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Outstanding Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year 2020



Mayor Pete Panepinto and Grand Knight Mike Pearson presented Communications Officer **Lanna Zaffuto** as Police Officer of the Year 2020 and Fire Operator **Matthew Stevens** as Firefighter of the Year 2020.



Grand Knight's Corner

Brother Knights, I want to thank all who participated in the Public Rosary for first responders, it was a good turnout and a good showing to the public of our faith. It was so good to see a lot of Brother Knights, Ladies and friends who we haven't been able to see in over a year. The Police & Firefighter Appreciation Social was well attended and, if you read the Daily Star, well documented. The article stressed the appreciation the council and the City of Hammond have for our police and firefighters, with this year's social being the 50th anniversary of the event. The City of Hammond also issued a proclamation expressing their gratitude to the council. Congratulations, and thanks to all for a job well done!

The pandemic has had everyone tired of being at home and the social was an opportunity for everyone to get out in the public and see friends. However, unfortunately, the levels of infections are surging again and threatening to bring back the shutdowns. In light of this fact, there will be **no social during the month of August**. I urge everyone to be very careful and to protect themselves and others. With our prayers and God's help, we will triumph over this pandemic.

Mike Pearson

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Police & Firefighter Appreciation Social



Prior to the Police & Firefighter Appreciation Social, a Public Square Rosary was prayed for the safety of all first responders.



Mayor **Pete Panepinto** and Director of Administration **Lacy Landrum** expressed words of gratitude to all police officers and firefighters who put their lives on the line for the citizens of Hammond.



Mayor **Pete Panepinto** and Director of Administration **Lacy Landrum** presented a proclamation from the City of Hammond to Grand Knight **Mike Pearson** and **Ronnie Schillace** expressing gratitude for 50 years of recognizing outstanding police officers and firefighters.



SPOTLIGHT on a KNIGHT

Our spotlight this month is on **FOUR**-time Past Grand Knight Brother **RON NOVAK**. Ron has also served as Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree and now holds the title of Admiral of the 4th Degree.

Brother Ron introduced The Divine Chaplet of Mercy to our socials and the reciting of The Divine Praises after we pray the Rosary at our business meetings. Ron and Brother Joe DeMarco started the Pro-Life Rally that is still held before every business meeting each month. During one of his terms as Grand Knight, the JFK Council 2952 Ladies Auxiliary donated the stone by the old flagpole to commemorate the Unborn.

Brother Ron said that one of the things that he is most proud of is that he and Brother Al Ferreria were responsible for having Brother Al Cox receive a medal from the Pope for a lifetime of service.

A man of many talents, Brother Ron enjoys wood working and turning cypress knees into works of art. He is also an avid outdoorsman and is the owner of Wild Wings Kennels. He has been training dogs for over 60 years. He held the Wild Wing Shoot Out at his home for 25 years in order to teach kids (and grownups) firearms safety.

Brother Ron is always willing to help anyone in need. He exemplifies Christian values and we are proud to have him as a member of our council.

Chip Blessey

St. Therese of Lisieux

Therese Martin, the youngest of nine children, was born in Alencon France in 1873. Her father, Louis, was a successful watchmaker and jeweler. Her mother Zelie Guerin, built a cottage industry in lace making, beginning in the village of Alencon, which is known for its delicate lace. ^s siblings died at a young age; the remaining five girls eventually all entered the convent, so deep was

their call to sanctity. Four became contemplative Carmelite Nuns at the Lisieux Carmel, and one became a Visitation sister.

nor was she always a saint. She was a very regular little girl, who was rather sensitive. In fact, she seemed like a spoiled little girl, who would stomp her feet and have a temper tantrum if she did not get her own way.

At a young age, this precocious child wanted everything. She would get more than she bargained for. Sick physically and emotionally, she was healed by Our Lady of the Smile at the age of 11. She experienced a profound conversion on Christmas Eve, 1886, at the age of 13.

She felt a call to enter Carmel as a contemplative Nun, so that she could give herself totally to Jesus. But she was too young. Appeals to the Mother Superior and Priest Chaplain

- Not content, Therese and her father appealed to the Bishop. Not getting the response she wanted, she appealed directly and personally to the Pope while on a parish pilgrimage to Rome.

Persistence paid off. Therese was allowed to enter the Lisieux Carmel at the age of 15 her father lived to see her professed a Carmelite Nun. She took the religious name of Sister The spirit worked powerfully in Therese, so open was she to Divine Love.

Despite her desire for the dramatic and expansive, Therese developed a simple spirituality, based on childlike trust and confidence i about extraordinary things but rather about doing simple things of life well and with extraordinary love.

and presence could be experienced in every person and situation of our lives if we just attend with love and expectancy.

Her struggle, like ours, was to be where God places us in the real-life situations of our lives. This is what made Therese shine, and why she has been declared a Doctor of the Church. Her spirituality was simple, childlike, profound and human.

Experiencing the dark night of the senses and spirit refined the power and energy of this young, precocious Carmelite. Her poems and plays reflect her struggle to give all to God. Her love became surrender, as she slowly died of tuberculosis. Her superior asked her to write down her reflections, which

She died at the age of 24, believing that her life was really just beginning for God, promising to spend her heaven doing good on earth.

She was canonized by the Church in 1925, when she would have been only 52 years old. In October, 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church, because of the impact and challenge her spirituality has had on the lives of so

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Announcements

- KC Meeting, Wednesday, August 4**
 - 5:00 Pro-Life Rally**
 - 5:00 Trustees Meeting**
 - 6:00 Meal**
 - 6:45 Rosary with Business following Rosary**
- No Social due to the surge of COVID infections**

Please join us on Wednesday, August 4, from 5:00-6:00 pm at the council home as we stand by the street to protest abortion. If we can help save the life of at least one baby, it will be an hour well spent!