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Monthly Highlights

**Second Tuesday Food Van
with Catholic Charities**

Quarterly Highway Cleanup

**Gisela Bauer Visitation, Funeral and Mass
Service**

**Relocation of the Community Care Center and
Bread Ministry**

August Social and Guest Speaker

*Poker Knight at the hall (downstairs) is now
the 2nd Friday of the month*

**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!

Another August is in the books, the temperatures are beginning to drop, and the kids are back in school. Although, the kids might have been on break, the Knights have been busy all summer.

Our council wrapped up another successful school supplies drive led by Brother Dan Lesh. We collected approximately \$2400 in supplies and donations that have been handed out to students and teachers in need of these essentials.



Additionally, the youth ministry has kicked off at OLV and that means that it is time for our Council to ramp up for our youth programs such as the Soccer Challenge, Citizenship Essay contest, Basketball Free Throw Championship, and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. These events are important learning and challenging opportunities for our youth, and you may not always appreciate what kind of positive impact you can have on these kids. I ask you all to seriously consider getting involved in our youth programs and challenged yourself to step and lead one.

We recently completed our Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner fundraiser and raised approximately \$1700 to be put towards our youth programs. Thank you to the many members who help prepare the food, serve the food, sell tickets, set-up the hall and helped clean-up afterwards. It was a tremendous effort and delicious food!

The next major fundraiser is our Annual Charity Golf Tournament being held at Blackwater Golf Club on October 24th. The money raised will go towards "Coats for Kids," which allows our council to purchase several cases of coats that we hand out to local youth in need. We are looking for golfers, sponsors and volunteers to help - so please contact me or visit our website: <https://olvnw.com/kofcgolf>

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

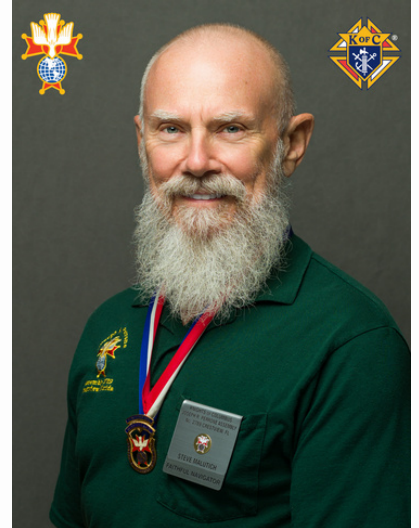
Grand Knight

Faithful Navigator's Note

Brothers and Significant Others,

Peace be with you and your families!

August is a special month for Knights of Columbus as Blessed Michael McGivney was born and died in August and his Feast Day is celebrated on August 13th.



Sir Knights joined in praying the First Wednesday Rosary on August 5th. 54 total people prayed, to include 15 Knights. Great turnout for this powerful prayer! But I know we could have even more people and more Knights join. Please attend yourselves if you haven't yet done so, and please help spread the word. Sir Knights Travis Robinson, his bride Jeanine and lots of their family, Tim Williams and his bride Katie, and me and my friend Steve Robertson attended the Blue Wahoos vs Montgomery Biscuits game this past Saturday. The Wahoos had a rough night lol, but we had fun! Thanks to Sir Knight Joe Purka from Council 13527 Christ Our Redeemer and Assembly 3236 Niceville Bluewater Bay for making the arrangements. Sir Knights helped with our Quarterly Highway Cleanup – thank you! Sir Knights served in an Honor Guard for the Viewing and Funeral Mass for our departed sister Gisela Bauer, wife of our brother Sir Knight Pat Bauer. Thank you my fellow Honor Guard members for showing your love for Gisela, Pat, and their family in this way.

As I mentioned in my note for the July 2026 newsletter, the Patriotic Exemplification schedule for this Fraternal Year has not yet been announced. However, I urge all our Council 7968 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree members to prayerfully consider becoming a 4th Degree Sir Knight this year. I would be pleased to speak with you about the 4th Degree. That's it for this month!

I am honored to be a Knight!

Vivat Jesus!
Stephen Malutich
Faithful Navigator

Insurance News

I want to start off this month's message with an interesting, but lesser-known story about Father McGivney. We know our Founder cared deeply about the lives of his parishioners and strengthening their sense of community. He was also very practical about what a parish community most often needs: money.

One fall, with St. Mary's in debt to creditors, he led an ingenious combination fundraiser and social event. St. Mary's hall turned into a coffeehouse filled with music, dancing, skits, dessert and, of course, coffee, which was a profitable draw at the time. The party was only supposed to last one night, but the people of New Haven kept coming and drew it out for a week! In the end, Father McGivney was able to pay down a good amount of the debt — and further solidified his reputation as a priest deeply embedded in the life of his parish.

Father McGivney recognized and valued the things that really matter: God. Fellowship. A sense of belonging and the space to reinforce those ties of friendship, mutual support and common faith.

Brothers, September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, but what I'd like to propose is that we think of it as "The Things That Matter" Month. What does your family value? What are the pillars of your family culture? What do you want to preserve for them when you're no longer here?

Life insurance can be a big part of that. Maybe you want to protect the home that shelters your family, that's set the stage for so many memories and is a safe haven for your children to return to. Maybe you want to ensure that your children — or grandchildren — will have access to high-quality education. Or maybe you want to safeguard a family business or a similar legacy that can continue to provide for your loved ones.

We can talk about these options and more, and whether they might best be covered by temporary or permanent policies. Ideally, I want to help you match your insurance coverage not just with your basic needs, but with the things that your family deems most important to preserve.

This month, I challenge you to think about what those things are. And if you don't have a plan to protect them, give me a call.



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Birthdays

These members are celebrating birthdays in September

SIR KNIGHTS

John M Humphrey Sr

Michael J Martello

John A Libby Sr

Antonio M Alcobia

Marc A Zink

Thomas P Witzman

Patrick S Stanley

BROTHER KNIGHTS

Jeffrey L Blair

Robert A Elgin

Gerd J Mc Carthy

John T Kimble

Arnaldo Fonseca Álvarez

Michael C Graziano

Nicholas Biltz

Frank Battistelli

Jon E McMorro

Justin K Whitfield

Logan M Schaeffer

Anniversaries

These Members are Celebrating their KofC Anniversary in September

4th Degree

Deacon Kenneth C Mayfield - 42 Years

1st-3rd Degree

Robert J Huggins Sr - 41 Years

Thomas P Witzman - 41 Years

Antonio M Alcobia - 29 Years

Donald F Widmaier Jr - 29 Years

Arnold M Radowicz - 25 Years

Gerd J Mc Carthy - 23 Years

Alfred R Flores - 18 Years

James N Acol Jr - 17 Years

Matthew D Lynch Sr - 14 Years

Daniel E Lesh - 9 Years

Nathaniel P Bielawski - 7 Years

2nd Tuesday Food Van with Catholic Charities

It is amazing how the months fly by. This month's second Tuesday was on 11 Aug and we had sufficient helpers, but only 23 families were in need. That is very unusual. Nevertheless, those that were there were very happy to receive free food, and we the volunteers were very happy to fill the food bags and give it to them.

It was Herb's 89th birthday and decorations were provided by Rosemary to ensure everyone could celebrate with Herb on his special day. Rosemary later transported the Happy Birthday decorations to the Knight's Hall because she knew that Herb would be there for Bingo as usual. So the celebration continued at the Hall. Thanks Rosemary!



The arrival and offloading of the Catholic Charities Van.



The offloading and separation of the food items.



The installing of the protective canopy.



Getting ready to fill individual bags with all the same items.



As you can see there are plenty of food items to go into each bag



All the full bags will be taken out to the issuing point.



The full bag issuing point.



Brother Bob obtaining the drivers identification and processing it through the Catholic Charities representative.



The volunteer issuing team getting ready to process the vehicles through the issuing line.



The volunteers enjoying a free meal provided by Herb and delicious egg rolls brought in by Neneth Libby

Quarterly Highway Cleanup

Author Herbert Fosman

The KofC held its quarterly Highway Cleanup on Saturday 15 Aug 26 and had a wonderful turnout that helped us to complete the two-mile cleanup job within an hour. As usual the breakfast prepared by Brother Travis and his helpers was, as always, FANTASTIC.



A wonderful turnout.



Brother Steve with Jeanine, and Karen who helped cleaned the East side of Highway (HW) 90



Steve with brother Knights helping out on West HW 90



Brother Marty our Grand Knight picking up full bags and issuing fresh bags.



West side Brother Knight helpers.



More brother Knights working a different area of HW 90



Brother Knights Bagging the Trash



Brother Knight with a Thumbs Up



Jeanine and Karen after helping to clean the East side are now helping Travis prepare and serve breakfast.



WOW! You can even see Herb taking a picture of our hard-working Brother Knights



**The hard-working Knights and wife's that
deserve a DELICIOUS breakfastt**



WOW again, what a SUPER breakfast.



**Kitchen Crew enjoying the breakfast they made to feed everyone to include
Karen who is sitting at a different table.**

Gisela Bauer Visitation and Service

Author Herbert Fosman

On Saturday, 16 Jan 26, a beautiful service was held for Gisela Bauer at the Brackney Funeral Home, and the funeral home did a marvelous job because Gisela looked absolutely beautiful laying there in her casket. "Jesus said to her. 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'" John 11:25-26.

The event at Brackney's Funeral Home began at 3:30 PM for the family and relatives where they spent 30 minutes viewing and praying at Gisela's casket, seeing beautiful overhead pictures of their past lives and enjoying wonderful past memories. From 4 to 6 PM many friends visited and all were happily welcomed by the Bauer family.

From 4 PM until 6 PM the Knights guarded Gisela's casket at 10-minute intervals while friends visited, viewed pictures above the casket and prayed at Gisela's casket. After the event the Bauer family invited the Knights and friends to the Knight's Hall where Pat had provided a wonderful meal from Pepper's Mexican restaurant for all to enjoy.



Brothers Charlie and Tim the first to guard the casket for ten minutes



The second guarding crew Brothers Luke & Mike.



The third guarding crew Brothers Steve & Bill.



Brother Travis leading Steve and Bill after being relieved of standindg watch.



The fourth guarding crew Brothers Richard and John.



A great group of Knights that participated in the beautiful Brackney Funeral Home event.



A beautiful picture of Gisela

Gisela Bauer Mass Service

Author Herbert Fosman

Gisela's Memorial Mass was held on Monday, 17 Aug 26, at Our Lady of Victory Church. There was a wonderful turnout with Patrick Bauer's family, relatives and friends in attendance along with the KofC participating in the Mass, Brother Herb was asked by Patrick to be a lector and read Wisdom, Chapter 3, The Hidden Counsels of God. The second reading was read by his son Phillip, Romans, Chapter 6:3-9.

Gisela was a very dynamic and a very hard-working gal. In the 1990s she became very active with the Ladies Auxiliary of the KofC where she held major positions as the President, Treasurer and project leader for major projects she ran like Bunco, Fashion Shows and led many charity projects that helped raise money for those in need. She also planned and organized the yearly Ladies Auxiliary's Christmas parties. Gisela was a very active person that loved to do many wonderful things. For example: She loved to bowl and was on a bowling team for 15 years. She loved to dance and could be seen dancing at many functions. She was also very athletic. and loved to run. She ran for many years winning awards in her age group and also ran two half-marathons. It was so hard to believe that a gal in her athletic condition would come down with Alzheimer's disease in Apr 2022 and pass on 7 Aug 26. Gisela was blessed by God for all the wonderful things she has done throughout her life, and it appears like God wants to give her THE REST SHE FINALLY NEEDS TO HAVE, Amen!



Brothers Steve and Mike guarding the casket.



Gisela looked beautiful in her casket.



The participating Knights. There would have been more there, but Monday is a working day for other Knights.



Bothers Carlos & Tim replaced Steve & Mike guarding the casket.



The Knights awaiting the entrance of the Bauer Family and start of the Memorial Mass.



The entrance of the casket followed by Father Roy. Brother Deacon Ken and Brother Luke the Altar Server.



The Faithful Navigator, Steve presenting Patrick with a beautiful Memorial Angel with the words on it: I am with You Always.



Patrick's family and relatives.

DBCM Meeting and Community Care Center Relocation

Author Herbert Fosman

Brother Tony Jetty President of the Don Braun Columbian Home (DBCM) held his monthly DBCM meeting on Thursday 20 August. The OLV Care Center will be closing on 31 August and with the approval of DBCM effective Wednesday 2 September Bread and Pastry will be issued in the downstairs' area of the Knight's Hall from 8-9 AM every Wednesday morning. To do this a key lock has been installed to help the volunteers get into the downstairs area. Also, the three freezers in the care center were transported by the Knights to the downstairs' area on Thursday 27 August. It is estimated that it will take about six months before the new Care Center is ready to be opened.

All KofC volunteers that pick-up bread & pastries and place them in the freezers have been shown how to operate the new door lock.





KofC Monthly Social

Author Herbert Fosman

The KofC social held on Thursday 27 Aug was very enjoyable. Kenzie Corbin, the guest speaker, is a Volunteer Recruiter from the Florida Guardian ad Litem Office and did a very good job. The Refrigerator Stew prepared by Brother Travis, chicken casserole brought by Brother Steve, along with all kinds of goodies brought in by other knights was super and enjoyed by all who attended. Marty, the Grand Knight, was out of town, but Brother John Lane, the Deputy Grand Knight, did a great job introducing Kenzie and thanking her for the great job she did.



The fine meal being served.



Everyone enjoying the meal.



Brother Knights listening attentively to Kenzie.



Kenzie Corbin sharing some amazing information and DGK John Lane thanking her.

A Word about Membership

Author Herbert Fosman

Marty, the Grand Knight, is in his third year, and is the first Knight to hold the office of Grand Knight three years in a row.

Marty has been a SUPER GRAND KNIGHT. His first year as Grand Knight he led the council in earning Supreme's Star Council Award. In his second year, the Council earned Double Star Council Award (200% membership goal). And this year let us work towards earning the Triple Star Council Award (300% membership goal).

The Triple Star Council Award was won one time by our council and that is when I, Herb, was the Grand Knight back in Fraternal Year 2003-2004. Brother Guy Stockton was my Membership Director, and he did a SUPER JOB.

Brothers, it is really not so difficult. If you see a new fellow in church don't hesitate to ask him if he is a member of the KofC. You may be surprised. He may appreciate being asked by you and may consider joining. Also, if you bring in a new member into the KofC you get 25 dollars paid to your next membership and if you bring in two new members you get a maximum of 50 dollars to help pay your next year's membership.

Don't be bashful. Ask and you shall receive!

The Relocation of the Community Care Center

Author Herbert Fosman

A lot of people only know the old building, with now sagging floors, as the Community Care Center or a place to hold events. Some though remember when that was the original church and it was moved to the site where it sits today. Several told me that they are sad to see it go but understand why it needs to be done. They had fond memories of the old church.

The Knights of Columbus along with many other Volunteers from the church spent a lot of time moving freezers, refrigerators, clothes, and tons of food out of the building. The temporary Community Care Center is now located next to Father Roy's Office. The Wednesday morning Bread Ministry is now run out of the Knights of Columbus Hall. Everyone now looks forward to the completion of the new building.



August Knight of the Month

Brother **Carlos Santos** was selected as Knight of the Month for **August 2026**. Carlos has been a long time member of the Council and a Sir Knight with our Assembly.



Brother Carlos has been one of our Silent Knights - who quietly works in the background, supporting bingo, cooking and cleaning in the kitchen, and makes appearances in his regalia to support our honor guard for funerals and other services.

Brother Carlos is a hard worker, but he can be elusive! I was unable to get a picture presenting him with the Knight of the Month award, but we did catch him in action in August in his regalia - looking sharp!

**Keep up the great work and
Congratulations Carlos!**

Family of the Month

For the Month of **August**, a very worthy family was nominated and selected. **Frank and Tena Battistelli** serve as an outstanding inspiration to our Parish, Community, and Council by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life.

Frank and Tena raised 3 adult children, have 6 grandchildren, are active parishioners, and have longtime ties to this church and community. Frank is a retired Air Force officer with 28 years of service to our country and serves the church as the Pastoral Council Chair, and in the Parish Hall Working Group. He serves as our Council Treasurer and inspires our membership with words of encouragement as our Council Lecturer.



Tena serves crucial positions within the church as a Sacristan, Eucharistic Minister, providing communion to the homebound, and she helps with the church linens. She is the vice president of OLV's Legion of Mary, she is a co-lead for the Millions of Monicas group, and a member of the OLV book club.

This active and selfless couple have demonstrated the Catholic values and virtues that are deserving of this recognition and more.

Congratulations Frank and Tena!

Prayer of the Month

Submitted by Herbert Fosman

Lord Jesus, I come before you just as I am.

I am sorry for my sins, I repent of my sins, please forgive me.

In your name, I forgive all others for what they have done against me.

I renounce Satan, the evil spirits and all their works.

I give you my entire self.

Lord Jesus, now & forever, I invite you into my life.

Jesus, I accept You as my Lord, God and Savior.

Heal me, change me, strengthen me, deliver me in
body, soul, mind & spirit.

Come Lord Jesus, cover me with Your precious blood,
and fill me with Your Holy spirit.

I love You, Lord Jesus.

I praise You Jesus. I thank You Jesus.

I shall follow You every day of my life.

Amen.