



Grand Knight's Report



The recent passing of several of our friends and beloved Knight serves as a reminder of the limits of our time on earth.

I am not very good at waxing poetic about such things, but from a very practical sense, it did remind me that I know in my final years I will cherish spending time with my family, friends and Brothers. I am pointing the finger right at myself when I say we could all do an assessment of whether we are doing enough to support the elderly who are not very active and need our attention.

I saw a Facebook post about how someone would like friends to come and sit a spell on their porch. Who do you know that could use a visit to catch up and talk about the past, present and future. Maybe it's a short visit so they know we're thinking about them. Ask if they need anything. Ask another Knight to join you.

We can be Christ's presence on earth by visiting the aged, sick and lonely who will appreciate your visit.

Steve Wolfrom

Niceville Councils Join for St. Patrick's Day Fun-raiser

Knights from Christ Our Redeemer Council 13527 and from Father Howard J. Lesch Council 7667 will again pool their resources to host the annual St. Patrick's Day party at 3rd Planet Brewery in Niceville on Saturday, March 16, 2024. The Knights will serve corned beef and cabbage and a traditional Irish stew from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. while ladies from the Council of Catholic Women from each parish will provide a variety of baked goods. Corned beef dinners will cost \$13, Irish stew dinners, \$12, and the baked goods for dessert will go for donations.

St. Patrick's Day Fun-raiser

3rd Planet Brewery

**Saturday
March 16, 2024
4 p.m. to 9 p.m.**



**Irish stew & corned beef dinners
by the Knights of Columbus**



**Proceeds donated
to Knights' charities**

Cash or credit card

**Desserts by Council
of Catholic Women**

**Dine in
or takeout**



Knight of the Month

Lenny Smaeles

Knight of the Month for January 2024 was the council's Financial Secretary, Lenny Smaeles. Lenny has served the order as a bingo floor worker, usher, EMOHC ministry lead and trainer, as well as on the visitation ministry. He has also served as Assembly Comptroller and Parish Leadership Team member. He has cooked meals for the Parish's Advent mission and assisted the Environmental Committee with decorating the church for Christmas.



Family of the Month

Tom & Karen Sanders

Tom and Karen Sanders are active parish participants. Karen is the CCW secretary and regularly maintains the flowers on the Parish grounds. She is also a frequent reader at the 5:30 mass on Saturdays, and attends mass several days each week. Outside of the parish, she is on the board of Children in Crisis and the secretary of the Master Gardeners of Okaloosa County. Tom works full time for MOCA Systems but still volunteers every month to count the weekend collections and helps at Knights functions like the pancake breakfasts and Oktoberfest. Outside the Parish he is the Speaker Program Director for the Mid-Bay Bridge Rotary Club. Tom and Karen have 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

A LENTEN REMINDER

The three pillars of the Lenten season are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all our actions in life. Fasting enables us to step back from our usual habits and distractions and give particular attention to God.

According to the USCCB, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." Lent reminds us that almsgiving is not simply about an Easter offertory collection. It's about giving the gifts we have been blessed with – and giving of ourselves.

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of
Lent*



Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning Webinar

Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, is pleased to offer an informational webinar. This special live webinar, “**Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning**,” features nationally recognized speaker, television personality, and best-selling author, Ed Slott. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight into the latest tax and planning information. Click the link below to register.



2024 Bingo Schedule – COR Team

Team A Steve Wolfrom

Team B Stewart Lewis

March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov	Dec
8	12	10	7	5	2	30	27	25	22	27

Monthly meetings actually start at 6pm

Did you know we have a social hour before each monthly meeting? Brothers take turns bringing either food or drinks. It's a good way to keep up with council and parish happenings and other local news. If you want to volunteer to provide the food, or drinks, contact Joe Purka at jwpurka@gmail.com to schedule.

Knights attend the Ice Flyers Hockey Game



On February 3, 59 Knights and family members traveled to Pensacola to watch the Pensacola Ice Flyers defeat the Macon Mayhem. This was the third time that the Council sponsored a trip to the Pensacola Bay Center for a hockey game with the number of participants increasing each time. Plans are underway for the council to see the Pensacola Blue Wahoos baseball team play in the summer.



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE *Patriotic degree of the Order.*

Niceville-Bluewater Bay Assembly 3236

Patriotic Essay Contest

Each year, the Assembly sponsors a "Great American Patriot Essay contest. Flyers and entry forms have been distributed to St. Mary's and Rocky Bayou Christian schools. In the past, attempts to get participation from county schools have been futile, while these two schools provide more than 150 entries. Deadline for submission is March 30th and a committee of Sir Knights will select the winning essays with awards to be presented before the end of the school year.

VA Clinic

Each month, members of Assembly 3236 provide a VA Hospitality Table consisting of food, snacks, fruit and drinks at the VA Clinic located near the Eglin west gate for those veterans who need to show up early for fasting blood tests and then have to wait to see a doctor or other healthcare provider. The clinic, like many other facilities, had to implement a number of restrictions because of the COVID epidemic, among which was the prohibition of any volunteers at the clinic. When the Assembly was permitted to return after a two-year hiatus, the sign designed to inform the veterans of the availability of refreshments and the organization responsible was missing. Faithful Navigator **SK Bob Garcia** took it upon himself to design and order a new 36 x 24-inch poster and **SK Dave Halupowski** had it framed. Knights who are interested in occasionally volunteering to provide this service should contact SK Bob Garcia.



Council 13527 Officer and Program Positions FY 2023-24

Officer Position	Name	Program	Name
Grand Knight	Steve Wolfrom	Faith	Dcn Tom Dwyer
Deputy GK	Bernie Busovne	Family	Mic Wehmeyer
Financial Secretary	Lenny Smaeles	Community	Kevin Knebl
Treasurer	John Wohleber	Life	Dave Halupowski
Chancellor	Dave Carter		
Recorder	Ralph McDonald	Public Relations	Joe Purka
Advocate	Dan Rooney		
Warden	Jim Thennes	Vocations	Mark Haddorf
Inside Guard	Art Jean	Membership	Jim Yurack
Outside Guard	Ryan Wehmeyer	Retention	Tom Means
Trustee (1 year)	Bob Gualtieri	Insurance pro-mo	Steve Wolfrom
Trustee (2 year)	Jim Yurack	Chaplain	Fr. Bob
Trustee (3 year)	Stuart Lewis	Lector	Ken Rodriguez