Knights of Columbus^{*}

ST JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL 16492 NEWSLETTER

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"AS THIS FAMILY GOES, SO GOES THE NATION AND SO GOES THE WHOLE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE."

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT JULY 1, 2023

Brother Knights,

It has been my pleasure to serve you over the past 2 years as Grand Knight. You are a great group of men who answer the call from God to help our parish and parish families, our community, and especially those who really need our help. It is your individual service, and the council's unity, that is making a big difference in people's lives. You are my brothers in service and I am grateful to have served with you as Grand Knight. Some GK's depart saying the best thing about being the GK is when there is "Past" in front of that, not me. I have enjoyed it and will miss it. Thank you, brothers, for all you have done to help me and this council, and for your service to the Lord. I am also very grateful to our Pastor, brother Rich Pagano, and our Deacon, brother Tony Colichio for the tremendous support of our council.

By working together in unity we can continue to be successful in the years ahead. Our council's members should always remember why we are the Knights, our purpose, our character, and mission together in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. But most importantly that we are executing according to God's plan and our founder Father Micheal J McGivney.

I look forward to continued service as one of our council's Trustees, and will continue to help in that capacity and more. Peace.

Thank you and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

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



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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Whether we attended Catholic school, Parish Religious education, or the Rite of Catholic initiation for Adults we were asked the same question. This question was: "why did God make us?"

The answer came to us through the words of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke. This answer was relayed to us by the Fathers of the Catholic church and is now written in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

This truth is taught to every person who is studying to become Catholic.

The answer, I'm sure we all remember is: "To Know, Love, and serve God, so we can be happy with Him some day in heaven."

My brothers and sisters, our Catechism is merely following the commands of our Blessed Lord where He has given us a mission to serve Him through the service of our brothers and sisters. As God loves everyone of His children, our mission is to serve everyone of our brothers and sisters.

During my two years as associate Chaplin, I have observed valiant Knights and Ladies, sometimes accompanied by their families, following the commands of Jesus Christ by the sacrifice of their time, talent, and treasure.

It is a beautiful sight to see our Council raising money and serving our parish at the many functions our Council has sponsored.

Father Pagano and I agree that we can not do all this alone. The success of any parish depends on the willingness of the parishioners to get involved individually or through the many ministries here at Saint John Paul II. While all our ministries are equally important, they are too many to mention in this newsletter.

Through my observation, our Council has been a huge help in supporting our quest to serve God through the service of God's children.

God love you

Deacon Tony

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

When I was first asked if I wanted to be Deputy Grand Knight, I knew my learning curve was going to be very steep. But because of a teacher, mentor and coach and soon-to-be Trustee, Ken Gault, I learned a lot. And I want to thank him, again, for what he has done for Council 16492 over the past two years and for me in the past 12 months.

Ken watched me grow and continued to tutor me until he finally felt comfortable enough to turn over the reins. I want to earn his confidence and that of all the Council. Ken has offered to be available with any questions I have. Again, thanks. Knowing you are there is a comfort I'm sure will make the transition smoother. I promise you I will continue to learn from Ken and all the Knights of Council 16492.

With the rapid growth of our parish, Ken was faced with the daunting task of accelerated Council growth, so much so, that we just received first place at the state convention for the second year in a row. But with that growth, now comes the responsibility of developing the delicate balancing act of getting all these new members involved and keeping older members active.

Leadership needs to continue to evolve while maintaining the integrity of the organization and preparing it for the future. That's what I hope to do.

We're at a new stage, but we can't forget what got us here. When you think that we've only been in existence for 7 years, it is amazing how much we have accomplished, how much money we are able to raise, and how many organizations and individuals we help each year.

And a special nod to Tony Cutright – who decided years ago that his Pickleball idea would benefit Council 16492. Tony, the Council will be eternally grateful, as will the many organizations we help today with even more in the future, all because of your decision. And as Tony passes the torch to our Brother John Essegian, our future looks bright. John, I hope to emulate your transition. Thank you for taking that on.

But we can't rely totally on that one major source of income. Think if we had other fundraising opportunities, with all our new members and their various interests, what we could do in the future. If everyone could volunteer just two hours a month, that would be 566 hours of helping others each month - or 18 hours a day – our future is limitless.

For the future, we very likely will continue to grow in numbers as the parish community increases. I have asked officers to begin focusing on how we can better introduce ourselves to our new members and reintroduce ourselves to our current Knights.

Officers and programs directors have been asked to focus on involvement and retention issues, and offering more program opportunities from which current and new members can choose to participate. As more and more younger members join us, we need to take advantage of their experiences, their knowledge of the latest technology, their energy, their enthusiasm, and their ideas, and use that to reenergize our organization.

I feel confident that when it is time to pass the torch again, we will all be well prepared and even better equipped to serve God, our community and the membership of 16492. Thank you all

PETE FALCONE



PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

SURPLUS FUNDING

More program/project recommendations have been approved and were funded at the June meeting. And several more were introduced to be acted on at the July meeting. Approved were:

- \$1,000 for Haiti 180

- \$5,000 for helping with renovations at the Early Learning Center

- \$1,000 to help St. Gerard House

- \$2,340 for Books "Your Questions, God's Answers" to be distributed at masses July 1 & 2

- \$2,000 for Bibles and other Catholic reading materials for St.Johns County Jail inmates

Proposed and to be voted on at the July meeting: - \$1,250 – Possibilities Plus- Provides job & skills training for persons with Intellectual Disabilities

- \$1,000 for Ministry to help integrate individuals into society/halfway house

- \$1,200 for Fraternus to help defray transportation costs to camp

- \$2,000 to the Ukranian refugees relocation assistance
- \$1,000 for the Five Star Veterans Center

There will be no further requests for use of the surplus funds until we get into the fall and see the results from the Florida-Georgia Pickleball Tournament.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS



VESTMENT PRESENTATION

Pictured here, Father Pagano wears a new vestment for the Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. On the vestment, Jesus' sacred heart is encircled by the crown of thorns that He wore, which symbolize the stings caused by our sins. His Heart is enflamed with the love he bears for us. In the background of the image, the wheat and the grapevines represent the body and blood of Christ. This vestment was purchased with financial support from the Council.



KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING RAISED \$35,000

MAY 5, 2023 - GOLF OUTING REPORT

The May 5 Golf Outing received a potential boost in revenue when Father Richard Pagano announced in late March that the St. John Paul II Golf Outing held in conjunction with the Gala, was being suspended. Below is the Knights' Outing Director Mike Spigelmire's letter to last year's church outing participants:

Mike Spiegelmire, Director of the Spring Golf Outing, reported that the tournament on Cinco de Mayo was a great success this year.

Brother Rich Delgado's firm, DLP Capital, was the Title Sponsor and earlier presented a check for \$10,000 to kick off the outing funding.

We presented \$35,000 to the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign.

Mike recognized Pete Falcone, marketing director, and Andy Van Ohlen, Who coordinated the 20 ground volunteers. We have locked in the Saint Johns Golf and Country Club for next year May 17, 2024 for same amount.

Mike made a motion that the Council over the next three years pledge a total of \$100,000 to the campaign. The first installment was the \$35,000 presented to Father on May 28, and we will budget \$32,500 for the next two fraternal years. The motion was tabled to investigate whether we can commit funds to succeeding councils. To be discussed at the July meeting.



2024 WEBSITE IS OPEN >>>> WWW.KOFCGOLF.ORG



FOUR WAYS TO SUPPORT!

1. FUNDRAISE!

2. BROCHURE ADVERTISEMENTS



3. SPONSORSHIP OPPURTUNITY



4. PLAY IN THE OUTING!



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

APRIL 2023 -MICHAEL CERVELLERA

Michael is a great communicator and always lets the council know his plans and how he can help. He is a top volunteer and helped at the March for Life. Baptisms, Participation in the Color Corp. helped at the Fish Fry, Special Olympics Swimming Competition, among other various help here at the church. Brother Michael is an Usher and has been a Eucharistic Minister, Michael serves with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Sir.



MAY 2023 -JOSEPH PITISCI

Brother Joseph is our Community Director for the past couple years and has recently brought in a new program called Knightfall, which he has talked about here. He has also had dood success with the Campaign for Citizens with Disabilities, last year, and this year when we only had the 2 churches. Joseph was also involved with the recent membership recruiting backing up Brother Rich at the pulpit for a weekend of Masses resulting in the addition of at least 15 new members. The successes of these programs speak to Joseph's commitment and dedication to the Knights, helping our fraternal families, and the community. Joseph serves with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Sir.

JUNE 2023 - MIKE SPIGELMIRE

Brother Mike has done an outstanding job leading the Golf Tournament Fundraiser to exceed expectations. Thanks to his tireless and selfless efforts, have allowed this Council to raise \$60,000 dollars toward the building of our church. He built a team of dedicated men and volunteers to carry out the difficult tasks of running a tournament of this caliber. Mike has served with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Sir.



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Family of the Month

APRIL 2023 - THE RILEY FAMILY

THIS MONTH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH IS THE RILEY FAMILY: WHITNEY, MARIA, REGINA, TWINS HOPE AND BAILEY, AND CHARLOTTE.



The Riley family serves the parish and the community in many faith-filled ways. Maria is a lead volunteer for SJP2 Family Faith Formation, she is the point of contact for lectors for the Youth and Family Mass, she is a published author of a series of children's books about Saints that are endorsed by Bishop Pohlmeier (more info at <u>www.MariaRileyAuthor.com</u>), a regular contributor to CatholicMom.com, Catholic Writers Guild, and Parables Children's Magazine, a participant in Walking With Purpose at SJP2 and she attended the pilgrimage to Fatima with Fr. Rich and The Catholic Talk Show.

Whitney is a Third Degree Knight who has helped with the inaugural golf tournament, often helps with event setups, Christmas Eve prep, etc. He is a core team member for That Man Is You at SJP2, a participant in Exodus 90, and a volunteer at Catholic Charities Food Pantry.

The Riley children serve as greeters, ushers, lectors, and altar servers during the Youth and Family Mass, as well as being willing helpers for Family Faith Formation sessions.

The Riley family's public display of their faith and their willingness to serve in whatever way they are called show that they are a great example of Catholic living. The Knights wish to thank the Riley family for their service and dedication.

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

MAY 2023 - THE VAN OHLEN FAMILY

This month's Knights of Columbus Family of the Month is Andy and Laura Van Ohlen.

Andy can always be found in and around the church, doing a number of jobs and helping out in whatever way is needed. Andy is a Lead Sacristan, a member of the Liturgical Planning Committee, and Director of Ground Operations for the Spring Golf Event. Andy often assists in set up and tear down of numerous church events, is a willing driver and cargo handler for the SJPII pickup truck fleet, and always helps our Council deliver during the Lenten Fish Fries.

Laura is an usher, a teacher and mentor for the Blaze Program, Registration Coordinator for the Faith Formation Program, a member of the Joe Patty planning and execution committee, a volunteer for the Spring golf outing, she was a member of the Planning committee member for the 2022 Capital Campaign Gala and she helps develop the annual faith formation budget for the Church.

Andy and Laura's dedication to the church and their many, many efforts to help in any way possible make them great examples of service and devotion to Church and Community.



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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

JUNE 2023 - SJPII STAFF

This month's KofC Family of the Month is the incredible group of staff and volunteers who make SJP2 truly special. The SJPII Office Staff Family!

Our Pastor, Father Pagano, and Deacon Tony's spiritual leadership of our church and the community are immense. Their dedication to faith and their desire to share that faith with others are apparent in everything they do. Both are Knights.

Kim Gourd, Pastoral Coordinator, is Father's Rich's right hand. Kim seems to be around the church 24/7. Every group and organization utilizing the church, every event that takes place, all benefit from Kim's hands-on involvement.

Family Life Coordinator and fellow Knight Dominic Salamida is a calm and gracious presence who shepherds children and adults in their faith journeys. The Finance team led by Joseph lannotti and David Kane are crucial to the management and planning of the Parish's finances, especially throughout our Capital Campaign.



Brother Gus Carlson, Maintenance Coordinator, can be found on site all hours of the day. Gus does a lot for the council and the church, working behind the scenes to ensure that all events, equipment and Council meetings go smoothly.

Melissa Delgado and long-time office volunteers Cathy vanBrederode, Patty Swanson and Miranda Bates manage the daily operations of the Church office, greeting everyone with a smile and making sure that if someone comes into the office with a question or a need, they will get the help they seek.

Sharon Bohres is responsible for managing ministries, event planning & purchasing, and facility space.

Angela Colonna Revelesse manages the Parish Registrations, ensuring that all new families that come to the church are made to feel like part of the family right away.

Theresa Parenteau, who oversees Donations, is actively involved in a myriad of activities, organizations and groups. She is also a familiar face around church at the many events she helps coordinate.

With Fundraising being such a key component of our church's everyday activities, Meredith Rieger's role overseeing Fundraising has become very important and will continue to grow.

You can see from how much this small staff has to get done why we need to expand our facilities and grow our staff as we grow our congregation.

The Council especially wants to mention the tremendous support that we receive from every member of the office staff. We feel encouraged and empowered to continue our mission as Knights because everyone here supports what we do 100 percent.

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SHINING KNIGHT AWARD

GARY ROTELLA

Awarded for service to the Order with distinction during the first year of membership, the "Shining Armor Award" is given to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.

The concept of the "Shining Armor Award" program is to get new members active in the many facets of the Knights of Columbus as early as possible and assist in maintaining that activity and also honor them as a valued member of the council.

To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award" new Knights must during their first year of membership:

1. Be involved in at least three council service programs

2. Attend at least three council business meetings

3. Receive their Second and Third degrees - You have all completed this.

4. Meet with their council's insurance representative

5. Recruit at least one new member

https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/membership/shiningarmor.pdf



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Paul Coronato, left, and Gus Carlson were recognized with the Honorary Life Membership Award recently. Both have been Knights in good standing for more than 25 years. Congratulations guys!





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COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

PICKLEBALL UPDATE: FALL TOURNAMENT ON TRACK, MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Last month we received the news from St. Johns County that their renovations of Treaty Park will not start until after our Florica-Georgia Pickleball Classic in October. This is great news for all the local charities that benefit from the proceeds.

Once we got this news we quickly moved into planning mode to get this tournament executed. Our Florida-Georgia Pickleball Classic has historically drawn 500+ players and there are many details to be worked out, as well as a high degree of coordination with St. Johns County. We have applied for and received grants from St. Johns County Tourist Development Council in the past. These grants are not automatic and must be applied for each year. This year's presentation to the decision-making board for the grants is August 9th. Please pray for our success in this presentation.

I'm sure you all know how important Pickleball tournaments are to our Council's fundraising efforts. As in the past, we will need the help of many Knights to fill a variety of volunteer roles that allow us to run these tournaments. As of last count our membership was 282 members and growing. There are approximately 140 volunteer shifts over the weekend of the tournament. If just 50% of the membership takes one shift (and many of you have graciously taken multiple shifts in the past) we can fully meet our volunteer needs. We were short many shifts for our last tournament and need to improve our fill-rate. Please consider taking a shift, or two, to help our largest fundraising program.

Thank you and Peace Be With You

SPRING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Special thanks again to all who participated in the Spring Tournament. Please consider supporting the Fall Tournament and if you have ideas or suggestions for the Sprint Tournament please send them in for review or bring them up during the monthly meeting.

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FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2023-2024

(UPDATED 07/04/23)

FAITH (PAT HUTTON)

Title	Description	Status	Month
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Purchase 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.	OPEN	AUG
Mens Retreat Day of Reflection	SJPII Men's Retreat at the Marywood Retreat Center on Dec. 10 Including Men of the Parish. Father Pagano	OPEN	TBD
Rosary Program	Present rosary's, made by St John Paul II Rosary Ministry, to St Joseph	ONGOING	FEB
RSVP Program to help Seminarians	Supporting Seminarian George Gilbert gift donation of \$1000 2X PER YEAR	OPEN	AUG & DEC
Confirmation	Purchase Stoles for confirmation candidates	OPEN	MAR

FAMILY (STEVE MILLER)

Title	Description	Status	Month
Food for Families	Continue to build on the monthly collection. 1st full weekend each month	ONGOING	Every Month
Keep Christ in Christmas	Incorporate celebrations and engage in dialogue that honor the birth of Jesus	OPEN	DEC
Good Friday - Family Promotion	Council will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign.	ONGOING	APR
Family of the Month	This can be either a Knight or Parish Family	ONGOING	Every Month
Mothers of newly baptised	Present a gift of a white rose or bouquet to the mothers of the newly baptised	OPEN	ALL

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FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2023-2024

(UPDATED 07/04/23)

COMMUNITY (JOSEPH PITISCI)

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Title	Description	Status	Month
Wheelchair Program	Donate \$2400 to purchase 16 Wheelchairs through the Florida State Wheelchair program	OPEN	FEB
Disaster Preparedness Plan	Continue to update and enhance - Rebuilding	OPEN	AUG
Friday's during Lent	Knights are sponsoring 3 Fish Fry's during lent	OPEN	MAR / APR
Citizens with Disabilities Campaign	Schedule SJPII, OLSS and 3 Publix Stores	OPEN	APR/ MAY
Visits to the Sick (KnightFall)	Structured program to coordinate visits to the knights and knight families whom are sick at home, hospital, or in hospice	ONGOING	ALL
Coats for Kids	Purchase and donate to HUGS lightweight jackets (24 boys & 24 girls assorted sizes)	OPEN	ОСТ
Habitat for Humanity	Donation	OPEN	NOV
Helping Hands	Donations to Port in the Storm, Catholic Charities, (and SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk - Complete).	OPEN	ОСТ

LIFE (PETE FALCONE)

Title	Description	Status	Month
March fo <mark>r Life</mark>	Marshalls needed, knights and families to participate in the march	OPEN	JAN
Novena for Life	Repeat the novena for life for 9 consecutive days	OPEN	JAN
Special Olympics	Donate and/or support St Johns County Special Olympics Basketball Challenge and Track & Field meet. Swimming event complete July 30. Area Games 3/25	OPEN	JUL & MAR
ASAP Program	Our council donated \$2000 to Divine Mercy House, a Christian maternity home for single women facing unexpected pregnancies. Additional \$400 from Supreme will go to this cause	OPEN	MAR

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K OF C COUNCIL 16492 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS (2022 - 2023)



ADVOCATE; KEN GAULT, TRUSTEE; CARL SCHUCK, TRUSTEE; STAN WASOWSKI, TRUSTEE; GUS CARLSON, ADVOCATE; KEN GAULT, TRUSTEE; CARL SCHUCK, TRUSTEE; STAN WASOWSKI, TRUSTEE; GUS CARLSON, LECTURER; PETE FALCONE, GRAND KNIGHT; RICH DELGADO, DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT; DOMINIC PALLESCHI; INSIDE GUARD; JOHN ESSEGIAN, CHANCELLOR; JOE REVELLESE, FINANCIAL SECRETARY; JOHN BERRY, RECORDER; BOB BIGGS, TREASURER; GARY ROTELLA, WARDEN; JOHN HASHTAK, DISTRICT DEPUTY 2023-2024 OFFICERS INSTALLED

THE OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE 2023-2024 FRATERNAL YEAR WERE INSTALLED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 17. THE POSITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JULY 1.

INCOMING GRAND KNIGHT PETE FALCONE GAVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE INAUGURAL KNIGHTS WHO STARTED OUR COUNCIL SEVEN YEARS AGO. HE ALSO PRAISED THE FORMER GRAND KNIGHTS, ESPECIALLY THE PHENOMENAL WORK GRAND KNIGHT GEN GAULT HAS DONE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

"WITH THE RAPID GROWTH OF OUR PARISH, BROTHER KEN WAS FACED WITH THE DAUNTING TASK OF ACCELERATED COUNCIL GROWTH, SO MUCH SO, THAT WE JUST RECEIVED FIRST PLACE AT THE STATE CONVENTION FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW," GK-ELECT PETE SAID.

"BUT WITH THAT GROWTH, NOW COMES THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE DELICATE BALANCING ACT OF GETTING ALL THESE NEW MEMBERS INVOLVED AND KEEPING OLDER MEMBERS ACTIVE. WE'RE AT A NEW, TRANSITIONAL STAGE, BUT WE CAN'T FORGET WHAT GOT US HERE. WHEN YOU THINK THAT WE'VE ONLY BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 7 YEARS, IT IS AMAZING HOW MUCH WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, HOW MUCH MONEY WE ARE ABLE TO RAISE, AND HOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WE HELP EACH YEAR, AND WHAT WE CAN DO IN THE FUTURE."

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RECRUIT YOUNG FATHERS IN Your Parish

DO YOU WANT TO RECRUIT YOUNG FATHERS TO JOIN YOUR COUNCIL BUT DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACH OUT TO THEM?

DID YOU KNOW THAT SUPREME HAS THE RESOURCES TO HELP?

WELL, THEY DO, AND THEY ARE FREE!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS DOWNLOAD THEM! SOCIAL MEDIA ADS, BULLETIN ADS AND MORE! WE HAVE PUT THEM ALL ON THE STATE WEBSITE UNDER ONLINE FORMS IN THE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENTS

ACCOUNT DASHBOARD - ONLINE FORMS (FLORIDAKOFC.ORG)



The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity, evangelization and

empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world. Just as those in need sought Father McGivney's help in life, understanding that he was a "Good Samaritan" figure, more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus and their families, and many others around the world, continue to seek out Father McGivney as a heavenly helper in times of need today. His heroic virtue was recognized in 2008 by the Vatican, which named him a Venera-ble Servant of God. and on May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree for a miracle attributed to his intercession, opening the way for Father McGivney to be beatified. The beatification cere-mony will take place in the coming months. A sec-ond approved miracle is needed for him to be can-onized as a saint of the Catholic Church. Those who knew him best in life saw in him both a "genial" countenance and a man with an "iron will" to achieve the good. In sum, his founding of the Knights of Columbus "attests to the love in which he held his brother man."



he Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus is committed to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many nations where the Knights serve!



Our agenda is;

- Conducting various educational programs
- · Honoring Knights and their families during times of tragedy and loss
- · Encouraging active participation in the important programs of our Order
- Facilitating voter turnout on election days
- Working to honor and protect symbols of National Pride
- Participating in national Holiday Celebrations
- Honoring veterans for their Service and Sacrifices
- Teaching personal responsibility in Civic Affairs
- Taking a publicly visible "Leadership Roles on important National and Moral Issues!"
- Supporting and Defending the Truth in the Public Arena
- + Building a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love.
- Defending Laws that recognize the "Sanctity of Life at all Stages!"
- Standing together to ensure "TRUE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!"

In this political year, these may have less significance to many, depending on their affiliation. However it's a critical time in our history to protect and defend these values!

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MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY ASSEMBLY 3771

4TH DEGREE REPORT

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large. We are Religiously Devoted and Patriotically Proud. The Patriotic Rosary precedes the regular business meetings at 6:30 PM

All 102 Fourth Degree Sir Knights are members of Council 16492 and fill the majority of council leadership roles. Fourth Degree members have chosen to increase their focus on Patriotism through specific projects honoring veterans, first responders, and the US flag.

Interested in becoming a Patriotic Fourth degree Sir Knight? The next Exemplification of the Patriotic degree will be live-in-person on August 26, 2023 in St Augustine, or June 24 in West Palm Beach.Contact Faithful Navigator Tom Ballweg panther765@aol.com 904-373-0411 or 706-830-8485 cell / text.

God Bless you. Vivat Jesus! Tom Ballweg Faithful Navigator Mother of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771



NEW CAMPUS FOR ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH ARTIST RENDERING



BECOME A PATRIOTIC FOURTH DEGREE SIR KNIGHT

THE NEXT EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE PATRIOTIC DEGREE WILL BE LIVE-IN-PERSON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023 AT ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2403 ATLANTIC BLVD, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. CONTACT TOM BALLWEG <u>PANTHER765@AOL.COM</u> 904 373-0411 OR 706 830-8485 CELL / TEXT FOR MORE INFORMATION. ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

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COLOR CORPS

The Color Corps is an elective division of the Patriotic Degree whose distinctive presence in parades, wreath-laying ceremonies and Catholic functions is a visible reminder of our service to the Church and community.

The distinctive uniform and ceremonial sword symbolize Christian Knighthood and are worn to signify reverence to Church, Eucharist, country and freedom.

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It was a very active and rewarding quarter for the Mother of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771 Color Corps with the Color Corps participating in 7 events. Here are highlights of Color Corps activities for this past quarter.

The Feast of St. Joseph and St. Patrick and the Annual Joe Paddy Festival celebration took place on Sunday, 19 March, 2023 at St. John Paul II Church in Nocatee. The highlight of the event was presenting two statues, one each of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick, to the altar during the precession at the 12:00 PM Mass. There were eight members of the Color Corps participating in the event. Uniform for all was the official Color Corps attire (including beret). Four members composed the Color Corps Guard and wore baldric and sword. Four members were Statue bearers, and will wore the uniform minus the baldric, sword, and gloves. Following the Mass, the Color Corps recessed with the statues to tables outside of the church.





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The Color next Corps event was participation in the Holy Thursday liturgy on Thursday, April 6. Time 4:30 PM at Saint John Paul II Catholic Church. During that celebration, Color Corp members led the precession into the church. Following the precession, three Color Corps member individually escorted the three essential oils to the altar. Finally, at the conclusion of the Mass, Color Corps members led the solemn procession of the Holy Eucharist throughout the worship space, and to the outside altar. There, color Corps members offered a sword salute during adoration.

On Wednesday, May 17th, the Saint John Paul II youth had their confirmation ceremony at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church in Fruit Cove, FL. The presider for this ceremony was Bishop Erik Pohlmeier, assisted by Father Pagano and Deacon Tony. The ceremony was at San Juan del Rio due to the overwhelming number of vouth (100+)who participated. The seating capacity of our parish simply wasn't large enough to accommodate all participants and their families. Uniform for Color Corps was official coat and trousers, beret, baldric, sword and white gloves. Color Corps members led the precession, presenting swords as the presiders. Bishop. and Confirmands entered. At the end of the celebration, the Color Corps members led the recession from the church.

On Thursday, May 18th, the Diocese of St. Augustine conducted their May Day celebration at The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche in St. Augustine, FL. The Color Corps Commander represented the Assembly in what was a multi-Assembly event. During that ceremony, the Color Corps Commander had the honor of bearing the crucifix and leading the precession into the Chapel. Other Color Corps members bore the statue of Mary into the ceremony.

On Sunday May 28th in observance of Memorial Day and in keeping with our Fourth-Degree mission of Patriotism, the Color Corps posted the National Colors at the beginning of the 10:00 AM Mass and retrieve the colors at the end of Mass.



Color Corps Growth: Assembly 3771 has a goal of seven additional Sir Knights with uniform. Sir Knights are urged to purchase a Fourth-Degree uniform which costs \$449. A \$250 incentive rebate is available for 4th Degree Color Corp uniform and/or sword package by submitting their paid receipts to Faithful Comptroller Thomas Reif <u>thr@reif-industries.com</u> and requesting the rebate.

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Bishop Emeritus Victor Galeone, the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine, died May 29th in St. Martin Home for the Aged in Baltimore. He was 88. He was consecrated and installed as Bishop of the Diocese on Aug. 21, 2001. He retired as bishop in 2011. A Funeral Mass was held for Most Reverend Galeone on Tuesday June 6th at the Cathedral Basilica of St Augustine. The Principal Celebrant of the Mass was The Most Reverend Eric Pohlmeier, Bishop of St Augustine.

Under the leadership of District Marshall Danny McIntyre, FDD, PGK, PFN, a ten (10) person contingent of Sir Knights served as the Color Corp Honor Guard during the funeral Mass processions entering and exiting the Basilica. On behalf of Mother of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771, Sir Knight Michael Cervellera participated in the Color Corp Honor Guard, along with other Sir Knights from other Assembly's in the Diocese.

Finally, on Sunday June 11th, following the noon mass, the Color Corps participated in the Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the Feast of Corpus Christi. They escorted the Eucharist procession from the entrance of the church to an outdoor altar at the site of the new Church. Once there, a prayerful ceremony took place, and then the Color Corps escorted the procession back to the church. Additionally, throughout this procession and ceremony, members of Saint John Paul II Council 16492 served as canopy bearers, providing cover for the Most Sacred Body of Christ, the Priest, and the Deacon.





PATRIOTIC ROSARY

COME HOLY SPIRIT; COME BY MEANS OF THE POWERFUL INTERCESSION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, YOUR WELL-BELOVED SPOUSE, COME HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL THE APOSTLE'S CREED FOR THE HOLY FATHER OUR FATHER FOR BISHOP'S, PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS THREE (3) HAIL MARY'S

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY GLORY BE

THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE RESURRECTION FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR FATHER

BEFORE EACH HAIL MARY: "FOR 'STATE NAME ONE BY ONE' [AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA] AND ALL ITS SOULS."

TEN (10) HAIL MARY'S

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY GLORY BE OH, MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS...

THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE ASCENSION FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR FATHER

BEFORE EACH HAIL MARY: "FOR 'STATE NAME ONE BY ONE' [HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD] AND ALL ITS SOULS."

TEN (10) HAIL MARY'S

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY GLORY BE OH, MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS...

THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY - THE DESCENT

OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SENATE, AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR FATHER

BEFORE EACH HAIL MARY: "FOR 'STATE NAME ONE BY ONE' [MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ] AND ALL ITS SOULS."

TEN (10) HAIL MARY'S

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY GLORY BE OH, MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS...

THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR FATHER

BEFORE EACH HAIL MARY: "FOR 'STATE NAME ONE BY ONE' [NC, ND, NM, NY OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC] AND ALL ITS SOULS."

TEN (10) HAIL MARY'S

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY GLORY BE OH, MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS...

<u>THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE</u> <u>CORONATION OF MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND</u> <u>EARTH</u> FOR ALL COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OUR FATHER

BEFORE EACH HAIL MARY: "FOR 'STATE NAME ONE BY ONE' [SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY] AND ALL ITS SOULS."

TEN (10) HAIL MARY'S

FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY GLORY BE OH, MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS... HAIL HOLY QUEEN



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4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

WE ARE PATRIOTICALLY PROUD, ACTIVE CATHOLIC AMERICAN CITIZENS. WE ENCOURAGE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY In Civic Affairs and honor veterans and first responders for their service and sacrifice.

BBQ AT CLYDE E. LASSEN STATE VETERANS NURSING HOME IN ST. AUGUSTINE

Clyde E. Lassen State Veterans' Nursing Home in St. Augustine On Friday, May 26th, 2023 from 10:30 AM until about 1:30 PM, 11 Fourth Degree Sir Knights visited with the residents of the Clyde E. Lassen Florida Veterans Nursing Home in St. Augustine, FL. The facility is home to approximately 110 veterans who receive services ranging from assisted living to full care to skilled nursing care. The facility can also accommodate up to 60 residents suffering with dementia / Alzheimer's disease. The visit was our patriotic Memorial Day project, and its purpose was to lift the spirits of the residents through conversation, demonstration of love and compassion, food and fellowship.

Upon arrival, our Knights immediately engaged the residents in conversation. Fanning out among the residents in the dining facility, one could hear residents reaching back into their memories to tell stories about their service accomplishments. You could sense the pride in their voices as they shared their thoughts, both solemn and hilarious. Each veteran seemed appreciative, talkative, and happy that we took the time to visit, to talk and to listen. You could also hear Sir Knights expressing their appreciation to the residents for their valiant service to our nation, and reassuring the residents that they would always be in our thoughts and prayers.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to our national flag, and a respectful prayer offered by our Faithful Navigator, lunch was served. The Knights donated Barbeque from Smokin D's, much to the total delight of the residents and the staff who care for them. The big hit was the signature Banana Pudding! We need to remember next time to serve only Pulled Pork, Beef or Chicken and avoid anything still on the bone. While we were only able to interact with a small percentage of the total residents, those interactions we had were meaningful and lasting.

The unanimous opinion of the Sir Knights present was that the event was absolutely awe inspiring! It was truly an honor to be in such patriotic company, and every Sir Knight there felt the Holy Spirit at work among all of us. We hope to return to Lassen for future events and organize in such a way to meet with even more of the residents in their individual room or enclaves. (by Sir Knight Kenneth Robinson)





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4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

FOURTH DEGREE DONATION TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Mother of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771 presented our \$4,000 check funded from the Charity Mania Football Mania Sweepstakes fund raiser to Fr. Pagano at the 8:00 AM Mass on Pentecost.

Father asked all 4th Degree members present to stand and thanked us for donating to the Light to the Nations Capital Campaign. He also acknowledged the great service that all Knights provide to the Parish.

We hope to be able to repeat this donation after our upcoming Football Mania Sweepstakes fund raiser in August 2023. This is our only fundraiser. It enables the Assembly to fund the Patriotic projects we choose, and contribute financially to the long-term vision for our parish.

Arise and Build

FOOTBALL MANIA CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER

Assembly 3771 raised money to fund our Patriotic and Civic Projects and Activities, and contribute to the Light-to-the-Nation's Capital Campaign netting about \$7,200 from August 2022.

Congratulations to the 32 Winners thru the final week of the regular NFL football season. Total prize money won is \$1,625 including \$400, \$200 (2x), \$50 (4x), and twenty-five \$25 prizes.

We will repeat this fundraiser in August 2023 for the 2023 NFL season. Sweepstakes tickets will be sold at weekend Masses on August 12-13 and August 26-27.



MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY ASSEMBLY 3771

4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY

This is a special intention Rosary for our Country, our Leaders and all its souls. We are praying it before each regular business meeting at 6:30 PM.

HONOR VETERANS: FIRST COAST AIR HONOR FLIGHT

AFirst Coast Honor Air Flight: Sponsor a veteran to visit the National War Memorials in Washington D.C. in April 2023. Five Korea and Viet Nam era veterans were nominated and are on the waiting list for the fall flight. A strong relationship was established with key leaders for ongoing participation in Honor Flight.

It's a full day event starting very early in the morning. The Veterans with their guardian (for the day) fly into BWI and bus to veterans' monuments (WW2, Korean, Vietnam). Then they head to Arlington Cemetery to the Women's armed forces memorial. Then sit front row at the Changing of the Guard at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Then fly back to Jacksonville late that evening.

Background Info: Honor Flight May 2022 video <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XP7TDZqj5m0</u> Fast forward through parts and get a good idea of the event. Flight FAQ <u>https://firstcoasthonorflight.org/faq</u>

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4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

FLAG RETIREMENT

Flag retiring ceremony with Color Guard, Boy Scouts, and possibly SJPII Youth. Fr. Pagano enthusiastically supports this project. This project plan, including proposed dates and details, are being formulated.

PATRIOTIC MUSIC AT MASS ON PATRIOTIC HOLIDAYS

When? Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and 9/11 -Patriots Day at weekend Masses before the holiday. Why? To foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the parish community at large.

For Memorial Day 2023, Patriotic music preceded all five weekend Masses. A Patriotic entrance hymn was sung. The Color Guard presented Colors at the 10:00 AM Mass. Father Pagano gave a special blessing to all veterans asking each to recall a fallen veteran. God Bless America was the recessional hymn. On the actual holiday, Monday, May 29, at the 8:30AM Mass, Fr. Matt King offered a special pray for the deceased veterans. At the recessional, the congregation sang God Bless American acapella followed by the Saint Michael's Prayer.

Thank you to Raymond Wong: task leader with support from Mary Bard, a volunteer coordinating liturgical music, and Color Corps Commander Ken Robinson with Pete Falcone and Steve Miller. Daily mass on the actual holiday may add Patriotic Rosary after Mass.



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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madowna del Soccarso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Pater's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo countesy of Fathrics & San PietraM. Fatoret.

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





AGENT REPORT - JOSEPH SPINELLI

Council Meeting Message July 2023

I always think of July as being the midpoint of the summer. I hope your summer is going well and you're getting to enjoy it. Summer vacations, kids out of school, lots of outdoor sports, tending flowers and vegetable gardens. Seems like there is so much more to keep up with than during the winter. Maybe that's what makes it seem like summer goes so fast and winter drags on. Summer will be gone before you know it! For this month a couple of thoughts come to mind. A case that came up recently had to do with the ownership of life insurance policies. If you have policies on dependent children, it's wise to have a contingent owner listed. A parent is most often the owner of the child's policy, but often there is no provision made on the policy should that parent pass away. Having a contingent owner listed in this situation makes for a smooth transition of ownership. That's one of the many things I can help with when I review policies for you.

Fraternal benefits come with being a member of the Order. One of these fraternal benefits is known as the Spouse's Right to Apply. This benefit is spelled out in each of our insurance contracts and provides a widow with the right to apply for any of our products for up to one year after her husband's death so long as he was an insured member at the time of his death. It's another good reason to become an insured member with the Order. It gives that right to your spouse. One of the advantages of meeting with me is to review just these kinds of situations. I hope to put your mind at ease.

There are many more fraternal benefits. When I meet with a member and his spouse, I try to make sure I explain all of them that are pertinent. This is all in addition to our financial needs analysis tool that can help determine needs. I think this analysis and the insurance products we offer are two of the most worthwhile benefits the Order provides. This is a robust and cutting edge platform that is used throughout the life insurance industry. We used to use a much simpler form called the Family Service Record to help keep track of important household information if the need ever presented itself. Now one of the benefits I provide to you and your family is to go through this financial needs analysis and help determine where you are now and where you want to go. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your dreams, goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to make them become a reality. As always, there is never any requirement to purchase any product, but a baseline or periodic check-up is a wise idea. I appreciate the trust you've placed in me and the opportunity to serve you! Enjoy the summer!

God bless

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