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Grand Knight Message

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As we head into the fall season, or as we call it in Florida, third summer, we had our September meeting to discuss several upcoming and end of year events. These include the Memorial Mass, Christmas Dinner, upcoming Tootsie Roll Drive, among other agenda items. I was able to show off one of the two donated 22 inch griddles we use for the pancake breakfast with Santa. One was donated by Jack Fennell the other by yours truly. Both are brand new.

We were ready to present Family of the Month Award to Steve Gilkeson and his wife, Dot Trondle, but Steve became ill and couldn't attend. Also our Knight of the Month

selection was Hank Casey and he also was not in attendance. I will make an effort to get the awards to these people and get photos if possible.

I want to ask everyone to please talk to the younger fathers that you see attending church and encourage them to come to a knight's meeting. We really need younger members if we are going to continue to thrive. We do have a membership drive coming. I need participation!! It takes all of us!

Fraternally Yours,
Jim Schafer
Grand Knight

IMPORTANT!

If any Knight received **State Lottery Tickets** from the new District Deputy back in July, please call Grand Knight Jim Schafer ASAP at 352-406-2029



Message from Dcn. John Rumplach

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“Don’t be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.”

“So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord,”

2 Timothy 1:8,12

There is a song that we have all heard, “God Bless the USA” by Lee Greenwood. It has been around for quite a while, and after the 9-1-1 attack it was played more often.

Today, in the wake of the assassination of “Charlie Kirk,” a lot of people in the United States are now showing that they are “proud to be an American and especially a Christian (even worldwide),” but unfortunately, too many are not so proud. We see more people wearing flag pins, patriotic hats, or wearing red, and as we drive around you see our flag flying everywhere. How about you? Do you gladly stand up and say that you are “proud to be an American and proud to be a Christian?”

It is easy to say, “I’m Proud to be an American.” I wonder if it is just as easy to stand up and say, “I’m Proud to be a Christian - I’m proud to be a Catholic?” We have freedom of speech and we must use it in a cordial way and with full good communications with others. If we stand up and say that we love Jesus, are we afraid that someone might be offended. If we stand up and speak out for Jesus in our schools, are we afraid we might be breaking the law? In the past, it was almost forbidden to stand up for Jesus and say a prayer before a football game or when school starts because we are afraid that we might violate someone’s civil rights, but that is changing today in some ways to the good. It seems as if it is okay to stand up and speak out for almost anything these days – except Jesus. In a letter to a young man named Timothy, the apostle Paul said, “Don’t be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. I am not ashamed because I believe in him and trust in him.” In other words, Paul was telling Timothy, and we must tell others:

*“I’m proud to be a Christian, because in Him I’m free.
And I won’t forget the Christ, who died on the cross of Calvary,
So I’ll gladly stand up next to you and praise his name today.
‘Cause there ain’t no doubt I love this Man, Who took my sins away!”*

We are standing proudly today as Americans, but are we are also standing proudly as Christians, Catholics, and Knights of Columbus. I know we are!

Dear Jesus, we pray that we would never be ashamed to stand up and tell others about what you have done for us and what you want to do for them. Help us to have the courage to stand and say, “I’m proud to be a Christian, a Catholic, and a Knight of Columbus.” Amen

God Bless!

Deacon John Rumplach

2025 Bookings Plan

Officers Meetings - Start time has been changed to 6:00 p.m.

All members are invited, Officers are required to attend.

			Start Time
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	13-Oct	2nd Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	3-Nov	1st Monday	6:00 PM
Enrichment Center - Rm. C	1-Dec	1st Monday	6:00 PM

Business Meetings – Doors Open 5:30 - Rosary 5:55 – Dinner 6:10-ish

			Meeting Start Time
Enrichment Center*	22-Oct	4th Wednesday	7:00 PM
Social Hall	12-Nov	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM
(Memorial Mass/Pot Luck Dinner)			
Enrichment Center*	10-Dec	2nd Wednesday	7:00 PM

Subject to change

***Please Note:** Food service in the Enrichment Center might be restricted to pizza and drinks.

Other Knights Events 2025

Tootsie Roll Drive November 1st & 2nd at St. Mark's - all Masses
Tootsie Roll Drive Dates TBD 10 - 4 at Publix #0004 Mulberry Plaza

Memorial Mass & 12 Nov - 5:00 PM
Memorial Social 12 Nov - 6:00 Pot Luck Dinner and Beverages in Social Hall

Dinner/Dance Tickets Sales Tickets on sale all weekends in October.

Christmas Dinner/Dance Dec 13 in the Social Hall - Save the Date!

See Mike Colvin to help with set up for the Dinner Dance and ticket sales

Christmas Signs/Magnets Sales Nov 29/30, Dec 6/7, Dec 13/14. A chairperson is needed.

Knights Rosary 30-Nov

Meet @ 11:05 a.m. in Ministry Room for sash.
Wear Knights shirt and tan pants. We process in
at 11:15 a.m. Having 5 Knights participating is
ideal. Call LeRoy Henneke if you can join us.

Doughnut Sunday(s) Oct 26 after 8 and 10 a.m. Masses - Save the Date and
please volunteer to help.

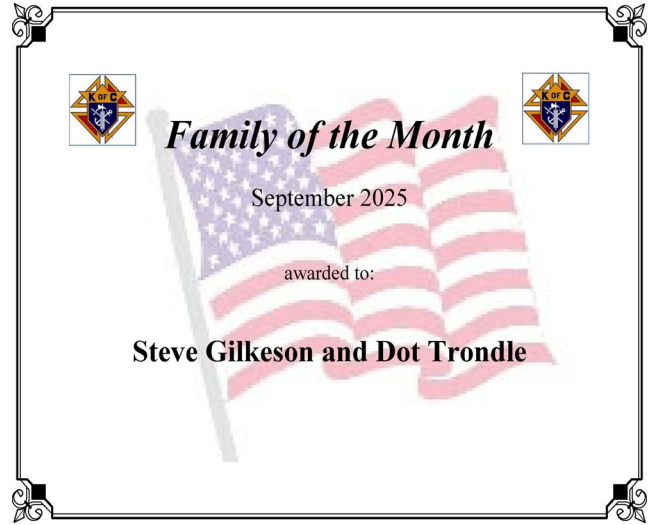
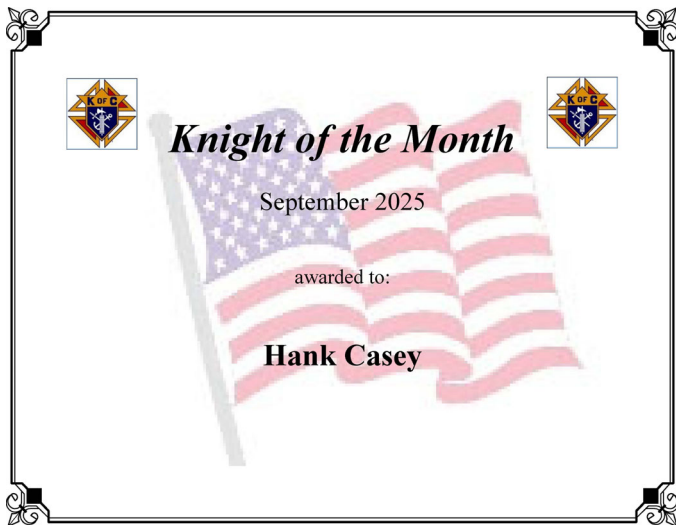


Our Council has been blessed with very generous donations of not one, but two, griddles for our Breakfast with Santa and other endeavors. One was donated by Jack Fennel and one by our Grand Knight and his wife, Jim and Marie Schafer.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We will need some storage containers for these beautiful pieces of machinery to keep them safe. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Talk to our Grand Knight for specifications.

And the Awards go to...



Congratulations and thank you for all that you did for the Council and the Parish!

All three recipients were not at the meeting for their awards and photos.



In early September, Rebecca and Bob Larson undertook this project to restore and maintain the grounds and the plaque in memory of aborted babies, which was donated by the Knights of Columbus.

Donations for seasonal flowers and landscaping pea gravel would be greatly appreciated. See DGK Bob Larson.

Our Tootsie Roll Drive, which was held on August 1st at Publix, Southern Trace.



Thank you to all the Knights who participated:

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| Phil Babel | Charles Fenstermaker | LeRoy Henneke | John Farr |
| Mac McClean | Bob Larson | Jim Devereaux | Pete Casey |
| Chuck Neumann | Mark Carter | Tom & Maria Felten | |

Our next Tootsie Roll Drive is November 1st and 2nd at St. Mark's. Charlie will soon be setting up SignUpGenius for volunteers or you can call me (Tom Felten) to volunteer.

Finally got the pictures out of my phone which is the reason why this article is a month late. Should have been in the August Newsletter.

Knights Help Respect Life Ministry



Looking for a forever home with baby.

The Knights helped to collect and store donated gifts after the Masses of the previous two weekends and on Thursday, September 4th, spent the morning helping to set up and display all the donated baby items. This took most of the morning and we were not done yet, because we were also committed to packing up everything to be brought to The Alpha Center for Women in Ocala.



Knights from left to right:
Jim Miller*, Bob Larson*, Joe Castrigno*, Chuck Neumann,
Paul Richards* (not a Knight), Tom Felten

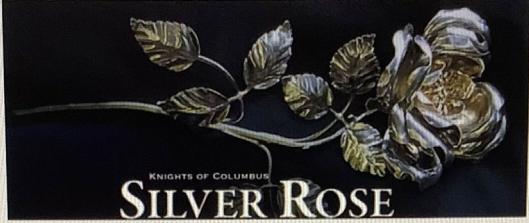
Not in Photo: Larry Waite, who did most of the Hall set up
as our “go to” maintenance man, and Paul Martin.

*Also members of Respect Life Ministry

† **The Silver Rose Icon** is scheduled to be at our Parish/Council sometime in the near future. Be on the lookout for info and dates as they become available.

† **The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon** is scheduled to be at our Council between December 30th and January 5th.

So many have asked "What is the Silver Rose?" So here is some info!



A HIGHER PURPOSE
Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

OVERVIEW
Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Food for Families – A Faith in Action - Family Program

The Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program, launched in 2012, which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. Creative initiatives like "40 Cans for Lent," Thanksgiving/Christmas basket drives, and weekend backpack programs have served families statewide.

The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night.

Council 14222 supports Food for Families through the annual Lenten Food Drive that takes place from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday by collecting non-perishable food and donations to benefit St Theresa's Food Pantry in Belleview, FL, a nonprofit organization dedicated to collecting, storing, and distributing food to those in need.

Council 14222 also works with Interface Emergency Services as a participant in the Backpack Program. Backpack food programs, or Food4Kids, offer families free groceries for weekends and school breaks. Food backpacks include healthy, easy-to-prepare food for kid-friendly meals. Food banks partner with schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, and community centers to distribute backpacks to kids.

Council 14222 started the Backpack program in September 2014 working with Food4Kids division of Interfaith Emergency Services in Ocala. Food4Kids services 30 schools in Marion County; the Council cares for two, Marion Oaks Elementary and Belleview Elementary. We are also supported by teams from Council 15644, St Jude of Marion Oaks.

Donations are always welcomed for Coats for Kids and Backpacks for Kids. See **Norm Nelson**.

Council News and Info

† First Friday Adoration (**ongoing**) we will be doing as a group with our wives at the 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. hour and Benediction. This past first Friday in September many Knights showed up with our wives and our Pastor saw us.

† Jim Schafer has appointed Mark Carter to be the Council's EFF Director of COR.

Council Evangelization and Faith Formation Director: Appointed by the Grand Knight, he will facilitate the planning, structure, and hosting of all COR gatherings. He is encouraged to build an EFF team that will help shoulder these responsibilities, especially if meeting more frequently. He will ensure adequate preparation for each event. Preparation includes reserving space, communicating timing and content, and ensuring the meeting is run excellently every time. Along with the Grand Knight, the EFF Director should coordinate and communicate with any existing parish ministries, particularly men's ministries in such a way that fosters collaboration and the possibility of a hybrid experience achieving the aims and goals of both groups. The Council Director is supported by the State EFF Director and his Team.

Mark has experience in this endeavor. Good Luck and God Bless!

Other Activities

Knights Breakfast with Santa - On Saturday morning, December 20th is a go. We have permission from the parish office. All volunteers, who will be in direct contact with the children, must complete the Safe Environment course required by the Diocese of Orlando through the church. We have two new grills to help us cook the breakfast!

The Night at the Races in 2026 has also been cleared by the office and Fr. Rafal. Since this is a gambling activity, there might be mandatory County and/or State requirements that must be met for the workers. Charlie Fenstermaker is the chairperson for this new event.

A Golf Tournament and/or a Golf Clubs/Golf Cart Raffle, which has the possibility of bringing in a substantial amount of money to the council. This would require a lot of volunteers and a lot of work, but the potential reward is worth it. Jim Schafer, our Grand Knight is strongly promoting these events. These events would be something for 2026/2027.



Mike Colvin is looking for help selling Dinner Dance tickets after all the Masses in October. If we do not help him, I heard we are going to get coal in our stockings!

Remember to buy your tickets for your group. So, remember to save the date, Saturday, December 13th in the Social Hall.

Birthdays for October Happy Birthday, Guys, and Many More!

Roger A. Cyr	Oct. 28
Joseph Donlon, Jr.	Oct. 19
Joseph W. Haftek	Oct. 15
Emil F. Kloske	Oct. 6
Thomas J. Lane	Oct. 28
James M. McCallum	Oct. 31
James P. Miller	Oct. 22
Robert C. Morrow	Oct. 9



David J. Pistarelli	Oct. 6
Daniel A. Ruehl	Oct. 11
Charles Stevens	Oct. 11
Bernard Sullivan	Oct. 6
John Thomas	Oct. 1
Larry Waite	Oct. 7
George White	Oct. 19
George Wood	Oct. 24

A Note from the Food Committee

Brothers,

I would like to thank all the members who contributed to our collection jar to help offset the cost of providing our **Pizza** (Costco) at our membership meeting on September 17 and Larry for helping me set up the Enrichment Center. If I can come up with the ability of serving other foods (hot) besides pizza in the Enrichment Center, I will do my best.

K of C Promotion / Ads

Charlie Fenstermaker and I (Tom Felten) are looking for full page ad ideas to be published monthly in the church bulletin promoting the Knights of Columbus. The idea of this is to let the parishioners and, hopefully, new members get an idea of who we are and what we do and do it in text and photos with promotional embellishments. This will be in addition to any of our existing events throughout the year. Your participation with new ideas or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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Kevin Maxwell has been reassigned as our Field Agent for all our insurance and investment needs.



Pray for the souls in Purgatory who need our help to reach perfection.

Also, please remember all of those in our Council Family who are ill, hospitalized and in need of our prayers.

Especially:

Gino & Joan Aultta
Ron Bellonio
Jean Brett
Yvette Carter
Hank Casey
Lorilee Cinella
Rick Cinella
Jean Clark
Kathy Colvin
Mike Colvin
Grace Colvin
Roger & Jerry Cyr
Bill Delaney
Chuck Demino, D.D.
Joe Donlon
Nancy Ellison
Kathleen Feenaghty

Jack Fennell & his wife
Tony Frank
Vern Garske
Kathleen Gross
Jean Henneke
Chris Joss
Betty Kloske
Henryk & Barbara Kulesza
Denny Laczko, PGK, PFN
Tom & Roberta Lane
Rebecca Larson
Patrick McCarty
Ron Moxey
Paul Murphy
Veronica Norcross
Sean & Rita O'Connell
Greg Ochalek

Paul Pitonzo
Jim Rose
Lynn Rosica
Tom Rueck
Pat Schafer
Chet & Harriett Sedke
Bruce & Judy Schladen
John Sloman
Bob & Pat Smelas
Bud & Sophie Stegmeyer
Jolene Sutherland & Family
Fred Targos
Bob Thomas
Lourdes Thomas
George & Pam White
Louis Wilkinson
George & Patricia Wood

Deacon John is still recovering from hip replacement surgery and other medical issues. Please keep him and his wife, Michelle, in your prayers. They are both doing better.

Our Past District Deputy, **Chuck Demino** has had major health issues recently. Please pray for his quick recovery. We wish him continued recovery and healing.

Tom Rueck has had some recent medical setbacks. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep **Kathy Colvin** in your prayers as she recovers from major foot surgery. Also, **Mike Colvin**, as he deals with some new medical issues of his own. We wish them both a quick recovery. We miss them at our meetings and activities. Our prayers have been answered as both Kathy and Mike are doing better and returning activities at the Parish and K of C.

Jack Fennell recently had eye surgery & his wife is completing cancer treatment this month.

Pray for Charlie Kirk and the family that he left behind.