



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



May - June 2026 Newsletter

Our Lady of Victory Council 7968

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Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789

2025-2026 Officers

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

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!

I hope you all had a happy and safe 4th of July, and that you had the opportunity to spend time with friends and family. This is a unique and historic milestone in our country, and it has been comforting seeing the many displays of patriotism as well as recognition of the role God has played in the development of our country. I urge you all to pray for the ongoing conversion of our hearts and the hearts of others so that we can heal the divides in our country and the Universal Church.



As of the 1st of July, we have embarked on a new fiscal year for our Council, and that includes new officers, new goals, and new ideas. I hope this also translates into new enthusiasm for our Council and the Knights of Columbus. We are making efforts to offer more social opportunities to increase fellowship and camaraderie, but we need you to join us in these efforts. In our continual efforts to streamline our business meetings, we are asking all members who wish to bring new business to please contact officers in advance of the business meetings. We will work with you to get your business on the agenda and to prepare your motion.

Finally, I would like to introduce your Council officers for 2026-2027:

Grand Knight – Marty Mears

Dep Grand Knight – John Lane

Financial Secretary – Matt Chaddock

Treasurer – Frank Battistelli

Chancellor – Travis Robinson

Recorder – Arnie Fonseca

Advocate – Byron Hewett

Warden – Tim Hall

Guards – Luke O'Toole & Joe Lakatos

Trustees – Mark Johns, Jim Pazienza & Bill Marchand

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,

Peace be with you and your families!

Your Assembly has selected and approved Officers for next Fraternal Year. I am honored to remain as Faithful Navigator for one more year. New Sir Knight John Lane will be Faithful Captain. Sir Knight Marty Mears remains our Faithful Comptroller. Father Rick Dawson remains our Faithful Friar. Sir Knight Bill Marchand remains our Faithful Admiral. Sir Knight Mark Johns remains our Faithful Purser. Sir Knight Jim Pazienza remains our Faithful Pilot. Sir Knight Charlie Mogayzel remains our Faithful Scribe. Sir Knight Nathan Schrader remains our Faithful Inner Sentinel. Sir Knight Luke O'Toole remains our Faithful Outer Sentinel. Sir Knights Jim Nelson and John Libby continue as Trustees. And Sir Knight Travis Robinson will become our Three Year Trustee. Most of the men that will serve in these positions next Fraternal Year have already served in the position for many years. Continuity is a good thing, but so is managed turnover that brings fresh energy and ideas. So, there will be opportunities to serve opening in Fraternal Year 2027 – 2028.



As usual, May and June 2026 were busy months for Sir Knights in our Assembly. May is the month of Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God. That made our First Wednesday Rosary especially meaningful. Sir Knights joined in praying. Sir Knights helped with the second Tuesday Catholic Charities Food Distribution and with Quarterly Highway Clean Up. Five Sir Knights – Jette, Johns, Libby, Robinson, and me and their wives (except for mine 😞) – conducted the Support The Biloxi VA Veterans Mission. We took five pickup trucks full of donated goods to the Biloxi VA Hospital and then led a fun bingo session for them. Finally, Sir Knights joined in praying an America Needs Fatima Rosary in the parking lot of our Knights Hall with members of the Our Lady of Victory Legion of Mary.

June was special for a number of reasons. First, it is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus! Also, Sir Knights Jette, Robinson, Williams, Lesh, Libby and Malutich served in the Honor Guard for Bishop Ricard's Funeral Mass. On June 11, US Bishops consecrated the USA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Sir Knight Travis Robinson and I delivered a \$500 Sam's Club Gift Card to the Destin/Fort Walton Beach Airport USO. On June 20th, Sir Knight and Vice Marshall Jette installed the FY 2026 – 2027 Assembly Officers. We were pleased our Faithful Friar, Rev Rick Dawson, could participate! We presented him a plaque commemorating his selection as Honoree for the March 2026 4th Degree Patriotic Exemplification.

I am honored to be a Knight!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen Malutich

Faithful Navigator

Insurance News

Brothers,

This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well.

This month I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement.

What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies.

If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life.

Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come?

Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren?

Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones.

The hardest step may be making the initial decision to start. From there, it doesn't need to be intimidating.

I'm here to partner with you in finding insurance solutions. Whether you want to review the retirement plan you already have in place or are just beginning your journey, we can work together to make sure you have what you need.

Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time to meet. Thank you for your time! Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings.

Thank You!

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Birthdays

These members celebrate their Birthdays in June & July:

Sir Knights

7 June – Lawrence Kime	2 July – James Busillo
15 June – Luke O'Toole	9 July – Charles 'Chip' Wells
19 June – David Herard	13 July – Arnold Radowicz
20 June – Jared Parker	19 July – John Dick
24 June – Larry Johnson	20 July – William 'Bill' Marchand
24 June – Dcn Kenneth Mayfield	20 July – Raymond Quinones
26 June – Cliff Wolf	24 July – Robert Reese
30 June – Anselmo Gerard	26 July – Mark Johns

Brother Knights

1 June – John Sipos	5 July – Jacob Foreman
3 June – Nathaniel Bielawski	6 July – Basilio Notaricola
5 June – Norbert Bigirimana	7 July – Jessie Echlund
7 June – Wilfrido Cisneros	10 July – Matthew Prachar
12 June – Edward Shackelford	13 July – John David Rush
12 June – Joseph 'Joe' Fellenz	18 July – Nathan Morrow
12 June – Jeffrey Knoll	21 July – John Widmaier, Sr
16 June – Andrew Hudson	22 July – Arthur 'Art' Saunders
20 June – Matthew 'Matt' Chaddock	24 July – Alfred 'Al' Flores
20 June – Lew Notarnicola	24 July – Joseph Saul
23 June – Christopher 'Chris' Schultz	25 July – David 'Marshall' Gudinas
25 June – Dan Brabbins	27 July – Msgr Michael Tugwell
26 June – Rev Oliver Smalls, Jr	28 July – Matthew 'Matt' Klene
29 June – Tommy Lee	

Anniversaries

These members celebrate their KofC anniversary in June & July:

4th Degree

June

15 Years – James Acol
15 Years – Reginald Brown
15 Years – Richard Connolly, Jr
14 Years – Rev Kurian Manikuttiyil
14 Years – Glenn Moore, Sr
14 Years – Robert Reese
9 Years – Antonio ‘Tony’ Aguilar

July

41 Years – William O'Donnell, Jr
31 Years – John Muller

1st - 3rd Degree

June

42 Years – William O'Donnell, Jr
35 Years – Michael Winner
29 Years – Dennis Daigle
28 Years – Anthony Jette
28 Years – Randolph Wooley
23 Years – Rev Kurian Manikuttiyil
15 Years – Robert Reese
15 Years – Kevin Zois
14 Years – Patrick Stanley
9 Years – Brian Nurmi
7 Years – John Jones, Sr
5 Years – Robert Foley
4 Years – Douglas Shepherd
3 Years – Ronald Unite
3 Years – Michael Aldrich
3 Years – Thomas Roccisano
2 Years – Jacob Foreman

July

38 Years – Clifford Wolf
33 Years – Jeffrey Blair
23 Years – Michael Quinlivan
22 Years – Dennis Benevides
22 Years – John Widmaier, Sr
17 Years – Arturo Leyva
7 Years – Paul Hernandez
5 Years – Jeffrey Knoll



May First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

On Wednesday 6 May 26 the monthly Rosary, the Glorious Mysteries, was read by the members of the Knights of Columbus. It started off with Brother Travis reading the first mystery the Resurrection, followed by Brother Tim reading the second mystery the Ascension, with another Brother, Tim reading the third mystery the Descent of the Holy Spirit followed by Brother Tony reading the fourth mystery the Assumption, with Brother Steve reading the last mystery the Crowning of Mary. The first five pictures are pictures of each of the readers. Picture 6 is a picture of brother Luke who served as a alter server during the Mass that followed the Rosary. There was a good turnout about 30 people, and I thought I had taken a picture of the those in attendance, but I didn't. What follows is a beautiful prayer that we all should be familiar with:

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy! Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus. O clement O loving O sweet Virgin Mary.



June First Wednesday Rosary and Holy Hour

The first Wednesday of every month dedicated members of the KofC arrive at Our Lady of Victory Church around 5:15 PM to recite the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary followed by a 6 PM Mass and Adoration and confession. June was no exception. Our Rosary team were there to recite the Rosary.

Picture 1 - Brother Steve, the Fourth-Degree Faithful Navigator read the first decade, the Resurrection.

Picture 2 - Brother Travis read the second decade the Ascension.

Picture 3 - Brother Ed read the third decade the Descent of the Holy Spirit.

Picture 4 - Brother Mike read the fourth decade the Assumption.

Picture 5 - Brother Rob read the fifth and last decade the Crowning of Mary.

Brother Luke was the Altar Server during the Mass.



Bingo Team #2

In the April Monthly Newsletter, we identified who works on Bingo Team # 1. This article identifies the workers on Bingo Team #2.

Picture 1 - Brothers Luke & Herb work dollar bingo from 4 to 7 PM every Tuesday night.

Picture 2 - Brother Byron verifying bingo winners from 6:30 to about 9:30 PM.

Picture 3 - Brothers Tony sells bingo tickets and controls bingo from 3 to about 9:30 PM. Mark calls bingo from 6:30 to 8 PM but tonight called and helped to clean up hall until 9:30 PM. Brother Arnie calls bingo from 8 till sometime after 9 PM, but he was not there.

Picture 4 - Brother Bob works every Tuesday night from 4 to 7 PM selling raffle tickets.



Picture 5 - Brother Pat calls dollar bingo from 4:30 to 6:15 PM every three weeks. Pat will be calling dollar bingo one more time. In June he and his wife will be moving to Montgomery, Alabama to be closer to family.

Picture 6 - Brother Jim works dollar bingo every Tuesday night and here you see him collecting players money. He also helps out in the kitchen when needed. Brother Mike Reiss also works dollar bingo, but he has had medical problems that has kept him away.

Picture 7 - Brother Tommie verifies bingo winners from 6:30 to about 9:30 PM.



Picture 8 - Sally works in the kitchen from about 3 to 7:30 PM.

Picture 9 - Brother Al cooks in the kitchen.

Picture 10 - Julie works in the kitchen.



Note: A video was taken of the kitchen crew instead of a picture, that is why you see pictures of them separately.

Bingo Team #3

Bingo Team #3 worked on Tuesday, 23 Jun 26. What these three bingo teams do - taking into consideration what the KofC members and their wives do and have done to help earn money for the KofC to help support needy organizations to include the OLV Care Center - is absolutely unbelievable. Their hard work and continued dedication are very much appreciated.

Picture 1 - The kitchen crew Rosemary the cook, Joann and Jeanine take orders, prepare French Fries popcorn serve the people and clean the kitchen up. They work every three weeks from 3 to 7 PM.

Picture 2 - Brother Travis sells bingo cards and works from 3 to 9:30 PM every three weeks.

Picture 3 - Brother Bob works every Tuesday night from 4 to 7 PM selling raffle tickets.

Picture 4 - Brother Steve calls one dollar bingo every three weeks from 4:15 to 6:15 PM and stays to work regular bingo until 9:30PM.

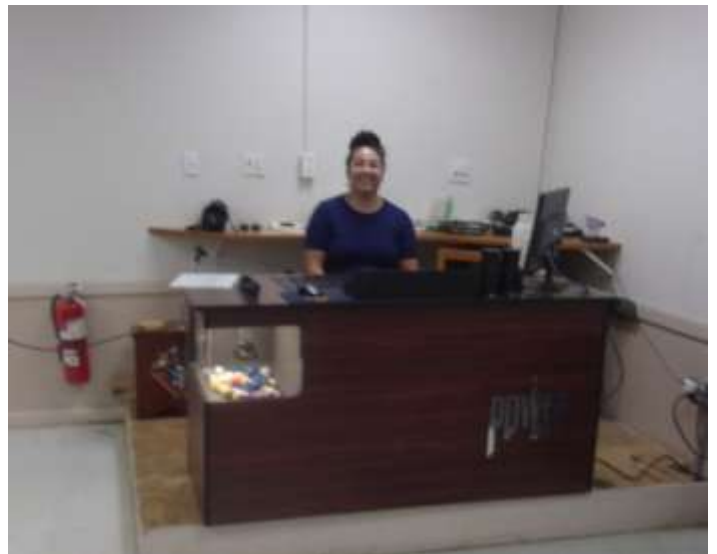


Picture 5 - Brother Jim works dollar bingo every Tuesday collecting bingo money after every game as you see here in this picture and helps out in the kitchen before departing for home to DeFuniak Springs about 30 miles away.

Picture 6 - Brothers Herb and Luke work dollar bingo every Tuesday night from 4 to 7 PM.

Picture 7 - Brother Bill used to be on Bingo team 1 but was moved to team 3 where a new member was needed. He works regular bingo every three weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 PM verifying bingo winners and providing winners their winning money.

Picture 8 - Sharon calls regular bingo every three weeks from 6:30 to 9:30 PM.



Catholic Charities Food Van - May

WOW! We sure were busy on Tuesday 12 May 26. We serviced 43 people in their cars on 2nd Tuesday. Based on the number of cars initial waiting for food we prepared 23 bags of food and 30 minutes later we had to prepare 10 more bags and shortly after that we had to prepare 10 more bags and had no more food left. Another five cars showed up, and we had no more food to pass out. We had to tell the drivers of the five cars to return the next day to the Care Center and they would receive food. And according to the Capital Charities representative starting next week we are going back to the old system where we will begin issuing out food at 1 PM rather than 12 PM. Catholic Charities has to remain in the area until 2 PM. For the volunteers we preferred starting at 12 PM because a few of us have to work Tuesday night bingo too. So, I guess that means Catholic Charities will be arriving at 11:45 rather than at 11 AM. So, I guess we will find out on Tuesday 9 Jun exactly what we will be doing.

Picture 1 - Unloading the Catholic Charity Van.

Picture 2 - Separating the food.

Picture 3 - Brother Travis obtaining the driver's identification.

Picture 4 - Brother Bob obtaining the driver's identification.

Picture 5 - The volunteering crew putting the bags together.



Picture 6 - Putting together the free lunch.

Picture 7 - Volunteers enjoying a free meal paid for by a Care Center worker.

Picture 8 - The passing out of the food bags.

Picture 9 - The packing up of another 10 food bags.

Picture 10 - Cars being processed through to get food.

Picture 11 - Catholic Charities representatives sitting down with Brothers Richard, Bob, Travis, Mike and Jeanine helping out outside.



Catholic Charities Food Van - June

Information received from Catholic Charities in May was that effective the second Tuesday in June food bags would be issued out starting at 1 PM rather than noon. But to our happy surprise the food bags were issued starting at noon making it possible for us to leave shortly after 1 PM.

Thirty-five bags were issued out with a variety of wonderful food items and those waiting in their cars to get food were also very happy that we started passing the bags out at noon. A few cars always arrive around 11:30 AM and are very happy to get out of there as soon as possible.

Picture 1 - The arrival and unloading of the Catholic Charities van.

Picture 2 - The separating of food items.

Picture 3 - Travis obtaining the driver's identification that is checked out by a Catholic Charities representative and returned to the driver.

Picture 4 - Catholic Charities representatives checking out the identification cards.



Picture 5 - Food bags are being filled after the separating of the food items.

Picture 6 - Brother Bryon and his son bringing out filled food bags to the issuing point.



Picture 7 - More full bags getting ready to be wheeled out to the issuing point.

Picture 8 - Cars pulling in to get food.



Picture 9 - Brother Bob obtaining the drivers identification.

Picture 10 - Volunteers enjoying a free lunch paid for by a Care Center volunteer worker.



Highway Clean-up

We had our quarterly Highway Cleanup on 16 May 26, and we had a good turnout that helped us complete the cleanup shortly after one hour and got to enjoy, as always, a super breakfast prepared by Brother Travis.

Picture 1 - A nice turnout. Herb was also there and he took the picture.



Picture 2 - Jeanine, Karen, Brother Steve and Brother Herb, you can see Herb's shadow, cleaned the east side of Highway 90. Herb and Steve on one side of the street and Karen and Jeanine on the other side.



Picture 3 - The west side of 90 takes a lot more people to clean up. Here you see Brother Frank putting out full bags that will later be picked up, and Brother Marty is driving the truck.



Picture 4 - Brothers Robert and Rick working on the west side of 90.

Picture 5 - Brothers John and Bill also working the west side.



Picture 6 - Brother Travis getting ready to prepare breakfast.

Picture 7 - Brother Dan, Jeanine, and Karen helping Travis serve the meals.



Picture 8 - A delicious meal including orange juice, coffee and water.

Picture 9 - Everyone enjoying a SUPER meal.



Picture 10 - Even the kitchen workers deserve to eat.



Biloxi Veterans Admin (VA) Hospital Visit

Another year gone by and another trip made to Biloxi, MS on 21 May 2026. The trip was made to Biloxi with four trucks full of wonderful gifts for the VA hospital and for the numerous veterans assigned there. This annual trip has been going on for approximately 25 years; a project began by Rosemary Jette in 2001. This project requires preparing at least three months in advance to have the means to raise needed money through an annual KofC Lenten fish fry that raises more than \$2000 annually as well as the generous donations from OLV parishioners, both monetarily and items donated from this year's VA wish list. All told, approximately \$7000 worth of donations were provided to the VA this year. Pictures below show all the items delivered. While there, the Knights arranged to have bingo for the veterans. Sixty veterans attended the bingo. Everyone went away as a winner whether they won a game or not, as everyone received coupons they can use in their campus canteen store. We also provided a variety of drinks and snacks. Very nice pictures were taken of the veterans playing bingo, however those pictures, sorry to say, cannot be added in our Monthly Newsletter.

None of this could have been done without the support of the Knights, OLV parishioners, as well as the volunteers who transport all the donations. Rosemary would like to especially thank Travis and Jeanine Robinson, Karen and Mark Johns, John and Neneth Libby, Steve Malutich, Steven Jette, and her husband Tony for their help in getting all the donations to the VA and putting on the bingo.



Picture 1 - The KofC members and their wives that traveled there.

Picture 2 – A picture that includes VA Hospital helpers on both sides of the KofC members.



Picture 3 - The veterans receiving drinks and snacks. Travis is calling bingo, but again, the very nice picture we have cannot be shown.

Pictures 4, 5 and 6 - Trucks being offloaded.



Pictures 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Items offloaded and brought into the VA Hospital.



122nd Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council

Grand Knight Marty Mears and Deputy Grand Knight Dan Lesh attended the Annual Meeting of the Florida State Council in Orlando. It was a great event and an opportunity to meet the Florida State Council members as well as Knights across Florida and the Bahamas. We enjoyed the daily Masses, state program updates, guest speakers, and we took home some awards!

2nd Place Division 3 – Council Membership Award

3rd Place Division 3 – Council Community Activities Award

3rd Place State Citizenship Essay 9th Grade: Santino Ginez

3rd Place State Citizenship Essay 12th Grade: Sophie Florez



Brothers Marty and Dan
showing off the new Council and Assembly banners!



Altar Server of the Year (age 7-12):
Chai Poindexter
(Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese)
Picture taken May 31st at OLV.

Fraternal Benefits Night & Guest Speaker

On 27 May 2026, the Council held a fraternal benefit event with a fabulous guest speaker: Kerry Anne Schultz, an Attorney with the Schultz Law Group. She spoke on the topic of Estate Planning and received rave reviews! Speaking of great reviews – our Worthy Insurance Agent Ivan Delabreau out did himself with smoked pulled pork and grill chicken quarters. We had a great turn out and requests to have Kerry come back again!

Enjoy the pictures of this great event.



America Needs Fatima Rosary

A wonderful event that takes place outside the Knights of Columbus Hall is the Annual America Needs Fatima Rosary. It is currently organized by Eileen Jones, President of the OLV Legion of Mary, and Brother Steve Malutich of our Knights of Columbus Council. After many days of relentless rain, we think Our Lady interceded for us and brought us a cooler and definitely drier morning so that we could pray! Forty-five total people, to include 11 Knights participated. You can see in Picture 1 that the Rosary was well attended! Not in the last couple of years but for many years the Fatima Rosary was organized by Brother George Liedel who recently passed away. It is a wonderful event that we pray will continue for many more years to come. The Knights set up tables and chairs and the microphone and made coffee and lemonade. The Legion of Mary brought a beautiful statue of Our Lady, some extra Rosaries, and lots of donuts! After the group prayed the Joyful Mysteries together, they gathered in the Knights Hall for refreshments and fellowship.

There would have been many more people there but those who work the Bread and Pastry Ministry and those who work in the Parish Hall Care Center had to attend a 9AM Fr Roy meeting at the OLV to decide how we would operate when the Parish Hall is torn down, date not yet decided.

Picture 1 - A great crowd.



Picture 2 - A beautiful banner asking people to pray the Rosary asking God to save America.



Picture 3 - Brother Travis reading one of the "Five Joyful Mysteries).



Picture 4 - Brother Steve reading one of the "Five Joyful Mysteries).



Picture 5 - Eilene reading one of the (Five Joyful Mysteries). Notice to the left in the picture, the beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother brought in by the Legion of Mary.



A wonderful devotion to our Blessed Mother that I am sure will continue for many years to come. God Bless to one and all.

New Member Exemplification Ceremony

On Sunday, 30 May 26 after the 11 AM Mass, a Third-Degree Exemplification Ceremony was held in Our Lady of Victory Church. The ceremony began at 12:30 and lasted about 45 minutes. We had three new candidates Kevin Chrisman, Chris Schultz, and Guillermo Guzman. The Third-Degree Exemplification Team consisted of Brother Travis Robinson as the Presiding Officer, Brother Deacon Dan who started the ceremony of with a starting prayer and later with an ending prayer, Brother Herb read the lesson on Charity and Discourse on the Rosary, Brother Bill Marchand read the lesson on Unity, and Brother Dan Lesh read the lesson on Fraternity. The Warden was Brother Tony Jette, and the Investing Officer was Brother Marty Mears.

Picture 1 - Travis the Presiding Officer leads the Exemplification.

Picture 2 - Deacon Dan reciting the opening and later the closing prayer.



Picture 3 - Herb reading the Lesson on Charity.



Picture 4 - Bill reading the Lesson on Unity.



Pictures 5 & 6 - During the lesson on Unity, Tony the Warden demonstrates after the three candidates break a piece of string that when individual fibers are bound together, they become a strong cable.



Picture 7 - Marty the Presiding Officer and Tony our Warden presenting the candidates who have their hands as if in prayer and facing the audience to receive the Rosary of Mary our Queen and the Emblem of the Order.



Picture 8 - Dan Lesh reading the Lesson on Fraternity.



Picture 9 - A wonderful picture of our new three Third Degree Knight members in the front between Dan and Marty, the Exemplification Team and attending fellow Knights.



There is no picture, but our Grand Knight welcomed our new members aboard and provided info on what they may be interested in as members of the Knights. Congratulations to our new Knights and their families. We look forward to seeing them at many of our functions.

Bishop Ricard's Memorial Mass

Bishop Ricard's Memorial Mass was held on 1 Jun 2026 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washinton D.C. This Mass took place at the parish where Bishop John H. Ricard was pastor just before being named auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in 1984. The event was attended by family, parishioners, clergy, bishops, cardinals, and other dignitaries, reflecting his wide influence in the Church

And on 5 June 2026 a funeral and Memorial Mass was held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Pensacola, FL. Bishop Ricard was appointed by Pope John Paul 11 on January 1997 to run the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese and retired due to health reasons following a 2008 stroke and subsequent surgeries.

The following 4th Degree Knights participated in the Pensacola Memorial Mass: Brothers Steve Malutich, The Faithful Navigator, Tony Jette, Travis Robertson, John Libby, Dan Lesh and Tim Williams. Brothers Tony Jette and John Libby were not included in the pictures they must have performed a different duty. Also, they had a great crowd, but those pictures were video's and couldn't be added to this news input.



Picture 1 - Brother Tim to the left and Brother Dan to the right.

Picture 2 - Brother Steve to the right in front.

Picture 3 - Brother Travis to the right in back



Donation to the USO

On 17 June, Brother Travis Robinson, his wife Jeanine, and Brother Steve Malutich picked up a \$500 Sams Club gift card and took it to the USO at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport. Travis kindly dropped Jeanine and Steve off under cover since it was raining hard. Jeanine and Steve went to the USO canteen area and met Omar Harris who is the Center Operations Specialist and Steve Duresky is a volunteer helper and was managing the outside reception desk.

Picture - Omar is on the rights side and Steve Duresky on the left side.



Thank you, Jeanine, for taking the photo

Patriotic (4th) Degree Officer Installation

On June 20th, the Joseph R Perrone Assembly held their 4th Degree Officer Installation ceremony at Our Lady of Victory. Presiding over the ceremony was Father Rick from St Margaret's in DeFuniak Springs, and leading the Assembly for the 3rd year in a row is Sir Knight Steve Malutich.



3rd Degree Council Officer Installation

Another year has gone by and another 3rd Degree Installation of new and returning members. One returned member is the Grand Knight, Marty Mears, who will be the Grand Knight for the third year in a row and the first to fill that position for three years. That is wonderful because Marty has done a fantastic job filling that position for the last two years. Marty established the Council's Flocknote groups set up with the church where members and families get to see past monthly newsletters, where new members can join the KofC, and where members can sign-up for special occasions. The Flocknote has been a wonderful change in doing things by sharing everything that members need to know.

Picture 1 - Brother Travis acting as the District Deputy during this installation.

Pictures 2 & 3 - Brother Deacon Dan acting as the Council Chaplain and starting the event off with a beginning and ending prayer as well as blessing the officer's medals.



Picture 4 - After Travis presented Brother Marty, the Grand Knight, his medal Marty passed out the medals to the other members. Here Marty is presenting Brother John, the Deputy Grand Knight, with his medal.



Picture 5 - A very nice participating crowd.



Picture 6 - Brother Luke receiving his medal from his mom.

Picture 7 - Brother Bill receiving his medal from his wife Linda.

Picture 8 - Brother Mark receiving his medal from his wife Karen.



Picture 9 - Officers sitting in their new positions.



Picture 10 - The KofC new installation officers and participating members.



Notes:

1. All participating wife's and women present all received a beautiful red rose.
2. Not all the members that received medals are included in the pictures except for the end picture where all are included.

May Knight of the Month

Brother **Byron Hewett** was selected as Knight of the Month for **May 2026**.

Byron joined our council within the past year and has not hesitated to step up and volunteer – whether it is fish fries, Highway Cleanups, or with the Don Braun Columbian Home. Brother Byron has been instrumental in helping with many of the building repairs, especially the kitchen door that opens to the outside.

Most recently, he was nominated and elected to serve as the Advocate for the Council 2026-2027 Officer Year.

Brother Byron is an amazing Knight and is well deserving of being selected Knight of the Month for May 2026.



June Knight of the Month



Brother **James 'Jim' Pazienza** was selected as the Knight of the Month for **June 2026**.

Brother Jim has been long time member and has been consistently active in the Council and Assembly. He is a past Financial Secretary and currently a Trustee in the Council, and the Pilot in the Assembly. Jim works every week at the Catholic Care Center at OLV, as well as every 2nd Tuesday with Caring Coach Food Van. He sponsors and hosts a weekly bible study at his home and can always be spotted wearing one of his brightly colored Hawaiian shirts.

Congrats Jim! As always, you are doing the Lord's work and deserve this honor.

May Family of the Month

For the Month of **May 2026**, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. **The Barnovsky Family** serves as an outstanding inspiration to our Parish, Community, and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life. Ruby & Aidan Barnovsky, with support from Ruby's mom, Sunita Clark, are raising three young kids, Alana (5yrs old), Ezekiel (3yrs old), and Kayden (new born - 5 months).

Aidan is active-duty USAF working on F-16 Avionics, while Ruby stays home and homeschools their children. In summer 2025, they started the Gather & Grow Ministry for young adults (single and married) and families with young children. In coordination with Father Roy and Deacon Dan, they have promoted several events family gatherings, including the monthly Rosary Prayer at local parks, mom's night out painting, and they are working on young adult men activities.

Our parish is very grateful to this family for being willing to step up, start, and maintain a much-needed ministry to help us with growth and evangelization. In line with our diocesans' initiative for family evangelization, they have shown that is possible to work together on building up the Kingdom of God in prayer and fellowship. ***Congratulations Barnovsky Family!***



June Family of the Month

For the Month of **June 2026**, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. **The Klene Family** serves as excellent witnesses of a family rooted in the Love of Christ and His Church. Matt Klene, a 3rd Degree Knight, with his wife Heather, and their two sons Henry, and Jack are recent converts to the Catholic Church.

Matt is a military veteran who chose to give back to the community by becoming a teacher. He led his family into the Faith after witnessing Henry's dedication into seeking the Truth. This inspired Matt to lead his family - Heather, Henry, and Jack to join in full communion in the Catholic Church at the recent Easter Vigil. At home, Matt gets the boys involved in parish activities such as volunteering during the parish Renaissance festival.

Heather, a homeschooling mom, is the other faith arm for the family. While Matt is working, Heather adds Daily Mass attendance to the boys' curriculum. She joins Henry and Jack volunteering in the Catholic Care Center. As a family, they prepared meals during Lent. Heather is a candidate with the Legion of Mary and sewed the baptism gowns for those being Baptized during the Easter Vigil. Jack and Henry have joined her at Legion of Mary meetings.

This family exemplifies the Catholic Family, as their father diligently leads the family in prayer before meals, and their mother takes the young men to daily Mass and additional prayer devotions like the Stations of the Cross. ***Congratulations Klene Family!***

