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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



June 14th, Flag Day

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first "American" flag, the Continental Colors. For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.
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Brother Knights:

As May comes to a close, I reflect on a busy church calendar. We've honored Joseph and Mary. We celebrated Jesus' Ascension to heaven and the birthday of the church and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. San Juan del Rio had two confirmation masses as the confirmandi received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday we hosted a Taste of Nations where parishioners got to experience several of the many cultures we have in our parish.

Our council has several service opportunities in June such as helping serve for the SOS luncheon on the 15th, and the youth group boys retreat on the 22nd assisted by several of our knights. For those who have attended or are interested in going on a Christ renews his parish (CHRP) weekend San Juan is hosting a diocesan renewal on June 8. I strongly encourage you to attend.

The Knights of Columbus state convention was held last weekend. As you may know our council won four awards:

1st place in district 3 (large councils) and 3rd overall in the state for Family programs

2nd place overall for Life programs

1st place in district 3 for council of the year

These awards would not have been possible without the dedication of our Deputy Grand Knight Terence Mahoney, our Program Director Lou Bilello, our Family program director Dien Nguyen, our Life director Joe Bishop, our Faith and Evangelization director Jack Manilla, and Colm Murphy and Warren Cook who plan, cook and serve for so many of our programs. I appreciate all members of our council who helped in any way this past fiscal year. Please know that even if I didn't mention you by name your efforts were appreciated. The real winners are the people we serve week in and week out. In Matthew 25:40 Jesus replies that what you did for the least of my brothers you did for me.

Sincerely,

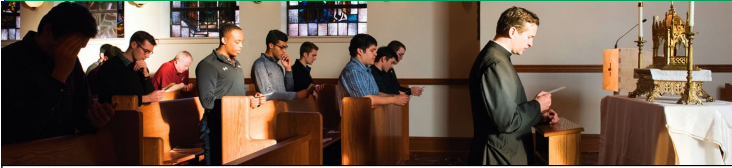
Jim Denkler
Grand Knight
Switzerland Council 12664

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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.

- Rosary First Friday every month followed by Adoration
- Vocations Program - Support our seminarians financially and spiritually
- CHR P Reunion 6/8
- COR Breakfast 6/15

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 \$1054 of valued groceries for the month of May to Christ Cupboard Food Bank
- Family of the Month—Michael Wolf & Family
- Father’s Day Breakfast 6/16

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.

- Fresh fruit donation for Lady of Hope 6/15
- Patriotic Rosary 6/3

Life



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

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Nancy Perrone, Chuck Perrone, Kevin Mason, Marilyn Sussan, Steve Wright, Jim & Beth Stuebgen, Allan & Ana Ramos, Matt Mouzon, Tiffany Sorrells, Debra Kunka, Peter Carroll, Art De Bento, Ann Marie Johnson, Pat Buenhke & Anonymous Brother Knight.



L/r David Phillips accepting award for his Grandson Decaln McMahon Altar Server for the Month of May, presented by Deputy Grand Knight Terence Mahoney.

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knight of the Month



Dien V. Nguyen



May

Knight

Dien V. Nguyen

Family

The Wolf Family

Altar Server

Declan McMahon



Family of the Month



Michael Wolf & Family



Annual Election of Officers

Congratulations



The slate of Officers were approved and voted by the membership at their 3rd and 4th degree meetings.

3rd Degree

4th Degree

Grand Knight	<i>Terence Mahoney</i>
Deputy Grand Knight	<i>John Petry</i>
Chancellor	<i>Frank Lasalvia</i>
Recorder	<i>Larry Rogari</i>
Treasurer	<i>Lynn Nellenbach</i>
Advocate	<i>Rich Komando</i>
Warden	<i>Ed Szczepanik</i>
Inside Guard	<i>Vinny Zammataro</i>
Outside Guard	<i>John Lutz</i>
First Year Trustee	<i>Mike LeBlanc</i>
Second Year Trustee	<i>Joe Bishop</i>
Third Year Trustee	<i>Jim Denkler</i>

Faithful Navigator	<i>Joe Bishop</i>
Faithful Captain	<i>Mike Aiken</i>
Faithful Admiral	<i>Bob Gearing</i>
Faithful Pilot	<i>Joe Stepp</i>
Faithful Scribe	<i>Jim Denkler</i>
Faithful Comptroller	<i>Rich Baracz</i>
Faithful Purser	<i>Allan Ramos</i>
Inner Sentinel	<i>Doug Link</i>
Outer Sentinel	<i>Wally Edwards</i>
Trustee one Year	<i>Greg Webster</i>
Trustee two Years	<i>Terence Mahoney</i>
Trustee Three Years	<i>Carlos Irene</i>



Our Council winners of 4 awards: **Council of the year 2023-2024, Family Activities First Place, Service Program Second Place and Family Award 3rd Place.** Pictures llr Grand Knight Jim Denkler accepting award from District Deputy John Hashtak and Lou Bilello our Program Director who has a key role in our council winning the awards. Picture on the right is Lou Bilello and Grand Knight Jim Denkler.



In winning awards our council has to meet all standards, including many volunteers, key leaders and lots of follow up with forms to the state and supreme. Picture on the left is **Joe Bishop leader of the Life Program**, Grand Knight Jim Denkler and Lou Bilello our Program Director. On the right photo is Grand Knight Jim Denkler presenting **Family Program award to Program Director Lou Bilello.**



KNIGHTS IN ACTION**4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008**

Joe Bishop, Faithful Navigator
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The Fourth Degree Exemplification of the Florida District will be held at San Juan del Rio Catholic Church on Saturday August 24th.
This is a great honor for our church and assembly.
Bishop Erik Pohlmeier will be the honoree for the exemplification.

Brothers and Sir Knights,

With the honor of hosting this event comes the responsibility to make sure the Parish and Knights of Columbus put on our best effort to ensure the success of the event. With that said there will be a lot of volunteers required to make sure all goes well.

The schedule of events currently is:

- ◆ **Friday 8/23/24 Setup will begin at 4PM.**
 - There are two main areas to prepare. The Exemplification Chamber (parish auditorium) and The Anti-Chamber,
 - Registration and ladies' luncheon (PFC Gym).
- ◆ **Saturday 8/24/24 at 9AM. Registration 9am & Mass 10am**
 - Candidates will march to the exemplification chamber at 12 noon.
 - Ladies' Luncheon will start approximately at 12:15PM.
 - Immediately following the ladies luncheon, the Gym will have to be setup for the Banquet 1:30PM.
 - Immediately following the exemplification, the parish auditorium will need to be dismantled and cleaned approximately 2PM.
 - The Banquet begins at 3PM
 - Immediately following the banquet, the gym and kitchen will have to be broken dismantled and cleaned.

Sir Knights that volunteered to chair these key areas:

Joe Farina **Exemplification Chamber**, Lorenzo Rogari **Anti Chamber** and **Ladies Luncheon room setup**, Jack Manila **Registration**, Pat Pollizzi **Color Guard (Flag Team)**, and Colm Murphy **Kitchen**.

There will be more specifics as we get closer to the event. In the meantime, please consider this:

If you are a 3rd Degree member, please submit a "form 4" to Joe Stepp with a check for \$70.00 and take your 4th degree.

If you are not yet a 3rd degree, we will be having CUF (Charity, Unity, Fraternity) degrees each month so you can complete your 3rd degree and be eligible for the 4th degree. A "Form 4" is available from me (Joe Bishop), Joe Stepp or Danny McIntyre. If you are currently a 4th Degree and have been thinking about getting the uniform, this would be a exciting time to do so.

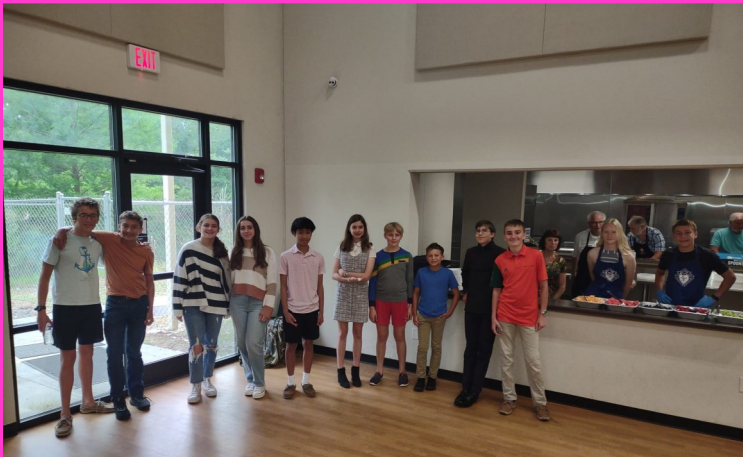
Let's make this the best exemplification the Florida District has seen!

Any questions, contact Joe Bishop @ mozzs@comcast.net 904-716-7532

Vivat Jesus

Joseph Bishop
Faithfull Navigator, Assembly 3008

KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Happy Mother's Day

On Sunday May 12th from 8am to 1pm the Knights presented a Breakfast to all Mother's and Family members. A well attended breakfast. Thank you all that participated to make this another great success!!!



Knights in Action, Faith in Action

JUNE 14TH, FLAG DAY

Source: *What Is Flag Day? (history.com)*

flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.



Facts About the U.S. Flag

- ◆ Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14, in 1885. That year, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.
- ◆ It is widely believed that Betsy Ross, who assisted the Revolutionary War effort by repairing uniforms and sewing tents, made the first American flag. However, there is no historical evidence that she contributed to Old Glory’s creation. It was not until her grandson William Canby held an 1870 press conference to recount the story that the American public learned of her possible role. It has since been confirmed that Francis Hopkinson, a delegate from New Jersey who signed the Declaration of Independence, designed the American flag.

Did Betsy Ross Really Make the First American Flag?

The lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” America’s national anthem since 1931, are taken from a patriotic poem written by Francis Scott Key after he witnessed the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. His words were set to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” a popular British drinking song. In the 1950s, when it seemed certain that Alaska would be admitted to the Union, designers began retooling the American flag to add a 49th star to the existing 48. Meanwhile, a 17-year-old Ohio student named Bob Heft borrowed his mother’s sewing machine, disassembled his family’s 48-star flag and stitched on 50 stars in a proportional pattern. He handed in his creation to his history teacher for a class project, explaining that he expected Hawaii would soon achieve statehood as well. Heft also sent the flag to his congressman, Walter Moeller, who presented it to President Eisenhower after both new states joined the Union. Eisenhower selected Heft’s design, and on July 4, 1960, the president and the high school student stood together as the 50-star flag was raised for the first time. Heft’s teacher promptly changed his grade from a B- to an A.



Unlike setting an intact flag on fire, flying one upside-down is not always intended as an act of protest. According to the Flag Code, it can also be an official distress signal. The Flag Code stipulates that the Stars and Stripes should not be used as apparel, bedding or drapery.

The practice of draping coffins in the American flag is not reserved for military veterans and government officials. On the contrary, any burial may incorporate this tradition. Etiquette calls for American flags to be illuminated by sunlight or another light source while on display.

During the Vietnam War era, some demonstrators burned American flags as an act of protest. The Flag Protection Act of 1968 was enacted in response, making it illegal to burn or otherwise deface the Stars and Stripes. In two landmark decisions 20 years later, the Supreme Court ruled that the government couldn’t curb individuals’ First Amendment rights by prohibiting desecration of the U.S. flag. Respectful burning of damaged flags according to established protocol has always been acceptable. When flags are taken down from their poles, care must be taken to keep them from touching the ground. In fact, the American flag should always be kept aloft, meaning that rugs and carpets featuring the Stars and Stripes are barred by the Flag Code. When the flags of cities, states, localities or groups are flown on the same staff as the American flag, Old Glory should always be at the peak. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be of equivalent size and flown from separate staffs of the same height.

The Flag Code strictly prohibits adding an insignia, drawing or other markings to the Stars and Stripes. Some American politicians have been known to defy this regulation by signing copies of the U.S. flag for their supporters. Ever wondered how to correctly fold an American flag? First, enlist a partner and stand facing each other, each holding both corners of one of the rectangle’s shorter sides. Working together, lift the half of the flag that usually hangs on the bottom over the half that contains the blue field of stars. Next, fold the flag lengthwise a second time so that the stars are visible on the outside. Make a triangular fold at the striped end, bringing one corner up to meet the top edge. Continue to fold the flag in this manner until only a triangle of star-studded blue can be seen.





Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Father Clay
Grand Knight	Jim Denkler
Deputy Grand Knight	Terence Mahoney
Chancellor	Mike Aiken
Recorder	Larry Rogari
Financial Secretary	Robert Bridenbaugh
Treasure	Lynn Nellenbach
Advocate	Pat Pollizzi
Warden	Ed Szczepanik
Inside Guard	Vinny Zammataro
Outside Guard	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Bob Gearing
Trustee 2 Years	Mike LeBlanc
Trustee 3 Years	Tom Metro

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

Grand Knight Jim Denkler
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Officers -4th Degree

Faithful Navigator	Joe Bishop
Faithful Friar	Father Clay
Faithfull Comptroller	Rich Baracz
Faithful Captain	Carlos Irene
Faithful Admiral	Bob Gearing
Faithful Pilot	Mike Aiken
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Faithful Scribe	Joe Farina
Inner Sentinel	Doug Link
Outer Sentinel	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Bruce Erdel
Trustee 2 Years	Greg Webster
Trustee 3 Years	Terence Mahoney

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

- 3-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 7-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 8-CHRP Reunion 8am
- 11-Assembly meetings 7pm
- 15-COR Breakfast 7am
- 15-Lady of Hope—Fresh Fruit 9am
- 16-Father's Day Breakfast- 8am—Sponsored by Catholic sons and daughters
- 25-3rd Degree Council meeting

July

- 4-Independence Day
- 5-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 6/7 - Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 8- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 9-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 20-COR Breakfast 7am
- 23- 3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

Special points of interest:

- June 3- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- June 8-CHRP Reunion 8am
- 15-COR Breakfast 7am
- June 16-Fathers Day Breakfast 8am -Hosted by Catholic Sons & Daughters.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!
“...one Nation, under God,
indivisible with liberty and justice for all.”

