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The Knight's News

Council 8155 – The Family Council

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St. James the Apostle Catholic Church



Grand Knight's Report



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Upcoming Activities



Saturday & Sunday - February 3 & 4 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix at Golden Acres

Wednesday - February 7 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Thursday - February 8 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm

Sunday - February 11 - Super Bowl LVIII

Monday - February 12 - Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room

Wednesday - February 14 - St. Valentine's Day

Wednesday - February 14 - Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

Friday - February 16 - 1st Fish Fry in St. Joseph Room 5 pm

Saturday & Sunday - February 17 & 18 - Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix at Ridge and DeCubellis

Sunday - February 18 - Coffee & Donuts after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph Room

Monday - February 19 - Presidents' Day Holiday-process in with flag

Monday - February 26 - Officers Meeting @ 7 pm in the William Room

Wednesday - February 28 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass

Friday - March 1 - Second Fish Fry in St. Joseph Room @ 5 pm

Monday - March 11 - Business Meeting @ 7pm in the St. Joseph Room

Friday - March 15 - Third and final Fish Fry in St. Joseph Room @ 5 pm



Council 8155 meets the second Monday of the month in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm

An Officers Meeting is held the fourth Monday of the month in the William Room at 7 pm

February Events

February 3 & 4: Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix at Golden Acres 10 am-4 pm

February 7th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

February 8th: Assembly 3686 Business Meeting @ 7 pm William Room

February 11th: Super Bowl LXVIII in Las Vegas

February 12th: Council Business meeting @ 7 pm in the St. Joseph Room

February 14th: St. Valentine's Day

February 14th: ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT BEGINS Mass @ 8:30 am & 7 pm

February 16 – 1st Fish Fry in St. Joseph Room 5 pm

February 17 & 18: Tootsie Roll Drive at Publix on Ridge & DeCubellis

February 18th: Coffee & Donuts after 9 am Mass

February 19th: Presidents' Day-We process in with flag at morning Mass

February 26th: Officers Meeting in William Room @ 7 pm

February 28th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

CURRENT BOOSTERS

Our Newsletter needs your support...

Please submit your \$5.00 donation for 2023 by either mailing it to 9325 Sunshine Blvd. New Port Richey, FL 34654, or by giving it to our Treasurer Bill Meagher. You may submit anytime during the year.

**Phil & Louise Aleci <> Michael & Stephane Barrett <> Tony & Anne
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King <> Gregory & Flora Lydting <> James & Mary Majorana <> Michael
Marchesano <> Bill & Patricia Meagher <> Deacon Jim & Linda Minary <>
Joseph & Kristine Panetta <> Ben Perkins <> Ed & Nora Pflieger <>
David & Joan Ries <> Dominic & Stacie Siani <> Bill & Sue Toler <>
Norman & Betsy Triznadel <> Ernest & Edna Veneziano**

Please Note: Donations are due for the Booster List for 2024. If you wish for you and your family to be listed here, please speak to John Devaux or Bill Meagher to submit your donation. Thank you!

Thank You for your financial support!

From the Desk of the
FINANCIAL SECRETARY



My Brothers:

It's that time of the year again to send me your **\$5 BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP**. Names will be listed in our Newsletter each month. So, send me your \$5 ASAP (\$10 to list both you and your wife).

Activities are beginning to pick up for the council. On Saturday and Sunday, February 3 & 4, we will have our first Tootsie Roll Drive (**Citizens with Disabilities Campaign**) at the Shoppes of Golden Acres Publix from 10 am until 4 pm. Two weeks later, February 17 & 18, we will be at the Publix on Ridge Road and Regency Drive.

With all the activity February 16 – 18, we will have our regular **Coffee and Donuts** on February 18. Next month, we will return to **"Hot Breakfast"** instead of **"Coffee and Donuts"** on Sunday, March 17, following the 9 am Mass only. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated. We serve scrambled eggs and sausage links, pancakes, hashbrowns, yogurt, juice and coffee.

Our first of three planned **"Fish Frys"** will be Friday, February 16, to be held in the St. Joseph Room. We will begin serving at 5 pm. The next two "Fish Frys" will be March 1 and 15. The cost is the same as last year at \$14 a ticket. We will serve fried fish, fries, hush puppies, homemade coleslaw, chocolate chip cookies for dessert along with coffee, tea and water to drink. If you get your ticket for the second **Fish Fry** at the first one, we will discount your ticket by \$2. You will pay only \$12 per ticket. NO sales at the door.



Don't forget **Valentine's Day** is on Wednesday, February 14. It is also **Ash Wednesday**, when Lent begins. Masses will be held at 8:30 am and again at 7 pm.

Hope to see you at our **Business Meeting** on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 pm. In the St. Joseph Room. Our **OFFICERS' MEETING** in the William room at 7 pm on Monday, February 26.

God Bless,

John Devaux,
Financial Secretary
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Did You Know?

Happy Valentine's Day!

I've been reading about different kinds of parties to throw to celebrate Valentine's Day. One site online listed 35 different suggestions, from a Fondue Night to a party centered on serving a heart shaped pizza. I guess Valentine's Day is another well-established holiday to celebrate and I'm also guessing that the greeting card industry is happy. (The candy companies and florists are right there with the greeting card industry.) From individual cards that adults send each other to the packs designed for school kids to give to classmates, the stores are stocked with a myriad of selections.

The celebration of love is always popular. After all, isn't love what every holiday celebration is about? Whether it's a birthday, wedding anniversary, or holiday, it's all about love! Valentine's Day, though, sees love get a spotlight. We celebrate our love for one another.


Insurance is all about love. Most people buy insurance because they love someone. A husband buys life insurance because he loves his wife and children. If he's not there to provide for them he wants to make sure they can stay in the same home, enjoy the same lifestyle, provide a college education for his children. With many two income families, wives buy life insurance for the same reasons.

Long Term Care Insurance and Disability Income Insurance help protect the family from the vagaries of life: Needing care in the home or in a long-term care facility or being hurt or sick and unable to work affects the family. These products help protect the family one loves.

Even our retirement annuity products help the ones we love. With forward thinking and fiscal discipline, a retirement annuity helps spouses spend their retirement years knowing they can have a guaranteed lifetime income. Less worries for the ones we love.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protecting the ones we love. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones? Let's meet and discuss what you want. I'll give you a call or feel free to contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

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Join Us For

Coffee and Donuts



Sunday, February 18

Following 9 am Mass

St. Joseph Room



Knights of Columbus Council 8155

Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

LENT AND JOY

A few years back I remember watching the Netflix series Tidying Up with Marie Kondoprompting me to clean my house and get rid of excess junk. Trends like this and the Home Edit might be all the rage, but we Catholics just call it Lent!

If you haven't seen the series, Marie goes into people's homes and helps them deal with clutter. Her technique is to have the individuals go through their closet and hold each item. If the item brings them joy, they keep it. If the item doesn't bring them joy, then it is sent off with a hug to Goodwill.

There is a lot to be learned from this process of detachment and going through our closets to get rid of our excess, especially during this time of Lent. One of the things I pondered while watching the show was how to describe joy.

How do you describe joy?

Here are a few of my favorite Bible passages that mention joy.

All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries. (Psalm 47:2)

Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart, because it is now that God favors your works. (Ecclesiastes 9:7)

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

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Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

LENT AND JOY

(Continued)

These are wonderful descriptions of joy and I try to hold on to them in my heart, especially during times of sadness.

Recently I heard a different definition for **joy**: an acronym, actually.

J - meaning Jesus.

O - meaning others.

Y - meaning yourself.

The challenge is to live your life with **JOY** and keeping things in the proper order of Jesus,
Others and then You.

Instead of cleaning just my closet and finding what brings me joy, maybe I could bring this
kind of joy into my whole day. What would happen if I kept the proper order of joy in my life?

Is your life ordered for JOY? Try keeping Jesus, others, and then yourself in your interactions today.

Join Us For A

Hot Breakfast

(In place of Coffee & Donuts)



scrambled eggs

sausage

pancakes

hash browns

yogurt

coffee &

juice



Suggested Donation \$10

Sunday, March 17

Following 9 am Mass

St. Joseph Room



Knights of Columbus Council 8155

If you fail to see your Birthday or Anniversary here, or in subsequent issues, please submit the information to JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com . Thank you.

February Birthdays:

Member

John Devaux – 4th
Tony Luzader – 11th
Gregory Lydting – 11th
William A. Taglieri – 19th
Dominic Siani – 23rd
Alan Herd – 26th
Ben Rivera Jr. – 26th

Wife

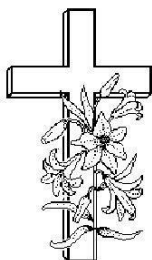
Connie Damato – 10th
Anne Bernardo – 23rd
Flora Lydting – 24th



February Anniversaries

None

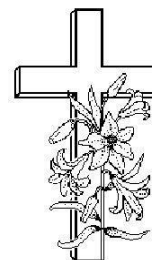
Sick and Distressed



Phil Aleci
Stephane Barrett
Diane Coughlin
Georgiana Devaux
Marie Duffy
Mark Gransden
Vickie Lamparski
Tony Luzader
Patricia Meagher
Richard Overbeck
Nora Pflieger
Bob Roth
Dominic Siani

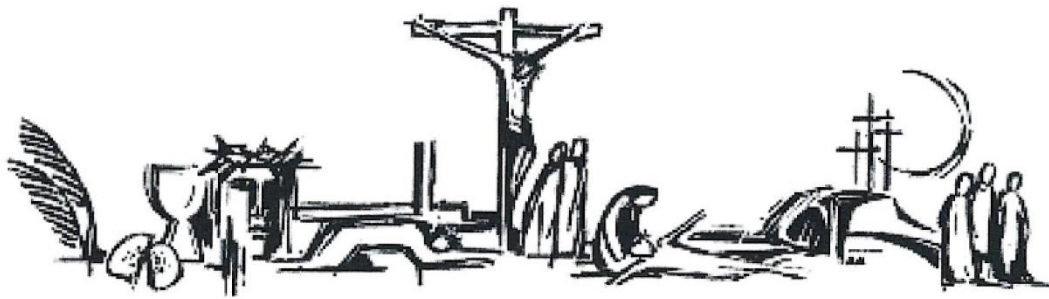
Michael Amarando
Tony Bernardo
Rich Cunningham
Matt Devaux
Jim Duffy
John Gudavich
Louis Leonard
Dottie Maslowski
Floyd McWilliams
Mark Pflieger
Dave Ries
John Sammel
Dave Wolverton

Josephine Amarando
Rose Bliss
John Devaux
Joanne DeSilva
Lorraine Gransden
Randy Koenigsfeld
Gale Leonard
Bill Meagher
Gail Oliver
Ed Pflieger
Wayne Ries
Bill Schommer



All those who have tested positive with COVID-19

Please let us know if you know someone who needs to be added or if you no longer need to be on this List. Please E-mail John Devaux at JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com



Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- ◆ Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.
 - ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.
 - ◆ Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.
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St. James Council #8155



Knights of Columbus



Fish Fry

Fridays

at

5 pm

February 16

March 1

March 15

\$ 14 each

**Advance Sales
ONLY**

**NO Tickets
at the door**



**Fish Fry with fries,
homemade coleslaw,
hush puppies
dessert**



**TAKE-OUTS
AVAILABLE**

ONE SERVING PER TICKET

Meal includes: coffee, ice tea or water

Purchase your ticket from a Knight or Church Office





February 2024

St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council #8155



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Family of the Month

December



BEN (L) & LAURA RIVERA, JR. were presented our *Family of the Month* for November by Grand Knight Joe James (R) at our January Business Meeting. Ben is the Council's Recorder and Web Master while Laura is St. James' Director of Religious Education.

STAR COUNCIL AWARD



Grand Knight Joe James shows the Star Council Award the council received for the 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. It says the council achieved 166% of Supreme's Goal for recruiting. The last time the council received the award was 2019-2020 as Double Star and the Grand Knight was Phil Aleci with 225%.

St. James Council #8155

Officers for 2023 - 2024



GRAND KNIGHT
Joe James



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT
Joe Panetta



CHANCELLOR
Dave Ries



WARDEN
Jeremy Bobowski



RECORDER
Ben Rivera Jr.



TREASURER
Bill Meagher



ADVOCATE
Mark Gransden



INSIDE GUARD
Michael Bobowski



OUTSIDE GUARD
Michael Barrett



3-Year TRUSTEE
Floyd McWilliams



2 Year TRUSTEE
Rich Cunningham



1 Year TRUSTEE
Phil Aleci



FINANCIAL SECRETARY
John Devaux



LECTOR
Dan Winfield



CHAPLAIN
Fr. Dominic Corona

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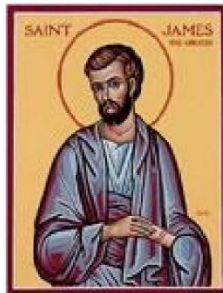
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Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 1 pm -

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Bishop Larkin Catholic School
727-862-6981

Bishop McLaughlin High School
727-857-2600



Mission Statement

St. James the Apostle Parish
is called by God
to be a Christ centered,
Loving family,
under the guidance
of the Holy Spirit,
dedicated to proclaiming
the Gospel and serving Christ
in our
Catholic Church
and in our community.

Pastor: Reverend Dominic Corona

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm
Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Past Grand Knights

St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus #10955

Instituted September 1, 1992

Term	Name
1993 - 94	James J. Yeo
1994 - 95	Joseph T De Matteis Jr.
1995 - 96	Joseph T De Matteis Jr.
1996 - 97	Joseph T De Matteis Jr.
1997 - 98	Anthony Nalli
1998 - 99	Michael Amarando
1999 - 00	Michael Amarando
2000 - 01	Richard J. Kreger
2001 - 02	Richard J. Kreger
2002 - 03	Thomas J. Doran
2003 - 04	Raymond J. De Dea
2004 - 05	Merged with Council 8155

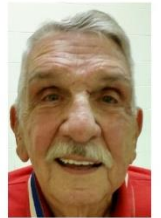
Past Grand Knights

St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus #8155

Instituted June 1, 1982

As Our Lady Queen of Peace

Term	Name
2004 - 05	Merged with Council 10955
2004 - 05	Raymond J. DeDea
2005 - 06	Raymond J. DeDea
2006 - 07	Frank A. Kennell
2007 - 08	Thomas J. Doran
2008 - 09	Richard K. Overbeck
2009 - 10	Richard K. Overbeck
2010 - 11	Richard K. Overbeck
2011 - 12	Anthony R. Luzader
2012 - 13	Anthony R. Luzader
2013 - 14	Anthony R. Luzader



Past Grand Knights

St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus #8155

Instituted June 1, 1982

As Our Lady Queen of Peace

Term	Name
2014 - 15	Richard Brousseau
2015 - 16	Richard Brousseau
2016 - 17	Edwin Pflieger
2017 - 18	Edwin Pflieger
2018 - 19	Phil Aleci
2019 - 20	Phil Aleci
2020 - 21	Dave Wolverton
2021 - 22	Dave Wolverton
2021 - 22	Bill Taglieri
2021 - 22	Joe James
2022 - 23	Joe James



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St. James the Apostle Knights of Columbus #8155

Instituted June 1, 1982

As Our Lady Queen of Peace

Term	Name
2023 - 24	Joe James
2024 - 25	
2025 - 26	
2026 - 27	
2027 - 28	
2028 - 29	
2029 - 30	



St. James the Apostle

Charter Members

Council #10955
Sept. 28, 1992

Fr Michael Devine
Leroy P. Alas
Louis J. Ammiano
Anthony Barry
John Bellani
William B. Braswell
Edward F. Carroll
Flor Figueroa
Douglas A. Gallo

Herbert W. Genne
Anthonty M. Gentile
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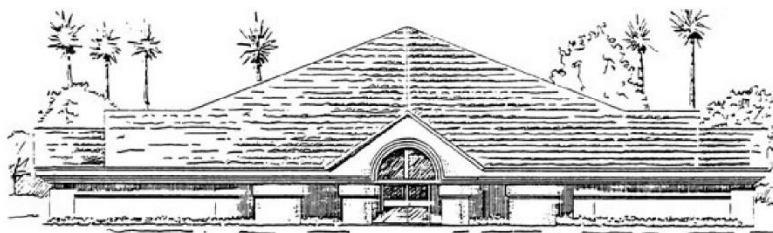
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Kenneth F. MacAlpin
Joseph F. Mastrocolo
Hugh McCluskey
Paul G. Metilly
Vincent M. Panaro
Timothy J. Parkin
Edwin F. Pflieger
Charles Roberts

Edward G. Rossi
Joseph R. Schoener
Achille Scognamiglio
Walter J. Simpson
Theodore H. Smith
Paul J. Sobek
James V. Spadola
Anthony Trapasso
Jeffrey G. Turino

Peter A. Unnone
Augusta C. Vasquez
Donald J. Waugh
Robert J. Williams
Tom A. Wilson

James J. Yeo - 1st Grand Knight
Thomas J. Zajewski

In Red - Still member
As of 1/17/2024





DUNKIN'



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Port Richey
727-863-4564

16737 US Highway 19
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727-863-6200

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Hudson
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Knights of Columbus

St. James Assembly #3686

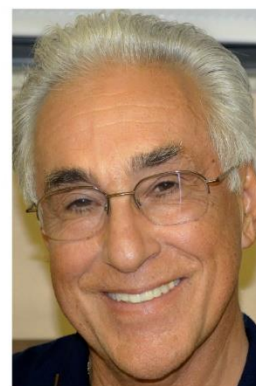


4th Degree Section



4th Degree News

St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686



PHIL ALECI

Faithful Navigator

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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*Assembly 3686 meets the first Thursday following the first
Wednesday of the month in the William Room at 7 pm*



St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686

What is Ash Wednesday?

Lent did not always begin on Ash Wednesday.

(From U,S,Catholic)

In the Ash Wednesday gospel reading Jesus directs us to clean up: “Put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may not be seen by others” (Matt. 6:17–18a). And yet shortly after hearing these words we line up to receive ashes on our foreheads, a mark associated with penance and fasting. Clearly the Ash Wednesday ritual does not come from the gospel.

Lent did not always begin on Ash Wednesday. In the sixth century, Gregory the Great identified the season of Lent (Quadragesima, or the “Forty Days”) as beginning on a Sunday and lasting until Easter Sunday.

The Bible recounts 40 days of rain during the flood, Israel’s 40-year journey through the desert, Jesus’ 40-day fast in the desert, and the 40-day period of post-resurrection formation Jesus gave to his disciples before his ascension. At the end of each of these scriptural 40s, the things involved are changed: A sinful world is reconstituted, slaves become free, a carpenter begins a messianic ministry, and fearful followers are ready to become Spirit-filled preachers. Lent and its 40-day fast offered the church the same opportunity for transformation.

Since fasting was not permitted on Sundays, the original 40-day season consisted of 36 fasting days. Eventually, it was extended to include 40 pre-paschal days of fasting, resulting in the addition of four pre-Quadragesimal fasting days, starting the Wednesday before Lent.

Eventually, that fast extended to include a total of nine weeks (Septuagesima). However, the 40th fasting day—a Wednesday—retained significance, in large part because of the scriptural significance of that number.

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Ashes were added to this Wednesday liturgy in the eighth and ninth centuries to help ritualize the transformation that occurs during Lent. Believers received ashes on their foreheads to remind them of their fundamental identity: “Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” After being clothed in a hair shirt, they were sent out from the church: “You are cast forth from the bosom of the holy mother church on account of your sin, as Adam was expelled from Paradise on account of his sin.” Expulsion, however, is not the end. Then, as now, reconciliation awaits believers through Christ.

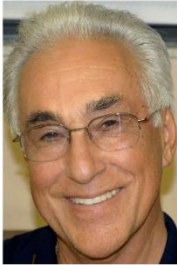
In its origins, Ash Wednesday was fundamentally oriented toward penance, which was also the focus of Lent at that time. Lent is understood differently today: Its primary focus is now, as at its origins, baptism. Since baptisms in Rome occurred primarily at Easter, the Lenten fast is a pre-baptismal fast—a means by which those converting might better understand how reliant they are upon God and how frequently the pursuits of this world distract from God’s love.

Ash Wednesday can help set us upon that path by asking us to consider two fundamental issues: who we really are and where, with God’s help, we are ultimately going.

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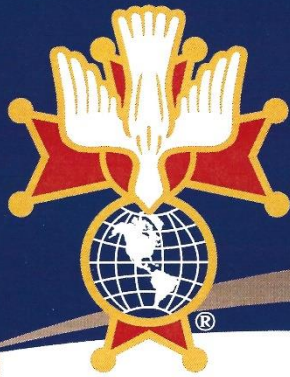
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