



# ***KNIGHTS IN ACTION***

***March 2025***

***Our Lady of Victory Council 7968***

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***Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789***



## **Monthly Highlights**

Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

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| 11 March | Second Tuesday Food Van               |
| 12 March | Rosary and Holy Hour                  |
| 16 March | Silver Rose Icon & Service            |
| 20 March | Senior Bingo                          |
| 27 March | Monthly Social – Spaghetti Night      |
| 7 March  | Lenten Fish Fry for CA Wildfires      |
| 14 March | Lenten Fish Fry for Biloxi VA         |
| 21 March | Lenten Fish Fry for K-9 for Warriors  |
| 28 March | Lenten Fish Fry for CCC and CC of FWB |

***Grand Knight – Marty Mears***

***Faithful Navigator – Steve Malutich***

***Dep Grand Knight – Logan Steele***

***Faithful Captain – Michael Winner***

***District Deputy – Travis Robinson Jr***

***State Deputy – Richard P. Hughes***

***Insurance Agent – Jeff Fischer***

***Newsletter Editor: Doug Shepherd***

***Newsletter Contributor: Herb Fosman***

**Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> Degree) Business Mtgs are held on the **1st Thursday** of the month at 6:30PM.**

**Council (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) Business Mtgs are held on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at 7PM.**

**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!**

Happy Easter! I hope this lent has been a time of reflection and repentance, and soon we will celebrate His resurrection.

Please take some time to reflect on all that we have done this past month as you review this newsletter, and let's prepare for the next fiscal year (July 2025 – June 2026). I am asking all our Knights to consider volunteering to lead **or help** our Council. Pray on it and know that you will not be alone, we have a great core of knights that will help anyone out, but we cannot do all these things without more volunteers.



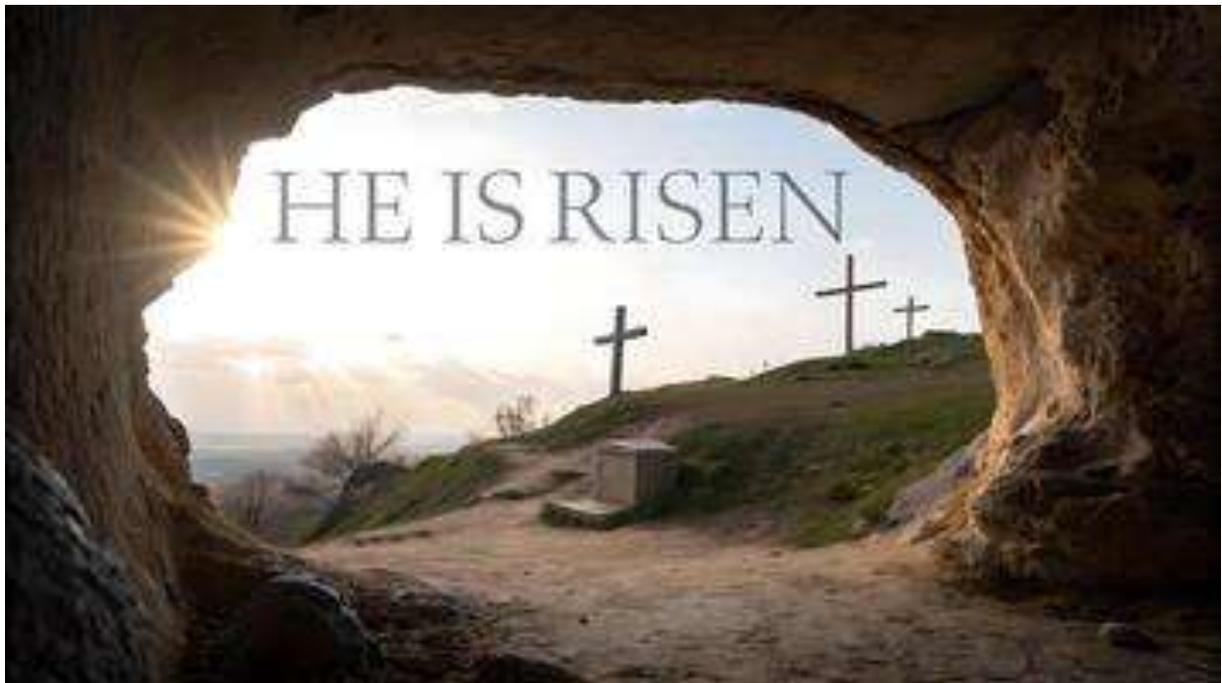
We have a month until we elect new officers and appoint positions, but now is your chance to talk to and help out the current officers and program leaders, or in some cases fill the role!

Finally, thanks to those in leadership roles and a special thanks to those of you who are always at our events, supporting bingo, helping in the kitchen, working bread ministry, food van and OLV care center!

**God Bless and Vivat Jesus!**

*Martin Mears*

**Grand Knight**



# *Faithful Navigator's Note*

***Hello Brother Knights!***

I hope this newsletter finds you well!!! March has been a busy month. I was sick for two weeks in the middle of the month. And I am thankful for that, because I take my good health for granted. I need to thank God for my good health every day and be continually mindful and appreciative of it, and I am happy to report I have been doing so.



I got to visit a number of other parishes in our Diocese from March 15 – 22<sup>nd</sup>, when the Silver Rose was in Region 1. I have a friend, a fellow member of Knights on Bikes, who often attends a Catholic church other than his home church. I may start doing that. Please don't misinterpret - I love Our Lady of Victory (OLV), Father Roy, Deacon Dan, and my brothers and sister parishioners at OLV! But some of these other Catholic churches are magnificent!

Please join me in praying for the Repose of the Soul of my friend, our brother Knight and fellow parishioner Tony Happel who passed away this month. And pray for his family – wife Heather and sons William, Blaze and Auggie.

Our Lenten Fish Frys have been well attended, both by brother Knights and their spouses and friends working at the fish fries and by people buying fish dinners, or just lots of fish!

My youngest daughter and 5 grandchildren visited in March. Praise God for the blessing of family visits! They all still want to see Mimi and Papa. Mainly Mimi 😊!

We continue to conduct our First Wednesday Rosary. Starts at 5:30 pm. Takes about 20 minutes. Because it's Wednesday, we do the Glorious Mysteries. I didn't pray the Rosary much in the past, and am thankful that our Council has as a Faith practice, the First Wednesday Rosary. It has led me to learn much more about our Mother and the Mother of God. What a special woman!

Elections for next fraternal year's officers will be happening in May. To support that, we should draw up our slate of officers in April. That's now this month, so please be thinking of a position you might be interested in serving in or people you would like to recommend and nominate, and let our Trustees (Jim Nelson, Mike Reiss and Dan Lesh) know.

***Peace Be With You!***

*Stephen Malutich*

**Faithful Navigator**

# Insurance News

## **Brothers,**

Are you on track to reach your financial goals? Are you unsure how to begin setting those goals? As your agent, I'm dedicated to helping you find the right insurance solutions, no matter your stage of life.

Whether you are in your working years with young kids, living paycheck to paycheck, or knocking on the door of retirement, I'm excited to help you protect what matters most and build financial security with insurance-based solutions tailored to meet your priorities.

The first thing to consider is whether your family would be financially taken care of if something happened to you. Would they struggle to meet the mortgage payments or to pay off other debts? Term life insurance can be an affordable option to give you protection in case of the unexpected. You'll also have the option to convert to a permanent plan in the future without additional underwriting. Terms and conditions may apply.

Second, start preparing for retirement, no matter how far away it may seem. The Knights of Columbus offers annuity solutions to help provide you with retirement income you can't outlive, guaranteed.

Finally, disability income insurance. For many men, regardless of their phase in life, protecting their income is their greatest financial need. What would you do if you were no longer able to work? Don't overlook how disability income insurance may be able to help you. I understand that your financial needs are not just unique but change over time. I'm here to help you find the right solutions today and to walk with you as your insurance needs evolve. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!



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# Birthdays

**These members are celebrating birthdays in April:**

## **Sir Knights**

6 April – Daniel Lesh

14 April – Fr. Kurian Manikuttiyil

22 April – Jay Villagomez

30 April – Anthony Jette

## **Brother Knights**

7 April – William Gartner, Jr

17 April – Jaime Feliciano

8 April – Richard Emmons

21 April – Christopher Davison

9 April – Matthew Coleman

29 April – Cesar Lopez-Zelaya

17 April – Michael Dunn



# Anniversaries

**These members are celebrating their KofC anniversary in April:**

## **1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

42 Years – Dcn Ken Mayfield  
31 Years – Michael Carlozzi  
29 Years – Dcn Timothy Taylor  
17 Years – Anthony Albano  
17 Years – Michael Graziano  
16 Years – Patrick Quinn  
14 Years – Kyle Lesmes  
13 Years – John Benes  
11 Years – Roy Piper  
9 Years – Donald Mazerat  
3 Years – John Humphrey, Jr  
2 Years – Jose Mejias  
1 Year – William Stevens  
1 Year – Ronald Brunell, Jr  
1 Year – Dalton Gordon  
1 Year – Justin Whitfield

## **4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

36 Years – Thomas Garrett  
36 Years – David Herard  
36 Years – Robert Huggins, Sr  
22 Years – Raymond Quinones, Jr  
22 Years – Charles Wells  
15 Years – Dr. Joseph Peter



# The Second Tuesday of the Month

Another "Second Tuesday" was held on 11 Mar 25 at our Lady of Victory Parish Hall, where 38 families came to receive perishable and non-perishable food without having to get out of their cars. This operation begins approximately 11:45 after the Catholic Charity van arrives, bringing a vanload of food that is offloaded into the hall by Knights. The food is then separated by Knight families, Care Center folks, and a few other volunteers. An efficient assembly line fills bags with food, which are then moved outside. After Catholic Charities registers eligible recipients and marks each car with the number of bags to be received, the food is placed in the cars 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Volunteers get a delicious free lunch, drink, and dessert. The job is a lot of fun. The April "second Tuesday" was held on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and the next one will be 13 May. Come by at 11:30 AM to enjoy the fun and a free lunch. We hope to see you then.

Picture 1 - Unloading the Catholic Charity truck.



Pictures 2, 3 & 4 - Separating the food items.



# Silver Rose Icon and Ceremony



On the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, the Silver Rose Rosary Prayer Service was held at Our Lady of Victory Church. It was a wonderful event which started with an introduction read by Brother Dan Lesh telling the story of Juan Diego. On Dec 9, 1531, he was on his way to Mass about two miles away from home and suddenly he heard beautiful music and a woman's voice calling to him. She revealed to him that she was the Blessed Virgin Mary. She instructed him to visit the bishop to tell him that a temple should be built in her honor at the base of Tepeyac Hill. The bishop was reluctant to believe his story, but after

a few days Juan Diego was told by the Lady to go to the top of the mountain and gather the flowers he would find there. He found in the frozen earth a miraculous garden of roses not native to the area. He gathered some and brought them to the Lady, who arranged them in his cloak. When Juan Diego arrived in front of the bishop, he opened his cloak, and the roses fell to the floor. At that moment, they both discovered something even more wondrous: a remarkable portrait of Our Lady was imprinted on the coarse fabric of the cloak.



Next was the Processional Hymn Immaculate Mary sung by Peggy Shepherd. Followed by Herb who had a reading that calls Catholics to be a people who advocate for life. The challenge before us is to teach the world that the life of each human being, unique and unrepeatable, begins at the moment of conception and ends by natural death.

Next was Part One: The Holy Rosary said by our Faithful Brother Knights

Picture 1 - The Silver Rose on the table

Picture 2 – Brother Dan reading the introduction to event

Picture 3 - The first reading read by Brother Herb

Picture 4 - Brother Mike reading the first glorious mystery.

Picture 5 – Brother Travis reading the second mystery.

Picture 6 – Brother Tony reading the third mystery.

Picture 7 – Brother Marty reading the 4th mystery

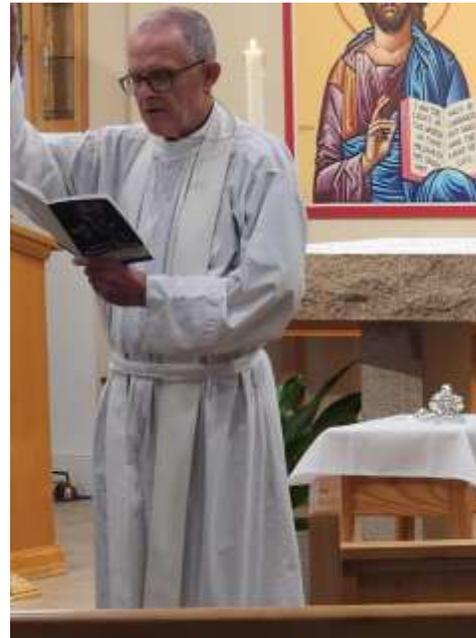
Picture 8 – Brother Steve reading the 5th and last mystery.

Picture 9 – Brother Tom reading Part Two: Liturgy of the Word.

Picture 10 – Brother Doug reading Part Three: Act of Consecration.

Picture 11 - Peggy reading the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



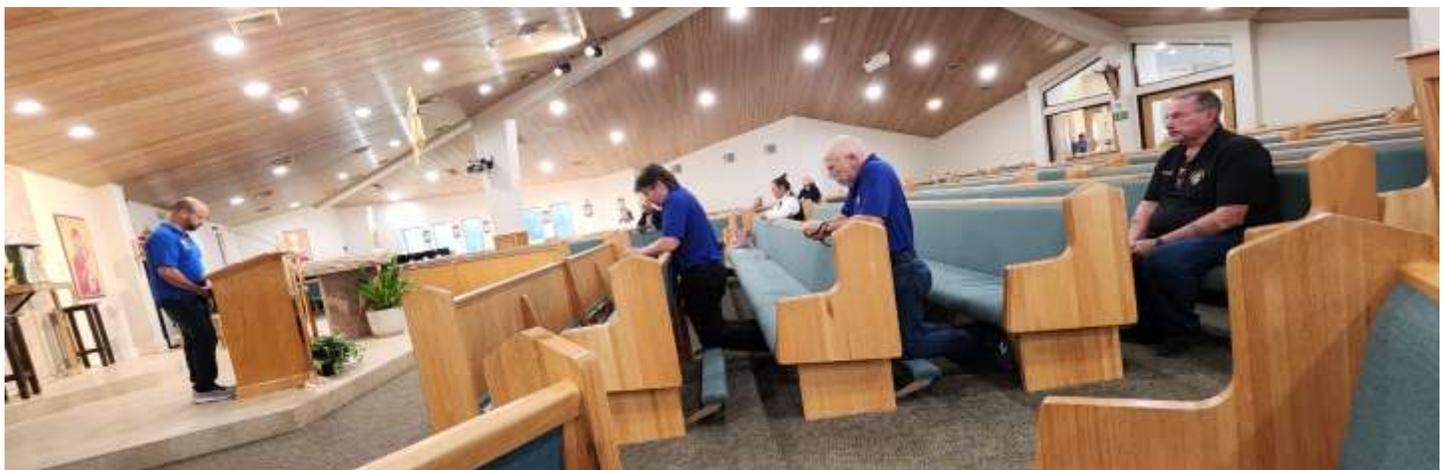


Picture 12 - Part Four: Final Blessing and Sermon by Father Roy: "The Lord is with you. Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing. The son of God redeemed mankind. May he enrich you with His blessings. May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Picture 13 - A group picture of the participating Knights.

# First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

Brother Knights Logan Steele, Steve Malutich, Travis Robinson, Arnie Fonseca, and Mike Winner (all pictured below) led the reading of the Rosary before Mass on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, brothers, for representing!



# Senior Bingo

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, Rosemary and her crew of helpers held another Senior Bingo. The Knight's Hall can accommodate 62 seniors when chairs are facing only to the front of the hall. And how many seniors were there? 60, WOW! Senior bingo begins at 10:00 AM and the Knights Hall entrance door opens at 9:00 AM. Many seniors love getting out of the house, enjoying conversation with their friends, pre-viewing the free bingo prizes; and having a great time before, during, and after bingo. Not only do they enjoy free bingo, but also the free prizes, lunch, and entertainment. Bingo ends at noon, and lunch and accordion entertainment by Herb begins. The lunch consisted of egg and tuna salad sandwiches, pasta salad, potato salad, veggie tray, chips, and cake for dessert - nobody left hungry. The seniors love when Travis Robinson is calling bingo. He plays a game and continues the same game until a dozen people have won, and the next game will be completely different. He does a SUPER job. The seniors wish we would have senior bingo every month, but it is a lot of work and is expensive. The next senior bingo is scheduled for 17 July so mark your calendars, get there early and we will see you then. Best wishes from the "Senior Bingo Team".

Picture 1 - A super crowd.



Picture 2 - Brothers Travis calling bingo and Bill processing in the seniors.

Picture 3 - Brother Luke helping to verify the winners.



Picture 4 - Brothers Mike and Dan helping to verify the winners.



Picture 5 - The ladies getting ready to serve a super lunch.



# Monthly Social

On Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, we had our KofC social event with Brother Mike Carlozzi, whom we haven't seen in the Knight's Hall in a few years. He prepared a SUPER "Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner". It was so good that many families had seconds. Mike prepared so much food that everyone was very happy they could take some home. The dessert was very good too. We hope it won't take a few years before we see Mike again.

Picture 1 - You can't see him, but Mike Carlozzi was leading a prayer before eating.

Picture 2 - Going through the food line with Mike serving.

Pictures 3, 4 & 5 - Everyone enjoying the SUPER meal.



# Lenten Fish Fry Fundraisers

**Our first Lenten Fish Fry was held on Friday 7 Mar 25.** Net earnings were a little over \$1,700, but the Knights bumped it up to \$2,000 to support California wildfire relief efforts that occurred in Feb 25 where over 1000 homes burned to the ground. What caused the fires is still under investigation, but they think it was caused by extreme drought conditions and strong Santa Ana winds. The fires included the Palisades and Eaton fires, and have burned down communities in the Pacific Palisades, Malibu, Altadena, and Pasadena.

Picture 1 - The Knights advertising Stand. Pictures 2 & 3 - The in-processing team, Dan Lesh, Mike Winner and our Grand Knight Marty Mears.



Picture 4 - The serving line.



Picture 5 - Travis the fish grill cook, Mike Reiss the French fry's preparer and the food processing and food deliver crew: Jim Nelson and Luke O'toole



Picture 6 - Rosa Garrett brought George Liedel to the Fish Fry and he is being greeted by Jim and Bert. It was good to see George.



Picture 7 – Jim and Col Masterson



Picture 8 - Herb playing a little music.



**The second Lenten Fish Fry was held on 14 Mar 25.** We had a super crowd and earned a little over \$2,500 that will be going in support of the VA Hospital in Biloxi that the Knights have been supporting every year for about 25 years.

**Our third Lenten Fish Fry was held on 21 Mar 25,** and once again had a great crowd, earning the Knights \$2,400 that will be going to support the K9s for Warriors. K9s For Warriors is an American charity and veterans service organization that provides service dogs to veterans. The organization trains rescue dogs to help veterans coping with post-traumatic issues and other psychological challenges associated with military service stress disorders and traumatic brain injury.

Picture 1 - In-processing line.



Picture 2 - The serving line.



Picture 3 - Bill and Rick prepare the fish for cooking.



Picture 4 - Travis cooking the fish.



Picture 5 - Mike preparing the French Fries

Picture 6 - Frank and Mike prepare hush puppies with Rosemary doing many different things.



Picture 7 - Herb playing the accordion.

**On Friday 28 Mar 25 we held our 4th Fish Fry.** We profited almost \$2,000. \$1,000 will be donated to Our Lady of Victory Care Center and \$1,000 to the Catholic Charities of FWB. We appreciate the hard work the knights and their wives have been doing every Friday for the past four weeks, helping us earn money that has been going to organizations in need. Hang in there team - only two more weeks left before we can take a break before our next supporting event, and that probably won't be too far away from our last Fish Fry for this year.



Picture 1 - Our in-processing team processing in one of our Brother Knights.

Picture 2 - Our hard-working serving line.



Picture 3 - Brothers Bill and Richard preparing the fish before frying.



Picture 4 - Brother Travis frying the fish, with brothers Mike and Steve preparing the French fries.



Picture 5 - Brothers Dale selling drinks and Jim taking a few minutes break after washing the fish before it is prepared.



Picture 7 - Brother Herb providing some accordion music.



Picture 6 - Guests enjoying a good fish fry meal.



***Brother Mike Winner provided the pictures, thanks a bunch Mike!***

# In Memory of Tony Happel

*Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church*  
FUNERAL MASS



TONY LEE HAPPEL

JULY 12, 1967  
TO  
MARCH 29, 2025

Tony Lee Happel passed away on March 29, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with glioblastoma (brain cancer). Not only was Tony a family man, but he was also a friend and community man. He loved his friends like family and cherished each one.

Tony was an amazing guy. The Crestview Knights of Columbus works diligently to achieve Supreme's highest award, the Star Council Award. Earning the award is the goal of every council that recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, safe environment, and service program activities. The most difficult part to achieving this award is bringing in the annual required number of new members, and during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 which is from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 the council needed one more new member to

receive Supreme's Star Council award. Brother Steve Malutich, the Council's Fourth Degree Faithful Navigator, asked Tony in early June if he would join the Knights of Columbus; and told him what his membership would do for the council. As sick as Tony was on June 27, 2024, three days before the end of the fiscal year Tony joined the Knights of Columbus and the Council received Supreme's highest award the Star Council award. Was Tony an Amazing Guy? He sure was.

Tony has been enrolled by the Knights of Columbus as a Perpetual Member in the Missionary Society of St. Columban. Perpetual Members share in the following spiritual Blessings: 2000 Masses offered each year. Special prayers by all Columban missionaries in mission centers both at home and abroad.

# Family of the Month

For the Month of March 2025, the nominated selection for the Family of the Month is the Paul and Vanessa Hernandez Family. The parents have done a tremendous job raising their four daughters in growing within our Catholic faith in fellowship and service. Paul (not present for the family picture) is currently deployed serving our



great nation on active duty in the U.S. Army. His wife Vanessa has served our parish as Lector for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass, and as the opportunity arises at other devotional Masses. Their oldest daughter Zoie is currently studying in college at Mississippi State University, and has previously been active with the Youth Ministry. Their second oldest daughter Izabella is a High School Senior and currently serves assisting with the Hospitality Ministry (greeting parishioners and visitors, and conducting ushering duties as needed). In the act of evangelization, she consistently invites her boyfriend (Abraham) to join her and her family to Mass regularly at the 11:00 am service. Sophia is currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and is a Confirmation Candidate this year. She serves routinely as an Altar Server, an active participant in the High School Youth Ministry, and is also engaged in Evangelization by inviting her friends to join her at Mass and Youth Ministry meetings and events. Finally, their youngest daughter Pria is a 7<sup>th</sup> Grader who also assists at Mass as an Altar Server and participates in the Middle School Youth Ministry. As an inspiration to our OLV parish community by living their 'Faith in Action', and having demonstrated that they are a Family 'Fully Alive' modeling Christian family values in the service of Chris; the Hernandez Family is recognized and presented the Family of the Month Award.

Photo taken by Brother Arnie: As presented by Brother Mike Winner prior to today's (Palm Sunday) 11:00 am Mass at OLV.

# Knight of the Month

Brother Knight Mike Winner was selected as Knight of the Month for March 2025. Mike is the council's Family Program Director, the Captain for the Assembly, and a great photographer often taking the pictures you see in this Newsletter! As the Family Program Director, Mike convenes the selection process for the Family of the Month, writes up the family award (as seen in this newsletter), and presents the award to the family before Mass each month. Mike even fills in as Council Recorder when needed.

Mike has been an active member regularly participating in our events - rosary night, fish fry fundraisers; Silver Rose - just to name the events from this past month!

The Grand Knight presenting Worthy Brother Mike Winner with the Knight of the Month Award.



# Prayer of the Month

"I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me,  
even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives  
and believes in Me  
will never die."

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