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Saint John Paul II Council 16492
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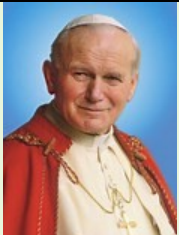
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"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."

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*Ken Gault—Grand Knight
Knight of Columbus
Saint John Paul II Council 16492*



Brothers,
Entering the Advent and Christmas Seasons, as Catholic Men and Knights of Columbus our Council is thriving! Our membership has grown 16% since July 2021. Our budget is healthy with very nice revenue growth. Our programs are numerous and focused on providing for the community's needs, and to those individuals who need our support the most. Our Parish is also thriving and growing at a similar rate. And our Pastor is happy with the support we provide. This is all happening because of YOU and your dedication and commitment to serving God and executing on our Core Principles of Charity: Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We show love for our neighbors through numerous ways in serving our parish and community. Unity: None of us is as good as all of us. Our members know that together we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. Fraternity: Our Knights band together to help one another and our families in various times of distress, sickness, and death. Patriotism: We are devoted to God and country, and believe in standing up for both, public or private.

Brothers, let us keep going and executing on our duties and Good Works. Let us pray for God's wisdom and guidance to help make our church and community better than ever, and to strengthen our families. As long as we have His guidance we will continue to thrive in the challenges of these times.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesus
Ken Gault
Grand Knight / Knights of Columbus
St John Paul II Council 16492



A Proclamation

by the
Board of County Commissioners
St. Johns County, Florida

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Connecticut and has since grown around the world including six councils and 1,118 knights who call St. Johns County home; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus was founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity with a mission to bring financial aid and assistance to the sick, disabled, and disadvantaged members and their families; and

WHEREAS, recently, local knights have supported the St. Gerard Campus with donations and a new ultrasound machine, as well as donations to St. Francis House, Port in the Storm, Field of Dreams, Catholic Charities, and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, knights have provided cleanup of the historic State Road 13 corridor through the County's Adopt-a-Road program; provided the youth of St. Johns County with the opportunity to participate in Spelling, Essay, Soccer, and Free Throws competitions; and helped to support the Clyde E. Lassen Veterans' Nursing Home.

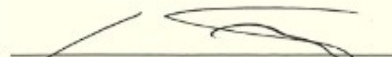
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that we recognize the

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for their selfless charity and service to St. Johns County, Florida.

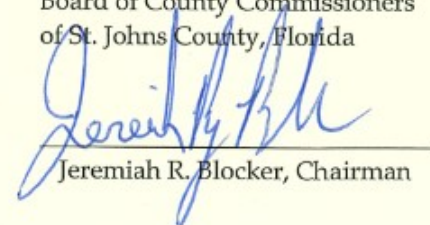
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 19th day of October, 2021.

Attest:


Brandon J. Patty, Clerk of Courts



Board of County Commissioners
of St. Johns County, Florida


Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chairman

Faith in Action Programs Council

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Faith (Pat Hutton)				
Title	Description	Status	Budget Y/N	Month
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Purchased one kiosk and pamphlets for Our Lady of Leche Shrine. Cost of \$150.00. Help strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics.	Complete	Y	SEPT
Mens Retreat Day of Reflection	Scheduled for Saturday Dec 11th at The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Lache St Augustine. All Day agenda to be published. Including Men of the Parish.	Pending	Y	Dec 11th
Rosary Program	Build on the rosary before each Council meeting. Presenting rosary's, made by St John Paul II Rosary Ministry, to an organization. Last year was presented to the Catholic Student Center at the University of Florida.	Ongoing	Y	Ongoing / FEB
RSVP Program to help Seminarians	Supporting Seminarian George Gilbert gift donation of \$2000 - 1st donation of \$1000 complete	Ongoing	Y	DEC
First Communion	Present an inexpensive but nice gift to each	Open	Y	APR

Family (Ed Drugo)				
Title	Description	Status	Budget Y/N	Month
Food for Families	Continue to build on the monthly collection.	Ongoing	NA	Every Month
Family Fully Alive	Purchased and hand out the Family Fully Alive Building the Domestic Church Pamphlet. Will be distributed	Complete		24-Oct
Keep Christ in Christmas	Purchased magnets and KCIC Christmas Cards to make available to the Parishioners of St John Paul II. Donations of \$5 will be on the Honor System.	Ongoing	Y	DEC
Family Prayer Night	On the day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, our council led the Rosary, followed by a social. This event open to all parishioners. We enjoyed an evening of prayer, food and fellowship. It was well received by all present.	Complete		7-Oct
Family of the Month	This can be either a Knight or Parish Family	Ongoing	NA	Every Month

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Faith in Action Programs Council

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Community (Joseph Pitisci)				
Title	Description	Status	Budget Y/N	
Global Wheelchair Mission	Donate money to purchase Wheelchairs through the Florida State Wheelchair program	Open	Y	NOV
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	Bulletin/Website Starting Sept 19th	Ongoing	Y	DEC
Disaster Preparedness Plan	Continue to update and enhance	Ongoing	Y	AUG
Friday's during Lent	Knights to lead event, meals for 6 Friday's during Lent, Fish Fry's, Soup Dinner, other.	Ongoing	N	MAR / APR
Citizens with Disabilities Campaign		Open	NA	APR / MAY
Coats for Kids	Purchased and donated to HUGS lightweight jackets (24 boys & 24 girls assorted sizes)	Complete	Y	10/20/2021
Habitat for Humanity	Donation	Open	Y	DEC
Helping Hands	Donations to Port in the Storm, Catholic Charities, (and SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk - Complete) .	Complete	Y	OCT

Life (Dennis Siple)				
Title	Description	Status	Budget Y/N	
March for Life	Looking for major participation from the council.	Open	NA	JAN
Novena for Life	Repeat the novena and try to increase participation.	Open	NA	JAN
Ultrasound Program	Consider a donation to St. Gerard. St Gerard efforts focus on assisting pregnant teenagers and unwed mothers and to provide assistance and referrals for medical care, educational needs, or job services to all.	Open	Y	FEB
Special Olympics	Donate and/or support St Johns County Special Olympics Basketball Challenge and Track & Field meet. (Completed Swim Competition)	Ongoing	Y	AUG



October, 2021 Knight of the Month



Gus Carlson. Gus is involved one way or another in pretty much all Parish and Knights events. Most recently in setting up, planning, and running the Pancake Breakfast. Setting up the Tent for the many activities this month, supporting our council, Youth Groups, and so many other groups and events during this busy month. Every setup needs clean up and he is there doing whatever needs to be done. Gus is always busy and asks for nothing in return. He does not seek financial gain but does it for God and to support the Parish, the Knights, our Pastor, and all the Ministries here at STJPII. He is a humble servant that just gets things done without fail. His passion and drive have no limits as he goes about his day. As a Knight his dedication to SJPII, our Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus are in keeping with the highest traditions of our Order.

November, 2021 Knight of the Month



Tony Cutright. Tony built this year's Florida/Georgia Pickleball Classic tournament bigger and better this year! All of his efforts generated additional revenue for the council to support those in need in our community. Tony's dedication, professional organizational skills, and expertise are noted by many. Tony selfishly put in many hours of his time and energy to ensure the Pickleball program's success, without regard for any personal gain. Because of his efforts in expanding the program we are well above the budgeted revenue. As a Knight his dedication to SJPII, our Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus are in keeping with the highest traditions of our Order.

October, 2021 Family of the Month



The Aponte's, Victor and Carmen are truly a Catholic family to be emulated by all. They demonstrate and practice their faith every day throughout the year. They routinely support our pastor and the Church community. They are both unselfish with their time volunteering for numerous events hosted not only by the Council, but the church community. Victor is a Charter Member of Saint John Paul II Council 16492 and Our Lady of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771. He is an Extraordinary Minister serving Holy Communion and when asked fills in for those that are not available. Victor is also an Usher supporting all Masse. He can be seen helping out at virtually all council functions. He is a valuable asset to our Council and Church community. Carmen helps lead the Rosary Ministry in making macrame/rope rosaries for parishioners, other churches, shut-ins, Eucharistic gifts and works to expand this ministry. She is also a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe ministry and assists in the major church event on her feast day December 12th. Carmen is also an Extraordinary Minister and a member of the Right to Life Ministry. As a family their dedication to SJPII, our Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus are in keeping with the highest traditions of our Order.

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November, 2021 Family of the Month



The Delgado Family, Rich and Melissa are a truly devoted catholic family and members of St John Paul II Catholic Church. Relatively new to the church they have both become very active. Rich has been a Knight since 2015 and has already transferred and become a member of Saint John Paul II Council 16492 and Our Lady of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771. Since joining he has become a real asset to both organizations and has freely supported many of the ongoing council events. Rich immediately volunteered for an officer position in the Assembly. He and Melissa are also very involved with supporting the SJP II Pastor and the church community. Mellissa has volunteered as the Office Assistant working each and every day. She has become an integral part of the church office operations sacrificing her own time to help others and support the ministries. As a family their dedication to SJPII, our Catholic faith and the Knights of Columbus are in keeping with the highest traditions of our Order.

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Field Agent Message

Brothers,

With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy as you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.com. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

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Congratulations Sir Knights!



Congratulations and welcome to our newest seven Sir Knights: Thomas Reif, Peter Falcone, Robert Capone, Robert Biggs, James Plum, Andy Van Ohlen, and Joseph Shannon.

They were exemplified on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at St John Paul II Catholic Church via a live streamed ceremony led by Florida District Master John J O'Toole from a studio in Pompano Beach, FL. A portion of the exemplification was performed by Assembly 3771 members.

Please extend your congratulations to these Catholic American Citizens and gentlemen..

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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.*

*In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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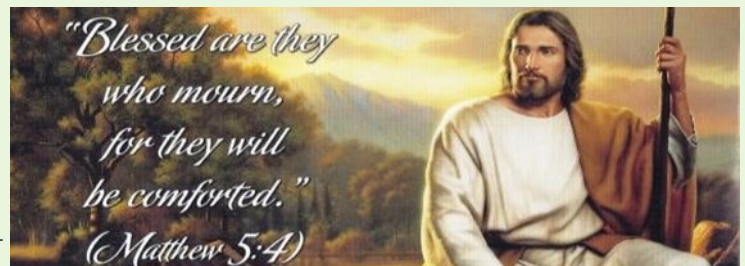
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Updated 11/4/2021 THE PRAYER LIST:

Please let us know when someone you know needs our prayers.

1. Prayers for the repose of Christina Chen who passed Oct 14 from bile duct cancer, Raymond Wong's Sister.
2. 2. Dan Swing needs our continued prayers after a very serious surgery for a full and speedy recovery.
3. 3. Continued prayers for our Deputy Grand Knight Donald Falletti dealing with severe pain
4. 4. Prayers for the repose of Paco Galarza. Jorge Galarza's nephew.
5. 5. Sean with a severe learning disability not accepting change
6. 6. Kathy Wasowski for continued recovery
7. 7. Maria Lopez – Lou Garrets disease
8. 8. Father John Austin
9. 9. Bill Martin surgery for hip replacement.
10. 10. Maureen Lotzia for a speedy recovery from a stroke, and other health issues.
11. 11. Ray and Sue Bordoni struggling with C. Diff and other health issues. Prayers needed for a speedy recovery. 1
12. 2. Robert Engl
13. 13. Father Larken 1
14. 4. Jim Seidel – ALS Diagnosis 1
15. 5. Tim Pinkham – Cancer Terminal
16. Branden Fitzgerald wife Emily's Brain Surgery Recovery
17. 17. Dale Adams Diagnosis: Parkinsonism with Lewy Body Disease
18. Robert Caruso – Wife Passed
19. Rosemarie and Roger Rusticuis – Wife passed from Covid, he is at Baptist south with Covid
20. Patrice Conlon - knee replacement surgery and is in a lot of pain
21. Jorge Galarza – Had a fall at home and hit his head
22. Ron Reif, Tom Reif's older brother, lymphoma, suffering from effects of chemotherapy
23. Barbara Gorry is having a hip replacement 10/1...pray the pain is gone.
24. Bob Gorry has been in Yale-New Haven hospital for a month from complications of appendicitis
25. Diane Donnelly. She has bad nerve pain from Peripheral Neuropathy, Long term situation.
26. Cheryl Falletti's mother, Noreen Case, In quarantine with covid at Cypress Gardens.
27. Tony Valderama, Steve Wilson's wife's brother. In hospital with a serious head injury from a fall yesterday.
28. Daryl and Tessa Gottlieb and their baby daughter Aidyn, who was recently diagnosed with FoxG1 syndrome, which is an extremely rare disease that impacts brain development likely resulting in the child being non-verbal, unable to walk and other critical developmental issues.
29. Mike Cervellera - Shoulder Separation - Receiving Physical Therapy
30. Joseph Revellese – Has Shingles. Brother Joe, our worthy recorder, is having pain with a rash and needs our prayers for quick healing.
31. Noreen Case Maurer – Covid
32. The Perle and Wilson Family
33. Fay Kajy mother, Lucy Kajy – Fall injuring hip
34. Dan Swings Mother, Janice in Hos 35. John Coras – Intensive Care
36. Mike Guenzlen – Prayer for the Repose of soul, Family for peace.
37. Tony DeNardi who is battling Luekemia and is presently in intensive care



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Council Shirt Order 11/6/2021:

As you may be aware KnightsGear changed their Council Shirt Design, including the embroidery and shirt type. These shirts are not up to the previous standards.

As I see it we have 2 options:

1. Order the new design shirt from KnightsGear.

As of this writing the only one I see is K of C Emblem embroidered in white on Left Chest. <https://www.knightsgear.com/products/573937>

* When I previously looked there was another one which had colored embroidery, but I don't see it now.

* **I have no control on what KnightsGear makes available so please work with them directly.**

2. Order from a local Vendor, J&J Design, that will match what we currently have. See attached image. (excuse the model)

These should be the Sport-Tek Dry Mesh.

Full Color Left Chest embroidery \$25.00 + add name on right chest for \$10.00

add \$2.50 for 2XL+ sizes

*These shirts are on backorder with availability December 1st - 10th.

If you want Option 2 please send me your size for the backorder. Once the shirts are available I will follow with ordering instructions.



Thank you and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

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