



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

October 2025

Our Lady of Victory Council 7968

&

Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789



Monthly Highlights

Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

1 October	First Wednesday Rosary & Holy Hour
11 October	Golf Tournament Fundraiser
11-12 October	Membership Drive
14 October	Second Tuesday Food Van
18 October	Cops & Bobbers Fishing Rodeo
19 October	Council Soccer Challenge
25 October	America Needs Fatima Public Rosary
26 October	All Saints-All Souls Day Trunk or Treat
30 October	Exemplification Ceremony & Council Social

Grand Knight – Marty Mears

Faithful Navigator – Steve Malutich

Dep Grand Knight – Dan Lesh

Faithful Captain – Dan Lesh

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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!

October has been a blur, and November started out just as fast and furious! Hopefully you all noticed the long list of highlights on the front page and the fact that this newsletter is nearly 2 dozen pages filled with pictures and stories of all the great work we have done.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I have been reflecting on all that I have to be thankful for, and I keep in my heart and mind all those who may have lost a loved one, those suffering through economic insecurity, or those who may be spending this time of the year alone. Please reach out to your neighbors, friends and families to check on them and help them if they are in need. If you are struggling, please reach out to a fellow knight and we will do our best to help each other get through the tough times.

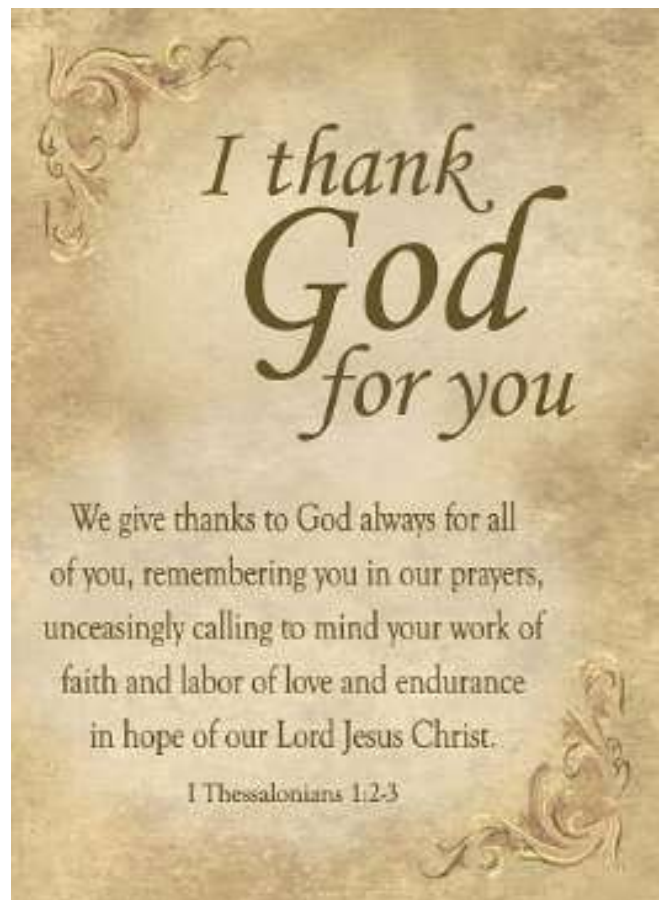
As always, thanks again to those of you who regularly attend our events, support bingo, help in the kitchen, and work the bread ministry, food van & OLV care center – we couldn't do it without you!



God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Martin Mears

Grand Knight



Faithful Navigator's Note

Brothers and Significant Others,

At the Vigil Mass on November 1st, Father Roy rhetorically asked where the month of October had gone. I wonder about that as well. It was a whirlwind month for sure with many activities in which Knights in our Council and Assembly participated. Thank you and the wives and friends and children that selflessly gave of your time and effort to support these activities. One or two people can't do it all. It takes a village.



Since our newsletters come out after any given month is over, I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving now. Please reach out to any Brother or spouse of a Brother who now live alone to invite them for a Thanksgiving meal and to watch some football.

Another important holiday in November is Veterans Day. We will be walking in the Crestview Veterans Day Parade and participating in the Memorial Ceremony at the Veterans Wall by the courthouse. Hope you can join us!

As I am sure you know, I wear a number of hats for our Council and Assembly. One of those hats is Co-Director (with Deacon Dan) of our Council Faith Program. The Rosary Program is a program within the Faith Program. The Knights lead the Rosary on the first Wednesday of every month. Last month, we were delighted also to join the Our Lady of Victory Legion of Mary in praying an America Needs Fatima Rosary event in the parking lot of the Knights' Hall.

Another event many Sir Knights supported was the Cops and Bobbers Fishing Rodeo hosted by the Crestview Police. We made, as I recall, 272 fish dinners to support this event!

Finally, thank you to all the Sir Knights who helped with cooking, preparing vegetables for, and then serving the Taco lunch as part of Trunk or Treat.

I am honored to be a Knight!

Peace be with you!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Malutich

Faithful Navigator

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Birthdays

These members are celebrating birthdays in November:

Sir Knights

8 November – Samuel Jones
9 November – Glenn Moore, Sr
12 November – Antonio Aguilar
17 November – Richard Walcheck
18 November – Steven Kerr
21 November – Bayani Fajardo
28 November – Scott Kight
28 November – Guy Stockton

Brother Knights

1 November – William Martello
1 November – Robert Sellers
2 November – Paul Lux
2 November – Stephen Mazza
6 November – Jacob Gibbs
7 November – Douglas Shepherd
11 November – Andrew Raef
27 November – Jason Merkel
29 November – Patrick Quinn



Anniversaries

These members are celebrating their KofC anniversary in November:

1st - 3rd Degree

42 Years – Raymond Quinones

38 Years – David Herard

38 Years – Thomas Garrett

34 Years – Floyd Saunders, III

30 Years – Pat Bauer

20 Years – Kris Johnson

17 Years – Glenn Moore, Sr

17 Years – Glenn Moore, Jr

17 Years – Robert Webster

13 Years – Frank Martin

11 Years – Ulysses Estes

3 Years – Michael Reiss

3 Years – Jaime Feliciano, Jr

3 Years – Jacob Gibbs

3 Years – Lucas Portugal, I

3 Years – Paul Pronovost

2 Years – Jessie Ecklund

1 Year – Daniel Pena

4th Degree

24 Years – James Pazienza

22 Years – William Gartner, Jr

22 Years – Michael Carlozzi

22 Years – Herb Fosman

22 Years – George Liedel

22 Years – Floyd Saunders, III

11 Years – Roy Piper

10 Years – Marc Zink

2 Years – Jared Parker



First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

We had another great showing for the First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour on October 1st. For the Rosary we had 10 Brother Knights and 22 parishioners in attendance as we meditated on the Glorious Mysteries. Brother Arnie Fonseca led off with the first decade, Brother Marty Mears led the second decade, Brother Travis Robinson led the third decade, Brother Rob Ochsner led the fourth decade and brother Steve Malutich led the fifth and final decade to close it out. A special shout out to Deacon Dan Dailey and Brother Luke O'Toole with helping Father Marian during Mass (see pictures below). Thank you, brothers, for representing! Additionally, Brother Doug and his wife Peggy serve as sacristans for the mass and Adoration on the first Wednesday.



Columbus Day Weekend Golf Tournament

On Saturday, October 11th, during Columbus Day Weekend the Knights of Columbus held its annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Blackwater Golf Club earning over \$2700 that will be going in support of **Coats for Kids** and the **American Wheelchair Mission**.

There were 17 foursomes participating and every one of the 68 players had a chance to get a hole-in-one and win a 2-year lease on a new 2025 Buick Envision Sport sponsored by David Scott Lee Buick GMC in Crestview (estimated \$15,000 value).

The first-place team won a golf package for four golfers to play at one of the Regatta Bay Golf courses in Destin. The Second Prize was a Golf Package for 4 golfers to play at Sandestin Golf Resort in Sandestin. The third Prize was a Golf Package for 4 golfers to play at Tiger Point Golf Course in Navarre. There was a tie for last place and those teams got passes to Goofy Golf!

There were men's and women's Closest to the Pin winners and Longest Drive winners. The winners received either a \$25 Peppers gift card or a \$25 Eagles Nest gift card.

There was also a fine luncheon after the Golf Tournament. All winning certificates were passed out by Brother Marty Mears, the Council 7968 Grand Knight.

Pictures 1 & 2 - First place team with names and results.



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K. Larsen													
K. Larsen													
P. Barnhill													
T. Batson													

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Pictures 3 & 4 - Second Place with names and results.



NAME

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H. Kennedy
J. Kennedy
A. Howell
J. Wilmoth

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Pictures 5 & 6 - Third place with names and results.



Picture 7 & 8 – Men's closest to the pin and longest drive winners.



Picture 8 – Women's closest to the pin and longest drive winner.



Pictures 9, 10 & 11 – Lots of Prizes! Thank you Brother Mark for awarding the prizes.





Pictures 12 & 13 - It's time to eat.



Picture 14 - some of the Knight helpers.



These nice Pictures were taken by
Brother Mike Winner. Thanks a bunch
Mike!.

Church Membership Drive

On Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th of October, in conjunction with Columbus Day Weekend, the Knights held a membership drive during each Mass. On Friday the 10th of October, several Knights put together information packets with a registration card that were handed out by volunteers before each Mass. Before each Mass, Grand Knight Marty Mears gave a pulpit announcement to parishioners, and after Mass, the volunteers collected the completed registration cards, talked with prospective members and answered their questions. Our Worthy Insurance Agent Ivan Delabruere attended all the Masses and collected all the completed cards and contacted each prospective member. The results were fantastic with 10 new Members and 3 previous Knights returning to active status!

Catholic Charities Food Van

On Tuesday the 14th of October, we once again hosted Catholic Charities to provide bags of groceries to needy families. Thankfully, we've convinced the Catholic Charities representatives to go back to the old way of lining vehicles by the side of the building, and letting people remain in their cars where our volunteers act as runners to verify clients by collecting driver's licenses from people in the vehicles, taking them to the Catholic Charities rep to scan and confirm, complete paperwork, collect signatures, and place groceries in the vehicles before sending people on their way. Catholic Charities has praised the support they receive from OLV as we all work for God's glory to feed His sheep and lambs. Volunteers enjoyed a meal provided by a Care Center volunteer, truly making this an event of service and fellowship!

Picture 1 - Helping Sally bring in supplies.



Picture 2 - The arrival and unloading of the Catholic Charity van.



Pictures 3 & 4 - Separating the food.



Picture 5 - Packing the bags.



Picture 6 - Taking some of the bags out.

Picture 7 - Passing out bags.



Picture 8 - Helpers verifying the drivers in each car.



Picture 9 - Volunteers enjoying a free lunch purchased by a worker in the Care Center.



Cops and Bobbers Fishing Rodeo

On Tuesday the 18th of October, the City of Crestview led by the Police Department community outreach hosted a Cops and Bobbers Fishing Rodeo. In an effort to try something different for the meals, the Crestview PD coordinated with the Knights to prepare 250+ fish-fry lunches. Thanks to donations to cover the costs of supplies, we were able to cook and package up all those tasty Fish Fry lunches including 1 or 2 fish filets, French fries, hushpuppies, coleslaw, and tartar sauce. The meals were a hit, and we received rave reviews. We hope to see all those satisfied customers during our Lent Fish Fry's!

Pictures 1-3 – Officer Sam Minnifield who put this whole thing in motion, with our Fry Cooks Robert Reese, Travis Robinson, Tony Jette and John Lane, as well as our runners Dennis Daigle and Luke O'Toole.



Picture 4 – All Hands-on Deck! The inside crew putting the lunches together.



Council Soccer Challenge

The Annual Knights of Columbus (KofC) Soccer Ball Challenge was held on Sunday 19 Oct 25 after the 11 AM Mass on the parish grounds. Brother Arnie, the Director of Our Lady of Victory Youth Group, ran the Soccer Ball Challenge along with his helpers' brothers John, Marty, Richard and Travis. The First-Place winners will compete next in the KofC District Challenge. The certificates and prizes were passed out by the council's Grand Knight Marty Mears:

Picture 1 - A picture of the 15 players

Picture 2 - Nick Nurmi the 9-year-old first-place winner (no 9-year-old girls participated).

Picture 3 - Oliver Rush the 10-year-old boy first place winner

Picture 4 - Marie Mayorquin the 10-year-old girl first place winner.

Picture 5 - Chai Poindexter the 11-year-old boy first place winner.

Picture 6 - Evangeline Nurmi the 11-year-old girl first place winner.

Picture 7 - Judah Rash the 12-year-old boy first place winner.



Picture 8 - Keagan Robinson the 12-year-old girl first place winner.

Picture 9 - Balian Poindexter the 13-year-old boy first place winner.

Picture 10 - Katie Nurmi the 13-year-old girl first place winner.

Picture 11 - Bryson Hewett the 14-year-old boy first place winner.

Picture 12 - America Mayorquin the 14-year-old girl first place winner.



Pictures 13, 14 & 15 soccer ball participants.



Picture 16 - Brother Arnie and his helpers. who worked to control and record the soccer challenge results.



Herb wants to thank Arnie for providing the pictures and info on this soccer ball challenge.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Event

On a beautiful Saturday morning on the 25th of October, the Knights hosted the ladies from the Legion of Mary to lead a public rosary as part of the “America Needs Fatima Rosary” program. There were over 50 people in attendance at this beautiful service.

Picture 1 – Participants holding the banner to be seen by those driving by on Hwy 90

Picture 2 – Tena Battistelli and Eileen Jones lead the reading of the Rosary.

Pictures 3 & 4 – Pictures of the many participants.



All Saints Day- All Souls Day Trunk or Treat

Our Lady of Victory (OLV) held a wonderful All Saints/All Souls Day Celebration after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday 26 Oct 25. Like most OLV special events, the Knights of Columbus were there to help prepare and serve the food. The celebration was going really well until it began to rain and everyone headed into the parish hall. Following are a few pictures of the event that were taken by Brother Arnie Fonseca. As always Arnie, thanks a bunch!

Picture 1 and 2 - Our ladies in costume.



Picture 3 and 4 - Our Brother Knights working their hearts out. In picture 3 from left to right are Matt, Frank, Jim and Steve. In picture 4 Marty and next to Marty John. Brothers Tony Jette and Dan Lesh were also there working in the kitchen and bringing out the food.



Picture 5 - Father Roy also enjoying the fun.



New Member Exemplification Ceremony

Thursday, 30 Oct, the council held an Exemplification and brought in seven new members and advanced one second degree member, WOW! We have till the end of June to bring in six more members to obtain Double Star Council, and we currently have four more individuals who want to become members and we have plenty of time to get two more. Getting Double Star Council would be wonderful. The Exemplification event and social were SUPER! The families of the new members were all there; getting to meet them and talk with them was very nice. Following the Exemplification there was a wonderful meal brought in by a few of our members and their wives: soup, spaghetti, salads and desserts. The food was delicious.

Picture 1 - Brother Deacon Dan starting the event with a prayer.

Picture 2 - Brother Travis the team's Presiding Officer led the Exemplification, followed by Brother Herb who read the lesson on Charity and the Discourse on the Rosary, followed by Mike Winner who read the lesson on Unity, followed by Brother Mark Johns who read the lesson on Fraternity.

Picture 3 - Mike's Unity reading also included the Team Warden, Brother Tony Jette providing the new third degree members a fiber that they were asked to break facing the audience. Tony then showed them, 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 4 - To profess our commitment to our principles, the Presiding officer, Travis, had the members and Brother Knights rise and respond, "I do" to a few questions.

Picture 5 - The new members were asked by the team's Investing Officer, Brother Marty Mears, to present their hands as joined in prayer facing the audience to receive the Rosary of Mary our Queen.

Picture 6 - Marty also presented the new members with the Emblem of the Order. Deacon Dan ended the ceremony with a closing prayer.

Pictures 7 & 8 - Marty, our Grand Knight, spent a few minutes welcoming our new members followed by Ivan, our insurance agent, who passed on information on what he could do for the members.

Picture 9 - Includes the eight new Third Degree members, the Exemplification team members and all members who were in attendance. The new members are as follows: Joseph Saul, Nicholas Biltz, Timothy Hall, Nathan Morrow, Jason Merkel, Christopher Wagner, John Rush and David Brown (2nd degree member - recently reactivated).



We thank Brother Arnie for providing the pictures.

Knight of the Month

Brother **Frank Battistelli** was selected as Knight of the Month for **October**. Frank is in his first year with the Knights and has been doing great things! He currently serves the church by being a member of the Parish Finance Council and serves as the Lecturer in our Council providing an inspirational reflection each month. Frank has been managing the Florida State Council Raffle Ticket sales for our Council and is on one of our bingo teams. He has also volunteered to be a mentor to two of our new members to help them learn ropes.

Just this past month, Frank provided our meeting meal with some very tasty lasagna, salad and garlic knots. He was also one of our meatball makers for our Spaghetti dinner in September. Frank has also supported the Golf Tournament, Trunk or Treat, and Fatima Rosary events this month (just check out the newsletter photos). We are excited to see even more great things from Brother Battistelli in the future!

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



Family of the Month

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

The Johns family have been longtime parishioners of OLV - since 2005, and they have 2 adult children and 1 grandchild. They are led by their father, Mark, who serves as an usher in the hospitality ministry. He is very active in the Knights, as a past grand knight and currently a trustee for our Council as well as the Treasurer for our 4th Degree Assembly.

This family's mother, Karen, provides the Catholic Care Center and Our Lady of Victory church with the critical service of regular financial audits. She also volunteers with the 2nd Tuesday Caring Coach food handouts each month. This dynamic duo regularly supports many of our Knights and parish events such as Tuesday Night Bingo, Lenten Fish Frys, Highway cleanups, and cooking meals for the recently held Diocese sponsored Youth Retreat.

***Grand Knight Marty Mears recognizes the Family of the Month for October 2025
Mark and Karen Johns.***



Prayer of the Month

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

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