of our recent St Patrick's Day event at 3rd Planet. He scheduled the cooks, distributed groceries to the cooks, and delivered food to the servers. His efforts helped us raise an additional \$7,000, a new record. He also serves as a caller for one of our Bingo teams. The retired Air Force lieutenant colonel was married to his wife, Peggy, for 45 years. Peggy passed away recently. They have a son, Michael, and daughter, Christine, and three grandchildren.

Field Agent's Report

Each year, we spend six weeks during Lent in fasting, praying and almsgiving, hoping to unite with Jesus' 40 days in the desert. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! As Easter brings thoughts of newness and renewal, we hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God.



As Spring settles in and I observe the many rituals of the season, I think of newness and renewal. Outside beds are prepared for new planting. I see the new blossoms on trees and flowers reaching full bloom, lengthening of daylight, and a rush of sounds and sights not seen for many months. Spring seems to elicit a sense of looking forward. As I look forward this Spring, I am renewed in my mission to meet with my members. I want to keep you apprised of any changes you might want to consider in your insurance program. I hope you will keep me apprised of any changes in your circumstances. Adjustments can be made to make sure that you are on the path to reach your goals.

The Knights of Columbus offers a diverse array of products and services to help you do that. Together we can complete or update your financial needs analysis. This can show where you stand and helps discover any gaps in protection you might have. Our products: life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance, are our core products to help protect you and your family. I will be calling on you soon to see if it makes sense to arrange for a meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Pugh

Upcoming Events

April 15-29	Scholarship Evaluations. / Kevin Knebl
April 25	7 p.m., Executive Board Meeting, Parish Hall
May 2	Council Meeting, Parish Hall (6 p.m. Dinner & Social, 7 p.m. Meeting)
May 10	Bingo / Alpha Team @ Holy Name of Jesus
May 14	7-8 p.m. Holy Hour
May 18	Luau @ 3rd Planet /with Council 7667

Fraudulent Emails

Some Knights may have received emails supposedly from the State Deputy or another Florida State Council officer. These emails may request members to perform a task in confidence or discretely, send money directly, or purchase gifts cards, and to only communicate by email or a phone number provided in the email. **PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND.** FSC officers would not solicit funds or solicit gift cards from members under any circumstance. There are ways to identify fraudulent emails. One of the best ways is to look at the actual sending email address, not just the name, to see if it matches the email address for the State Officer published on the website.

Major warning signs of a fraudulent email include:

Unfamiliar greeting, grammatical errors, misspelled words, unusual content or request – e.g., transfer of funds , requests for login credentials, Urgency – ACT NOW, IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED, ASAP
Threats – LAST WARNING, ACCOUNT SUSPENSION PENDING



2024 Bingo Schedule – COR Team

Team A Steve Wolfrom

Team B Stew-

March 8	April 12	May 10	June 7	July 5	Aug 2	Aug 30	Sept 27	Oct. 25	Nov 22	Dec 27
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Council 13527 Officer and Program Positions FY 2023-24

Officer Position	Name	Program	Name
Grand Knight	Steve Wolfrom	Faith	Dcn Tom Dwyer
Deputy GK	Bernie Busovne	Family	Mic Wehmeyer
Financial Secretary	Lenny Smales	Community	Kevin Knebl
Treasurer	John Wohleber	Life	Dave Halupowski
Chancellor	Dave Carter		
Recorder	Ralph McDonald	Public Relations	Joe Purka
Advocate	Dan Rooney		
Warden	Jim Thennes	Vocations	Mark Haddorf
Inside Guard	Art Jean	Membership	Jim Yurack
Outside Guard	Ryan Wehmeyer	Retention	Tom Means
Trustee (1 year)	Bob Gualtieri	Insurance pro-mo	Steve Wolfrom
Trustee (2 year)	Jim Yurack	Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson
Trustee (3 year)	Stuart Lewis	Lector	Ken Rodriguez