



# Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



February 2025

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## From the Grand Knight



### Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

We have started the year strong with the usual monthly activities, the Council Free Throw Championship chaired by Mike Marzec and Bob Richmond, the American Wheelchair Mission fundraiser weekend, and the support to our Assembly with the Appreciation Dinner for Families of Deployed personnel. One of the administrative tasks that we have to take care of in January is the submission to the Supreme council of a survey of activity for the previous year. After tallying up the amount of volunteer hours and donations, I was amazed at finding out that in all of 2024 the council contributed over 13,000 volunteer hours and directly or indirectly contributed close to \$60,000 to causes related to charity, faith, family, and community.

Just a few days ago, due to the amazing generosity of Ascension parishioners, the American Wheelchair Mission fundraiser resulted in over \$5800 in donations, which is enough to fund about 39 wheelchairs! Thank you also to those who helped man the donation table during that weekend.

February will be busy with the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics chaired by Paul Kuracz. We thank Fr. John Bosco and Fr. Zach for offering to take the plunge for this great cause. Also, in February we will continue planning the 40 Days for Lent Pledges, the Friday Fish Dinners, and the St. Patrick's Day Party. Those events will be in March, but planning will be in February, as well as the start of ticket sales for the St Patrick's Day Party and the signups to help in all those activities. Also our Council will be hosting the Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon from Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> through Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we will have a Holy Hour service with the Icon on Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Then, Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 PM we will have our Corporate Communion Mass.

Emails and more information will be forthcoming as plans firm up. Please keep an eye also on the [Upcoming Events](#) Page of the website for details on the activities and also to sign up to help. Let's keep the momentum going!

**Vivat Jesus,**

**SK Jose Montes  
Grand Knight**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on February 20 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



## **Grand KnightRemarksContinued**

**Lent Fish Frys** – The First Friday in Lent is March 7th. This will be the start of our Annual Fish Frys. Fish dinners will be served on March 7, & 21 and April 4 & 11 in the Parish Hall from 4:30 until 7 PM. We will need volunteers in various functions. You can check the latest information — [here](#).



**Corporate Communion — Saturday, March 1, 4:30 Mass.** A Corporate Communion Mass is a special Mass for the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary and their families and friends. It is an opportunity to share the Eucharist together and it brings forth the principles of unity and fraternity. During this Mass, several liturgical roles are filled by Council and Ladies Auxiliary members. It is also an opportunity for the parish to learn about the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon and Holy Hour— Tuesday February 25th, 6:00 PM** During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be displayed. This reproduction of the original image bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program. Our Council will host the Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon at Ascension on display in the church from February 25th to March 3rd. The Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service on Tuesday, February 25th at 6 PM in the church. The [Prayer to the Sacred Heart](#) will be included in the Church bulletin and parishioners are encouraged to pray it during the week. The Icon will also be included in the March 1st 4:30 PM Mass processional.



**40 Cans for Lent.** The Knights of Columbus are challenging all parishioners to join them in their 40 CANS FOR LENT Annual food drive. The plan is simple: pledge, purchase and donate one can of food per day for the 40 days during the Lenten season starting Ash Wednesday and ending Good Friday. **Donations can be brought to Church or Social Concerns all at once or weekly. Put the cans in the baskets already designated for food collection.** Information will be

made available in the Parish Bulletin and we will have signup sheets available at each Coffee and Donuts during Lent as well as the Lenten Fish Frys. Food can be dropped off at the Church in Our Ladies Chapel or brought directly to Social Concerns during their operating hours — Monday-Friday, 9-11 AM. Our goal is to increase the donations given to our food pantry while living the Gospel value of feeding the hungry. To accept this challenge, sign up in the Donut Hall, or **text 321-252-8125, or email [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), or fill out the form below. To reach our goal of 10,000 cans, we need everyone's pledge.**



[Submit Your Pledge Online! 40 Cans for Lent - Pledge Form](#)



## Notes from the Grand Knight

**School Activities.** We have provided the school staff with a plan of activities for this school year. This plan was approved by the school principal Mrs Claudia Stokes. Below are the scheduled activities ahead that we will participate in:

- **Adopt a Family (Dec)** - The Knights provide an assistance check to two families during the Christmas season. Your administration selects the families based mostly on need.
- **Council Free Throw Challenge (Jan/Feb)** - participants shoot free throws. Top scorers in two age groups and boys and girls categories advance to District, Regional and State competitions.
- **Science Fair Judging (Jan/Feb)**, Knights provide a few judges for the annual Science Fair as requested by school staff.
- **MCC Scholarships (May)** - The Knights offer three scholarships to graduating 8th graders planning to attend MCC. Your administration selects the students.
- **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (May)** - Knights offered lunch for the teachers and staff in appreciation for another successful school year.

**Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com), and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click on the Prayer Requests image](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.

**Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marked the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at [rit3722@gmail.com](mailto:rit3722@gmail.com). Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to "K of C Council 14573" and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: "K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934"
2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council's website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).
3. Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.





## Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **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.
  - **Assembly Star Shirt.** This is something we are always on the lookout to find. We have them sourced from Bartman but they are pricy there. FN John found a new source for the shirt that is much cheaper. You can take a look at [Epic Sports here](#) to see the shirt.
    - If you do use this option, Joyce will be happy to put your name and Assembly emblem on the shirt for a small fee. The total cost will be the shirt and the embroidery from Joyce. To keep things simple for Joyce, please order your Star shirt from John and pay him up front.
  - **Bartman.** This too is always an option for Council and Assembly shirts. A little more expensive but you can order the shirt and get your name and Council or Assembly emblem on the shirt there — one stop. 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 Thrift Store.** The store continues to fall short in having enough volunteers to support all the hours necessary to bring in the revenue needed to support the Social Concerns Ministry and the Ascension Catholic School. The store is a key source of revenue for these ministries. If you can spare a few hours, please consider volunteering. The Thrift Store is also looking for a number two person to help out John Casco. You can contact the Thrift Store to [volunteer here](#).

### ASCENSION THRIFT STORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Below are QR code links to sign up to volunteer. Please consider joining this amazing group of people, for it is in giving that we receive. Feel free to pass this along to anyone who may be interested in helping out. Thank you for your time and consideration. May the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.



WEEKDAY VOLUNTEER



SATURDAY WAREHOUSE

**Ascension Thrift Shop is in need of  
TENTS AND SLEEPING BAGS**

Please bring donations to the  
Thrift Shop during hours of operation.

Thank you for your generosity.

For more information on volunteering,  
please call: 321-610-8742 or email:  
[info@AscensionThriftShop.com](mailto:info@AscensionThriftShop.com)





## Birthdays for February

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.

Richard Ceravolo	February, 1
John Kisiel	February, 3
Stephen Gerrish	February, 4
Roy Estes	February, 5
Lawrence Herring	February, 10
Michael Naughton	February, 11
James Chatman	February, 13
Patrick Cleveland	February, 13
Allen Allebach	February, 20
Heriberto Hernandez	February, 20
James Marriott	February, 20
George Provencher	February, 22
Chris De Marco	February, 23
Thomas Stauffacher	February, 24
Orlando Lopez	February, 27

[You can find the Ascension 14573 Monthly Newsletters  
on the Ascension Knights Council & Assembly Website](#)

[Click here to view the latest Activity List.](#)

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**Feb  
2025****COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573  
Council Email: [ascension14573@gmail.com](mailto:ascension14573@gmail.com)

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

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
		Polar Plunge Donations	SK P. Kuracz
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1345	Life Chain (Corner of Pineda and Wickham)	SK B. Sullivan
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	0815	Ascension School Science Fair Judging (Parish Hall)	SK D. AmRhein
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Polar Plunge Event (Beach North of Tides across from PSFB)	SK P. Kuracz
	1815	Chaplet of Divine Mercy (Knights Room – 312)	SK Ralph Carestia
	1900	Assembly Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WFN B. Quinn
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
	0900	District Free Throw Competition (MCC High School Gym)	SK M. Marzec
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Council Officer's Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	1815	Power Rosary (Ladies Auxiliary Room – 313)	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting (Knights Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	0900	Regional Free throw Competition (MCC High School Gym)	SK M. Marzec
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All Masses	Ministry Fair - Outreach and Evangelization Ministries, Membership Drive (Parish Hall)	WGK J. Montes
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1030	Council 14573 Daily Bread (815 E Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon and Holy Hour Service (Church)	SK R. Passarella
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Note 1)	WGK J. Montes

**LOOK AHEAD**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>	0900	Laps for Life (MCC High School Track)	SK J. Barfield
	1630	Council Corporate Communion Mass	WGK J. Montes
	1745	Council Social – Potluck Gathering (Knights Room and Ladies Auxiliary Room)	
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	0900	State Free Throw Competition (MCC High School Gym)	SK M Marzec
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup> & Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	1630	Lenten Friday Fish Fry Dinner (Parish Hall)	WGK J. Montes
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Men's CRHP	

\*\*\* Please provide input for the monthly council events to  
DGK Jose Cardet at: [mm123788@gmail.com](mailto:mm123788@gmail.com).

**Notes**

1. This event is held only if there are candidates ready to join the Council.

**Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:**

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)

**Activity Chairmen Phone Numbers:**

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SK Ric Robinson	321-501-6772
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SK Rey Sepulveda	321-255-3706
SK Bobby Sullivan	321-223-2473
SK R. Passarella	321-431-0982
SK R. Carestia	321-432-8439

Ladies Auxiliary President Becky Richard	412-779-9970
Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Lyn Becker	561-531-3173



+ THE 4TH DEGREE +



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SK Rob Light  
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**Faithful Pilot**  
SK Ralph Carestia  
(321) 432-8439

**Faithful Admiral**  
SK John Pechar  
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**Faithful Comptroller**  
SK Randy Lascody  
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**Faithful Purser**  
SK Elmer Rivera  
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**Faithful Scribe**  
SK Bob Richmond  
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**Faithful Inner Sentinel**  
SK Bobby Sullivan  
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**Faithful Outer Sentinel**  
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**Trustee (Three Year)**  
SK Rich Passarella  
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**Color Corps Commander**  
SK Eddy Merlet  
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## BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



### From the Faithful Navigator



#### Sir Knights

January was an eventful month for the Assembly, we had a Renewal Of Vows Ceremonial at St Joseph's Assembly hall and a very nice lunch afterwards. We also sponsored the Dinner for the families of Deployed PSFB military personnel. This was a successful event and all enjoyed the food and the activities. Well on to February, don't forget to get something special for your significant other for Valentine's Day. We have a St. Patrick Day celebration planned, don't forget to get your tickets for that.

**Class for New Officers.** Every Fraternal year we look for new Officers to fill each position. Some are easy to fill — but some of the key officer positions can be a challenge to fill each year. Could one of the problems be a lack of understanding of each position? We are looking into developing a class to help explain the requirements of each position. You can also find the descriptions and duties of each position in our By-Laws. Look for more on this soon.

That's all for now. I'll see you on the 6th, please join us at 6:30 for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Assembly meeting at 7:00. God Bless and stay safe.

Vivat Jesus

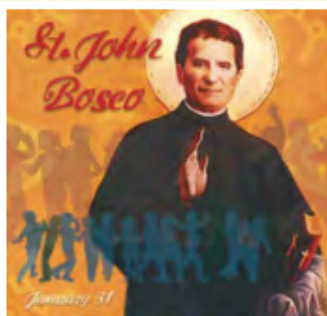
**SK Bill Quinn**  
**Faithful Navigator**

Next Assembly Meeting — March 6, 7 PM in the Knights Room  
Chaplet of the Devine Mercy Prior to the Meeting at 6:15



- **Assembly Dues** were due on January 1. Please pay your annual dues of \$25 at your earliest convenience. Followup notices will sent after the first of the year to all members who have not paid their dues — you can pay in person or through the mail. Dues are the main funding for the Assembly so please pay promptly.
- **Membership.** We need to continue our push for new members. So please talk to Council members when you see them and I encourage you all to personally contact at least one member of the Council and let them know they are welcome as members of the Fourth Degree.
  - One way to stand out is to wear your Assembly shirt to Mass — especially on the first weekend of the month. You may get asked about the shirt which will open the opportunity to bring in new members into not only the Assembly but also the Council.
  - We need to keep up the recruitment efforts and make our goal to bring in any and all members from the Council who want to move up to the Patriotic Degree. Spread the word that they are very much welcome into the ranks of the Assembly. It will be a very rewarding experience for them as we support the patriotic activities of the Knights. And let them know they do not need to join the Color Corps to be a member of the Assembly.
  - We have 6 new members this Fraternal Year so we only need one more to meet our goal of 7 new members.
  - You don't need to be part of the Color Corps to join the Patriotic Degree but we do need more members for our Color Corps. We support many activities in the local area — especially important are funerals for our departed members. We need to be there to honor them so the more members we have in the Color Corps, the easier it is to support these important ceremonies. Some activities do not need the Color Corps to be there — these can be supported by any Fourth Degree member.
- **Deployed Spouse Dinner.** This annual event was held on Tuesday, January 28 at the Patrick Space Base Chapel. This always requires a team effort from the Assembly, Council and Ladies Auxiliary — and we came through again this year. Thanks to all who were able to help!. A special thanks to Project Officer Ralph Carestia and SK John Pechar who spearheaded the food purchasing and the Ladies Auxiliary for providing games for the kids. This is an important event that we hold each year to support the families of troops deployed. A few pictures from the event can be found on page
- **Flag Retirement Ceremony.** We held a Flag Retirement Ceremony with the Ascension school on May 9. We plan to do this again in 2025 with the 7th and 8th grade students. Ascension School staff has been contacted to provide a date and we did hear back from Principle Claudia Stokes and she has asked if we could perform the ceremony on Friday, April 4, at 1:45. So we will put this date on the Assembly calendar. Most of the ceremony will be done inside to avoid problems with passing trains — possibly in the Parish Hall or School Cafetorium. The Flag Burning Ceremony will then be conducted at the Knights House.
- **Flags for Heros.** Planning for the Independence Day 2025 Flags for Heroes event will begin after the first of the year. We have also repurposed the stages stored in the Knights House to hold the flags in between events — each stage can store 250 flags. POC: John Pechar.
- **125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree** is coming up in 2025 on February 22 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish.
- **Renewal of Fourth Degree Vows Ceremony** was held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, 11 AM at St. Joseph parish. Thank you to all who were able to attend.





**January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Feast Day of**  
**St. John Bosco**  
**Patron Saint of Youth**

Friend of the destitute and teacher in the ways of God, your dedication to empowering the

needy and enlightening the ignorant inspires us still. Help us to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor's dream for justice can come true, and where God's compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for us as we bring our needs to you and to Our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians. Amen.

Let us pray today for our pastor, Fr. John Bosco, and give thanks to God for his priesthood and leadership of our Ascension Catholic Community.

**YOU ARE OUR FAVORITE FR. JOHN BOSCO!**



Learn more about Saint John Bosco — [here](#)



**SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025**

**29TH ANNUAL GOLDEN GALA**

**SEMI-FORMAL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT TECH UPGRADES AT  
ASCENSION CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Sponsorships & Tickets: <https://onecau.se/acsgala29>**



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT RON STURM,  
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## Spiritual Corner from SK Deacon Chris Meehan

The Church has instituted a new day in the church calendar. January 3 will mark the Holy Name of Jesus. The Most Holy Name of Jesus is now an optional memorial day in the church calendar. A day when the church officially honors and recognizes the Holy Name of Jesus. There is now a document in English that can be used and is available from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops — [you can download it here](#).

There are also some interesting Biblical verses that can be read about what is celebrated on this memorial day.



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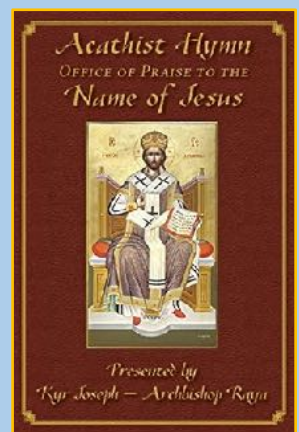
### Philippians — Chapter 2: 1-11 **Plea for Unity and Humility**

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

That reading reminds us how important it is for us to never use his name as a swear. Yet many of us, even among the clergy, fall victim to using His name inappropriately and we all need to strive to do better. We are all good men, good Knights, and we all care who Jesus is. But do we sometimes find ourselves using the name of Jesus as a way of swearing? If so, this is a new year and a great resolution would be to find a way not to use His name inappropriately.

Deacon Chris received this booklet recently and it offers yet another way for us to honor the Holy Name of Jesus.

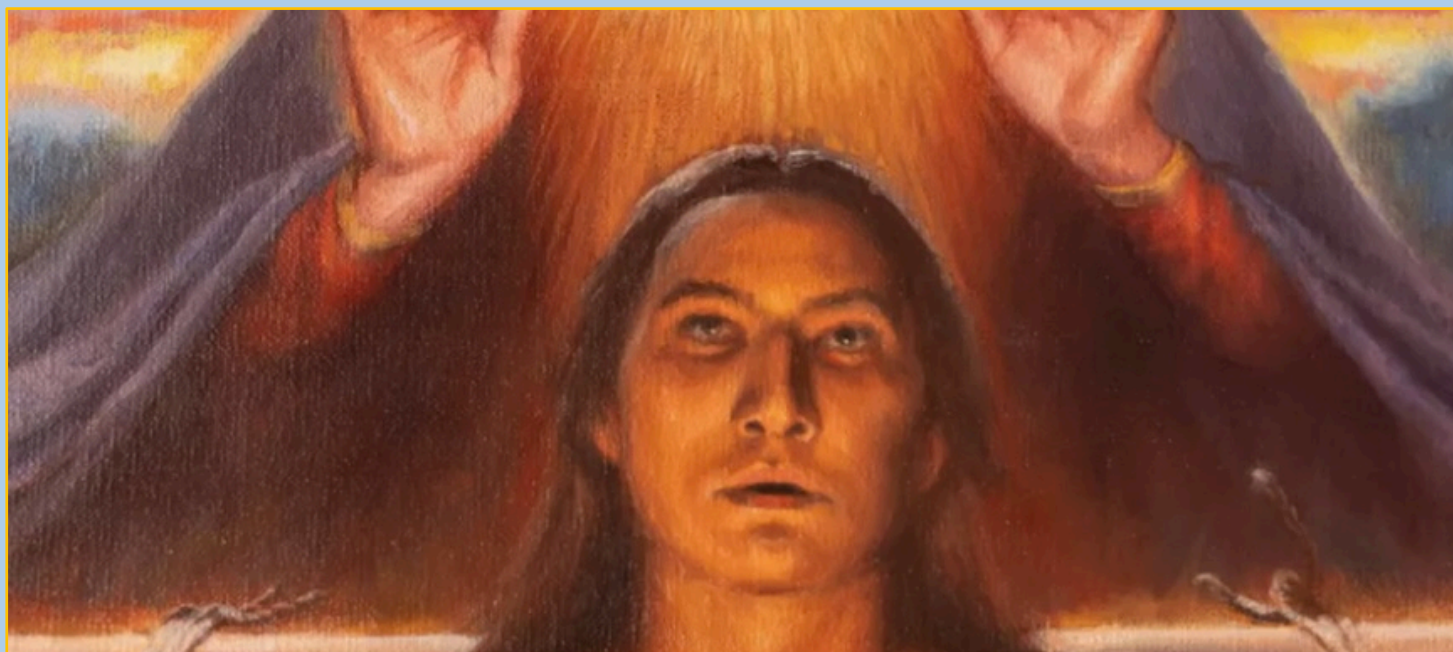
### **Acathist Hymn Office of Praise to the Name of Jesus**



The Acathist hymn to the Name of Jesus, prayed standing, was first composed in the ninth century. In this presentation in English by Archbishop Raya, he seeks to calm the inner motions of [the] body and free [the] soul to rise and soar and find what [the] heart sighs for. This prayer can be recited in a parish, or individually by those who seek a most intimate relation with the Lord Jesus. The Archbishop introduces the prayer with instructions for how to pray it.

One final way to honor the name of Jesus is if you hear someone around you use His name as a swear, kindly and gently let the person know that it hurts you to hear His name used that way. If they don't care, at least you tried and then the sin is on them as you made an effort to bring it to their attention. One more thing to do is to say to yourself or out loud— Blessed is the Name of Jesus.





## Martyrs of La Florida

Spreading devotion † Promoting their Beatification † Building a Shrine

Deacon Chris gave an interesting and very informative talk on [The Martyrs of La Florida Missions](#) at the January Assembly Meeting.

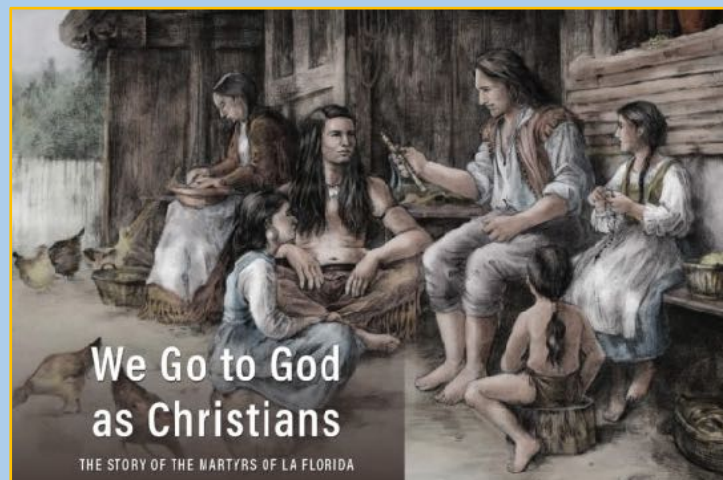
### **Martyrs of La Florida**

La Florida has martyrs! From 1549-1715 the historic lands of the Southeast once called La Florida have a glorious past blessed by the native people and missionaries who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Faith. Read the story [here](#).

**We Go to God as Christians**

[The Story of the Martyrs of La Florida](#)

Did you know that in the American Southeast between the sixteenth and eighteenth centuries, numerous Catholics, both Spanish and Native American, gave up their lives in witness to their faith in Christ? Most likely, this is new and surprising information. For various historical reasons, these martyrs' stories have been largely forgotten. But at the beginning of the twenty-first century, a group of laypeople resumed efforts to gather the history of those we now know as "the Martyrs of La Florida." Their goals: to make them known, to spread devotion to them, and to seek their beatification by the Church. Read the story [here](#).





## **2025 Men's Conference and Evening of Inspiration**

Registration is now open! Sign up today!

***Live4More Welcomes Dr. Italy!***  
***Marcellino D'Ambrosio***

### **Friday February 21 - Evening of Inspiration**

***Thriving Spiritually through a New Look at Lent***

***Men, Women & Families - Come be Inspired!***

7:00 to 8:30 PM - No Registration Needed - Doors Open at 6:30 PM.

### **Saturday February 22 - Men's Conference**

***The Joyful Adventure of Prayer & Discipleship***

***All Men Are Invited! - Come Experience the Brotherhood!***

7:30 AM to 12:15 PM - Please Register - Mass, Fellowship & More!

**Sign Up Today!**

**Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Community**

3050 North Highway A1A, Indialantic, Florida 32903

Sponsored in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus and Council of Catholic Women

Better known as “***Dr. Italy***”, **Marcellino D'Ambrosio** is a speaker, pilgrimage director and theology professor who brings to his writing and speaking a down-to-earth perspective, making it easy to understand and apply to everyday life. Author of the best-selling study *Jesus: The Way the Truth and the Life*, his latest project, filmed in Rome, is *What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith*.







## Around the Ascension Community



American Wheelchair Mission



Deployed Spouse Dinner

We had a fantastic response from the Ascension parishioners during this American Wheelchair Mission weekend. After all the weekend masses we had a total of \$5784.40 received in donations via cash, checks, and online (after fees). There were a few parishioners who indicated that they would be bringing their checks to the Church office during the next week, so we should wait a couple of weeks to finalize the results, but as it is now that amount would cover 38 wheelchairs!



Deployed Spouse Dinner



Highway Cleanup

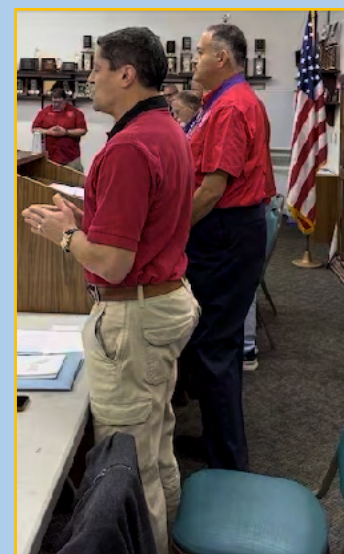


Daily Bread





## January Council Meeting



Knight of the Month  
December  
SK Bob Richmond







## Free Throw Championship

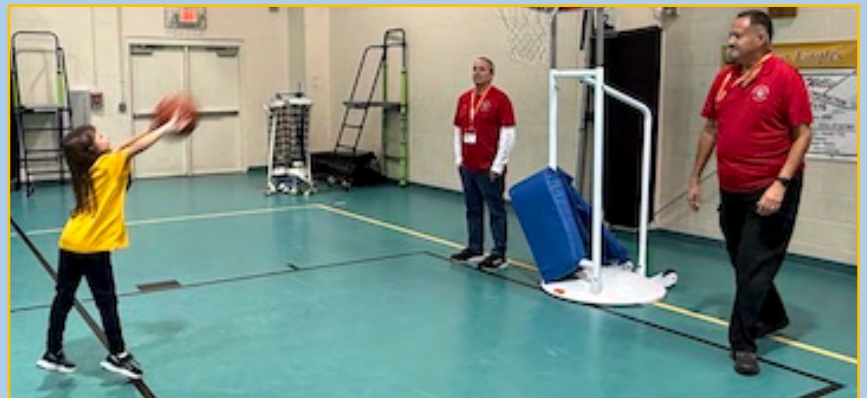
**Free Throw Competition.** The first event with the school for the new year is the Free Throw Competition. We usually like to pick a Monday and Tuesday in the same week a few weeks before the District Competition. This year that will be held at MCC on February 8. This year we spread the Council competition over two weeks. So with coordination from the school we held the local completion in the school gym Tuesday, January 21 and Monday, January 27. Monday and Tuesday allow the best opportunity to ensure all students get to participate in the free throw during PE class.

Winners for the local competition this year are:

Age	Name
9B	Brodie Willingham
10G	Keyla Linares
10B	Michael Falzarano
11G	Wavy Dutra
11B	Dalton White
12B	Ashton Franzen
13G	Molina Zizzo

Follow on competitions will be held at MCC.

- District — February 8
- Regional — February 22
- State — March 8







## Saint Patrick's Day Party

Council 14573 and the Ladies Auxiliary are hosting once again a St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 15th from 6PM to 10PM in the Parish Hall. The event, open to all parishioners, will include dinner with traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots, Irish Soda Bread, Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee. In addition there will be live entertainment, traditional Irish music, singing, dancing, gift basket raffle and fun! The event will feature once again performers from the Magennis Academy of Irish Dance. Admission is \$25 per person. Additional details are provided in the attached flyer and on the Council web site [here](#).

We could use some immediate help selling tickets before and after all the weekend masses starting with Saturday February 15th until Sunday March 9th. Please consider signing up to help for the mass you normally attend by selecting this [ticket-sales](#) link. Volunteers will spend approximately 10 minutes before mass and 20 minutes after mass at a table outside the main church entrance to sell tickets. Tickets can also be purchased online [starting now](#) for the same price via the Council [website](#). Tables are set up to seat a maximum of 8 people. Reservations for seating will be accepted only for parties of 8 (i.e. for a table) and are subject to availability. If someone purchases 8 tickets please ask for their name and contact information so we can attempt to reserve the table.



### St Patrick's Day Party!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday March 15th, 6 to 10 PM  
Ascension Parish Hall  
**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**



Join us for an evening with dinner, live entertainment, traditional Irish music, singing, dancing, gift basket raffle and fun! Featuring performers from the *Magennis Academy of Irish Dance*.



Dinner includes traditional Corn Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes & Carrots, Irish Soda Bread, Desserts, Iced Tea, Lemonade and Coffee

### Admission : \$25

Soft Drinks, Beer, Wine and Irish Coffee available for donations  
Please: No BYOB!

Tickets will be sold after Mass the weekends between Feb 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and Mar 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can also be purchased online now through Mar 10<sup>th</sup> by scanning the QR code or at [www.kofc14573.weebly.com/spd](http://www.kofc14573.weebly.com/spd).

**There will not be ticket sales at the door.**

*Proceeds go toward the KofC Council 14573 Benevolent Fund*







## From the Ladies Auxiliary



Happy February to one and all! I pray that your 2025 is off to a roaring start, and will be filled with many unexpected blessings as it unfolds.

The Ladies' Auxiliary did not meet in December, but that does not mean that there was not a lot going on! When our Knights are busy, our Ladies will be, also.

December held these events...

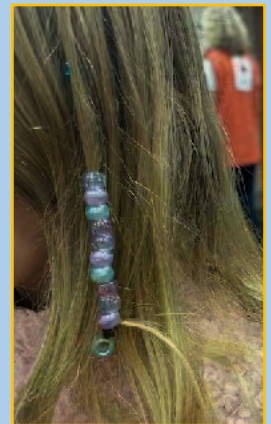
- \* State Soccer Challenge - co-chaired by Doug and Susan Blair. Thank you!
- \* Bible on Parade - with Christy Terneus co-chairing with Eddy Merlet. Thank you both, and all who represented Ascension in the parade!
- \* Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - Thank you to all of the judges!
- \* Christmas Party - Ginny Reeder co-chaired with Richard Becker. So fun, thank you to our Chairs and to all who helped out, and attended!

Our cold front in January didn't keep us down. Some of the events held this past month were...

- \* March for Life
- \* Global Wheelchair Mission
- \* Science Fair Judging
- \* Council's Free Throw Competition
- \* Dinner for Families of Deployed Personnel

Thank you to everyone who helped make these activities successful!

In January, some of our Ladies also served at the funeral reception for one of our members' relative, and others sang in the funeral choir. It was a blessing to help honor her loved one, and the family, in this way.



At our meeting in January, we had a New Year's Potluck and Gift Exchange. We are in the process of forming a Membership Continuity Committee, which will be reaching out to our members that we haven't seen in a while, to check in with them and let them know that they are missed. This will start forming at our February meeting.

In February, we look forward to the Polar Plunge, District Free Throw Competition, Ministry Fair, 40 Cans for Lent, Latin Dance, Regional Free Throw Competition, and Laps for Life, along with our Power Rosary and L.A. Meeting (on Feb. 20).

February looks to be another busy month for our Knights and Ladies, full of many different activities in which we can get involved. What a blessing!

Your Sister in Christ,  
Becky Richard  
President, Ladies' Auxiliary



We celebrated our “Lady of the Month” of January, Ginny Reeder! Ginny not only helped put on a fantastic Christmas Party that was enjoyed immensely by many, but she came forward right away, when planning began for our St. Patrick’s Day Party, to volunteer to take that on, also! Woo-hoo! Ginny, you are a Wonder Woman, and we appreciate all that you do! Thank you!

We also decided that, as we have not been meeting monthly, birthdays and anniversaries will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

In January we wished...  
...a “Happy Birthday!” to:

Karen Mitchell	Jan. 7
Cathy Pechar	Jan. 7
Christy Terneus	Jan. 17
Olga Kelly	Jan. 27

...a “Happy Anniversary!” to:

Christy (and Mike) Marzec	Jan. 2
Karen (to Chuck) Mitchell	Jan. 8
Penny (and Frank) Conley	Jan. 23

In February we will be saying “Happy Birthday!” to:

Juliet Van Dyck	Feb. 16
Jan O’Bryan-Wilson	Feb. 26

...and “Happy Anniversary!” to:

Kris (and Phil) Webster	Feb. 19
Janet (and John) Autio	Feb. 21
Maria (and Daniel) Johnson	Feb. 26

(If you had a birthday or anniversary in January or February, and did not see it listed here, please make sure that we have this information in our Membership Roster!)





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### Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance and financial services program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

Please remember to use my agent referral code for all eMembers. My referral code erases the 1<sup>st</sup> years' dues – my code is: JBARFIELD. Please go to [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join), check the box at the top "I have an agent referral code", and type JBARFIELD in the Agent Referral Code box.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

### Vivat Jesus!

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# 2025 Brevard Laps for Life



## *2025 BREVARD LAPS FOR LIFE*

We invite you to come and join us for this year's Laps for Life event. Please see the pertinent details below:

Who: Knights of Columbus Brevard Council's & MCC Students and Staff

What: Walkathon to raise funds in support of the KofC Ultrasound Initiative

Where: Melbourne Central Catholic High School Track

When: March 1, 2025 from 9am – 12pm

Why: To raise funds for the purchase of ultrasound machines/technology in support of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative

If you are unable to attend and/or participate, please consider going onto the website below to show your support by making a financial contribution. No contribution is too small!



QR Code:

Food and water is being provided during the event!

For more information, please contact John Barfield at (407)433-5421.

To participate or donate — visit [Laps for Life](#)





## PRAYERS FOR PRESIDENTS DAY



With this dependence on the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, we pray. We pray in solitude, with friends, and beside family or the church. We pray for our President; we pray for our country; and we pray for ourselves.

### 1. FATHER, GRANT OUR PRESIDENT A HUMBLE HEART (ROMANS 13:1).

We pray he would recognize that his authority has been instituted by you, that you are ultimately his ruler and authority, that there's no one like you in heaven or on earth. Humble our President before you, and may the work of his hands be the overflow of a humble heart.

### 2. MAY SALVATION COME TO HIS HOUSE (LUKE 19:9).

As the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost, be pleased to save the many lost souls who live and labor in the White House! We pray for conviction of sin, repentance by faith, and a grasping hold of Jesus Christ for salvation. We pray for the boldness of Christians whom you've placed there for such a time as this.

### 3. GRANT HIM WISDOM (PSALM 90:12).

May he recognize that you are from everlasting to everlasting, and how his days are fleeting in comparison. Through a strong sense of his weakness and your infinitude, power, and strength, give him a heart of wisdom and a mind able to discern what's best for our country.

### 4. PROTECT HIM FROM FOOLISHNESS (DEUTERONOMY 32:6).

Father, as our nature is to act foolishly and reject wisdom, we ask that you would protect our President from this. Surround him with advisors and counselors who will speak truthfully and soundly. Advance your wise plans through his cabinet, security council, and staff; guard them from folly, we pray.

### 5. EQUIP HIM TO EXERCISE YOUR JUSTICE (1 PETER 2:14).

As you send those in governing authority "to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good," may he do so according to the standards of your ways. Only you, God, are perfectly just; but we pray for an extension of your righteous justice through our President.

### 6. HELP US REMEMBER THAT OUR TRUE CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN (PHILIPPIANS 3:20).

Whether we feel anxious or prideful, worried or at ease, our desire is to root our identity in Jesus Christ and our eternity with him, not in the United States of America or in our President. Help us set our minds on things above and not neglect such a great salvation we have in Christ!

### 7. HUMBLE US TO SUBMIT TO OUR GOVERNING AUTHORITIES IN ANYWAY NOT DIRECTLY OPPOSED TO YOUR WILL (TITUS 3:1).

You are our ruler and rescuer, and we rest secure in you. May this security free us to humbly submit to our President and all the authorities operating under him inasmuch as they follow your ways. Give us wisdom to know what this submission looks like as we ultimately submit to you and your Word.

### 8. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMON GRACE AND EVERY GOOD GIFT (MATTHEW 5:45).

We know freedom, industry, jobs, healthcare, and a stable economy come at no small cost. Thank you for the men and women who've sacrificed to serve our President and country by protecting and leading us. Thank you for making your "sun rise on the evil and on the good, and [for sending] rain on the just and on the unjust." You show your goodness and kindness through these common, good gifts.

### 9. SHOW US HOW WE CAN CONTRIBUTE, SERVE, SPEAK, AND ACT IN A WAY THAT EXALTS CHRIST (COLOSSIANS 3:17).

We want to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to you, Father, through him. We want to use our gifts and opportunities to better our country and ultimately honor Jesus' name. May your Church be the hands and feet of Christ to our nation.

### 10. MAY OUR CONFIDENCE BE IN YOUR SON, NOT IN OUR COUNTRY OR PRESIDENT (PHILIPPIANS 3:3).

Our greatest delight, deepest satisfaction, and highest reward is to know Christ and draw near to you, Father, through him and by your Spirit. May we count everything as loss—a balanced budget, a thriving economy, peace, unity, and freedom—in order that we may gain Christ and be found in him. We want Jesus. We want to know and love him more.

We ask these things for our President and country, and for the sake of Christ our Lord. For it's in his name we pray. Amen.



## Videos of the Month







## Ascension Catholic School

**GREAT CEREAL  
BOX DOMINO  
CHALLENGE  
2025**







## 🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

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Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide  
Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide  
Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters  
All those suffering from terrorist attacks, invasions by foreign governments, and loss of life and oppression in all war-torn areas

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### **All those in need of prayers for health issues**

WRA SK Gerry Grillo  
SK Doug Blair  
SK John Miller  
SK Marc Worchel  
SK Werner Schulz  
SK Pat Martin  
SK Allen Allebach  
SK Nicholas Desimone  
Sir Knight Malachy McGuiness  
SK Geoff Schmits  
Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton  
Brother Richard Ceravolo  
Lady Phyllis Ceravolo  
Lady Kathy Harris  
Lady Lyn Becker  
Linda Reeves, wife of SK David Reeve  
Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo  
John Hemel Jr, son of SK John Hemel  
Genevieve Harris, granddaughter of Lady Kathy Harris and SK Jack Duggan

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

Michael Anctil  
Jonathan Amgott  
Gavin Foreman  
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 Bobby Sullivan and SK Ralph Carestia — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Bobby or Ralph if you want to lead one of the decades.

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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

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





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I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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We will NEVER request special favors, ask for your time, ask you to buy gift cards or make any such request via email or text, nor will any clergy or staff. PLEASE DELETE IMMEDIATELY AND DO NOT CLICK ANY LINKS. No matter how authentic it looks, it is a scam.