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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights and Ladies,

In keeping with the now three-month old tradition, I want to review another Charity Council 5958 supports. This is a Charity of a different type – it is actually a service performed for the Parish community at this time of year.

Several years ago, an SJV Men's Bible Study group was discussing the passage "whatever you do for My poor, you do for Me" and they got to thinking,,, . They knew there were families in the community – both the Parish and the OBT area – that would not be enjoying Thanksgiving with family, or even at all. They envisioned a Parish Thanksgiving Dinner, designed to bring in parishioners and homeless/poor for a holiday meal with the SJV family. And so it began....

Since then, a group led by Eddie Klemm Jr. (a fellow Knight), his wife Mary, daughter Katia, son Christopher, Mother Argelia and Mother-in-law Lolita Coignard have organized a Thanksgiving Day meal at St. John Vianney, complete with fresh cooked Turkeys, dressing, potatoes & gravy – the works. Eddie even spent the night before cooking 8 large turkeys in the Social Hall kitchen! Many parish members who would have had nowhere to go on Thanksgiving ended up spending it at a delicious meal with friends.

In the past few years, the Knights have helped in an effort to take some of the work load and expense off the Klemm family,

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Fr. Carlos was unable to write a message this month so I will use this worthy replacement article. Memorial Mass

Thanks to all the Knights who participated in and/or attended the Annual Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of Council 5958. It was an outstanding event and was well-received by the families of our deceased brothers. They considered it very special. Special recognition to:

Dave Vogelpohl – Reader and outstanding event organizer Ray Standard – Usher – who escorted every family to a pew, despite his back pain Allan Schlagter (& Steve) – who organized, purchased and

set-up an amazing food selection for the Reception afterwards

Fr. Carlos Caban – Celebrant & Homily master Also participating in the Mass:

John Genzel – Altar Server & Cross Bearer

Deacon Tom Breaud – Deacon and EMHC Ray Moglia & Jim Jetmore – Bell Ringers

Ray Moglia & Jim Jetmore – Bell R Paul Gutweniger – Music Director

Mark Bassett - Reader

Also in attendance:

Jim Valentine & Janet Joe Chenette & Pat Marty Bassett (who kept the GK on schedule) Ana Rogers – deviled eggs & Rum Cake contributor

Lei Aranas Mosqueda - Cantor We had 7 families of the deceased attend – 18 guests in all! Almost all attended the Reception and enjoyed the food laid out by Allan. By evenings end, there was very little left.

CHARITY

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KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH OCTOBER Jim Valentine



FAMILY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER

Charlie & Sharon Wilmeth

GOD BLESS YOU.

Our Knight of the Month for October is Jim Valentine. Jim is currently wearing two vital hats in the Knights of Columbus: He is our Family Director/ Youth Director and serves at the State Level as District Warden. This is his first year for both positions and is excelling at both! Jim just recently completed two significant Youth events: the Council Spelling Bee (11 Contestants battled it out!) and the Council Soccer Challenge (189 contestants!!). Jim partnered with SJV School and the Parish on both events, as he has with the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest currently in progress. Jim is also heavily involved in Parish functions, including volunteering at the Parish Office, at St. Vincent DePaul and in various ministries. Jim is an example of an active, involved Knight and an asset to the Council.

May the Lord Bless you, and Thank You for everything you do for our Church and our Council Mark Bassett Grand Knight

GOD BLESS YOU,

Our Family of the Month for November is Charlie Wilmeth and his better half. Sharon. Charlie & Sharon have been active members of St. John Vianney for years, and both were Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). Charlie has been more active in the Knights recently as the COVID restrictions have eased. Charlie & Sharon helped with the sale of 50-50 Raffle tickets this past month, benefiting the drive to reduce the Parish debt to the Bishop's Appeal. Sharon is also a lector at the 9:00 Sunday Mass, and Charlie assists at Coffee & Donuts after that Mass. To both: Thanks for all that you do to enrich our Parish!

May the Lord Bless you, and Thank You for everything you do for our Church and our Council Mark Bassett Grand Knight

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2021-2022

Membership Dues of \$30.00 are now payable for the Fraternal Year rather than the calendar year. Dues are due **July 1, 2021**.

Please check the expiration date on your current Membership Card. If expired, please send in your dues payment.

Checks should be made payable to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5958. Payment may be made at any meeting or may be mailed to the Financial Secretary at the following address:

> Eric Rodriguez FS-5958 12777 Gettysburg Cir Orlando, FI 32837-5014

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To all of our Brother Knights who were born during the month of **November** (Dav indicated)

- (02) Luis O Justiniano
- (03) Luis Abreu (09) T Mark Bassett
- (24) Tito Rodriguez (25) Jack A Moglia
- (10) Jose R Garcia
- (11) Juan Rodriguez
- (25) David Kuenz (26) Ray Standard

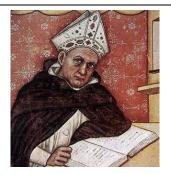
(21) PGK Joe Clark

- (16) James Pellechia
- (30) Baron Pereira

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Doug and Kathy Rebera will be celebrating their 33rd Wedding Anniversary on November 19. Joe and Kim Kage will be celebrating their 35th Wedding Anniversary on November 21. PGK Sam and Linda Sampieri will be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on November 28.

If you would like your anniversary listed in the Vessel send an email to Vessel5958@gmail.com



Saint of the Month: ALBERT THE GREAT

Albertus Magnus was interested in everything. He was fascinated by the relationship between faith and science. He studied astronomy and biology and loved logic and math. He pored over maps and hiked in the mountains to learn more about geography. He was the kind of student who challenged teachers to prepare lessons that satisfied his need to learn.

Albert was born in Germany in 1206. His family home was a castle, so he could afford the best education—even the new universities that were being opened throughout Europe. When Albert graduated, he joined the Dominican order over his family's objections.

This great student became an even greater teacher. He taught at the universities of Paris and Cologne. One of his most famous students was Thomas Aquinas, who later was canonized a saint. We believe that Thomas' study of philosophy with Albert helped prepare Thomas to write his famous theology books which are still studied today.

Albert also helped Thomas in another important way. Thomas was a large man and very shy. People called him a "dumb ox," but Albert said that if Thomas was an ox, he was one whose bellow would be heard throughout the world. Albert helped Thomas to understand that God had given him the gift of intelligence that he could use to help others know and love the Catholic faith. Albert built up Thomas' self-confidence so that he could believe in his own talents.

Albert was made a bishop in Germany, but he resigned after only a few years. He was an adviser to the pope, but asked to return to science, to learning and teaching. Albert died at the age of 74 but left behind a treasury of 38 books on many different subjects. These books help us to better understand the world God created for us to care for and to use wisely.

The people of his time—priests, Church officials, professors, students, and even kings—gave Albert the nickname "the Great." It was a wise choice. The Church honors Albert as both a saint and a Doctor, or great teacher, of our faith. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1931 and is the patron saint of medical technicians and scientists.

In Memory of Mary Gale Merkes

WAYNE TURPIN MEMORIAL CLUB AWARDS JUNE

1st Award – (123) Port A Pit BarBQ 2nd Award – (115) Bob Valentine 3rd Award – (168) Steve Ruff

COUNCIL 5958 SATURDAY DINE-OUT *********6:30 PM**********

On the second Saturday of each month, we invite all Brother Knights and their Ladies & Friends to join us for dinner. On Saturday, November 13th, our dine-out will be at Olive Garden on Sand Lake (near Florida Mall) at 6:30 PM TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SEATING, PLEASE RSVP with Alan Schlagter BY THURSDAY NOVEMBER 11th, IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND. Alan can be reached at: ALANSCHLAGTER@gmail.com (407) 855-5257 (H) (321) 276-0757 (M)

Youth Activities Soccer Challenge Spell Anthony – Contestan 3rd Place Regional Winner



Spelling Bee

Contestants & Audience

Council presented with STAR Award

Council 5958 earned the prestigious STAR award from KofC Supreme last year, and District Deputy Joe Chenette presented the award to PGK Eric Rodriguez at the October Business Meeting. Earning a Star Award is the marker of a high preforming Knights of Columbus unit and the goal to which every council, district, and assembly should strive. In order to achieve the Star Council Award, a council must earn the Father McGivney, Founder's, and Columbian Awards. Additionally, the council must submit both the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and Service Program Personnel Report (#365). Few Councils achieve this set of goals in a fiscal year. Congratulations to Eric and the entire Council!!



Re-Activated? Absolutely! Even a Social Event!!!

Many, many thanks to Joe Clark who organized our first purely Social e Golf Tournament Fundraiser (which will now occur in the Spring of 202 Tournament – literally. On October 23rd, 41 members of the Council, t met at Pirates Cove Mini-golf to hold a putt-putt Tournament. Top billi his complete Pirate outfit from his volunteer work at Give Kids the Wo won a Target Gift Card and many of the players adjourned to Dave & B games for the kids. I saw no frowns all day – except for the foursome t scoring player. According to them, Fr. Raul's new nickname is 'Shark'. **Foursome with the 'Shark' Sal, Mary and Bob Valentine**





Fence Repair Complete!

As I reported last month, Fr. Carlos had asked the Knights to repair a section of wood fence between the exit drive to OBT and the maintenance garages. We were able to organize a work force of some 10 Knights, and performed the repair on the morning of Saturday, October 30. The following Brothers were involved in the fence repair: Joe Clark, Jim Valentine, Jim Jetmore, Sean Reedy, William McDermid, Brian Fitzgerald, Craig Turner, Allen Westgate, Tom Wilhelm, Mark Bassett.

Special thanks to **Tom Wilhelm** – Construction Foreman Extraordinaire!!







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A very big **Thank You** to our Vessel Sponsors for your dedicated support for many years. Due to the lowered cost we have accomplished by delivering the Vessel by Email and no longer printing mailing and paying postage to deliver the Vessel we have almost completely removed the cost of the Vessel so we will be discontinuing the sponsorship.

As always we encourage any support you wish to continue to send to the council but it is no longer needed for the Vessel.

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and those of us who volunteered found it a uniquely wonderful way to spend Thanksgiving. Unfortunately, last year the meal had to be scrapped due to COVID restrictions.

This year the Parish Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be back, but in a slightly altered form. Eddie's family has grown up, and Katia has asked her family to join her for the Holiday – in her new home city. As such, the Klemms won't be here to put on the dinner, and the Knights have committed to do so in their place. We don't have anyone to cook the Turkeys & fixin's the night before and we aren't allowed to cook in the Social Hall anyway, so we'll outsource that task. It still leave a whole bunch that needs to be done:

- Pre-event gathering of RSVPs, so we know how many meals we'll need. This will be done via Parish announcements, notices in the Bulletin, and by RSVP tables outside Mass the 2 weekends prior to Thanksgiving.
- Decorating the Social Hall on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.
- 3) Setting up the Buffet line for receipt of the food delivered by the caterer
- 4) Serving the meal
- 5) Cleaning up after the meal

We plan to do this at no expense to the parish or the attendees. The Knights will absorb the cost of the meals & beverages & decorations. We budgeted \$500 to buy the Turkeys, and we'll supplement that with some more money at the November Business meeting. In addition, we will need to put a lot of sweat equity into the project. All the above tasks require PEOPLE – workers who will spend some time for their Parish community. I look forward to each of you volunteering to help with some aspect of this event.

Deputy Grand Knight Tom Wilhelm and his wife Janice have graciously agreed to head this project up. They need help from all of us. Over the course of the next few weeks, I hope each Knight family can identify something they'd like to do to help us make this a success – and maybe even consider celebrating Thanksgiving with your Parish family at the event. Please attend either the Officer's Meeting (1st Thursday of the month) or the General Meeting (2nd Thursday of the month) to talk to Tom and get on the volunteer list. Or contact Tom directly if you can't get to the meetings.

I hope the above helps you all understand another one of the charitable activities we support, and the profound effect it can have on some of your fellow parishioners. This is one where you can participate and feel the impact at a very personal level.

Vivat Gesu! Mark Bassett Grand Knight Council 5958

Change in Meeting Times

At the October General meeting, the Council unanimously voted to change the time for both of our monthly meetings. Beginning with the November meetings, both the Officer's Business Meeting (1st Thursday of each month) and the General Council Meeting (2nd Thursday of each month) will begin at 7:00 PM. Please be sure to change the time of any future meetings you might already have in your calendar.

Save the Date – Christmas Party

Also at the October General Meeting it was decided that the Council Christmas Party would be held on Friday, December 10 at Dixie Bell Café, 7125 S. Orange Ave. Social hour begins at 6:30, with dinner starting about 7:15 PM. Cash Bar for Beer & Wine. Dress will be Business Casual. We plan to have several options for food, but we haven't finalized the menu yet. If you have suggestions or specific needs, please email me as soon as possible so we can consider/accommodate them. Mark-bassett@cfl.rr.com.

Years of Service

We are celebrating Our Bothers and their years of Service to the Order. This month we are celebrating our Brothers who joined in a previous November.

Congratulations to our Brother Knights for their years of Service & Commitment to our Order. The Knights of Columbus and our Council say **Thank You** and we pray to our Lord for many more years of Service to our Parish, Community and Council.

Brother Knight Years of Service

November. Anniversaries				
Name	1st Degree Date	Years of Service		
Nuncio F. X. Sampieri Jr	11-01-1961	60		
Silviano H Apodaca	11-11-1981	40		
Kenneth M Champion	11-11-1981	40		
Edward L Matusik	11-11-1981	40		
Roberto C Ansag	11-25-1992	29		
John A Genzel	11-11-1997	24		
Jeffery M Guy	11-22-1997	24		
Bruce A Hicks	11-22-1997	24		
Scott B Lloyd	11-22-1997	24		
Thomas J Perno	11-22-1997	24		
Douglas J Rebera	11-18-1998	23		
Eddie Klemm	11-15-2003	18		
Jonathan E Corporan	11-18-2004	17		
Mariano G Sauro	11-18-2004	17		
Carlos R Roche	11-08-2006	15		
Richard D Hawkins	11-14-2007	14		

Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

As discussed in the Grand Knight's Message (you did read that – right??), this year the Knights will be filling a much larger role in the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. To recap: On Thanksgiving Day a Thanksgiving Dinner gathering is held in the Social Hall of the Parish. The intent is to provide a true family (Parish family) event and meal for parishioners who don't have a family gathering to go to, for whatever reason. This year, Council 5958 has committed to organize and execute this event. This will require effort from ALL our Knights. We will need Knights (& families) the two weekends before Thanksgiving to gather RSVPs after each of the Masses. We'll need folks to set up and decorate the Social Hall the afternoon/evening prior to Thanksgiving. Finally we'll need people to help set up and man the Buffet Line during the actual Thanksgiving meal and clean up the Social Hall afterwards.

As you can see, this will require significant participation from the entire Council. The good news is that <u>you</u> can help at numerous points. If you are going out of town for Thanksgiving, perhaps you can help gather RSVPs after Masses the two weekends before Thanksgiving. If you are staying local but have a family gathering of your own on Thanksgiving, perhaps you can help set up & decorate the Social Hall on Wednesday. And if you are here in town – consider spending Thanksgiving with your Parish, giving some time to serving the meal and cleaning up. Bring the whole family and enjoy!

Deputy Grand Knight Tom Wilhelm and his wife, Janice are coordinating this event, and need all the help they can get. PLEASE contact Tom at tom@wilhelmconstructioninc.com or (407) 947-7491 to volunteer.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5958, ORLANDO, FLORIDA COUNCIL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 OFFICERS MEETING – SJV SOCIAL HALL & ZOOM 7:00	5	6
7	8 4 [™] DEGREE MTG AT COUNCIL 2112 & 2279 8PM	9	10	11 GERNERAL MEETING – SOCIAL HALL & ZOOM 7:00	12	13 DINE OUT LONGHORN'S 6:30
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 COFFEE & DONUTS SOCIAL HALL AFTER 7,9 & 11 AM MASSES	22	23	24 SOCIAL HALL SET UP FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER 4 PM	25 PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER – TIME TBD	26	27
28	29	30				



SICK AND VISITATION

The following Brother Knights and family members of Council 5958 who are sick or in distress and need our help and prayers:

Rodger Vincent Jerry Sauro Ursula Sauro Stephen Zink PFN John Stephens Troy Cook Hector Lugo Joe Liktenhus Joan Rodenski Terance McGovern Marie Ann Chenette Carlos Rodriguez Jr Yvette Moglia Wilfred Morales Ray Standard

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4 - Officer's meeting – 7:00 PM Social Hall & Zoom

- November 11 General Meeting **7:00 PM** Social Hall & Zoom
- November 13 Dine Out 6:30 Olive Garden Sand Lake RD
- November 20-21 Thanksgiving Dinner RSVPs after each Mass
- November 21 Coffee & Donuts after 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses
- November 24 Set up Social Hall for Parish Thanksgiving Dinner – 4:00 PM
- November 25 Parish Thanksgiving Dinner in Social Hall (time TBD – meal around 11 or noon)
- December 2 Officer's meeting 7:00 PM Social Hall & Zoom
- December 9 General Meeting 7:00 PM Social Hall & Zoom
- December 10 Christmas Party 6:30 PM Dixie Belle Café
- December 19 Coffee & Donuts after 7, 9 & 11 AM Masses
- December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

If you know of a Brother Knight, or a member of his immediate family, who is sick, hospitalized, in distress, or who died, please notify GK ERIC RODRIGUEZ 407-259-5144 without delay. Please give me a name of the hospital, address, and room number of the person you want me to visit.

Sir Knights' Challenge for VA Clothing and Hygiene Items Donations

Sir Knights of Assembly 2112, we are challenging each Council to Donate Clothing and Hygiene Items for the Domiciliary residents at the two Central Florida locations (Winter Park and Lake Nona). Your generous donations and charitable contributions of clothing, hygiene goods, shoes, and more make a big difference in the lives of America's Veterans resident at the Domiciliaries. Let us honor our less fortunate Veterans with a donation. The items in need include:

Men's T-Shirts Small Medium Large X Large 	Men's Briefs Small Medium Large X Large	Men's Boxers Small Medium Large X Large
Men's Polos Small Medium Large X Large	Men's Shorts Small (28 & 30) Medium (32 & 34) Large (36 & 38) X Large (40 & 42)	Men's Athletic Shorts Small Medium Large X Large
Men's Tube Socks Small Medium Large X Large Men's Jeans 32x32 32x34 34x32 34x34 34x34 36x30	Men's Athletic Socks Small Medium Large X Large Men's Jeans 36x32 38x30 38x330 38x32 38x34	Men's and Women's Hygiene Shaving Cream (full size) 2-in-1 Bodywash Shampoo Conditioner Baby Powder Lotion Deodorant (full size) Cleansing Wipes (Travel size) Hand Sanitizer (Travel size)

Items need to be new, in packaging and/or shrink-wrapped if possible.

We would like these delivered to the Knights Hall by the end of August. We will recognize the most donations from a Council with a Plaque. Please be generous and we may do this again if it is successful.

For council 5958, please bring to membership meeting or contact SK Jim Jetmore, 407.929.7098, to arrange pickup of donations.





As community leaders, Knights of Columbus must ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared. These are suggestions to be prepared for natural disaster or local crisis.

On June 1 and through November 1, our focus will be on the alert of Hurricane season; therefore, below is a basics checklist in order to be prepared.

- Water 1 gallon per person per day
- Food Non-perishable food with a long shelf-life. Consider products that do not require cooking
- Electronics
- Light-sources that are battery powered or hand-cranked portable radio and extra batteries.
- Have alternate means to charge electronics, such as your phone or computer.
- Clothing
 - At least one extra pair of warm clothing
 - Rainproof outer clothing and boots to keep you dry
 - Comfortable, sturdy shoes in case you need to walk long distances
- First Aid kit
 - Basic items, such as bandages, antiseptic wipes, gauze pads, scissors, tweezers, and pain-relief medication
- Prescriptions and personal medical equipment

It is important for your family to discuss how to contact one another, reunite, and respond during different situations. A good family preparedness plan should include:

- A home meeting spot
- An out-of-area contact
- Public safety phone numbers for your area (police, fire, hospital)
- Reunification location, if you can't make it to your home

Each family member should keep personal and emergency phone numbers in a safe place, such as your wallet or emergency kit. They should also know alternative methods for contacting each other if phone lines are down, and for traveling to your reunification location.

- Important Numbers to Have:
 - Immediate Disaster Dial 911
 - Dial 311 (Orange County Government Services) for assistance with non-emergency flooding, debris, downed trees, traffic matters, road conditions and animal or neighborhood concerns.
 - Dial 211 (Non-Emergency Support) for assistance with food, housing, financial assistance, health programs and crisis support.