



Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Anyone tuned into today's news cycle knows the political tensions in the US today are running high, higher than I've seen them in years. Decisions being made at the Federal level are having a profound impact on Americans and as a result, thousands of Americans have taken to the streets to express their disagreement with the actions of our elected leaders. Yes, people are protesting!

Protest: While the word itself may evoke negative connotations, it's good to remind ourselves that the right to protest, albeit peacefully, is embedded in the US Constitution. Further, as Knights, we know protest all too well. Take, for example, our peaceful protests to condemn the work of abortion clinics.



Protesting isn't wrong. As Catholics, we live a faith that was born from the actions of a world-class protestor, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who devoted his life to speaking, helping, supporting, defending, empowering, healing, freeing, and loving everyone, especially the oppressed. Protesting takes courage, courage to stand up for your convictions and endure the brickbats from those who disagree with you. Protesting is the antithesis of being apathetic or passive, and we should take comfort in realizing that Jesus was exceptionally good at it. On the other hand, not protesting is also not wrong. When confronted with things that just don't seem right, each of us will need to weigh the pros and cons for how we'll react. What's right? What's wrong? What will we do? What would Jesus do?

Vivat Jesus!

Peter Blaise

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

The Church will have celebrated Trinity Sunday by the time you read this. The Catholic Church calls belief in the Trinity "the central mystery of Christian faith and life." (CCC¶234)

While we cannot fully explain it, the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is a revelation by Jesus Himself. Jesus called God His Father numerous times, declaring Himself God's Son, and promised to send the Holy Spirit down upon His apostles and disciples during His Last Supper discourse to them, and most notably at His Ascension when He said:



"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Anyone who prays will readily invoke God the Father. Reception of the Eucharist places us in personal communion with Jesus. The Church's two sacraments of initiation, Baptism and Confirmation, specifically note transference and reception of the Holy Spirit.

Having been imbued with the Holy Spirit, how often do we reflect on both this gift and the responsibility it conveys? Each of us is unique, with separate experiences, talents and skills. St. Paul in his first Epistle to the Corinthians noted this with the example of our body, composed of individual parts with each essential for the successful functioning of the whole. The Church is the Body of Christ; Jesus is the Head. (1Cor. ¶12)

The next time you pray, specifically ask the Holy Spirit to mold you, lead you, and guide you to become more like Christ in love of God and one another!

Upcoming Events

June 20	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)
June 22	Knight at the Ballpark—Blue Wahoos in Pensacola
June 26	Executive Board at Bluewater Community Church, 7 p.m.
July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
July 10	Council Meeting at Bluewater Community Church, 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
July 17	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ, 7 p.m. (Dinner and Social at 6:15 p.m.)
July 25	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)

Council Support to Habitat for Humanity

Council 13527 braved the heat and humidity of a Florida summer during a Habitat for Humanity build on Saturday, June 7th. The Knights, along with other volunteers and the future homeowner, put up the outer walls of a home in Crestview. The number of Knights that Council 13527 can bring to a Habitat build is why we are called upon to assist with the larger projects that Habitat for Humanity in Okaloosa County schedules throughout the year.

Knights who participated in the build include Rick Spitznagel, Kevin Knebl, Art Jean, Stuart Lewis, Tom Sanders, Joe Gettis, Bob Baggerman, and Jim Yurack. Guests of the Knights included Evan Gettis, Joe Gettis' son, and Karen Sanders, wife of Tom Sanders.



Knights lay out the frame for the outer walls of a new house in Crestview on June 7th. Note the house to the left. The Knights put up the outer walls of that house on April 26th.



Florida State Council Honors the Service Work of Council 13527

At the Florida State Council Annual Convention held in Jacksonville on May 23-25, 2025, our council was recognized for a variety of service projects and council programs.

Our council was one of only two councils state-wide, recognized for the Triple Crown Award, which is awarded to councils that meet the *per capita* donation goals of \$4 for Special Olympics, \$6 for Helping Life and \$8 for Vocations.

The state recognized our Community Activities with a First Place in Faith in Action—Community which will be forwarded on to Supreme for consideration for an Order-wide award, as well as First Place in Community Activities at the State level.

Both our nominations for Altar Server of the Year for the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese took first place, recognizing Ben Pudlo in the 13-18 year-old bracket and Noah Lewis in the 7-12 year-old bracket.



The Council received Third Place Awards for Division 3 in Vocations Support and Publicity Activities.



Thank You CCW

Each June, the Christ our Redeemer Council of Catholic Women treat the council to a “Beer & Brats” dinner in advance of the council’s normally scheduled meeting. On June 5th, the women provided brats, sauerkraut, potato salad and chips, to go along with beer, soft drinks and tea. The council meeting was then conducted “*al fresco*” in the St. Joseph’s Pavilion.

Peter Jutras, Council's Seminarian Ordained

Peter Jutras, a seminarian that the council has been supporting for the past few years was ordained along with three other seminarians at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pensacola on May 31. Bishop William A. Wack was the officiant at this ordination ceremony at which a large contingent of Fourth Degree Knights from the western part of the diocese served as an honor guard. During Father Peter's studies, the council provided him with a \$500 check each quarter, sent greeting cards for most religious and secular holidays and provided encouragement through regular email correspondence. Father Peter will be assigned to St. Rita's Catholic Church in Santa Rosa Beach.



Left: Father Peter with Bishop Wack and his three fellow new priests.

Above: Father Peter, following his ordination, with Mark Haddorff and Kevin Knebl .

Below: A large contingent of Fourth Degree Knights served as the Honor Guard for the Ordination at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Pensacola.

