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"Pride of the Panhandle"

Saint Mary Council 4444  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
1981-1982



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William J. Nadicksbernd, III



Deputy Grand Knight  
Ken Mathiasmeier

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and Wife Judy*



*State Advocate  
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Wife Nancy*

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# Tootsie Roll Drive

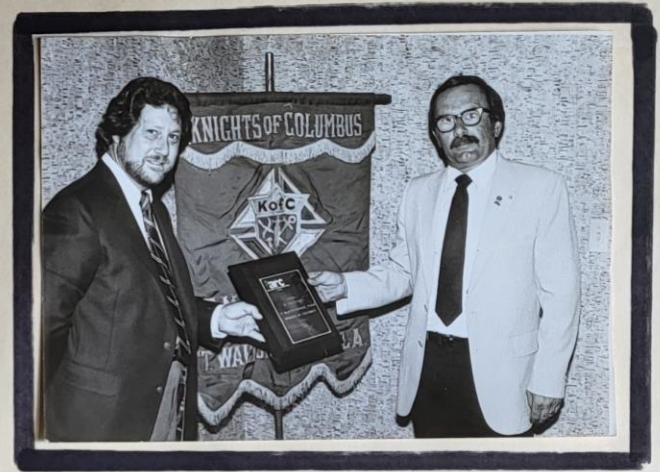
**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!!**

The Knights of Columbus will  
be distributing Tootsie Rolls  
Ft. Walton Beach Area  
APRIL 2 & 3

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE  
MENTALLY RETARDED CITIZENS  
AND WILL BE KEPT IN THE  
FT. WALTON BEACH AREA.**

YOUR DONATION CAN BE A  
BLESSING  
FOR SOMEONE IN NEED

**WON'T YOU PLEASE GIVE**



LEFT: FDD CARL SORENSEN

*Plaque of appreciation from  
Okaloosa Association of Retarded Citizens*

**Knights of Columbus buys truck  
for ARC with 'Tootsie Rolls'**

A one-ton truck has been purchased by Miracle Strip Industries, a sheltered workshop of the Association for Retarded Citizens of Okaloosa County. Funds to buy the truck were raised through the annual Knights of Columbus "Tootsie Roll Drive."

K of C Councils 4444, Fort Walton Beach, and 7667, Niceville-Valparaiso, raised almost \$6,000 which they donated to the ARC. The state K of C Council, at the request of local councils, awarded the ARC an additional \$3,500 toward purchase of the badly needed truck.

The truck has been outfitted with a flat bed and hoist so that it can be used to deliver cement products manufactured by MSI. Parking blocks, patio stones, survey monuments, and other custom-made cement products are available from MSI on a wholesale or retail basis.

**LOADING A PARKING BLOCK ON THE NEW TRUCK**

...as Jack Stanley, Grand Knight of Council 7667 and Bill Nadicksbernd, Grand Knight of Council 4444 look on, are MSI workers Eugene Moore, Mike Deely (on truck) and Eddie Dickerson. The Knights of Columbus provided funds to purchase the truck.

**Niceville Council and Fort Walton Beach Council  
Combine Forces to Aid Retarded Citizens**

Niceville Council # 7667 Grand Knight Jack Stanley and Fort Walton Beach Council # 4444 Grand Knight Bill Nadicksbernd (left to right in coat and tie) observe as Okaloosa Association for Retarded Citizens clients Eddie Dickerson, Mike Deely and Eugene Moore (left to right) demonstrate the operation of a hoist for lifting heavy objects on and off their new truck. This vehicle is being used to deliver concrete products manufactured in the ARC shop and, when the hoist is removed, it is used to haul bulky foam packing material as well as other large objects. Funds used to purchase and modify this useful truck were raised by the 1981 Tootsie Roll Campaign conducted by both councils together with a special grant provided by the Florida State Tootsie Roll Campaign Chairman Joe Matthews.

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*Florida State News*

*Honor Guard  
in Action*



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HONOR GUARD AT CONFIRMATION AND  
FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS





# Lecture Program



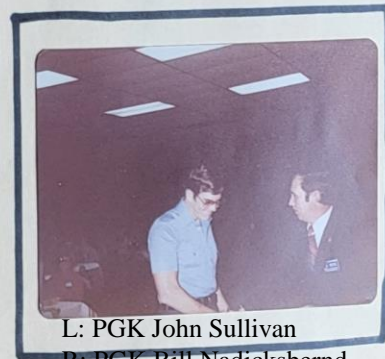
PGK Bill Nadicksbernd



L: Dave VanWarmer  
R: PGK Bill Nadicksbernd

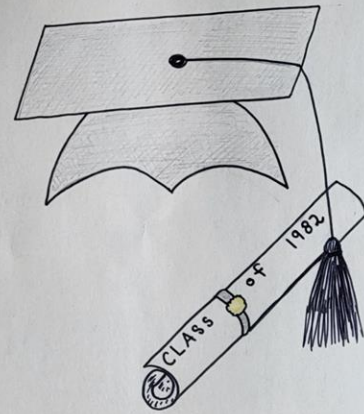


L: Fr. Francis  
R: PGK Bill Nadicksbernd



L: PGK John Sullivan  
R: PGK Bill Nadicksbernd

MAY



Youth Canoe Trip for  
C'YO's from Three Parishes  
sponsored by Knights of Columbus  
May 23, 1981



Nadicksbernd Family



L-R: Jean & Carl Sorensen & Regina Nadicksbernd



L-R: Millie Pusch, Fr. Ed & Gerry Puschv

# State Convention May 1981



L-R: Nancy & Frank Scandone and Voncylle & Bill Doherty

## Knights of Columbus select Frank Scandone as advocate

Frank X. Scandone, member of local council 4444 of the Knights of Columbus, will be installed in July as Advocate for the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The position of Advocate watches over and insures that all business, meetings and conventions are conducted according to legal guidelines. The Advocate handles legal matters from the individual council level, throughout the state, to that of the state level.

Scandone, who is not new to state level positions, is now embarking on his first elected position with the backing of approximately 22,000 members statewide. His prior experience which led him to his present position include: Past Grand Knight of Council 4444; Past Faithful Navigator of the local Fourth Degree Assembly; State Youth Director (appointed for two years); and State Council Activities Director (appointed for two years).

The election was held recently in Orlando at the 77th Annual Knights of Columbus Convention.

Scandone is employed with Civil Service at Eglin Air Force Base as Maintenance Supervisor of the 231th Field Maintenance Squadron. He and his wife, Nancy, have four children, Paul, Mike, Jason and Paula and two grandchildren, Jeremy and Jennifer Brewer.

The Scandonos were joined at the Orlando convention by other local Knights and their ladies. Those attending from Council 4444 in First Walton Beach were: Grand Knight and Mrs. Carlton Sorensen; Grand Knight (elect) and Mrs. William Nadicksbernd; Mr. and Mrs. William Doherty and Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Pusch. Attending from Newville Council 7377 were Grand Knight and Mrs. John Stasley and Deputy Grand Knight and Mrs. James Riley.

The theme of the convention centered around a renewal of the various programs sponsored by the Knights of Columbus throughout the United States and Canada as well as other locations worldwide. Their major endeavors include: support for vocations to the Roman Catholic Priesthood; "Totale Roll" Drive to help Retarded Citizens; Parish and community involvement; youth programs; patriotism; fraternalism; and various other charitable works. The convention provided the local Knights with information, instruction and enthusiasm for existing programs and proposed programs for the coming year, which will affect the local Knights of Columbus Councils.

ATTENDING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONVENTION

...are, left to right, Nancy and Frank Scandone, Voncylle and William Doherty, Millie and Gerard Pusch, Jean and Carl Sorensen and Regina and William Nadicksbernd



June



# Little League City of Ft. Walton Beach First Place

L-R: Paul Spikes & Coach Joe Shackleford



**Little League**

## Knights win 2nd City title

No one ever talks about dynasties when they discuss Little League baseball but those who follow the Fort Walton Beach City League are beginning to wonder. The Knights of Columbus, Council 4446 minor league team (10-12) coached for the past two seasons by Joe Shackleford recently clinched their second consecutive city league title with an 11-3 victory over Creekmasters.

"I have been lucky," said Shackleford, "to have had two teams of talented youngsters. The kids win the titles, the coach merely guides."

This accomplishment marks only the second time in the history of the city league that any coach has brought in two consecutive champions.

Shackleford also gives much of the credit for the team's success to assistant coach Dick Pomeroy and Team Father R. J. Owens. "Owens is always there," said Shackleford, "at games, at practices, and whenever help of any kind is needed."

The title winning squad won the championship in 1980 with a 12-3 record and picked up another down win this season against only a single loss.

"Dennis Cowart was the backbone of our pitching staff," said Shackleford, "and also one of our better hitters. He was 6-1 on the mound and a steady 300 hitter throughout the season."

The long ball slugger on this team was second baseman Derrick Musgrove who batted .284 with three out of every four of his hits going for extra bases.

"It is not for the high fence," Musgrove would have hit a lot of "homers" Shackleford stated, "but almost every ball he hit rocketed off the fence for a double or triple."

The team also had a golden glove outfielder who steadied the team's defense in Ron Owens whom Shackleford describes as "the most coachable player with whom I have ever been associated."

Eight members of this team was chosen for an All-Star squad also made up of players from Creekmasters and Jimmy's who represented Southreeves against an all-star team from Ferry Park. The Southreeves squad downed Ferry Park 12-4 to end a successful season.





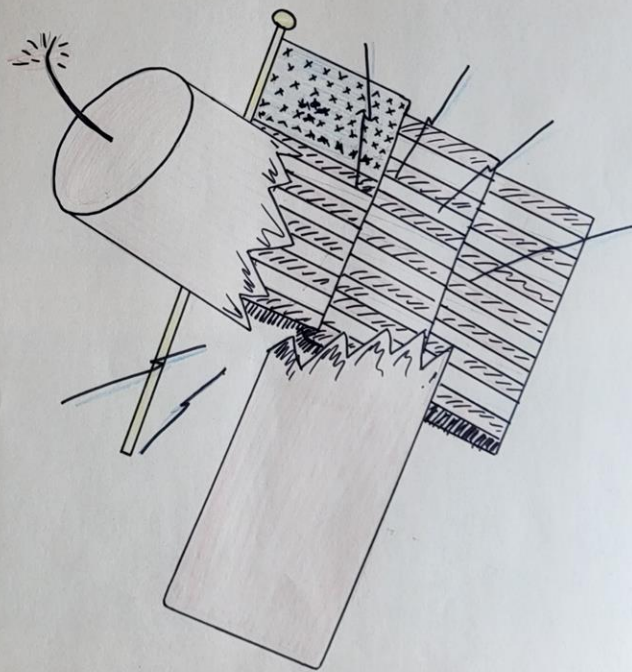
Knights of  
Columbus  
Girls Softball



City of Mary Esther  
Second Place



JULY





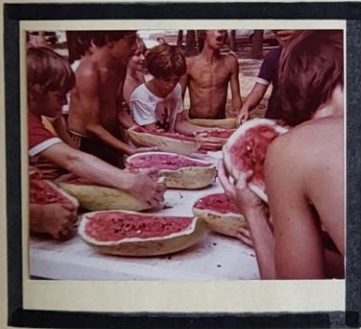
Father James Bluett Celebrating  
Corporate Mass and Communion  
Hurthurt Picnic Grounds  
Fourth of July Picnic



*Fourth of July  
Family Picnic  
An Annual Event  
Over 300 Attended*



# Fourth of July Picnic



# Columbian Squires

## Fort Walton Beach Circle 3027

### New Columbian Squires Circle formed by Knights of Columbus



CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE FORT WALTON BEACH CIRCLE

...of The Columbian Squires were presented certificates and their membership cards at a special dinner held July 20. First row, left to right, are John Sullivan, Chris Ward and John Shoff. Second row: James Phillips, William Ward, Arthur Roraff, Charles Shoff and Paul Spikes, the youth activities chairman. Third row: Grand knight, Bill Nadicksbernd, Tim Poschel, Mike Plancholt, David Larson, Paul Hayes and Marc Guilloni.

The Fort Walton Beach council of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Council 444, has formed a new circle of the Columbian Squires.

The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus composed of Catholic young men between the ages of 12 and 18.

A minimum of 15 candidates is required to form a circle. Through the work of five Knights of Columbus members — Jim Fisher, Frank Carson, Paul Spikes, Bill Nadicksbernd, the deputy grand knight and Carl Sorenson, the grand knight — 25 young men were invited as squires by the Pensacola circle of the Columbian Squires April 5. On June 8, notification came from the supreme office of the Knights of Columbus that all the documents had been received to form an active circle in the local area.

The 25 charter members of the Fort Walton Beach Circle are James Phillips, Grant Peterson, Arthur Roraff, Marc Guilloni, Ben Calderone, Mickey Calderone, Joe Giangrosso, William Ward, Chris Ward, Don Benjamin, Mike Plancholt, John Sullivan, William Howard, John Cayer, Roland Cayer, Paul Scallan, David Larson, James Cronin, Tim Poschel, George Phillips, Paul Hayes, Gerard Haris, Dewey O'Rourke, John Shoff and Charles Shoff.

The newly formed Fort Walton Beach Circle 3027 is one of the more than 900 Columbian Squire Circles with more than 18,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. The Columbian Squires program was started by the Knights of Columbus in 1925. The motto of the Squires is "Elate Dignus" which means "Be Worthy." A squire must "Be Worthy" of his ideals, "Be Worthy" of his faith and "Be Worthy" of his country. The Columbian Squires conduct their own programs through the democratic process, get involved in civic activities, organize and participate in athletic events and adhere to strong moral and spiritual principles.

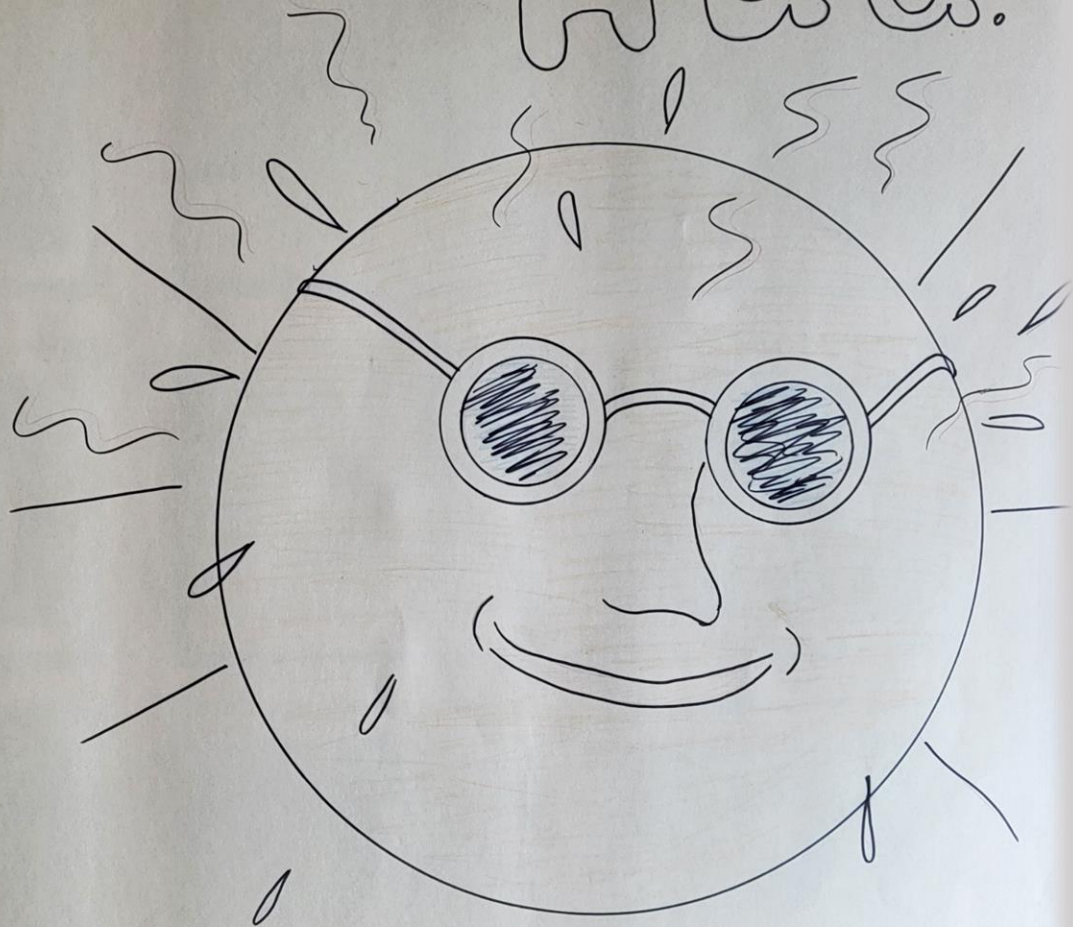
The officers of the Fort Walton Beach Circle 3027 are Paul Hayes, chief squire; Danny O'Rourke, deputy chief squire; Donald Benjamin, sentry; Mike Plancholt, burser; David Larson, notary; and Arthur Roraff, marshal. Auditors are Tim Poschel, John Shoff and John Sullivan.



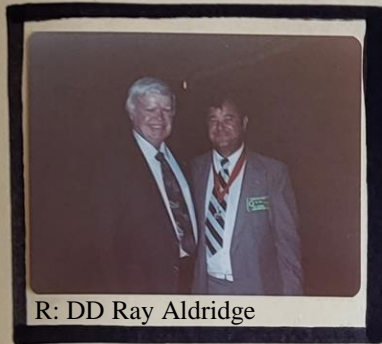
THE OFFICERS OF CIRCLE 3027 OF THE COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

...are: first row, left to right: John Shoff, auditor; Arthur Roraff, marshal; and John Sullivan, auditor; second row: Tim Poschel, auditor; Mike Plancholt, burser; Paul Hayes, chief squire; and David Larson, notary. The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus composed of Catholic young men between the ages of 12 and 18. The special membership dinner event for the group took place on July 20.

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# State Officers Seminar



R: DD Ray Aldridge



R: GK Bill Nadicksbernd



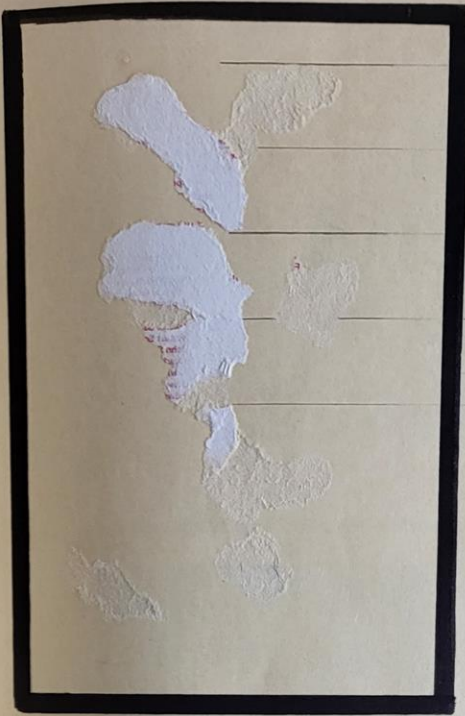
Nancy & Frank Scandone



Center: Carl Sorensen



August 15, 1982  
Fourth Degree  
Installation of Officers



C-R: George Sabol, unkn, Frank  
DePrisco, & Frank Scandone



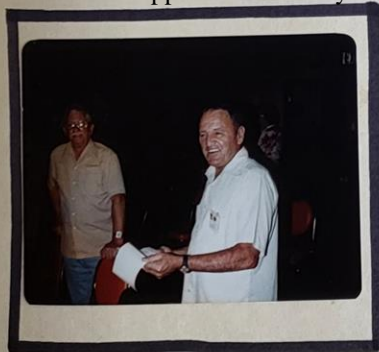
L-R: Bill Doherty & Carl Sorensen



*District Deputy Seminar  
Led by  
District Deputy Roy Aldridge*



L-R: Ed Kepple & Bob Soucy



C: Bill Doherty



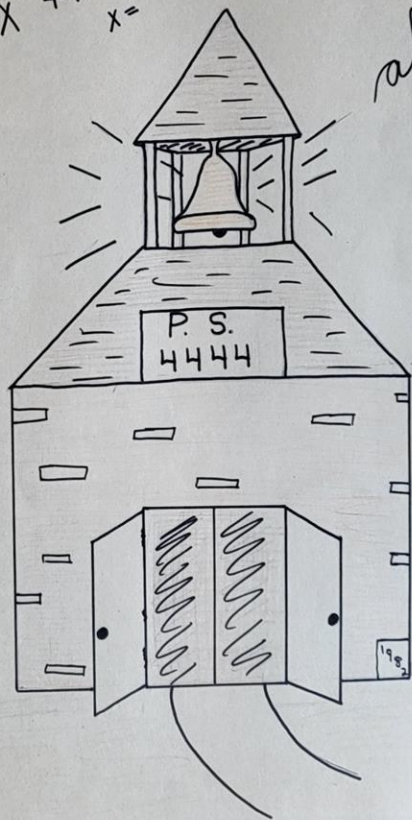
L-R: Ken Matheasmeier & Gerry Pusch



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Time?

September Steak Dinner  
Honoring Boy Scout Leaders



Dinner will be held on September  
12, 1981 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.  
Social hour is at 7:30 pm. Dinner  
will be served at 8:30 pm.

\$6.50 per plate

For Reservations call:

Chuck Schaffer ..... 837-2883  
Ken Mathias Meier ..... 651-0308  
Bill Nadicksbernd ..... 862-1467

September Steak Night  
Honoring  
Boy Scout Leaders



# September Canoe trip ~ Coldwater River



**K of C make youth 'padding' possible** —  
 As part of their on-going activities with the youth in the Ft. Walton Beach area, the K of C's annual canoe trip down the Coldwater River drew its usual crowd of teens recently.  
 Members of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Harburt Field Chapel C.Y.O., along with the K of C's Columbian Squares and Boy Scout Troop gathered early in the morning to pack some 80 young people and adults into as few cars and trucks as possible for the hour trip to the river near Milton.  
 K of C member Jim Fetter says, "We've tried other activities such as Coke parties and dances but the annual four-hour canoe trips are the most popular."





# October Steak Night



Center: Ginny Poschel

Center: Phyllis & John Oeltman



Center: Carl Sorensen



# Ladies Auxillary Preparation Childrens Halloween Party



R-L: Jean Sorensen, Voncylle Doherty



L: Inge Halliday



R-L: Bettye Caruso, Regina Nadicksbernd,  
Voncylle Doherty, Jean Sorsesen



R-L: Jean Sorsesen  
& Inge Halliday

October 28, 1981

Bishop Rene Gracida dined  
with KofC Officers, Priest,  
and officers of Three local  
Parishes C.Y.O. Groups.

R-L: Fr. James Bluett, Msgr.  
Cunningham, Fr. Lesch, & Jim Fetter



R-L: Bill Nadicksbernd,

Bishop Rene Gracida & Paul Spikes



R-L: Fr. Howard Lesch & Msgr.  
Patrick Cunningham



R-L: Jim Fetter, Frank Scandone, &  
Bill Nadicksbernd



October 28, 1981

Youth Mass  
Celebrated with  
Bishop Rene Gracida  
and Six Priest of  
Okaloosa County



R-L: Deacon Walt Richardson





# Reception following Youth Mass



C-R: Tim Poschel & Bishop Gracida



Fr. David O'Shea and Paul Spikes

# Youth Mass Continued Oct 28, 1981

## 300 Okaloosa Teens Meet And Worship

special to Good News Visitor

Over 300 teenagers from the five parishes of St. Peter, St. Mary, Our Lady of Victory, Holy Name of Jesus, and Corpus Christi in Okaloosa County attended a special youth Mass celebrated by Bishop Rene H. Gracida and area priests and deacons recently. The Mass, celebrated in St. Mary's Church in Fort Walton Beach, was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 4444. The Fourth Degree of the council provided the honor guard.

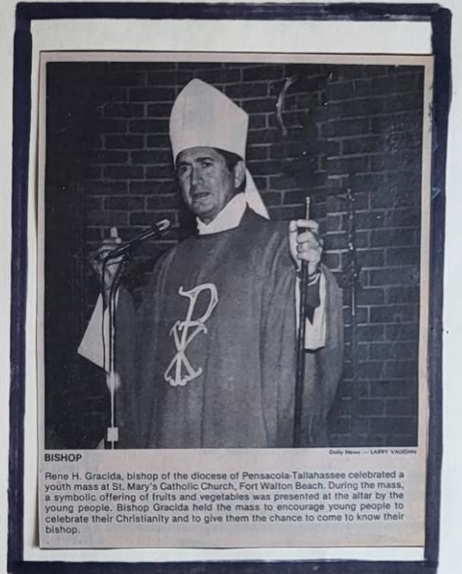
As a symbolic offering in thanksgiving for a good harvest, each teenager brought a fresh fruit or vegetable. These symbolic gifts were brought to the altar during the offertory procession. The fruit and vegetables were donated after the Mass to Westwood Retirement Center in Fort Walton Beach.

The Knights of Columbus plan to make the Youth Mass a tradition in Okaloosa County according to Paul Spikes, Jr., K of C youth activities chairman. "It is an excellent way to show the unity among the young Catholic Church of Okaloosa county and to demonstrate that there are, indeed, many different members but one body of Christ," said Spikes.

Each youth group provided three petitions for the prayer of the faithful and a person to present them. The music was provided by youth from Holy Name of Jesus Parish under the direction of Tris Casey, a senior at Newville High School. The lector was from St. Peter's youth group. The ushers and servers were provided by the Columbian Squires.



During the reception that followed the K of C-sponsored youth Mass, Susan Doerre shares a special moment with Bishop Gracida. The bread for the Eucharist was baked by Laura DePrisco, Dawn Sheets, and Debbie Scallan of St. Mary's youth group.



**BISHOP**  
Rene H. Gracida, bishop of the diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee celebrated a youth mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Fort Walton Beach. During the mass, a symbolic offering of fruits and vegetables was presented at the altar by the young people. Bishop Gracida held the mass to encourage young people to celebrate their Christianity and to give them the chance to come to know their bishop.

## Bishop Gracida sets youth mass October 28 at St. Mary's

Bishop Rene H. Gracida, bishop of the diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, has accepted an invitation from the Knights of Columbus Council 4444 to celebrate a youth mass for Okaloosa county teenagers. The youth mass will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. Mary's Church in Fort Walton Beach. Following the mass, a reception will be held for Bishop Gracida during which the bishop will be fully accessible to the teenagers.

As a symbolic offering in thanksgiving for a good harvest, each teenager is asked to bring a fresh vegetable or fruit. These symbolic gifts of fresh vegetables and fruit will be brought to the altar by each teenager during the offertory procession. The offertory procession is a Catholic mass is the time when members of the congregation "thank God for all his blessings and give to God what is God's."

After the mass, there will be a reception for Bishop Gracida in St. Mary's cafeteria. During this time, all of the teenagers are encouraged to come meet and talk with the bishop, who wants to meet and know each teenager in his diocese. All of the teenagers of Okaloosa County are invited to attend this youth mass, to demonstrate that "there are, indeed, many different members, but one body in Christ."

**BISHOP**

Rene H. Gracida, bishop of the diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, celebrated a youth mass Oct. 28 for the teenagers of the Eastern Deanery of the diocese. Sept. 26, Bishop Gracida will celebrate a youth mass for the teenagers of Okaloosa County at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 at St. Mary's Church in Fort Walton Beach.



Saint Mary's School  
Halloween Carnival  
Knights cooked and served Hamburgers  
and hot dogs ~ Donated all profits  
to the School.

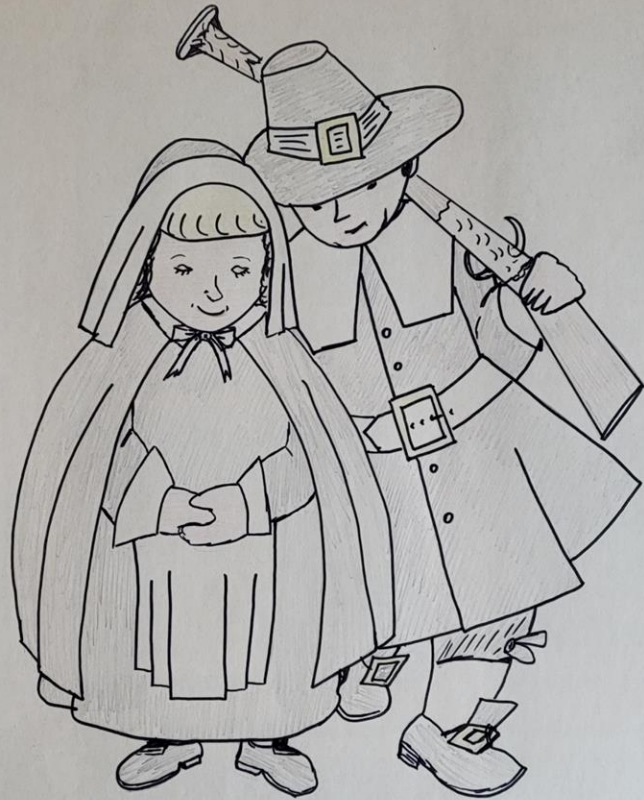


Dave VanWarmer

PGK Frank DePrisco

# Children's Halloween Party





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Past Grand Knights Dinner  
November 14, 1981



Front: Gene & Ginny Poschel



Center: Ree Halpin





Memorial Mass  
Honoring our Departed Brothers  
November 25, 1981  
Hugh O. Cahalan  
Eugene S. Ides  
Robert J. Handley



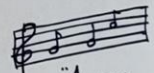
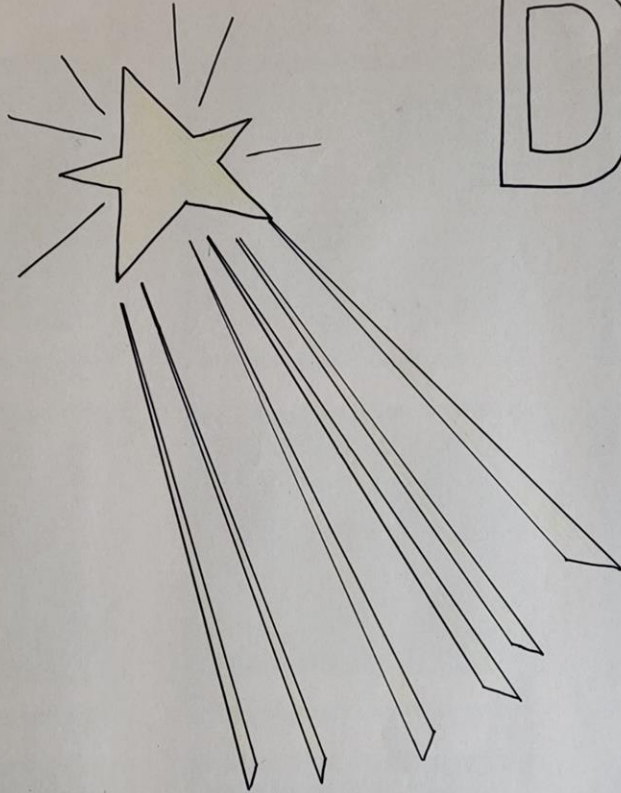
PGK Gerry Pusch & Bob Matheran



Frank McGuinness



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"AWAY IN A  
MANGER...."





*Tree Trimming Party  
December 5, 1981*



C-R: DGK Jim & Susan Fetter

# Knighthood Degree December 6, 1981



Frank Scandone



L: Joe Shackelford

*Knighthood Degree Dinner  
December 6, 1981*

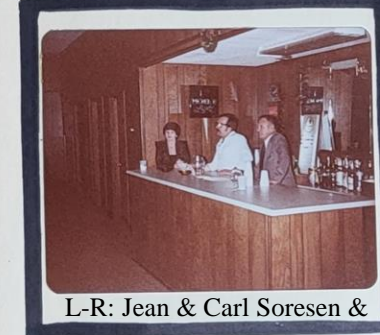
L-R: Jean & Carl Sorsesen  
& Bill Doherty



Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party  
December 12, 1981



Jim Fetter and Susan



L-R: Jean & Carl Soresen &

Bill Doherty



Mike O'Rourke



# Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party



# Children's Christmas Party



# New Years Eve Dance



Bettye Curso



Gerry & Millie Pusch



R: Frank Scandone





JAN.

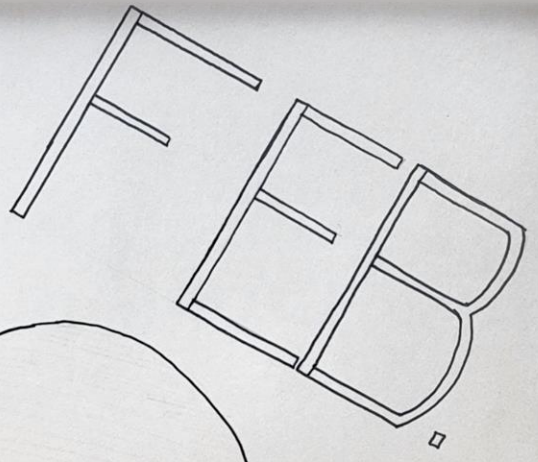
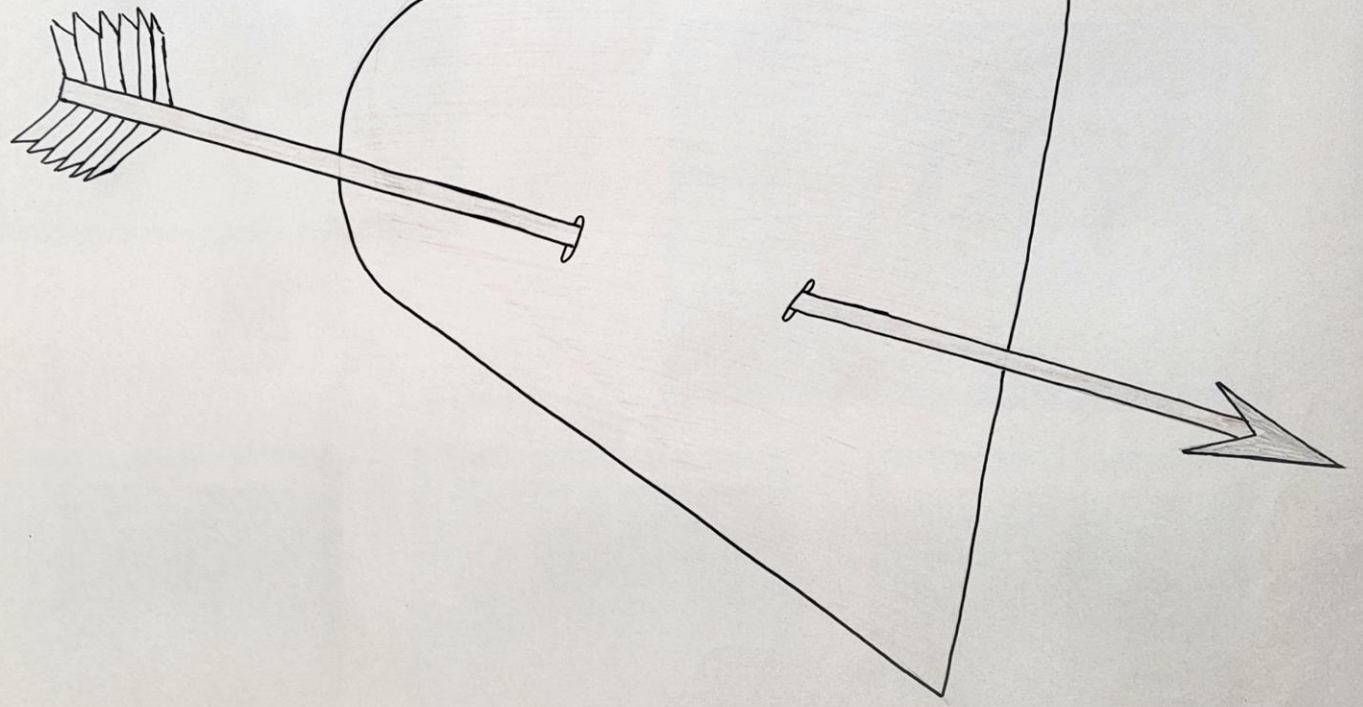


Corporate Communion Breakfast  
Cooked and served by the  
Columbian Squires



Saint Mary Knights  
Special Soccer Team  
Saint Mary School





# Ladies Auxiliary Charity Ball Planning and Decoration Committees



...KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AUXILIARY MEMBERS.

...from left, Ruth Jablonka, Pat Edmonds, Marlene Armbruster, Voncyle Doherty and Nancy Scandoni are making decorations for a Charity Ball scheduled Feb. 6 at 9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Carol Avenue. Proceeds from the ball will be donated to Family Outreach. Tickets are \$15 per couple and can be purchased from any Auxiliary member or by calling Ruth Jablonka at 244-0293 (home) or 244-0333 (work), Marlene Armbruster at 862-7249 or Pat Edmonds at 243-2431.

## K of C Auxiliary plans charity ball for February 6



The Knights of Columbus Auxiliary recently held a planning meeting for their Annual Charity Ball scheduled Feb. 6 at 9 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Carol Avenue.

At the meeting at the home of Ruth Jablonka, a Valentine decor motif was selected. Plans were made for selection and presentation of a King and Queen of Hearts. Food and ticket sales were also discussed and a party buffet menu was chosen.

The Auxiliary's charity project for the year is Family Outreach and all proceeds from the ball will be donated to this cause. Tickets for the ball are \$15 per couple and can be purchased from any Auxiliary member or by calling Ruth Jablonka at 244-0293 (home) or 244-0333 (work), Marlene Armbruster at 862-7249 or Pat Edmonds at 243-2431.

### AT PLANNING MEETING

...in front row from left are Dot Matharan, food chairman; Eileen Timmel, co-chairman; Ruth Jablonka, chairman; back row, Angelina Carpinoni, decorations chairman; Betty Caruso, picture chairman; Marlene Armbruster, ticket chairman and Voncyle Doherty, president of the K of C Auxiliary.



# Knights of Columbus 'Hearts' Charity Ball attracts 250



**GREETING THE GUESTS**  
...were Pat Edmonds, publicity chairman, and Vonylle Doherty, president of the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary.



**ORGANIZERS OF THE CHARITY BALL**  
...were from left, Bill and Regina Nadickabend, Joe and Ruth Jablonka, and Vonylle and Bill Doherty.

With a fanfare and lots of applause, a King and Queen of Hearts were crowned recently at the charity ball held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Carol Avenue.

Hearts and flowers, music, dances, and happy couples were the order of the evening, as Pat Leechin and Will Hubbard received their crowns.

More than 250 people attended the event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Auxiliary under the chairmanship of Ruth Jablonka. The King and Queen received crowns, flowers and a bottle of champagne, and the dance floor all to themselves for one dance.

The proceeds from the ball will go to Family Outreach, the Auxiliary's charity project for the year. A large group of representatives from Family Outreach were present to show their appreciation.

The band "Fox Fire" played tirelessly and the dance floor was always full. Big stuffed hearts, made by Marlene Armbrust, were hung from the ceiling and smaller hearts decorated the walls and tables. The decoration committee was chaired by Nancy Scandon.

Vonylle Doherty, president of the Auxiliary welcomed all members and guests and thanked her committees for a job well done.

Alongside one wall a buffet table laden with delicious finger foods took care of the hungry dancers. A large flower arrangement gracing the center of the table was one of the gifts given away at door prizes during later intervals.



**QUEEN AND KING OF HEARTS**  
...were the honorees of the evening. Pat Leechin and Will Hubbard took the honor gracefully.

State of Florida  
Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services  
District Volunteer Services




## Certificate of Appreciation

To  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY

FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO CLIENTS AND PROGRAMS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

PRESENTED THIS 7TH DAY OF MAY, 1982

  
 District Administrator

  
 Volunteer Service Center Coordinator

# Ladies Charity Ball - February 6, 1982



Bill & Voncylle Doherty

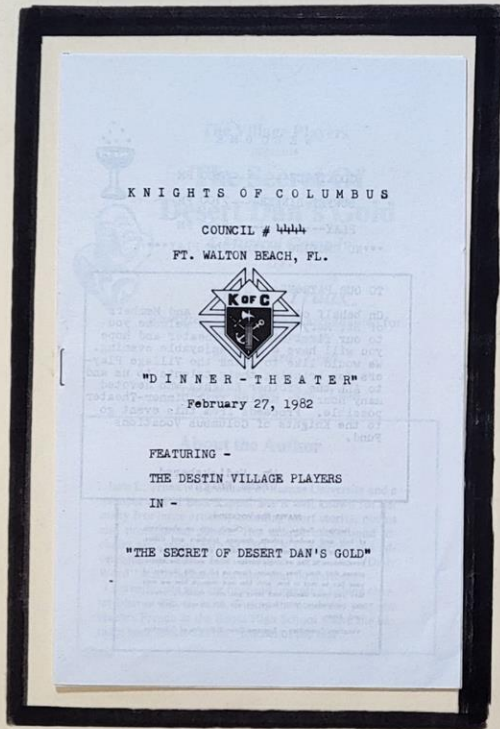


# Ladies Auxillary in Action



Deacon Wayne Walker & Bettye Caurso





February 27, 1982  
Dinner Theater  
"The Secret of Desert Dan's Gold"  
All Proceeds Went to  
Vocation Fund



MAR.



### Ft. Walton:

### Council 4444

The Ft. Walton Beach St. Mary's Council 4444 was chartered in June, 1957. The members first held their meetings wherever they could find space.

In 1959 a building fund was started and a dream of a future home for the 4444 Council began. Two years later a parcel of land was purchased, but it took nearly a year before the dream of four years before the dream took form.

The first meeting in the new council home was held December 1963. A year later in 1964 the first annual New Year's Eve Dance was held. It was also the year the biggest fund raiser began ... BINGO.

Over the years the council has sponsored a Boy Scout Troop ... open to all boys of any religion ... baseball teams in the Ft. Walton Beach and Mary Esther ... leagues, golf tournaments and many CVO activities.

They have donated money to St. Mary's School and Church, the Special Olympics, St. Vincent

DePaul Society and their special charity ... the Okaloosa County Association of Retarded Citizens.

The 4444 Council men always have time left over for those special activities with their families as well. The 4th of July picnic is an annual event. Monthly family dinners and the annual Children's Christmas party are also high on the list of activities everyone looks forward to.

Spiritual life still remains upper most in the minds of all Knights. The 4444 Council holds an annual retreat for its members and they take great pride in their honor guard that has served in all the Catholic Churches in the local area throughout the years.

A few years ago a second hall was built on the site of Carol Ave. It is now used by all the local parishes for all kinds of things as well as the Boy Scouts and the newly formed young men's organization ... the Columbus Squares.

Last October the council sponsored the Bishop's Youth

Mass for Okaloosa County. It was so successful that it has become an annual event. This year the Youth Mass is set for September 15.

In their efforts to raise money for the Association of Retarded Citizens, the Knights of Council 4444 work very hard each year during the annual Footsie Roll Drive, but this year they have planned another event that will also help that cause ... a Five Kilometer Benefit Run (held March 20).

From a handful of men that had a dream in 1957, the Ft. Walton Beach St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 4444 has grown to 235 members. They represent the Ft. Walton Beach Mary Esther Destin area of South Okaloosa County.

Grand Knight Bill Nadekbernd says most of the growth of the council is due to the dedication of several members who can look back to the beginning days and "remember when" ... Dave Maloney.

Her Honor Mayor Kate Bagley  
signs Proclamation designating  
March 25 - 31  
Knights of Columbus Week



### Knights to observe centennial

The week of March 25-31 has been designated Knights of Columbus Week in Fort Walton Beach, according to a proclamation signed by Mayor Kate Bagley.

St. Mary's Council No. 4444, Fort Walton Beach, will commemorate the centennial of the official recognition of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The recognition occurred March 29, 1882.

The council will honor the order's founders as well as its local pioneers, said Grand Knight William Nadekbernd.



March 19, 1982  
Cocktail Party in honor  
of State Officers



Center: Frank Scandone



L-R: Regina & Bill  
Nadicksbernd



First Annual 5 Kilometer  
Benefit Run with  
All Proceeds going to  
Okaloosa County Association  
of Retarded Citizens



R: John Oeltman

# 5 Kilometer Run



March 20, 1982  
The first KofC  
5 Kilometer Benefit  
Run took place.  
This event is to  
become an annual  
event.



# Five Kilometer Benefit Run March 20, 1982



March 27, 1982  
Founders Day Dinner

Speakers:

State Youth Director  
Bill Hardley

Her Honor Kate Bagley  
Mayor of Ft. Walton Beach



March 28, 1982  
Founders Day Ceremony  
A Wreath was laid at  
the Gravesite of deceased  
Past Grand Knight Lou Audesey





*Corporate Communion  
Breakfast at Chans Restaurant  
March 28, 1982*



Bill Doherty & Carl Sorensen



Jean Sorensen & Voncyllie Doherty

