



St. Michael's Message

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News from the Assembly

by SK Tony Annarelli

Nothing to report



Assembly 3410 next Business Meeting will be on September 19 at St Lawrence's, Thursday 7 PM

St Lawrence Council 13052 Update

by SK Terrence Gaines



On July 6, the council finance team gathered to work on completing the Semi-Annual audit. The team was able to finish and submit the same day

Council Award Presentation – Knight of the Month

July – Fisher



August - Steve



St Lawrence Council 13052 Update - Continued

Council Award Presentation – Family of the Month

July – Nelson and Debbie Rivera

August - Desmond & Julie Donlin



On August 9, the council held our new officer's installation ceremony at St. Lawrence parish. Afterward, the officers, the members and the ladies enjoyed an evening of food and refreshments.



St Lawrence Council 13052 Update - Continued

On Tuesday, August 27. The St. Michael the Archangel Assembly provided an Honor Guard for a deceased brother knight at St. Lawrence parish led by their new Color Corp Commander, Terrence Gaines.



St Matthews Council 13229 Update

by SK Tom Hamberger



1. Council mtg held Aug 5th. 20 BKs attended along with DD Ken Boone who presided over installation of Officers.
2. GK Ted presented a challenge to Council members to recruit 20 new members by year end through high visibility at Parish functions and personal recruiting of friends and visitors to St, Matthew church.
3. Council approved to pay for 2 months of Pro Life advertising on electronic roadside billboard along Hwy 316.
4. SK Rod Nord reported on his pilgrimage to 10th National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis July 17-21. With over 60,000 people attending SK Rod expressed how the entire weekend was unmistakably filled with grace and the Holy Spirit. More details can be found in July/Aug issue of Columbian Mag. pp 10-19.
5. SK Deacon Chris Carroll detailed plans to organize and initiate the KoC sponsored "COR" program to help members draw closer to Christ through prayer, bible study, faith formation, and fraternity. COR is the Latin word for Heart and the Biblical word for Soul or the center of one's existence. Ref to Columbian Mag P 4 for introduction by Supreme Chaplain and pp 20-23 for in depth reports from Councils already active in COR. Men for JESUS. meetings scheduled for Saturday mornings starting Jan 11 at 7:30 am.

Continued St Matthews Council 13229 Update

6. GK TED reported he is considering an invitation to join the Board of CAM Pregnancy Center in Winder. Council 13229 is supporting the center and members are planning to attend their Pro-Life annual fund raiser banquet Aug 17th. This is in conjunction with First Baptist Church of Winder.

7. Council 13229 is working with CAM to field test new baby diaper brand "Every Life". Company is only diaper company identified by KoC Supreme that does not contribute to abortion programs and clinics. All this in keeping with our Pro-Life Catholic beliefs. Council will make a contribution to CAM to provide diapers on a trial basis.



8. Council 13229 continues to support and help BK Walter Carper family who were displaced from their home after fire on July 4th. Weekly BKs are helping with cleanup and family support. BK Jerry West has stepped forward to coordinate ongoing reconstruction of the home with permits, procurement of materials and contractors. There is a GO FUND link at <HTTPS://gofund.me/8bfef29e>

9. BKs continue to work the Feeding Frenzy food concession stand at the home Stripers games under the guidance and leadership of BK Trent Johnson. Wages earned go to the treasury of the Council to support various St. Matthew Parish ministries.

St Oliver Plunkett Council 13440 Update

by SK Todd Morrow

THANK YOU TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!!!



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference thanks the Knights of Columbus - Council 13440 and the members of our parish for making the Knights of Columbus School Supply Drive such a success. The Knights of Columbus blessed 56 children with new backpacks and school supplies. The 56 boys and girls were so happy to be able pick out the perfect backpack and fill it with everything they needed.

While the children were happy, the parents were very thankful for the help their children received. These families received help through our St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2024

We want to give a special thank you to Sir Knight Javier Taviras and Deysi Aldana, Vice-President St. Vincent de Paul at St. Oliver Plunkett. They pulled the drive together. They spent a great deal of collecting and organizing everything. They set up the room to make it friendly and welcoming for the families. They treated every family to a great experience.

Thank you to all who made the 2024 Knights of Columbus School Supply Drive a blessing to so many families

Pot of Gold Raffle

The assembly will conduct a 'Pot of Gold' raffle at each meeting. The cost to participate is \$1. Following are the rules:

- Potential winners name will be picked from the 70 plus assembly members.
- Winner must have participated in the raffle and be present at the meeting.
- In the event a non-present member or a non-participating member's name is selected, the prize will roll over to the next meeting until an eligible member is picked.
- Assembly splits the prize with the winner

Member's Name DRAWN for August was SK Desmond Donlin,,, Desmond was present so he won half of the \$82 pot.

Saint of the Month - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr



Starting on the thyme of our parish patron saints, the first one is St Lawrence

The year was 258 A.D. It was a difficult beginning for what would become the First Christian Millennium. Hostility against the early followers of Jesus Christ was growing. The barbarism and severity of pagan Rome had begun to reach a fever pitch. It would soon lead to a blood lust. The newborn Christian Church, faithful to the One who had given Himself for the life of the world, continued the work of His redemption.

Roman authorities charged Christians of that era with "odium humani generis" [hatred of the human race]. The Romans claimed to be citizens of a great empire, yet they practiced primitive forms of abortion as well as "exposure", the killing of unwanted newborns.

First and Second century Rome was a challenging mission field for these early Christians. Rome proclaimed itself the shining example to the world of its age while it violated the Natural Moral Law and embraced debauchery.

The day that Deacon Lawrence experienced his birth from death to life was an ominous and frightful day in ancient Rome. Four days earlier, the great Bishop of Rome, Sixtus, was arrested by soldiers of the emperor Valerian, along with his beloved deacons, and beheaded.

Valerian had issued an edict to the Roman Senate that all the Christian clergy-bishops, priests and deacons-were to be arrested and executed. There were so many holy people among the martyrs of early Rome. That makes it even more remarkable that the life and death of this one humble Deacon-Lawrence-is attributed with all of Rome becoming Christian.

Sentenced to death in the Emperor Valerian's sweeping condemnation of all Christian clergy, Lawrence offended the Emperor - and endeared himself to all Christians since then - by assembling before Valerian the real gold and silver of the Church, the poor.

According to the Christian tradition, Deacon Lawrence, knowing that the fervor of Valerians' hatred was extending to all Christians who owned property, began to give it all away. He distributed the money and treasures of the Church to the city's poor-believing the clear admonition of the Savior that they were blessed and especially loved by Him.

Valerian heard the news and wanted the treasure to satisfy his unbridled lust for worldly power. So, he offered Deacon Lawrence a way out of sure death. If he would show him where the Church's great gold and silver were located, he would issue an order of clemency, sparing his life so that he could continue his work.

Continuing on the Saint of the Month - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Valerian was delighted when the deacon asked for three days to gather all the gold and silver of the Church together in one central place! His pride and greed filled blinded him from seeing the truth. For three days, Deacon Lawrence went throughout the city and invited all the beloved poor, handicapped, and unfortunate to come together. They were being supported by a thriving early Christian community who understood the Gospel imperative to recognize Jesus in the poor.

When Valerian arrived, Deacon Lawrence presented him with the true gold and silver of the Church, the poor! The emperor was filled with rage! Beheading was not enough for this Christian Deacon. He ordered Deacon Lawrence to be burned alive, in public, on a griddle. Witnesses recorded the public martyrdom. The deacon cheerfully offered himself to the Lord Jesus and even joked with his executioners!

The tradition records massive conversions to the Christian faith as a result of the holy life and death of one Deacon who understood the true heart of his vocation. He was poured out, like his Master, Jesus Christ the Servant, in redemptive love, on behalf of others. It is still said to this day that all of Rome became Christian as a result of the faithful life, and the death, of this one humble deacon. He was buried in a cemetery on the Via Tiburtina. On that spot, Constantine would later build a Basilica.

A special devotion to Lawrence, deacon and martyr, spread throughout the entire Christian community. Early Christians had no doubt that those who had gone to be with the Lord continued to pray for those who still struggled in this earthly life. They saw in Lawrence a great example of how to live, and how to die, faithful to the Gospel.

Feast day: August 10

Patron: of Rome, students, miners, tanners, chefs, poor, firefighters

Birth: December 31, 225

Death: August 10, 258

Announcement's

Congratulations to Deacon Ed and his wife, Kathleen, on their 60th wedding anniversary
on August 29

UPCOMING FEASTS AND MEMORIALS

9 – 14	EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS	
9 – 16	St. Cornelius, Pope	M
9 – 19	St. Januarius	M
9 – 20	Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and Companions	M
9 – 21	St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist	F
9 – 26	Sts. Cosmas and Damian	M
9 – 28	St. Wenceslaus and St. Laurence Ruiz and Companions	M

Calendar of Up Coming Color Corps Calls to Service

None to report

Prayer Intention for the Lord's Grace and Protection

- We pray for the repose of the soul of SK Charles Raymond Stopczynski
- Deacon Ed's wife, Kathleen
- Walter Carper Family

Upcoming Exemplifications

During the state organizational meeting last weekend District Master Brad Burnett announced the tentative dates for exemplifications for the upcoming fraternal year. He emphasized that since his term will end at the end of August, the incoming Master may make changes and these dates and locations are tentative.

September ? –	Columbus (date TBD)
November 9 -	Kennesaw
February 8 –	Grovetown (Augusta)
April 26 –	Warner Robins
June 7 –	Lilburn

Assembly Website

Have you visited our website? If not (and even if you have), take a moment now and click on over to michaelthearchangel.org and look around!

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