



## Grand Knight's Report

### Promises Made, Promises Broken

In the mid-1970s, I was a young Air Force Lieutenant stationed in North Dakota with a wife, a son, and daughter on the way. While there, a fellow Lieutenant introduced me to the soft rock tunes of Dan Fogelberg, the talented singer/songwriter who penned hits such as *The Leader of the Band*, *The Power of Gold*, *Longer*, and others including *Promises Made*. It's been close to fifty years since I first heard *Promises Made*, yet its opening lyrics continue to resonate:

*Promises made, Promises broken, Measures of our demise.*



Fogelberg's lyrics reflect upon the nature of promises and the pain of broken commitments in personal relationships, something we all have familiarity with. On a larger scale, broken promises can have an incredibly profound impact. For example, broken promises from local, state, and federal governments can impact employment, taxes, health services, cost of living, and more.

Spiritually, promises we make become part of our life of faith. Even so, promises can be fragile. As a kid, how many times did I "promise" to not eat chocolate or desserts during Lent, only to fall off the wagon long before Easter! I made a promise, and I broke it!

Lent is a time for us to focus on our spiritual growth and self-discipline. As a Knight, my commitment to live my faith and serve my family, parish, and community does the same for me 24/7. As Easter approaches, I'm proud to be a Knight!

Vivat Jesus!

Peter Blaise

### WIVES' APPRECIATION DINNER

6:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2026

**The Blue Tee (BWB Golf Clubhouse)**

Plated dinner to include:

Salad, Beef Tips, Roast Pork, Mac & Cheese,  
Green Vegetable, Tiramisu Dessert

**\$38.00 pp.**

**Cash or check to Joe Purka by April 17th**



# CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

*Deacon Tom Dwyer*

We come soon to the summit of the season: the Easter Triduum. Convening with Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday; continuing with recollection of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death and burial; culminating with Jesus' triumphant resurrection on Sunday morning.

Quietly ponder each phase; imagine yourself as bystander or participant, using the Bible accounts as prompts. The Triduum is a vast topic, so I will limit myself here to Holy Thursday's "Last Supper". The Last Supper is THE occasion when Jesus instituted the Eucharist. Here Jesus implemented His earlier proclamation in John 6:25-58, affording His apostles the opportunity to "eat" His body and "drink" His blood to share in His eternal life, and empowering them: "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19). Belief in the "Real Presence" of Jesus: Body, Soul, and Divinity, in the bread and wine consecrated during each Mass, is the central doctrine that separates Catholics from all other Christian denominations. Matthew, Mark and Luke all offer renditions of this in their Gospels.

John's Gospel does not, but it instills the event with even more theological significance. John records the Lord's washing of the Apostles feet, a vivid demonstration of His statement that He came "not to be served, but to serve", to which He added, "to give His own life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). John's Gospel also records His instruction: "What I did...so you must do" (John 13:15). This is but a snippet of the substance of John's record of Jesus' last discourse to the Apostles before His arrest, from Chapter 14 through 17, worthy of its own meditation!

Happy Easter!



## Upcoming Events

- Mar 19 Assembly 3236 Meeting at **COR (location change)**, 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m. )
- Mar 21 Fourth Degree Exemplification at **St. Mary's, (change)**, Fort Walton Beach 11 a.m.
- Mar 26 Exec Meeting 7 p.m.
- Mar 27 Knights' Lenten Fish Fry at COR, 4-7 p.m.
- Mar 29 PALM SUNDAY**
- Apr. 4 EASTER SUNDAY**
- Apr. 9 Council Meeting, at COR (Seton Bldg)** 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m. )
- Apr 15 Assembly 3236 Meeting at COR , 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m. )
- Apr 18 Fire Truck Pull, 3rd Planet Brewing
- Apr 22 Exec Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Apr 24 Wives' Appreciation Dinner, The Blue Tee (Golf Clubhouse)
- Apr 25 Holy Family Catholic Academy Gala, 6 p.m.

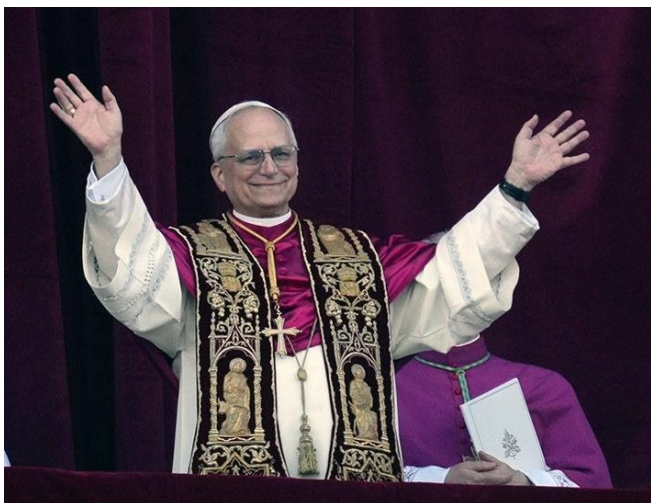
## February Family of the Month

### John & Shirley Wohleber

Our Family of the month is John and Shirley Wohleber. For the last eight years, John and Shirley have contacted the Pavilion in Niceville every month to help with anything they need, using the money from the Knights' budget for the Pavilion to provide what is needed.

The couple is active in the local Bed 4 Me Foundation, which provides beds to children between the ages of two and 18 in Okaloosa and Walton counties. The council budgets \$300 per quarter to purchase a single bed. Through the Wohleber's efforts, 3972 beds were purchased and delivered over the past several years.

John is also a Chamber of Commerce representative and fundraiser for this charity. He also has been our council's treasurer for past twelve years, cooks for pancake breakfasts, and helps with setup and or teardown for St Patrick's Day and Octoberfest events. John also serves Christ Our Redeemer parish as an usher and is active in the Magnolia Plantation community as chairman of the Architectural Review Committee. For all these things, we congratulate John and Shirley Wohleber as the February 2026 Family of the Month.



## Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

**Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.**

## January Knight of the Month

Chad Fuentes

Our February Knight of the Month regularly ushers at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and has helped tremendously with groundskeeping and landscaping projects around the parish, as well as helping members of the parish community with projects around their homes. He recently participated with other Knights in assisting an elderly community member. Additionally, this Knight has helped lead the rosary before Sunday Mass. For these and many more of his works of service, we congratulate Brother Knight Chad Fuentes as the February Knight of the Month.



CHRIST OUR REDEEMER



**MARCH 27, 2026**

**4 PM TO 7 PM**

Fried or baked cod, three sides, grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup.

**Adults \$12**

**Children 12 and under \$8**

**Maximum \$45 per family**

Tickets available after masses or at office. Must be purchased in advance. Only 175 available. Sales end March 22.

**Don't Miss the  
First Fish Fry  
Friday March 27  
4:00-7:00 p.m.**

The Council will host a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 27, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Faith Formation Building, serving fried or baked cod with three sides. Grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato basil soup will also be available.

Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$12 for adults and \$8 for children (12 and under). Maximum price for a family is \$45.

## **A Bed 4 Me Foundation**

The A Bed 4 Me Foundation is a local 501(c) (3) organization with a mission to ensure that children have a place of their own to sleep each night. A good night's sleep plays a critical role in a child's development, health, academic performance, and socialization. A Bed 4 Me Foundation provides a bedding kit at no cost to the families, addressing the essential need that every child deserves a bed.

The organization serves children ages 2-18 within the Okaloosa and Walton County area. After a referral and introductory visit are completed, the organization provides new bedding (twin mattress, bed frame, pillow, sheet, and comforter set) to children who do not have an adequate sleep space. Our only criterion for service is the age range of the children and guardians must be a resident of Okaloosa or Walton County.

Council 13527 budgets \$300 per quarter to fund a single bedding unit. To date, the council has funded and delivered 3,972 beds.



## **Baby Bottle Drive Nets \$2797**

Thanks to the Wehmeyer family for their hard work in organizing and executing this year's Change for Life Baby Bottle drive that raised \$2797.42 to support Life, Inc.