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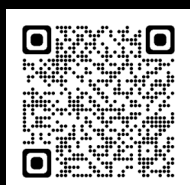
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***Ken Gault—Grand Knight***

***Knight of Columbus***

***Saint John Paul II Council 16492***



Knights of St John Paul II Council,

Brothers, thank you for your help to continue to make this council successful. We are on a good path to meet the goals that we set earlier in the year. We have fulfilled our membership quota in just 3 months! In fact, we far exceeded the expectation and I am confident we will receive the McGivney Award. We are on a good path toward the Founders Award. Of the 22 Faith in Action programs, we are active or complete for 11 of these, and I am confident we will earn the Columbian Award.

Looking to the near future we have a Men's Retreat at The Shrine Our Lady of La Leche in St Augustine, The Pickleball Fundraiser, Coats for Kids, and various Parish Sponsored events where we are contributing. Please get involved and show your support.

Please continue your support as EEM/s and Ushers. You can sign up through Parish Soft via the Parish Website. Remember to visit our Website at [Nocateeknights.com](http://Nocateeknights.com) for updates on council activities. Consider signing up for automatic updates to keep updated on Blog postings. The next Council Food Drive is Oct 2nd, 3rd. The Parish has been exceptional in their support. If you happen to see someone dropping something in the basket, Thank them! And thanks to you for your support.

If you are a not a 3rd Degree you need to take the online exemplification. Contact me or our Membership Chairman Clyde Slick for details.

God has a strong presence here in this council and we are following His plan. Our Faith and commitment to serving Him through the Knights of Columbus is solid. There is always more to do as we are called, and I know we will continue to shine His light and make Father McGivney proud.

Vivat Jesus,

Ken Gault – Grand Knight

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# Faith In Action—Goals/Progress 2021-2022

## Faith (Pat Hutton)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Budget Y/N</i>	<i>Month</i>
<b>Building the Domestic Church Kiosk</b>	Purchase one or two kiosks and pamphlets for either St John Paul II, or Our Lady of Leche Shrine and Prince of Peace Church in St Augustine. Cost of \$150.00 each. Help strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public.	Open	Y	SEPT
<b>Retreat Day of Reflection</b>	Create opportunities for prayer and reflection together. To be scheduled with the Parish to include both Council members, men, and young men of the	Open	NA	NOV
<b>Rosary Program</b>	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
<b>RSVP Program to help Seminarians</b>	Find a recipient and present a gift donation of \$2000	Open	Y	AUG
<b>First Communion</b>	Present an inexpensive but nice gift to each Com-	Open	Y	APR

## Family (Ed Drugo)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Budget Y/N</i>	<i>Month</i>
<b>Food for Families</b>	Continue to build on the monthly collection.	Ongoing	NA	Ongoing
<b>Family Fully Alive</b>	Purchase and hand out the Family Fully Alive Building the Domestic Church Pamphlet on a designated weekend at all masses.	Open		OCT
<b>Keep Christ in Christmas</b>	Purchase two starter kits and 100 magnets.	Open	Y	DEC
<b>Consecration of the Holy Family</b>	Knights to lead the Rosary and/or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy before masses. We could also consider hosting a family prayer night, and provide snacks and drink.	Open		DEC
<b>Family of the Month</b>	This can be either a Knight or Parish Family	Ongoing	NA	Ongoing

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# Faith In Action—Goals/Progress 2021-2022

## Community (Joseph Pitisci)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Budget Y/N</i>	<i>Month</i>
Global Wheelchair Mission	Donate money to purchase Wheelchairs through the Florida State Wheelchair program	Open	Y	SEPT
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest		Open	Y	NOV
Disaster Preparedness Plan	Continue to update and enhance	Ongoing	Y	AUG
Friday's during Lent	TBD	Open	N	MAR / APR
Citizens with Disabilities Campaign		Open	NA	APR / MAY
Coats for Kids	Purchase and donate to Children's home.	Open	Y	SEPT
Habitat for Humanity	Donation	Open	Y	DEC
Helping Hands	Consider a donation to Port in the Storm, Catholic Charities, and SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk.	Open	Y	AUG

## Life (Dennis Siple)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Budget Y/N</i>	
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 women	Open	Y	FEB
Special Olympics	Donate and/or support St Johns County Special Olympics Basketball Challenge and Track & Field meet.	Open	Y	NOV

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## *August 2021 Knight of the Month*

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**Dennis Craft**

Dennis has done more than his share since the inception of the council. He has handled the Food Drive for almost 5 years picking up the food on Food Drive weekends and delivering it to Catholic Charities. He has acted as the Point of Contact between the council and Catholic Charities. Dennis has supported virtually every event and requirement that the council has been responsible for to include various ticket sales, March for Life, Fish Fry's, manpower requests from SJP II, and religious functions. Brother Dennis has always been a driving force in the great success of Saint Vincent DePaul at SJP II. He has set the example and demonstrated the ideal characteristics of a Knight. His leadership and willingness to always help others will be missed. Thank you, Dennis, for your service and devotion to the Knights of Columbus

## *September 2021 Knight of the Month*



### **Jorge Galarza**

Jorge continues to provide excellence as our Lector. He can be relied upon to provide tasty food and drinks after our Business meetings. In our August meeting where we had 87+ attendees he delivered the ultimate feast and went above and beyond the call. Month after month he just gets it done and the council never has to worry about the outcome as he is self-driven with the strong support of his wife. Jorge comes to every meeting and participates in nearly every single event the council has. He is an Usher, a Catholic Gentleman, and is always the best dressed. He continues to demonstrate ideal characteristics of being a brother Knight by serving the council, the Community, and the Parish.

### **Joseph Pitisci**

Joseph as a new Knight jumped right in to support the council. He has helped with many of the programs, Citizens with Disabilities, Football Mania, Raffles. He stepped up to become our Community Director this year and is driving the activities under that category to include Catholic Citizen Essay Contest, Coats for Kids, and more. When he comes in the door to the church, he is ready and willing to help however he can. Joseph has also helped the Youth groups by selling tickets for the car wash. He is an Usher. He continues to demonstrate ideal characteristics of being a brother Knight by serving the council, the Community, and the Parish.



# *August 2021 Family of the Month*

**Tom and Patty Swanson**



Tom performs many unnoticed tasks for Father Pagano and helps the Parish staff perform a variety of other tasks. Among them are “setting up” the tent monthly with tables and chairs and serving food for the Cenacolo men. Cenacolo is a ministry in the Dioceses of St. Augustine to serve men with addictions. Monthly they meet for mass and holy hour with Father Pagano. Tom and Patty faithfully arrange this function here at St John Paul II. Furthermore, Tom assists in building items for the youth ministry and in other maintenance type projects. Also, Tom has participated in parish clean ups, set up for fish fry’s and other church and Knights functions. Tom is always willing to help. His wife Patty prepares the food and assists Tom in setting up the tent and feeding the Cenacolo men on a monthly basis. Additionally, Patty assists in many parish activities such as Lent by Candlelight, Lenten fish fries, parish clean ups and periodically cleans the parish kitchen. She also volunteers her time offering service in the church office. As a Catholic Family, their dedication to the Parish, our Catholic Faith and willingness to help wherever their called are in keeping with the Highest Traditions of the Catholic Church

## *September 2021 Family of the Month*



**The Meyers Family**

Eric Meyers is an active Navy Commander Captain. While this keeps him quite busy, he helps the council and parish when he is able. Eric is a true patriot that serves his country every single day. Stacy is involved in many activities. She serves on the Health & Wellness Ministry, Is on the Events Subcommittee Parish Council, Catechist/Small Group Leader for 8th grade confirmation last year, High School Youth Group Ministry for this year, Walking With Purpose Ladies Bible Study/Fellowship co-coordinator, Coordinated the St Joseph Feast Day breakfast in March, and coordinated and ran the Silent Auction at last year's feast (this year coming, too!), various volunteer opportunities like Parish Clean up, Advent and Lent by candlelight. Stacy also home schools the two children. As a Catholic Family, their dedication to the Parish, our Catholic Faith and willingness to help wherever their called are in keeping with the Highest Traditions of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church.

Brother Knights,

Having all the qualifications necessary for advancement to the highest level of membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Patriotic Fourth Degree, you are invited to be exemplified in the Fourth Degree.

To acquaint you with the benefits, honors and responsibilities enjoyed by the Fourth Degree, please familiarize yourself with the attached Invitation to the Patriotic Degree.

A Virtual (online) Patriotic Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony "watch party" will be hosted at St John Paul II Catholic Church from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM on Saturday, October 9, 2021. (This Exemplification Ceremony will never be closer to your home.)

I received confirmation from John J O'Malley Executive Aid to the Florida District Master that there will be parallel Zoom feeds: Spanish and English. We plan to use the English feed, but may add the Spanish feed if appropriate.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Please seize the opportunity. Complete blocks 1, 2 & 4, and enter your KofC membership number in the top right of the attached Fourth Degree Application form. I must have the completed, hand-signed application Form 4 in my hands by **September 24, 2021**. (You may hand-sign, scan, text or email it to me.)

Please let me know now if you are considering the Patriotic Degree. If any difficulty completing the application, contact me. I'll meet you where you are to pick up the application.

Looking forward to welcoming you to the Patriotic Fourth Degree!

God Bless you.  
Vivat Jesus!

Fourth Degree Faithful Comptroller **Tom Ballweg**

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A Message From  
*John J. O'Toole*  
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**Note: This event will be an English Language feed.**

**Fourth Degree**  
**Florida District – De Soto Province**  
Virtual Exemplification in English/Spanish Oct. 9, 2021  
**Fourth Degree Exemplification Instructions**

Worthy Faithful Navigator,

I am happy to announce a unique opportunity for Spanish-speaking Third Degree members of the Knights of Columbus to advance to the Fourth Degree.

For the first time, the Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held virtually, and in Spanish, on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021. There will also be a component for English-speaking candidates.

The first online Fourth Degree Exemplifications earlier this year have been very successful, with more than 600 candidates advancing to the Patriotic Degree. The Degree will feature a team of top Sir Knights, led by Lorenzo Rodriguez, State Executive Administrator.

The honoree will be Rev. Wilfredo Contreras, Pastor of San Isidro Catholic Church in Pompano Beach, which is hosting the Virtual Fourth Degree at their state-of-the-art studios.

With the success of the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, all new Third Degree Knights now have the opportunity to become a full-fledged Fourth Degree Knights online. Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights are encouraged to share this information with their respective councils about this opportunity – especially reaching out to Brother Knights who are more comfortable using Spanish.

The Degree will be conducted using the Zoom platform. Candidates will also have an option to take the Degree in English.

Unlike the Third Degree Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (which can be taken anywhere, and observed by family and friends), the online Exemplification of the Fourth Degree is for Candidates and Sir Knights only – sorry, no guests. We are encouraging each participating Assembly to hold a “watch party,”

attended only by Candidates and Sir Knights. The participation of more than one assembly in a “watch party” is encouraged. The Faithful Navigator will do the actual knighting at the proper time. Candidates and Officers should wear coat and tie; Fourth Degree members should wear coat and tie as well.

Obviously, there are several different procedures.

Every Third-Degree Knight should be offered the opportunity to join the Fourth Degree. Every council should forward the completed Form 4s to the local assembly for approval and signatures. Every Form 4 must be submitted to the assembly. The registration fee per candidate is \$50 (\$25 for Priests). Candidates' Checks should be made out to the candidate's Assembly. Each Assembly should then make out one check to John J. O'Toole, Master.

Assemblies will be required to send in an Assembly Candidate Registration form (please make a copy of the original form), all four copies of the signed Form 4, the exemplification certificate (Honoree Rev. Wilfredo Contreras) and the assembly check no later than Saturday, October 2. We will in turn send the signed certificate, social baldric and pin to the Assembly, and we will also send the procedures for viewing online, and hosting an online Exemplification

Please note that each Assembly must check in online prior to the Exemplification to ensure an accurate list of candidates in attendance.

The online ceremony will begin at noon, and end by 1:30 p.m. It will be held on Zoom, with links sent out prior to the ceremony.

The Florida District Degree Team will perform the Exemplification Ceremony at a remote studio location.

The candidate fee is \$50. The fee for a Priest is \$25. The deadline is Oct. 2.

With the Coronavirus pandemic entering its second year, we urge you to continue to be safe.

Thank You and God Bless,  
John J. O'Toole  
Master, Florida District

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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*

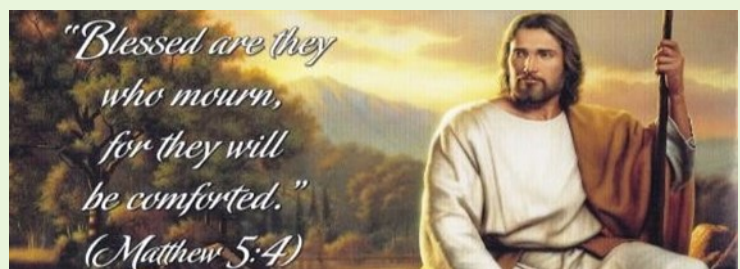
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## THE PRAYER LIST:

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

1. Dan Swing needs our continued prayers after a very serious surgery for a full and speedy recovery.
2. Continued prayers for our Deputy Grand Knight Donald Falletti as he has serious back issues.
3. Prayers for the repose of Paco Galarza. Jorge Galarza's nephew.
4. Sean with a severe learning disability no accepting change
5. Kathy Wasowski for continued recovery
6. Maria Lopez – Lou Garrets disease
7. Father John Austin
8. Bill Martin surgery for hip replacement.
9. Dale Adams—please pray for Dale who is suffering with Parkinsonism with Lewy Body Disease.



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