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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



Our Blessed Mother: Honoring the Virgin Mary in May

The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor.

In his 1965 encyclical, "Mense Maio," Pope Paul VI wrote about the importance of Mary's intercession for all the world, explaining that those who encounter her, encounter her Son, Jesus:

"For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her? To Him men are to turn amid the anxieties and perils of this world, urged on by duty and driven by the compelling needs of their heart, to find a haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life."

Pope Paul VI went on to write "May is the month Christians offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne."

During the month of May, we honor her motherly and queenly majesty from every corner of the earth.



Brother Knights:

I hope you shared in the joy of the resurrection this Easter. We were out of the country but were able to find an English-speaking mass. We had people from all over the world in attendance from at least forty countries which reaffirmed we are a universal church.

Our nominating committee has prepared a list of officer nominations for the 24-25 fiscal year starting July 1. They are listed in this newsletter. If you are interested in serving as an officer, please contact Robert Bridenbaugh or me as the nominees will be voted on at our May meeting. We also have appointed positions for our programs such as Life, Faith, Family, Community, Membership, and Evangelization. These positions are appointed by the Grand Knight. Most of these are filled but if you have an interest in serving in any of them, please let me know.

We completed a successful t shirt fundraiser for vocations and raised \$1,700 which was donated to diocesan vocations. Special thanks to Christian Bridenbaugh for his leadership in this.

We conclude the Field of Dreams in May but still need volunteers for the remaining weeks. We are hosting our annual Mother's Day breakfast on May 12. Please consider serving and honoring the mothers in our families and parish.

Your brother in Christ,

Jim Denkler
Grand Knight
Switzerland Council 12664

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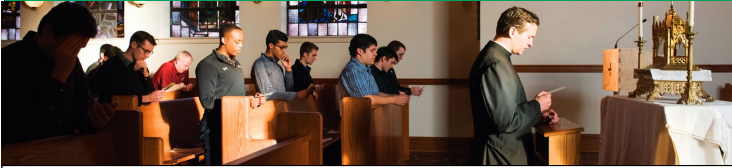
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Knights in Action, Faith in Action

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

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 \$787 of valued groceries for the month of April to Christ Cupboard Food Bank
- Family of the Month - Judy & Rocky DiGeorgio

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 5/18
- Patriotic Rosary 5/6
- Field of Dreams 5/4
- Blood Drive 5/5

Life



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

- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Marian Celebration & Adoration 5/19



We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Nancy Perrone, Chuck Perrone, John & Kathy Luntz, Kevin Mason, Marylin Sussan, Steve Wright, Jim & Beth Stuebgen, Allan & Ana Ramos, Daniel Mahoney, Matt Mouzon, Christopher Kernan, Stan, Zyrginski, Anthony Union Correctional & Anonymous Brother Knight.



The SJDR Tee Shirt Program

Christian Bridenbaugh presented the stated goal of the tee shirt program was to raise the awareness of SJDR across the

Diocese. The program was a huge success with over 245 tee shirts sold and \$4,998 in revenue generated. Christian presented a check to Father Clay for \$1,700 directed to vocations. Congratulations!

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knight of the Month



Christian Bridenbaugh



April

Knight

Christian Bridenbaugh

Family

Judy & Rocky DiGeorgio

Altar Server

Liliana Wolf



Family of the Month



Judy & Rocky DiGeorgio



Annual Election of Officers
Slate of Officers 3rd Degree



The slate tendered by the Nominating Committee is not definitive; any member may make a nomination from the floor at the **May meeting** and officers are thereafter elected by a vote of the members.

Grand Knight

Terence Mahoney

Deputy Grand Knight

John Petry

Chancellor

Robert E. Gearing

Recorder

Lorenzo Rogari

Treasurer

Lynn Nellenbach

Advocate

Rich Commando

Warden

Ed Szczepanik

Inside Guard

Vinny Zammataro

Outside Guard

John Lutz

First Year Trustee

Mike LeBlanc

Second Year Trustee

Joe Bishop

Third Year Trustee

Jim Denkler

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

*The Knights of Columbus invites you
Sunday, May 12th, from 9:00am to 1pm
in the Parish Family Center/Gym for our
Annual Mother's Day Breakfast*

Happy Mother's Day

Menu

- ◆ **Pancakes**
- ◆ **Sausage links**
- ◆ **Fresh Fruit**
- ◆ **Coffee**

All Mothers and Family Members are FREE





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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 Polizzi
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

May

- 3-Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month
- 4-Field of Dreams-9am
- 5 - Blood Drive 7:30am
- 4/5 - Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 6- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 12 - Mother's Day Breakfast 9am
- 14-4th Degree Meeting - 7pm
- 18-Cor Breakfast 7am-8am Metro Diner
- 18-Lady of Hope-Fresh Fruit 9am
- 18-Armed Forces Day
- 19-Marian Celebration and Adoration 11am
- 19-Taste of Nations 12pm-3pm
- 24-26 State Convention
- 27-Memorial Day - Assembly Remembrance
- 28- 3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

June

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

Special points of interest:

- May 4 -Field of Dreams 9am
- May 5- Blood Drive 7:30pm
- May 6- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- May 12- Mother's Day Breakfast 9am
- May 18 - Lady of Hope-9am
- May 19 - Marian Celebration & Adoration 11am
- May 19 Taste of Nations 12pm -3pm

**Knights of Columbus
Blood Drive**

Sunday, May 5th
7:30 AM - 1:00 PM
San Juan Parking Lot

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

