



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 JANUARY 1, 2023

Brother Knights,

I would like to start by saying that your support to this council, parish, and community has been overall outstanding! Thanks to your support, by stepping up to help when called, our council continues to thrive and be a Star Council within the Knights of Columbus. We are exceeding all expectations.

I recently filed our Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (2022) and note the following thanks to your efforts. We had \$69,000 in donations, and 3300 volunteer hours. This includes our good works in the areas of Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Also, our growth in membership for this Fraternal Year so far is at 185% of our goal, with 6 months to go! Our participation percentage for programs is high, and meeting attendance has been really good. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, and coming together in unity and fellowship, a call we answer every day.

Last month I sat down with Father Pagano and asked him how he thought the Knights were doing. He replied "I couldn't be happier with the brothers". Additionally I get many positive comments about the Knights from the parishioners, clearly we have their support as well. The Ministries at St John Paul II have similar positive feedback. I am sure you hear all this personally as well.

This quarter we have planned to join other councils and the community in the March for Life St Augustine. We have our next Pickleball Tournament Fundraiser at the end of February. Then in March we will begin our Fish Fry's during lent. There is much more so please continue to watch communications for all the upcoming events through our Council.

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

Recently, our parish was assembled in a tent behind what we lovingly call our church for Christmas eve vigil mass. We couldn't assemble in the hall that we are temporally using to celebrate mass each day because it would not hold the 2,000 people who usually attend.

As I climbed the stairs and stood on the temporary sanctuary that supported the make-shift altar, I saw a sea of people assembled in front of us. Everyone was ready to attend Mass for Christmas. Each person was dressed in their own expression to welcome the infant Jesus with coats, hats, scarves, and gloves. The temperature was colder than any day I have ever experienced at a mass.

After mass I spoke with a woman in the parking lot who must have been in her eighty's. As she spoke from behind her hand knitted woolen scarf and hat, she was so excited to say: "that was an amazing Mass!" I asked: "Weren't you cold?" She replied: "At first, yes. But, as the Mass began, I felt the warmth of the Holy Spirit pouring out of everyone around me. I firmly believe that the Lord has seen our need, and whenever God brings you to it, God will get you through it. I am excited to see the great things that will happen now. Because nothing is impossible with God!"

I agree with my new friend. I witnessed great accomplishments through the rapid incline of membership and the amazing fundraising our council accomplished in an unconceivable short time. These accomplishments can only be described as the work of the Holy Spirit. The 2,000 people who attended Christmas Mass in the cold were all there with the shield of hope and confidence in the promise of when the Holy Spirit will provide a new church with heat.

As the Knights grew to our present numbers out of just a handful of men and continue to grow in outstanding numbers, I am confident that God will provide our new church the way God sees best for us. As we stand at the ground level of our new construction project, I believe we can truly say:

What we see is only the beginning!

Sincerely,

Deacon Tony Colichio



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT - PETE FALCONE

MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION

While our membership has grown to more than 250, the hope is that gives us more Knights who can be available to volunteer for programs and events.

Attending meetings is important so all Knights have a working knowledge of what is happening in the Council.

With our growing membership comes the opportunity to assist our expanding list of charitable organizations and programs. There also is always a need for you to participate in the many church functions we help with through our close relationship with Father Rich and other ministries and groups at SPJII.

The Greek word koinonia, found several times in the Bible, relates to the ministry of showing up. Koinonia refers to fellowship, participation, community and togetherness - and aligns perfectly with having regular attendance at our Council meetings.

As you may know, we are blessed to have an income source, the two Pickleball tournaments in October and February, which provides us with the chance to fulfill our key mission of Charity throughout the SPJII broader community. But we need more volunteers to help coordinate these projects and programs. I hope you will consider participating.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

A ROSE FOR MOTHERS AT BAPTISM:

Commemorating the special blessing of Baptism is a joy to watch. Brother John Scalamandre presented an idea to WGK Ken Gault and Father Rich readily supports it. We present white roses to Mothers with a Mothers' prayer card we printed at each Baptism, a program replicated by many Councils.

We've done this program at about a half dozen Baptisms, and the reaction is overwhelming, both by the Mothers and the Knights taking part.

Once the celebrant is done, he calls us forward and we read a very short message. While one of us is reading, the other presents the roses and cards to the mothers. It takes about two hours because beforehand and after, we rearrange the chairs. Usually, they are held after the noon mass, but two were done on Tuesday Dec. 27th after the 8:30 mass.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for this project, please add your name to a list to be contacted to see if you are available when we learn that Baptisms will be held. Contact: Pete Falcone (pfalcone5369@comcast.net)

COUNCIL 16492 FOOD DRIVE – QUARTERLY RESULTS

The Catholic Charities Food Drive continues to be successful. Parishioners donated more than A TON of food from October through December at our monthly collections.

This monthly event provides food to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in St. Augustine.

Results:

October - drop off yielded 480 pounds of food with an estimated value of \$921

November - drop off yielded 983 pounds with an estimated value of \$1,887

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

MEN'S RETREAT – 60 ATTENDED

Each of you was encouraged to attend the SJPII Men's Retreat at the Marywood Retreat Center on Dec. 10. And more than 60 of us did.

It was an opportunity for a day of personal reflection, spiritual exploration and fellowship with brother Knights. Led by Father Pagano, the day provided a chance for renewal and personal re-commitment. A part of the Knights of Columbus Faith Program, it was open to all men of the parish and several non-Knights participated.

This was a tremendous opportunity for all men at a time when stepping aside from all that is going on during the holiday season was mentally and spiritually rewarding. Thanks to Father Rich for spending half a day with us. The retreat was held at the facility on the St. Johns River near San Juan Del Rio Catholic Church.

COATS FOR KIDS REPORT

On October 19th, St John Paul II Knights delivered youth size coats to HUGS of St Johns County <https://www.stjohnshugs.org/>.

Using proceeds from our pickleball fundraiser, we purchased 48 new lightweight jackets for boys and girls of assorted sizes and donated the jackets to this charitable organization that supports our community's children.

The program is part of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids campaign with the mission to provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. Through the dedication of our council in these early years, hundreds of new winter coats have been distributed to children in our community.

HUGS organization personnel were so appreciative of our donation and loved the coats. " We appreciate your wonderful donation and these coats are perfect for winter in northern Florida," said Karen Burke, the clothing coordinator.

Thank you to all the brothers who participated in this effort, from your heart to theirs, by the grace of God.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Wrap up report - while this isn't necessarily intended to be a money-raising event, we collected \$1,025 at a cost of \$437. We sold out the 250 magnets before noon mass started so some didn't get a chance to buy them. The goal was to remind parishioners the concept of Keeping Christ in Christmas and it appears by the display of so many magnets, we accomplished it.

This year's magnet was much more popular and next year we likely will order more for 2023.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 16492 PRESENTED 48 COATS FOR KIDS TO HUGS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY. FROM LEFT ARE JOE PITISCI, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR; KAREN BURKE, HUGS CLOTHING COORDINATOR AND GRAND KNIGHT KEN GAULT.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2022 - RICH DELGADO

Knight of the Month for October was Rich Delgado for his work on recruiting. Rich, Council 16492 Chancellor, led the Church recruitment drive that month and spoke from the pulpit after all 5 Masses the weekend of Oct. 1st and 2nd.

His representation of the Knight of Columbus and our council was certainly appropriate. In an upbeat and positive way, he communicated the importance of being a member, and the need for men in our community to join us. His efforts were instrumental in our council's recruitment by setting a one-month record with at least 18 new members directly attributable to the weekend talks.

For the month, we gained at least 22 new and transfer members and brought our year-end total to more than 250 members, an astonishing growth accomplishment.



NOVEMBER 2022 - STEVE MILLER

The Knight of the Month for November was Steve Miller.

Brother Steve is one of our top volunteers and is always ready to step up and help.

"Count me in", he often says. Steve is a can-do knight with a great attitude. He helped with our church drive and during the Bishop's visit was a color corps member. He volunteered to help at our upcoming procession for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

A couple of times in mass when Father Rich asked the Knights to help on the spot with seating for the parishioners, Steve was there to step in. Steve has served with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus.



DECEMBER 2022 - JOHN ESSEGIAN

The Knight of the Month for December was John Essegian. As Family Director John Essegian did a great job making sure his programs were executed and followed through to completion.

Now, at the council's calling, he stepped up to help the leadership in a big way! We really needed someone to work with Tony Cutright for the next Pickleball tournament, and then take the Chairman Role for future tournaments. At one point there was a question if we would have any more tournaments, then John stepped in to fill a very tough position to help keep these tournaments going.

Stepping down from the Family Director role, John hit the ground running. He has built up the PB lead volunteer roles and is fully engaged with the internal and external teams.

John serves with honor and distinction in keeping with the highest traditions of the Knights of Columbus.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

**NOVEMBER
2022 - THE
CREAGAN
FAMILY**



The Family of the Month for November was Tim and Martha Creagan.

Tim and Martha Creagan got married late in life, but that did not stop them from forming a model of Christian family values and living out those values every day. They were married in 2008 and after attending San Juan Del Rio church for about 10 years, joined SPJII this past March.

Martha is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministry and volunteers at their nephew's school.

Tim is a member of the Career Ministry and is a Knight of Columbus, transferring his membership to SJPII.

Both Martha and Tim are members of the Cenacolo Ministry to be a sign of God's merciful love for young people, families and people wounded by life. They both are volunteers of The Flock Notes - from setting up, cleaning up and serving at the many functions at the church.

As Tim put it: "We are proud contributors to The Light to the Nations Capital Campaign."

They both plan on retiring in 2023 and hope to volunteer even more, serving the parish community for many years to come with more of their resources and time.

For their exemplary service to the Parish and the Community and for their many activities and involvement, Martha and Tim Creagan have been named the Knights of Columbus November Family of the Month for modeling Christian family values and visibly living them every day.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 2022 - THE COLICHIO FAMILY

Carmela and Deacon Tony Colichio met in East Orange, N.J. and were married in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church on December 1st, 1974, meaning we need to wish them a belated 48th anniversary this month.

But we want to honor them in another way. Carmela and Deacon Tony are the Knights of Columbus December Family of the Month.

Carmela is a master hairdresser and master colorist. She trained in London, U.K. with Vidal Sassoon. She is a recipient of the North American Championship. The North American Hairstyling Awards is the most prestigious professional beauty competition in North America and honors the salon industry's top artists.

She is currently an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion here at Saint John Paul II and the director of the SPJII Diaconal steering committee.

Deacon Tony was ordained in 2011 and has been assigned to Saint John Paul II since 2015. He is a founder and charter member of our Council 16492. Deacon Tony currently serves as associate Chaplain for our Council. He is certified in pastoral studies by Loyola University and is a certified life coach with a focus on Catholic spirituality.

As a special tribute, Father Rich wanted to add his congratulations: "Deacon Tony and his wife, Carmela, are a perfect example of marriage fully alive as they approach their ministry as parents and servants in the vineyard of the Lord. Their kindness and steadfast service, particularly when they serve together at the altar as Eucharistic ministers to our community, is a constant reminder of how God is so good to us all. I am overjoyed at the K of C selection of the family of the month going to the Colichio's!"

Brothers let's again congratulate Tony and Carmela, this time for being the Council 16492 Family of the Month.



COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

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



Please immediately go and sign up for these volunteer positions.

CHARITY IS THE 1ST DEGREE OF OUR ORDER AND YOU ARE BEING CALLED TO HELP

Bring your lady knight! No experience necessary.

We need to ensure that Pickleball Income keeps coming to our Council! This revenue allows us to reach so many in our community that need our help.

I can't stress enough how important this is. Go there now, don't delay. You are encouraged to sign up for more than one session. Program description and slot instructions are on the sign up.

Please sign up below!!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044fa4a82da5f85-pickleball1#/>

[VOLUNTEER HERE](#)



Pickleball tournament was very successful in spite of the rain. Thanks to Tony Cutright's leadership! Also a big thanks to all the volunteers especially - Grady Carrick and his son Jacob Mark Van Engelen: Logistics of Banners, Number signs, Gate Signs, Desk Management for Registration, Data Hot Spot, Bringing Refreshments to tents every morning, provider of Pledge of Allegiance, and National Anthem with PA System Dennis Alderson: Truck and photographer Luay Kajy: Van

COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

GUARDIAN SCHOOL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Knights of Council 16492 were asked to help with the food distribution at the Guardian School on Saturday Dec. 3rd. There were about a dozen pallets of assorted food items and it took about two hours of distributing all the items to a steady stream of cars. Our Knights came through once again to help in the community to get food to those who needed our support!

October drop off yielded 480 pounds of food with an estimated value of \$921
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Steve Harrington, Steve Wilson, Bob Marra took part in answering the call for volunteers at the Guardian School Food Distribution last month.

COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES



The Knights of Columbus Council 16492 presented a \$1,000 check to Catholic Charities. “Your donation will go a long way to help our weekend hunger backpack program,” said Tara Provini, Regional Director of the Catholic Charities Bureau in St. Augustine. The program assures children who qualify for food assistance at school, have meals during the weekend. Tara accepted the check from Deputy Grand Knight Pete Falcone as part of the Knights’ Faith In Action programs.



PORT IN THE STORM

Representatives of Port in the Storm in St. Augustine accept a \$2,000 check from Knights of Columbus Council 16492 Deputy Grand Knight Pete Falcone. Karen Correale, Development/Volunteer Coordinator, left, and Joy Burton, Marketing/Special Events Coordinator, received the check in November. Port in the Storm focuses on homelessness. “Your gift can help break the cycle of homelessness of our youth in St. Johns County,” said Karen Hensel, Assistant Director. “You have helped transform a child’s life.” The donation is part of the Knights’ Faith In Action programs.

COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

KNIGHTS ANSWERED THE CALL TO SERVICE



In preparation for the Bishop's Mass, the Knights were called to empty the church so the floors could be buff shined. 14 brothers answered the call and the mood was upbeat with some sharing in fellowship. 550 chairs were moved under the portico and hallway in about 25 minutes! The cleaning crew was able to begin their work on time. Thank you to all the Knights that helped. The Holy Spirit calls, the brothers come.

KNIGHTS VOLUNTEER TO LAW DOWN STRAW, PREPARE TENT



Knights Support our Parish before and after Christmas!

Our council had 40 volunteers step up to help our Parish during December. Primarily the focus was on activities to support the Family Mass which had 1,800 Parishioners.

Knights handled spreading of 120 bales of pine straw over 12,000 sq ft, setting flaps on the small tent, providing parking assistance, performing usher duties, and stacking 2000 chairs. Our Pastor was extremely grateful for these awesome men!

COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS



17TH ANNUAL ST. AUGUSTINE

March for Life

**JAN
14
2023**
MARCH BEGINS
10:30 SHARP

WE CHOOSE TO LOVE THEM BOTH!

MAIN EVENT SAT/JAN 14

Speakers, Music & Activities

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche
101 San Marco Ave.
9AM - Mass with Bishop Eric Pohlmeier
Mass outside (weather permitting)
NOON-3PM - KOC Council 611 March for Life
Spaghetti Dinner at Cathedral Parish

FRIDAY KICK OFF JAN 13

Kick Off - Shrine

2-4PM - College Leadership Training
5PM - Adoration & Praise and Worship Music
6PM - Mass
6:45PM - Illuminated Living Rosary
FOOD TRUCKS
7:30 - 9PM - Praise & Worship Concert



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SPEAKERS

MELISSA COLES: documentary "I Lived on
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DR. JASON PHILIPS: Ob/Gyn-The Abortion Pill
Wayne Friday: Sidewalk Testimony



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COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

HOLY SPIRIT HEALING CONFERENCE

Register Now! All are welcome! Please share this information with any who may be interested! God bless you!

2023 Diocese of St. Augustine
Holy Spirit Healing Conference
You can attend live in person, or virtually.

January 27-28, 2023



WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS ARE DISCOURAGED!
WALK-INS MAY NOT HAVE AN AVAILABLE LUNCH.
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FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2022-2023 (UPDATED 01/09/23)

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	All Day agenda to be published. Including Men of the Parish. Father Pagano - Needs to be scheduled	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	DEC
Confirmation	Purchase Stoles for confirmation candidates	OPEN	MAR

FAMILY

Title	Description	Status	MONTH
Food for Families	Continue to build on the monthly collection.	ONGOING	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.	OPEN	APR
Family of the Month	This can be either a Knight or Parish Family	ONGOING	Every Month
GOD TO SEED	Community based sustainable food program	ONGOING	ALL



**FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2022-2023
(UPDATED 01/09/23)**

COMMUNITY (JOSEPH PITISCI)

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	COMPLETE	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
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

Title	Description	Status	MONTH
March for Life	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
Ultrasound Program	Continue to promote Mayfair Womens Center. Consider another donation	OPEN	APR
Special Olympics	Donate and/or support St Johns County Special Olympics Basketball Challenge and Track & Field meet. Swimming event planned July 30?	COMPLETE	JUL & MAR

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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 will precede the regular business meetings starting in January.

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.

Twelve Color Corps members participated at the St John Paul II Feast Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Pohlmeier on Sunday, Oct. 23.

Five Color Corps members supported Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast procession on December 11, 2022.

Three Color Corp members will participate in the March for Life parade in St Augustine on Saturday January 14 joining Sir Knights from NE Florida under the command of Florida District Marshall Dan McIntyre.

God Bless you.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Ballweg Faithful Navigator

Mother of Divine Mercy Assembly 3771



PICTURE: (L-R) DAN SWING, MAX BALBAREZ, RICH DELGADO, JORGE GALARZA, KEN GAULT, BISHOP ERIC POHLMEIER, FATHER RICH PAGANO, PETE FALCONE, KEN ROBINSON, JOE REVELLESE, CLYDE SLICK, DEACON TONY COLICCHIO, (NOT SHOWN TOM REIF, MIKE CERVELLERA)



MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY ASSEMBLY 3771

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4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

PLANNING STAGE: FLAG RETIRING CEREMONY WITH COLOR GUARD AND YOUTH OF SJPII

Fr. Pagano enthusiastically supports this project. This project plan, including proposed dates and details, are being formulated. SK Dan Swing leads the Project task team.



MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY ASSEMBLY 3771

4TH DEGREE PATRIOTIC PROJECTS

PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR THE CONVERSION OF OUR COUNTRY (PLANNING STAGE)

This is a special intention Rosary for our Country, our Leaders and all its souls. There are several renditions ranging from 20 min. to one hour+. We are using an abbreviated version that can be comfortably be prayed in 20 min. before the regular business meeting similar to The Patriotic Rosary version National Prayer Day

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.

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>

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.

FOOTBALL MANIA CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER UPDATE

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. Congratulations to the 30 Winners thru week 16 of the NFL football season. So far total prize money won is \$1,550. There have been one \$400, two \$200, three \$50, and twenty-four \$25 prizes. RESULTS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Football Mania Winners and prize money					
Contest	Game Card	Rank	Score	Prize	Winner Name
Week 01	4428-2S003	6	108	25	Jame Rispoli
Week 02	4735-2S003	1	121	400	Ross Billington
Week 02	4540-2S003	3rd Lowest	14	25	Bill Martin
Week 03	4862-2S003	Bonus	93	25	Gary Clark
Week 04	4407-2S003	6	122	25	Jason Mollica
Week 04	4829-2S003	9	120	25	Taylor Parenteau
Week 04	4511-2S003	3rd Lowest	35	25	Nelson Taveras
Week 05	4960-2S801	Lowest	9	50	Bob Biggs
Week 06	4421-2S003	7	98	25	Paul Engl Jr.
Week 06	4877-2S003	11	96	25	Chuck Lizak
Week 07	4657-2S003	4	120	25	Haley Glynn
Week 07	4501-2S003	7	117	25	John Stawieri
Week 08	128-2S801	4	127	25	Michael Witaszek
Week 09	2650-2S801	Bonus	111	25	Steve Black
Week 10	4559-2S003	9	108	25	Jerry Eker
Week 10	4607-2S003	13	106	25	Robert Pepper
Week 10	183-2S801	15	106	25	John Gorry
Week 10	4499-2S003	2nd Lowest	36	25	Michael Emilio
Week 11	4426-2S003	2	116	200	Jim Rispoli
Week 11	130-2S801	4	114	25	Michael Witaszeck
Week 12	3735-2S801	8	108	25	Michael Burkhardt
Week 12	854-2S801	10	107	25	Michael Cervellera
Week 12	4770-2S003	15	106	25	Mario Bernadone
Week 13	4525-2S003	3rd Lowest	29	25	Dan Cunningham
Week 14	3043-2S801	5	117	25	Steve Black
Week 15	852-2S801	2	113	200	Michael Cervellera
Week 15	3149-2S801	3	113	50	Kevin Krause
Week 15	328-2S801	10	109	25	Steve Wilson
Week 16	409-2S801	3	126	50	Judy Hargitai
Week 16	4424-2S003	11	118	25	Aleksy Bartas
				1,550	30 Winners

WISHING YOU THE BEST OF LUCK DURING THE FINAL 2 WEEKS OF THE NFL SEASON.

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. 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

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