



Grand Knight's Report

Brothers:

Not long ago, a friend and I were reminiscing about growing up as kids in the '50s and '60s. Back then, we freely roamed our neighborhoods, playing with friends and not driving our parents up the wall! Media in our house consisted of a single 19" black & white TV with three working channels, AM radio, a local newspaper, and one telephone that served our entire family of ten! And life was great!

Much has changed over the years! We have witnessed an explosive evolution of technology, especially in the world of media. Home computers, tablets, the growth of the internet, podcasts, video streaming services, social media, and cell phones/smartphones have all made a profound impact on us. Every day, incredible amounts of information are readily available at our fingertips. Unfortunately, we have also learned the world of media can be a ready conduit for misinformation, distortions, falsehoods, and more. In my daily life, it's important for me to make sure the information I digest is fact, not fiction. To do that, I find myself often reflecting on the core values of the Knight of Columbus. To be forthright, those values were instilled in me years ago by the example of my father, long before I became a Knight. When my life is guided with Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect, I know I am honoring my father as well as the Knights of Columbus. Today, more than ever, it's great to be a Knight!



Peter Blaise

Upcoming Events

Sept. 19	Assembly 3236 Meeting at COR (Dinner & Social at 6:15)
Sept. 20	COR GALA at Resurrection, 6 p.m.
Sept. 21-22	Knights-led Rosary before all Masses
Sept. 26	Executive Board Meeting at COR, 7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Patriotic Rosary at St. Joseph's Pavilion 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Council Meeting at COR 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15)
Oct. 5	Oktoberfest at 3rd Planet noon-9 p.m.
Oct. 6	Parish Picnic , 12 noon until ???
Oct. 14	COLUMBUS DAY
Dec. 8	Council Christmas Party, 5:30 –9:00 p.m.



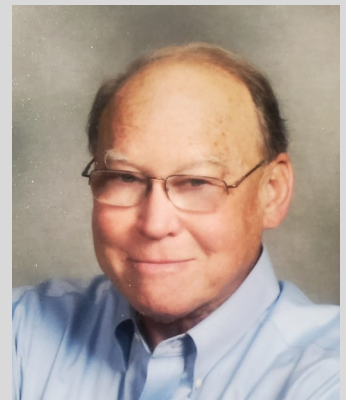
Saturday, October 5, 2024
3rd Planet Brewing
Noon to 9 p.m.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

2025 – A Jubilee Year!

With an announcement called a “Bull Of Indiction”, Pope Francis declared on May 9th this year that the Church would celebrate a Catholic Jubilee Year beginning this December 24, 2024, Christmas Eve, and ending on January 6, 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme for this Jubilee Year is “Pilgrims of Hope,” which comes from the title of the pope’s proclamation, “SPES NON CONFUNDIT”, translated, “Hope does not disappoint”, from St. Paul’s Epistle to the Romans (5:5)



Declared every 25 years by a pope, a Jubilee, or “Holy Year”, is a great religious event in the Roman Catholic tradition. It is a year especially designated for the forgiveness of sins; for reconciliation between adversaries and living in peace with our brothers and sisters; of conversion, and commitment to serve God with joy. A Jubilee Year is above all a year to emphasize that it is our Lord Jesus Christ who brings life and grace to humanity. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope.

The origin of the Christian Jubilee goes back to Mosaic law as described in Leviticus 25. The three salient obligations were: release of slaves, forgiveness of debts, and repatriation of property. The theological basis of the law was that all the land and all the people belong to God.

I will share more information about the upcoming Jubilee in future columns.

Council Frames a House for Habitat



Knights from Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527 traveled to Crestview on Sept. 7 as part of the Council's continuing commitment to Habitat for Humanity. While many of the Council's previous efforts in support of HFH have involved digging footings, drywall work, digging footings, painting, siding and digging footings, this was the first time that the Council assembled the frame of a house which some described as "seeing a house go up."

Seven Knights, including Larry Blameuser, Ralph McDonald, Lenny Smales, Stuart Lewis, Jim Yurack, Bernie Busovne, Gerry Freisthler and his son-in-law, Justin, learned something new about how to build a house.



August Family of the Month

Lemuel & Terri Alvarez

The handiwork of our August Family of the Month has been seen in our parish for the past two years. Lem, Terri, their son, and their grandchildren have been buying, arranging, and delivering the flowers for the Blessed Virgin statue every Saturday for two years, with exceptions only for Lent and a few other special occasions. Although there are flower donations to the front office, they use their own money to buy the flowers. Terri spends several hours picking out the flowers and arranging them. Then Terri and Lem deliver the flowers about an hour before Saturday mass. Several times their son and grandchildren have also assisted. For their wonderful generosity and the beauty of their displays, we are pleased to recognize Brother Lemuel and Terri Alvarez and their family as our August 2024 Family of the Month.

August Knight of the Month

Joe Purka

This brother Knight is a Life Member with 36 years of service has served in a variety of positions. He is a Past Grand Knight of our Council, past Faithful Navigator, and former District Deputy. He also served as the Florida State Knights of Columbus Public Relations Director for six years. He headed up our Council's American Wheelchair Mission efforts, which resulted in nearly \$14,000 being raised for this worthwhile cause. He is a regular Bingo caller and gladly steps up to help when asked. He currently serves as the council's Public Relations Director and Fraternal Activities Director. In these roles, he helps build esprit de corps by setting up visits to Blue Wahoos baseball and Pensacola Ice Flyers hockey games, as well as coordinates meal activities before our Council meetings. He serves our Parish as an Usher for nearly every 10:30 Sunday mass and serves on the Parish Gala Planning Committee. Additionally, he is director of the Emerald Coast Public Relations Foundation where he administers scholarships for high school students going on to college. He also serves on the board of the Northwest Florida Symphony Guild where he served as president for seven years. For his outstanding service, we are pleased to recognize Sir Knight Joe Purka as our August 2024 Knight of the Month.

Parishioner Donates \$1,000 to Thank Knights for Volunteer Work

Brenda Every sought help from the Knights to attack her very overgrown yard, including shrubs. She has had a hard time of late balancing a demanding work schedule, a growing list of home maintenance/repair issues, and dealing with her mother's end-of-life medical care. Brenda is single, so has no one at home to help share the load.

The work extensive yard work and took two mornings to complete. Four Knights worked one day and six worked the second day. In appreciation of the Knights' work, she not only gave the Knights an entertaining commentary before the regular council meeting, but also presented the council with a \$1,000 donation.



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.

"Silver Rose"

The Silver Rose was delivered to Christ Our Redeemer on Wednesday, September 11th by the Knights on Bikes. As part of this prayer event, a Rosary was recited at 11:00 a.m. followed by Mass 11:30 a.m. The Fourth Degree Assembly provided an honor guard and a total of 65 people attended the prayer service. Following the prayer service, the Knights on Bikes escorted the Silver Rose to Our Lady of Victory in Crestview.



Packing Meals for Africa

The Conference of Catholic Women of the Pensacola-Tallahassee diocese, in coordination with Cross Catholic Outreach packed more than 72,500 meals ready to ship to Africa on Saturday, Sept 7th in DeFuniak Springs. The ladies, along with some Knights and other volunteers, completed the project in just five hours.

