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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



The Fourth of July also known as Independence Day or July 4th has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021.

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Brothers, as we begin the new Fraternal Year I want to give a warm welcome to our new Officers. It's great to have several new men who have never served before. I also want to welcome our youngest new Officer, Sean Mahoney. We have an exciting year planned and look forward to participation from all members.

Our District Deputy will officiate the installation of Officers scheduled for July 18th at the Church after the 1100 am mass. All officers are expected to attend Wives and children are invited and our wives will have an active role in the installation. A reception follows in the hall.

I would like to begin each of our monthly meetings with the Rosary to the Blessed Mother and have a short social after each meeting (with food!). Programs for each quarter will be printed in the newsletter ahead of time with the goal of giving you sufficient time to pick out where you would like to be involved. We need the involvement of every Knight to ensure a successful year. Opportunities abound from chairing an event to taking reservations There's something all of us can do to help.

It is our goal to reflect the interest of our Knights and our organization. A short survey will soon be distributed that we would like every Knight to complete. The questions will ask what areas you might be interested in and what you would like to see us, as The Knights of Columbus, add to our program. Please give thought & prayer to this effort as you complete the survey.

I will include the agenda in each invitation to the monthly business meeting. One topic on the next agenda is do we want to go back to having a Social Night devoted to Knights and their families.... fellowship and fun. The recent COVID crisis suspended many of our activities. Perhaps this is one we would like to restart.

I look forward to serving as your Grand Knight and if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me at: wfburns12@gmail.com or 904-233-1156.

Bill Burns

Bill

Grand Knight

July 2021

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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
 - 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 6/9,6/23/& 7/7

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 \$707 of valued groceries in June to Christ Cupboard - For the year valued is \$13,365
- Family of the Month - The Gearing Family

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.

- 60 lunch bags for the needy at St Francis House
- Donate to St. Francis House food & toiletry items
- 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
- Ultrasound Initiative for 109 ultrasounds our council placed in Florida

**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.

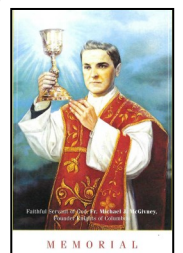
Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Toni Bilello, Val & Carolyn Hietter, Steve Wright & Bob Cook Family for their Loss of Bob Cook Sr.

In Loving Memory of our Brother Sr Knight Karl Kennel who passed away.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, 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.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Knight of the Month
L/r Grand Knight
Robert Bridenbaugh
& Lynn Nellenbach



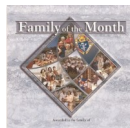
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Knight of the Month

Lynn Nellenbach

Family of the Month

The Gearing Family



Family of the Month
L/r Grand Knight
Robert Bridenbaugh
& Robert Gearing



Family of the Year
2020
The Wharton Family
L/r Grand Knight
Robert Bridenbaugh
& David Wharton



Knight of the Month
May 2021
The Yelvington Family
L/r Grand Knight
Robert Bridenbaugh
& The Yelvington Family



Grand Knight Robert
Bridenbaugh displaying awards
that our council received.
*100% of Supreme Council
Membership
*Ultrasound Initiative Silver
Sponsor for 109 ultrasounds we
placed in Florida



Deputy Grand Knight Bill Burns
presenting an award to Grand
Knight Robert
Bridenbaugh for his leadership as
Grand Knight for two year.



A Special presentation of the Patriotic Rosary on Flag Day June 14, 2021

By Sr. Knight Paul Soriano



The Ave Maria Assembly Color Corp (photo) and the Switzerland Council Knights of Columbus participated in the special presentation on Flag Day June 14, 2021.



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 more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

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.”



Photo by Tim Symis

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

On June 14, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs a law that adds the words “under God” to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance, completing an effort that Knights began three years earlier.

In his address to the 1954 Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, President Eisenhower said: “We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words ‘under God’ added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful.”

The Knights of Columbus provided some take-home materials about our flag to all parishioners who attended the Patriotic Rosary.



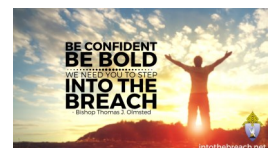
Into The Breach!

Source, KofC webpage

In his Apostolic Exhortation *Into the Breach*, Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. *Into the Breach* is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. By reading and discussing Bishop Olmsted's inspirational words and the accompanying study guide (*Breach Booklet #340*) with like-minded men of faith, councils will prayerfully examine the enormous breach in the battle line that lies before them. In doing so, they will begin to devise a personal plan of spiritual battle.

You are Invited to join us as we watch and discuss *Into the Breach*. Through small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

Location: Parish Family Center Room 410 - Date June 7, 23 & July 7, at 7pm
Contact: Robert Gearing - Email - gearing@bellsouth.net





4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

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Independence Day July 4th

Source, History.com Editors

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When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.



On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Florida District 4th Degree Exemplification Hosted by Ave Maria Assembly on June 19, 2021

By Dan McIntyre,
Regional Administrator Two

Ave Maria Assembly #3008 hosted a watch party for the Florida District Fourth Degree. The Florida District encompasses the entire State of Florida plus the Bahamas and the Castries of Saint Lucia. The Exemplification was livestreamed across the state from Ft. Lauderdale. There were a handful of watch parties in each Diocese. Our Assembly hosted candidates from 3 Assemblies in the Jacksonville area. Those new Sir Knights were knighted by our Faithful Navigator, Terrance Mahoney.



All Knights should be aware that there will be a live 4th Degree Exemplification held on August 14, 2021 at San Jose Catholic Church. This will be the only live Exemplification in the Jacksonville area this year. Interested 3rd Degree brother knights should contact Sal Santapola, Membership Director, Terence Mahoney, Faithful Navigator, or any 4th Degree Sir Knight for additional details. Sirs Knights who joined the 4th Degree in the past are welcome to attend. There's always something new to learn.



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Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Grand Knight	Bill Burns
Deputy Grand Knight	Jim Denkler
Chancellor	Terence Mahoney
Recorder	Joe Jasmon
Financial Secretary	Jerry Chlopek
Treasurer	Don Mazzenzio
Lecture	Terence Mahoney
Advocate	Bruce Erdel
Warden	Mike Alken
Inside Guard	Sean Mahoney
Outside Guard	Tim Symis
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
Trustee 2 Years	Bob Cook
Trustee 3 Years	Robert Bridenbaugh

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

Grand Knight Bill Burns
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Officers - 4th Degree

Faithful Navigator	Terence Mahoney
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Faithfull Comptroller	Bob Cook
Faithful Captain	David Wharton
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 4th Tuesday of the Month
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DATES TO REMEMBER

July

1-Rosary 9am followed by Adoration First
Friday of the month
4-Independence Day—Rosary First Sunday of
the month
5-Independence Day observed - Patriotic
Rosary 7pm
7-Into the Breach 7pm
13-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
18-Installation of 3rd Degree Officers at
11am Mass
27-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm

August

1-Rosary First Sunday of the month
2-Patriotic Rosary 7pm.
6-Rosary 9am followed by Adoration First
Friday of the month
10-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
24-4th Degree Meeting 7pm

September

3- Rosary 9am followed Adoration First
Friday of the month
5-Rosary First Sunday of the month
6-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
14-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm
28-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm

Special points of interest:

- July 7-Into the Breach 7pm
- July 18th Installation of Officers after 11 am
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GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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



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