



# ***KNIGHTS IN ACTION***

***June 2025***

***Our Lady of Victory Council 7968***

***&***

***Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789***



## **Monthly Highlights**

**Birthdays and Member Anniversaries**

4 June     Rosary and Holy Hour  
10 June    Second Tuesday Food Van  
26 June    Council Officer Installation

**Special 'Flashback' Article by Herb Fosman**

***Grand Knight – Marty Mears***

***Faithful Navigator – Steve Malutich***

***Dep Grand Knight – Logan Steele***

***Faithful Captain – Dan Lesh***

***District Deputy – Robert Gualtieri***

***State Deputy – Richard P. Hughes***

***Insurance Agent – Ivan Delabruere***

***Newsletter Editor: Doug Shepherd    Newsletter Contributor: Herb Fosman***

Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) Business Mtgs are held on the **1st Thursday** of the month at 7:00PM.

Council (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Deg) Business Mtgs are held on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at 7:00PM.

Council Socials are typically held on the **4th Thursdays** of the month at 6:30PM.

Council Officer Planning Mtgs are held on the **Monday before** the Assembly Mtg at 6:30PM.

***All meetings are held at the Knight's Hall, 701 E. James Lee Blvd.***

# *Grand Knight's Greetings*

## ***Greetings Brother Knights!***

Happy New Fiscal Year! We are starting our 2025-2026 Council and Assembly year, and we have new Officers (and maybe some old ones 😊). You'll see our new officers in our Officer Installation Ceremony article.



As we start our new year, and I am asking all our Knights that may have been sitting on the sidelines recently to consider a 'new year's resolution' to participate in one Knight event a month. I posted our 3-month calendar so you can start planning now, and you can always find the most current version on our website: <https://olvnow.com/kofc>

I am seeking your feedback on what activities and events you would like to see and do as a council for this upcoming year. One area that we didn't really grow last year was in the Fraternity and Social opportunities, and I would like to hear what you would find interesting or inviting.

One idea I am experimenting with is turning our downstairs room into a 'heritage room.' For those not familiar with heritage rooms, they are areas transformed into "a rich tapestry of tradition, memory, and personal history", and are common among military units. It could provide a nice meeting and social environment to make us all proud.

So Brothers, think on it, pray on it, and listen as the Lord speaks to you.

As always, thanks again to those of you who regularly attend our events, support bingo, help in the kitchen, and work the bread ministry, food van & OLV care center – we couldn't do it without you!

***God Bless and Vivat Jesus!***

*Martin Mears*

**Grand Knight**

# *Faithful Navigator's Note*

***Hello Brothers and Sisters!***

I say sisters, because I assume at least some of Council 7968 Knights and Assembly 2789 Sir Knights share the monthly newsletter with their wives 😊



I want to start this month as I frankly should every month, with a **BIG THANK YOU!** Knights, Knight wives, and friends of Knights do so much for our Council and Assembly, for our church, and for our communities and neighbors.

In addition to our normal monthly activities like First Wednesday Rosary, Business Meetings, Catholic Charities Food Van, and Bingo, we attended the Town Hall Meeting on the OLV Site Master Plan and Water Mitigation Project. We made contributions to the Father McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship Program. Brother and Sir Knight Travis Robinson and I brought a Sam's Club gift card to the USO at the Destin/Fort Walton Beach Airport that we delivered to Bob Davis and Lendy Edwards, volunteers who work at the USO and have been there since it stood up 15 years ago! We replaced the TVs in the Hall to provide our bingo players with better visibility of each game. I was supposed to attend the Knights on Bikes International Rally and Florida Knights on Bikes Annual Convocation in St. Augustine but wasn't feeling well the day we were to ride there. I wasn't sure I could handle a 5 to 6-hour ride if I wasn't 100% healthy. Turns out it was a good thing I stayed home, as we had to take our dog Bronca to the vet, which is something we like to do together. Finally, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon arrived at OLV on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

I am honored to be a Knight!

***Peace be with you!***

*Stephen Malutich*

**Faithful Navigator**

# Insurance News

## **Brothers,**

This month is the start of our new Fraternal Year together as Knights — a big congratulations to all new council leadership! This is always a time of new beginnings, when councils can start fresh and reassess where they stand in relation to their goals.

Now is the perfect time to meet with your agent to review the existing insurance plan you have in place or to help you take the initial steps to create one.

As your brother Knight, it's my privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission by serving your family and helping you gain a clear picture of your financial protection needs, no matter your current situation. I think this is one the most underappreciated benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, and if you've never taken advantage of getting a complimentary financial needs review, I encourage you to make this the year!

With a personalized review using top-tier financial software, I can give you a transparent illustration of your finances with insights on how your current situation aligns to your future objectives. Together, we'll review your current coverage and identify potential protection gaps, ensuring your plan aligns with your goals.

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Thank you!

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# Birthdays

**These members are celebrating birthdays in July:**

## **Sir Knights**

9 July – George Liedel  
9 July – Charles ‘Chip’ Wells  
13 July – Arnold Radowicz  
19 July – John Dick  
20 July – Bill Marchand  
20 July – Raymond Quinones  
24 July – Robert Reese  
26 July – Mark Johns

## **Brother Knights**

5 July – Jacob Foreman  
7 July – Jessie Ecklund  
9 July – Deacon Timm Taylor  
10 July – Matthew Prachar  
21 July – John Widmaier Sr  
22 July – Art Saunders  
24 July – Alfred Flores  
25 July – David Gudinas  
27 July – Msg Michael Tugwell  
28 July – Matt Klene



# Anniversaries

**These members are celebrating their KofC anniversary in July:**

## **1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

37 Years – Cliff Wolf  
32 Years – Jeffrey Blair  
22 Years – Michael Quinlivan  
21 Years – Dennis Benevides  
21 Years – John Widmaier, Sr  
16 Years – Arturo Leyva  
6 Years – Paul Hernandez  
4 Years – Jeffrey Knoll

## **4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

40 Years – William O'Donnell, Jr  
30 Years – John Muller  
12 Years – John Sipos





# First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

We had another great showing for the First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour on **June 4th**. For the Rosary we had 8 Brother Knights and 16 parishioners in attendance as we meditated on the Glorious Mysteries. Deacon Dan led off with the first decade (see picture below), Brother Marty Mears led the second decade, Brother Tony Jette led the third decade, Brother Rob Ochsner led the fourth decade and brother Logan Steele led the fifth and final decade to close it out (see picture below). Thank you, brothers, for representing!



# The Second Tuesday of the Month

We had another very successful 2nd Tuesday on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. We had a few less people helping out but still managed to get the job done. We processed 25 vehicles through the area and passed out 26 Loaded bags of food.

Lunch, delicious pizza and dessert, was purchased at Helenback Pizza House and was provided by Brother Jim Pazienza, thanks Jim, the pizza sure was good.

Picture 1 - The arrival and offloading of the Catholic Charity Van.



Pictures 2 & 3 -The separating of the food items.



Picture 4 - The loading of the bags with many very nice food items.



Picture 5 - Enjoying Jim's lunch. the lady in the front is Rebecca, one of the two representatives from Catholic Charities.



Picture 6 - Some of the loaded bags.



Picture 7 - Time to clean up, the job is done.





# A Special Input from Brother Herb

The attachments below are articles Herb found in his ancient file folder and at Our Lady of Victory Church (OLV) that document two different medical missions that our Brother Knight Dr. Peter and his medical teams have been involved in for many years. Information on both medical missions follow:

**Medical mission one:** Back in 1998, Brother Dr. Peter and Dr. Johnson began a quarterly Medical Clinic held in the OLV Parish Hall. It was a fantastic operation with parish member and retired nurse Alice McDonald serving as the clinic coordinator. She always did a fantastic job and ran most of the super OLV church parties providing excellent meals and entertainment in the early 2000s. She was an amazing and talented lady. In addition to volunteers that provided and served food and snacks at the quarterly medical clinic. Deceased Brothers Joe Scheid and John Mehalopoulos are the ones who every quarter brought in the medical supplies, assembled the cubicles, and set up the hall for the medical clinic. and restored the hall after its closure. The OLV Medical Clinic ended in 2013 after 15 years of Dr. Peter and his crew taking care of people in need in the Okaloosa County area.

**Medical mission two:** in 2003 Dr. Peter and his medical crew began making annual summer trips to central Belize providing medical care to hundreds of people. The medical support needs in rural Belize were unbelievable. For most patients in Belize, the Crestview medical crew's annual trips were their only opportunity to receive medical care! When the team arrived, they had to stay in hotels or in donated sleeping areas and had to rise early and travel over an hour to get to donated concrete facilities like a school or business that may not have windowpanes and have no air conditioning. They were lucky if they had fans to blow on the doctors as they saw people. When they arrived, 300 or 400 patients were already lined up and the medical team would see patients until about 6 PM. Every year Dr. Peter's team had to raise sufficient funds to help support their annual trip to Belize, and Dr. Peter's medical team traveled every summer for 10 years with the last trip being in 2013, WOW!

Picture 4 is a group photo to see who made up the Belize Medical Team from 30 June to 5 July 2010.

Everyone was sad to see Dr. Peter and his wife Bernadine depart from Crestview in 2016. They now live in Naples, Florida and once in a great while they return to Crestview for a short visit and those who know them are very happy to see them. And now that Brother Dr. Peter and Bernadine are retired, we wish them good health and God's Blessings.



Picture 1 - The OLV Medical Clinic.

Picture 2 - The annual Belize trip.

Picture 3 - Brothers Mike Murphy and Travis Robinson trying to stay cool by trying to repair a fan.



Belize Team June  
30-July 5, 2010  
Waiting at  
Pensacola Airport  
for flight to Belize



**Back Row:** Brothers Lee Woolege, Dr Joseph Peter, Joe Scheid, Fr John Cayer, Travis Robinson, John Mehalopoulos, William Harper, Mike Murphy. **Front Row:** Sashi Peter, Dr. Indu Christopher, Gloria (Nurse), Jeanine Robinson (Respiratory Therapist), Taesuk Harper.

**Not shown:** Dr Christopher Chinnaswami, Josh Peter, Dr Ajit, Ben (Nurse), Sabash (IT) and Namisha (Receptionist) flew in from a different airport and joined us in Belize.

*(Thank you Brother Travis for providing the beautiful pictures!)*

# A Special Thank You to Brother Arnie

We want to thank Brother Arnie for the fantastic job he did in executing this year's OLV Sacramento Summer Camp as noted below.

Brother Arnaldo “Arnie” Fonseca volunteered on the planning, material preparation and execution of Our Lady of Victory’s Sacramento Summer Camp (SSC) catechetical program. OLV’s SSC was held from June 17 to 19 June starting from 9 AM to 12 noon with 40+ kids, ages 4 to 11, participating. After supporting diverse preparation, decorating, and organizational activities, Brother Arnie lead a group of 11 kids with support from four (4) teenagers. Additionally, Brother Arnie was the official photographer for OLV’s SSC and posted 150+ pictures for parents to enjoy seeing their kids engaged with others in dancing, singing, crafting, games, drama, and dining fellowship. The theme for OLV’s SSC program was based on the Patriarch Joseph and his fervent confidence on God’s Love and Providence. Thanks again, Arnie, for a job very well done.





# Council Officer Installation

Council 7968 held its Fraternal Year (1 Jul 25 - 30 Jun 26) Installation of new officers at the Knight's Hall on 26 June 25. The Installation Ceremony was led by our District Deputy Travis Robinson. The installation of new officers included Grand Knight Marty Mears, Deputy Grand Knight Logan Steele (absent and moving to Tallahassee soon), Chancellor Dan Lesh (who was on vacation and was replaced by Steve Malutich), Treasurer Tony Jette, Advocate Bill Marchand, Financial Secretary Matt Chaddock, Recorder (vacant, but filled by Herb), Warden Steve Kerr, First-, Second- and Third-Year Trustees Mark Johns, Mike Riess and Jim Pazienza, Lector Frank Battistelli, Inside Guard Joe Lakatos (absent but filled in by Ed Girard), and Outside Guard Luke O'Toole. Each officer was called up front to receive their official medals after being read by the District Deputy what their responsibilities were. All women taking part in the Installation Ceremony received a beautiful red rose and all enjoyed a super meal following the installation ceremony. The pictures below were provided by our OLV church photographer Brother Arnie Fonseca. Thanks Arnie!

Picture 1 - Brother Travis running the Installation Ceremony.



Picture 2 - The officer installation medals to be presented to the new Fraternal Year 2025-2026 officers.



Picture 3 - Officers sitting in the cross formation after receiving their medals and being read their officer duties.



Picture 4 - Brother Steve Malutich (filling in for Dan Lesh) is presented the Chancellor Medal by his wife Sandy.



Picture 5 - Brother Steve Kerr, the Council Warden being presented the Warden Medal by his wife Joann.



Picture 6 - Brother John Libby filling in the position of District Warden presents Brother Bill Marchand the Advocate Medal.



Picture 7 - Brother Frank Battistelli, the Council Lector being presented the Lector Medal by his wife Tena.



Picture 8 - At the end of the Installation Ceremony, the District Deputy introduced the Grand Knight, Marty Mears to say a few words to his Fraternal Year 2025-2026 officers.





## A Note from the desk of Herb Fosman...

Brother Deacon Ken Mayfield visited our area for a few days visiting grandchildren and attended the 9 AM Mass at Our Lady of Victory Church. It was great seeing Ken again. For those of you who do not know Ken, let Herb tell you a little about him. Brother Ken is an honorary life member of our council and Ken was the first permanently assigned Deacon to OLV back in Nov 2003. In addition to celebrating Mass on the altar, Ken worked at the Care Center from 2004 to 2014. Ken departed the area in July 2015 and now lives in Choctaw, OK with his daughter Kate and son-in-law Brother Joe Archer (remember them). Ken lost his wife Sophie in 2021 to illness but still lives with Kate and Joe. Although Ken has retired, he still remains active. He now does Hospital Ministry at St. Anthony's Hospital in Midwest, City, OK. where he visits and brings Communion to the Catholic patients.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, Ken will celebrate his 88th birthday, and he is doing really well. Ken and I sat down for coffee and a long visit it was nice catching up on friends who are missed.

The picture was taken in the Parish Hall where we enjoyed some coffee, and Ken saw a couple of people in the care center he knew.



# Knight of the Month

Brother Matt Chaddock was selected as Knight of the Month for June. Brother Matt joined our Knights Council less than a year ago, but he hit the ground running. He is a member of a Bingo Team and has participated in our monthly meetings, socials and charity events. Just this past month, Matt put his handyman skills to work by taking down the old Bingo TV monitors and installed the new TV monitor wall mounts. Much to everyone's surprise when they showed on Monday morning the 16<sup>th</sup> of June to take down the old monitors and mount the new ones, Matt had already taken care of the hard part. They make quick work of hanging the new monitors and getting them connected. The new TV monitors look great! And finally, in what could be Matt's most significant impact is taking on the role of Financial Secretary. We are honored to award Brother Knight Matt Chaddock with Knight of the Month for June 2025!

*Grand Knight Marty Mears presents Brother Knight Matt Chaddock with a certificate and coin.*



# Family of the Month

For the month of June, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. The **John and Grecia Dick Family** serve as an astounding inspiration to our Parish, Community and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

John devoutly leads his family in the Catholic Faith. He is an active member of the Council and Assembly and provides instrumental assistance in many aspects of missions and activities. Sir Knight John is a current Board Member of the *Don Braun Columbian Home* and provides extensive building planning and maintenance improvements. He consistently volunteers as a member of a Bingo Team and engages with various KofC Charity fundraising dinner events. John actively supports the Youth Ministry (*chaperone on field trips*) and conducts Ushering and Eucharistic Minister duties at Mass. John's wife and mother of Natalie, Grecia cheerfully and faithfully provides the bedrock support to their family.

Natalie has been very devoted and engaged in her Faith, especially serving in the Parish ministries of the Mass. She has been an active Leader of the Youth Ministry and serves the Church in many capacities. Natalie volunteers with the Hospitality Ministry (*Welcoming and Ushering*). She is a leading and very reliable Altar Server (*Sunday 11:00 am and other special Feasts and Solemnity Masses*). Natalie was nominated and selected as KofC Altar Server of the Year in the past. She also actively and happily participates in various Parish Lay Ministries, such as Lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion (*since 16 years old*). Now, she has stepped up as a new Sacristan (*at the age of 17*). Recently, Natalie was awarded the "Golden Rose Award" given by the Diocese Council of Catholic Women to the most deserving young lady for volunteer work.

*Family Director, Brother Mike Winner presenting the Dick Family with the FoM Award*

*Natalie with her family, receiving the 'Golden Rose Award' from Bishop William Wack*





# Prayer of the Month

In Reflection of our recent hosting of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon (and a preview into next month's newsletter) we pray:

## Prayer to the Sacred Heart

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O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
living and quickening source of eternal life,  
infinite treasure of the Divinity,  
and burning furnace of divine love,  
You are my refuge and my sanctuary.

O my amiable Savior,  
consume my heart with that burning fire  
with which Your Heart is ever inflamed;  
pour down on my soul those graces  
which flow from Your love;  
and let my heart be so united with Yours  
that our wills may be one,  
and that mine may be  
entirely conformed to Yours.

May Your divine will be equally the standard  
and rule of all my desires and of all my actions.

Amen.

If you would like to submit a prayer to be shared in the newsletter,  
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