



Grand Knight's Report

In 1965, The Byrds released their song, "Turn! Turn! Turn." Originally written in the late '50s by folk singer Pete Seeger, the verses were taken almost verbatim from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. The Byrds' single, performed in a rock style and driven by the jangly 12-string guitar of singer Rodger McGuinn, entered the US charts in late October 1965, and quickly skyrocketed to Number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

The song's lyrics began with, "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," and the Biblical text that followed listed times and places for all things: birth and death, sorrow and laughter, war and peace, a time to break down and a time to build, etc. It's one of the few examples in popular music in which the bulk of the lyrics were taken from the Bible and set to music.

In the 56 years since its release, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" has continued to resonate with listeners. In fact, the song was selected by the Library of Congress in 2026 for preservation in the National Recording Registry for its "cultural, historical or aesthetic importance in the nation's recorded sound heritage"

"Turn! Turn! Turn!" has been a favorite of mine since I first experienced it as a thirteen-year-old. Now, as the 74-year-old outgoing Grand Knight of Council 13527, it resonates even more as this is the time to "build up" our council with new leadership. It's great to be a Knight!

Vivat Jesus!



Peter Blaise

Grand Knight	Peter Blaise	Advocate	Dan Rooney	Trustee (3 Year)	Steve Wolfrom
Chaplain	Fr. Bob Johnson	Lecturer	Ken Rodriguez	Faith Director	Dcn Tom Dwyer
Deputy GK	Mic Wehmeyer	Warden	Jim Thennes	Vocation Dir.	Mark Haddorff
Chancellor	John Rafferty	Inside Guard	Greg Muntzner	Community Director	Kevin Knebl
Recorder	Ralph McDonald	Outside Guard	Eric Wehmeyer	Family Director	Ryan Wehmeyer
Financial Secretary	Lenny Smales	Trustee (1 Year)	Jim Yurack	Life Director	Dave Halupowski
Treasurer	John Wohleber	Trustee (2 Year)	Stuart Lewis	Public Relations	Joe Purka

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Deacon Tom Dwyer

Pentecost

The seven weeks of Easter culminate with Pentecost, the 10th day after Christ's Ascension into heaven. From the Fifth Sunday on, daily Gospels are from Jesus' final discourse at the Last Supper, when He promised "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of Truth..." [John 14:16] This Advocate, the Holy Spirit, descended on the Blessed Mother and Apostles praying in the upper room of the Last Supper.

Acts Chapter 2 tells the story of the Holy Spirit's descent at the same time Jews were in Jerusalem celebrating their feast of Pentecost. It is in the interest of our own faith to appreciate the importance of the Jewish Pentecost.



The word Pentecost is derived from Greek meaning "50". For the Jews, it is associated with their feast of Shavuot that occurs 50 days after Passover. Shavuot is one of the three "Pilgrimage Feasts," when every Jewish male is to journey to Jerusalem. It commemorates the giving of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai. Since Jesus was crucified at Passover, typically Shavuot and our Christian Pentecost occur on the same day. Timed as it was in early spring, Shavuot also celebrated the harvest of the wheat crop.

It is appropriate that Jesus fulfilled the promise of the Old Testament by embodying this Jewish feast with the gift of the Holy Spirit "(who) will teach you everything and remind you of all I told you" [John 14:26], a "new law", resulting in the Church's harvest/baptism of its first converts!

Upcoming Events

May 21	Assembly 3236 Meeting at HNJ , 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m.)
May 22-24	Florida State Council Convention, Orlando FL
May 25	Memorial Day
May 28	Exec Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
June 4	Council Meeting , 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m.)
Jun 13-14	Knights Lead Rosary before all Masses
June 14	Flag Day
June 18	Assembly 3236 Meeting at COR , 7 p.m. (Dinner & Social at 6:15 p.m.)
June 25	Exec Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

April Knight of the Month

James Yurack



Our April 2026 Knight of the Month serves as a First Year Trustee and as Membership Director for the Council. Over the past ten months, he led the Council's efforts in recruiting eleven new members, meeting the goal set by Supreme and entitles us to receive the Father Michael J. McGivney Award for Outstanding Membership Growth. He has also led the Council's volunteers working with Habitat for Humanity of Okaloosa County to turn vacant lots into future

homes for those who need a place to live. He has also contributed to leading decades of the Rosary before Mass and is a member of the Panhandle Exemplification team which introduces new Knights to the Principles of our Order: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. It is for these reasons, and many more, that we select Jim Yurack as our April Knight of the Month.

Officers Elected for 2026-2027 Fraternal Year

At the Council meeting on May 7, 2026, the following Knights were elected

Grand Knight	Mic Wehmeyer
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Sanders
Chancellor	Dave Doherty
Recorder	Ralph McDonald
Treasurer	John Wohleber
Advocate	Ken Borick
Warden	Jim Thennes
Inside Guard	Greg Muntzner
Outside Guard	Eric Wehmeyer

The following positions are appointments:

Financial Secretary	Lenny Smales
Chaplain	Rev. Robert Johnson
Trustee 3 year	Peter Blaise
Trustee 2 Year	Steve Wolfrom
Trustee 1 Year	Stuart Lewis
Lecturer	Ken Rodriguez

March Family of the Month

The Sharpe Family



Our Family of the Month is Greg, Kristina, Aiden and Riley Sharpe. Greg serves as a Sacristan and also serves as a member of the Parish Council. Kristina was recently hired as the Office Administrator for the Christ Our Redeemer parish.

Their son, Aiden, an altar server, was recently selected as our council's nominee to the Florida State Council for the State's Altar Server of the Year. Aiden is a member of the Niceville High School Swim Team and Band. Their daughter, Riley, sings in the choir and is a majorette on the Ruckel Junior High team.

This family is involved in many aspects of parish life, including helping the Knights' first annual fish fry by serving, setting tables, and helping with cleanup. They also volunteer during parish events and assist with decorating the church for Christmas and Easter, as well as helping with setup and cleanup whenever needed. For all these things and undoubtedly many more, we congratulate the family of Greg Kristina, Aiden and Riley Sharpe as the April 2026 Family of the Month.

Viva Cristo Rey!



In the early years of the 20th century, the Mexican government persecuted the Catholic church, banning all public worship and religious education, and placing restrictions on priests and religious. Priests were executed for saying Mass and performing the sacraments. These restrictions eventually resulted in resistance to these anticlerical laws in the *Cristero* movement and the cry "*Viva Cristo Rey.*" An outgrowth of these laws was the growth of the Knights of Columbus in Mexico, from 400 members to more than 6,000.

Read more about the *Cristero* War in the May issue of the Knights' magazine, *Columbia*.

Left is a 2005 painting by Mexican artist Martha Orozco portraying the six Knights of Columbus priest-martyrs who were canonized in 2000.

Successful St. Patrick's Day Fest

Raised \$3,442 for the Council



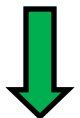
A lot of advance planning goes into a successful event. Here, Dave Carter and Lenny Smales prepare the ingredients to distribute to Council members for cooking the

The serving line was always busy as Knights and some wives helped keep the line moving.



Meals that were cooked by and offered by the Knights were traditional corned beef and cabbage, Irish Stew and Shepherd's Pie.

After all the meals are served and the crowd departs, there is still the hard work of pulling down the tent putting away all the other supplies and materials that such an event requires.



Members of the Christ Our Redeemer and Holy Name of Jesus communities and many others came out to support this fundraiser.

