



## Knights of Columbus Mario "Chick" Alberghini Council 13277

### Do Not Be Troubled

The Mass readings each Sunday are intended to guide us through the upcoming week as well as inform and influence the whole of our lives. The Gospel reading for the Epiphany of the Lord (Matthew 2:1-12) invites us to this possibility. As I read this Gospel, my mind kept returning to the line stating that Herod was greatly troubled and the puzzling phrase "and all Jerusalem with him." I pondered why and how all of Jerusalem would be troubled by a newly born infant king. It is difficult to take this phrase literally, at least at this point in Jesus' life. We clearly see how all of Jerusalem was troubled by the time Jesus suffers his Passion and death 33 years later. Maybe this was Saint Matthew's way of forecasting the troubling change Jesus would bring.

This phrase clearly intends more than a literal meaning as cultural change was needed throughout all of Judea and beyond, not just in Jerusalem. This is an enduring truth still today. Most people who do not yet know Jesus in a personal sense are troubled with why he has come into this world. This is an invisible sense of trouble, but it certainly can be felt. Jesus is a counter-cultural person and he continuously offers a message of love and respect for all life, countering the thrumming rhythm of greed, power and lust.

As people come to know about him, they have to face the truth that change is needed within themselves and throughout their culture. Many people will not accept this need for change, so they will always be troubled. Some of us do accept this need for change and eventually begin to see the light of our own selves at work in this world. We begin to feel a sense of peace. As we grow closer and closer to the Light of Truth, we are more fully transformed to reflect his love in the conduct of our own lives. Eventually we will be so close to him that we no longer just reflect his love, but we are ignited by his love. So let us not be troubled any longer. Fully embrace the fire of his love and let it shine from within you!

Peace,

Marc Barrett

### EVENTS

#### 2023

Jan 13: Emerald Coast Walk For Life Mass

Jan 14: Emerald Coast Walk For Life—Seville square

Jan 14: SPSE Introduction to Evangelization Seminar

Jan 26: Assembly Meeting

Jan 28: SitS Cornhole Tournament

Feb 2: Council Meeting

Feb 12: Pancake Breakfast

Feb 18: SitS Pensacola Grand Mardi Gras Parade

Feb 22: Ash Wednesday

Feb 23: Assembly Meeting

Feb 24: Fish Fry

Mar 2: Council Meeting

Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Fish Fry

Mar 4: 4th degree Exemplification Ceremony

Mar 11: Men's Spiritual Reflection -- Into the Breach

Mar 23: Assembly Meeting

Apr 6: Council Meeting

Apr 15: Country Hoedown

Apr 27: Assembly Meeting

May 1: Golf Tournament

May 4: Council Meeting

May 7: Pancake breakfast

May 21: Armed Forces Day lunch

## MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS—WE NEED TEAM EFFORT!



### Lenten Fish fry! - Mario Chick Alberghini Council 13277

Every Friday from February 24th to March 31st. Kitchen volunteer slots start as early as 2:30pm. Go to our "Volunteers" page on the Council website.  
<https://www.kofc13277.org/volunteer>



### Annual Golf Tourney! - Mario Chick Alberghini Council 13277

Our golf tournament is set for **May 1st**. There is much planning and work to be done. We need you to go out and recruit more teams.

- 30 teams maximum
- We need lots of sponsors

We will have a silent auction, so check your network for donations: fishing trips, condo-stays, hunting trips, golf outings, hotel nights, free dinners, etc.

Golf Committee (Jeff Koonz): - Next meeting is 24 Jan at 6:30pm in conference room 1

Thank you all!  
Jeff Koonz (662)571-2074



### Smokin' In The Square

Hello All!

Jan 28: Cornhole Tournament  
Feb 18: Pensacola Grand Mardi Gras Parade



The 12th Night Mardi Gras Kick-Off and Blessing of the Fleet was a wonderful success! Thank you to Ivan, Frank, Loli, Marnie, Richard & Vonda Striggow for coming out to cook for and serve the event volunteers and 1st Responders as well as setting up the Fire Engine to receive our Blessing from Father Nick as he made his rounds to all of this year's floats! January 28th we will host the Gulf Coast Cornhole Series Tournament inside the Parish Hall. We will be cooking Breakfast and Lunch for the players. The food will be provided for a cost and will be our final fundraiser for this fiscal year for Smokin' in the Square. Please come out to help us prepare and serve food and drinks to the teams. Currently we are sitting at about \$25,000 dollars raised for our two charities. I think, with some help from you, the cornhole tournament could push us to \$30,000! If you have any questions about Smokin' in the Square or better yet, would like to be one of our SitS Team Members give me a shout anytime!

Thank you and Happy New Year!!

God Bless,  
Neal Carter

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Faith in Action: - There will be a SPSE Introduction to Evangelization Seminar on January 14th from 9:00am to 3:00pm at St. Anne Bellevue in Pensacola. See Tony if interested in attending.

Also on January 14th, the Emerald Coast Walk For Life starts at 11am in Seville Square and the Walk will start immediately after the Guest Speakers.

The Country Hoedown will be on April 15th.

Next year's Christmas party will be on Jan 6th, during the Christmastide.

Our next golf tournament will be May 1st. Reach out to Jeff Koonz to join the committee.

Three Pensacola Bay Center (PBC) events for January.

### Assembly Updates

Rodger Balengee has joined our Assembly via transfer.

We will hold a 4th degree exemplification on March 4th.

## MEET A KNIGHT



### Clay Olschner

Brother Knight, Clay Olschner, is a Vietnam veteran, who enjoys serving good food to others; but the secret to his cooking is his wife Donna's ability to taste and recommend ingredients to make it better. Clay was born in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1944 and attended Catholic elementary school and Jesuit High School. He attended Louisiana State University (LSU) for one year and lived on campus in a room overlooking the cage of the LSU mascot, Mike the Tiger! He then went to the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating in 1966. He completed pilot training at Vance Air Force Base (AFB) in Enid, Oklahoma. That's where he met the love of his life, Donna, for over 55 years. Brother Clay flew the C-7 Caribou cargo aircraft from Cameron Bay, Vietnam to haul supplies, pigs, and cows into small Army airfields. Next, he flew the O-2 Skymaster aircraft from Nakon Phanom, Thailand serving as a forward air controller over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. After completing his wartime service, he went to Columbus AFB, Mississippi as a flight instructor in the T-38 Talon aircraft. There he and Donna began a family that now includes four children, eight

grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He flew the F-106 out of K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan, to guard against incursions by Soviet aircraft and stood up a similar operation in Louisiana against Cuba. His USAF service career included attendance at the Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; attendance at the Royal College of Defense Studies, British War College in London, England; an F-106 Training Squadron command tour at Tyndall AFB, Florida; and multiple overseas tours in Holland, Belgium, Sicily and Spain. He finished his USAF military career as a war plans instructor at the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He retired from the USAF and worked as a contract instructor teaching Joint and Air Warfare Planning at Hurlburt Field. He and Donna have lived in Navarre since 1996. He joined the St. Sylvester Knights of Columbus Council 13277 in 2006. He was drawn to the work the Council was doing for Habitat for Humanity under the leadership of Brother Knight Joe Aguayo. Brother Clay is a Past Grand Knight and Trustee of the Council, and a Sir Knight of the Fourth Degree in St Sylvester Assembly 2835. He initiated and managed for many years the partnership with the Pensacola Bay Center, that has generated tens of thousands of dollars to support the Council and Assembly's charitable work. He is the lead for the Pancake Breakfasts and partners with Brother Warren Pfister to prepare many of the Knights' pre-meeting dinners and other dining events. He is inspired by the Christy Lane folk song, "One Day at A Time".



## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Caroling was a hoot last night at bay breeze. Laura, the head of activities is very kind and a St. Sylvester parishioner. She said they have been shut in for 3 years and need people to stop by. She and all the nurses were gracious, singing along and getting into the spirit. We played 4-5 songs in each of the 4 wings. Many of the residents, either in the hall in wheelchairs or confined to beds sang along (some quite well). We were a quartet - bass, guitar, and 2 singers (which was a perfect size for bay breeze). It was probably less evangelization and more just being joyful with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Can't wait to do it again!

Jimmy, Kelly, Robert Sly and Walt

Nativity scene installed by the Knights.

## FACES & PLACES



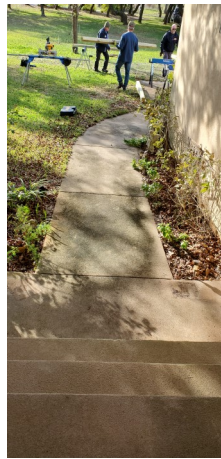


## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knights building a ramp for a parishioner in need.

Thank you to Jon Brandon for designing and acquiring all of the materials for this construction project. It took two days, nine (9) people and 128 man hours to complete. The homeowner (our parishioner) paid for the material and the Mario "Chick" Alberghini Council 13277 provided the labor. Thank you to Jon Brandon, Neal & Marnie Carter, Jeremy & Emily Estrada, Jeff Arnett, Tom & Carla Wagner and Alex Botardo!

## FACES & PLACES



## “THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS”

This council of the Knights of Columbus serves the community of St. Sylvester and the surrounding area in support of our diocese.

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A KNIGHT?

We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity and community first.

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