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## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...



### *Our Blessed Mother: Honoring the Virgin Mary in May*

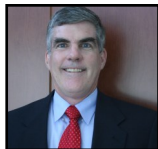
*The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor.*

*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.*



Worthy Knights:

The joy of Easter and Jesus' resurrection is still burning in our hearts. Pentecost and the receipt of the Holy Spirit by the apostles is coming. Let the Holy Spirit shower us with his graces and gifts so that we can be used to spread the gospel in our homes, parish, and communities.

May is the month of Mary, our blessed mother. I reflect on my mother. She has been gone for eight years now but I often give thanks to her for the gift of faith she gave me. We prayed with her often and she developed in each of us an appreciation of scripture and compassion for the poor. May she rest in peace.

We have two more weekends to help with Field of Dreams. Please consider signing up to help for this worthy program. We will be preparing our budget and electing council officers in May. We encourage all members to provide feedback on both.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day with your families.

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—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 \$ 16,060 of valued groceries from April 2022 to April 2023 to Christ Cupboard Food Bank, St Francis House Shelter & Armstrong Farming Migrants
- Family of the Month - The Morrell 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 7/22 & 10/28
- Adopt A Highway - Cleanup - 7/22 & 10/28

**Life**



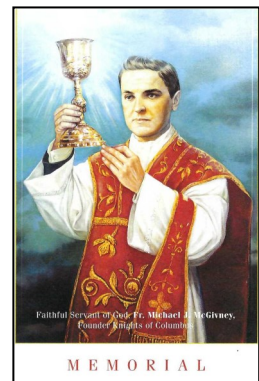
*The Knights of Columbus vigorously defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life.*

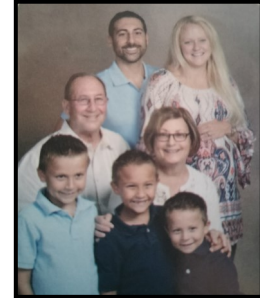
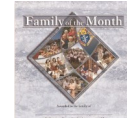
- Rosary - First Sunday of the month
- Program for Life Chain is planned on site



*We are praying for your healing to get well soon. Matt Fiorentino, Steve Wright, Nancy Perrone, Pau Soriano, Nick Cirillo Family, Kevin Mason, Beth & Jim Stuebgen, Ralph LeClaire, Baracz Family, and Father of Rich Dahn.*

*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****Joe Stepp****April 2023****Knight of the Month****Joe Stepp****Family of the Month****The Morrell Family****Altar Server of the Month****Liam Christie****Family of the Month****The Morrell Family****Annual Election of Officers****Slate of Officers**

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.

**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>open</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>open</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>open</i>





**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
Trustee 2 Years	Bruce Erdel
Trustee 3 Years	Greg Webster

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

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**May 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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**

**May**

- 1- Patriotic Rosary 7pm
- 5- Pro life Rosary 9:30am followed by Adoration first Friday of the month.
- 6-Field of Dreams 9am
- 7- Rosary First Sunday of the month
- 7-Coffee & Donuts 9am-11am
- 9-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
- 14- Mothers Day Breakfast 8am
- 20- Making lunch bags for St. Francis 8am
- 23- 6pm - Exemplification - 3rd Degree Meeting 7pm
- 26 -28 Florida State Convention Orlando FL.
- 29- Memorial Day

**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
- 13-4th Degree Meeting 7pm
- 14- Flag Day
- 17- Making Lunch Bags for St. Francis House 8am
- 18-Father's Day
- 27-3rd Degree Meeting 7pm

**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
- 22-Highway Cleanup 8am
- 25-3rd Degree Meeting - 7pm

**Special points of interest:**

- 60 lunch bags for the needy at St Francis 5/20 & 6/17 8am
- Highway Clean up 7/22 & 10/28 8am
- Mother's Day Breakfast 5/14 - 8am



**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**