



## Bishop Verot Council 5845 Newsletter

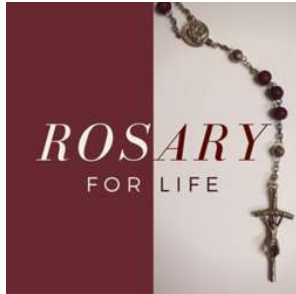
October and November 2023



Brothers,

October and November flew by and here we are selling Christmas trees already! To start, October was busy with pro-life events, beginning with the Life Chain along A1A stretching from HNJ to Walmart. We had a great turnout from HNJ, including many Knights and their significant others, and this year's format spread the pro-life message in front of churches across the area rather than concentrating it along a single stretch of Hwy 192 as in the past. Many thanks to BK John Boyd and the other members of our Pro-Life Ministry for making this happen.





Later in October, we continued our pro-life efforts by holding a “Fifth Sunday” Rosary for Life in the Chapel after the Vigil Mass on the 28<sup>th</sup> – once again in partnership with our brothers and sisters in HNJ’s Pro-Life Ministry. Kudos to SK Thom Fair and Eileen McClure for orchestrating this important prayer event.

Between October and November, we also led two of our popular Patriotic Rosaries that were well attended and much needed given the challenges facing our nation today. Please remind your friends that our Rosaries are not just for the Knights and encourage them to join us in prayer.



On October 11<sup>th</sup>, WPGK Dr Bob Krenzer and his crew cooked a spaghetti dinner for FIT students at the FIT Chapel. They did it again on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Call Bob if you’d like to help cook or serve at an upcoming student dinner at FIT.



On the weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup>, SK Bernis Thornton led our HNJ Holy Campers on a weekend of fun and prayer at Long Point Campground near Sebastian Inlet. Fr. Matthew dropped in to hear confessions on the waterfront and Fr. Scott celebrated the Mass

with the boys and their fathers. While weather cut the weekend short, we hope that word of this ministry for boys will spread and make the next camping trip an even bigger success.





On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Father Scott led the solemn celebration of the annual KofC Memorial Mass, paying tribute to our fellow priests, deacons, and Brother Knights who have passed in recent years and asking for God's blessing upon them. This was another successful event as evidenced afterward by the gratitude of the many family members and friends who attended. Thanks to SK Bob Weidert, his wife, Mimi, and WFS Stuart Dawley for putting it all together and to WDGK Tom Ghesquiere for doing an outstanding job reading the necrology.

Of course, the biggest effort of our fraternal year started on October 28<sup>th</sup> as WPGK Jay Casey and SK Ron Snyder once again led the construction of the Christmas tree lot. Many thanks to all of you who turned out to dig the holes, pull the nails, climb the ladders, secure the tarps, hang the lights, and otherwise cobble together our beloved tree lot. Like last year, high winds shredded the thing and it had to be rebuilt before the trees showed up; but due to your efforts, it was ready to go when WFS Stuart Dawley led the unloading of 500+ Christmas trees from North Carolina.



After Fr. Scott blessed our trees, sales got off to a great start and many thanks go to all of you who are pitching in to sell trees, even in the recent cold and rain. It's the profit from our tree sales that is the lifeblood of our charitable efforts throughout the year. I hope you all had a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving with your friends and loved ones and hope to see you at our Christmas party on December 9<sup>th</sup>. It'll be a good one.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Fischer, GK

### **Congratulations to our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for October**

SK Pat Cass



Sister Fran Sampson and SK Stanley Pimenta





## Congratulations to our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month for November

BK Dr Devin Datta



Jim and Nancy Christie



## Schedule of Upcoming Events

<b>Dec</b>	1	5:30 pm	First Friday Rosary (before Christmas concert)	Chapel
	2	5:30 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spaghetti Dinner	Life Center Hall
	2	9:00 am	State Soccer Challenge	TBD
	5	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	9	5:30 pm	Christmas Party	Life Center Hall
	9-10	After Mass	Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales	Atrium
	17	7:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	Community Rm
	19	7:00 pm	Exemplification + Planning Meeting	Church / Comm Rm
	TBD	All day	HNJ Spelling Bee	School

<b>Jan</b>	2	7:00 pm	Business Meeting	Rm 101
	5	7:00 pm	First Friday Rosary	Chapel
	16	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Rm 101
	17	6:30 pm	DD Meeting	St Joe's Hall
	20	10:00 am	Regional Spelling Bee	#6624, Kissimmee
	21	7:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	Comm Rm
	23	7:00 pm	Exemplification	Church / Comm Rm

## Good Times at the Tree Lot













## A Christmas Message from our Field Agent:

### Peace on Earth and Goodwill Toward Men



As we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to the angelic declaration of “Peace on Earth” and “Good will to Men!” We remember Pope Francis’ Prayer for Peace where he prays “Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!...Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last...”

In our lives there is much going on: scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. Seems like we’re busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we’re so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage. Check with your Human Resource office or your health insurance carrier for details.
2. When it comes to health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that’s in there by year end? Some plans have a “use it or lose it” feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues. Again, make sure you check with your HR office or health insurance carrier.
3. If you have earned income for the year, will you contribute to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA, or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute more based on the “catch up” provision? Now is the time to start making plans.
4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with rules and regulations, and each individual situation is different. I’d be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus,

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