



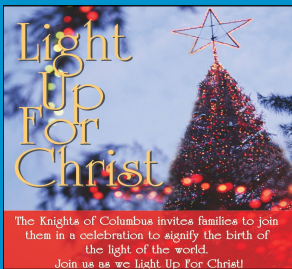
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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



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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Brother Knights:

The Advent season is here. We had a wonderful reflection by Dan Cassiani at our council meeting on preparing for Advent. Jesus's birth was part of Gods' plan for our salvation.

Our Cor initiative continues the first three Saturdays of the month. This mornings' reflection by Jack Manilla was worth noting: if we were to die today would we be able to call on Jesus as our character witness before God? On December 16 Cor will have a guest speaker: congressman Rutherford on faith. All men of the parish are invited.

Breakfast with Santa was well attended with many families and children. Special thanks to all the many volunteers who made this a memorable event. Please join us on Sunday December 3 for the lighting of the Christmas tree after 5:00 mass. CCW will be joining us to provide refreshments and help with this event.

I hope your Thanksgiving holidays were full of family and friends. Christmas will be here shortly. Let us celebrate the birth of our savior.

Your brother in Christ,

Jim Denkler
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.

- Rosary First Friday every month followed by Adoration
- Patriotic Rosary - 11/3
- 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 \$857 of valued groceries from month of November to Christ Cupboard Food Bank
- Family of the Month Larry & Rozanna Rogari
- Breakfast with Santa 12/2

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.

- Lunches prepared for the needy at St Francis House & Lady of Hope 12/16
- Adopt a Highway Cleanup 1/27/24
- Light up for Christ 12/3

Life



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

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Cor Meeting 6:45am - 8:30am 12/2,9, & 16



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Mary Ann O'Meara, Nancy Perrone, Chuck Perrone, Ed Szczpanik, Kevin Mason, Matt Mouzon, Steve Wright, Bill Kelly, Pete Falcona, Tim & Betsy Baracz, Tony Swann & Karen White.

In Loving Memory of Doug Murray who passed away. Grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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.

Please click on www.kofc12664.com and help serve as your time permits.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knight of the Month

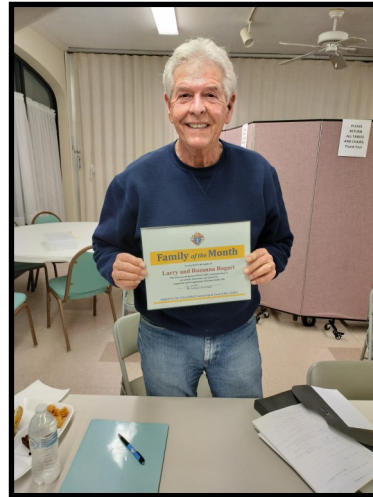


November 2023

Knight
Father Clay Ludwig
Family
Larry & Rozanna Rogari
Altar Server
Daniel Clift



Family of the Month



Larry & Rozanna Rogari

4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

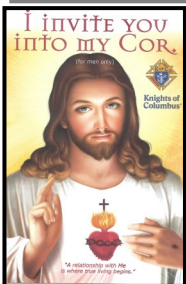
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Veterans Day Parade - November 11, 2023



There is also an opportunity to purchase a brick for the Hero's Walk, (the walk near the statue of ST John the Evangelist) at a reduced price of \$100 through the Knights for a limited time only. If you are interested contact Joe Bishop at mozzs@comcast.net for details.



COR - SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER

December 2, 9, & 16

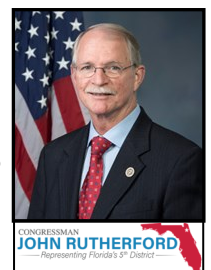
6:45am—8:30am in room 410 Family Center/Gym

Rooted in prayer, scripture and the sacraments, Catholic men become stronger in their marriages, better fathers, grandfathers and friends through weekly meetings with fellow men, strengthened in pray, formation and fraternity. **On Saturday, December 16th, at 7am is our special Guest Speaker is Congressman John Rutherford.**

John Rutherford (FL-05) is serving his fourth term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He sits on the House Ethics Committee and the House Appropriations Committee where he serves on three subcommittees: Homeland Security, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development.

John and Pat are devoted members of Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville and has been happily married to his wife, Pat, for 51 years with whom they share two children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He has lived in Jacksonville since 1958.

Theme of his talk - "Living Your Faith at Home & in Public Service."



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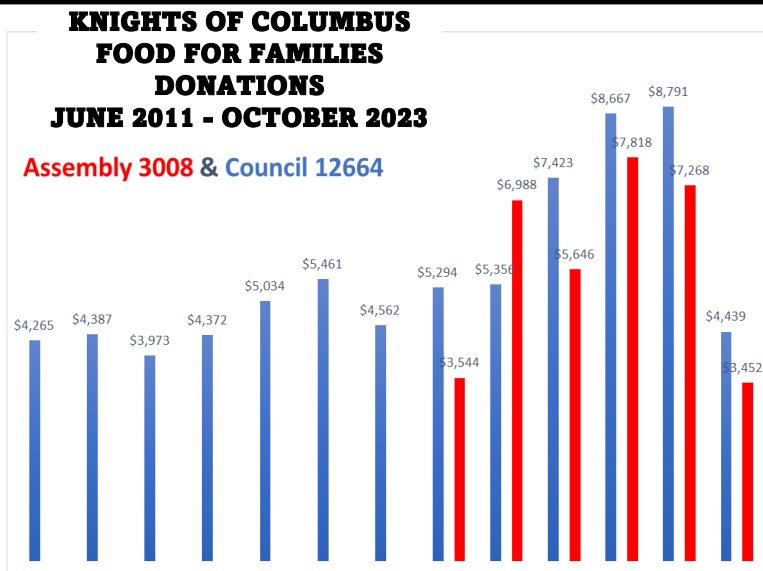


**St Mark's Roundtable
Basketball Free Throw Contest
Patriot Oaks Gym October 22, 2023**
By Michael Aiken, Chancellor

The Knights of Columbus St. Mark's Round Table sponsored a Basketball Free Throw Contest in the Patriot Oaks gym after 10:30 Mass on October 22. The event was for 9–14 year old boys and girls. 15 youths took the challenge with their families and friends cheering them on.

During the competition each participant was given the opportunity to showcase their shooting skills. When all was said and done each competing group had crowned a clear winner. These winning individuals now have the opportunity to compete at the Knights of Columbus District level, which will tentatively be held in January 2024.

Special thanks to the competitors and their families for taking the time to come together for this event, and to the Knights who volunteered their time. A good time was had by all!



Since June 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. From the Margie Boss Funds and the BOGO jar Funds from the Knights the account has never been negative.

Rebates are also received from Knights Headquarters for matching funds. The total value of food items from 2011 to October 2023 is over \$106739. Hats off for an outstanding effort to Pat and Sandra with the support of the Switzerland Council and Ave Maria Assembly.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



**KNIGHTS
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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Breakfast with Santa

- ◆ DATE: **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd**
- ◆ TIME: **9am –12pm**
- ◆ PLACE: **San Juan Del Rio Family Center**
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**Complimentary Breakfast
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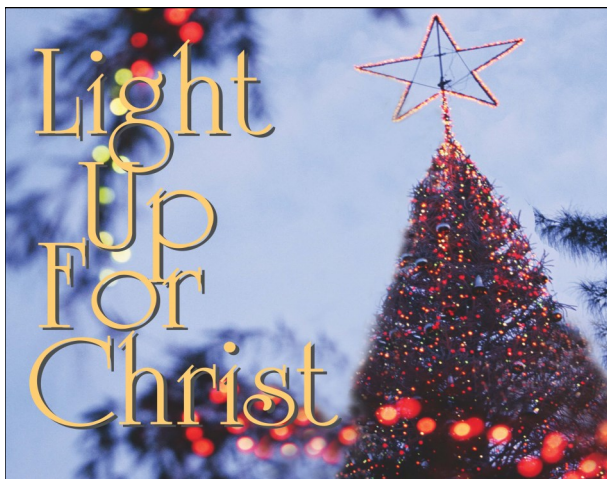
COFFEE



- ◆ DATE: **SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd**
- ◆ 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!



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**Meetings 4th Tuesday of the Month
at 7:00PM Parish Hall**

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**Meetings 2nd Tuesday of the Month
at 7.00pm Parish Hall**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- 1-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 2-Cor Meeting 6:45am
- 2-Breakfast with Santa 8:30am
- 3-Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 3-Light Up for Christ 6:00pm
- 4- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 9-Cor Meeting 6:45am
- 10 - Keep Christ in Christmas poster competition deadline
- 10-Camino lunch
- 12-Council/ Assembly meetings 7pm-8:00pm
- 16-Cor Meeting 6:45am Guest Speaker John Rutherford
- 16- St. Francis House & Cena Cola Lunch Bags 9am
- 24-Christmas Eve Masses
- 25-Christmas Day Masses
- 31-New Years Eve

January 2024

- 1-New Year's Day
- 5-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 6 -Cor Meeting 6:45am
- 6/7 - Rosary First Sunday of the month
Consecration of The Holy Family
- 8- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 9-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 13-Cor Meeting 6:45am
- 14-22 Novena for Life
- 14-CUF Exemplification 1pm
- 20-Cor Meeting 6:45am
- 20- St. Francis House & Cena Cola Lunch Bags 9am
- 20-Field of Dreams Dinner 6:30pm
- 23- 3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 27- Adopt Highway cleanup 8am

Special points of interest:

- December 2- Breakfast with Santa 8:30am
- December 3- Light up for Christ 6pm
- December 16 - Cor Meeting 6:45am Guest John Rutherford

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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

