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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolizing the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions and the stations can be found in many Western Christian churches, including Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic.



Brother Knights:

We are halfway through lent. We eagerly look forward to Holy Week, the Triduum, and the joy of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Last weekend we held a men's retreat and strengthened our relationship with Jesus. We had talks from Father Peter and Father Clay, read scripture, celebrated mass together, walked the stations of the cross, spent time in adoration and went to reconciliation. We hope to make this an annual event. Our month-long COR initiative will conclude this Saturday. All men of the parish are welcome. We are planning the next steps and hope to announce them soon.

Our primary service opportunities are in full swing with fish fries for the next three weeks, Field of Dreams, Palm Sunday breakfast, SJDR cleanup this Saturday, and our St Patrick's day dinner on Saturday the 16th. That is a lot of events to cover and the more knights that sign up the easier it is to provide service to our parish community. Please view the sign-up sheets at www.kofc12664.com and sign up as your time permits.

Our next Exemplification is this Sunday at 1:00 pm in the parish hall. Please consider asking a friend or church acquaintance to join us.

Your brother in Christ,

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 - 3/4
- Vocations Program - Support our seminarians financially and spiritually
- Cor Retreat 3/2

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 \$1,346 of valued groceries from month of February to Christ Cupboard Food Bank
- Family of the Month Vincent & Brenda Alfano
- St Patrick's Dinner 3/16
- Palm Sunday Breakfast 3/24

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 3/16
- Fish Fry 3/1, 8, 15 & 22
- Field of Dreams 3/2 & 3/23
- Parish Clean up 3/9

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 3/9



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Nancy Perrone, Chuck Perrone, Kevin Mason, Steve Wright, Jack Aiken, John Luntz & family, Pete Carroll, Marilyn Sussan, Mena Vesce, Tiffany Pollizzi, Beth Stuebgen & family, Teresa Bishop, Rosalynn Denkler, Kathy Baracz, Carmen Fernandez & Anonymous Brother Knight.

In Loving Memory of Tom Schneider 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



L/r Vinny Zammataro accepting award from GK Jim Denkler

February

Knight

Vinny Zammataro

Family

Vincent & Brenda Alfano

Altar Server

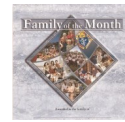
Layla Kullmann



Family of the Month



Vincent & Brenda Alfano & Family



4th Degree Ave Maria Assembly #3008

Joe Bishop, Faithful Navigator
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BRICK FOR HERO'S WALK

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.



The next 4th Degree live exemplification for the Florida District of the De Soto Province will be on Saturday, March 9, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Parrish. The ceremony will start at noon. There will also be a ladies' tea at noon. The Exemplification opens with registration at 9 a.m., followed by Mass at St. Frances. The antechamber opens at 10 a.m., and will include instructions plus the recitation of the Patriotic Rosary in the anteroom to get candidates into the proper frame of mind for the Patriotic Degree. The ceremony will begin at noon, and will be followed by a banquet at 3p.m. **The candidate fee is \$90, including the banquet, and the fee for a Priest is \$45. The banquet fee for family, friends, and observers is \$50. The ladies' tea will be \$10.** We are proud to announce that the honoree will be Father Joseph Gates, Pastor of St. Frances Cabrini.



LENT

Repentance-Prayer-Fasting -Alms Giving

"Lent is a favourable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ."

Pope Francis

40 Days of Renewal



KNIGHTS IN ACTION**COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**By Jim Denkler, *Grand Knight*

Brother knights and SJDR parishioners, when you support the Knights of Columbus this is where the financial support was spent in 2023. In addition, as an organization our knights spent 7,700 service hours to support our catholic community.

- ◆ \$3,500 parish, school, youth support
- ◆ \$2,500 food bank and homeless support
- ◆ \$2,200 catholic sons and daughters and altar server support
- ◆ \$2,200 Field of Dreams support
- ◆ \$2,100 seminarian and vocation support
- ◆ \$1,100 spiritual formation programs
- ◆ \$1,100 SJDR facilities usage
- ◆ \$ 500 right to life programs

- ◆ \$15,200 total financial support



San Juan del Rio
Annual Lenten Fish Fry
Every Friday beginning February 16, through March 22, 2024
Six Fridays
 Join us for Dinner in the Parish Family Center /Gym
 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Donations:

\$12 Adults
 \$ 5 - Children under 12

Dinner includes:

- Choice of Dinner
- One Soft Drink/Ice Tea
- One Dessert (Value \$1.00)



Desserts are
 available for sale
 by the CCW

**Choice of Dinners****Carry out or Eat In**

- Fried Fish, coleslaw, fries & hushpuppy
- Combo-Fried Fish with Shrimp, coleslaw, fries & hushpuppy
- Baked Fish, mixed vegetables & hushpuppy

Extra

Soft Drinks - Coke, Sprite &
 Bottle Water \$1.00

Serving assistance provided by
 San Juan del Rio Youth Group

*Fish Fry is Sponsored by
 Knights of Columbus*

*Proceeds will be used to help support
 the many charitable causes and the
 Youth Steubenville Retreat*



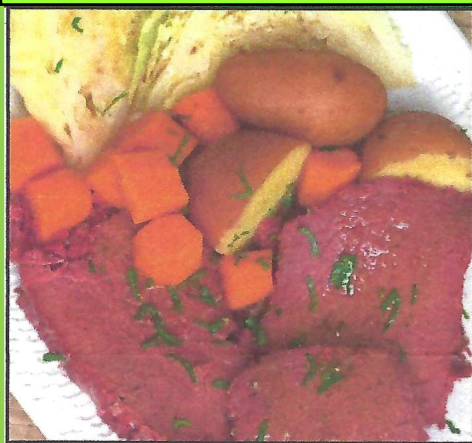
KNIGHTS IN ACTION

FISH FRY—2024



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

The Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Sons & Daughters of San Juan del Rio proudly present the 6th Annual St Patrick's Dinner Event Saturday March 16th, 2024 6:30pm in the Parish Hall/Auditorium



DINNER MENU
Corned Beef Brisket
"Steamed Cabbage & Carrots"
Oven Roasted Potatoes
(1) Adult Beverage (Wine or Beer)
Children's Menu
Chicken Tenders
French Fries
Soda/Water



Cash bar
Wine or Beer
\$3.00 ea.

ENTERTAINMENT
Legacy Irish Dancing Academy
7:30pm—8:00pm



Donation
\$20 per Adult
\$10 Kids under 18
\$60 Maximum per Immediate Family

Cash or Check
Payable to Knights of Columbus

Ticket Sales
Sold after all Masses
Weekends of March 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th.
March 5th/6th



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
Treasurer	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

March

- 1-Fish Fry 6pm
- 1-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 2 -Cor Meeting 7am
- 2-Field of Dreams 9am
- 2/3 - Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 4- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 8-Fish Fry 6pm
- 9-Cor Meeting 7am
- 9-Parish Clean up 9am -11:30am
- 10-CUF Exemplification 1pm
- 12-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 15-Fish Fry 6pm
- 16-St Patrick's Dinner 6:30pm
- 16-Lady of Hope—Fresh Fruit 9am
- 22-Fish Fry 6pm
- 23-Field of Dreams 9am
- 24-Palm Sunday Breakfast 8am -12pm
- 26- 3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

April

- 1-Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 5-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 6-Field of Dreams 9pm
- 7-Divine Mercy Sunday—Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 9-Assembly meetings (elections first call) 7pm
- 13 - Field of Dreams 9am
- 14-Corporate Communion 9am followed by Break-fast 10:15am
- 20- Lady of Hope Fresh Fruit 9am
- 20-Field of Dreams 9am
- 23-- CUF Exemplification 6:00pm followed by 3rd Degree Council meeting
- 27-Highway Road Cleanup 8am
- 27-Field of Dreams 9am

Special points of interest:

- March 2, Cor Retreat 8am
- March 9, Cor Meeting 7am— Parish Clean up 9am
- March 2 & 23 Field of Dreams 9am
- March 1, 8, 15 & 22 Fish Fry 6pm
- March 16, St Patrick's Dinner 6:30pm
- March 24-Palm Sunday Breakfast 8am

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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

