



Knights of Columbus

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...

In July of 2019 we started our Faith in Action program called "Building the Domestic Church" with a Kiosk in the lobby of our Church and 15 booklets to choose from. The aim is to make our Catholic faith accessible with reading material and resources to enhance in helping Catholics live out the Church's vision for our families. So far through the month of April, 2021 1,356 booklets have been taken by parishioners.



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Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it is already May and summer is almost here. Our council has had a great finish to the Fraternal Year and is positioned to make Star Council for the 2nd year in a row. This doesn't happen by accident - I want to thank all the officers and brother Knights for the hard work that made this happen.

There are two things I would like to highlight for this newsletter edition. First, we recently restarted the Knight homeless bag program. Each bag contains a subway \$ 5 gift card, bottled water, breakfast bar, and a prayer card. I gave my last one out Friday. As I was at the bank drive thru there was a homeless man sleeping on the sidewalk in front of an empty retail store. I did not want to wake him, so I just left it next to him. Sometimes those are the most impactful - someone needing help but not seeking it out. This has been a great program and has been adopted by the Catholic Sons who will be doing it this summer.

Second, please mark your calendar for our May 11th Council meeting at 7pm in the Parish Family Center room 410 and Social afterwards. We will be taking nominations and voting on the new slate of officers for the next Fraternal year and catching up after a long period of Covid isolation. If you haven't attended a meeting in a long time - you are welcome back and we would love to have you join us.

I hope to see you there !

Robert

Robert Bridenbaugh
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Knights in Action, Faith in Action

Faith



Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ.

- Adoration First Friday every month
- Patriotic Rosary—First Monday every month
- Vocations Program - Support our seminarians financially and spiritually
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk. Booklets in the lobby

Family



Father McGivney sought to strengthen the bonds of families in his parish and the Knights of Columbus. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

- Donated \$706 of valued groceries in April to Christ Cupboard - For the year valued is \$11,786
- Family of the Month - The Cornish Family
- Mother's Day Breakfast 5/9

Community



Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together they accomplish great things.

- Free Throw Regionals held on 2/20 our council had 3 winners
- 60 lunch bags for the needy at St Francis House 5/19
- Donate to St. Francis House food & toiletry items
- Adapt a Highway 6/12
- Help the Homeless: Gift Card, Water and Breakfast Bar.

Life



The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Donate to Mothers in need - Baby items to St Gerard & Devine Mercy House
- Blood Donation 5/9

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Michael McGivney

1852-1890

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

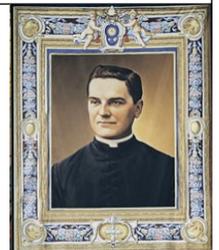
Beatified 31 October 2020

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your servant Father Michael J. 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.





Corporate Communion on Devine Mercy Sunday & Breakfast at Marywood Retreat & Conference Center

By Sal Santapola, Newsletter Editor



The question I have been asked many time is “*What is Corporate Communion*”. The answer is: A Corporate Communion Mass is a special Mass for the Knights of Columbus Council members to come together as one and share the Eucharist together as a community. Council members will serve in various liturgical roles during the Mass, such as Eucharist Ministers, readings of the scriptures and ushering.

The Switzerland Council which was organized in March of 2000 with 35 members, began their Corporate Communion in February 2004 and continued that program the 5th Sunday of the month for a number of years. We would than follow up with a Breakfast at Marywood most times with 60 to 70 brothers and their families attending. At that time our council

did not have the membership it has today.

On Sunday, April 11, 2021 Devine Mercy Sunday, we celebrated at Marywood Retreat Center and participated in our Corporate Communion in the lovely Marywood Chapel overlooking the St John’s River. Father Jim O’Neal was our Celebrant (Presider) assisted by Deacon Mike Elison. Father Jim gave a very uplifting homily and you had to be in attendance to hear his talk with his worldly experiences as a chaplain serving our Military. We had 35 Parishioners in attendance (brother knights, family members and Ladies Auxiliary). Our special thanks to Father Jim and Deacon Mike for offering their time to make our gathering a success.



Celebrating Mass
(l-r) Deacon Mike Elison & Father Jim O’Neal

If you have never experienced spending time at the Marywood Retreat and Conference Center you will really appreciate the professionalism they offer. They have an excellent staff and their food is exceptional. Their breakfast was outstanding with a variety of choices which included fresh fruit, cereal, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes and sweet buns. In addition to the juices, tea and coffee.

The next time we come together to share with family and friends for Corporate Communion, mark the date on your calendar. You will really appreciate the comradery and unity we have and what we do for our church and community.



Parishioners at the Chapel in Marywood, getting ready for Mass



Parishioners getting their Breakfast



Joe Farina Knight of the Year 2020

When in attendance at breakfast at Marywood we had the opportunity to present the Award for ***Knight of the Year***. In the past years we presented awards at the Valentine Dinner but due to the virus we had to cancel.

Every month the council selects a knight and family for that month who has gone above and beyond an outstanding effort in their participation to volunteer in the community, church, knights activities and service. At the end of the year recipients of the last three years vote on the recipients for the current year. In 2019 the winner for the knight of the year was Doug Link. *The winner for 2020 is Joe Farina.* Deputy Grand Knight Bill Burns presented the award and Doug Link said some kind words about Joe.



(l-r) Terence Mahoney, Doug Link, Joe Farina, & Catherine Farina

Joe Farina is an officer as a Warden in the Switzerland Council and a Faithful Pilot in the Assembly. When you look around to seek volunteers, you can always count on Joe. For years he has participated in many activities and you will find him more times working in the kitchen or helping out in many areas. He will get to his responsibility before it starts and is one of the last ones to leave. Joe is handy in many ways and he enjoys making things. When we received the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, the stand holding the booklets was carboard and didn’t hold up too well. Joe with his own expense made a beautiful stand. When ask to get a book case for our awards and trophies, Joe found one, delivered it and we finally got to display all that our council and assembly has earned in the 21 years since we began.

In a recent newsletter we spoke about Joe and what he did leading the charge to help veterans by getting 91 pairs of shoes donated. As for community, Joe is very active in the Italian American Club. He is a board member and helps the club in so many ways. Congratulations Joe.



Annual Election of Officers Slate of Officers



The slate tendered by the Nominating Committee is not definitive; any member may make a nomination from the floor at the **June meeting**, and officers are thereafter elected by a vote of the members.

3rd Degree Officers up for Election

Grand Knight	<i>Bill Burns</i>
Deputy Grand Knight	<i>Jim Denkler</i>
Chancellor	<i>Terence Mahoney</i>
Recorder	<i>Joe Jasmon</i>
Treasurer	<i>Don Mazzenzio</i>
Advocate	<i>Bruce Erdel</i>
Warden	<i>Mike Alken</i>
Inside Guard	<i>Sean Mahoney</i>
Outside Guard	<i>Tim Symis</i>
First Year Trustee	<i>Pat Polizzi</i>
Second Year Trustee	<i>Robert Cook</i>
Third Year Trustee	<i>Robert Bridenbaugh</i>

4th Degree Officers up for Election

Faithful Navigator	<i>Terence Mahoney</i>
Faithful Captain	<i>Dave Wharton</i>
Faithful Admiral	<i>Bill Burns</i>
Faithful Pilot	<i>Joe Farina</i>
Faithful Scribe	<i>Colm Muphry</i>
Faithful Comptroller	<i>Robert Cook</i>
Faithful Purser	<i>Allan Ramos</i>
Inner Sentinel	<i>Sean Mahoney</i>
Outer Sentinel	<i>John Lutz</i>
Trustee one Year	<i>Bruce Erdel</i>
Trustee two Years	<i>Pat Polizzi</i>
Trustee Three Years	<i>Joe Bishop</i>

Appointed Positions with a description and some of their responsibilities.

Financial Secretary - The financial secretary is chosen by the trustees and the officers of the council for a three-year term and approved by the supreme knight. He provides continuity in the council and has the responsibility of collecting dues as well as ensuring that the council's financial recordings are kept up to date.

Lecturer - The lecturer provides brief spiritual discourses and reflections during business meetings for the "Good of the Order".

Program Director - The program director is appointed by the grand knight and oversees the Faith in Action areas of Faith, Family, Community and Life. The program director ensures that all his subordinate committees meet regularly and plan appropriate events. He communicates individual committee reports to the grand knight. Keeps accurate record of council programs

Faith Director - The faith director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all faith-based council programs. .

Family Director - The family director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all family-based council programs. Must complete required Safe Environment training and background check.

Community Director - The community director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all community-based council programs. He directs programs that support and encourage service to the community that fight poverty, aid the individual, promote athletic events, and sponsor larger programs and campaigns. Must complete required Safe Environment training and background check.

Life Director - The life director is appointed by the grand knight and reports to the program director. Responsible for all life-based council programs. The individual appointed to this position should be comfortable discussing and planning efforts within the context of supporting and affirming life in all stages and in all conditions. Notably, he strives to promote programs that support and encourage the advancement of the pro-life movement, people with intellectual disabilities, and persecuted Christians.

Membership Director - The membership director serves as the head of the Admission Committee and works to grow the council's membership through new and transfer members. He should actively identify potential recruits, plan recruitment programs, host informational meetings and encourage council members to seek candidates.

Retention Chairman - The retention chairman works to keep the council's members active. implements programs and practices that provide mentors for new members and regularly communicates with the members to encourage their participation. At times when a council wishes to suspend members, they must have the retention chairman reach out to members and ask them to keep their membership or to transfer to another council.



4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

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Who Are the Fourth Degree Knights?

By Andrew Butler, Communications
for Knights of Columbus

The Patriotic Degree reminds us of our duty to God and country.

They are the Knights on Main Street, the men you probably envision when someone says Knights of Columbus to you. They're present in their distinct regalia at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist.

But there is more to being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country.

Members who wish to live out patriotism together can join "the Fourth Degree." Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. They also become part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area. There are more than 3,500 Fourth Degree assemblies around the world. It is important, particularly in this day and age, that our Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large," Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard said.

The Serving Those Who Served program is a major initiative of the Fourth Degree supporting Veterans Affairs facilities. The Knights of Columbus has representatives at almost every Veterans Affairs medical clinic in the United States, where they recruit and manage K of C volunteers in developing activities and programs that aid patients' most essential needs.

The Fourth Degree has also supported priests, in particular those who go on to serve as military chaplains. Through a special scholarship program, the Knights helped fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces...



On March 20th, 2021 4th degree exemplification was held at San Juan del Rio Family Center. In the photo are members of the degree team, sponsors and Sr Knights that became 4th degree members. Eleven Sr Knights will join the Ave Maria Assembly. They are: Michael Akins, Richard Helffrich, Joseph Jasmon, Richard Komando, Sean Mahoney, Don Massenzio, Howard McGillin, Christopher Morales, Jeff Raynor, David Scott & David Wharton. Congratulations.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

HELP MY BROTHERS!



As Knights, we take on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and for those that go on to the 4th degree, patriotism. As our Council continues to grow we have increased our activities, in supporting our Church, Youth, Community and Family Life. We need your help. We ask that every member gave us some of his time and talent so that we can “**Help My Brothers**” at every event.

Each month we will list upcoming events. **Please e-mail or call Program Director Lou Bilello to “Help My Brothers”.** We are trying to get **more participation** from many of our Brothers who can’t attend meetings and are not aware of the Council’s needs.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR - Lou Bilello - ajbljb66@comcast.net - phone 904 230-9833

EVENT/TYPE	DATE	CHAIR PERSON/e-mail-phone no.	Volunteers needed	Name/phone
Mother’s Day Breakfast Donations for Mothers in Need & Devine Mercy House.	May 9	Lou Bilello - Sal Santapola saldesanta@gmail.com 904-887 -8758 sign up genius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAAB2DA46-volunteers	15	
Highway Cleanup	June 12	Colm Murphy colmmurphy@msn.com 904-501-6202 - sign up genius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DA8A728A3FF2-highway11	6	

DONATIONS TO FOOD PANTRIES
By Pat Pollizzi

- Council and Assembly donated for 2020 for year ending April 2021**
- \$11,786 of food donated from Council and Assembly.
 - Both were a total of 3035 pounds donated.
 - Most Donations went to Christ Cupboard and some to St Francis' house.
 - Since 2013 a total of almost \$50,000 & approx.14,450 Pounds were donated.



April 2021

Knight of Month
Jim Higgins

Family of the Month
The Cornish Family

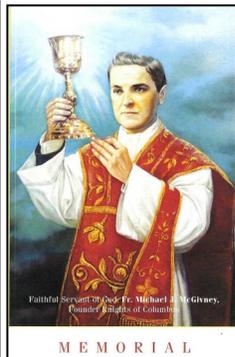
Honorary Membership

Members who have attained the actual age of 65 years and who have been members of the Order for 25 consecutive years are designated as honorary members.

Jerry Chlopek
Joe Humphrey



We are praying for your healing to get well soon.
Toni Bilello, Robert Bridenbaugh, Bob Cook, Joe Farina, Bob Grimaldi, Val & Carolyn Hietter, Paul Kanel, Marlene Nellenbach, Patricia Stepp, Skip Smith & Steve Wright.



In Loving Memory of our Brother Sr Knight Joseph Eloy Gurule, passed away on April 13, 2021
Visitation May 14, 4pm - 7pm
Hardage - Giddens Funeral Home
Mass May 15, 11am
San Juan del Rio Catholic Church

Regional Free Throw Contest

By Dan McIntyre,
Regional Administrator

Our Council Free Throw winners automatically advanced directly to the Regional competition since the other Councils in District 13 didn't host a Challenge. Region Two of the Florida State Council encompasses the Diocese of St. Augustine (10 Districts, 42 active Councils). The Regional Free

Throw Challenge was held on February 20, 2021 at Annunciation Catholic School in Middleburg.

The Switzerland Council representatives and their Regional positions are:

- 10 Y.O. Girl – Christina Ellis – 2nd Place
- 11 Y.O. Boy – Drew England – 3rd Place
- 13 Y.O. Boy – Brady England – 2nd Place

Dan McIntyre Regional Administrator, thanks the council for supporting youth activities.

Congratulations to all.



Brady England receiving 2nd place Regional Medal

Photo By Dan McIntyre

*The Knights of Columbus invites you
Sunday, May 9th from 8:00am to 11am
in the Parish Family Center/Gym for our
Annual Mother's Day Breakfast*

Happy Mother's Day

<u>Menu</u>	<u>Suggested Donation</u>
◆ Scrambled eggs	● \$4.00 per adult
◆ Pancakes	● \$3.00 per child under 12
◆ Sausage links	● \$15.00 maximum per family
◆ Fresh Fruit	
◆ Coffee - Tea - Juice	

**Carnations to the first 100 Moms
All Mothers are Free**

Mother's Helping Mother's

We ask that each family donate to non-profit organizations, St Gerard and Divine Mercy House for Mother's in need.

Suggested Donation - Baby items: Diapers & Wipes, Clothing all sizes and Personal hygiene items. Please bring your donation to the Family Center when attending the Breakfast. Thank you.



Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Grand Knight	Robert Bridenbaugh
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Burns
Chancellor	Tim McCrohan
Recorder	Joe Jasmon
Financial Secretary	Jerry Chlopek
Treasure	Jim Denkler
Lecture	Terence Mahoney
Advocate	Bruce Erdel
Warden	Joe Farina
Inside Guard	Kevin Mason
Outside Guard	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Bob Cook
Trustee 3 Years	Carlos Irene

**Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month
at 7:00PM Family Center/Gym**

Grand Knight Robert Bridenbaugh
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Officers -4th Degree

Faithful Navigator	Terence Mahoney
Faithful Friar	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Faithfull Comptroller	Bob Cook
Faithful Captain	Bruce Erdel
Faithful Admiral	Bill Burns
Faithful Pilot	Joe Farina
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Faithful Scribe	Colm Murphy
Inner Sentinel	Rich Bracz
Outer Sentinel	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Joe Bishop
Trustee 3 Years	Paul Soriano

**Meetings 2th Tuesday of the Month
at 8.00pm Family Center/Gym**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May

- 1-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 3-Patriotic Rosary 7pm.
- 7-Adoration First Friday of the month
- 8-V-E Day
- 9-Mother's Day Breakfast/Blood Drive
- 11-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
- 14-Visitation - Hardage - Funeral Home
4pm-7pm for Joe Gurule
- 15-Mass 11am-Joe Gurule
- 15-Armed Forces Day
- 25-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
- 28/29-State Convention
- 30-Memorial Day (observed)

June

- 4-Adoration First Friday of the month
- 6-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 7-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 8-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
Election of Officers.
- 8-4th Degree Meeting -8pm
- 12-Highway clean up-8am
- 14-Flag Day
- 20-Father's Day Breakfast

July

- 1-Adoration First Friday of the month
- 4-Independence Day-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 5-Independence Day observed - Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 13-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 13-4th Degree Meeting - 8pm

Special points of interest:

- May 9th Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 9th Blood Drive
- May 15th Mass for Joe Gurule
- May 28/29th - State Convention
- June 8-Election of Officers
- June 12 - Highway Cleanup
- June 20 - Father's Day Breakfast

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

"...one Nation, under God,
indivisible with liberty and justice for
all."

