



Knights of Columbus Mario "Chick" Alberghini Council 13277

The Light of Christ

The Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12) tells the story of the Magi searching for and finding the infant Jesus, the newborn King of Kings. Key to this story is the journey that they made to him by following the brilliant light of his star. When I was younger and less mature in our faith, I thought the imagery of the star was a little overly dramatic. But I eventually came to know differently as I considered my own life journey toward him. The brilliant star is essential. It is the first manifestation of the light of Christ that lured people of all walks of life to him. It is the light by which I am now illuminated.

I then also realized the importance of this infancy narrative. God is reinforcing for us the importance of a life journey spent in the light of Christ from birth to physical death. We need to consider our own life journey walked and lived within the radiance of his holy light. We need to be transformed by this walk in the holy light so that we too can illuminate a path of life for others to see. Many times in life I have found myself in the darkness of anxiety, sadness and anger. I eventually came to know that the light of Christ's star helped me through those difficult times. Almost always that light became physically manifested through the presence of other people who had some part to play in getting me through those dark periods. Overall, though, I feel like I have been living a really blessed life, because it is now difficult to recall all of the painful details during those dark periods. But then, that is God's purpose for us in this life. We need to know that we have been blessed by him and that we need to be blessing and light for others.

Another very important point to know and live by is that we have to become and remain the most humble bearer of this light. When the Magi searched and found the newborn King of the Jews and all Gentiles, they found God in the humblest human form he could have taken, that of a helpless infant. Jesus remained humble throughout his life, and he was very effective at touching the hearts of people. We need to remember that we also must serve him and all people in the humblest posture possible. Only in our humbleness will we reach the hearts of those we serve as he did.

Peace Be With You,

Marc Barrett

EVENTS

2024

- Jan 13: Cornhole Tournament
- Jan 21: Pancake Breakfast
- Jan 21: Exemplification Ceremony
- Jan 25: Assembly Meeting
- Jan 27: Emerald Coast Coalition for Life (ECCFL) Walk for Life
- Feb 1: Council Meeting
- Feb 2: First Friday Adoration
- Feb 3: First Saturday Devotions
- Feb 7-9: Kolbe Retreat
- Feb 14: Ash Wednesday
- Feb 16: Fish Fry
- Feb 17: Cornhole Tournament
- Feb 22: Assembly Meeting
- Feb 23: Fish Fry
- Feb 24: International Festival
- Mar 1: Fish Fry
- Mar 2: First Saturday Devotions
- Mar 2: Knights Out with the Pensacola Ice Flyers
- Mar 8: Fish Fry
- Mar 15: Fish Fry
- Mar 16: St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- Mar 22: Fish Fry

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Kolbe Prison Ministry: February 7, 8 & 9 - We visit and conduct activities with inmates for 3 days along the lines of the ACTS Retreat (although there are a number of limitations). Participants normally stay in Brewster or Atmore (at our own expense). Lunch and evening chow is provided at the facility (we have a cook crew). Reach out to Dino if you have questions. Also, volunteers should fill out the form at this website: <https://apps.fdc.myflorida.com/VolunteerApplication/volunteer/create>.

One of our sponsored seminarians, Abbe` Brent Gordon from the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest (ICKSP), attended the January council meeting and was available for questions before and after the meeting.

We raised approximately \$13,000 from the Caring and Sharing second collection last month.

PBC: Hockey games - Scott and volunteers are being very successful raising funds at the ice hockey games. Reach out to Scott Rannals if you can volunteer for the January 20th game. After January, we slow down until March when the college basketball tournaments start.

Smokin' In the Square:

- The Grills, Grub, and Guns Raffle is underway.
- Cornhole tournaments: Jan. 13 & Feb. 17
- So far, we've built up over \$16k for the 2 charities and hope to increase this amount at our 2 cornhole tournaments.

A future Knights Night Out is planned for March 2nd at the PBC for Ice Hockey. Dino will coordinate tickets and we should be able to raise funds for our seminaries with each ticket sold. Stay tuned!

Please welcome our latest new transfer into the council: John Howard.

Golf Tournament

- May 6th at Tigerpoint
- Please join the committee; come to the next meeting at 6:30pm on Jan 23rd in Room 202.
- Team forms will be ready by the end of January.

Our minutes from each council meeting can be found on our website on the "Members" page under the "Minutes" option. Please review prior to the next council meeting and send any requests for edits to Tony Giangiulio.

Free Throw contest is scheduled for January 20th. Please see Jon Brandon to help out.

St. Sylvester has a shortage of both ushers and Eucharistic ministers. If you are interested in serving in these roles, please reach out to Neal Carter.



MEET A KNIGHT



Troy Bourgeois

Brother Knight, Troy Bourgeois, is a Cajun, who was born and raised in Gonzales, Louisiana. He attended public schools. Following high school, he attended Louisiana State University (LSU), and graduated in 1987 with a degree in industrial engineering. After college, he worked for Texas Instruments for three years, working on the F-22 radar system. He then worked for Ericsson, an international telecommunications corporation, for 12 years in Virginia and North Carolina, in various roles on land mobile radio and cell phone products. Brother Troy likes to say he has always worked in the "transmit/receive" business; until he started consulting. In 2003, he started consulting, working mostly with manufacturing companies.

He has been married to his wife, Cindy, for 39 years. Their families went to the same church in Louisiana and knew each other, but Troy and Cindy didn't meet until they were both 17 years old! Cindy completed her degree at Southeastern University in three and a half years, while it took Troy five and a half years to complete his degree at LSU. He joined the Knights of Columbus (KOC) in 2003, while working near Raleigh, North Carolina. He was an original member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and quickly joined the KOC Council 7186 in Apex, NC. He and his fellow parishioners worked over a 15-year period to build up the church from meeting in a public school classroom to a beautiful church, parish center and elementary school.

From Raleigh, he moved to Navarre Beach to be close, but not too close, to family in Louisiana, and because of the natural beauty of the area. They attended Mass at both St. Peter and St. Sylvester church, but liked St. Sylvester better. He is now 98% retired (only consulting occasionally) and calls himself a "beach bum." That label belies the work he does for KOC Council 13277, including Editor of the monthly newsletter and manager of the Council "Sign Up Genius" page.

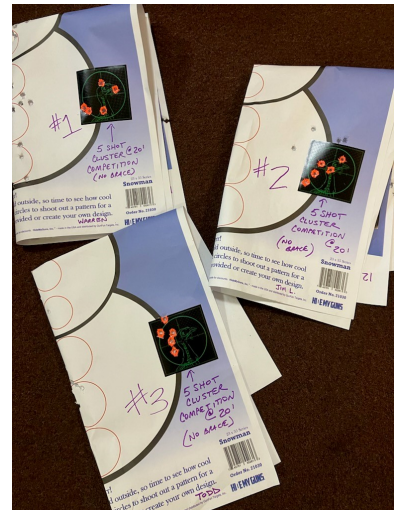
Al Johnson

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Knights on Target!

Warren was the winner at our last KNOT event among 12 shooters with GK Dave and Karen observing! Jim Lazar was 2nd, Todd Kroeger was 3rd. Todd has been 1st, 2nd & 3rd across 3 KNOT outings. That's consistency!

FACES & PLACES



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Merry Christmas

A team of Knights helped setup decorations for our Parish.

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Majella House

Jon Brandon and Norm LaRose (not pictured) help with some furniture moves.



Meetings

Sir Knight Warren Pfister receives his Honorary Membership Card from acting Faithful Navigator Neal Carter during the KOC Assembly 2835 December business meeting, while Father Michael J. McGivney looks on approvingly!

Seminarian Brent Gordon and Brother Knight Dino Caputo attended the KOC Council 13277 January business meeting.



Dave Kroeger – Grand Knight

Fr. John Kelly— Chaplain

Mark McCafferty – Deputy Grand Knight

Dean Caputo – Chancellor

Tony Giangiulio – Recorder

Jon Brandon— Financial Secretary

Clay Olschner – Treasurer

Marc Barrett - Lecturer

Brian Bauman – Advocate

Henry Langford – Warden

Jim Proskovec – Inside Guard

Alex Botardo – Outside Guard

Neal Carter – 1st Year Trustee

Scott Rannals – 2nd Year Trustee

Jeff Weaver – 3rd Year Trustee

Newsletter Team: Marc Barrett, Al Johnson, Neal Carter, Troy Bourgeois, Tony Giangiulio

“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.

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.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus?

For information about the Knights, go to: <https://www.kofc13277.org/join>

Articles and pictures for this newsletter may be submitted to geauxtroy@gmail.com.
Deadline for submissions are the Sunday after each council meeting.

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