



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

July 2025

Our Lady of Victory Council 7968

&

Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789



Monthly Highlights

Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

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| 2 July | Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon
Rosary and Holy Hour |
| 4 July | Independence Day Fundraiser |
| 8 July | Second Tuesday Food Van |
| 10 July | Senior Bingo |
| 12 July | 4 th Degree Officer Installation |
| 13 July | Presentation of USO Donation |
| 24 July | 90 th Birthday & Council Social |

Grand Knight – Marty Mears

Faithful Navigator – Steve Malutich

Dep Grand Knight – Dan Lesh

Faithful Captain – Dan Lesh

District Deputy – Robert Gualtieri

State Deputy – Michael P. Gizewski

Insurance Agent – Ivan Delabruere

Newsletter Editor: Doug Shepherd Newsletter Contributor: Herb Fosman

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

Council (1st-3rd Deg) Business Mtgs are held on the **2nd Thursday of the month at **6:30PM.****

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!

At the time of this publishing, we are in the dog days of summer, the kids have headed back to school and many of us have wrapped up our summer vacations. Although I am ready for some fall weather and football season, don't forget we have another season to contend with - Hurricane Season!

Let us begin preparing now, not just for hurricanes but for those situations when God calls on us to act - whether it be to help our neighbor, check-in on a family member, or to respond to insult or injury with love and forgiveness. Don't let the scorching temperatures cause you say or do something you'll regret.

As a heads-up (or a reminder), we changed our monthly business meeting start time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm effective at our next meeting on September 11th. We will still open doors with a lite dinner at 6:00pm, and all are welcomed to stick around afterwards for socializing and planning.

In an effort to get more information out to our members and parishioners, I am trying to maximize our website and Flocknote postings. Checkout the website and view our 3-month calendar so you can plan to attend the events, and if you have suggestions or ideas to make our site better, our Council better, or our meetings better - please let me know. <https://olvnw.com/kofc>

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

Brothers and Significant Others,

Thank you for all your contributions to our church, our Assembly and each other! You are definitely service-minded people! I hope you all are enjoying your summer and have been able to take some time to relax and recharge.

Joseph R. Perrone Assembly 2789 Sir Knights had another busy month. We participated in our normal First Wednesday Rosary, and prayed the Hopeful Mysteries this time, followed by Mass and then the Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour led masterfully and respectfully by Sir Knight Deacon Dan Dailey during Adoration. The Service was wonderful and very meaningful. Many Sir Knights helped with our Independence Day Hot Dog or Hamburger, chips and a drink for \$7 fundraiser and stayed to watch the great City of Crestview Fireworks Show. Many Sir Knights also helped with the monthly Catholic Charities of NW Florida Caring and Sharing Van Food Distribution and with Senior Bingo, which had at least 50 players this time! We had our new Fraternal Year Officer Installation Ceremony on July 12th, immediately following the Vigil Mass. We were pleased to have Sir Knight Father Richard Dawson, our Assembly's Faithful Friar, join us for the Installation Ceremony. After the Installation Ceremony we enjoyed some great food and beverages at Azteca. Finally, many Sir Knights attended the Monthly Council Social and helped Brother Knight John Widmaier celebrate his 90th Birthday!

On a personal note, Sandy and I now have a new 4-legged family member, Bess (pictured below). Bronca is tolerating her! She has a lot to learn, but she is a sweet animal and will be company for Bronca when Sandy and I are outside working.

I am honored to be a Knight!

Peace be with you!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Malutich

Faithful Navigator



Insurance News

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years.

An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you regular income.

Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis.

As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement.

Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement. Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks!

Thank you!!

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Guarantees assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the guarantees by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values.

Birthdays

These members are celebrating birthdays in August:

Sir Knights

8 August – Matthew Lynch
9 August – Ricardo Arevalo
11 August – Herb Fosman
11 August – Thomas Garrett
20 August – Floyd Saunders III
24 August – Dennis Daigle
26 August – Robert Groves
27 August – Michael Wright
30 August – Marty Mears

Brother Knights

6 August – Bob Foley
8 August – Robert Basso
13 August – Ulysses Estes
17 August – Thomas Whalen
18 August – Garrett Braun
22 August – Tommy Salter
23 August – Dalton Gordon
23 August – Brandon White
26 August – Jaime Feliciano, Jr
30 August – Joseph Farran
31 August – William Stevens



Anniversaries

These members are celebrating their KofC anniversary in July:

1st - 3rd Degree

45 Years – Michael Wright

35 Years – William Cunningham

33 Years – Rev Richard Dawson

32 Years – Edward Mlynarczyk

25 Years – Herb Fosman

19 Years – Joseph Masterson

19 Years – Robert Basso

18 Years – Paul Lux

18 Years – Carlos Santos

10 Years – Rev Oliver Smalls, Jr.

8 Years – Bill Marchand

5 Years – Tommy Lee

5 Years – Keith Carter

3 Years – Garrett Braun

3 Years – Jaime Feliciano

3 Years – William Martello

2 Years – Michael Dunn

1 Year – Rob Ochsner

4th Degree

29 Years – Rev Richard Dawson

11 Years – Mark Johns



First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

On the **2nd of July** our Faithful Navigator Brother Steve Malutich held the Knights of Columbus monthly Rosary followed by a Mass and a Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour. It was a wonderful event, and all brother Knight participants did a super job. Brothers Rob, Travis, Mike, Steve and Marty each read one of the five decades of the Rosary. Brother Doug was the lector during the Mass and did a super job to include singing the Alleluia. Following the Mass Brother Deacon Dan led the Sacred Heart Holy Hour with Brother Arnie doing the first reading and Brother Steve doing the second reading followed by the intercessions, the reading of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart, and the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. Our Lady of Victory Council 7968 of the KofC is proud to have coordinated this Holy Hour and hope that it will lead all present to grow in our love for God and devotion to his Most Sacred Heart, AMEN!

Picture 1 - Taken with the picture of the Sacred Heart before the start of the Rosary.

Picture 2 - Brother Rob praying before leading the first decade of the Rosary on the altar.



Picture 3 - Brother Mike leading the third decade.

Picture 4 - Brother Steve leading the fourth decade.



Picture 5 - Brother Marty leading the fifth decade.

Picture 6 - Brother Deacon Dan leading the Sacred Heart Holy Hour.

Picture 7 - Brother Arnie doing the first reading of the Sacred Heart Holy Hour.



Independence Day Fundraiser

For the past 4 years, the Knights have been providing a Hamburger or Hot Dog meal with chips & drink for a very reasonable price. We have always done pretty good, but this year the police restricted parking and not letting any traffic get into our area resulting in much less business. The crew worked from 3 to 7 PM with most helpers staying to watch the fireworks at 9 PM.

Picture 1 - Brother Travis preparing the hamburgers and Brother Mark the hot dogs.

Picture 2 - Brother Bob is issuing out water or soda to the customers.



Pictures 3 & 4 Brother Dan operating the sales table with helpers waiting for some business.



The Second Tuesday of the Month

We had another very successful 2nd Tuesday on the **8th of July**. 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 - Separating 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.



Senior Bingo

Senior Bingo was held on the **10th of July**, and the Knight's hall was totally full. The senior bingo event takes a lot of preparation to include the purchasing of bingo gifts, planning the meal to be prepared and served, obtaining sufficient help to prepare and serve the meal, obtaining a bingo caller and obtaining bingo verification helpers, etc., etc., and etc.

Included in the crowd were a few seniors from the Crestview Rehab Center; one of them spent a dollar to purchase a 50-50 raffle ticket and she won the 50%, earning \$100.00. She was so excited and said she would use the money to get her hair and fingernails all fixed up. The gift and 50-50 raffles help finance the senior bingos which are held three times a year. The money is used to buy the bingo prizes and purchase the food.

Picture 1 - A full house with the seniors from Crestview Rehab sitting at the last table.



Picture 2 - The free bingo prizes.



Picture 3 - Brother Bill and Sally processing the seniors.



Picture 4 - Brother Travis and Melanie, helpful as always



Picture 5 - Brother Frank along with Rosemary and Linda working on the lunch.

Picture 6 - Brother Luke helped with verifying bingo winners.

The next Senior Bingo will be held on 20 Nov 25 starting at 10 AM. Mark your calendar to come out and enjoy some fun, a good meal, and perhaps even some entertainment during lunch. The Knight's Hall door opens at 9:00 AM. Come early to get a good seat.



Installation Ceremony

In June we held the Council 7968 installation of new officers at the Knight's Hall and on the **12th of July** we held the Installation Ceremony for new officers in the Joseph R. Perrone Assembly 2789 at Our Lady of Victory Church after the 4PM Vigil Mass. Tony Jette in his capacity as Vice District Marshall of Section1 (Pensacola-Tallahassee) officiated the ceremony.

We are Blessed to have Marty Mears, our past Grand Knight, and Steve Malutich, our past Faithful Navigator, hold their positions for another year. Both have done a marvelous job during Fraternal Year 2024-2025, and we look forward to their leadership for another year during Fraternal Year 2025-2026.

We were also Blessed to have Father Dawson, the Assembly Faithful Friar, participate in the Assembly installation. Father Dawson is the parish priest at Saint Margaret's Catholic Church in DeFuniak Springs.

Following the ceremony they all met at Azteca Mexican Restaurant for food, drink and fellowship.

Picture 1 - Brother Tony conducting the ceremony.



Picture 2 - Father Dawson starting the ceremony with a prayer and ending the ceremony with a prayer.



Picture 3 - Father Dawson Blessing the new officers.

Picture 4 - The ceremony participants and new 2025-2026 assembly officers.



Pictures were provided by Brother Travis, Thanks!

USO Donation

On the 13th of July, Brothers Steve Malutich and Travis Robinson from Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789 presented a \$500 Gift Card to two USO volunteers working at the Destin/Ft Walton Regional Airport.

The volunteers were from left to right in picture 1: Lendt Edwards and Bob Davis. We appreciate Steve and Travis traveling to the airport to make the donation, picture 2.



90th Birthday Celebration

Brother John Widmaier turned 90 years old on the 21st of July and on the **24th of July** the Knights of Columbus (KofC) held a social event celebrating John's 90th Birthday. John has been a Knight since 2004 and since that time John and his wife, Catherine, have been very active KofC members. Since 2001 John and Catherine have been working at Sharing and Caring helping to pass out food, bread and pastries to the needy, and Catherine still works there. For a few years both John and Catherine were members of the Bread and Pastry Ministry team picking up bread and pastries from Publix and delivering it to those in need in Crestview. For years, both have been working quarterly Senior Bingo with Catherine helping to prepare and serve a meal, and with John making all types of free bingo gifts. They also helped with the food pantry at the presbyterian church, giving out an average of 75 hot meals to anyone in need. John's birthday celebration turnout was very nice, and everyone enjoyed a good meal and enjoyed celebrating John's 90th Birthday. We wish him good health for many more years.

Picture 1 - A nice crowd.



Picture 2 - Just a few of John's friends to include Fr. Roy.



Pictures 3 & 4 - Marty, our Grand Knight, presenting a birthday cake to John and singing Happy Birthday with the group.



Knight of the Month

Brother Travis Robinson was selected as Knight of the Month for July. This is well-deserved recognition, and not just from all the activities he has been involved in during July, but for the last couple of years. Brother Travis recently completed his 2-year tenure as the District Deputy for District 5, and under his leadership, knowledge, and encouragement resulted in most of his councils earning Star Council for both years, and his District earning Star District two years in a row!

Brother Travis is the Color Corps Commander for the 4th Degree, a Bingo Team Captain, and participates in all of our monthly meetings, socials and charity events. Just this past month, Travis delivered the Sacred Heart Icon to Our Lady of Victory Church and also participated in the Rosary, Mass and Holy Hour event; cooked hot dogs and hamburgers at our Independence Day Fundraiser, helped with Senior Bingo, participated in the Assembly Officers Installation, delivered the USO donation and made sure our monthly Social and Birthday celebration went off without a hitch! We are truly blessed to have such a great friend and supportive member of our Council and Assembly. We are honored to award Brother Knight Travis Robinson with Knight of the Month for July 2025.

Grand Knight Marty Mears presents Brother Knight Travis Robinson with a certificate and coin.



Family of the Month

For the Month of July, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. The **Steve and Sandy Malutich Family** serve as an astounding inspiration to our Parish, Community and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

Steve and Sandy Malutich have given a lot of their time and blessings to the church, community and their family. This couple has 4 adult children, 7 grandchildren, and another grandchild on the way. Steve is a regular usher for the Saturday vigil Mass, and he served and recently completed his term as a member of the Parish Finance Committee. He currently serves as the Faithful Navigator of our Knights Patriotic 4th Degree Assembly, he serves as the Recorder for our Council, and he is an Ambassador for the Knights on Bikes whose mission is to evangelize to a wider group of people we may not usually consider. With his involvement in these activities, Sandy has done a remarkable job of keeping their household in order – which includes a small farm with 9 horses, 8 of which are rescues. She has also been a rock and a lighthouse by ministering to their extended family members who have been struggling with the storms of life, often inviting them to stay with them until they can get back on their feet.

Grand Knight Marty Mears presenting the Family of the Month for July 2025 to Steve and Sandy Malutich.



Prayer of the Month

In Recognition of the Feast of the Blessed Michael McGivney
on 13 August we Pray the
Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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