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Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



April 2024

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are experiencing the joy of the risen Christ this Easter Season.

Thank you to WSYD Doug and Lady Susan Blair for leading the 40 Cans for Lent drive again this year. And thank you to the Knights, Ladies and parishioners who pledged **5,074 cans** for the Social Concerns Food Pantry!

One of our Council events in March was an inaugural St. Patrick's Day Party. My sincere gratitude to the party committee of Ginny Reeder, Jose Cardet, Frank Conley, Jose Montes, Jan O'Bryan-Wilson and John Pechar AND the many, many Knights and Ladies who made this event a success! There were ticket sales over three weekends, gift basket creation, Hall decorating and cleanup, regular Lenten Fish Dinner prep and serving - the team cooked and served over 50% more food than a typical Friday fish dinner, Irish vegetable soup and Irish soda bread prep/serving, ticket collection, basket & 50/50 raffle sales and bar tenders. We were entertained by Irish step dancers from the Magennis Academy of Irish Dance, the Space Coast Highlanders bag pipe and drum team and our very own Harry Merlet as DJ and master of ceremonies. There were 153 guests in attendance, and we raised \$1,610 for the Council Benevolent Fund while providing a great fellowship opportunity for the Parish.

Please be on the lookout for details of activities planned in the next few months. As always, I hope you find an opportunity to utilize your unique skills by supporting one or more of the many diverse Council events we hold throughout the year.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Dave AmRhein
Grand Knight

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on April 18 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6PM in Our Lady's Chapel.



Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- For Your Information: Ascension's first pastor and our Council's namesake Monsignor Martin B. Power passed away 52 years ago on March 22nd, 1972. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
- Bahamas Cruise Retreat Info (flyer on right)
- Brevard Laps for Life on March 2nd. 14 Knights and Ladies from Ascension supported. Thank you to John Barfield, Bobby Sullivan, Susan Blair, Doug Blair, Bob Caldo, Joe Ameigh, Eddy Merlet, John Autio, Rich Passarella, Gerry Grillo, Jerry Kelly, Olga Kelly, Laurie Chatman
- State Free Throw Challenge on March 9th. Thank You to Jose Montes, Bob Richmond and Nick Cavano who represented our Council. Ascension School Council level competition awards were presented to the winners on March 13th after the school mass.
- Thank you to the Knights who put in many, many hours to work the Presidential Primary Election Poll. They donate their pay to the Council and Assembly. Our brother Knights who participated are Rich Passarella, Bill Quinn, John Pechar, John Miller, Eddy Merlet, Bob Holby, Mike Marzec, Mike Smith and Jose Cardet.
- Thank you to Paul Kuracz, Bobby Sullivan and Dan Brinkman for supporting the Special Olympics competition on Saturday, March 16.
- Thank you to Rich Passarella, John Miller and Joe Ameigh for supporting the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16.
- **Baby Bottle Campaign** — This year, the campaign will be held on Mothers Day weekend — May 11 and 12. The baby bottles will be given out to Parishioners on this weekend — they will be collected on the weekend of Fathers Day — June 15 and 16, As in years past, we will need volunteers on both weekends to pass out and retrieve the bottles. Donations will be split 50/50 with [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#). POC: SK John Autio
- **Council Website.** DGK Jose Montes continues to add new features to our Council and Assembly website — the place to find the latest activities we are participating in. A few new features implemented:
 - **Payment Portal.** Using PayPal and Venmo to pay for Council and Assembly [annual dues](#). These payment options for Council and Assembly functions will be added in the future.
 - **SignUp Genius.** This was added to our website for events where volunteers are needed so you can easily sign up for the many activities we support. You can check all this out at the



[Council Website](#)

- **Google Group Notifications.** We rely on our Council Google Group to disperse information to the Council membership. We also have a Council email address (ascension14573@gmail.com). Unfortunately, the emails sent to the Council email inbox don't always get read immediately. So if you have something urgent that needs to get out to the Council — especially Prayer Requests — send your email to either Worthy Dave (damrhein@cfl.rr.com) or Worthy Jose (JOSE.MONTES@cfl.rr.com).
- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** The Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary continue to use the embroidery services of Lady Joyce Defusco for shirts — and Joyce does an outstanding job! We also have red tee shirts available for \$20 which includes embroidery services. Tee shirts can also be ordered directly from the Knights online store and have Joyce embroider them if desired. See John for more information on Assembly or Council shirts and hats.
- **Bartman.** Since no reliable source has been found for the Star Assembly shirts online, we are going back to using a reliable local source — Bartman. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. The only downside is that the shirts are more expensive from Bartman — but the quality and service is excellent. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop. Or go through John and he will order the shirt for you. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications.

[Visit Bartman here](#)

- **Ascension Catholic School.** Some remaining events planned to support the students this current school year:
 - **MCC Scholarships (May)** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. The school administration selects the students. For the past few years we offered two scholarships. This year we added a third Fr. Tobin Memorial Scholarship.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)** - Knights offered BBQ for the teachers and staff in appreciation for another successful school year.

Through these programs we can look forward to supporting the ACS students and to further strengthen our partnership with the school throughout year.



ACS LENTEN CHALLENGE

The students of Ascension School helped to support our parish's food pantry and social concerns this Lent. For four weeks, our students accepted a challenge to bring in items for the pantry. Each week a goal number was set and each week our students and families surpassed that goal. Our grand total of food items for the challenge was 3994—an average of about 1000 items per week. The average number of items per student was about nine per student. The classes who won the challenge for their homeroom were:

P.K. - 2nd grade Ms. Smith's Kindergarten
Grades 3 - 5 Mr. Daprano's 4th grade
Grades 6-8 Ms. Maldonado's 6th grade


Our eagles are the best! Thank you to all our students and families who contributed to our challenge. Also, thank you to our faculty and staff for their support, especially Mr. Hinkle who took charge of the challenge.




Thank you, Ascension families, for helping to make our Lenten service project a success with your generous donations!

We made 101 baskets to be delivered to The Dock and Club Esteem, which are local after-school programs for underprivileged children. The staff at these programs are always so appreciative of our donations.

Sincerely,

Student Service Council members, Ms. Connors, Mrs. Hymel, Ms. Smith, and Mr. Hinkle.





Free Throw Competition

We are done with the Free Throw Competition for this year. It was a huge success as we were able to field competitors in every age group to move forward to the District competition. SK Jose Montes, SK Bob Richmond, SK Mike Marzec, and SK Nick Cavano helped support the District, Regional, and State competitions which resulted in 5 of the 12 Ascension winners advancing to the Regional competition and 4 to the State competition at MCC on Saturday, March 9. An award ceremony for all local winners was held after Mass on Wednesday, March 13. Allowing all of the Ascension School students to participate during PE Class was a great way to help the program and give the kids a fun opportunity to compete. Next we will consider if doing the Soccer Challenge in a similar way would be feasible. That competition will be held in the Fall.

Ascension Catholic School 2024 Winners

9-year-old Girls	Lia Yemm
9-year-old Boys	Troy Seliga
10-year-old Girls	Wavy Dutra
10-year-old Boys	Dalton White
11-year-old Girls	Marley Myers
11-year-old Boys	Boston Crocker
12-year-old Girls	Holly Schmitt
12-year-old Boys	Destin Roeder
13-year-old Girls	Sofia Carter
13-year-old Boys	Gabriel Neuman
14-year-old Girls	Keira Reynolds
14-year-old Boys	Connor Potomski



State Competition at MCC



Birthdays for April

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Shea O'connor	2
Richard Robinson	5
James Haines	7
Michael Connors	9
Jeffrey Bauman	11
Hector Diaz	11
Devin Barela	12
Joseph Ameigh	15
Steven O'neal	15
Stephen Kennedy	16
Philip Webster	16
Joseph Greco	19
Steven Kaercher	23
Joshua Porche	25
Elmer Rivera	25
Zachary Baird	26
Michael Gramke	28
Joseph Eisen	30

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April Activity Calendar

**April
2024**

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
Council Email: ascension14573@gmail.com



Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Tue 2 nd	2000	Fraternal Benefits Event	SK J Barfield ^[1]
Thu 4 th	1900	Assembly Meeting (Rm 312)	WFN J. Pechar
Fri 5 th	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 6 th / Sun 7 th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 7 th	1345-1 500	Life Chain (Corner of Wickham Rd & Pineda Cswy)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 11 th	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Rm 312)	WGK D. AmRhein
Sat 13 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Tue 16 th	1500	Roundtable with Fr. John	WGK D. AmRhein, WFN J. Pechar, LA Pres Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
Thu 18 th	1800	Power Rosary (Our Lady's Chapel)	SK B. Sullivan
Thu 18 th	1900	Council Meeting (Rm 312)	WGK D. AmRhein
Thu 25 th	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Rm 312)	WGK D. AmRhein
Sun 28 th	1030-1 300	Daily Bread (Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson
Tue 30 th	1700	Deployed Service Member Family Appreciation Dinner (84 Harrier Ave, Satellite Beach, Bldg 3659)	WFN J. Pechar

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
May 6 th	1800	Laying of the Wreaths at Vietnam Veterans Memorial (Wickham Park)	WGK D. AmRhein, WFN J. Pechar, LA Pres Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
May 14 th	1830	May Crowning - Color Corp	SK E. Merlet
May 16 th	1900	Officer Elections	WGK D. AmRhein
May 18 th /19 th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign - Bottle Distribution	SK J Autoio
May 21 st	TBD	Memorial Day Ceremonies	FN J. Pechar SK B. Sullivan
May 24 th - 26 th	1200	Florida State Convention	N/A
Jun 8 th	1630	Assembly 10 th Anniversary Corporate Communion and Celebration	SK R. Passarella
Jun 15 th /16 th	All Masses	Baby Bottle Campaign – Bottle Collection	SK J Autoio

***Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to Jose Cardet at: fso123788@cfl.rr.com

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

May 10th Feast of Ascension Festivities
Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

[1] – Online event. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril2>

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✦ THE 4TH DEGREE ✦



✦ PATRIOTISM ✦

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From the Faithful Navigator



On Tuesday, March 19th, 9 brother Knights under the leadership of SK Rich Passarella, as Clerk for Precinct 427 participated in the election process as poll workers for the Brevard County Supervisor of Elections. As poll workers the team logged 200 hours of training in various functions for the Primary election that Tuesday. Work on the election started Monday the 18th setting up the polls in preparation for the election. Those brothers who answered the call were SK Rich Passarella, SK Eddy Merlet, SK John Miller, SK Jose Cardet, SK Bill Quinn, SK Mike Smith, SK Bob Holby, SK Mike Marzec and SK John Pechar.

Part of our responsibilities as Knight's is to foster Patriotism by taking on leadership roles on important national and moral issues. Facilitating voter turnout on election days is a good example of doing our patriotic duties in each nation in which we are active.

Under the leadership of SK Rich Passarella our assembly will participate in the next two elections. The first in August followed by the general election in November. As Prescient Clerk Brother Rich is involved with managing all operations of the polling place. It's a job that demands responsibility and long hours I thank Rich and all the brother knights that help with this important Patriotic function.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next assembly meeting at 1700 on April 4 in the Knights room 312 in the Ministry Building.

Vivat Jesus

SK John Pechar
Faithful Navigator
Assembly 3482



Faithful Navigator Report (Continued)



Bishop Norbert Dorsey Assembly 3482 welcomed its newest member of the 4th degree on March 9th. Sir Knight Dave Reeve received his social Baldrick and 4th degree pin and was Knighted at the exemplification of the 4th degree held at St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Parrish Fl. SK Bill Quinn,



SK Rich Passarella and I accompanied brother Dave. SK Rich Passarella participated in the ceremony as part of the color Corp assisting with the candidate procession.

The day began with registration followed by mass celebrated by Father Joseph Gates. Florida State Master John J O'Toole opened the ceremony introducing all State Dignitaries and welcoming the candidates and guests. He then turned to the exemplars to bring their message to all the candidates. The presentation was as always awe inspiring on the origins of our great nation under God, reinforcing our love of God and the flag of this great nation. The members of the exemplars are currently looking for volunteers to learn their parts in the exemplification ceremony. If interested contact SK John J O'Toole who will put you in touch with SK Ron R. Brown Exemplification Director.

The Color Corp participated in the ST Patrick's Day Parade on March 17th in downtown Melbourne. SK Joe Ameigh and SK John Miller carried the flags of our country and assembly with SK Rich Passarella. We need more brothers participating. Please make the attempt to attend the 4th of July parade to help carry our banner.



May Assembly meeting is May 2, 7PM, in the Knights Room.



SK CCC Eddy Merlet and the color Corp detail in procession attended the funeral for SK Andrew Salaka at Ascension Catholic Church on March 3. The detail consisted of Knights Jim Chatman, Rich Passarella, Joe Ameigh, Rick Robinson, and Ed Berry. Thanks to all who attended to say farewell to our brother Knight.

On March 23 I, along with Brother Knights Rich Passarella and Bill Quinn attended the Florida District Biennial Meeting held at Monsignor Bishop Council #2112 council hall in Orlando FL. The meeting was hosted by Monsignor Bishop Assembly 0162. Florida Master John J. O'Toole, who chaired the meeting, is reaching the end of his term. An election for his successor was held. SK John J. O'Toole always made himself available for help, demonstrating great leadership and his commitment to all the Sir Knights under his watch.

I would like to thank SK Rick Robinson who heads up the Daily Bread crew answering the call every 4th Sunday of the month to put on their aprons to help the homeless by serving a hot meal.



On April 30 at 1700 our Assembly will sponsor the Spousal Deployment Dinner for those families of service members deployed stateside and around the world. It will take place at South Patrick Chapel community hall. This event is arranged each year by the Military and Family Readiness Center at Patrick Space Force Base. We look forward to providing a great dining experience with entertainment for all the children provided by Madam President Jan O'Brian-Wilson and the members of the Ladies Auxiliary.



MAY 16	MAY CROWNING COLOR CORP
MAY 31	MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT SHADY OAKS?
MAY	TO BE A PATRIOT AWARD FORM TBP-1 DUE MAY 31
JUNE 1	PREPARE FORM 2321 CIVIC AWARD APPLICATION DUE JUNE 30
JUNE 8 4:30	ASSEMBLY CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS CELEBRATION OF BISHOP NORBERT DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY 3482 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOUNDED JUNE 6 TH 2014

CCC-SK EDDIE MERLET
FN JOHN PECHAR
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FN JOHN PECHAR
CCC-SK EDDIE MERLET

Assembly Activities 2024



Chaplain's Message From Deacon Tom Stauffacher

Something Deacon Tom's stresses to his students is ethics. And as Knights we must all adhere to a standard of Christian morals and ethics. As Knights we have been very successful at doing what is right and just. When asked to do something and we can do it — we say yes — if we can't — we say no. There are many factors that influence our decision — why we go out of our way to be merciful? Do we do these things based on personal consequences? Out of fear? Or because we want to live up to the expectations of others? To live up to expectations of a Christian? Or define our moral values apart from what society expects us to do?

For example — On the morning of March 9, 1965, a day that would become known as "Turnaround Tuesday", Dr Martin Luther King led about 2,500 marchers out on the Edmund Pettus Bridge and held a short prayer session before turning them around, thereby obeying the court order preventing them from making the full march. All they wanted to do was have the right to vote. So Dr King's moral decision making was a lot higher than others in society at the time.

This is often a situational thing based on our convictions on what is right and what is wrong. It is that simple. We learn growing up that by doing that extra thing — that Christian conduct that we are asked to have as a Baptized Christian — we learn to be merciful and to have pity on those in need and we do what we can to help those in need by using our time and talents.

We have a situation right here in our Parish where the Thrift Shop is not able to be open on Saturday due to a lack of volunteers. If asked to work one Saturday a month would you say yes? What is that cost to you in time and talent?

Deacon Tom then recalled a story of how he managed his time and talent a few years back working in the Thrift Shop — by bringing his own volunteers to help man the store.

And that is the kind of thing that we as Knights do — our Christian ethic. It is a positive thing that we do to help those around us who need our help. God blesses each and every one of us for what we do for his Church as we use our time and talent to do that.



Assembly Faithful Friar's Message from SK Deacon Chris Meehan

Words of wisdom from the recent Parish Mission presented by Father Emmerich Vogt — Father Vogt spoke of many spiritual subjects but one of the most interesting and relevant things he spoke about was addiction. Specifically, addiction as a source of evil. He made it very apparent to those attending that no matter what type of addiction we are exposed to — be it television, drugs, internet, alcohol, pornography or whatever, the addiction is driven by evil trying to take control of us. Our goal should always be to stay in charge. We've talked about spiritual warfare and we hear about that a lot. We can never forget that we are at war for our souls. The moment a child is conceived, the soul of that child is at risk because the devil wants to disrupt all of God's work. So our job as Knights, especially as Fourth Degree Sir Knights, is to help make sure our Country gets on track and stays on track. So we need to find as many ways as we can to live out our life exemplifying freedom from addiction. So if you know a brother who struggles with some sort of addiction be it drugs, alcohol, pornography or something else, it is your obligation — your duty — as a Knight to find a way to help them. Encourage them to seek help or to lead them towards your life example and being there for them to offer support and encouragement. In that way we can hopefully cause them to reform and give up their addiction.





A History Lesson for Women's History Month

SK Deacon Chris Meehan

Women in History — as we recognize February as Women's History month. Deacon Chris talked about several history making women who exemplify the meaning of women in history.

Cole Brauer — the first American women to race solo around the world. She began her journey through the world's most treacherous waters some four months ago. The 29-year-old, 5-foot-2 powerhouse sailed 30,000 miles over 130 days. Cole joyfully waved flares as she sailed full speed into port. Cole is already planning another round-the-world-race, this time as part of a team. She says she hopes her solo journey will inspire other women to aim for historic firsts.



Mother Teresa — an amazing Albanian-Indian Catholic nun and the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. A simple woman with no world credentials yet people around the world would fight to get close to her — and why? Because they see in her God's presence. Our soul looks for that in people even if we don't realize it. And that's why we gravitate towards people like Mother Teresa.

[Nobel Peace Prize 1979](#)

Katherine Johnson — An amazing woman. And someone Deacon Chris talked about during our meeting last month for Black History Month. She was a genius mathematician who came up with the orbital calculations for John Glenn's orbital mission.

[Biography of Katherine Johnson](#)

Rosa Parks — changed the whole course of what is considered fair and just treatment of people of color. What gumption for her to speak up for her rights and basically change the course of history when it comes to rights for African American men and women — and really beyond that to all men and women who come to this country who are not of European white Anglo-Saxon origins. A wonderful woman with great strength of will and character.

[Rosa Parks Brief History](#)

Rosalind Franklin — First lady of DNA. Ever hear of James Watson and Francis Crick? They were two scientists who received the Nobel Prize in 1962 for the discovery of the DNA molecule. But what you don't hear about is Rosalind Franklin — Why? Because she died before the Nobel Prize committee received the nomination. In 1954 Watson and Crick clearly stated in a paper that without data obtained at Kings College by Rosalind Franklin and her PHD student, the formulation of the DNA molecule would have been most likely impossible. So this submission to the Noble Prize committee may not have been possible without the contributions of Rosalind Franklin even though her name was never mentioned in the submission.

[Biography of Rosalind Franklin](#)

Hedy Lamar — considered the most beautiful Hollywood actress at the time. An interesting woman with no formal training in math or science but she had a tremendous curiosity. In her movies, she often didn't have many speaking parts — they were more interested in showcasing her beauty. So she would be in her trailer working on inventions. She loved to invent. She was married to an arms dealer. She usually came along with him to arms deals — he of course hoped her beauty would help in the sale. So at one such meeting, the customer wanted a torpedo that could be guided. They discussed radio control but decided that would be too easy to hijack. But Hedy understood what they were talking about. And Hedy had a music composer friend who wanted to synchronize two player pianos so that multiple player pianos could play the same tune. Hedy realized that if she could synchronize the signal at both ends of the torpedo then it would not be susceptible to jamming. So she actually invented this concept and received the patent in 1942 along with her composer friend. A concept that is still used today.

[Hedy Lamar and George Antheil Submit Patent](#)

Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton — Women Suffrage — they were responsible for the spark of the women's right to vote. It is because of them that we now have a much larger electorate. Originally they said that they were equal to men but then realized that that was not actually true — women were equal but not the same. And therefore you would get a more homogenise and a better outcome in voting by both men and women.

[Susan B Anthony and Elizabeth Stanton](#)

Blessed Mother Mary — The Greatest Women who ever lived! So let's pray...

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.



Renew the House of the Lord

Richard Becker — Capital Campaign Chairperson

A quick overview of things to come with the renovation of the interior of our church. The plan will be briefed to the Parish at all Masses the weekend of April 6 and 7. The committee has been working since August to put together this campaign. The committee consists of:

- Richard Becker
- Zach Baird
- Ron Sturm
- Frank Conley
- Jose Montes
- Christina Light
- Florence Heidel



The goal of the campaign is to raise \$2.5 Million. The primary purpose is two-fold.

- Install a fire suppression system in the church
- Renovate the interior of the church

These are the primary projects we will fund first with money raised. We do have several other projects across the parish campus but they can only be funded after we fund the primary project. These other projects would include:

- Renovation of the Parish Hall including the kitchen
- Renovation of the Ministry Building
- Replace tiles at the entrance to the church
- Expand the Adoration Chapel
- These are only ideas at present — no plans have been drawn for these additional projects. Plans will only move forward if we secure funding above and beyond funding for the primary projects.

A brief history. The church was founded in 1959. In 1961 the first church was built — this was what is the current Parish Hall. In 1961 the first school was built which is now the Ministry Building. In 1987 — 36 years ago — the current church was built. In those 36 years there have been a few minor renovations but no major renovation to the interior of the church since it was built.

Richard then provided an architectural rendering of what the interior of the church would look like after renovations have been made.

- First — there will be no change to the statue of Christ ascending into Heaven — this is after all Ascension Parish.



- The Crucifix that is on the South wall will be moved to the left of the altar behind the Ambo.
- The Tabernacle will be moved from the right side of the church to behind the altar.
- The pews in the church will be replaced by all wood pews that have a curve to them so the view of the altar will not be obscured regardless of where the parishioner sits. There will be no upholstery on the pews — only wood. This will make the new pews more hygienic and make it easier to keep them in prime shape for many years. The kneelers will be padded.
- Floor tiles will be completely replaced.
- The altar will be handicapped accessible — a ramp will be built to the left of the altar to allow those who have difficulty with steps easier access to the altar.
- The wall will be removed by the choir.
- There will be statues of both Mary and Joseph at the back of the church — to the right and left of the altar where the Tabernacle was and where the Baptismal Font was located.
- The Baptismal Font will be moved to the front of the church. This is more traditionally correct as you need to be baptized in order to enter the church.
- A fire sprinkler system will be installed in the church. The piping for the sprinklers will be hidden behind panels. Only the sprinkler heads will be visible. This is similar to the system at St Johns in Viera.
- Glass will be installed in the doors of the two confessional rooms to allow parishioners to know if someone is in the room —and to offer more security for the priests.
- The floor plan of the church will not change except for the area near the gift shop. Here there will be a new rest room — both men, women and a family bathroom. Bathrooms will be handicapped accessible.

The formal announcement will be at Masses on April 6 & 7 and on April 8 a packet will be mailed to all parishioners which will include most of what you have seen here as well as a brochure outlining all of these renovation plans. Parishioners will be asked to look over the packet and when they return to Mass on the following weekend they will be asked to make a commitment to the church.

Unlike the Bishop's Appeal, this campaign will allow you to spread pledges over 3 years. In the packet will be a suggested pledge for each family. This of course is not a commitment, but only a suggestion. The committee is asking everyone to do their part — be it more — or less — than the suggested pledge.

Three things you can do now:

- Pray for the success of the campaign.
- Proclaim — we as Knights do have a strong voice in the Parish and parishioners will listen to us. So spread the word that this is an important campaign and something our Parish needs and something everyone needs to support.
- Participate by pledging what you can afford.



Saint Patrick's Day Party — March 15





Saint Patrick's Day Party — March 15





Monthly Council Meeting



Two awards from Supreme that are long overdue presented to Past Grand Knight and present District Warden SK Eddy Merlet: Region 3 Recruiter of the Quarter for July-September 2021 & 100 Percent Membership Goals for 2021-2022



Family of the Month — January
SK Jim & Lady Joanne Voltaire



Knight of the Month — January
Brother Carl Cioci



Family of the Month — February
Brother Michael & Katie Gramke

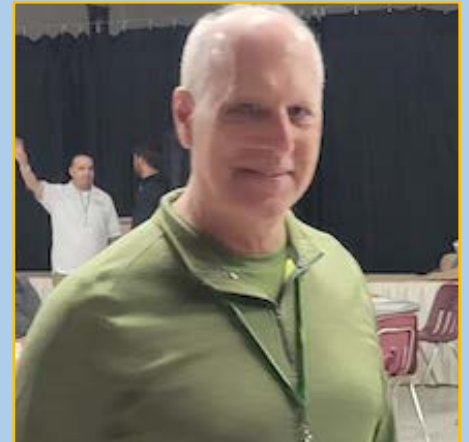


Knight of the Month — February
Brother Ray Carrasco



Christ Renews His Parish







2024 Area 6 Special Olympics Summer Games

SK Paul Kuracz

With a busy weekend of the Saint Patrick's Day Dance, Saint Patrick's Day Parade, and the men's Christ Renews His Parish retreat, Council 14573 was able to support the Summer Games at Holy Trinity Academy on March 16. Sir Knight Bobby Sullivan, Dan Brinkman, Bright Future's Volunteer Brady Melloh and myself attended the Area 6 games on a beautiful late winter day. Summer Games include track & field, tennis, soccer, basketball, and bocce. Dan supported basketball games and skills competition in the morning followed by an afternoon of helping us with bocce in the afternoon. Bobby, Brady and myself ran bocce court 7 throughout the day on the Holy Trinity softball field.

Brevard coaches Tony and Matt patiently walked through the rules of bocce, which are played on special courts made of PVC and inflatable tubing. Thankfully the coaches had the volunteers play a few rounds to help us comfortable with the organization of a match and its scoring. The game begins with a coin toss to determine which team starts the game and the color ball they want to use. The starting team has three tries to roll the small white ball called the "beyond the halfway point of the court. Each team tries to bowl their four bocce pallino" balls closest to the pallino. Scoring is based on the number of a team's balls nearest to the pallino until the other team's ball cancels the remaining balls. When a bocce ball hits or touches the pallino, everyone has to yell "bocce" that is loosely based on the Italian word for kiss. It was a pleasure working with the athletes. Some who caught a bus before 6:00am to compete. Each were cheerful and supportive of one another. All trying their best to gain a spot in the State Summer Games later this year.



Dan Brinkman looks on as a St. Lucie athlete Sean takes her turn to bowl



Basketball action between Brevard and St Lucie County – Courtesy Dan Brinkman



Along with two Knights from Holy Name of Jesus, SK Bobbie Sullivan, SK Paul Kuracz, and Brady Melloh



Couch Tony instructs SK Bobbie Sullivan and Bright Futures Volunteer Brady Melloh how to measure to the pallino



Friendly Greeting between two St. Lucie Athletes – Courtesy Dan Brinkman



Brady tries bocce for the first time in the practice games



Calling her shot! Bowler makes sure she knows where the pallino is while taking her shot!

Nathan shows his bowling style!



Three points for the Green Team





Wonderful Wednesday and Friday Fish Frys

We had 5 Wonderful Wednesday dinners during the winter sessions which brought in over \$2000. We finished our last Fish Fry on March 22. During Lent we served five Fish Frys (we did not count the St Patrick's Day Party — profits from this were calculated separately). Total profits for these five events was \$1,494.37. So between the winter Wonderful Wednesday and the Fish Frys, we brought in close to \$3,500! We have certainly made more in the past but this was far and above what we made in the fall. So our next big Wonderful Wednesday challenge will be to fill the very large shoes of SK Frank Conley as he moves out of the limelight of Wonderful Wednesday. More of this to come as we will need to make a decision on the Spring Wonderful Wednesdays and Summer BBQ events after Lent. We are in the process of discussing options to continue these programs. We certainly would prefer an overall project manager, so if you are interested in giving this a try, contact SK Frank Conley or Worthy GK Dave.





From the Ladies Auxiliary President

The Ladies Auxiliary did not have our Lady of the Month present to award her certificate so it will be done at the next meeting she is able to attend.

We had a very busy March!!!!

March 1st, 8th, 22nd Annual Lenten Fish Fries—so many of the Ladies assist in all areas. Preparation, setting up, serving, cleaning, selling tickets and handling the 50/50. Many thanks to all of you.

March 2nd Laps for Life-many thanks to Susan Blair and all who assisted in this event

March 2nd Corporate Communion

March 2nd and 3rd Red shirt weekend-food for Social Concerns.

March 2nd and 3rd Women's CRHP retreat March 16th and 17th Men's CRHP retreat-Thanks to all who kept these Women and Men in prayer and all who assisted in the preparation and serving of food and clean up. Many of us participated in the Candlelight Celebration.

March 3rd Life Chain-thanks to all who consistently attend.

March 4th -6th Parish Mission-wonderful Spiritual gifts to all who attended.

March 9th Pray for Life-thank you.

March 9th State Free Throw Competition=thanks to all who assisted in signing-in and judging.

March 15th St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance. I cannot say enough words to thank everyone who attended and helped. Everything from basket assembly, gathering of donated items, getting all the decorations, set up and meal prep on the 14th, set up and food prep on the 15th, collecting and selling tickets for the dance, baskets, 50/50, serving food, cleaning up, bartending—you know they say "it takes a village"—well for this it took a **Council and an Auxiliary!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Special thanks to our Lady Ginny Reeder and Lady Grace Bono!**

March 16th Special Olympics—grateful for all who could help.

March 16th St. Patrick's Day Parade-thank you for representing.

March 21st Power Rosary

March 21st Auxiliary Meeting

March 24th Daily Bread-thank you for being there.

My sincere thanks to EVERYONE who helped make MARCH GREAT!!!!

God bless you all, Jan

Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
President, Ladies Auxiliary
Save Lives!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Lent, Easter, and the Supreme Knight

We spend six weeks each year during Lent fasting, praying and almsgiving. We hope to unite our fasting and praying with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and praying in the desert, to focus on preparing both our inner and outer selves to celebrate the great Easter feast. We give alms to identify with that great sacrifice of God giving His only begotten Son. With Easter on March 31 this year, I hope this finds that you had a very blessed celebration of this central Christian feast! Easter certainly brings thoughts of newness and renewal. We hope our fasting, praying and almsgiving renews our closeness to God.

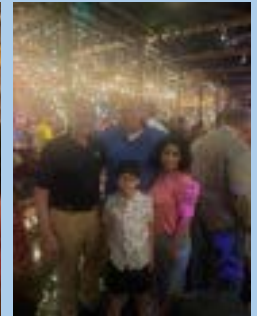
I had the pleasure of spending the week with our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his lovely wife Vanessa last week. I wanted to bring a couple of updates that we shared during the week:



1. As you may be aware, the Knights of Columbus has taken on various restoration projects in our history. The Knights of Columbus has been awarded and accepted the restoration project of the Baldacchino of St. Peter. The sculpture is over 400 years old and towers over the main altar at St. Peter's Basilica.

2. The long-awaited client portal is closer to its completion. Like you, I am excitedly anticipating the rollout of the portal for you to have access at your fingertips to your information. I will keep you updated, however anticipate the completion and rollout to be this year.

Spending a little time with our Supreme Knight in Phoenix, AZ:



Vivat Jesus!

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Knightline

On March 19 the Church celebrated the solemnity of St. Joseph, whose life of prayerful silence and unfailing devotion to the Holy Family is a model for all Knights. “Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” Pope Francis wrote in his 2020 apostolic letter Patris Corde. “The faith Christ taught us is what we see in St. Joseph. He did not look for shortcuts, but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.”



*A statue of the Holy Family stands beside San Francisco de Asis Church in Ranchos de Taos, N.M.
(Photo by Robert Alexander/Getty Images)*

[Read More Here](#)

St. Joseph's Eloquent Silence

The silence of St. Joseph provides a striking example of how to live in constant communion with God. In an essay for the latest Columbia, Father Boniface Hicks reflects on five movements of silence that “mirror our interior participation in the Mass. ... St. Joseph exemplifies each of these forms of silence — so much so that we might say he participated interiorly in an endless liturgy.”

Many more resources to help you grow in devotion to this great saint — including essays, documentaries and a prayer of consecration — can be found at kofc.org/stjoseph.



A Prayer in Spring

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.

- Robert Frost





How To Pray

“Contemplative prayer, in my opinion, is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us.”

St. Teresa of Avila

How to Pray: 6 Tips on Getting Started in Prayer



New to prayer or a seasoned prayer warrior? Learn new tips from the Hallow team on how you can deepen your prayer life, build a routine, and draw closer to God.

The Hallow app is an attempt to share these prayer techniques – the same ones that changed my life – with as many people as we can. We believe that prayer and meditation has the power to change the world. We believe that if we let Him, God will hallow – meaning “make holy” – our lives.

Alex Jones, CEO of Hallow

Types of Prayer

There are numerous types of prayers that enrich the Catholic spiritual tradition. The [Catechism](#) describes different types of prayers:

- Prayers of Adoration/Blessing (praising God simply for being God)
- Prayers of Intercession (asking for God to help someone else)
- Prayers of Petition (e.g., [Prayers for Strength](#), [Prayers for Healing](#), etc.)
- Prayers of Thanksgiving (giving thanks to God)

We, of course, have the [Lord's Prayer](#), given to us by Jesus in the Bible. It's one of the first prayers that Catholics learn and a prayer known universally by all Christians.

[Sacred music](#), like [Gregorian chants](#), can also be a form of prayer. Christian prayer can draw upon specific texts and prayers that vary by season, as in the [Liturgy of the Hours](#), or can be the recitation of or meditation on particular prayers, as with the [Rosary](#).

Prayer can be structured, like reflecting on daily Gospel readings with [Lectio Divina](#), or be more open-ended, like sitting in silence with God through [Christian meditation](#).

You might also consider praying with the [Examen](#) if you're struggling with getting started in prayer. Your guide will lead you to reflect about your day, and you can talk with God about the good and the not-so-good moments, just as you would with a friend.



🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

Recently Deceased

Deacon John Farrell

Brother Jim Ayers

Sue Williams — Sister of SK Bobby Sullivan

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

Refugees and others suffering from the Terrorist Attack in Israel, the invasion of Ukraine and loss of life in other war-torn areas

All those in need of prayers for health issues

WRA SK Gerry Grillo

SK Doug Blair

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK John Harter

SK Ralph Carestia

SK Joe "Giuseppe" Tocco

SK Robert Parker

SK John DeStefon

SK Wayne Hosburgh

SK David Humes

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Lady Kathy Ameigh

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Lady Janet Miller

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Ancil

Greg Lambert

SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco — immediately before the membership meeting in Our Ladies Chapel — 6PM. Contact Brothers Joe or SK Bobby Sullivan if you want to be a reader for one of the Power Rosaries.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

We are the Knights of Columbus

***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)***





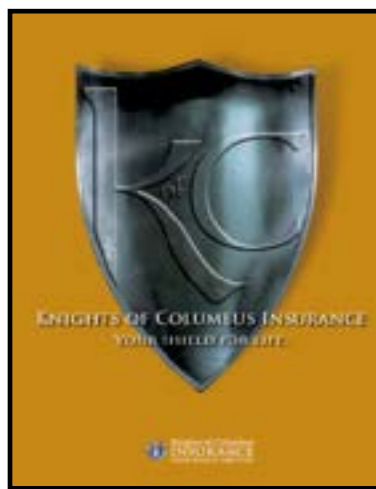
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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

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