



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

September 2025

***Our Lady of Victory Council 7968
&
Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789***



Monthly Highlights

Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

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| 3 September | First Wednesday Rosary & Holy Hour |
| 6 September | Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser |
| 9 September | Second Tuesday Food Van |
| 12 September | Diocese Food Packing Event |
| 25 September | Exemplification Ceremony & 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

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Newsletter Editor: Doug Shepherd Newsletter Contributor: Herb Fosman

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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!

It is October, fall is in the air, football is in full swing, and the baseball World Series is almost here. But even if your not a sports fanatic, I hope this change of season provides some excitement or maybe some relaxation. At the time of this newsletter distribution, we will have just passed Columbus Day, and it is a good time to reflect on our organization's namesake.



I have included link to a website with a great series of videos and articles pulled together by the Knights of Columbus: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbus/index.html>

This month is particularly meaningful to me, as it is my wedding anniversary month, a new fiscal year for our federal government (for whom I work), the month we hold our Council Golf Tournament, and when we hold our Fall Membership Drive. As a little tease, the Columbus Day Weekend membership drive has been very successful, and I hope to see many of our new eMembers (over 10 and still counting) go through our exemplification ceremony on Thursday October 30th at 6:00pm. This will be a great reason to have a blow-out social to celebrate!

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,

May the Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you and your families.

It's Fall! Hooray for that! Horses, Sandy and I are enjoying cooler weather. My neighbor is busy picking cotton and harvesting peanuts. Life is good!

I've missed some events in September due to Sandy and I being out of town, then Sandy being away and me having horse care duty and then having a bout of vertigo again. Thank you to Dan Lesh for running our September Assembly meeting and thank you to Travis Robinson for serving as Faithful Captain for the meeting while Dan served as Faithful Navigator. We attended our oldest daughter Sarah's wedding in Waco, Texas in early September. That's why I missed the Assembly meeting and the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. And it was my honor to be the officiant for her marriage! The horses survived Sandy being gone, and praise God, my vertigo attack has passed.

Many of you supported the DOPT/Cross Catholic Outreach Food Packing event at the Walton County Fairgrounds. I so enjoy that event but missed it due to not being able to leave the horses and dogs alone for that long. I understand the goal of packing 100,000 meals was achieved!! Wonderful!! It would still be a blessing to have another man join the Youth Ministry Core Team. It's fun interacting with teenagers and assisting as needed in delivering the lessons. I also understand the Texas Hold 'em Tournament, which many of you supported by helping set up, serve drinks and snacks, dealing or playing, was a success. It was definitely for a good cause, which you may still donate to via the OLV Burse Club. While the Tournament was successful, we didn't fill all the tables with players.

Hopefully you 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Knights have seen and read my recent FlockNote on urging you to consider becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight. If not, please let me know. There is a planned Patriotic Exemplification in Panama City coming up next March that would allow you to become a Sir Knight and not have to travel a great distance and most likely have to spend two nights in a hotel.

I am honored to be a Knight!

Peace be with you!



Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Malutich

Faithful Navigator

Insurance News



Long-Term Care

The Knights of Columbus can help your family recover from an extended care event, whether it results from a chronic illness requiring long-term care or a move to a nursing home or assisted-living facility. The cost of an extended care event could significantly impact your ability to meet your retirement income goals. Your asset accumulation plan contributes to the income required to live comfortably during your retirement and provides extended care protection should you or a loved one ever need it.

Cost of Long-Term Care

Annual Costs – National Average 2019



Key questions to consider when it comes to extended care:

- Who will pay for the care?
- Who will provide for the care?
- Where will the care be provided?



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Birthdays

These members are celebrating birthdays in October:

Sir Knights

1 October – John F Muller
15 October – Dale R Piedlow
19 October – James F Nelson
27 October – Florencio L Lagura

Brother Knights

1 October – Ronald Unite
2 October – Donald Widmaier, Jr
7 October – John Benes
9 October – Jeffrey Hahr
18 October – Anthony Albano
25 October – Anton Geiger



Anniversaries

These members are celebrating their KofC anniversary in September:

1st - 3rd Degree

25 Years – Joseph R Santoro

24 Years - Ricardo Arevalo

23 Years – Michael J Martello

19 Years – Richard J Connolly, Jr

19 Years - Bayani E Fajardo

17 Years – Samuel R Jones, Jr

9 Years – Dale R Piedlow

9 Years - Stephen J Mazza

5 Years – Jay Villagomez

3 Years – Martin J Mears

1 Year – Matthew Chaddock

4th Degree

27 Years – Dennis L C Daigle

3 Years - Anthony L D'antonio Jr.



First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

We had another great showing for the First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour on September 3rd. For the Rosary we had 10 Brother Knights and 15 parishioners in attendance as we meditated on the Glorious Mysteries. Brother Arnie Fonseca led off with the first decade, Brother Travis Robinson led the second decade, Brother Tony Jette led the third decade, Brother Doug Shepherd led the fourth decade and brother Marty Mears led the fifth and final decade to close it out (see pictures below). Thank you, brothers, for representing!



Spaghetti Dinner

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner (that was started by Brother Gene Calabro over 20 years ago) was held on 6 September in the Knights Hall and as always it was a great success enjoyed by all the volunteers that helped and by those in attendance. The profit of \$2052 will be going into the Knight's Charity Fund and provide later to an organization in need.

Picture 1 - The dessert serving line.



Picture 2 - The food serving line.



Pictures 3, 4 & 5 – The kitchen crew.



Picture 6 - A nice crowd coming in with Brother Dan processing them.



Picture 7- Father Roy also came by and talked to some of his parishioners.

Catholic Charities Food Van

We are sorry, but we have no pictures for the 2nd Tuesday held on 9 Sep 25. As noted last month, Catholic Charities required all clients to drive in front of the Parish Hall, get out of their cars, and process their request for food in the Parish Hall. It was a very bad process and many of the elderly drivers were scared to drive directly in front of the Parish Hall. This time Catholic Charities allowed our volunteers to obtain ID cards from the clients in their cars and bring them to Rebecca (Catholic Charities) who verified each client while sitting at a table in front of the parking area. The volunteers then returned the ID cards and if someone was there for the first time, the volunteers also provided the Catholic Charities' paperwork to be filled out by the new arrivals; volunteers returned the completed paperwork to Rebecca, who authorized the food to be placed in the vehicles. The completed, signed paperwork was then run by the volunteers to John (Catholic Charities) who remained in the Hall finalizing paperwork. Herb was on vacation, and the volunteers were so busy unloading the Catholic Charities Truck, separating the food, and packing bags; that no one had time to take pictures. It was a lot of work, but the process was better than having everyone drive in front of the Parish Hall. Although this process worked somewhat better, it still has to be approved by the boss at Catholic Charities. The final decision will be known during the 2nd Tuesday in Oct (14th). A total of 22 bags of food were issued and the volunteers, who worked hard, enjoyed a free lunch provided by one of the volunteers working in the Care Center.

Food Packing Event

On 12 Sep was the third year in a row that the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocesan Catholic Council of Women held their food packing event in DeFuniak Springs, FL. The event was very successful with 102,168 meals packed. Last year on 7 Sep the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese in DeFuniak Springs packed 72,576 meals in support of the hungry people in Central America, and the first year 52,272 meals were packed. This year Joan Walker, the project officer, wanted to raise \$30,000 so that 100,000 meals could be provided to the hungry people in Central America. Joan was successful and raised the \$30,000. Council 7968 helped as well by donating \$500. Many of the helpers were from Our Lady of Victory Church. See how many you recognize in the picture below. This picture, and those taken in the previous two years were taken by Brother Arnold Fonseca. Thanks Arnie! The pictures you take are always super.

A picture of many of the volunteers to include Bishop William A. Wack.



New Member Exemplification Ceremony

Thursday, 25 Sep, the council held an Exemplification and brought in one new member, Daniel Brabbins. It was a wonderful event. Following the Exemplification, our new Insurance Agent, Brother Ivan Delabruere, who loves to cook, prepared a wonderful meal for the council. The meal included various meats, noodles, rolls, etc. Members brought in desserts, and Herb brought in German beer. Ivan also gave a very nice informative talk about what he could do for the members of the council. We also celebrated September birthdays that included Penny Lakatos, John Libby and Patrick Stanley. Again, a very nice event. The Knights congratulated our new member Daniel, and we hope to see him and his wife Pauleen at many of our events!

Picture 1 - Brother Arnie the acting Chaplain opening the event with a prayer.

Picture 2 - Brother Travis the team's Presiding Officer.



Picture 3 - Brother Herb reading the lesson on Charity and the Discourse on the Rosary.

Picture 4 - Brother Mike reading the lesson on Unity. It also included providing Daniel a fiber that he broke facing the audience followed by the team Warden Steve, picture 5 that showed that when the fibers are bound together, they become a strong cable that you cannot break showing the strength men possess when united in pursuit of a common purpose.

Picture 5 - Brother Steve the team Warden.



Picture 6 - Brother Mark reading the lesson on Fraternity.

Picture 7 - To profess our commitment to our principles, the Presiding officer Travis had Daniel and Brother Knights rise and respond, "I do" to a few questions.

Picture 8 - Daniel was asked by the team's Investing Officer, Brother Marty Mears, to present his hands as joined in prayer facing the audience to receive the Rosary of Mary our Queen. Marty also presented Daniel with the Emblem of the Order. Arnie ended the ceremony with a closing prayer. Marty, our Grand Knight, welcomed Daniel as a new member to our council



Picture 9 - The team members along with members in attendance and our new Brother Knight Daniel in the middle of the picture.



Knight of the Month

Brother **Herb Fosman** was selected as Knight of the Month for **September**. This is long-due recognition for one of our most active and longest serving Knights! Herb regularly supports all the events and activities led by our Knights and has been our photographer, newsletter contributing editor, accordion player, historian, and all-around great guy!

For starters, Herb actively supports the Bread and Pastry Ministry by doing the Publix's pick-up once a week and often fills in for others when needed. He is at the Hall every Tuesday afternoon working the dollar bingo and schmoozing with the players. He supports the 2nd Tuesday food trucks, our quarterly Highway Cleanups, plays music and serves during our Fish Frys and Spaghetti Dinners, helps with Senior Bingo, and all the while he is taking pictures and notes to write-up his contributions to this monthly newsletter!

Because Herb has been so instrumental in the background helping the officers and regularly nominating Knights of the Month, that he managed to stay off our KoM list for the last few years! We are truly blessed to have such a treasured and supportive member of our Council and Assembly. We are honored to award Brother Knight Herb Fosman with Knight of the Month for September 2025.

Grand Knight Marty Mears presents Brother Knight Herb Fosman with a certificate and coin.



Family of the Month

For the Month of **September**, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. The **Jose and Yaritza Cadelaria-Rios Family** serve as an astounding inspiration to our Parish, Community, and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

The Cadelaria-Rios family has been long-time members of OLV and is led by their father, Jose, who serves as the General Manager of Sam's Club in Ft Walton Beach. Sam's Club has been very supportive of OLV parish and charity events. This family's mother, Yaritza, has been a fervent Religious Education volunteer for pre-K and Kindergarten kids over the years to include through the pandemic and transition from CCD to Cate-Kids. She also serves in the High School Youth Ministry as a CORE adult and will be a chaperon for the National Catholic Youth Conference in November.

This family has two children – Kamila and Gian. Kamila is in 10th grade, and she has been a regular helper to her mother for Religious Education, is a hospitality minister for our 11am Mass, and is one of the 8 Diocesan Ambassadors attending the Youth Conf in November. She joins her younger brother as they participate in Restored Order for their confirmation Sacrament.

***Grand Knight Marty Mears recognizes the Family of the Month for September 2025
Jose and Yaritza Cadelaria-Rios and their children Kamila and Gian.***



Prayer of the Month

Heavenly Father, you created me in your image for your glory.

I am your child. The child of the one, true King.

Help me to always remember who I am.

Help me to be brave when faced with the dark forces in my world.

Help me to do my small part each day to bring a tiny bit
of Heaven to earth.

and help me to step into my inheritance for your glory

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