



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

August 2025



***Our Lady of Victory Council 7968
&
Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789***

Monthly Highlights

Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

6 August First Wednesday Rosary & Holy Hour
12 August Second Tuesday Food Van
16 August Highway Clean-up
28 August Exemplification Ceremony & Council Social
School Supply Drive

Grand Knight – Marty Mears

Faithful Navigator – Steve Malutich

Dep Grand Knight – 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!

Please enjoy this month's Knights In Action Newsletter. As you will see throughout this newsletter, August has been another fruitful month! I would like to thank all of you who have given their time and money, and encourage everyone to find ways to help your neighbor or a fellow brother or sister.

With anniversary of 9/11, the Charlie Kirk assassination, and all the unrest at home and across the world, it can make us want to crawl-up in a ball and try to avoid the world. Take some time to look around and take notice of those who may be suffering and offer them an encouraging word, an ear to listen, or a shoulder to lean on. Remind yourself and those around you: "***God Loves You and He has a Plan for You.***"

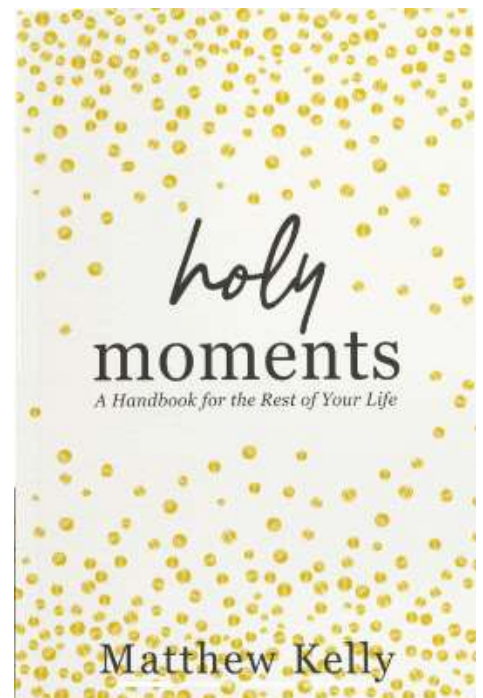
At our August business meeting, our Lecturer – Brother Frank Battistelli introduced a book: ***Holy Moments***, *A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* by Matthew Kelly. It is short and concise book with many insights. And if you are like most, you want to hear and feel the Holy Spirit lead you, and this book teaches you how to create those Holy Moments. Frank and Steve Malutich have a decent inventory of these books available, so reach out to them so you can get started. I have included a picture of book cover below.

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,

May the Peace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you and your families.

Thank you for all your contributions to our church, our Assembly and each other!

Much happened in August 2025! August is when the Knights of Columbus founder Blessed Michael McGivney was born. August 12th to be exact. The Holy Spirit moved him powerfully! August is also the month Blessed Father Michael McGivney passed from this life to the next. As you most likely know, I assist our Brother Arnie Fonseca with Youth Ministry. Youth Ministry has begun again after summer break. We could use at least one more man to help. It's not a huge commitment – one night a week from 6:00–8:15 pm or so. Please pray about it.

I was honored as a member of Knights on Bikes to attend the opening of Holy Family Catholic Academy at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Niceville. First Catholic School to be launched so far in 2025! That same weekend we had our DOPT Knights on Bikes meeting. Part of that was attending Mass together at Holy Name. One of the parishioners asked me after Mass as we were leaving if we were members of the Hells Angels! I assured her we were not. August is also when we celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We also cleaned up our part of Highway 90 and enjoyed fellowship and an awesome, tasty breakfast.

If you are a 4th Degree Sir Knight, I urge you to get more involved with your Assembly and your brother Sir Knights. We are good people doing good things!

I am honored to be a Knight!

Peace be with you!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Malutich

Faithful Navigator



Insurance News

Review your financial situation today.

One of the most valuable Fraternal Benefits is your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent.

Time for your financial checkup! Your KofC insurance agent has tools designed to help you gain a clearer picture of your financial protection needs. With a personalized review he can evaluate your current insurance coverage and identify potential protection gaps to ensure your coverage aligns with your goals.



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Birthdays

These members are celebrating birthdays in September:

Sir Knights

1 September – John Humphrey, Sr
1 September – Michael Martello
3 September – Jeffrey Blair
5 September – John Libby, Sr
9 September – Antonio Alcobia
14 September – Marc Zink
18 September – Tom Witzman
22 September – Patrick Stanley

Brother Knights

6 September – Robert Elgin
7 September – Gerd McCarthy
11 September – John Kimble
23 September – Frank Battistelli
25 September – Jon McMorro
25 September – Justin Whitfield



Anniversaries

These members are celebrating their KofC anniversary in September:

1st - 3rd Degree

40 Years – Robert Huggins, Sr

40 Years – Tom Witzman

33 Years – William Corino

28 Years – Antonio Alcobia

28 Years – Donald Widmaier, Jr

24 Years – Arnold Radowicz

22 Years – Gerd McCarthy

17 Years – Alfred Flores

16 Years – James Acol, Jr

14 Years – Jacey Acol

13 Years – Matthew Lynch

10 Years – Christopher Davison

8 Years – Daniel Lesh

6 Years – Nathaniel Bielawski

4th Degree

41 Years – Dcn Kenneth Mayfield



First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

We had another great showing for the First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour on August 6th. For the Rosary we had 10 Brother Knights and 15 parishioners in attendance as we meditated on the Glorious Mysteries. Brother Arnie Fonseca led off with the first decade, Brother Travis Robinson led the second decade, Brother Tony Jette led the third decade, Brother Doug Shepherd led the fourth decade and brother Marty Mears led the fifth and final decade to close it out (see pictures below). Thank you, brothers, for representing!



Catholic Charities Food Van

The Second Tuesday of the month came around again on August the 12th. Twenty-three individuals/families received a big bag of food; however, the process for issuing the food was very different this month. Instead of the people remaining in their cars on the side of the Parish Hall and receiving their food in their cars, Catholic Charities changed their rules, and all the cars had to drive through the church parking area and line up in front of the ramp to the Parish Hall one behind the other, get out of their cars come into the Parish Hall sign a document, receive their food, and drive on. Some of the older drivers were afraid to drive through the underpass to the hall. It was not a good operation. The Care Center director will see what she can do to get back to the old and very safe procedure where people remain in the parking area and receive food in their cars.



Picture 3 - Separating the food in the Parish Hall.



Picture 5 - Brother Travis controlling the incoming vehicles.



Picture 1 - A super group of volunteers who later enjoyed a free lunch provided by one of the Care Center helpers.

Picture 2 - Unloading the food from the Catholic Charity van.



Picture 4 - Packing the food bags.



Note: Herb is sorry, but he accidentally deleted the original photos and had to take them again from his camera. And they didn't turn out that good, but better than no pictures at all.

Highway Clean-up

On Saturday the 16th of August, Knights and their wives helped clean up our two-mile stretch of highway 90. This time we had sufficient help. We were all done within an hour, and we all enjoyed a super breakfast prepared by Brother Travis.

Picture 1 - A very nice picture of all our volunteers.



Picture 2 - Jeanine and Karen helping to clean the east side of highway 90



Picture 3 - From left to right, Brothers Mark, Frank and Dan helping to clean the west side of hwy 90.



Picture 4 - Brothers Travis and Jim, the kitchen crew.



Picture 5 - Everyone enjoying a super breakfast.

Herb sitting on a table trying to get everyone in the picture, but he missed one person, Terri Bauer (Scott's wife) sitting at the end of the second table. Sorry Terri.



New Member Exemplification Ceremony

On the 28th of August the Knights of Columbus (KofC) held a super social with wonderful participation to include an Exemplification that began the event with three new members joining the KofC, followed by a super meal with plenty of drinks to include German beer and plenty of desserts. The meal was delicious and enjoyed by all. We welcome our new Third Degree Members: Mike Buckner, Basilio Notarnicola, and Andrew Hudson along with their families and hope to see them participating with us as often as they can. Welcome aboard!

Picture 1 - Brother Arnaldo filled the Chaplain role and started the Exemplification with the opening prayer.



Picture 2 - Brothers Travis, the Presiding Officer; Herb doing the Lesson on Charity and Discourse on the Rosary; Bill doing the lesson on Unity; and Mike doing the lesson on Fraternity.



Picture 3 - To profess our commitment to the KofC principles, the candidates and all members present had to rise and raise their right hand and respond "I do" to the questions read by the Presiding Officer



Picture 4 - The Warden, Brother Tony, escorting the candidates to different positions when the time came.

Picture 5 - The Investing Officer, Brother Marty Mears, presented to the candidates, facing the audience, the Rosary of Mary our queen and Emblem of the Order.



Picture 6 - A picture of all Knights present, along with our three new members in the front.



School Supplies Drive

Brother Dan Lesh, once again, ran the School Supply Drive for school year 2025-2026. He started his drive in July by collecting donated supplies from Our lady of Victory (OLV) as well as from our K of C bingo fans and the Knights themselves. In almost a month's time Dan collected school supplies of \$4,293 from OLV and \$753 from bingo for a total of \$5,046. WOW! School supplies were passed out twice a week for three weeks at the Parish Hall based on the child's school year with 60 students receiving school supply handouts. Remaining supplies were donated to five schools within the Okaloosa County area and were very much appreciated. Thanks, Dan, for a SUPER JOB!

Picture 1 - Dan had helpers from the Legion of Mary.



Picture 2 - The group putting school supply bags together based on grades from kindergarten to 12th grade.



A Note from Herb Fosman – Vigil Mass for 4th Degree Knights

Our Faithful Navigator, Steve Malutich spoke with Susan in the church office and made the arrangements for a Vigil Mass for Mass Intentions to be held on Saturday 3 January 2026, for our departed brother 4th Degree Knights. We will eventually do the same for departed 3rd Degree Knights who were members of our Council.

The list of departed 4th Degree Brother Knights to be remembered are: Gerald Martello, Donald Widmaier Sr., Charles Lowrey, Ray Hornbaker, Robert Kopp, Peter Stadts, Tom Lovito, Joseph Scheid, Dennis Thibeau, John Mehalopoulos, Gary Riley, Michael Murphy, and Tom Burns. We don't ever want to forget our Brother Knights, and this is a wonderful way of remembering them all.

Knight of the Month

Brother Dan Lesh was selected as Knight of the Month for August. This is a well-deserved recognition for one of our hardest working Knights! Dan served as our Past Grand Knight and Chancellor this past year and volunteered to fill two major officer vacancies: Deputy Grand Knight for our Council and Captain for our Assembly. Dan also serves as the Secretary for the Don Braun Columbian Home, responsible for lawn maintenance, and will soon take over as a Bingo Team Captain.

In August, Brother Dan led the Knights' efforts for the School Supply Drive (read all about it, in the previous page) by making sure we got bulletin announcements, pulpit announcements, flyers, collection bins, tabulating the supplies and building the student kits for all the different grades. And finally, Dan played an important role in making and selling the Spaghetti Dinner tickets in the weeks leading up to the actual dinner (read about it next month). We are truly blessed to have such a great friend and supportive member of our Council and Assembly. We are honored to award Brother Knight Daniel Lesh with Knight of the Month for August 2025.

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



Family of the Month

For the Month of **August**, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. The **Jason and Pauline Ginez Family** serves as an astounding inspiration to our Parish, Community, and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

The Ginez family is a military family that has been long-time members of OLV and is led by their father, Jason, who serves as an active-duty air force officer at Eglin AFB. This family's mother, Pauline, is in her second year of serving as one of the CORE adults in the Youth Ministry and is a member of the Legion of Mary here at OLV. This past year she served a critical support role in the confirmation process for one of our non-native teenagers.

Their son, Santino, is a member of the High School Youth Ministry, an Altar server, and a hospitality minister. He has been described as "an awesome kid, who is always ready to help at whatever is needed for Mass." This family also regularly supports the Cross Catholic Food Packing events typically held in DeFuniak Springs.

***Grand Knight Marty Mears recognizes the Family of the Month for August 2025
Jason and Pauline Ginez and their son Santino***



Prayer of the Month

***In remembrance of the anniversary of September 11th 2001, and in memory of
Charlie Kirk, who was assassinated on September 10th 2025
we pray the***



Knights of Columbus World Day of Prayer for Peace September 11

*God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world:
peace in the hearts of all men and women
and peace among the nations of the earth.*

*Turn to your way of love
those whose hearts and minds
are consumed with hatred.*

*God of understanding,
overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy,
we seek your light and guidance
as we confront such terrible events.*

*Grant that those whose lives were spared
may live so that the lives lost here
may not have been lost in vain.*

*Comfort and console us,
strengthen us in hope,
and give us the wisdom and courage
to work tirelessly for a world
where true peace and love reign
among nations and in the hearts of all.*

Amen

*Pope Benedict XVI
Prayer Service at Ground Zero
April 20, 2008*

***At its 122nd annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council resolved that
September 11th be observed each year as a World Day of Prayer for Peace***

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