



Knights of Columbus

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July 2024

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From the Incoming Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

First of all I want to thank all the Knights and Ladies for your support as I became a new officer just a year ago serving as Deputy Grand Knight. Special thanks to our priests and deacons for supporting our Council and to the Ladies Auxiliary and the council officers and volunteers led by WGK Dave AmRhein for a fantastic year with record results in so many different areas. I have learned a lot about the hard work that is done by this Council, and I am humbled to be entrusted by you to serve in this new role.

We have over 200 members in this council. Some of us have more time than others, and life has many demands, many of which are commitments to family. Family is always first, but please also think about those days when you do have a chance to help and do it, even if it is just once or twice a year. When you really want to help, you find a way. There are so many programs, some happening monthly, and some spread throughout the year. Help cook a meal, collect food for the poor, serve at Daily Bread, stand for Life, serve coffee and donuts, be a science fair or an essay judge for the school, help with the school Soccer Challenge or the Free Throw Championship activities, and of special importance join us to pray the Rosary before the meetings or for Mass during corporate communions. We look forward to seeing all of you active, putting your faith into action, which is one of the reasons you joined this council.

Please check the Activities Sheet, the Council Google Calendar, or the Council's website for upcoming events. In addition to our recurring monthly activities like the life chain, collections of food for the poor, highway cleanup, and assigned Daily Bread shift, we have these activities happening soon:

- Our new Flags for Heroes program. Thank you to the volunteers who assembled and placed 104 US flags on the south side of campus, each honoring a hero in someone's life. Help will be needed to take down and storage the flags on Sunday July 7th after the 11:30 AM mass.
- Next we prepare to host the St Joseph's Pilgrim icon, July 23rd to the 29th, hoping to increase devotion to St. Joseph, who was entrusted to protect the Holy Family and help our Blessed Mother raise the child Jesus. St Joseph is a role model for fathers, husbands, and families.
- Stay tuned for events in August like our Fr. McGivney Membership drive, and the Parish Picnic in September.

Please pray for me, and for all officers that God guides our minds and decisions where He wants. We have heard that Unity is strength, that a group of people united is a powerful force, that each of us has unique gifts, and that the best way to serve our council, Church and community is to work together. That is why Unity is one of our principles. There is a great quote from Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta) that I think is appropriate for this purpose: **"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."**

Let's do our best to work together and to have a great year!

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Jose Montes
Incoming Grand Knight**



From the Outgoing Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

There were a couple of large events to close out the month of June. First, the Baby Bottle Campaign raised \$11,160 due to the abundant generosity of Ascension parishioners! 100% of these proceeds will be split 50/50 with Genesis House and New Life Mission to help mothers and babies. Thank you to SK John Autio for leading this program for another year and all who assisted John. Second, we had a very successful first year with the Flags for Heroes program. The final count was a total of 106 flags sponsored to honor heroes. Thank you to SK John Pechar for his passionate program leadership and to all Knights and Ladies who assisted. Thank you to Father John and Deacon Chris who meticulously blessed every single flag during the opening ceremony. I think their actions were very meaningful to the sponsors. If you haven't already done so, consider visiting the display area next to the Knight's House before it is taken down on July 7th. It is quite impressive.

As the fraternal year closes, I am very grateful for the support received during my tenure as Grand Knight. You brought your diverse talents and enthusiasm to complete a total of 31 programs during that period which supported our parish, school and community. It is estimated that during the year, you all contributed 11,720 hours of service and, with Ascension parishioners, contributed over \$34,000 financially. A listing of FY2023-24 charitable contributions can be found on the next page. Council 14573 and Ladies Auxiliary truly made an impact. THANK YOU for your participation to support these worthwhile causes.

I now look forward to supporting WGGK Jose Montes and the FY2024-25 Officers for another successful year.

Vivat Jesus,

**SK Dave AmRhein
Outgoing Grand Knight**

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on July 18 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313. Note change in time and location of Rosary to accommodate the church renovation and to allow more time so we can start our meeting at 7.

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



Council 14573 Donations for FY2023-24		Benevolent Fund Donations	Pass through Donations
<i>Faith Activities</i>			
RSVP Program	\$1,000		
Florida KofC Charities Apostles Fund	\$500		
MCC Scholarship in memory of Fr. Dan	\$500		
MCC Scholarship in memory of Anita Brady	\$500		
MCC Scholarship in memory of Fr. Tobin	\$500		
Clergy Recognition	\$900		
Bible on Parade	\$100		
Total FAITH Donations:	\$4,000		
<i>Family Activities</i>			
KCIC Poster Contest (\$25 awards to 5 age groups)	\$125		
Social Concerns (Food for Families Refund)			\$500
SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat	\$662		
Adopt a Family (2 families @ \$250 each)	\$250		
Total FAMILY Donations:	\$1,037		\$500
<i>Community Activities</i>			
Coats for Kids	\$1,034		
Maui Wildfires Disaster Relief			\$2,405
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	\$50		
Family Promise	\$250		
Global Wheelchair Mission			\$3,508
Military Deployed Spouse Appreciation Dinner	\$435		
South Vietnamese Veterans	\$500		
Melbourne Arch Angels Theater Group	\$250		
Total COMMUNITY Donations:	\$2,519		\$5,913
<i>Life Activities</i>			
Baby Bottle Replenishment	\$350		
Baby Bottle Campaign Signage	\$200		
New Life Mission and Genesis House	\$513		\$10,647
Special Olympics (Polar Plunge)			\$2,362
Special Olympics (Poker Tournaments)			\$5,945
Florida KofC Charities Helping Life Fund Donation	\$600		
Total LIFE Donations:	\$1,663		\$18,954
Totals	\$9,219		\$25,367
Grand Total			\$34,586



Notes from the Grand Knight

Baby Bottle Campaign. – John Autio

This year, the campaign began on the weekend after Mothers Day weekend — May 18 and 19. The baby bottles were given out to Parishioners on that weekend — they were collected on the weekend of Fathers Day — June 15 and 16. Donations will be split 50/50 with [Genesis House](#) and [New Life Mission](#). POC: SK John Autio



- The campaign was a huge success this year. We really worked hard to get the word out through better advertising, better and more informative signs and our efforts truly did work.
- Totals for this year — \$11,160!
- SK John thanked all the Knights and Ladies for all their hard work in supporting the campaign. We could not have done this without a team effort!
- You can still [Donate Online](#) here.

• Wonderful Wednesdays – Need Volunteers!

- 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. We are in the process of discussing options to continue these programs. We had looked into possibly having the summer BBQ series of dinners but we decided we did not have the volunteers necessary to carry that out. This was compounded by the upcoming renovation of the church which will limit the availability of the Parish Hall.
- We are still discussing continuing the weekly meals at the School Cafatorium via committee by divvying up Frank's tasks to several volunteers. [The attached document](#) lists the many tasks Frank performed organized into three committee roles - Administrator, Inventory Manager and Meal Coordinator.
- We will continue to seek volunteers to fill these committee positions to continue Wonderful Wednesday and Lenten Fish Dinners for the parish. A committee approach distributes responsibilities to several volunteers which reduces time commitments for each. Accordingly, three committee roles have been defined: Administrator, Inventory Manager and Meal Coordinator. The concept is to have two Administrators (co-leaders), two Inventory Managers (co-leaders) and several (5 or 6) Meal Coordinators. Each Meal Coordinator will be responsible for one or two meals during each "dinner season". Dinner seasons are Fall, Winter, Lenten, Spring and Summer.
- But we need volunteers for these positions. So we will continue to look for volunteers to serve in each of these roles. Ideally we would have two Administrators, two Inventory Managers and six Meal Coordinators. With this team, no one person has to make a commitment for weekly participation.
- If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please send an e-mail to ascension14573@gmail.com or call/text WGK Dave at 321-591-6697.
- So for now we have tabled the program and will look at it again in the Fall to see if it is possible to have Wonderful Wednesday in the school cafatorium starting on September 11. But we need those volunteers!

Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **Prayer Requests** — Prayer requests can be sent via email to 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 marks 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. 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](#).



- 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.
- **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](#)
- **Saint Jospheh Icon.** As in years past, we will be taking possession of the Saint Jospheh Icon and hold it for one week — July 23-29. SK Rich Passarella will be point Knight for this and will be assisted by Brother Brian Ellerhorse — thanks Brother Brian for stepping up to help Brother Rich!
 - This year we are presented with a complication with the upcoming Renew the House of the Lord project where the church will be closed starting on July 8. So the Icon will be displayed in the Parish Hall. We expect to do the same as in years past with a rosary service, procession during Mass and display at the alter during all Masses that weekend.



Birthdays for July

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.

Adan Caraballo	2
Nicholas Desimone	3
James Hustoles	5
Robert Brown	6
Nicholas Cavano	7
Grant Haas	8
David Reeve	8
Donald Tucciarone	8
Joseph Martin	9
Jeffrey Fleis	10
Christopher Meehan	11
Chris O'connell	11
Richard Wilson	12
Ronald Sturm	13
Steven Audino	15
William Daprano	15
Peter Griffith	15
Steven Thomas	16
Francis Reid	17
Fr. John Bosco Maison	18
David AmRhein	20
Jereme Wyrick	23
Brian Groppe	24
George Kralicek	25
Matthew Maurer	25
Edward Coleman	29
Isaac Dominguez	29
John Duggan	29
Lacy Beanblossom	30



July Activity Calendar

**July
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
Thu 4 th	0930	4 th of July Parade (1601 Oak St, Melbourne)	SK E. Merlet
Fri 5 th	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascoody
	1800	Assembly Officer's Installation (Joescher Center 411)	WFN J. Pechar
Sat 6 th / Sun 7 th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt Flags for Heroes Takedown and Storage (Knight's House)	SK J. Kelly
Sun 7 th	1300	Life Chain (Corner of Wickham Rd & Pineola Causeway)	WFN J. Pechar
	1345- 1500		SK B. Sullivan
Thu 11 th	1800	Council's Officers Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WGK J. Montes
	1930	Assembly Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WFN B. Quinn
Sat 13 th	0715	Pray for Life (in Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Doux)	SK R. Sepulveda
Tue 16 th	1500	Roundtable with Fr. John Bosco (Church Office)	WGK J. Montes WFN B. Quinn LA Pres. Becky Richard
Thu 18 th	1815	Power Rosary Ladies Aux Rm-312, Ministry Bldg.	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WGK J. Montes
Tue 23 rd	1800	St. Joseph Icon Prayer Service Church (Parish Hall)	SK R. Passarella
Thu 25 th	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Knights Room 312)	WGK J. Montes

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sun 29 th	1030	Daily Bread (515 F Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Aug 22 nd	1815	Power Rosary Ladies Aux Rm-312, Ministry Bldg	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WGK J. Montes
Sep 22 nd	1200	Parish Picnic	SK K. Raynor

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

Notes:

- The 4th of July parade will start at Liberty Bell Museum (1601 Oak Street), proceeding South on Hickory, turning East onto New Haven through downtown Melbourne. Ends: Intersection of Municipal & New Haven. All councils, assemblies and families are invited, and dress is casual.
- In July and August the Power Rosary will start at 6:15 PM and will be in the Ladies Auxiliary Room 313 since the Lady's Chapel is not available for use.
- The August Power Rosary and Council meeting were moved from the 15th to the 22nd since the 15th is the Feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)
Aug 15th - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sep 28th - 29th - Men's CRHP Retreat

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

[Click here](#) to subscribe to the Council and Assembly Calendar. Calendar.

St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon at Ascension

Spread devotion to St. Joseph and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. Our Council will host the Pilgrim Icon of St. Joseph at Ascension on display in the church from July 23rd to the 29th.

The Icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6 PM in the church (Parish Hall).

All are invited to join the Knights and pray to St. Joseph and to pray the Joyful Mysteries of Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the morning Masses that week, parishioners are encouraged to pray St. Joseph's prayer. Prayer cards will be available. The Icon will also be included in the Mass processions July 27th and





✦ THE 4TH DEGREE ✦



✦ PATRIOTISM ✦

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BISHOP NORBERT M. DORSEY CP ASSEMBLY #3482



From the Incoming Faithful Navigator



I'm humbled stepping into the FN position. I realize I'm attempting to fill some very large shoes of our Past FN's and especially our most recent Past FN.

This position, I realize, will require perseverance and dedication to accomplish another stellar year for the Assembly. With your assistance I am ready for the challenge. I feel I have the support of a totally professional and competent Board of Officer's and a capable, active membership. This year will require us all to pull together and strive for excellence in the future goals and endeavors of this Assembly.

In short, I will need all the help I can get. Here's to a very successful year 24/25 to all of us. See you at the meeting's.

Vivat Jesus

SK Bill Quinn Incoming Faithful Navigator

With the Tenth Assembly Anniversary behind us it is time to start our journey on a new Fraternal year, but did you know our Assembly has a link to the past — on June 6? This day we observe Saint Norbert. Many may not have heard about Saint Norbert or what he did during his earthly life — but he is part of our legacy in the Assembly as our namesake is [Bishop Norbert Dorsey](#) — Bishop of Orlando from 1990-2004.

• So who was Saint Norbert?

Born at Xanten on the left bank of the Rhine, near Wesel, c. 1080, Norbert allowed himself to be so carried away by pleasure that nothing short of a miracle of grace could make him lead the life of an earnest cleric. One day, while riding to Vreden, a village near Xanten, he was overtaken by a storm. A thunderbolt fell at his horse's feet; the frightened animal threw its rider, and for nearly an hour he lay like one dead. Thus humbled, Norbert became a sincere penitent. Renouncing his appointment at Court, he retired to Xanten to lead a life of penance.

• You can get the full story of [Saint Norbert here](#).

• Reflection on Saint Norbert

O God, who did make of Blessed Norbert, Thy Confessor and Bishop, an excellent preacher of the Word, and by his means did enrich Thy Church with new offspring, grant, we beseech Thee, that through his intercession we may put into practice, by Thy grace, what he taught us, both in word and work. Awake, O Lord, in Thy Church the Spirit by Whom St. Norbert, Thy Confessor and Bishop was guided, in order that, filled with the same spirit, we may love what he loved and live as he taught us. O Lord, grant to us Thy servant's constancy in Thy faith and service, that, rooted in Divine charity, we may not be conquered by any temptation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen



From the Outgoing Faithful Navigator



As outgoing Faithful Navigator I would like to thank all my Sir Knights, members of the Ladies Auxiliary under the leadership of Madam President Jan O'Brien-Wilson, Grand Knight David AmRhein, Deputy Grand Knight Jose Montes, SK Rich Passarella, Rev John Bosco Maison, our Deacons, the office staff of Ascension Catholic and my wife Cathy, editor in chief and my compass who keeps me pointed in the right direction. A special thank you to Scribe SK Bob Richmond who makes our newsletter the quality publication it is.

Every month our dedicated members of the Color Corp in Regalia under the leadership of Color Corp Commander Eddy Merlet attended the following events this June including their participation in the 10 yr. anniversary procession on June 8.

June 1st In procession for the Funeral Mass of SK David Humes at Ascension Catholic Church. Participating were SK's Eddy Merlet, Jim Chatman, John Miller, Joe Ameigh, Robert Light, Ralph Carestia, Edward Berry, Elmer Rivera, Bill Quinn, Rick Robinson, Phillip Webster and 6 additional Knights from Holy Name of Jesus, St Joseph and Our Lady of Lourdes.

June 2nd Corpus Christi procession at Holy Name of Jesus with the following members. SK's Eddy Merlet, John Miller, Ralph Carestia and Elmer Rivera.

On Flag Day June 14th the American Heritage Girls Troop FL 3122 participated in our final Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Flag Retirement area located at the Knights House on the grounds of Ascension Catholic Parish.

AHG Unit leaders Elizabeth Felderhoff and Martha Cahalan can be proud of how well prepared the girls were reading their parts of the Retirement Script ceremony. Prior to the ceremony the girls practiced folding the damaged and worn flags collected at the parish earlier this month. The flags they fold will be transported to Beach Funeral Home to be placed with deceased veterans.

The future leaders sharing Christian values for girls is fortified through participation in patriotic events to fulfill the mission statement of the American Heritage Girls.

Vivat Jesus

SK John Pechar
Outgoing Faithful Navigator
Assembly 3482

BUILDING WOMEN OF INTEGRITY

American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5 to 18 years of age. AHG is dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.



Assembly 3482 Ten Year Anniversary Dinner — June 8

Congratulations to our Assembly as we celebrated its date of establishment June 6, 2014. On June 8 2024, we commemorated this event after many hours of hard work by PFN Rich Passarella creating this special celebratory recognition of the founding of our Assembly. The evening started with a Corporate Communion mass at the 4:30 presided by Rev John Bosco Maison beginning with Florida State Master John J O'Toole and Color Corp Commander leading the procession before and after the mass with the following Sir Knights, Jim Chatman, John Miller, Rich Passarella, Joe Ameigh, Robert Light, Ralph Carestia, Elmer Rivera, Edward Barry, Robert Parker, Phillip Webster and Rick Robinson.

Following the mass everyone assembled in the parish hall for the celebration. After welcoming remarks by MC of the event SK Rich Passarella I introduced the names of special dignitaries attending.

SK Father John Bosco Maison, Faithful Friar, Chaplain, and Pastor of Ascension

SK Father Zack Parker, Ascension Parochial Vicar

Father Jerome Dillon

SK Deacon Sergio and Mrs. Elsie Colon

SK Deacon Tom and Mrs. Cathy Stauffacher, Faithful Spiritual Advisor

SK Deacon Bill and Mrs. Christy Terneus

SK Deacon Chris and Mrs. Pat Meehan, Faithful Historian

Brother Deacon Ralph and Mrs. Joy Turingan

SK John O'Toole, Master Florida State Assembly

SK Doug and Mrs. Susan Blair, Florida State Youth Director

SK Gerald and Mrs. Sherry Grillo, Regional Administrator Region 3

SK Pat Farelly and Mrs. Nancy LeFave, District Deputy (District 30)

SK Jules Moquin, Past District Deputy

SK Dave and Mrs. Kathy AmRhein, Grand Knight Ascension Council 14573

SK Jose and Mrs. Becky Montes, Grand Knight Elect

SK Bill Quinn, Faithful Navigator Elect Assembly 3482

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson, President Ladies Auxiliary

SK Eddy Merlet, Color Corps Commander Ascension

SK Jim Kieffer, Color Corps Commander Holy Name Jesus

SK Ron Hoenig, Color Corps Commander St Joseph's

Like to Recognize some Special Ladies this evening:

Mrs. Gerry Hemel, wife Past State Deputy SK John Hemel

Mrs. Terry Tsark, wife of SK Paul Tsark

Mrs. Karen Mitchell, wife SK Chuck Mitchell

And Past Grand Knights

Past Faithful Navigators

Past Color Corps Commanders

Irene Hallquist, Madame President Ascension Council of Catholic Women and her ladies for providing the beautiful decorations, table settings and serving all of us our dinner.



In all over 110 guests enjoyed the Italian cuisine by Genna Pizza and served by the ladies of the Ascension council of catholic women who also arranged all the decorations for us. After dinner a video celebrating the 10-year history, created by SK Jose Montes, played for everyone's enjoyment as Jose took us back to many fond memories of our inception.



Assembly 3482 Ten Year Anniversary Dinner — June 8



[Watch Video](#)





Flag Retirement Ceremony with Heritage Girls — June 18







Flags for Heroes

After many meetings with Flags for Heroes committee members, SK Dave AmRhein, SK Jose Montes, SK Adan Caraballo, SK Randy Lascody, SK Bobby Sullivan, Brother Phil Mathey and guidance from the Flag for Heroes organization we were able to successfully create our own version of this nationwide program.

A sponsorship drive on the weekends of June 1-2 & 8-9, resulted in a grand total of 105 sponsored heroes. During the 4th of July week starting on June 30 with an opening ceremony at 2pm.

105 American flags will be on display at the Knights House for 1 week ending July 7.

There was a lot to accomplish over a three-week period in June to have everything in place for the June 30th opening ceremony. Site preparations started on Saturday June 15th with marking of 104 flags and 23 fence posts using a diagram designed by GN Dave AmRhein and with DGN Jose Montes' experience in laying out where all the marks needed to be. A dedicated group spent the better part of 4 hours marking the locations. With the help from Jack Dugan, John Miller, Joe Ameigh, Carl Cioci and Phil Mathey everything needed was accomplished. Oh, and yes it was hot that day.

The next Saturday June 22 was spent assembling 104 flags to be installed. We were fortunate to be able to reserve the Buescher center, which is air conditioned. Thanks to everyone who participated, we were able to get them all assembled and transported to the Knights house in under 4 hours. This was accomplished with the help of a great group of volunteers, Paul Kuracz, Jack Dugan, Dave AmRhein, Bobby Sullivan, Eddy Merlet, Carl Cioci, Phil Mathey, Jose Montes, John Autio, Joe Ameigh, Malachy McGuinness, Allen Alllebach, Kurt Friend and my wife Cathy.

On the final Saturday before the ceremony all the flag holders, fencing and lighting were installed. Everyone gave their all to get it accomplished. Once again, a great team showed up in the Florida heat to get everything done. Thanks, Jack Dugan, Adan Caraballo, Eddy Merlet, Carl Cioci, Bobby Sullivan, Malachy McGuinness, Rex Gibson, Randy Lascody, Dave AmRhein, Paul Kuracz, John Autio, Jose Montes, Rick Robinson and Richard Wilson.

The "Flags for Heroes" ceremony began on June 30th at 2pm with the introductions of dignitaries Yvonne Minus, Vice Mayor of Melbourne and Will Goodin from Senator Debbie Mayfield's office, our representative in the Florida State Senate. Color Corp Commander Eddy Merlet with Honor Guard member SK Elmer Rivera posted the colors while those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance. An audience of over 70 were in attendance to hear about what this program was all about. They listened to presentations on "The Flag" By Faithful Navigator John Pechar and "Who is your Hero" by Grand Knight Dave AmRhein.

Father John Bosco Maison and Deacon Chris Meehan visited each of the 105 flags offering a prayer and blessing each with holy water.

Afterwards sponsors visited the field of flags searching for that hero, they sponsored. Visitors also toured the display to see some of the heroes on each flag. I could see the emotional impact they felt standing next to their flag, their hero. The flags will be on display until July 7 for anyone who would like to visit the display.





Flags for Heroes







Council Officer Installation Ceremony — June 29





Spiritual Reflection from SK Deacon Tom Stauffacher

First off, a question — how many of you know about a person from the Gospel — Dives. No — well maybe you know of another character from the same parable — Lazarus. Dives is unnamed in the parable but this name is used elsewhere as the rich man from this parable. I use these passages from the Bible during my talks as they often apply to us as Knights. And how that scripture applies to us in this case is a warning from Christ. A warning to be able to see beyond ourselves. Dives is a very rich man and he walked right by Lazarus laying on that doorstep. He was oblivious to him lying there. So let's look at those of us who are married — is it possible or even likely that we have been called by our spouse as being oblivious? I'm sure the answer is yes for many of us. And that's the problem of Dives — he was oblivious. And that's a big problem — for him — and for us. And this reminds me of some of the things I read through my work at FIT — reading resumes. So filled with all that the person has done — how great they are — they did this, they did that. So wait a minute — is that really how you feel about yourself? You say how great you are but what exactly is your value added?



Working at Daily Bread I was talking to one of the other workers there and asked her if anyone told her what a good job she was doing. Her value added. And that made me think of this Gospel — I told her she did a really good job. She thanked me and said no one had told her that before — and she added that I too did a really good job cutting up the cauliflower.

That is what we do as Knights. Our value added. How many people did we help? What is the substance of that work? Is it without condition? The point is that our faith is a journey. How we serve those in need. Their need — not our need.

We are all going to die eventually — most of us have lived a pretty long life so far but eventually that life here on earth will come to an end and we will look into the face of God and he will ask us — "What did you do as a Knight?" What did you do without condition? What was the center of your faith journey? And if these questions are asked of a Knight, they will know the answer.

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

(Luke 16:19-31)

"There was a rich man* who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day.

And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores.

When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld,* where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.

And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.'

Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'

Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.'

He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house,

for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.'

But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.'

He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"



SK Deacon Chris Meehan

Eightieth Anniversary of D-Day

The [80th Anniversary of D-Day](#) was June 6. There are still veterans that are alive today who participated in D-Day and some of them are still able to participate in ceremonies in France commemorating this historic event — in their 90s and some over 100.

Here is some information on D-Day that may not be familiar to everyone.

This was a very difficult time in Europe fighting the Nazi regime. We had a Russian front but there was no Western front so the Nazis pretty much had free rein in Europe. There needed to be a new plan put into action. Never in history had so great a mission begun under such unusual circumstances. On March 23, 1943, [British Lieutenant General Frederick E. Morgan](#) accepted the position of Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander (COSSAC). Morgan's orders: nothing less than planning the invasion of western Europe.



The ports in Europe were so well defended, there was no way that an attack via any port would work. So there needed to be another option. The BBC elicited the support of their listeners to send them any postcards they had that showed the coastal areas of Europe. British intelligence could then use these postcards as reconnaissance tools to map out the entire coastline of western Europe. And with these postcards they were able to determine possible landing spots along the European coast. They were able to pick 5 possible landing sites — codenamed from east to west: Sword, Juno, Gold, Omaha and Utah. The casualties on each beach landing was different depending on what assault force was involved. The bloodiest beach turned out to be Omaha with over 4,000 casualties — 90 percent loss during the first landing. In contrast, Gold beach suffered a 20 percent loss. The fighting during these assaults was considered as bloody as the fighting in trenches during WWI.

Something else interesting to consider is how many people it took to carry out this operation — over 2 million troops from 12 countries. So how could they possibly keep an operation like this secret? First some basic security methods — in September 1943 every serviceman granted access to Top Secret material would be issued an ID card stamped with “BIGOT.” in hopes that the card would stay hidden and not brought out in public. Next was a pub test. Sure, servicemen would want to go out for a drink especially if they knew they would be deployed soon. So how to see if any of those secrets would be spilled after a few drinks in the pubs? Send out 30 of the most attractive members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Corps to the pubs to mingle with the boys and see what they had to say. Well the outcome was quite unexpected — not one of the servicemen disclosed any secret information — pretty amazing.

So the next problem was how to keep the Germans from discovering this huge operation with their reconnaissance operations. So what they decided to do was create a fake army — and use this to convince the Germans that the invasion was going to take place in Calais. So they created a hoax army including troop dummies that parachuted in, and fake inflatable tanks and other large equipment. They then leaked fake information that would support this fake invasion at Calais. This effort was so successful that the Germans were still convinced after D-Day that there would be a second invasion at Calais so they kept a large presence there to hold off any future invasion.

We also had another secret weapon in the form of a [Spanish born double-agent code-named Garbo](#). He was able to pass fake information directly to the Germans so they would over-estimate how many troops were going to invade from this fake location. Due to his efforts, the Germans held back seven divisions in anticipation of an invasion at Calais.



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Eightieth Anniversary of D-Day

(Continued)

As for the invasion, weather was of course an important part of any mission planning. The timing of the landing had to be perfect and was linked directly to the tides. If the tide was out, the landing craft would have to deploy troops too far out and that would make them easy targets for the Germans. If the tide was in, the landing craft would have a difficult time making multiple trips as they would be too far in on the beach. They really needed a full moon and the tide to be half way at dawn. There were not many days that would allow this to happen. One day that would work was June 5 but weather was moving in on that day so they decided to postpone the invasion by one day — June 6, 1944.

There was a break in the weather so the invasion was set to begin at 5:30AM. First heavy artillery directed at the shore from ships about 10 miles off shore. After the shelling was completed, they sent in the first wave of troops. As stated before, Omaha Beach was especially bloody, especially for the servicemen from the small town of Bedford, VA. There is a huge monument in the town dedicated to those men who lost their lives on Omaha Beach that day. By nightfall they were able to secure the beach and bring equipment onshore.

General Erwin Eugen Rommel was Field Marshall for that area and he was so convinced that the weather would prevent any invasion that he went back to Germany that day. Adolph Hitler was actually asleep when the invasion started. His staff was so afraid to wake him that early that they waited until later in the morning to wake him. Because he was asleep, they were unable to order reinforcement so they had to make due with the troops who were already there. When he did wake up around 10AM, he was still convinced that Germany would prevail so he did not order any additional troops to the area.

And finally one last point — who would be there to attend to the dead? Well there were Catholic chaplains assigned to the Normandy invasion but one in particular stands out — [Father Francis Sampson](#) — one of the few who lived to tell his story. He was serving as a parish priest in Iowa (and of course who have our own link to this story — our very own newly ordained Father Greg Lambert). Father Sampson decided to join the war effort and signed up for the Army airborne. Father Sampson unfortunately did not realize at the time that even chaplains were expected to jump out of perfectly good aircraft. So he parachuted into Normandy on June 6 and went to a nearby farmhouse where the injured allied troops were being treated. He stayed with the injured troops even though the area was about to be overrun by Germany troops — and he was captured and set to be executed the following day. But a lucky break for Father Sampson was a German NCO who was Catholic and convinced his superiors not to execute Father Sampson,

Meanwhile, several miles away, another paratrooper Frederick Niland was forced to jump early when his plane was hit by enemy fire. He ended up meeting Father Sampson and told him he was looking for the grave of his brother who was killed. Later he learned that yet another brother had been killed in the invasion. So 2 out of 3 brothers killed. Father Sampson was instrumental in getting the Army to send Fredrick home since he lost his two other brothers and he was the surviving son — and of course this brings us to what we all know as the movie *Saving Private Ryan* which was loosely based on this story,

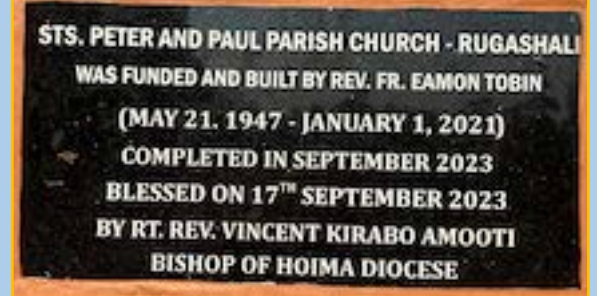
After the war, Fr. Sampson remained in the service. In 1967, he was appointed Chief of Chaplains of the Army, with the rank of major general. Upon retiring, Father Sampson served as president of the USO from 1971 to 1974, and from 1983 to 1987 was assistant to the president of Notre Dame as Director of ROTC. He succumbed to cancer and died in January 1996 at the age of 83 and was laid to rest under a stone that read: *Lord, make me an instrument of your peace* — and that is what we should always be about.

[Why D-Day Matters](#)



Mission Trip to Uganda

SK Father John Bosco Maison along with SK Rob and Lady Christina Light visit Uganda to continue the journey started by SK Father Eamon Tobin.





Around the Ascension Community

Daily Bread — June 23





Monthly Council Meeting



Knight of the Month SK John Autio





From the Ladies Auxiliary President



Our slate of Officers installed on June 29th are:

Becky Richard President
Lyn Becker Vice President
Terry Nicolette Secretary
Garce Belfiore Treasurer
Joyce DeFusco Sgt. At Arms
Christina Light 1 Yr. Trustee
Ginny Reeder 2 Yr. Trustee
Jan O'Bryan-Wilson 3 Yr. Trustee



A huge highlight of June was the Taco Party honoring Fr. Zach 1 year service to Ascension. The Knights, Ladies, ACCW and Teens all joined forces to bring this celebration together, Thanks all.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the help I have received from my fellow officers, the ladies and Knights over the past 2 years. It has truly been my honor to serve as your President, I have loved the experiences and the friendships formed. You each hold a special place in my heart. I would like to give a special thanks to former Grand Knights Dave AmRhein and Bill Quinn-you were great leaders to work with.

I look forward to the growth of the Auxiliary as we move into our new year. Our next meeting is Sept. 19th

God Bless you all,

Jan O'Bryan-Wilson
President, Ladies Auxiliary
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Summertime

Summer is a time of transition for many people. You may know someone who recently graduated high school or college and is now heading into the workforce. Or you may know a couple who is getting married this summer.

These are all joyous occasions that we can celebrate.

At the same time, certain stress can come with any life transition. For a graduate, entering the workforce can take some adjustment. And marrying is certainly one of the biggest life adjustments people can experience. Before long, they may be welcoming children or looking to finance a house.

Any transition in your life is a good time to think about your financial situation and your loved ones who depend on you.

Though life insurance may be the last thing on a young adult's mind, it may be the perfect life stage to start preparing financially for the future.

On that note, for my brother Knights on the younger side, I have two pieces of good news. And I encourage all my brethren to consider how this may apply to yourself or your adult children, grandchildren, and other family members.

First, the younger you are, the more affordable permanent life insurance can be, and the simpler the underwriting process is. At a younger age, you're less likely to have health or medical problems that could make coverage more expensive.

The second piece of good news is that you have options. Maybe you're not yet sure you want permanent life insurance. In this case, you might choose a term insurance policy, which is an affordable option for temporary needs. If you should decide later that you'd prefer permanent coverage, you may have the option to convert your term insurance.

In today's day and age when so many of us may feel pressure to spend above our means, I have been heartened to talk to young people who are quite financially literate and eager to set up a responsible financial strategy for their future. Many of them grew up seeing economic problems in the world, and they want to make sure they build a strong financial foundation for themselves.

This summer, no matter where you are in your journey through life -- whether you're undergoing a life transition, or you simply feel that now is the time to think about your financial future -- I encourage you to make an appointment with me. I will be happy to discuss your options with you.

Vivat Jesus!

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Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment ***Vote No on Amendment 4***

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.ⁱ These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Archdiocese of Miami

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Diocese of Palm Beach

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Most Rev. John G. Noonan
Diocese of Orlando

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes
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Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier
Diocese of St. Augustine

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado
Archdiocese of Miami

ⁱ Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), which would be invalidated by Amendment 4, and parental *notice* of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.



The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is observed on the Thursday following on the solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many' (Mark 14:22-24).

“Corpus Christi procession is not sign of pride but invitation. Christ's real presence in the Eucharist is a gift to be treasured, lived and shared”, Pope Francis said as he celebrated the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Two wonderful and enlightening homilies from Bishop Barron and Father Mike Schmitz



Devoted to the Eucharistic Lord

K of C councils bear fervent witness to Christ's real presence during the National Eucharistic Revival

By Nathan Whalen and *Columbia* staff

6/1/2024

While many college students travel somewhere warm and sunny during their spring break, this past March a group of college Knights from Southeast Missouri State University took a very different kind of road trip.

"We literally had Jesus in the truck, in a traveling tabernacle," said Jared Koehler, past grand knight of the university's St. Thomas Aquinas Council 15294. "One of our guys said it beautifully: 'You know, this is as close to the Gospels as we could live, traveling with Jesus everywhere we went, taking him to the people, relying on them to care for us, to feed us, just like the disciples did in the Gospels.'"

For eight days, Knights from Council 15294, together with their Newman Center chaplain, zigzagged across the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, traveling 845 miles on what they dubbed the *Anima Christi* '24 Eucharistic pilgrimage. The group of 11 made stops at 21 parishes, inviting local communities to join them at Masses, Holy Hours, walking Eucharistic processions and all-night adoration.

"This was a beautiful response from the campus Knights of Columbus to respond to the urgent call for Eucharistic renewal," said Bishop Edward Rice of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

The *Anima Christi* pilgrimage is but one of the numerous ways K of C councils across the United States have promoted Eucharistic devotion since the U.S. bishops launched the National Eucharistic Revival in June 2022. As the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage makes its way to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress in July, Knights of Columbus continue to take up the call, emphasized by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly during his installation in 2021, to be "Knights of the Eucharist."



College Knights carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament and Fourth Degree Knights provide an honor guard as Bishop Edward Rice leads a Eucharistic procession through Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 17. It was the final day of an 845-mile Eucharistic pilgrimage across the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. (Photo by Castletown Media)

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Building 'A Culture of Invitation'

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly encourages state deputies to grow the Order through personal invitation and faith formation

By Cecilia Engbert

6/11/2024

Knights of Columbus jurisdiction leaders from around the world met in New Haven, Connecticut, for the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies June 5-9.

More than 70 state deputies from the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Guam, Poland, Ukraine, France and the Republic of Korea participated in daily Masses, fraternal events and workshops looking ahead to the next fraternal year. Many deputies also met with their state chaplains, more than 40 of whom were also in New Haven for a State Chaplains Meeting June 5-8.

Newly elected state deputies were officially installed June 7, the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, in St. Mary's Church, at the conclusion of a Mass celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

In his homily, Archbishop Lori encouraged state deputies and chaplains to recall that "reality is greater than ideas," echoing a phrase often used by Pope Francis.

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"As a state deputy, be a witness to the Sacred Heart of Jesus," he said. "Be a witness to the love of God that has been made flesh, to the love of God that is not an idea but a reality."

Later that day, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflected in his keynote remarks on the importance of devotion to the Sacred Heart among K of C leaders.

"Every Knight, and especially the leaders of the Order, need to have the 'heart of a father' — a heart shaped by the love of God our Father," he said. "If we get this right, everything we do as leaders will bear fruit."

The supreme knight urged Knights to develop a "culture of invitation" within their councils, a culture modeled by Blessed Michael McGivney.



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivers his keynote address to state deputies, state chaplains and other guests at the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven, Conn., on June 7. (Photo by Paul Haring)

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Recently Deceased

Sister Maureen Cannon

Vincent Ameigh — Father of SK Joe Ameigh

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 Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco

SK Robert Parker

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

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

Michael Anctil

Jonathan Amgott

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 and SK Bobby Sullivan — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Joe or Bobby if you want to pray one of the decades for 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

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





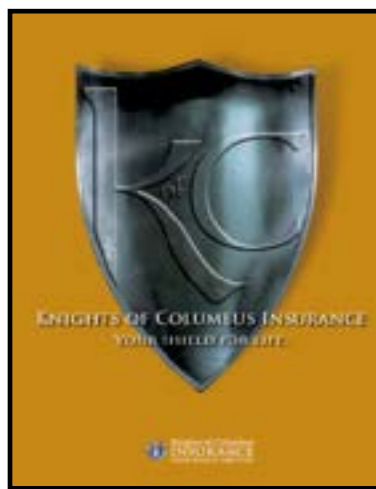
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