



# Knights of Columbus

*Father John H. Patrick*  
*Council No. 13207*

*November 2024*



*Thanksgiving is upon us ...*



*...for He is good.*

*As we await and prepare for His coming in Advent.*

## FRATERNAL YEAR 2024-2025 JULY 1 – JUNE 30

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<sup>2</sup> Appointed by council's Grand Knight

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Brothers,

I want to begin by thanking all of you for sharing *your time, talent and treasure* with the Council and the parish. As you read this newsletter, I think you will agree that we have been very active and involved in our parish and community. I ask you to recall the words from **Matthew 25:35-40**:

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

So far, in this fraternal year, we have:

- gathered coats, hoodies, sweaters and shoes as part of our *Coats for Kids* initiative
- raised money for *Camp I Am Special* with the *Tootsie Roll Drive*
- grilled hamburgers and hot dogs in support of the *All Hallow's Eve Carnival*
- shopped to fill *Thanksgiving Baskets for Migrant Families*
- participated in the *Time and Talent Fair*
- supported the *OCIA Ministry* by serving dinner to candidates and catechumens
- organized the *K of C's Soccer Challenge, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*,
- assisted with the *Coffee and Donut Ministry*
- participated in a *Fraternal Benefit* event
- celebrated two *Corporate Communion*s.

And there's more coming up: *Christmas Baskets for Migrant families*, our *Day of Recollection* during Lent, support for our *Seminarians and Altar Servers* as well as *Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program*, and, of course, *Fish Fry Dinners* during Lent.

I particularly look forward to your support and participation in our upcoming *Day of Reflection Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>* (see *Page 9* for details). Fr. Jose suggested this event during Advent to allow us to take the time to reflect on our blessings and our path. Msgr. Vincent J. Haut is our guest speaker to talk about *Pope Francis'* most recent encyclical letter – *Dilexit Nos, On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, Evangelization and Preparing for the Jubilee*. All parishioners are invited, young and old, at no cost. Come have coffee and donuts with us and, after time reflecting, join us for lunch. Please spread the word and encourage everyone to attend.

As we approach *Thanksgiving* and *Christmas*, I ask you to join me in reciting and reflecting upon the *Advent Prayer*:

*Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Vivat Jesus!**

**GK Joe D'Amata**

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# HOLY FAITH- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13207

Come meet your Brother Knights and Officers at the next **Business Meeting**, held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, starting at 7 pm**. Meetings are held in the **Ministry Building at Holy Faith**, in the **Conference Room** immediately on the right as you enter the building. Meetings last about one hour or so with a variety of topics discussed, such as upcoming events, degree installations, social activities, recognition of Knights and families.

When was the last time **YOU** attended a meeting or had your picture taken at a Knight's event? See **YOU** there!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13207

Date	Day	Event	Coordinator	Location/Time
November 2024				
11/25	MON	COUNCIL #13207 22 <sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY		
11/28	THU	HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!		
December 2024				
12/1	Sun	Coffee and Donuts	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, after all Sunday Masses
12/5	Thu	Council Business Meeting	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, Ministry Building, 7 pm
12/7	Sat	Day of Reflection	GK Joe D'Amata/ Jon Meinholz	Holy Faith, Ministry Building, 8:30 am – 1 pm
12/14	Sat	Christmas Baskets for Migrant Families/ Preparation	Bob McCann	Meet at Aldi's, Butler Plaza, 10:30 am
12/15	Sun	Children's Christmas Play and Cookie Exchange Party	Holy Faith	Parish Life Center, after the 11:15 am Mass
12/16	Mon	Christmas Baskets for Migrant Families/ Distribution	Bob McCann	Deliver to Migrant Education Office, Alachua County
12/25	Sun	Merry Christmas!!!		
January 2025				
1/1	Wed	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD		
1/1	WED	HAPPY NEW YEAR!		
1/2	Thu	Council Business Meeting	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, Ministry Building, 7 pm
1/5	Sun	Coffee and Donuts	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, after all Sunday Masses
February 2025				
2/2	Sun	Coffee and Donuts	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, after all morning Masses
2/6	Thu	Council Business Meeting	GK Joe D'Amata	Holy Faith, Ministry Building, 7 pm
Day of Recollection				To be finalized
Youth Basketball Free Throw Challenge				To be finalized

**DAY OF REFLECTION IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 7 – SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 9**



# GREETINGS FROM OUR FIELD AGENT

## *Dear Brother Knights and Family:*

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. I'm thankful to call each of you my brother Knight, and I give thanks to God for all he has helped us do in our community this year.

Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband, and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family. Knights of Columbus is your capable partner in this pursuit. In addition to helping form members in faith, we also offer a variety of insurance products to help you protect your family financially.

One way to protect your family is to start thinking about your family's future and how an extended care event could make a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family's situation?

I want to take this opportunity to help you prepare for the possibility that you or your spouse may one day need extended care. **November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month.** With that in mind, I would like to share a valuable resource available to you and your family and would encourage you to check this out.

*WhatCareCosts* gives you access to view the costs of Skilled Nursing Homes, Home Health Aides and Assisted Living Facilities in your area and across the country. This service is available free of charge to all our members regardless of whether or not you hold an insurance policy with Knights of Columbus.

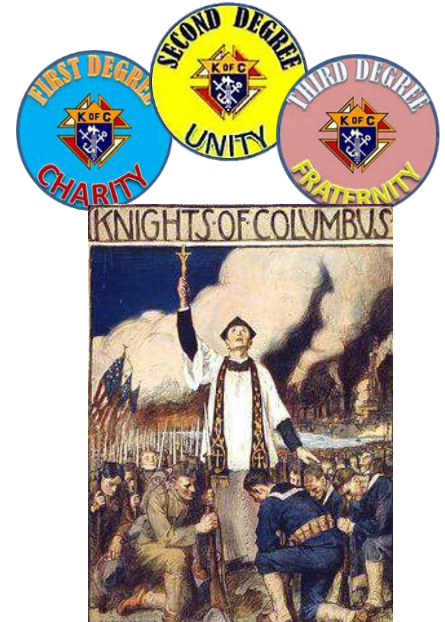
Visit --- [www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus](http://www.whatcarecosts.com/KnightsofColumbus) --- and enter sponsor code "KofC" to get started.

We want to help families focus on their time with their loved ones – not the financial cost of caring for them. Now is the time to prepare for your family's future needs. As your Knights of Columbus agent, I can help you review your financial goals and ensure you have an extended care plan in place.

Come talk to me to set up an appointment. I can also send you our Gift of a Lifetime Brochure to learn more about planning for extended care.

Thank you for your time, and I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas!

*Vivat Jesus!*  
*Faternally & sincerely*





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## COUNCIL EVENTS: OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024



**ALL HANDS  
ON DECK!**

COFFEE AND  
DONUTS



**See YOU there!**

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP  
AT COFFEE AND DONUTS!**

Thank you to all the Knights that have helped from the past weekends- from October to November: **Joe D'Amata, Carl & Debbie Fischer, Bob McCann, Bruce Pitts, Rich Powell, Bill Ryan, Tim Sagul, Tony Stefanowicz and Danny Stevenson.** If anyone is missed, let us know so we can thank you for your help!

Commitment and dedication: that's what it takes from volunteers to be available and willing to serve coffee and donuts on a regular basis after morning masses on the first Sunday of each month. See YOU there!

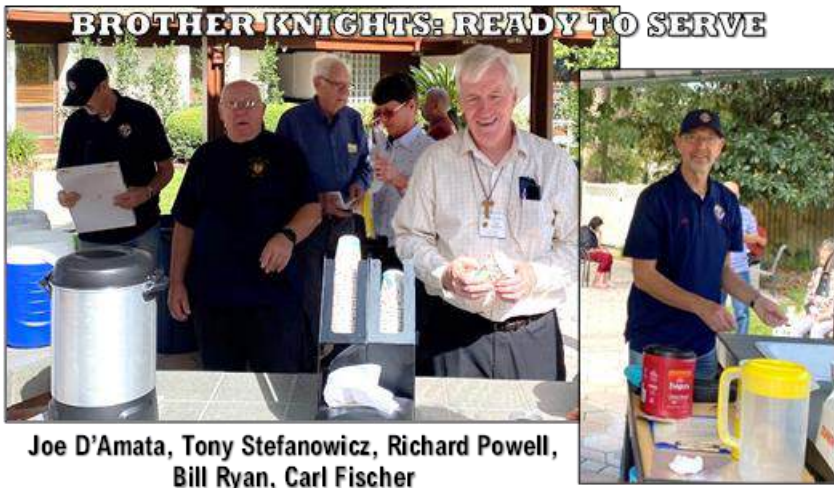


To support the KofC Program, *Coats for Kids*, that ran for the month of October, GK **Joe D'Amata** placed a large box in the foyer of the Church next to the Food Box for parishioners to donate coats, sweaters, hoodies and other warm clothing during October. Bulletin Announcements were made throughout the month (thank you, **Millie Roig**) for all parishioners to be aware of this worthwhile cause.

By the end of October, parishioners donated 32 coats, 86 hoodies, 26 sweaters and 4 pairs of shoes! GK Joe collected all these items and delivered them to **Catholic Charities** which will distribute them to those in need. Thanks to all that made these donations and thank you, Joe, for your part in collecting and then delivering these items where they will be much appreciated!



### COFFEE AND DONUT SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 3, 2024



**Joe D'Amata, Tony Stefanowicz, Richard Powell,  
Bill Ryan, Carl Fischer**

### KofC Soccer Challenge October 13, 2024

Council #13207 participated in the KofC Youth Soccer Challenge by running the event on a council level at St. Francis Catholic Academy on Sunday, October 13th. **Br. Jon Meinholz** was score-keeper. However, given the timing on Sunday early afternoon, only one player made the event. It's not about quantity; it's about the opportunity and effort.

Thanks go to **Principal Jason Acosta** for allowing the council to use the facilities and to Jon for volunteering.



## COUNCIL EVENTS: OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024 (CONT.)

### TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

CAMP I AM SPECIAL

OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2024



Br. Allen Amos led our Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses at Holy Faith. He was assisted by **Brothers Bill Ryan, Danny Stevenson, Tony Stefanowicz, Carl Fisher, Richard Powell, John Woeste, Bob McCann, John Brown** and Wayne Woolschlager.

Thank to Br. Allen and all those who assisted. The council raised \$2,017 for Camp I Am Special.



ALLEN AMOS & WAYNE WOOLSCHLAGER



JOHN WOESTE



JOHN BROWN



ALLEN AMOS & RICHARD POWELL



TONY STEFANOWICZ

### Time and Talent Fair at Holy Faith

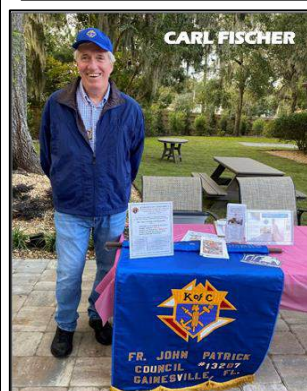
On October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Holy Faith hosted a Time and Talent Fair for all the ministries and organizations after all the Masses.

Thank you to **Bob McCann, Tim Sagul, Carl Fisher, Jon Meinholz, Joshua Hall** and **Wayne Woolschlager** who represented the Council and **Alberto Fernandez** who attended as our Field Agent. During this time, **Bruce Pitts and Danny Stevenson** also served Coffee and Donuts after the 8 am mass.

Six men were interested in joining our council. Four were already Knights and wanted to transfer in: **Christopher Warren, Russell Cooper, Fr. Ed Murphy and Thomas Mendoza**. Another, **Ricardo Chu**, wanted to be re-admitted. Br. Alberto Fernandez is following up with an individual interested in becoming a Knight.



BOB MCCANN, ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, TIM SAGUL, JON MEINHOLZ



CARL FISCHER



WAYNE WOOLSCHLAGER & CARL FISCHER



## COUNCIL EVENTS: OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024 (CONT.)

### HOLY FAITH'S ALL HALLOW'S EVE CARNIVAL Knights at the Grill and On the Line October 27, 2024

Holy Faith held its 21<sup>th</sup> annual All Hallow's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The carnival was an All-Parish Event and all were welcomed. There was food, beverages, prizes, bounce houses, dunk tank and more activities all around the parish grounds.

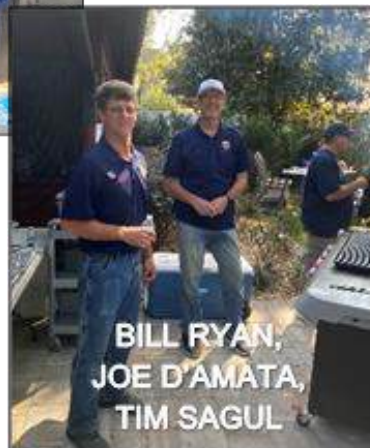
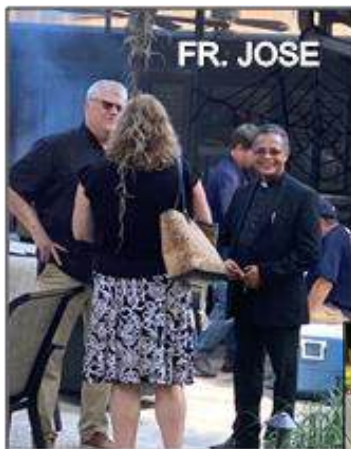
Our council once again cooked and served hamburgers and hot dogs in the backyard of the rectory – which has been transformed into a beautiful setting for events like these, with a patio, full size screened-in serving area and new grill (the Knights especially liked this for cooking hamburgers and hot dogs!).



Thanks go to Grand Knight **Joe D'Amata** for coordinating this event. **Br. Tony Stefanowicz** and **Bob McCann** picked up the food and supplies at Sam's Club and ensured that everything was in place for the cooking and serving. Thanks also go to **Joshua Allen**, **Jon Meinholz**, **Carl and Debbie Fischer**, **Bill Ryan** and **Tim Sagul** for helping set up, grill, serve, direct traffic and clean up afterwards.

The council provided one hamburger or two hot dogs plus chips for \$5. Tony also collected the money for food- always with a smile on his face. All youth who were working the carnival were given the food for free.

The event began around noon and continued to about 3 pm with about 100 folks being served- there was enough food for everyone! **TiAnna McCabe**, Coordinator for Youth Programs, very much appreciated the Knights doing this and thanked the Knights for providing the food and servers.



## WELL DONE! TO ALL!



## COUNCIL EVENTS: OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2024 (CONT.)

### VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE AT HOLY FAITH

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Honoring and celebrating our Military Families, a potluck dinner was held at Holy Faith in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, November 9 at 6:30 pm - for all parishioners, with special thanks to those who have served our country.

Veterans who are members of our council include **Jon Meinholz, Carl Fischer, Richard Powell, Larry Clark, Walt Visniski, Allen Amos, Ricky Neumann, Tony Stefanowicz, Ron Jarabak, Danny Stevenson, Ed LeBlanc.** For those not listed, please let us know about your service.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

### COUNCIL SUPPORTS October 2, 2024



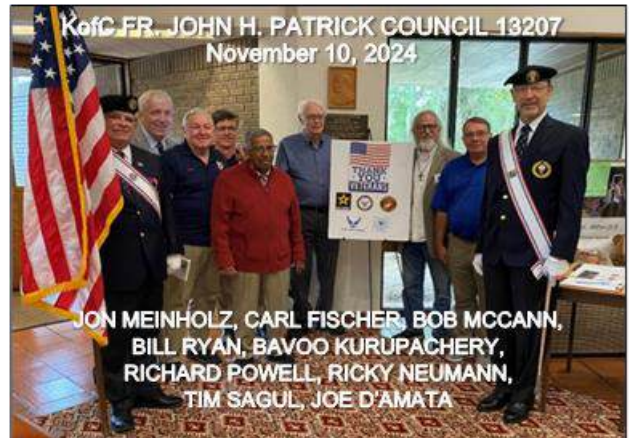
On Wednesday, October 2, Council 13207 provided dinner for the OCIA candidates and sponsors. There were 15 persons served who enjoyed jambalaya and salad prepared by **John Brown**, desert whipped up by **Bob McCann** and **Richard Powell**, and a sandwich platter and a fruit and cheese platter put together by **Joe D'Amata**. Thank you, Brothers, for answering the call.

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR MIGRANT WORKER FAMILIES NOVEMBER 2024

On Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, our council shopped at Aldi's in Butler Plaza for food to put in the Thanksgiving "baskets" for 12 families of migrant workers. **Thanks to Bill Ryan, Joe D'Amata, Richard Powell** and **Bob McCann** for getting this done! The baskets were delivered the following Monday to **Victoria Gomez de la Torre, Migrant Education Office of Alachua County** whose staff distributed them to migrant worker families in surrounding counties.



### CORPORATE COMMUNION NOVEMBER 10, 2024



On Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, our council celebrated its second Corporate Communion this fraternal year at the 9:30 am Mass. **Fr. Ed Murphy**, a Knight and member of our council, celebrated the mass and recognized the Knights as serving the parish and community and welcomed all men to join.



**Sir Knights Jon Meinholz and Joe D'Amata** represented the Color Guard in uniform.

Thank you, Knights, for what you do and for participating in this mass.

### The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Opened on October 27 and will run to December 1, 2024. Submissions to the District are due December 28, 2024.

**GK Joe D'Amata** with **Br. Josh Hall** are coordinating the effort by requesting that **Principal Jason Acosta** of St. Francis Catholic Academy invite the high school students to participate and that **TiAnna McCabe**, Youth Director at Holy Faith, involve the CCF youth.





## ***DAY OF REFLECTION IN ADVENT***

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, our council will sponsor a Day of Reflection for all parishioners in the Father John M. Phillips Parish Life Center from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. **Msgr. Vincent J. Haut** has agreed to speak on Pope Francis' most recent encyclical letter – *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ, Evangelization and Preparing for the Jubilee.

The agenda for the day is:

8:30 am to 9:00 am	Meet and Greet
9:00 am to 9:45 am	Attend Mass
9:45 am to 10:30 am	Confession/Time for Reflection
10:30 am to 12:00 pm	Guest speaker, Msgr. Vincent J. Haut
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch served by the Knights of Columbus

Coffee and donuts as well as lunch will be available - at no cost. Thanks to **Br. Jon Meinholz** for preparing for and coordinating these refreshments. Please check Holy Faith's bulletin as the event gets closer.



## ***Congratulations to Each and Everyone!***



## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH/ KNIGHT OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER- NOVEMBER 2024**



### **September**

**FOM- Carl and Debbie Fisher** for their service as Ushers, Eucharistic Ministry and Lector, and for our Coffee and Donut Ministry (Carl is also a Secular Franciscan and Debbie is Director of St. Paul de Vincent).

**KOM- Bill Ryan** for his lawn mowing service at the convent and on multiple teams for our Coffee and Donut Ministry.

### **October**

**FOM- Richard and Kathy Powell** for their service at Coffee and Donuts and help with the OCIA Dinners and Cathy as a Lector and also Coordinator of the St. Martha's Kitchen Committee.

**KOM- Bob McCann** for his work with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade CCF on Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass and for preparing the September Newsletter.

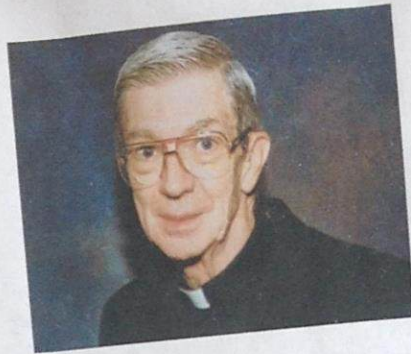
### **November**

**FOM- John and Martha Woeste** for their continued involvement in the parish as part of the Welcome Committee and participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion.

**KOM- Bob MCann** for involvement with the Time and Talent Fair and Assembly Golf Tournament.

# WHO WAS FR. JOHN H. PATRICK?

*Knights of Columbus  
Father John H. Patrick Council 13207*

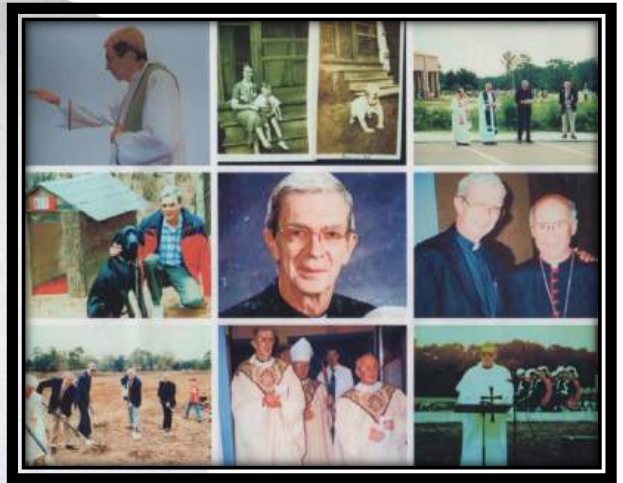


*Rev. Fr. John Harry Patrick  
Chaplain, Colonel/USAF Retired  
1934 - 2002*

Fr. Patrick was born on June 11, 1934, in Westernport, Maryland, the son of the late Hobart & Mary (Cullen) Patrick. He was one of three children, having a brother James (who preceded him to the Lord) and a sister Evelyn Wilson. He was a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

Fr. Patrick graduated from St. Peter's High School, in Westernport, in 1952; and then attended St. Charles College in Baltimore, Maryland followed by St. Mary's Seminary, also in Baltimore. He was ordained in 1961 and assigned as an Assistant Priest at St. Cecilia's Parish, where he served until 1965. After his four (4) years of Parish Duties, Fr. Patrick decided to spend some time in the Military Service. After twenty-three (23) years of serving as a Chaplain, in the United States Air Force, Fr. Patrick retired with the rank of Colonel, in 1988. He served at numerous Air Force Bases throughout the United States and overseas. During his military career he attended many courses given by the US Air Force, including his graduation from the prestigious Air War College.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force he decided to take up residence in Gainesville, FL, although he had never spent any time in this area. He became a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, which had just been started in 1987. Fr. Patrick looked for a place to help out as a volunteer assistant, and Fr. J. Flannan Walsh welcomed him with open arms. The people of that parish, and any others who were fortunate enough to meet Fr. Patrick, quickly learned to love and respect this kind and gentle servant of God. Everyone knew that he was sent to Gainesville by the power of God, to assist in the establishment of his new Church. His passionate love for his Lord, and all of God's people, was an inspiration to everyone around him. Although his death was a sad time, for all who knew him, it was a celebration of the passing of a great Priest and Friend to the home he so richly deserved, to be with the Father God he loved so much. It is an honor for Knights of Columbus Council 13207 to carry the name of Father John H. Patrick, Chaplain, Colonel/USAF, Retired.



Fr. John H.  
Patrick,  
Honoree and  
Namesake of  
Council  
#13207.

Fr. Patrick was  
loved by many  
parishioners and  
Knights, some of  
whom transferred  
from Queen of  
Peace Council  
#11448  
to form Council  
#13207 on  
November 25,  
2002.





# KOFC ASSEMBLY #1817



## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 26, 2024



The Assembly's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held this year at Turkey Creek Golf Course on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Sir Knight Tony Stefanowicz (Council #13207, Holy Faith) along with SK Mark Paletti (Council #13037, St. Madeleine), with the help of others, organized this event.

With 12 teams and 47 players, the tournament was well received by the players. Although the number of teams were less than last year's, the tournament raised more than \$7,000 to support various charities and Catholic organizations, such as Catholic Charities, A Woman's Answer, Community Pregnancy Clinics, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, St. Francis Catholic Academy and others.

## 125th Anniversary Fourth Degree

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 22, 2025 in New York City. For this event, an Exemplification and a Mass will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, followed by a Banquet at the New York Hilton Midtown.

Attendance at the exemplification and mass is free but tickets to the banquet will cost \$125.00. For those interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, the Exemplification Fee is \$60.00 but if the candidate buys two banquet tickets, the exemplification fee will be waived. Third Degree Knights who are interested in attending should ask the GK for more details.

Thanks go to all the team and tee sponsors, players, those who donated prizes and items for the auction, Texas Roadhouse for the discounted lunch, the King Family/Hogan's for gift bags and the following Assembly SK members who volunteered: **Andrew Scholberg (Council #13900, St. Augustine)**, **Bert Worthington**, **Jerry Woodward (Council #6108, St. Patrick)**, **Bob McCann**, **Raul Copete (Council #11448, Queen of Peace)**. And special thanks to **Rita Stefanowicz** for serving hot dogs and water at the Turn.

Members from our council formed a team that won a prize – for coming in last with a score of 87 (15 over par). Not bad for players who play once a year: **Jon Meinholz**, **Tim Sagul**, **Brian Miles** and **Bob McCann**.



Next year's tournament will be held at Ironwood on November 2, 2025. See YOU next year!





## BLESSED FR. MICHAEL MCGIVNEY IMPORTANT DATES

Birthday: August 12, 1852

Knights Founded:  
March 29, 1882

Venerable Servant of  
God, Beatification:  
October 31, 2020

Feast Day: August 13

Rest in Peace: August 14, 1890



SEE PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF  
BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

### A Prayer for Thanksgiving

O God of all creation,  
Giver of all gifts,  
You bless our lives  
with your generous love,  
By giving us once more  
the fruits of the fields,  
our faith, our work,  
and our lives together.

We thank you for these gifts,  
and ask that you help us  
to imitate your goodness,  
to share our blessings  
with those who are in need.  
Amen.

## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

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.

*Please report all favors received:*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



If you know of a member, a family member of a member, a friend, a parishioner who is in need, *please let us know at the meeting or, if unable to come to a meeting, alert the Grand Knight Joe D'Amata by email or text* so that your intention can be presented and prayers may be offered.

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# NOVEMBER 2024- FEBRUARY 2025 BIRTHDAYS

Brother Knight	Date	Salutation!
Timothy Sagul	11/3	Happy Birthday!
Christopher Warren	11/5	Happy Birthday!
Matthew Dittrich	11/11	Happy Birthday!
Kenneth Le Page	11/13	Happy Birthday!
Daniel Talaga	11/13	Happy Birthday!
James Head	11/15	Happy Birthday!
Fr. John Phillips, RIP	11/25	Happy Birthday!
Brian Miles	12/2	Happy Birthday!
Richard Privitera	12/11	Happy Birthday!
Filemon Alcantara	12/19	Happy Birthday!
Thomas Mendoza	1/2	Happy Birthday!
Angelito Izon	1/4	Happy Birthday!
Allen Amos	1/19	Happy Birthday!
Richard Powell	1/22	Happy Birthday!
Ricky Neumann	1/27	Happy Birthday!
M.J. Stirna	2/8	Happy Birthday!
Wayne Woolschlager	2/9	Happy Birthday!
Robert Gavette	2/10	Happy Birthday!
Francis Mackritis	2/20	Happy Birthday!
David Williams	2/24	Happy Birthday!
Tad Karmazyn	2/27	Happy Birthday!
Fr. Emmanuel Pazhayapurackal	2/27	Happy Birthday!
To all! (and if anyone is missed)	11/1/24 – 2/28/25	Happy, Happy, Happy Birthday!

# **BRIEF SUMMARY OF MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS IN KOFC COUNCIL**

## **Grand Knight**

- Presides over all meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Maintains working relationships with the council's chaplain, district deputy, field agent and general agent, as well as with other local service organizations

## **Deputy Grand Knight**

- Assists the GK with operation of the council and duties assigned by GK
- When GK not present, presides at council meetings

## **Chancellor**

- Has the duty of strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Recommended to serve on the council's Admission Committee

## **Treasurer**

- Receives money from Financial Secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council

## **Recorder**

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council

## **Advocate**

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Should have a working knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, Charter, Constitution & Laws, council by-laws, and Method of Conducting Council Meetings

## **Warden**

- Responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property
- Sets up council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications

## **Inside/Outside Guards**

- Attend the doors of the council chamber, checking for current membership cards and allowing entrance

## **Board of Trustees**

- Consists of GK and three other elected members
- Supervises all financial business of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Elected for terms of three years, two years and one year and, at each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, moving up one position



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- ▶ Knights help the **CHURCH**
- ▶ Knights are Part of the **COMMUNITY**
- ▶ **INSURANCE** needs for Families are met

## • **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**

Practicing Catholic, 18 years or older

## • **BUSINESS MEETINGS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, at 7 pm, Ministry Building, Holy Faith Catholic Church

## • **SOCIAL MEETINGS**

Scheduled based on seasonal events with family

## • **ANNUAL DUES**

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