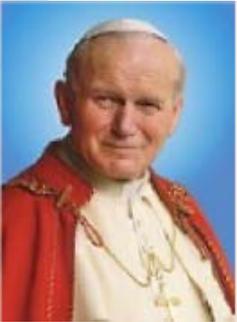




NEWSLETTER

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."

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT JULY 01, 2024

Fellow Brother Knights:

It's been a year of change, health issues and recovery and a terrific response to the many requests for you to volunteer.

The past 12 months as Grand Knight has been, without a doubt, event filled, health challenged and a new awakening for me as to the power of prayer.

Last October, I underwent major colon cancer surgery, the first serious illness I have had to face. Through wonderful doctors at Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center and a multitude of prayers from so many people, I was able to say today, so far, I am not showing any signs of cancer, but it will be a long road to the finish when I can claim to be cancer-free.

I tell you this because, frankly, I wasn't all that enamored with the thought that prayer could have much influence over outcomes. But I could honestly feel the Holy Spirit working within me during convalescence and recovery. A special test indicated there were no cancer cells anywhere in my blood stream. A remarkable miracle - but aren't they all?

I have just now been cleared to return to golf. That in itself is a blessing.

Thank you to all who kept me in your prayers. It was a rough road and it has taken its toll physically and mentally but I hope to be able to continue to innovate, modify, inspect and review all of our business.

This next year promises to bring about more change:

- Revamping our website nocateeknights.com to make it easier for prospective members while providing easy-to-find information for current members
- Reviewing our programs and vetting them to be sure we are using our money wisely and that new programs might be added
- Continue our volunteer efforts to make sure we are raising enough money to fund these programs, and looking for new ways to raise funds.
- Implementing and modifying our Live Exemplifications to make it more of a Council activity
- Learning what our new pastor expects of us. He is a 4th degree.

I look forward to serving you in the next year. I hope we can accomplish next year as much as we accomplished in 2023-2024.

Thank you for all you do.

We are many, but in Christ we are all one body. We are each a part of that body.

--- Romans 12:5

Pete



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Dear Sir Knights,

A funny thing happened to me on the way to retirement!

I was dutifully packing up all of my stuff one day when I got a phone call from the Bishop. He asked me if I would mind serving as the temporary administrator of St. John Paul II Parish for maybe around three or four months.



MONSIGNOR MICHAEL MORGAN

What's a priest to say to the Bishop . . . Of course I said "yes."

And, as it turned out, that "yes" ended up being a true blessing. How else would I have ever come into contact with all of you members of Council 16492.

Since I was ordained in 2001 I have had some involvement with several Councils over the years in different capacities. Never have I seen a more energized and enthusiastic group of men who are anxious to take on project after project in service to their parish - and all the while seeming to have a great deal of fun!

I can say without doubt that St. John Paul II Parish is a better, holier Parish, and more alive with zeal for the Gospel because of Council 16492.

Finally, I would like to thank each and every member of Council 16492 for the friendly and welcoming reception which I and Father Saju have received. You could not have possibly made us feel more at home - and the pizza wasn't bad either! I'm not sure where retired priests fit in the KofC structure of things, but if you ever need a fill-in for your very able chaplain or your equally able new Pastor, just let me know.

Fr. Mike

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MAY 17, 2024 - GOLF OUTING REPORT - \$45,000 PRESENTED

Another successful Spring Golf Outing has netted \$45,000 to be presented to incoming pastor Fr. Rafael LaVilla in July.

The team did a tremendous job of raising money, running a first-class outing and making sure the theme of Fun, Food and Fellowship was carried out again for the third year in a row. In the three years we've held the outing, we have been able to contribute \$105,000 to the church building fund.

Many thanks to the team headed by Mike Spigelmire and all the work they did, especially Mark Van Engelen, Tom Costello and Joe Cruz in marketing as well as Ken and Vicki Robinson in coordinating the day's event and to Al Schultz for his bookkeeping skills.

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



MAY 2024 - JOE PITISCI

The Knight of the Month for May was Joe Pitisci for his tireless efforts in raising money through the Citizens With Disabilities Campaign. Joe is leaving SJPII to attend another church and he will be sorely missed. Thanks for all you have done for us Joe.

JUNE 2024 - CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Five Certificates of Appreciation were announced in June. Pat Hutton, who served as a Faith Coordinator for three years was presented with his by Grand Knight Pete Falcone. Others were Joe Pitisci, Community Coordinator; Stan Wasowski, outgoing trustee; Carl Schuck, outgoing trustee and Rich Delgado, Deputy Grand Knight. Thanks to all five men for their work in making Council 16492 what it is today.



COUNCIL 16492 NEWS BITS

SUMMER SPECIAL OLYMPICS JULY 20

The Special Olympics of St. Johns County is having its countywide swimming competition on Saturday, July 20 and many volunteers are needed.

The event begins at 8 a.m. at the Soloman Calhoun Pool, 1300 Duval St., in St. Augustine. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks including checking in swimmers, helping with presentations of medals (which we are providing), timekeepers and cheerleaders. We should be done by 11.

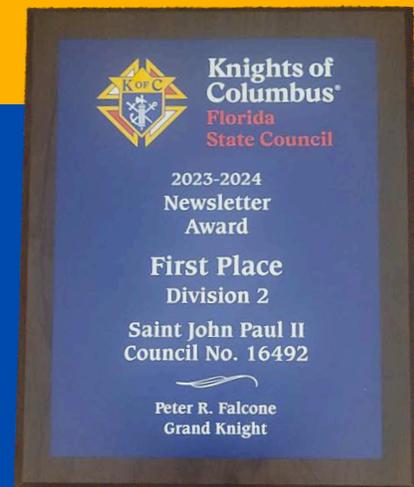
This is a great opportunity to bring your family to help with the competition and cheering on the athletes. And if you bought a new white hat, make sure you wear it.

We strongly support the Special Olympics with volunteers and financially. Please sign up for this event. They really appreciate our involvement and have come to depend upon us for the success of their meets. Prepare yourself for smiles (yours and theirs) as you watch the competition.



NEWSLETTER AWARD

Congratulations to the Newsletter Team for garnering first place in the Florida State Council competition "Newsletter Award" at the annual convention in May in Orlando. To Jeremy Foxx, layout and design; Deacon Tony Colichio for his Chaplain Columns; to Michael Worthy and Tom Ballweg for the 4th Degree content and Newsletter Editor Pete Falcone and all the others who contributed articles and columns. THANKS!



[WE STILL HAVE OPENINGS FOR VOLUNTEERS AND WE NEED YOUR HELP IF YOU HAVEN'T VOLUNTEERED. GO TO NOCATEEKNIGHTS.COM](http://www.nocateeknights.com)



FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2024-2025
(UPDATED 07/01/24)

FAITH (OPEN)

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.	ONGOING	SEPT
Mens Retreat Day of Reflection	SJPII Men's Retreat at the Marywood Retreat Center on Dec. 10 Including Men of the Parish. Father Pagano	ONGOING	Dec 11
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	ONGOING	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	ONGOING	DEC
Good Friday - Family Promotion	Council will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign.	ONGOING	Feb/Mar
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	ONGOING	Every Month

ONGOING



FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS FY2024-2025
(UPDATED 07/01/24)

COMMUNITY (BOB COWHEY)

Title	Description	Status	Month
Wheelchair Program	Donate \$2400 to purchase 16 Wheelchairs through the Florida State Wheelchair program	ONGOING	FEB
Disaster Preparedness Plan	Continue to update and enhance - Rebuilding	ONGOING	AUG
Friday's during Lent	Knights are sponsoring 3 Fish Fry's during lent	ONGOING	MAR
Citizens with Disabilities Campaign	Schedule SJPII, OLSS and 3 Publix Stores	ONGOING	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	Every Month
Coats for Kids	Purchase and donate to HUGS lightweight jackets (24 boys & 24 girls assorted sizes)	ONGOING	OCT
Habitat for Humanity	Donation	ONGOING	AR/APR
Helping Hands	Donations to Port in the Storm, Catholic Charities, (and SVDP Friends of the Poor Walk - Complete).	ONGOING	OCT

LIFE (JOE CRUZ)

Title	Description	Status	Month
March for Life	Marshalls needed, knights and families to participate in the march	ONGOING	JAN
Novena for Life	Repeat the novena for life for 9 consecutive days	ONGOING	JAN
Ultrasound Program	The Diocese of St. Augustine is starting up a new Pregnancy Center and they would benefit greatly from having an ULTRASOUND MACHINE for the startup.	ONGOING	APR
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	ONGOING	JUL & MAR

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MOTHER OF DIVINE MERCY ASSEMBLY 3771

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.

FIRST PATRIOTIC AWARD PRESENTED TO SJC SHERIFF DEPUTY

June 3rd, 2023, began as a normal Saturday.

In the afternoon, a mother and daughter were together enjoying ice cream at a local ice cream shop in Ponte Vedra. As the two were getting ready to leave, the angry former boyfriend of the daughter appeared and without warning, began stabbing the daughter.

The mother attempted to save her daughter but she too was attacked. A young man came to their defense and he was also stabbed. Responding to the call, St. Johns County Sheriff Deputy Donald Russell quickly assessed the situation and began lifesaving efforts to the daughter and her mother.

The suspect had attempted suicide. His injuries were not life threatening. Because of Deputy Sheriff Russell's quick thinking, and remembering his military experience in combat, he was able to prevent the loss of life to both the mother and her daughter.

The citizen who came to the rescue also received injuries and along with the two other victims were taken to nearby medical facilities where they were treated. The daughter sustained life threatening injuries which resulted in her being paralyzed from the chest down. She is now recovering from that ordeal. The suspect is serving a life sentence for attempted murder.

On June 24th, 2024, Deputy Russell was awarded the first Patriotic Award from the Knights of Columbus Mother of Mercy Assembly, #3771, Ponte Vedra. Faithful Captain Steve Miller presented Deputy Russell with the award along with a St. Michael the Arc Angel Rosary and a check for \$250.

St. Johns County Sheriff Robert Hardwick is a member of the Assembly.



DEPUTY RUSSELL IS PRESENTED THE AWARD BY FAITHFUL CAPTAIN STEVE MILLER; PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: SHERIFFS CAPTAIN JEREMY RUSSELL, COMMANDER OF THE NORTHEAST FIELD OFFICE; FAITHFUL CAPTAIN STEVE MILLER; DEPUTY DONALD RUSSELL AND SERGEANT JOHN FLOYD, WHO NOMINATED DEPUTY RUSSELL FOR THE AWARD.

THE PRAYER LIST:

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS TO BE ON THE PRAYER LIST OR TAKEN OFF. BEGINNING SEPT. 17, 2023, WE WILL LEAVE POSTINGS ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR A YEAR UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED.)

1. Added at the June 11 Council meeting: John Dechmerowski Family; Becky, recovering from cancer surgery; Brother Paul Coronato – prostate cancer; John Cowhey; Paul Boehnke; Matt Mouson; Brother Maximo Balbarez; Bärbel Pritschmann; Jeff Van Meter; Renee Courtland, mother of SK Gary Courtland.
2. Please add my nephew Bill Lyons who is fighting cancer to the prayer list. And please add my brother William Lyons who has Parkinson's.
3. Brother John Preli has a friend in RI that needs our prayers. Steve Plante has been diagnosed with head and neck cancer. He is currently receiving treatment. Steve Plante address: 678 Shippeetown Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818
4. Brother Dennis Sieple, is hospitalized for heart and other testing and other issues and his wife, Elinor, asked that you keep him in your prayers.
5. Added at the May 14 Council meeting: Paul Banke, Dennis Ballweg, Matt Mouzon, Robert Engl, Wendy Nowak, Jedd Nowak.
6. Please keep the families of deceased members Roy Bohres and Thomas DeMuyt in your prayers. Brother Tom was a member of the Knights for 4 years with our Council. Roy was 88 and was with the Knights for 11 years.
7. Athena, a month-old baby pending open-heart surgery in May.
8. Brother Richard Sullivan, who is underwent a medical procedure on April 10.
9. Dominic Salamida, Brother Dominic Salamida's father who has dementia.
10. Brother Dominic Salamida's wife's aunt Rosie is recovering from cancer surgery.
11. District Warden Matt Mouzon, who has cancer.
12. Brother John Preli's in-laws that need our prayers. Alan Tsounos, son-in-law's father, partner Michelle Psilosa lost control of her car and collided head on with a truck in the opposite lane. After a day in surgery with multiple internal and external injuries tended too, she is recovering in ICU. Update: From my son-in-law George: "Tell your KOC brothers that their prayers have been answered. Michelle was released from the hospital, after 22 days, to come home today. Still a long way to 100% but Al and her family were excited to have her come home. It was a big step."
13. Carmela Colichio, wife of Deacon Tony, who is in need of our prayers. She underwent surgery on Wednesday, April 3.
14. Past Grand Knight Paul Coronato informed us he has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
15. From Sir Knight Tom Ballweg: Please add my sister Kay Harbers to the prayer list. She is undergoing intense advanced lymphoma treatment at Mayo in Rochester that will last for several months. Please pray for caregiver Tim Harbers. Stan, Steve, Crystal, Gia and Gabe
16. Our former pastor Rich Pagano
17. Baby Matea James
18. Mattia Liebrano
19. Tim Creagan
20. Joie Y
21. Robert Engl
22. Baby Catherine
23. Jach Szfagi
24. Jakob Pritschmann
25. Robert Jones
26. Ellen Morgan, Father Pagano's mother
27. Jerry Wosko
28. Robert Engl (PTSD)
29. Jen Dellacrosse, wife of Catholic Talk Show co-host Ryan Dellacrosse, is battling cerebral cancer.
30. I'd like to add my daughter, Eva Jones, to the list. She is struggling with an eating disorder and will require residential treatment. From Brother Jacob Jones.
31. Linda Shearn from Brother William Smith. She has complete paralysis of right arm shoulder down, and slight right leg weakness. She's been diagnosed with cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA), a condition that will continue to grow plaque and worsen.



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