

KNIGHT VISION



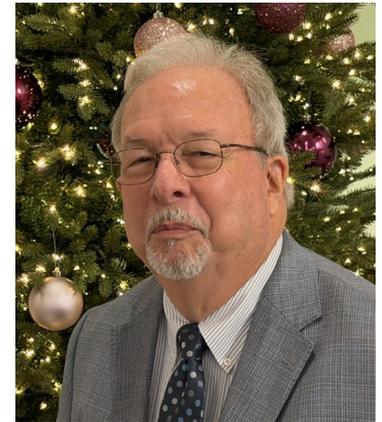
Star Council 2024-2025

Council 13527 Newsletter

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Grand Knight's Report

Although Catholics celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord on January 4th this year, traditionally, Epiphany falls on January 6th or Twelfth Night to commemorate the arrival of the Magi and the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Obviously, Christmas is the primary focus of this season. However, remember that the Epiphany of the Lord marks the journey of the Magi from the east to Jerusalem to follow the star to the place of Jesus's birth. The Magi were not Jewish, so their recognition and worship of Jesus as the Messiah became that first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles—Christianity's epiphany.



I've not encountered Magi in Northwest Florida in the decades I've lived here, but I do know we've all experienced epiphanies in our own lives. My epiphanies tend to be more mundane such

as the pleasures I realize on Christmas Day from witnessing the surprise and joy in the eyes of my family, especially our grandchildren.

I believe epiphanies come in many forms, and while none of us will have the experience of meeting the Christ child just twelve days after his birth, we can realize our own epiphanies in the births of our children, the births of grandchildren, the joys of friendship, and the realizations to be gained from experiences to be gained in this journey called life. So, as we charge into 2026, I wish all of you a year of joyous epiphanies yet to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Peter Blaise

Grand Knight	Peter Blaise	Advocate	Dan Rooney	Trustee (3 Year)	Steve Wolfrom
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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

Every new year the media is alive with advice about making resolutions. Well, I've got one for you, too! How about making a resolution to become a saint? We know the need to refrain from committing mortal sin, and have all been taught to make a good confession before receiving the Eucharist. But have we consciously, purposefully, ever resolved to strive for sainthood?

Motivation is the driving force needed to take on a personal challenge: lose weight; exercise more; learn a new language, etc. In the case of becoming a saint, I would suggest that coming to a fuller appreciation of God's love for us, the ginormous sacrifice of Jesus' crucifixion, and the gift of the Holy Spirit to recognize the enormity of it all, is a good start. Reflecting on sinners who became saints can be both models and intercessors for us.



Among the well-known are:

- ◆ St. Matthew, a Jewish tax collector for the Roman Empire, who over-charged to line his pockets.
- ◆ St. Paul persecuted Christians, starting with the death of St. Stephen.
- ◆ St. Augustine fathered a son out of wedlock.
- ◆ St. Ignatius was a cavalier seeking fame and fortune.
- ◆ Charles Bartolo, was an Italian lawyer and former satanic priest canonized by Pope Leo XIV on October 19, 2025.
- ◆ Mary of Egypt, once a flagrant prostitute, is the patron saint of penitents.
- ◆ Andrew Wouters is a martyred Dutch priest known to have fathered several children.
- ◆ And so many others!

Happy New Year as we embark on this journey together!

Upcoming Events

Jan 22	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ, 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Jan 23	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)
Jan 25	Black History Mass, at COR, 2 p.m.
Feb 5	Council Meeting at 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Feb 14	St. Valentine's Day (COR Mardi Gras Run)
Feb 15	Pancake Breakfast (Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Pensacola at 2:30 p.m.)
Feb 18	ASH WEDNESDAY
Feb 19	Assembly 3236 Meeting at COR, 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Feb 20	Bingo at HNJ (COR Team)
Feb 28/Mar 1	Knights Lead Pre-Mass Rosary at all Masses
Mar 14	St Patrick's Day Party at 3rd Planet

December Knight of the Month

Stuart Lewis



Our Knight of the Month is a past Grand Knight and current council trustee. He serves as a bingo team leader, ushers at the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass, serves as one of the bankers, counting the weekly Mass donations each month and participates in Adoration on Tuesday evenings.

He regularly cooks at pancake breakfasts as well as hamburgers and hot dogs for our Youth Group. During our St. Patrick's Day fundraiser, he led the set up and tear down crews and ensured future set up crews will be able to set the tent up with greater ease.

This Knight is also very active in the Boy Scouts. He served on Boards of Review for the Pope Pius XII award, and he serves as the Cub Scout Pack 553 Chartering Organization Representative. Recently, when faced with the Pack losing its charter, he worked with another church to keep the unit viable and secured a facility for their meetings. He is also a voting member of the Gulf Coast Council Board, ensuring a great program for over 1,700 Scouts. Sir Knight Stuart Lewis is our Knight of the Month for December 2025 .

December Family of the Month

Dieterich Family

Our family of the month has been active in our council, parish, and community for several years. Adam joined Council 13527 in 2006 and served as the Council Financial Secretary for six years. Sarah has played in our parish music ministry since 2005 and became the parish's music director in 2017, leading the music ministry for all three weekend Masses. Sarah recently led our parish Christmas Concert and beautiful holiday music through all of the Christmas Masses.

All three of their children have served as altar servers for our parish. Their daughter, Amanda, served as an altar server since the third grade and was previously honored as the council's Altar Server of the Year. She helped teach religious education classes as an aide and a RE pre-school teacher. She also earned one of our Council's College Scholarships and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in July.

Abigail, has also helped teach religious education classes and has joined the Eaglets, Niceville High School's dance team. And their son, Anthony participated in the children's choir and plays soccer. For these and many more efforts, Adam and Sarah Dieterich and their family are our December 2025 Family of the Month.



The Bucket List

The beginning of a new year is an excellent time to surrender distracting attachments and seek interior renewal, explains Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in his recent column for *Columbia*. Everyone has an “internal bucket” — a place that holds thoughts and emotions — that requires regular upkeep. “Emptying and filling our interior buckets is hard work,” he writes. “It can’t be done without the Holy Spirit, who enables us to heed Jesus’ invitation: ‘Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest’ (Mt 11:28).”



Knights Enjoy Hockey in Pensacola

Recently, 52 Knights from Council 13527, Niceville and Council 7968 in Crestview and their family members traveled to Pensacola to take in a Pensacola Ice Flyers Hockey game. The exciting game ended in a 2-2 tie, resulting in a “shoot-out” with an Ice Flyers win.

