

The Knights of Columbus offers multiple activities that promote Christmas and the season of Advent in their proper context: Journey to the Inn, Spread the Light of Christ, Crèche or Advent Wreath Blessing, and the Christmas Poster Contest. These programs are centered on the example of the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The new Keep Christ in Christmas (KCIC) Program brings all KCIC activities together under one umbrella. It encourages councils to prompt their neighbors to shift from a preoccupation with materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving.

KCIC activities include whatever efforts best suit the parish and community of a particular council and do not need to originate from the Supreme Council.

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



Brothers,
Merry Christmas!!

Can't believe it's here again - already. I hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends as we remember to Keep Christ In Christmas. Marie and I look forward to seeing you at mass during this Advent season as we prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ child. We plan to put up our Advent wreath Thanksgiving weekend. It's amazing how these little things help keep our minds focused on the Lord during the week.

The Veterans Day Parade was a huge success. We had 2 cars, one pulling the trailer with all the Military Service Flags (even Space Force!) both with magnetic signs for the Council & Assembly. Plus we had "Knights on Bikes". That's right - motorcycles with the emblem of the Order on their vest. Plus, lots of brothers in uniform marching in the front. The Knights of Columbus made a great showing and the crowd was very welcoming of our presence. We were thanked for our service and one person thanked us for our scholarships.

January begins the second half of our fiscal year. We've got a long way to go as we recruit new members, bring our inactive brothers back and increase our spirituality. Our many charities still need our support both monetarily and physically. And yes, we also want to have some fun filled, family-oriented events. We are currently looking at holding a physical exemplification in January.

Remember your 1st Degree? The old one where the Grand Knight came to you and asked if you were a Catholic Gentleman? We have an opportunity to show our commitment to the Order in the coming months, to be examples of that Catholic gentleman.

May God Bless each of you and your families.

In Christ,

Bill

Bill Burns PFN
Grand Knight
Switzerland Council 12664

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.

- 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 \$1085 of valued groceries in November to Christ Cupboard, St Francis House & Armstrong Farming Migrants.
- Family of the Month - The Bridenbaugh Family
- Breakfast with Santa 12/4

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.

- Light up for Christ 12/4

Life



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

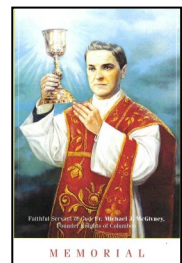
- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Pro Life Rosary First Friday every month followed by Adoration

Blood Drive - Sunday November 7th, 2021
L/r Joe Bishop , David Lytle & Dan McIntyre



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Toni Bilello, Nancy Perrone, Val & Caroline Hietter, Bill Burns, Riley Cooley, Jason Chlopek family, Dave Yontz, Chuck Lowry, Ana Ramos, John Schuller, Ray Link, Father Booth, Steve Wright, Ray Link, David Yontz, Dewey Detruide, Tom Cherry, The Pirrung Family, Matt Fiorentino and Kathy Baracz.

In Loving Memory Jim Massad & Bob Hawes who passed away. Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Knight of the Month
Rich Komando



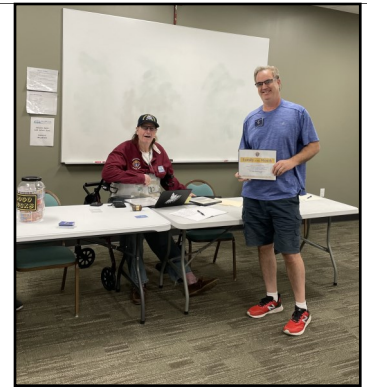
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Knight of the Month

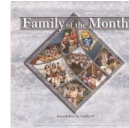
Rich Komando

Family of the Month

The Bridenbaugh Family



Family of the Month
The Bridenbaugh Family
L/r Grand Knight Bill Burns &
Past Grand Knight Robert Bridenbaugh



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Breakfast with Santa

- ◆ **DATE:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4th
- ◆ **TIME:** 9AM - 12PM
- ◆ **PLACE:** San Juan Del Rio Family Center

Complimentary Breakfast
MENU

- PANCAKES
- SAUSAGE
- JUICE
- MILK
- COFFEE

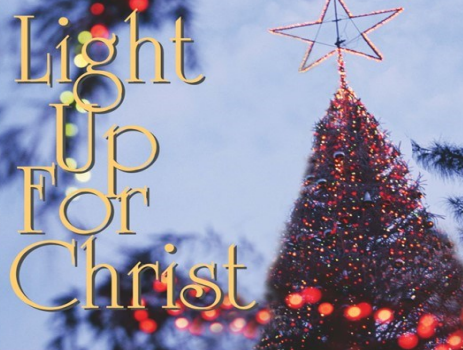
- ◆ **PICTURES TO BE TAKEN WITH SANTA**



- ◆ **DATE:** SUNDAY DECEMBER 5th
- ◆ **TIME:** AFTER THE 5PM MASS
- ◆ **PLACE:** OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

PROGRAM

- ◆ SINGING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS
- ◆ BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES
- ◆ BLESSING OF NATIVITY SCENE
- ◆ TURN ON SWITCH TO LIGHT UP THE TREE AND NATIVITY SCENE
- ◆ REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW:
- ◆ PRESENTED BY LADIES AUXILIARY
- ◆ HOT CHOCOLATE AND COOKIES



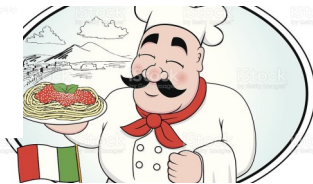
The Knights of Columbus invites families to join them in a celebration to signify the birth of the light of the world.
Join us as we Light Up For Christ!



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



**ITALIAN DINNER
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2021
FAMILYCENTER
SPONSORED BY
4TH DEGREE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**





4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

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VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 11, 2021 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA



Photos by Dan McIntyre & Jerry Chlopek

December
25th

Christmas

Noel, Nativity, Xmas



An annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed as a **religious and cultural celebration** among billions of people around the world.



History

The viewing of **the Nativity play** is one of the oldest Christmas traditions, with the first reenactment of the Nativity of Jesus taking place in A.D. 1223.

The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated **on Dec. 25 was in 336**, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine. It is now a public holiday in many parts of the world.

A number of figures are associated with Christmas and the seasonal giving of gifts. Among these are **Father Christmas**, also known as Santa Claus.

The **Christmas tree** is a decorated tree, usually an evergreen conifer or an artificial tree of similar appearance, originating in Northern Europe.



The traditional greeting reads **'wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,'** much like that of the first commercial Christmas card, produced by Sir Henry Cole in London in 1843.

Source- <https://www.bing.com/search?q=how+did+christmas+originat>



Since 2011 Sir Knight Pat Pollizzi and his wife Sandra have given of their time to purchase food items to support many of the homeless people with food donations to mostly to Christ Cupboard and St Francis House. Each week they take the funds donated by the Knights, cut out

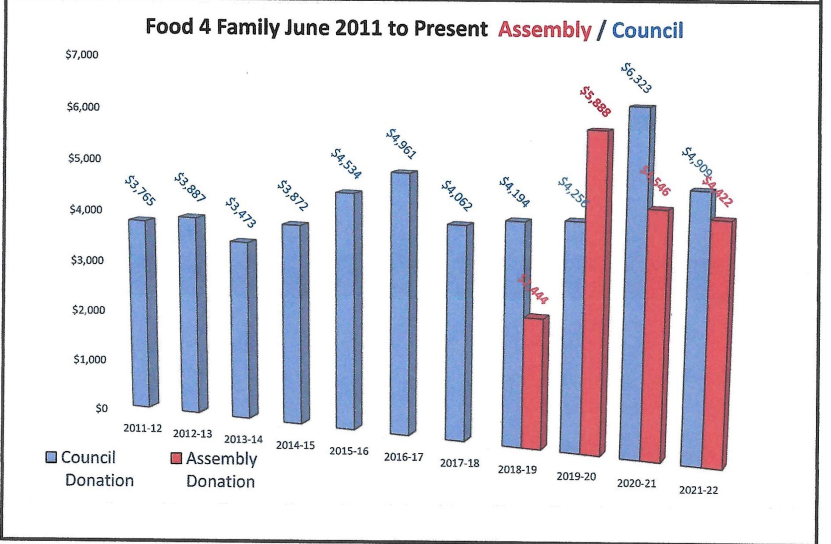
coupons and purchased mostly Bogo items to get the best value. The chart on the right breaks out the entire program.

Rebates are also received from Knights Headquarters for matching funds. The total value of food items from 2011 to the present is over \$65,000. Hats off for an outstanding effort to Pat and Sandra with the support of the Switzerland Council and Ave Maria Assembly.



		DONATION	WEIGHT	REBATE	Avg / Mo.	Avg /Yr.
ASSEMBLY	2018-21	\$ 17,299.09	4589	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 393.16	\$ 4,324.77
COUNCIL	2011-21	\$ 48,236.39	17086	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 398.65	\$ 4,385.13
Totals		\$ 65,535.48	21676	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 395.90	\$ 4,354.95

Spent to Donation value Ratio is ~ 2.75



Knights of Columbus Cordially Invites you
VALENTINE DINNER & DANCE
AT MARWOOD RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER
Sunday February 6, 2022 - 6:30pm - 10pm

Knight & Family of the Year

Roses to all the Ladies

Valentine Menu
 Salad - Rolls
 Pork Loin
 Chicken Marsala
 Atlantic Salmon
 Whipped Potatoes
 Vegetable Melange
 Assorted Pastries

Mark your calendar for this special gathering. Full information will be sent out via email signuppenus and also listed in the Sunday Bulletin. This activity will be open to the entire parish family. All checks made out to the Knights of Columbus. We will be outside the Church the weekends of January 22nd & 29th.

Contact: Sal Santapola
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6:30pm - Social
Cash Bar

7:45pm - Dinner

8:00pm - Awards

8:30pm - Dancing

10pm - End





December 2021

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	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
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Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Denkler
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Recorder	Joe Jasmon
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Advocate	Bruce Erdel
Warden	Mike Alken
Inside Guard	Sean Mahoney
Outside Guard	Joe Stepp
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Bob Cook
Trustee 3 Years	Robert Bridenbaugh

Meetings 4th Tuesday of the Month at 7:00PM Family Center/Gym

Grand Knight Bill Burns

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Faithful Captain	Rich Komando
Faithful Admiral	Bill Burns
Faithful Pilot	Joe Farina
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Faithful Scribe	Colm Murphy
Inner Sentinel	Sean Mahoney
Outer Sentinel	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Bruce Erdel
Trustee 2 Years	Pat Polizzi
Trustee 3 Years	Joe Bishop

Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7.00pm Family Center/Gym

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 3- Pro Life Rosary 9:30am followed Adoration
- First Friday of the month
- 4-Breakfast with Santa 9am
- 5-Light up for Christ after 5pm Mass
- 5-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 5-Corporate Communion/Breakfast Marywood 8:30am
- 6-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 11/12—The Baby Camino
- 14-3rd & 4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 16-Membership meeting 7pm
- 24-Christmas Eve
- 25-Christmas
- 31-New Year's Eve

January—2022

- 1-New Year's Day
- 2-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 3- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 7-Pro Life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration
- First Friday of the month
- 11-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 15-March for Life Dinner 6:30pm
- Ladies Auxiliary to participate - Proceeds to
Emergency Pregnancy Centers
- 21- Silent Auction—Marywood 6:30pm
- 25-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

February 2022

- 4- Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed Adoration first
Friday of the month.
- 6-Rosary First Sunday of the month
Blood Drive
- 6- Valentine Dinner and Dance Marywood 6:30pm
- 7- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 8-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
- 13-Super Bowl
- 22-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

Special points of interest:

- December 4 - Breakfast with Santa 9am
- December 5 - Light up for Christ after 5pm Mass
- December 5 - Corporate Communion /
Breakfast at Marywood 8:30am
- December 16 - Membership Meeting 7pm
- February 6th —Valentine Dinner & Dance
Marywood 6:30pm



GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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