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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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Worthy Knights:

What a wonderful Mother's Day we had. The Catholic Sons and Daughters assisted by the Knights hosted a breakfast for all mothers and their families. Please see the pictures in the newsletter. My wife was especially grateful that our granddaughters first communion was the day before so all of my children were on hand to celebrate both events.

The feast of the Pentecost is at hand. Like the disciples at Pentecost, God gives us various gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. God gives us these gifts so that we can have a personal relationship with him and lead others to Christ.

As summer begins, let us take some time to rest and spend time with our families. We especially remember those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Volunteer opportunities can be found at www.kofc12664.com Please take a minute to see where you can help.

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
- 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 \$780.00 of valued groceries from month of May to Christ Cupboard Food Bank, St Francis House Shelter & Armstrong Farming Migrants
- Family of the Month - Philip & Jennifer Christie

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 6/17
- Adopt A Highway - Cleanup - 7/22 & 10/28

Life



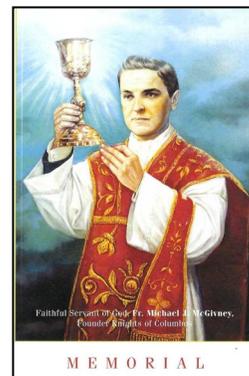
The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Program for Life Chain is planned on site



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Matt Fiorentino, Nancy Perrone, Ralph LeClaire, Mike Aiken, Lynn Nellenbach, Steve Wright, Rich Baracz, Katie Murphy, Bob Carrou, Sgt. Michael Kundich & delegates traveling to State Convention.

In Loving Memory of our Brother Knight Nick Cirillo who passed away. 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



Dien V. Nguyen



May 2023

Knight of the Month

Dien V. Nguyen

Family of the Month

Phillip & Jennifer Christie

Altar Server of the Month

Ethan Tutwiler



Family of the Month



Philip, Jennifer Christie & Family



**Annual Election of Officers
Congratulations**



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

3rd Degree

4th Degree

Grand Knight	<i>Jim Denkler</i>	Faithful Navigator	<i>Joe Bishop</i>
Deputy Grand Knight	<i>Terence Mahoney</i>	Faithful Captain	<i>Carlos Irene</i>
Chancellor	<i>Mike Aiken</i>	Faithful Admiral	<i>Bob Gearing</i>
Recorder	<i>Larry Rogari</i>	Faithful Pilot	<i>Mike Aiken</i>
Treasurer	<i>Lynn Nellenbach</i>	Faithful Scribe	<i>Joe Farina</i>
Advocate	<i>Pat Pollizzi</i>	Faithful Comptroller	<i>Rich Baracz</i>
Warden	<i>Ed Szczepanik</i>	Faithful Purser	<i>Allan Ramos</i>
Inside Guard	<i>Vinny Zammataro</i>	Inner Sentinel	<i>Doug Link</i>
Outside Guard	<i>John Lutz</i>	Outer Sentinel	<i>John Lutz</i>
First Year Trustee	<i>Robert Bridenbaugh</i>	Trustee one Year	<i>Bruce Erdel</i>
Second Year Trustee	<i>Mike LeBlanc</i>	Trustee two Years	<i>Greg Webster</i>
Third Year Trustee	<i>Tom Metro</i>	Trustee Three Years	<i>Terence Mahoney</i>

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Knights in Action, Faith in Action



JUNE 14TH, FLAG DAY

Source: *What Is Flag Day?*



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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.

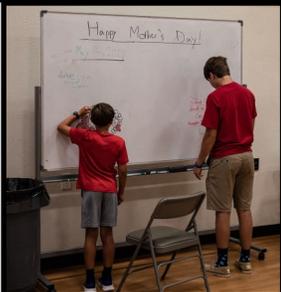
During the Vietnam War era, some demonstrators burned American flags as an act of protest. The Flag Protection Act of 1968 was enacted in response, making it illegal to burn or otherwise deface the Stars and Stripes. In two landmark decisions 20 years later, the Supreme Court ruled that the government 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.



Knights in Action, Faith in Action

*Annual Mother's Day Breakfast
Presented by the Knights of Columbus
Sunday May 14, 2023*



Happy Mother's Day





Officers - 3rd Degree

Chaplain	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Grand Knight	Jim Denkler
Deputy Grand Knight	Terence Mahoney
Chancellor	Mike Aiken
Recorder	Pat Pollizzi
Financial Secretary	Jerry Chlopek
Treasure	Tom Metro
Advocate	Bob Gearing
Warden	Brian Voorhees
Inside Guard	Joe Stepp
Outside Guard	Doug Link
Trustee 1 Year	Mike LeBlanc
Trustee 2 Years	Robert Bridenbaugh
Trustee 3 Years	Lynn Nellenbach

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

Grand Knight Jim Denkler
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Officers -4th Degree

Faithful Navigator	Joe Bishop
Faithful Friar	Fr. Dilip C. Pally
Faithfull Comptroller	Rich Baracz
Faithful Captain	Carlos Irene
Faithful Admiral	Bob Gearing
Faithful Pilot	Mike Aiken
Faithful Purser	Allan Ramos
Faithful Scribe	Colm Murphy
Inner Sentinel	Doug Link
Outer Sentinel	John Lutz
Trustee 1 Year	Pat Pollizzi
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Trustee 3 Years	Greg Webster

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER

June

2- Pro Life Rosary 9:30am followed Adoration First Friday of the month
4-Rosary First Sunday of the month
4-Coffee & Donuts 9am -11am
5-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
10-Lunch 11am - Celebrating our Seniors
13-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
14- Flag Day
17- Making Lunch Bags for St. Francis House & Our Lady of Hope 9am
18-Father's Day

July

2- Rosary First Sunday of the month
3- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
4- Independence Day
7- Pro Life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
11-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
15-4th Degree BBQ Dinner to Go after 5:15pm Mass—Pre-Orders
22-Highway Cleanup 8am
25-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

August

4- Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month.
6- Rosary First Sunday of the month
7- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
8-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
20- Making lunch bags for St. Francis 8am
22- 3rd Degree Meeting 7pm

Special points of interest:

- Lunches prepared for the needy at St Francis & Our Lady of Hope 6/17 9am
- 4th Degree BBQ Dinner to Go after 5:15 Mass 7/15—Pre Orders
- Highway Clean up 7/22 & 10/28 8am

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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

