



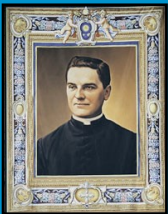
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NEWSLETTER OF SWITZERLAND COUNCIL #12664

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



Father Michael J. McGivney was a central figure in the growth of Catholicism in America, and he remains a model today. His example of charity,

evangelization and empowerment of the laity continues to bear fruit and guide Knights of Columbus around the world.

In his Apostolic Letter that was read in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Conn at the Mass for Beatification on Oct. 31, 2020, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." The Holy Father set his annual feast day for Aug. 13, the day between Father McGivney's birthday (in 1852) and the day he entered eternal life (in 1890).

For more information go to: KoC supreme web page <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>

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Brothers,

Welcome to the first edition of our newly restarted monthly Newsletter. This is part of our effort to keep you informed about our councils activities, inspire more participation, and get feedback from our members. Our council has experienced tremendous growth and energy over the last several years and has done some amazing service in the name of our church.

Here are a few quick examples of programs:

- Supporting cancer patients through the blood drive
- Promoting love of country with the Patriotic Rosary
- Field of Dreams baseball league for special needs kids
- Raising funds for handicapped citizens and veterans
- Supporting 40 days for Life to end abortion and respect end of life
- Feeding the homeless community at St. Francis House and the Food Pantry
- Roadside cleanup in front of San Juan Del Rio
- Kiosk to provide faith based literature

We can always use more help and fresh ideas - and that is where you come in. Our council is only as good as the people in it and their commitment to serve Jesus and our Church. If you are not currently involved there is no time like the present. You can offer as little time as your schedule allows and it can still make a Big difference.

If you would like find out about upcoming ways you can help - check out the HELP MY BROTHERS ! section for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

We want to hear from you - please complete the Member Interest Survey and share your ideas and interests.

It is an exciting time to be a Knight of Columbus and there has never been greater need from our Church, Community and Country. I hope to see you at the next meeting or event.

Vivat Jesus !

Robert Bridenbaugh
Grand Knight 12664
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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
- Into the Breach. Twelve part Video Series

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 \$906 of valued groceries in March to Christ Cupboard. For the year valued is \$6,277
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
- Good Friday Knights and family as well as parishioner families will attend Good Friday services to promote participation in this most sacred liturgy

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.

- Made lunch bags for the needy at St Francis House
- Donate to St. Francis House food & toiletry items.
- Adopt A Highway—Clean up - 2/27
- Free Throw Contest 2/14 - Championship 2/20
- Shoes and Sneakers for Veterans

Life



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

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month.
- March for Life. St Augustine Florida
- Blood Donations - 2/ 21

Free Throw Challenge

By Dan McIntyre Regional Administrator



The Switzerland Council held the annual Free Throw Challenge on February 14th.. Participation was light due to the pandemic, but the Council kept everyone distanced and safe in the parish gymnasium. This year's competition was ran by a new knight, 18 year old Sean Mahoney, who joined the Council 2 weeks ago. Fortunately, he has experience as a competitor in prior years, and Sean was assisted by a few brothers from the Council, including Terence Mahoney, GK Robert Bridenbaugh, Brad England (new member) and RA Dan McIntyre.

Since Switzerland was the only Council in the District to do a Free Throw Challenge and have been declared District winners. They will compete in the Region 2 Free Throw Challenge on Saturday February 20, with a chance to go to the State competition.

Switzerland Council shows the "Do More, Be More" call from Supreme by adding new members, getting them engaged, and not letting the pandemic get in the way of their programs. Congratulations to the Council.

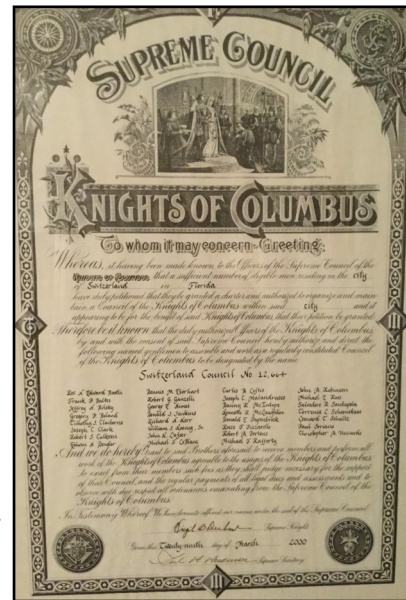


The Switzerland Council was organized in March, 2000 with 35 members. We continue to grow and now have over 300 members.

Our Ave Maria Assembly was established February, 2007 and now has over 100 members.

We welcome all new members to join as it will enhance your life.

Father Ed Booth was our first Chaplin and our first Grand Knight was Tim Claiborne (deceased). Photo on the right is our Charter. Photo on the left is all the awards we accomplished in our 20 + years.



Adopt a Highway

By Colm Murphy

Did you know our Council has partnered with St Johns County to sponsor a 2 mile stretch of CR13 from our Church south to Greenbriar Road? It is part of the [Adopt a Highway program](https://adoptahighway.net/) (learn more at this website: <https://adoptahighway.net/>). The county supplies bags, safety equipment and we supply the people power to collect the trash!

In 2019 alone, we collected about 1400lbs of trash filling 71 bags! Put in another way, we collected trash in 2019 that was about as heavy as a cow!

Want to get involved? We do trash pickup once every two months and our next one is set for April 10, at 8AM. Click the [link](#) to learn more and sign up - or go to "Help My Brothers" on page 4.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4DA8A728A3FF2-highway11>

Donations:
\$10 - Adults

- Dinner includes:
- Choice of Dinner
 - One Soft Drink
 - One Dessert (value \$1.00)



Desserts will be available by the Ladies Auxiliary Donations starting at \$1.00



San Juan del Rio
Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Every Friday Beginning February 19, thru March 26, 2021
Six Fridays during Lent
Join us for Dinner or Take out in the Family Center/Gym
6.00pm - 8.00pm

Serving assistance provided by San Juan del Rio Youth Group

Proceeds be used to help support the many charitable causes and the Youth Steubenville Retreat

Fish Fry is Sponsored by *Knights of Columbus*

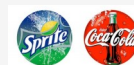


Choice of Dinners

Curb Side ordering or Eat In
Cash or Credit Card

- Fried Catfish, coleslaw, fries & hushpuppy
 - Combo-Fried Catfish with Shrimp, coleslaw, fries & hushpuppy
 - Baked Cod Fish, mixed vegetables & hushpuppy
- Soft Drinks - Coke, Sprite & Bottle Water \$1.00

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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.

Note—To our new and current members review our Member Experience Interest Survey on page 5. You can complete the survey and offer your participation in Faith in Action Programs. Mail to Grand Knight Robert Bridenbaugh Knights of Columbus 1718—State Road #13 St Johns, Fl 32259 or email as an attached to saldesanta@gmail.com. Also please advise us of any updates or changes in your email address and or phone number.

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

EVENT/TYPE	DATE	CHAIR PERSON/e-mail-phone no.	Volunteers needed—Name/phone no.
Free Throw Challenge District Free Throw	February 14 February 20	Sean Mahoney - 4 Volunteers participate	
Fish Fry <i>(contact Chair Person or go to signup genius)</i>	February 19, & 26, March 5,12,19& 26	Robert Bridenbaugh kofc12664@gmail.com - 904-460-3254 https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044baeae2ea1ff2-fish4	15
Highway Cleanup	April 10th	Colm Murphy colmmurphy@msn.com 904-501-6202	6



February 2021

Knight of Month

Family of the Month



Terence Mahoney

**Alter Server for the Month of January 2021
Rafe Ripple**



Lou Bilello Family

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT



We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

Welcome our new 3rd Degree Members

Michael Aiken, Timothy Gysan, David Scott, Brad England, Julius Ibasco, Luis Gonzalez, Rayan McEnany, Steve Donaldson, David Plante, Sean Mahoney and Richard Helffrich

Transfers to our Council/Assembly

Tom Cherry 3rd Degree
Frank Civitillo 3rd and 4th Degree

Member Experience Interest Survey

To our new and current members, please know that we value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for the continued success of our council and parish. Our Knights of Columbus council conducts a variety of programs – activities where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to ensure a great Knights of Columbus council experience, we ask that you complete the following survey. Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____
 Marital Status: Married Single Widower If Married, Wife's Name: _____
 Number of Children: Boys _____ Girls _____
 Occupation: _____ Parish/Church: _____
 Hobbies/Interests: _____

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Please list your preferences for those Faith in Action programs you would be interested in volunteering at or attending.

FAITH	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	LIFE
<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Faith Formation	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Strengthen Families	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Create a Culture of Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Into the Breach	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave No Neighbor Behind	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Refugee Relief
<input type="checkbox"/> Marian Icon Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Rose
<input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Kiosk	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Fully Alive	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Throw Championship	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Novena for Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection	<input type="checkbox"/> Consecration to the Holy Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands	<input type="checkbox"/> Mass for People with Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> Holy Hour	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Prayer Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> March for Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Coats for Kids	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Olympics
<input type="checkbox"/> Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food for Families	<input type="checkbox"/> Global Wheelchair Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

How much time do you think you can contribute to council activities?
 1 hour per month 1 hour per week Multiple hours per week

What are some ideas you have for new or improved programs? _____

Would you be able to assist in leading any new or improved program? Yes No

What do you hope for your membership in our council? _____

Please submit this form to your Grand Knight





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

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 Polizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Bob Cook
Trustee 3 Years	Carlos Irene

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Grand Knight Robert Bridenbaugh
904-460-3254 kofc12664@gmail.com

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

Faithful Nevagtor Terance Mahoney
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Warren Cook -230-0046 wcook720@bellsouth.net

March

- 5-Adoration First Friday of the month
- 6-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 7-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 9-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 9-4thDegree Meeting -8pm
- 12-Fish Fry
- 14-Flag Day
- 19-Fish Fry
- 20-4th Degree Virtual for 3rd Degree
- 26-Fish Fry
- 28-Palm Sunday

April

- 2-Good Friday/ Adoration
- 4-Easter Sunday /Rosary
- 5-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 10-Highway Clean Up 8am
- 13-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
- 13-4th Degree Meeting 8pm
- 14-Flag Day

May

- 1-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 3-Patriotic Rosary 7pm.
- 7-Adoration First Friday of the month
- 9-Mother's Day
- 11-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
- 11-4th Degree Meeting 8pm
- 30-Memorial Day

Special points of interest:

- March 12,19, and 26th. Fish Fry
- March 20th - 4th Degree Virtual for 3rd Degree
- April 2nd - Good Friday—Gather of Knights and Families
- April 10th - Highway Clean up 8am
- April 13/14th =- Flag Day - Giving out Flags— (tentative)



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



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