



The Chapeau

Newsletter of Monsignor Leech Council 4472

And Holy Family Assembly 3281



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WORDS FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Life often feels like that boat trip, relationships shift, illness strikes, and death comes suddenly. In these storms we wonder if Jesus cares, especially when peace seems far from reach. We ask why, in our hardest moments. He seems to leave us walking alone. On the sand, we only see one set of footprints and question his present. Yet Jesus reminds us in those very times, the single set of footprints is His, carrying us through our trials.

Christopher Smythe Grand Knight

December Prayer

Dear Father, we acknowledge you as our Lord and Savior. This month, we embrace Your will for our lives, letting go of fear from the past and anxiety for the future. We ask, 'how might we serve you?' Forgive us of our sins and the sins of those connected to us, as we forgive ourselves and others. Help us embrace the righteous path and consistently serve you in all we do now and into the new year. Give us strength. In Jesus' name , we pray. Amen

Amen

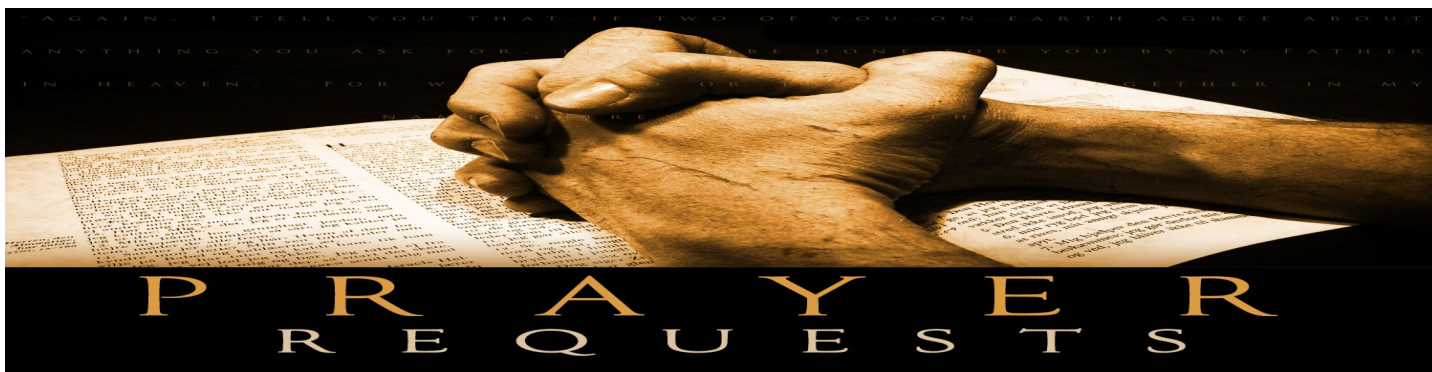
Congratulations to our October Family of the Month Brother Daren & Christine Freeman.



Brother Knights at Monsignor Leech Council 4472 Mass for Deceased Members

L to R Bien Nguyen, Jimmy Rafferty, Michael Burch, Jay Williams, Barry Neyrey, Adam Herring, Teddy Fields, Jack Miller, Darrell Favre, Jeremy Davis, Don DeMetz, Andrew Koslosky, Rodney Keel, John Saik, Charles Wormeley, Tony Diaz del Valle, Bragg Williams, Greg Niolet, Elvis Gates, Kenneth Braud and Clark Brennan.





Brother John Hayden, Brother Lee Ayuso, Leota Ayuso, Mary Anne Becnel, Brother Charles Erickson, Anne Erickson, Brother Roy Gamez, Betty Gamez, Brother Keefe Hecker, Brother Rod Malburg, Rev. Truong Trinh, Brother Gerald Favre, Brother Henry Stiller, Brother Teddie Fields, Jeannine Burch, Beverly Carver, Wendy Allard, Joanne Fields.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will host its December meeting on Tuesday December 2nd. Rosary at 6:15pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm. All Brother Knights are urged to attend.

The Chaplet of Devine Mercy will be prayed on Friday December 5th and Friday December 19th at the Chapel of St. Paul. The service will begin at 3pm. Please plan on attending.

On Sunday December 7th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will celebrate its Corporate Communion at the 8:30am Mass. We will be serving Coffee and Donuts after Mass. All Members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday December 7th, Holy Family Parish is hosting its annual Christmas Tree Lightening in the Church Courtyard immediately after the 6:00pm Mass. Food, Drinks and Pictures with Santa will be available at this celebration. Please plan on attending.

Monday December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a day of Holy Obligation. Please plan on attending Mass

Saturday December 13th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will host its Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Party at Pass Christian Yacht Club beginning with cocktails at 6pm Dinner at 7:00pm. The entrees are either Pork Chop or Speckled Trout with all the trimmings. Council will cover the members meals and Members cover their wives or dates meals. Costs \$40.00 plus one unwrapped Toy. The Marines will be in attendance. You must RSVP to Greg before Tuesday December 9th at 228-493-5740. Come and celebrate with your Brother Knights.

Thursday December 25th we will celebrate The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). Happy Birthday Jesus. Make sure you attend Mass and celebrate this Important Day

Saturday December 27th Holy Family Parish is sponsoring Noel A Night of Everlasting Love: The Story of the First Christmas. The event will start at 6:30pm in the Holy Family Catholic Church on Menge Avenue. Plan on Attending.

Brothers it is time to distribute our Toys For Tots Toy collection Boxes. We have contacted the Marines at the Gulfport Sea Bee Base and they are excited about our participation. We are in the top 5 donor Organizations in Harrison County. Please help us make this a successful season by donating a unwrapped toy. We will be donating the Gifts to the Marines on Saturday December 13 at our Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Dinner held at the Pass Christian Yacht Club. This event is open to everyone so spread the word. They just need to RSVP to Greg by December 9th. The Council will cover the cost of members meals, members cover the cost of wife or date. Cost is \$40.00 per plate.

Winners—Winners

The winners of our Annual \$3000.00 Drawdown were 1st Ticket Drawn Phillip Stevens \$100.00. Long Pham \$1000.00, Elvis Gates \$1,000.00 and David Spence \$1,000.00. Thanks to all Brothers Knights for selling and purchasing tickets. All 400 tickets were sold. Another successful fundraiser.

Thanks to all the Brother Knights who helped setup and break down the altar in St. Paul's Cemetery for our All Saints Mass. Also a special Thank You to Brothers Rusty Bohn, Greg Niolet and Teddy Fields for their work on Friday Cutting Limbs and cleaning the Mass location.

Our Mass for Deceased members was a big success. We had many members of our Deceased members families in attendance. We also had a great turnout from our Members. May we always keep these members in our prayers.

Honorary/Honorary Life Membership—A member who has attained the age of 65 years and who has been a member of the Order 25 consecutive years shall be designated an honorary member. The honorary member is exempt from general fund charges except, in Msgr. Leech Council 4472, a charge of \$1.

Members who have attained the age of 70 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years and those who have been members of the Order for 50 consecutive years regardless of age, shall be designated as honorary life members. Honorary Life members are exempt from payment of dues, per capita charges and assessments. No Supreme or state council assessments are levied against them. All priest and religious brothers who have taken their final or perpetual vows are automatically designated as honorary life members upon receiving the First Degree of the Order.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities

Brothers Please fill out this form and return to Greg by January 20th. This is the form which helps the Knights of Columbus retain its tax exempt status

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

20__ Individual Member Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

Faith Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

Family Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

Community Activities (where applicable)	Hours of Service
a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAVS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)	Hours of Service
Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
TOTAL	0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

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Holy Family Assembly 3281

Holy Family Assembly 3281 will not meet on Tuesday December 2nd.

At our September Meeting, Assembly 3281 voted to purchase Red Assembly shirts. The Order of Shirts have arrived. All Sir Knights should stop by Faithful Comptroller Greg Niolet's office and pick up a shirt.

Holy Family Assembly will attend its Sir Knight Adoration Hour on Monday December 15th at Holy Family Church from 7pm till 8pm. All Sir Knights are asked to wear their Red Assembly Shirts. We will attend this Adoration every month on the Monday immediately after our Business meeting. All Sir Knights are urged to attend.

Our Faithful Navigator Greg Federico is looking for a date for a Fourth Degree Social. If you have a suggested date please let Greg know.

These are Brother Knights who we need to ask to join Assembly 3281. Richard Allard, Joseph Church, Jeremy Davis, Donald DeMetz, Stuart Farr, Darrell Favre, Barry Neyrey, Philip Stevens. Sir Knights please ask these Knights to join our Assembly.

Sir Knights, Father Mike usually asks the Assembly to have a Honor Guard at the Christmas Eve 9pm Mass. Faithful Navigator Greg will ask Father Mike if he wants a Honor Guard so be aware that we may need a Honor Guard for Christmas Eve.

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A member who has attained the age of 70 years and who has been a member of the Fourth Degree for 25 consecutive years, and those who have been members of the Fourth Degree for 50 years, regardless of age, shall be designated as honorary life members and shall be exempt from further payment of assembly dues.



Let's Help Gunny Bear by Donating Toys for the Less Fortunate
Collection Boxes at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School— Holy Family Catholic Church—
Daddys Restaurant—Pass Christian Yacht Club—Pass Christian Library—Mabels Coffee and
Ice Cream.

Brother Knights helping St. Vincent de Paul Society Load Truck with Thanksgiving Baskets to be delivered to Our Mother of Mercy

L to R

Brothers Adam Farragut, Don DeMetz and Elvis Gates





Happy Birthday

Richard Bohn III 12/3, Adam Farragut 12/4, Todd St Mary 12/4, Elijah Williams 12/4, Kirk Kimball 12/7, Rory Rafferty 12/14, Elizabeth Covington 12/18, Tabor Kraft 12/18, Evan Ladner 12/18, James Wilkinson 12/19, Donald DeMetz Jr. 12/20, Jose Diaz del Valle 12/20, Alan Bradford Jr. 12/23.

Anniversaries

Rodolfo & Selinda Chacon 12/12, Moises & Angelica Espinal 12/20, Andrew & Margaret Koslowsky 12/30.

Ladies Auxiliary News

Our December meeting is Tuesday December 9th, 2025 at 5:30pm. We will be dining out at Aroma in Diamondhead, 4402 Aloha Dr. Diamondhead, Ms. 39525. Hope you can make it.

We are planning our Family chili supper for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:30pm at the church hall.

We welcome new members. Regular membership is open to wives and widows of Knights of Columbus members. We also welcome other woman who are interested in participating in our auxiliary functions as associate members. If you would like to join, please contact Mary at 228-493-4184 or maryniolet@gmail.com.

Coats For Kids

Monday December 1st, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will donate 6 cases of coats to the Harrison County Sheriffs Department. The Coats will be distributed at the Harrison County Elementary Schools and at the Sheriffs Jail Christmas Party.

Members and Wives with Father Mike at the Bishops Regalia at the Beau Rivage

Left to Right

Andrew Koslosky, Father Mike Austin, Rusty Bohn and Joanna Fields



January Events

Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will meet on Tuesday January 6th. We will say the Rosary at 6:15 pm, Dinner at 6:30pm and the meeting at 7:00pm.

The Devine Chaplet will be prayed at Saint Paul's Chapel on Friday January 2nd and on Friday January 16th. The prayer service starts at 3:00pm.

Sunday January 11th, Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will celebrate its Monthly Corporate Communion. Coffee and Donuts after Mass.

January 23rd Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will be sponsoring a March for Life at St. Vincent de Paul School. The March will be after the 8:30am school Mass. All Sir Knights are encouraged to Dress out and all Brother Knights are asked to attend.

Sunday January 25th Monsignor Leech Council 4472 will be sponsoring a Bar B Que Chicken Dinner Fundraiser. We will be selling Dinners after the 8:30am Mass and the 11:00am Mass. The Cost for the Dinners is \$10.00. All Brother Knights are encouraged to sell tickets starting in January. We will also need help on Sunday.

Years of Service

Greg Niolet 12/1/1976 49 Years, Richard Ward 12/19/2001 24 Years, James Fowler II 12/17/2003 22 Years, Alan Bradford Jr. 12/6/2016 9 Years, Eric Brown 12/15/2016 9 Years, Clyde Schepens 12/7/2017 8 Years, Joshua Perronne 12/21/2021 4 Years, John Hall 12/17/2023 2 Years, Peter Furze 12/18/2023 2 Years, Andrew Schatzle 12/26/2023 2 Years, Evan Ladner 12/11/2024 1 Year, John Brockman 12/15/2024 1 Year, Kenneth Cuevas 12/15/2024 1 Year, Gordon Bohn 12/27/2024 1 Year, Richard Bohn III 12/27/2024 1 Year.

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Noel A Night of Everlasting Love: The Story of the First Christmas



featuring

**The Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Louis King of France Chorus
with members of The New Orleans Symphony
led by Soloist and Conductor: Sarah Jane McMahon
featuring Guest Narrator: Andrew Joseph Koslosky**

DATE: Saturday December 27, 2025 TIME: 5:30pm

**PLACE: Holy Family Catholic Church
Evangeline Drive and Menge Ave, Pass Christian, Ms.**

This is an encore performance of The New York City production that won an Emmy award for Public Television's Best Holiday Program of the Year that would be followed by an album produced by Grammy award winning producer Jeff Jones. This powerful program features some of the most beloved Christmas music, with unique arrangements, along with a most inspirational narrative of the scriptures, telling the story of that very first Christmas in Bethlehem.

**This program is brought to you through special arrangement with
JABEN USA Productions and our Community Program Sponsors. Admission is free for all.**

December 2025

1M20Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						
	1 Coats for Kids Distribution	2 Council Meeting 7pm	3	4 Natl Cookie Day	5 Chaplet of Devine Mercy 3pm	6 Saint Nicholas Day
7 Corporate Communion 8:30am Mass	8 Immaculate Conception Holy Day	9	10	11	12 Our Lady Of Guadalupe	13 Toys for Tots Dinner 6pm
14	15	16	17 Natl Maple Syrup Day	18	19 Chaplet of Devine Mercy 3pm	20
21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Happy Birthday Jesus	26	27 Noel A Night of Everlasting Love 5:30pm
28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary And Joseph	29	30	31 New Years Eve			