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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.

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Brother Knights:

As we enter a new Fraternal Year for the Switzerland Council, I would be remiss if I didn't first highlight and thank those who made the last Fraternal year such a success. Last year, our Council was awarded by the State Committee as Second Place overall for our "Life" programs, First Place in Division 3 (Large Councils) and Third Place overall for our "Family" Programs and for the First time in Council History, "Council of the Year" This is, of course, due to the efforts of many knights and their family members throughout the year at each of our events, but also due to the Outstanding leadership provided by several key people.

Jim Denkler, our immediate Past Grand Knight, has been tireless in his efforts to make sure we had as efficient and effective year of events as we can manage. His leadership was by example as he would never ask anyone to do something he wasn't prepared to do himself. I believe I speak for the Switzerland Council in saying "Thank you Jim. Job Well done!" Jim will continue to take a role as a Trustee in the Financial oversight of the Council and also in Membership Engagement.

No Grand Knight can accomplish much without a team of volunteer leaders working with him. Lou Bilello has been Program Director for years and has decided to step down from that role while still remaining active in the Council. Lou was at every event providing on site leadership and tremendous organizational skills in order to assist in pulling off a stellar fraternal year. Thank you Lou! Your leadership has been invaluable and we look forward to your continued contributions.

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Knights in Action, Faith in Action

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With Every new Fraternal, there is change and I thank the membership for trusting me with the Councils Leadership as Grand Knight. Along side me, John Petry will be a phenomenal Deputy Grand Knight along with Frank LaSalvia as our new Chancellor. Our new Program Director will be Colm Murphy whose contributions on all past events has been tremendous and his organizational skills and “passion” for service will serve him and the Council well in the year ahead. He will lead a team of Directors, Peter Mitalas as Life, Ralph Crist as Family and Frank LaSalvia as Faith. Our Director of Evangelization is Jack Manila who has done such an awesome job at developing the COR program this past year as a model for the state at every parish. For a full list of our Officers and Directors in this new Fraternal year, they are contained in this newsletter. Additionally, we are still looking for a Community Director and if you are interested please contact me.

Please be on the lookout for our new Annual Fraternal Calendar as your reference for every event throughout the year and it is my hope that many of you will see these events as opportunities to serve. Its nice to win Awards, but our most cherished reward comes from the joy we see on the faces of the people we serve.

Also our next Corporate Communion will be on August 11, 2024 at the 11 AM Mass. Following Mass we will be having our Installation of Officers and an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. If there is anyone who you think would be a good member, please let me know. We are hopeful to have about 15-20 new members on August 11. All of these events on August 11 will be followed by an early dinner which will be free of charge to our Knights and their families. It is my hope that many of you will join us.

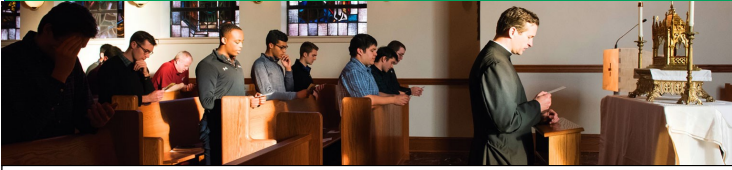
We look forward to another great Fraternal Year!

Vivat Jesus!

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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
- COR Breakfast 7/20

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 \$1001 of valued groceries for the month of June to Christ Cupboard Food Bank
- Family of the Month - The Rogero 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.

- Patriotic Rosary 7/1
- Camp I am Special Dinner 7/18
- Lady of Hope Fresh Fruit 7/20
- Highway Clean up 7/27

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, Matt Mouzon, Pat Buenhke, Bruce Erdel, Ann Ramor, Toni Bilello, Carol Eason, Chuck MacLeod, Bruce Ennis, John & Cathy Luntz & Carmen Fernandez.

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



**L/r Grand Knight elect
Terence Mahoney
presenting Knight of the
Month Award to
Sean Mahoney**



June

Knight

Sean Mahoney

Family

Mike & Marcia Rogero & Family

Altar Servers

Mary Grace Gibson

Polly Gibson



Family of the Month



Mike & Marcia Rogero & Family



Switzerland Council Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 - Appointments

Name

Responsibilities
Directors

Dien Nguyen
Colm Murphy

Lecturer
Program

Frank LaSalvia
Jack Manila
Jeff Pirrung

Faith
Evangelization
Vocations

Peter Mitalas
Ralph Crist

Life
Family

Colm Murphy
Wayne Larson

Community
Communications & Public Relations

Grand Knight Terence Mahoney

Membership

John Petry, Dan McIntyre & Joe Bishop

Chairman

Recruitment

Jim Denkler
Joe Spinelli

Membership Engagement
Insurance Promotion

Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Three Trustees
and two at large members.

Committees

Finance

Jim Denkler
Lou Bilello & Bob Gearing

Chairman of the Finance Committee
At Large Members of the Finance Committee

Grand Knight and the Three Trustees

are defined by the Constitution of the Knights of Columbus as
The Trustee Committee

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

The 24-25 Fraternal budget for Switzerland Council was presented at the Council Meeting on June 25 by Grand Knight Elect Terence Mahoney. The Budget was moved and seconded and then Tabled for a vote at the Regularly scheduled meeting on July 23, 2024. Anyone who wishes to raise any questions, concerns or comments for consideration, should do so at the Officers Planning Session on July 22, 2024. Additionally, anyone who would like to discuss any part of the Budget is invited to call Terence Mahoney at (904) 687-6866.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 12664			
BUDGET WORKSHEET			
2024 -- 2025			
	FY24-25		FY 24-25
	Budgeted Revenue		Budgeted Expenses
Rollover from 23-24 Budget (est)		8959	
COUNCIL OPERATIONS			
DUES		5000	
INTEREST		15	
UNRESTRICTED DONATIONS			
CONVENTION			1150
COMMUNION & OFFICER INSTALLATION			2000
POSTAGE & SUPPLIES & AWARDS			1750
Other Meeting Support			375
SUPREME - PER CAPITA			1600
STATE - PER CAPITA			3300
Parish Sacramental Gift			1250
Miscellaneous Council Operating Expenses			1000
COUNCIL PROGRAMS & EVENTS			
Fourth Degree Exemplification		1000	1000
Fraternal Planner		3000	3000
St. Marks donuts		100	400
Shred it		2100	750
Food for Families		2000	4000
Family Picnic			1500
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest			100

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	Budgeted Revenue		Budgeted Expense	
Family dinner		2200		1000
Soccer and Basketball Challenge				300
COR		65		2000
Youth Group Kickoff				300
Youth Ministry Guys Retreat				300
RSVP		200		1200
Festa Italiana		3000		1200
Vocation Event support				250
Council Food				300
Breakfast with Santa		300		400
Disability Dinner		3000		750
Light up for Christ				200
Fish Fry		13000		7500
Field of Dreams				2000
Mass Cards				75
Prison Ministries				300
ASAP Program				500
Pregnancy Support				500
Camp I am Special Dinners				500
Summer Social with Seminarians				750
Business Expo		2000		2000
Parish Thanksgiving Dinner		3000		2000
May Pasta Dinner		3000		1200

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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, Faith in Action

Independence Day July 4th

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Source, [History.com](#) Editors

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.





Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Father Clay Ludwig
Grand Knight	Terence Mahoney
Deputy Grand Knight	John Petry
Chancellor	Frank Lasalvia
Recorder	Larry Rogari
Financial Secretary	Robert Bridenbaugh
Treasure	Lynn Nellenbach
Advocate	Rich Komando
Warden	Ed Szczepanik
Inside Guard	Vinny Zammataro
Outside Guard	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Mike LeBlanc
Trustee 2 Years	Joe Bishop
Trustee 3 Years	Jim Denkler

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

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Officers -4th Degree

Faithful Navigator	Joe Bishop
Faithful Friar	Father Clay Ludwig
Faithfull Comptroller	Rich Baracz
Faithful Captain	Mike Aiken
Faithful Admiral	Bob Gearing
Faithful Pilot	Joe Stepp
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Faithful Scribe	Jim Denkler
Inner Sentinel	Doug Link
Outer Sentinel	Wally Edwards
Trustee 1 Year	Greg Webster
Trustee 2 Years	Terence Mahoney
Trustee 3 Years	Carlos Irene

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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			

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

- 1- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 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
- 9-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 13-District Deputy Meeting 9am
- 18-Camp I am Special Dinner 6pm
- 20-COR Breakfast 7am
- 20-Lady of Hope Fresh Fruit 9am
- 22-Officers Meeting Room 410 - 7pm
- 23- 3rd Degree Meeting - Room 410 -7pm
- 27- Highway Cleanup 8am

August

- 2-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 3/4 Rosary first Friday of the month
- 5-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 11-Corporation Communion 11am - Installation of 3rd Degree Officers after 12pm Mass followed by Lunch in Family Center
- 13-Assembly meetings 7pm
- 17-COR Breakfast 7am
- 17-Lady of Hope Fresh Fruit 9am
- 27-3rd Degree Council meeting

Special points of interest:

- July 1 Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 18- Camp I am Special Dinner 6pm
- July 20 COR Breakfast 7am
- July 27 Highway Cleanup 8am

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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

