



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

November 2024

Our Lady of Victory Council 7968

&

Joseph R Perrone Assembly 2789



Monthly Highlights

Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

2 November	Destin Fishing Trip
8-10 November	Diocese Youth Retreat
12 November	Catholic Charities Food Van
16 November	Regional Soccer Challenge
21 November	Senior Bingo
21 November	Exemplification and Social
23 November	Highway Cleanup

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

Council (1st-3rd 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!

I hope you all are having a great Advent Season. As you will see in November's newsletter, it is packed again with so much activity. As I reflect on each of these events, they seem like they were months ago, but that is because we have continued to stay busy doing great things for the church and community!

You'll have to wait for next month's newsletter to get all the details, but we recently wrapped up our Baby Bottle Drive, Christmas Card Sales, and set up the Nativity Scene at the church. Be sure to congratulate our numerous members who celebrated birthdays and KofC anniversaries. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Martin Mears

Grand Knight



Faithful Navigator's Note

Hello Brother Knights!

As I reported in our October newsletter, I spent 8 days in Texas with two of my children, one of my daughters-in-law, and two of my grandchildren, primarily to participate in each of my grandchildren's school Veterans Day programs. Both programs were outstanding, and this old veteran felt honored and respected and appreciated. It's really great to see that many people still love the USA as well.

November was our Council's Baby Bottle Drive month. I helped count money on Monday, December 2nd which technically was the end of the campaign. We collected over \$1,000 that week. We have generous brothers and sisters in our parish. And the monies collected support Life!!

December 2nd was also my 46th Wedding Anniversary. I thank God that He has given Sandy the love, patience, and fortitude to put up with me! The December newsletter will be distributed after Christmas, so I will take this opportunity, and any others where I see any of you and your families, to wish you a very Merry Christmas. I will do my best to keep Christ in Christmas and keep Him front of mind and heart and soul every other day as well.

Peace Be With You!

Stephen Malutich

Faithful Navigator



Insurance News

Brothers,

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor Him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving His Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on the year – reminiscing on all of the relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families, I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this Fall can impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse?

If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve.

Meanwhile, may you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of this year. And let's pray for one another — especially for those who may be struggling in any way during the holidays.

If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.

May God bless you and your family. Merry Christmas!



Birthdays and Member Anniversaries

These members celebrated birthdays in November:

November 1 – William C Martello	November 11 - Andrew C Raef
November 1 – Robert K Sellers	November 12 - Antonio A Aguilar
November 2 - Paul A Lux	November 15 - Robert L Sain Jr
November 2 - Stephen J Mazza	November 17 - Richard C Walcheck
November 3 - Joseph L Runser	November 18 - Steven T Kerr
November 3 - Robby Wilcox	November 18 - George M Small
November 6 - Jacob Gibbs	November 20 - Jason A Piechowski
November 7 - Douglas Shepherd	November 21 - Bayani E Fajardo
November 8 - Samuel R Jones Jr	November 28 - Guy P Stockton
November 9 - Glenn M Moore Sr	November 29 - Patrick D Quinn

These members celebrated their KofC anniversary in November:

41 Years – Raymond Quinones Jr	15 Years – Jose A Morales-Sanchez
37 Years – David J Herard	12 Years – Frank E Martin
37 Years – Thomas W Garrett	10 Years – Ulysses A Estes
33 Years – Floyd W Saunders III	2 Years - Michael Reiss
29 Years – Patrick B Bauer	2 Years - Jaime Feliciano Jr
23 Years – George E Burgess	2 Years - Jacob Gibbs
19 Years – Kris C Johnson	2 Years - Jose Lucas Portugal I
16 Years – Glenn M Moore Jr	2 Years - Paul G Pronovost
16 Years – Glenn M Moore Sr	1 Years - Jessie Ecklund
16 Years – Robert F Webster	

Destin Charter Fishing Trip

On the 2nd of November, 5 intrepid Knights took to salty sea to catch the proverbial “fish that got away.” The Knights left onboard the “Gulf Breeze” and although it was a little chilly when we checked in at 0630, it warmed up nicely and we had a great 6-hour charter trip catching quite a few fish, but unfortunately, we couldn’t keep them all 😞

Picture 1: Brother John Jones helping catch some bait fish before heading out to sea.

Picture 2: Brothers Bill Marchand and John Libby leisurely awaiting their chance to fish.

Pictures 3 & 4: Brothers Marty Mears and Mike Carlozzi showing off their big catches.

Picture 5: The team posing with all the fish caught that day!



Diocese Youth Retreat

For many years the diocese of Pensacola/Tallahassee has ask Council 7968 to support their Annual Diocese Youth Retreat. This started about 10 years ago with Brother Tony Alcobia running it, and Brother Travis Robinson running it ever since. Being responsible for food purchasing and cooking for all the youth participants is a "LOT OF HARD WORK" and requires "A LOT OF HELP". This year's youth retreat was held at the Tri-State Christian Camp (the same location as last year) on 8 through 10 November. In past years only lunch and dinner were served on Saturday, but now breakfast is included. On Sunday, only breakfast is served. Friday, Travis and volunteers ordered and purchased the required food and set up the kitchen for Saturday, preparing to serve about 100+ youth and chaperones from the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese. Fortunately, Travis had sufficient help. Saturday evening Father Roy conducted the Vigil Mass. Brother Arnie Fonseca, the OLV Director of Youth Ministry, was there with his youth group and his camera to take the following pictures.

Picture 1 - Youth group in attendance.



Picture 2 - Preparing breakfast.



Picture 3 - Serving breakfast.



Picture 4 - The youth enjoying breakfast.



Pictures 5, 6 & 7 - Taking a short break before starting the next meal.





Picture 8 - Father Roy conducting the Vigil Mass.



Catholic Charities Food Van

On our second Tuesday 12 November was quite a day. It was well advertised that Catholic Charities would be delivering and passing out Turkeys on 12 November because we had about 60 + cars parked at the right side of our Parish Hall building. WOW! The volunteer group passed out 75 turkeys and after the departure of Catholic Charities about 2:00 PM we passed out 15 more that was left with us for a total of 90 turkeys, WOW again! The crowd sure was happy. We even had one family that didn't want a turkey, but the family that did receive it sure was happy. Another wonderful event taking care of the needed in our community.



Regional Soccer Challenge

Our Council & District Winners participated in the Regional Soccer Challenge held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church on November 16th, 2024. Kaegan Robinson (Age 11), Katie Nurmi (Age 12), & Bryson Hewitt (Age 13) were Regional Winners from our Council and will advance to the State Soccer Competition that will be held at the state Soccer Competition on 7 Dec at Central Catholic High School in Melbourne, FL. The state results will be passed on once known. A special thanks to our Council for hosting the regional event and those members who helped set up, judge, and organize the event.



Kaegan Robinson



Katie Nurmi



Bryson Hewitt



Organizers and Volunteers
(from Left to Right):

DD3 George Elliot
GK Martin Mears
R/A 1 Cesar Mascardo
R/A Asst Bruce Mabley
Travis Robinson
Luke O'Toole
Mark Johns
Mike Winner

Senior Bingo

Our community seniors just love the Senior Bingo run by Rosemary Jette every four months with a loyal crew of Knights and their wives. Rosemary, well in advance, organizes the event, prepares to get bingo prizes, decides on a lunch menu -- and WOW the Seniors LOVE SENIOR BINGO. This event was held on 21 November, and the Knights Hall was filled with 60 senior citizens all having a great time. Our bingo caller, Brother Travis, plays different bingo games and often continues to play the same game numerous times when many participants are getting close to calling bingo. You can hear the crowd crying out ONE MORE TIME, ONE MORE TIME, ONE MORE TIME. They have a great time. At the end of bingo, if you were unlucky and didn't win a prize, you could go pick out a prize. Nobody goes home without a prize. The lunch was super. It consisted of ham, potatoes, string beans, salad, dessert, and drinks; WOWIE! During lunch Herb played a little accordion. What more could the seniors ask for? For all you senior Knight members and your wives, the next Senior Bingo will be held on Thursday 20 March 2025. Mark your calendars to come out and have a SUPER time.

Pictures 1, 2 & 3 - WOW a super crowd.





Picture 4 - Brothers Bill and John welcoming the seniors in.



Picture 5 - Brother Travis doing a super job calling bingo. There were a few times we had six or more winners calling bingo simultaneously. Luckily, we had sufficient helpers to verify all the winners.



Picture 6 - Herb playing the accordion.



Picture 7 - The last table was reserved for residents from the Crestview Rehab Center and each one of them won one or more bingo prizes. They had a great time.



Picture 8 - The workers preparing to serve lunch.



Picture 9 - It is time to eat a super meal!



New Member Exemplification and Social

On 21 November an Exemplification was held at the Knights Hall followed by a delicious meal consisting of all kinds of good food to include super desserts and drinks. Attending the exemplification was Bert Salazar, a 2nd Degree Knight making his 3rd Degree and a new Knight by the name of Matthew Chaddock.

The Exemplification team consisted of:

Presiding Officer: The District Deputy Travis Robinson.

Charity/Rosary Presenter: Herb Fosman

Unity Presenter: Logan Steele

Fraternity Presenter: Steve Malutich

Warden: Tony Jette (he guides the candidates)

Investing Officer: Grand Knight Marty Mears presents Rosaries and emblem pins to the candidates.

Picture 1 - The first four members of the Exemplification Team.



Picture 2 - Tony, the Warden, demonstrating Unity to the candidates.



Picture 3 - Marty the Grand Knight passing a rosary and emblem to both candidates.



Picture 4 - The Exemplification Team members, the two candidates, and the Knights who attended the event.



The pictures were taken by our expert photographer Artie Fonseca, thanks Arnie!

Adopt a Highway Cleanup

Our quarterly Highway Cleanup was held on Saturday the 23rd of November. It was a chilly morning, but everyone enjoyed the donuts and coffee provided by Brother Travis prior to getting out on the road at 7 AM. We had eleven (11) brave volunteers working in the kitchen and cleaning the two mile stretch of highway and they did a great job clearing the road of 11 bags of garbage. As always, the familiar SUPER breakfast prepared by Travis with the help of Jeanine and Karen Johns was enjoyed by all.

Volunteers

(Left to Right):

Dan Lesh
Karen Johns
Steve Malutich
Marty Mears
John Libby
Jeanine Robinson
Bill Marchand
Robert Reese
Tony Jette



*And let's not forget our
Picture takers - Travis
Robinson & Herb Fosman.*

Family of the Month

The Family of the Month for November 2024 is the Nurmi Family. This family is a very worthy selection as they are Great Witnesses to raising a family strongly guided by the Holy Spirit.

With their five children, Brian and Stephanie have been steadfastly practicing their faith in prayer and actionable service. They are very engaged and devoted to our Catholic Faith, and consistently participate in many church related functions and activities throughout the year.

Brian is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and **Stephanie** is very involved with the Council of Catholic Women, and activities within our Parish.

William (15 Years Old) is an active Altar Server at the 9:00am Sunday Mass and is a Team Leader in High School Youth Ministry. **Henry** (14 Years Old) and **Katherine** (13 Years Old) are active Altar Servers at the 9:00am Sunday Mass and participate in the Middle School Youth Ministry. Additionally, Katherine was a Council, District and Regional winner at our KofC Soccer Challenge. **Evangeline** (11 Years Old) and **Nicholas** (10 Years Old) participate in Religious Education.

Living their Faith in Action daily has constituted their personal and growing commitment of prayer and service toward giving All the Glory and Praise to God. The **Nurmi Family** serves as an inspiration to our Parish, Community and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

Family Director, **Brother Mike Winner** presenting the **Nurmi Family** with the FoM Award.



Knight of the Month

Luke O'Toole was selected as Knight of the Month for November 2024. Luke is a member of the Council's Bingo Team and works every Tuesday night helping out with Dollar Bingo from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. He is the Council's Outside Guard and dutifully attends all Council meetings. He helped with the quarterly Senior Bingo held on 21 November, and frequently helps with the monthly Caring Coach sponsored by the OLV Care Center. He is also an active alter server at Our Lady of Victory Church, attends the KofC-led rosary on the first Wednesday of each month, and serves in the first Wednesday Mass. He is a super asset to our council, and we appreciate all he does to serve the Council and the Church.

The Grand Knight presenting Luke the Knight of the Month Award for Nov 24



In Memoriam

THOMAS DANIEL BURNS

MARCH 3, 1943
TO
NOVEMBER 20, 2024



*"I am the resurrection and the life:
whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life;
and whoever is alive and believes in me will never die."*
John 11:25-26

Tom Burns was born to Albert and Helen Burns in Brooklyn, NY. Tom received his bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickenson University in Mechanical Engineering and worked for Western Electric until he was drafted into the Marine Corps where he met and married his wife Sally of 56 years. They had no children.

Tom was a 4th Degree Sir Knight in the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. He was also a faithful and dedicated volunteer at the Okaloosa Correctional Institution for 14 years, serving staff and inmates. Twice a month, he counseled and prayed with inmates and talked to them about their lives after leaving prison and established meaningful friendships with the prisoners.

Tom was a member of the League of Mary and made Rosaries to hand out. He was the sacristan for 12 years at Our Lady of Victory, helping set up the Mass and opening and closing the church. He selflessly volunteered to mow lawns, fix fences and other handyman work for those members of the church in need of help. Tom loved his golf and ran two New York Marathons and many 5k and 10k races.

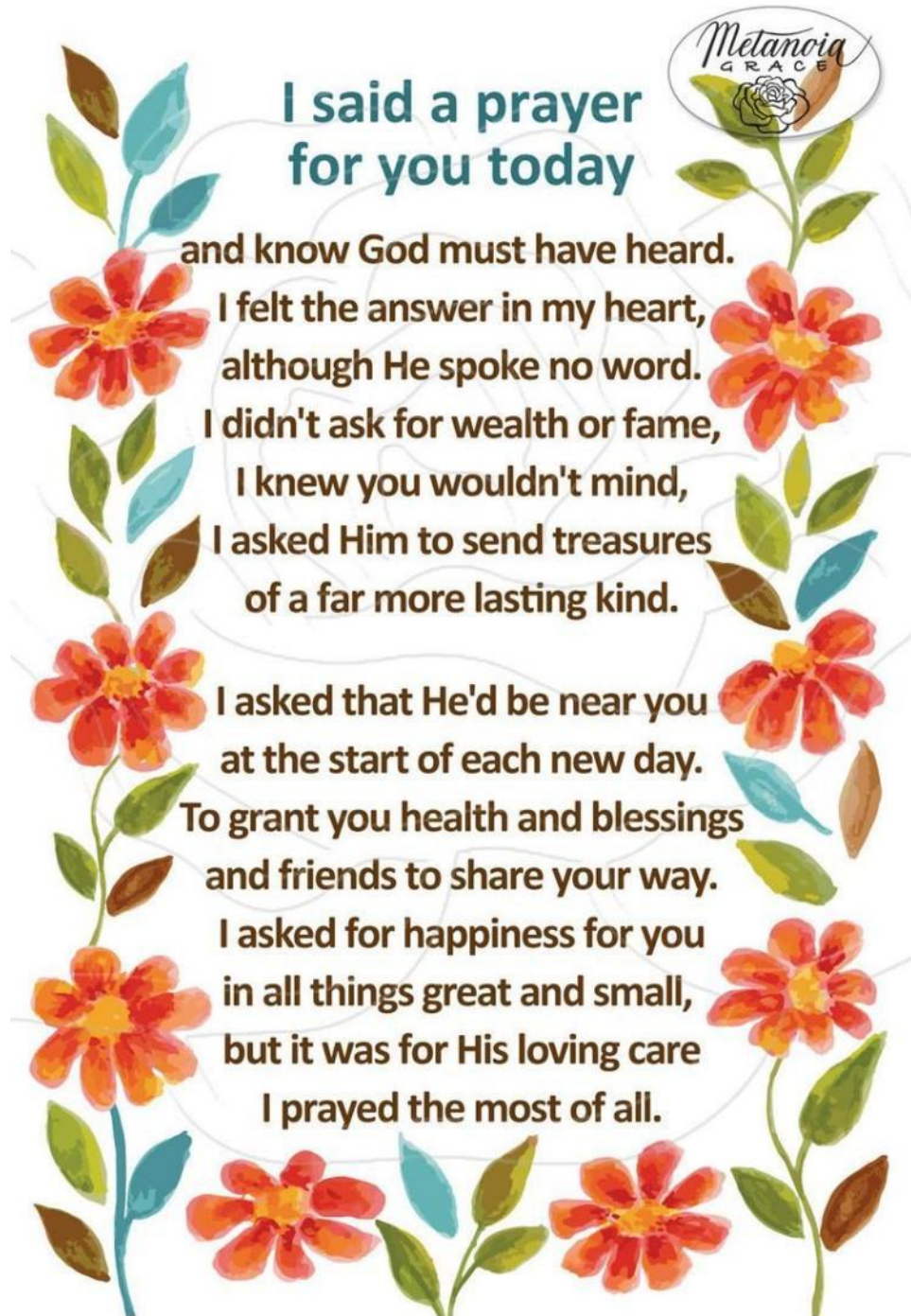
Tom was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Sally, and Abby Louise, their beloved fur baby dog, many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Celebration of the Catholic Mass was held at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Crestview, FL on December 16th, 2025. Tom has been enrolled as a Perpetual Member to the Missionary Society of Saint Columban. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Tom's name to the Knights of Columbus.

Prayer of the Month

I Said a Prayer for You Today

Submitted by Herb Fosman



If you would like to submit a prayer to be shared in the newsletter, please email mr.doug@outlook.com