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Council 4726

Assembly 1500

Winter Haven, Florida

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Meeting Nights

Council 3rd Tues 7:00 pm

Assembly 2nd Mon 7:00 pm

Bldg Assoc 1st Thurs 7:00 pm

Columbiettes 2nd Thurs 6:00pm



From the Grand Knight

Rod Mullen



Already, the 5th month of the year. Didn't we just celebrate Christmas? What have we done since? We had a Degree Ceremony in January, Fed the Homeless at the Church of the Nazarene. Collected 10 wheelchairs for Spina Bifida in memory of Larry Cardarelli. Put out Crosses for the unborn Took down and put away Christmas decoration Cleared the land of brush, trees and weeds met with contractors for fencing ...completed met with contractors for parking lot paving, in process Updated the Bingo Process Installed new enhancements for visual process for Bingo Installed stainless steel

panels behind the kitchen stove revamped and improved the gas line in the kitchen installed new temperature thermostats in one location in the lounge this will control the entire Building. Thanks Brian. The renewal of Obligations The Living Rosary Stations of the Cross Ushers at Mass (with the Columbiettes) Provided assistance with the funds for the roof we had a Picnic which enabled people to see and visit old friends.

The State Bowling tournament wraps up on the 25th and 26th of this month. We wish all the best to our entries, thanks for representing us Still to come in May many events. See schedule of events.

So, you can see, even with the Co-vid 19 hanging over our heads we have been able to fulfill our obligations as Knights. You want to help? Come and see us...

God Bless...Rod



**May 31st -
11am – 2pm**

May 8th - The Living Rosary on at 6 pm

May 15-16th tootsie rolls after each Mass

May 22nd Flags out at Glenn Abbey at 8 am

May 22-23rd tootsie rolls after each Mass

May 28th-29th Annual State Convention

May 31st Memorial Day Picnic 11am-2pm

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT KOC INSURANCE



1. Can anyone purchase life insurance from the Knights?

The Knights of Columbus Insurance program is available to members of the Order and their families. Practical Catholic males, age 18 or older, are eligible to join.

2. How does life insurance work?

By purchasing a life insurance policy and paying premiums you ensure that when you die, your beneficiary (or beneficiaries) will receive a lump sum, also known as a death benefit.

3. What is whole life insurance?

Whole life is a permanent life insurance product that provides money to your family when you die and builds cash value while you live. Permanent life insurance is guaranteed and a great way to provide security for your family.

4. What is term life insurance?

Term insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs and is designed to expire as your financial obligations expire. Our term insurance rates are guaranteed for the life of your policy, as is the amount of money that would be paid to your family should you pass away.

5. How much life insurance do I need?

Your life insurance needs depend on your current and future financial obligations. Your field agent who is also a brother Knight is available to meet with you at your convenience and analyze the needs of you and your family.

6. What if I already have insurance coverage with my employer?

Keep in mind that even if you already have life insurance coverage with your employer, your coverage may not be enough, your employee benefits are not guaranteed, and if you leave your company, you cannot take your life insurance with you. It's important to review your insurance policy periodically to make sure it still meets your financial needs.

7. Is the Knights of Columbus financially strong?

With over \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, \$24 Billion of assets under management, and 42 consecutive years of superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best*, you can be confident in the guarantees that you receive from the Knights of Columbus.

***Currently rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best**

8. What is the Knights of Columbus' investment strategy?

We have always maintained very high standards for the investments we make, putting our assets only into investment-grade bonds and the highest-quality equities. We do not invest in junk bonds or in risky investment instruments.

Our unwavering commitment to our Catholic faith and to the Catholic families entrusted to our care also means that we must do business the right way. As a matter of principle, we will not invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

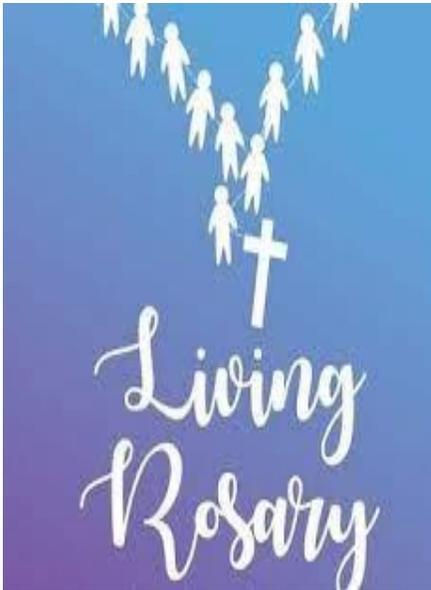
2021-2022 COUNCIL SLATE OF OFFICERS

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DK—Tim Jackman
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Deputy Grand Knight Rick Ochoa presented \$1000 on behalf of the Knights to Volunteer Parishioners Helen Christman and Peter Verrill for the Consecration of ST. Josephs books to enjoy this VERY SPECIAL event.

LIVING ROSARY



Now more than ever, in this time of the Covid 19 Virus, prayer is needed for all. For our Families ,and the Country. We need to come together in Unity, to offer our combined prayers to God. To help resolve this terrible infliction that has been visited upon us as a Nation and the World. I propose we use the most powerful appeal we have to direct God's attention to us, Prayer. In this coming Month; May. We generally pray to the Blessed Virgin; we shall do so again and ask her to intercede for us to God. **On Saturday, May 8th at 6 pm the Knights will have the Living Rosary** at the Knights Hall. In the past we have gathered on chairs in a semi circle. Covid has prevented this, so this year we will take advantage of the current layout we use to maintain recommended spacing at our Bingo operation. A healthful repast will be served by Tracy Hartpence. I hope you can attend, the more prayer the bigger the reward. **Please RSVP or stop by the Hall and signup so we can have a count on those wanting to attend.** Yours in God; Rod God Bless You

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary. According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, "The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite."

Why is May called "Mary's Month"?



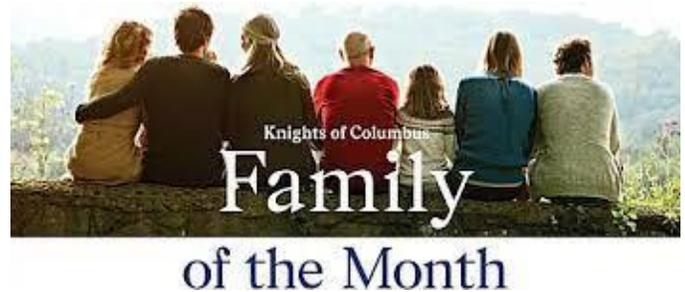
KNIGHT of the MONTH

TIM JACKMAN

This month the Knight of the Month deserves the title, “The Quiet Man” reminiscent of the late John Wayne. Tim Jackman is that person. As a Knight of 48 years, Tim never sought out the recognition of being an officer. Tim was there to serve. Over the years he has done just that. For instance, this year he serves as a Inside Guard for the third-degree Council and a Pilot for the Assembly. While quietly setting up the Hall for the meetings, he puts everything together that the Grand Knight and the Faithful Navigator needs. Doing this in the off time he is the Lounge Manager. Tim takes this duty seriously by maintaining the cleanliness of the area. He has come in on his time off to preform many duties others shirk. Such as painting behind the bar and scrubbing the floors. He provides transportation for other Knights. Picking up or taking home. Many times, Tim can be seen at Church. As a Knight, Tim is an example that many should emulate. 48 years serving God and his Brother Knights. God Bless you Tim and stay the course.

FAMILY of the MONTH

JONATHAN & CINDY MARTIN



Jonathan and Cindy Martin have been members of St. Joseph’s Church for 18 years, but Jonathan has been a member of the parish since 1986 and attended St. Joseph’s School.

Jonathan is Cubmaster with the Church’s Cub Scout Pack 505 and has been a leader in Scouting since 2012. He is also Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 505. He has led the Pinewood Derby for the past five years and volunteers with the school and the church.

Jonathan is a Knight of Columbus.

He also volunteers with the Combee CODE Academy at Combee Elementary to help teach fifth graders coding and robotics.

Cindy has been a room mom at St. Joseph’s school since 2011 when her oldest son started Kindergarten. As a room mom, she helps with the many events that the school has throughout the year. She has attended and helped with Christ Renews His Parish. Cindy has recently participated in lecturing with her son at Stations of the Cross.

Both Jonathan and Cindy were past Ministers of Holy Communion. Presentation will be at mass on May 16th, 5:30 pm.

Past Grand Knights

Harlan L. Newton*	1958-59
Michael Trabulsky*	1959-60
Omer R. McDuff*	1960-61
Paul D. Wells	1961-62
Raymond R. McKenna*	1962-63
Joseph W. Higgins*	1963-64
Steve N. Voytowich*	1964-65
Vance G. Layton*	1965-66
Charles E. Langbein, Jr.	1966-67
Norman J. Lenahan*	1967-68
Eddie Smythe*	1968-69
James J. Waters*	1969-70
Ralph Diaz*	1970-71
William McLin*	1971-72
Matthew McEnaney*	1972-73
Joseph Whitehurst, Sr.	1973-75
Charles E. Langbein, Jr.	1975-77
James Nallan*	1977-78
Gerald Roach	1978-80
Ralph Hanick	1980-81
Joseph Dobbs, Sr.*	1981-82
Edwin Maddex*	1982-83
Albert Openshaw, Sr.*	1983-84
Frank Lerza*	1984-85
Dante Batilla	1985-86
Ralph Diaz*	1986-87
Neal W. Oliver*	1987-88
Glen Wynne	1988-89
Conrad Plante*	1989-90
Raymond McKenzie*	1990-91
John Gabrick	1991-92
Tom Norton	1992-94
Mark Smurr*	1994-95
Mitchell Blackwelder	1995-96
Peter Noor*	1996-97
Len Winget*	1997-99
Cranston Montcalm	1999-01
Doug Clinger	2002-03
Aaron Corkum	2003-04
Ron Feschak	2004-05
Thomas D. Nantz	2005-07
James H. Read	2007-09
Everett Evans	2009-10
Charles Proctor	2010-11
Russ Moulton*	2011-12
Mike Lopez	2012-13
Bob Gillispie	2013-14
Mike Carter*	2014-15
Tom Berdis, Jr.	2015-16
Brian Hartpence	2016-18
*Deceased	



Chuck Langbein, Maureen Loughlin, Cindy Walter, Paul Wells, Kayla Berdis, Bob & Jane Thibodeau, Bob Nelson, Joe Hydoski, Kevin Truex, Kathy Thompson, John McNabb, Mike Lopez, Lynne Richards, Rod Mullen, Jim Sirera, Doug Murray, Tony Garcia, Trish Ochoa, Jim Zentgraft, Paul Wells, Everett Evans, Mike Wadsworth, Ed Hunter, Lauretta Montcalm (deceased)

Our continued prayers for all military personnel, Christians who are persecuted, children around the world, spiritual leaders, public officials and for those who need prayer.

Dear Lord, we lift to You our concern for people who have been infected with the virus (COVID-19). Protect them from harm and be their comfort in this time of uncertainty and, for many, preventive isolation from loved ones. We especially prayer for all people close to us that have experienced illness related to the virus. May the Lord heal all!

2021-2022 Assembly Slate of Officers

Friar	Fr. Jimson
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Outer Sentinel	Tony Corrente
1st Yr Trustee	Mike Wadsworth
2nd Yr Trustee	tom Berdis
3rd Yr Trustee	Chris Erich
Color Core Commander	Tom Shaver



Jim Sierra, David Lugo, Jason Sierra, Jordan Sierra



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Thomas Berdis, III, Jenna Berdis



Kenny Hartpence, Kayla Berdis, Tom Berdis, Brian Hartpence

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
67TH ANNUAL STATE BOWLING
2021 TOURNAMENT
BOARDWALK BOWL,
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APRIL 24TH AND 25TH**

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Franciscan Missions Stamp Program

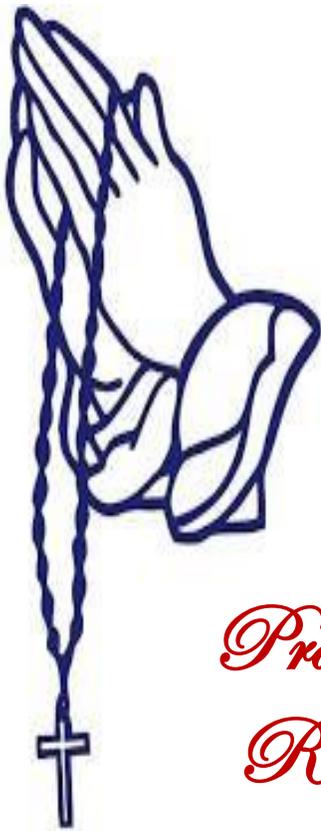
The Franciscan Friars have asked us to help with their stamp program by sending them cancelled stamps. They use these stamps in their mission work to help the hungry and needy people. When you get a letter with a stamp on it, please cut it off, put in an envelope and bring to the Council. There is a box just inside the Council's lounge door where it can be deposited. This is especially important toward the end of the year when people get stamps on Christmas cards. I have asked my community to save them for us. maybe you could do the same. When we get a box full Jim Riley will send to the Franciscan Friars in Wisconsin.

Medical Equipment

Dear Brother Knights, If you have a walker, cane, crutches, wheelchair or other items you no longer need, and you would like to donate them to the Council, please contact Mike Wadsworth at 863-224-6490 Email mikey.1952@gmail.com Mike will pick the items up and make them available to brother Knights that can use them.

Pictures in the newsletter are contributed by Carlos Ayunta as well as many members of the Knights! We appreciate everyone's contributions! We also welcome submissions for events. Send to Tom Berdis tberdis@gmail.com or 863-224-2906





*Pray the
Rosary
Daily*

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Trustee (3)	Mike Wadsworth	224-6490

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Ceremonial Chairman	Jim Riley	289-8030
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Degree Team Chairman	Tom Shaver	271-0229
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