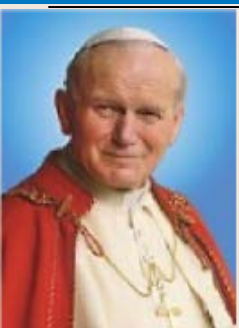


NEWSLETTER

PONTE VEDRA, FLORIDA
ESTABLISHED JUNE 5TH, 2016



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

GRAND KNIGHT REPORT APRIL 1, 2023

Brother Knights,

I want to sincerely thank each of you for all your efforts to make this a great council! Your good works are appreciated by our Pastor, SJPII staff, the ministries that we work with, and all of the many organizations that we support. As Knights, we are called upon by God for our good works and He is pleased.

Thanks to the efforts of the brothers that participated in the Pickleball Tournament Fundraisers, our council was able to donate more than \$25,000 during the past quarter to various local organizations! These donations help to feed the hungry, support the homeless, build homes and bring hope to the poor, provide support for single mothers, provide clothing for the kids, help provide access to quality health care for the most vulnerable, and so much more!

Our council has already qualified for the Star Council Award! At this point we are a Double Star but I anticipate we will improve that before the fraternal year ends June 30th. Earning this award demonstrates excellence in our council's programming, charitable outreach, membership growth, and promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits.

I have been busy submitting State Award Forms. This council has done so much to help in fulfilling our mission as members of the Knights of Columbus and you deserve to be recognized. Some of these are competitions like Family of the Year for example. Others are forms that are required to get credit for council achievements. Later in the fraternal year I will submit the necessary forms to gain recognition at the Supreme Council level.

As the next fraternal year approaches, I have appointed a nominating committee to create a Slate of Officers for 2023-2024. This will be read at the April business meeting. The election will be at the May business meeting, and then officer installation is scheduled for June 17th. The new term begins July 1st. If you are interested in an officer position please contact the Trustee's of this council.

Please continue to check the website for volunteer opportunities. It is important that we each do our part to help the council continue to move forward in our service. Remember that we are led by God and charity is at the heart of what we do. I encourage our newest members to get involved in the many activities that we are called to do. He calls and we answer.

Read further in this Newsletter for details on all that we have done this quarter!

Thank you and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

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



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

KNIGHTFALL

We are introducing a new program: KnightFall

The program is intended to reach out to our Brother Knights in need who would want a fellow Knight to visit them in their time of need. There are several components to the program as explained by Program Director Joe Pitisci:

Mission Statement: KnightFall will fulfill our oath to our brothers and their families in Council 16492 through service in their time of need. "We will stand with you in the dark, until the sun rises again"

Purpose: Supporting each knight and his family in his low point, giving service where needed and encouraging these knights to remain strong in their Catholic faith.

Program Design: KnightFall is a Knight of Columbus volunteer-based program structured into three teams: Intake, Visitation, and Follow-Up. Each team will have a designated team lead who reports to KnightFall program director.

Intake Team: Core communication team for KnightFall. Upon email/text alert, the Intake Team contacts the family. If the family is open to aid, Intake Team determines what services are needed in food, visitation, assistance, Eucharist, counseling, or if another ministry should be notified. Defines day and time for visitation. Intake Team notifies volunteer pool of knights/family's condition and directs volunteers to location.

Visitation: Initial visitation team for KnightFall. Two to four knights per visitation. Sets the foundation for future interactions with our program. Makes first visit to knight/family, encourages faith, and delivers biblical message. Inquires for updates on condition and if any other services including food, services, Eucharist, or counseling is required. If further help is requested, notifies Intake Team.

Follow-Up: Continued support team for KnightFall. After the first visit, team maintains contact with family until services are dismissed or no longer required. Provides services, including follow-up visits, and notifies Intake Team if situation changes, further support is required, or other ministries need to be contacted.

Requested Membership: 10-15+

Intake: 2 Knights who can monitor/send emails, field calls, text group, contact family.

Urgent Responders: 5 knights who can go to a location quickly, potentially within 24 hours

Visitation: 5-10 knights who have a flexible schedule to participate in first visitation

Follow-Up: 5-10 knights who have a flexible schedule to participate in follow-up and visits

Contact: Knightfallkoc@gmail.com
Members: Director, Joseph Pitisci (904-885-4252) // Intake Lead, Joseph Revellse (845-537-0206)

PLEASE CONTACT BROTHER JOSEPH PITISCI: xalian17@gmail.com

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS VOLUNTEERS

Seven Brothers volunteered March 25 for the Special Olympics Track and Field Games.

The Special Olympics of St Johns County and several other counties held their Area Games on March 25 at Atlantic Coast High School in Jacksonville. Area Games are similar to District Games in High School. They will compete against seven other counties. Atlantic Coast High School is about 20 minutes from Nocatee, up 9B to E-Town Parkway.

The volunteers escorted athletes from the finish line to the awards table and back to the St. Johns County staging area.

Hundreds of athletes participated in the March 25 Special Olympics at Atlantic Coast High School in Jacksonville.



BROTHER KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 16492 VOLUNTEERED FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD GAMES ON SATURDAY MARCH 25. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE BROTHERS: MARK VAN ENGELEN, TOM HOLTON, AL DIDONATO, KEITH PARENTEAU, EDWARD SULLIVAN, PETE FALCONE AND MICHAEL SPIGELMIRE.

KNIGHTS PRESENT ROSES AND ROSARIES:

Council 16492 continues to take part in this meaningful and emotional tribute to Mothers and their babies. At each Baptism, we present white roses to the mothers indicating purity, and rosaries, purchased from the SJPII Rosary Ministry, to the fathers stressing the importance of everyday prayers in their families' lives. We also assist the SJPII Moms' Ministry by handing out gifts from them to the mothers. Baptisms will resume after Easter and anyone who would like to help can contact Deputy Grand Knight Pete Falcone.

Several Knights have asked when the next Baptism is because they want to volunteer. Father Pagano has no Baptisms planned until after Lent.



BROTHER KNIGHTS JOE CRUZ, LEFT, AND MARK VAN ENGELEN, RIGHT, PRESENTED ROSES AND ROSARIES TO THE MOTHERS AND FATHERS AT THE FEB. 19 BAPTISMS.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

Good Friday – April 7

Liturgy of the Hours:
Morning Prayer
8:30 a.m.

The Passion of our Lord and
the Veneration of the Cross
3 p.m.

The SPJII Knights of Columbus Council 16492 encourages parishioners, especially those with children, to participate in The Triduum liturgy including Good Friday services.

Please note The Triduum on your calendar. Focus your family's attention on all aspects, from The Lord's Supper to the Passion of Our Lord to His Resurrection on Easter, the keystone to our faith.



GOOD
FRIDAY



GOOD FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTED

We will be handing out cards at all Lenten events prompting parishioners to attend Good Friday services.

A supreme initiative, we have implemented this project. Program Director Steve Miller is heading the project. The cards we handed out will be distributed at all Lenten services including the Fish Frys.

The church felt not enough attention was being paid to the importance of Good Friday and its role in the Triduum. The Lord's Supper to the Passion of Our Lord to His Resurrection on Easter, the keystone to our faith. The cards urge attendance and special attention to Good Friday and asks parishioners to take an active role, especially with their families.

KNIGHTS GOLF OUTING GETS A BOOST

MAY 5, 2023 - GOLF EVENT OF THE YEAR

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:

Dear

On behalf of Father Richard Pagano, I would like to thank you for your support as a participant or sponsor at the 2022 SPJII Golf Outing at the Yards to raise money for Saint John Paul II Light to the Nations Capital Campaign.

This year, our dynamic Pastor has elected to consolidate our efforts into one, first-class golf outing - The Knights of Columbus Spring Golf Outing at Saint Johns Golf and Country Club on May 5th. We hope you can direct your efforts from last year into this one event this year since there will be no fall outing.

I have included two attachments describing the event and sponsor opportunities. We have sponsorships available in all categories and hope you will also join us for 18 holes of quality golf and a day of Fun, Food and Fellowship.

I trust that you will show your continued support this year in our effort to provide a new church campus for the more than 3,000 families in the SPJII community. Please look at our story at our first-class web site: kofcgolf.org. Or call our Marketing Director Pete Falcone at 310-427-4653.

Sincerely,

Mike Spigelmire
Director
Knights of Columbus Spring Golf Outing
May 5, 2023 at St. Johns Golf & CC



[To sign up for the golf outing, to play or sponsor, go to kofcgolf.org.](http://kofcgolf.org)

FOUR WAYS TO SUPPORT!

1. FUNDRAISE!

2. BROCHURE ADVERTISEMENTS



3. SPONSORSHIP OPPURTUNITY



4. PLAY IN THE OUTING!



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2023 - RICHARD SULLIVAN

Brother Richard is one of our top volunteers. Recently, he helped with parking for the Christmas eve mass, helped spread 100 bales of pine straw for the large tent, helped set up for Advent by Candlelight, and the Father/Daughter dance. Richard has consistently over the years come to help when called, including Citizens with Disabilities Campaign, Fish Fry's, Pancake breakfast, and many setup/teardowns to help the Parish which is really appreciated by Father Pagano and the church ministries. Richard has served with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Sir.



FEBRUARY 2023 - MICHAEL WITASZEK

Brother Michael is one of our top volunteers. He serves as an Usher. He has also helped with several setups for parish events. He has stepped up on a couple occasions to help with sign-ins for Knights events. He stepped up to take on the role of Membership Director next year and is in the process of training. He helped at the last church drive, the Special Olympics Swimming competition, last year's golf tournament, and the Fish Fry's. I'm sure there are other contributions that I missed. Michael has served with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Sir.



MARCH 2023 - GARY ROTELLA

Brother Gary is a relatively new member and has been to all business meetings since joining. He has stepped up in a big way and has been one of our top volunteers this past month. He volunteered to help at the Golf outing as part of Andy's crew. He volunteered to man the table as part of the Ministry fair at the Joe Paddy event, and to help recruit new members. He participated in the Men's retreat. Gary and his wife Denise covered 10 slots at the Pickleball Tournament last month. I'm sure there are other contributions that I missed. Gary has served with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you, Sir.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2023
- THE BING
FAMILY



This month's Knights of Columbus Family of the Month is the Bing family, Kevin, Kathy, Caroline, Joseph, and Lauren. They are involved in a variety of church activities with a focus on serving our youths.

Kevin and Kathy have served as leaders of the 8th grade confirmation class for the past three years. They each lead a class of 8-10 students. In addition, they are part of a group of volunteers that provide services such as meals, set-up and break-down of the church and technical logistics for confirmation meetings.

Kevin and Kathy also open their home to a group of teenagers who meet each Wednesday evening for social and bible study time. A typical week has about 30 teens showing up! While this is not specifically a parish ministry it shows how a little creativity and willingness to help can have a big impact.

The family will also be assisting in the first "Live Stations" which will be performed for our parish by our youth on March 31st. They are helping with costumes, recruiting performers, and helping with the backstage crew.

Kevin was involved in the formation of Sister Parish Ministry, Inc. and has been its Finance Director since inception. This non-profit organization was originally a ministry of Our Lady Star of the Sea and is now a standalone organization. Sister Parish Ministry, Inc is a partnership between our community and a group of parishes located in some of the poorest areas of the Dominican Republic. The ministry's activities include mission trips for medical treatment, for family and motherhood education and support, for housing and community improvements, and for sustainable economic development. Members of SJPII will be participating in upcoming mission trips.

The Bing family's activities demonstrate the service we are all called to, and we thank them for their dedication and willingness to serve God and our parish.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2023 - THE BERNARDONE FAMILY

This month's Knights of Columbus Family of the Month is the Bernardone family: Mario, Laura, Anthony, Marcelino, Chiara, Stephen, Nina, Gemma, Celia, Vincenzo and Giovanni.

Mario, Laura and their family have helped the parish tremendously, providing food and service to many Church functions, supporting our priests and religious as well as being very generous contributors to the fundraising efforts for the capital campaign.

They participate in daily Mass devoutly, pray the rosary daily and live their faith in the workplace and in public. They are always ready to support and lend a helpful hand whenever a need is presented to them.

They have hosted priests in their restaurant and provided other support for priests. They have volunteered their time to help setup for Church functions. They are Pro-life and live Catholic and Knights' family values every day.

Mario shares a powerful testimony of his own reversion to the faith at a young age, which not only strengthened his faith but also led to him meeting Laura and their working together to teach religious education.

As parents, Mario and Laura have raised their children firmly within the Catholic Church's boundaries through daily Mass, homeschooling, and instilling a deep love of the church and its traditions.

The Bernardone family's devotion and willingness to live their faith publicly is a great example for Catholic families everywhere. We thank them for their faith and the many ways they offer service to the church and the community.



ALTAR SERVER OF THE QUARTER

Q1 2023

GIULIANA DARAGJATI

The Altar Server of the Quarter is Giuliana Daragjati. Her parents are Lazer and Albina.

Giuliana is in the 6th grade at Palmer Catholic. Giuliana is an avid hockey fan and an excellent hockey player and is strong in her faith and love of the Lord.

Giuliana has been altar serving at St. John Paul II for 3 years. She also serves the children's mass at Palmer Catholic, she served at the Basilica for a Confirmation Mass with Bishop Estevez and has served with Bishop Pohlmeier at the March for Life Mass in St. Augustine as well as the St. John Paul II feast day with the Bishop here at the church.

Congratulations Giuliana, and thank you for your wonderful service to the Lord and to the community!



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

GUS AND PAUL



Honorary Life Membership – At age 70 with 25 years of continuous service as a member of the Knights of Columbus and in good standing. Brothers Paul Coronato and Gus Carlson achieved this honor. Let's all congratulate them. They no longer pay dues and are at the top of our order. They are to be recognized and congratulated with honors.

COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

2023 PICKLEBALL VERITAS IN THE ANCIENT CITY - FEBRUARY 24-26, 2023



Our Pickleball Veritas Tournament was held the last weekend in February and was successful on several fronts. We raised about \$24,000 (including a \$10,000 grant) and had 500 contestants. The three-day event ran smoothly and player feedback was positive. Fortunately we did not have to deal with rain, as was the case for the Florida-Georgia tournament last October.

These tournaments require a significant number of volunteers before, during, and after the actual competition. None of the volunteer roles require specific skills or knowledge of Pickleball so anyone can help. For this tournament we had 41 Knights or wives of Knights volunteer and fill a total of 88 shifts, which is 56% of the total. Many Knights filled multiple shifts ranging from 2 to 10! Without a strong turnout of volunteers we cannot run these tournaments and generate the funds for charity that we do.

UPCOMING PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Our next tournament is the Florida-Georgia Classic on the last weekend in October. With your support we continue these successful events and provide much needed funds to many local charities.



COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

SURPLUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTIONS

THE SURPLUS FUNDS THE COUNCIL APPROVED HAVE ALL BEEN DISTRIBUTED. BELOW IS A RECAP OF THE REQUESTS WE GRANTED AND EACH RECEIVED \$3,000.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

A request has been received for the weekend backpack program and to help fund the agency's partnership with the St. Johns County Sheriff's office for the Compassion on the Go Senior mobile food program.

These funds will go a long way to help our weekend hunger backpack program, which delivers nutritious food and snacks to 270 children every week. This may be the only meals these children are receiving over the weekends outside of the meals their schools supply during the week.

They also use these funds to help with the Compassion on the Go Senior mobile food program. They partner with the St. Johns County Sheriff's office to deliver food, and companionship to homebound seniors. For these seniors the Catholic Charities volunteer visits may be the only contact and conversation they have with the outside world each week.

PORT IN THE STORM

Port in a Storm: Several requests for specific needs: General operations. Our current \$2,000 donation goes to the general operating budget to keep homeless children safe.

After speaking with Karen Hensel, assistant director, and the shelter manager, they have a need for new cooking items and for team-building projects such as large Lego sets for the holidays. The larger sets would be a great exercise for them and would keep them occupied for hours.

The general fund at Port in a Storm is also stretched because of a growing need for homeless children in the greater St. Johns County area. An extra donation would also aid in the everyday operation to meet this growing need. Pat Hutton, has pointed out that the facility could use some improvements as well.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Their mission is "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope."

The SJC Habitat affiliate began in 1993. We built one house a year for the first seven years, and even at such a slow pace, we still struggled to raise enough money and find enough volunteers to make this happen. This fiscal year, we expect to complete 10 homes. Overall, we have 158 families living in Habitat homes in SJC. We typically work with families who earn between 30% and 80% of the area median income (SJC median income is roughly \$83,500). Since 1993, we have served over 488 families and have logged roughly 200,328 volunteer hours.

For every dollar invested in HFH - St. Johns, the economy realizes a net gain of \$1.59 bringing a \$5,000 donation to be worth more than \$7,900 in economic impact.

HFH-St. Johns relies on donations from individuals, groups, corporations, foundations and faith-based groups. The local branch raises all of its own funds locally and receives no funding from Habitat for Humanity.

ASCENSION ST. VINCENT MOBILE HEALTH UNIT

New organization: Ascension St. Vincent's mobile health unit serving St. John's County out of their new facility on 210. In an effort to support our sister organization, Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital, we are being asked if we could help with the operating expenses of their Mobile Health Outreach Ministry (MHOM). The unit, on display at the recently opened Ascension St. Vincent's Southside Hospital on 210, provides access to quality health care for the most vulnerable in the communities it serves (this specific unit services St. Johns County). Patients often lack insurance, money and transportation; and may face language barriers in access to quality health care through traditional points of entry. With four mobile units, the fully staffed doctors-offices-on-wheels have worked to establish trusted relationships, delivering free health care services and preventative health education. The hospital has reached out to SPJII to build relationships including help with sacristans and communicants. The Hospital Foundation was a Title Sponsor to our spring Golf Outing this year. The funding for the 2023 outing will be done through the hospital.

COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

SURPLUS FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

ST. JOSEPH NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

New organization: Many single mothers are struggling – do they pay for food or rent? Childcare or electricity? The goal of SJNC is to help young women identify a desired career path, complete job certification programs, and strive for a better work/life balance. They teach young mothers parenting skills, financial fitness, and ways to build economic independence. “We want to break the cycle of financial hardship among working young single mothers.”

Their Mission: The love of God impels us to respond, in collaboration with community partners, to the inequities faced by women and children in our community through education, spiritual growth, inter-generational mentoring, and community support. When you invest in our mission, you are not only providing a brighter future for a young single mother and her child but also helping us build a stronger community tomorrow.

AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY (ASAP) CHECK PRESENTED

As a part of the newly adopted program to help mothers of newborn children, Aid and Support After Pregnancy, Council 16492 Deputy Grand Knight Pete Falcone presented a \$2,000 check in March to Amy Woodward, Director of Divine Mercy House. The amount will be supplemented by Supreme with an additional \$400.



FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2022-2023 (UPDATED 03/31/23)

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.	COMPLETE	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	COMPLETE	DEC
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	ONGOING	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	COMPLETE	Every Month
Keep Christ in Christmas	Incorporate celebrations and engage in dialogue that honor the birth of Jesus	COMPLETE	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	COMPLETE	Every Month
Mothers of newly baptised	Present a gift of a white rose or bouquet to the mothers of the newly baptised	COMPLETE	ALL



**FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2022-2023
(UPDATED 03/31/23)**

COMMUNITY (JOSEPH PITISCI)

Title	Description	Status	Month
Wheelchair Program	Donate \$2400 to purchase 16 Wheelchairs through the Florida State Wheelchair program	COMPLETE	FEB
Disaster Preparedness Plan	Continue to update and enhance - Rebuilding	COMPLETE	AUG
Friday's during Lent	Knights are sponsoring 3 Fish Fry's during lent	ONGOING	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)	COMPLETE	OCT
Habitat for Humanity	Donation	COMPLETE	NOV
Helping Hands	Donations to Port in the Storm, Catholic Charities, (and SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk - Complete).	COMPLETE	OCT

LIFE (PETE FALCONE)

Title	Description	Status	Month
March for Life	Marshalls needed, knights and families to participate in the march	COMPLETE	JAN
Novena for Life	Repeat the novena for life for 9 consecutive days	COMPLETE	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	COMPLETE	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	COMPLETE	MAR

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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

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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 Venerable 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 ceremony will take place in the coming months. A second approved miracle is needed for him to be canonized 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."

MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY ASSEMBLY 3771

The 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!

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



IN MEMORIA

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM (BILL) HESSEMER'S MEMORIAL MASS WAS AT 10:00 AM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 AT SJPII. MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE WITH GOD.

ABOUT 30 SIR KNIGHTS, KNIGHTS, AND SPOUSES HONORED BILL'S MEMORY BY ATTENDING THE MEMORIAL MASS AS INDIVIDUALS. HIS FUNERAL MASS AND REMAINS INTERNMENT WERE HELD IN NJ WITH HONOR GUARD. (THIS WAS NOT AN HONOR GUARD OR ORGANIZED ACTIVITY.) DIGNIFIED ATTIRE BEFITTING A PATRIOTIC FOURTH DEGREE SIR KNIGHT WAS WORN. SIR KNIGHTS WITH UNIFORM WORE IT WITHOUT SWORD AND BERET.

[WILLIAM HESSEMER OBITUARY \(2023\) - PONTE VEDRA, FL](#)

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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.

Color Corp members participated in the March for Life parade in St Augustine on Saturday January 14 joining Sir Knights from NE and central Florida under the command of Florida District Marshall Dan McIntyre. Eight Color Corps members received formal training and Color Corps certification from Florida District Marshall Dan McIntyre for the NE Florida Assemblies on January 29.

Solemnity of St Joseph Feast Day celebration: Seven Sir Knights provided an Honor Guard leading the procession honoring St Joseph and St Patrick on March 19 at SJPII. SKs Joe Revellese, Max Balbarez, Mike Cervellera, Rich Delgado, Steve Miller, Pete Falcone were under direction of acting Color Commander GK Ken Gault.

Color Corps will be participating at the Holy Thursday celebration on April 6 and the Corpus Christi celebration on June 11. Color Corp is planning to support a weekend mass before the major Patriotic Holidays, Memorial Day, July 4, Veterans Day and 9/11 Day of Remembrance and service. This is expected to include formal presentation of Colors (US and Church Flags) and Patriotic Music.

Color Corps Growth: Assembly 3771 has a goal of seven additional Sir Knights with uniform for FY22-23. 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 thre@reif-industries.com and requesting the rebate.



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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...

THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY – THE CORONATION OF MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

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

After discussion with the Facility administrator and activities director said they would greatly appreciate a BBQ at the nursing home on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023. There are 110 residents and 60 staff. Many are not ambulatory.

Most Lassen Veterans nursing home residents are likely to pass in in 1-2 years. Your visit is a corporal work of mercy. Our purpose in visiting is to lift their spirits.

We do that by socializing one-on-one about subjects they bring up, show you care about him. Let him know you will keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

The residents may remember the BBQ. What's far more important is how the residents and staff feel about our first visit. This opens the door for periodic social visit to the residents.

[FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS | CONNECTING VETERANS TO FEDERAL AND STATE BENEFITS THEY HAVE EARNED.](https://www.floridavets.org/)
([FLORIDAVETS.ORG](https://www.floridavets.org/)).

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.

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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.

PLANNING FOR APRIL 2023 HONOR FLIGHT

Assembly 3771 sponsors a veteran and a guardian to accompany the veteran who makes the trip to the national veterans' memorial sites in Washington DC.

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. We are awaiting final word regarding the Assembly's nominee.

Background Info: Honor Flight May 2022 video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XP7TDZqj5m0> This is a long video. You can fast forward through parts and get a good idea of the event.

FLIGHT FAQ

[HTTPS://FIRSTCOASTHONORFLIGHT.ORG/FAQ](https://firstcoasthonorflight.org/faq)

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

(Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day and 9/11, Day of Remembrance) at weekend Masses before the holiday. What might this look like? Patriotic music (recorded or sung) could be played for 5-min. before Mass. A Patriotic hymn would be sung when Celebrant enters. The Color Guard would present Colors (selected weekend Masses only). Sing God Bless America as the closing hymn. Daily mass on the actual holiday date could add Patriotic Rosary after Mass while omitting presentation of Colors. Work in progress. ALL Knights invited to participate.

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/IM. Falconi.

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

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

AGENT REPORT - JOSEPH SPINELLI

Council Message March 2023

March this year, to me, means Spring and Spring cleaning, Lent and preparing for Easter, and the day when we're all a little bit Irish, St. Patrick's Day. Let me start with St. Patrick's Day. It's a nice break from the doldrums of winter and a brief respite from Lenten preparation. To all of my members, Irish or not, I say "Sláinte!"

This year we're immersed in Lent for the entire month as we look forward to Easter on April 9. This is a time of renewal and preparation for Holy Week, Christ's Passion, and his conquest over death in the Resurrection. May your focus be on generous giving and spreading peace to everyone you encounter.

Spring...we've been through the toughest part of winter and we begin to think about Spring. And Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal: trees may begin to bud and flowers begin to poke through in search of warmer temperatures. The Spring equinox means that daylight lasts as long as night with the earth spinning toward that summer solstice. Maybe, just maybe, winter is behind us. While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and doing the annual spring cleaning, now is a great time to take a fresh look at your family's financial security.

With a wide range of products-life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you look at your family's financial situation now and for the years to come. All this while you deal with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church social teaching.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent I've been trained to help you through that important process. Sit down for a short meeting with me and we can use our newest and most advanced financial needs analysis platform that the Order has ever had. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those. As always you're under no obligation. Feel free to reach out to set up a time to discuss.

Vivat Jesus

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