



*Knights of
Columbus*

*Father John H. Patrick
Council No. 13207*

January-February 2021



FORTY DAYS OF LENT

REFLECTION

RECONCILIATION

RENEWAL

**FRATERNAL YEAR 2020-2021
JULY 1 – JUNE 30**

Grand Knight	Neza Xiuhtecutli
Financial Secretary¹	Barton Wilder
Deputy Grand Knight	Joe D'Amata
Chancellor	Greg Jasinski
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Recorder	Bob Dolan
Warden	Jon Meinholz
Advocate	Wayne Woolschlager
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Trustee 2 Years	John Barli
Trustee 3 Years	Paul Smith
Lecturer²	Allen Amos
Program Director	Neza Xiuhtecutli
Chaplain	Fr. Emmanuel Pazhayapurackal

¹ Appointed by Supreme Knight/ recommendation by Grand Knight

² Appointed by council's Grand Knight



**Ash
Wednesday**

A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT



Dear Brother Knights,

I want to thank all those who have helped out at the activities and events that our council has been involved with over the last several months- from directing traffic and serving hot chocolate at **Holy Faith's Advent Friends and Family Tailgate Sing-Along** for the parish youth and families on the Feast of St. Nicholas to supporting **migrant families** by donating **food baskets** for Christmas to helping with the council's program to recognize the parish's altar servers.

I also want to thank Fr. Emmanuel and the parish for supporting the **Knight's Coats for Kids Program**. A total of 80 coats were donated by parishioners to provide warm coats for children of migrant farmworkers.

Thanks to Fr. Emmanuel, a collection box was placed in Holy Faith's church vestibule from mid-December to mid-January. **John Barli, Director of Catholic Charities**, organized the pickup and delivery of the coats to Catholic Charities. From there, the coats were distributed to those families in need. Great job all-around!

Our next **Corporate Communion Mass** will Sunday, March 7 at the 11:15 am Mass. During this Mass, the **Altar Server of the Year** will be awarded to a deserving altar server. Please attend if you are able, recognizing the concerns of those who cannot due to the pandemic.

As you know, **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday** with **Stations of Cross** held every Friday in Lent at 12 noon and 6 pm. Our **Fish Fry Dinners** will continue as "drive-thru" dinners by the Parish Life Center. Masks will be worn at all times and everyone handling food will be wearing gloves.

Thank you for those who responded to my email and signed up to help. See you there Friday- whether helping out or driving through for a dinner.

Have a prayerful and reflective Lent.



Vivat Jesus!
GK Nezahualcoyot "Neza" Xiuhtecutli

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FISH FRY



FRIDAY

COME JOIN US!
IT'S A "DRIVE-THRU"!
STARTING FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 19th and...

... for the next 5 Fridays in Lent, our council will be providing Fish Fry "Drive-Through" dinners after the Stations of the Cross that start at 6 pm by the John Phillips Parish Life Center. Let's continue the tradition of participation by Brother Knights like YOU and your family- with GK Neza Xiuhtecutli and DGK Joe D'Amata leading the way as coordinators for these dinners.

The dinner will be take-out *only* and include fish, cole slaw, potato salad and bread. Other sides will not be available, such as beans, salad, or soup.

Masks will be worn at all times and everyone handling food will be wearing gloves. Fish will be fried inside the PLC and served in "to-go" containers which will be carried out to the portico and given to customers. Meals will be \$5.00 and customers will buy tickets at the "drive-thru".

Please consider helping out for an hour or so. Unlike other years when your help would be needed to set up the tableware and cleanup afterwards in the Parish Life Center, this year all you have to do is ... well there's still stuff to do like preparing the beverages or cooking the fish around 5 pm, serving the food to parishioners at curbside and wearing a smile. Oh, and there still will be some cleanup up afterwards- just not as much- after all, "many hands make light work."

This a truly worthwhile gathering for fellowship, not only with members but also parishioners who can drive-through and get a great meal!



See YOU there!

FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL STATE CONVENTION 117TH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 28-29, 2021

The Florida State Council will have its Annual Meeting from May 28-29, 2021 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center. The convention will also be presented live via the internet, as a "virtual" meeting in which delegates may participate from remote locations, for those who are not able to attend in person. Submission of delegate names must be done by March 31st. Please contact GK Neza Xiuhtecutli for more information.

Knights of Columbus elects next Supreme Knight

Patrick E. Kelly was elected as the next Supreme Knight on February 5, to continue the mission of charity, unity and fraternity established by the Order's Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, almost 140 years ago.

Carl A. Anderson will retire February 28, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

CORPORATE COMMUNION MASS AND ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR AWARD MARCH 7, 2021

On Sunday, March 7 at the 11:15 am Mass, Council #13207 will have a Corporate Communion Mass. Please attend if you are able, recognizing the concerns of those who cannot due to the pandemic.

During this Mass, the Altar Server of the Year will be awarded to a deserving altar server. The award includes a \$500 scholarship check and a Celtic cross. This Award recognizes an Altar Server who is a senior in high school and has been dedicated to Altar Service over the years, excelled academically, and contributed to the betterment of the parish, their school and our community.

Thanks to **DGK Joe D'Amata** for coordinating this event and the committee who helped in the interview and selection process. Special thanks to **Letty Valetin, Pastoral Associate and Director of Liturgy**, for providing nominees. As part of the review process, a questionnaire is sent to the nominees asking about their time as an altar server, such as what are the highlights of their service, why did they become an altar server and continue to serve, and how would they "sell" altar service to 10-year olds in the parish. Responses are enlightening and show why altar servers are pretty amazing.

A WOMAN'S ANSWER: BANQUET FOR LIFE FEBRUARY 20th

Each year **A Woman's Answer Medical Center** hosts a Banquet for Life to celebrate Life of all ages and to raise awareness of our Medical Center. This is their main fundraising event which will held at the Best Western Gateway Grand on Saturday, February 20th, 2021 from 6:15 pm to 9 pm.

Last year donations of nearly \$28,000 (after expenses) was used to aid, educate, and support women who are pregnant and to present life-affirming options to men and women who seek wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

The program this year includes a banquet dinner (no charge), musical accompaniment, a raffle, a video presentation, and Keynote Speaker **Rebecca Kiessling**. She has been an international pro-life speaker and adoption speaker since 1995, speaking for various pro-life organizations, including right to life groups, 40 Days for Life events, Students for Life, women's conferences, adoption events, etc., throughout North America and Europe.

The purpose of this event is to communicate with supporters about their progress and to raise donations for their clinic. For more information, please contact them at A Woman's Answer Medical Center, (352) 367-2716.

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- › Knights help the **CHURCH**
- › Knights are Part of the **COMMUNITY**
- › **INSURANCE** needs for Families are met



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

SPEAKING ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Brother and PGK **Dr. Joseph E. Thornton, M.D.**, was one of four guest speakers, including **Bishop Felipe Estévez**, who gave a talk at the 6th annual **Cities for Life** rally hosted at St. Joseph Catholic Church's Cody Enrichment Center in Mandarin on Monday, November 30. Cities for Life is an international movement that was started by Sant'Egidio, a Rome-based group, in the year 2002, whose goal is to establish a universal moratorium on capital punishment worldwide.

The **Diocese of St. Augustine** joined 2,100 cities worldwide on Monday in rallying against capital punishment, ringing their church bells in solidarity, and lighting candles to represent the men and women on death row.

Brother Joe spoke about the inhumanity of capital punishment before answering questions from the audience. "The bottom line for me as I talk with people about the death penalty is five things," he said. "The death penalty is unnecessary, the death penalty is unjust, the death penalty is untrue, the death penalty is unfixable, and the death penalty is unconscionable."

He is the associate chief of staff for mental health services at the North Florida and South Georgia Veterans Health System, who worked as a physician and psychiatrist on Florida's death row. Thank you, Joe, for all that you do!

**Bishop Felipe Estévez,
Dr. Joseph Thornton**



Dr. Joseph Thornton



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KNIGHTS IN ACTION (CONTINUED)

HOLY FAITH YOUTH ADVENT FRIENDS AND FAMILY TAILGATE SING-ALONG DECEMBER 6th, 2020

On Sunday, December 6, the **Holy Faith Youth Ministries** hosted an **Advent Friends and Family Tailgate Sing-Along** for all CCF families and their friends on the Feast of St. Nicholas. At the request of **TiAnna McCabe, Youth Coordinator**, Council #13207 helped this event in several ways- from directing traffic, serving hot chocolate and accepting coat donations as part of our **Coats for Kids Campaign**.

Thanks go to included Brothers **John Woeste, Tim Sagul, Joe D'Amata & Mary Watt, Tony Stefanowicz, Bob McCann, Neza Xiuhtecutli**, and **St. Nicholas (Jon Meinholz)**. St. Nicholas was well received by more than 50 parishioners as he gave 'gold' coins for those in attendance, particularly the young at heart. Well done!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES, FOOD DONATIONS 3RD SUNDAY EVERY MONTH, HOLY FAITH



Mark Diblin is there at Holy Faith, on the 3rd Sunday of every month, with the **Catholic Charities** van in the church's parking lot- accepting food donations for folks that need food assistance. For many years, Holy Faith has teamed up with Catholic Charities to help fill their pantry shelves for the end of the month. Mark Diblin coordinates this activity with other volunteers and cheerfully awaits your donation for such a worthy cause. Mark, a member of Council #13207, is on the Board at Catholic Charities. Thank you, Mark and others, for your efforts!

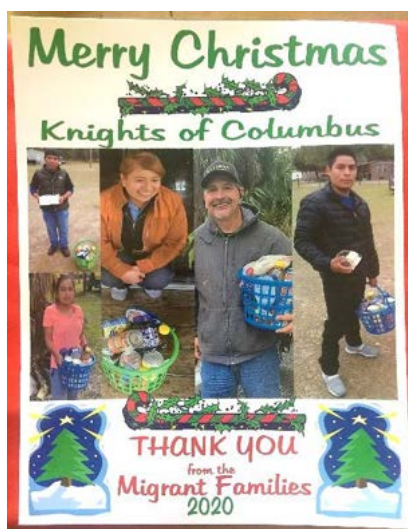
KNIGHTS IN ACTION (CONTINUED)

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR MIGRANT FAMILIES DECEMBER 13th & 17th, 2020



Just like at Thanksgiving, the Knights again supported efforts by those who help migrant worker families in Alachua County and the surrounding areas. On Sunday, December 13, 2020, **Bob Dolan, Bob McCann** and **Tony Stefanowicz** shopped at Aldi's Supermarket for food to put in 12 Christmas Appreciation "baskets" for families of the migrant workers.

Working with coordinator, **Victoria Gomez de la Torre, Migrant Education Office of Alachua County**, the baskets were delivered to the Migrant Education Office on Tuesday, December 17, by Brother Bob McCann. As shown in the 'thank you' poster sent by the Migrant Education Office, families were appreciative of receiving the baskets.



Recognition by Supreme and Florida State Council Columbian & Altar Server of the Year Awards January 7, 2021

At the January 7th Business Meeting, **District Deputy Chuck Henault** presented our council with awards achieved for the past fraternal year: the **Columbian Award** by Supreme Council and **Altar Server of the Year Award** by Florida State Council. **DGK Joe D'Amata** represented the council. **The Columbian Award** recognizes excellence in a council's programming and charitable outreach for Faith, Family, Community and Life. Great job!



The Altar Server Award, including a statue of our Blessed Lady, was based on recommendations by our council to the Florida State Council. Last February, our council recognized two High School Seniors but only one name could be submitted to the FSC for state-wide recognition. After much discussion, **Susie Ryan** was selected and forwarded. Susie's dad, **Bill Ryan**, is a member of our council. Congrats again to Susie!



Congratulations to Each and Everyone!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

*November
2020*

FOM- Mark & Melissa Diblin
Food Drive Coordinators for Catholic
Charities at Holy Faith

KOM- Neza Xiuhtecutli
Coordinating Council support for Holy Faith's Advent Sing-Along
Youth Program



*December
2020*

**FOM- Joe D'Amata, Tim Sagul, John Woeste, Tony Stefanowicz,
Bob McCann**
Support for Holy Faith's Advent Sing-Along Youth Program

KOM- Jon Meinholz as St. Nicholas
At Holy Faith's Advent Sing-Along Youth Program

*January
2021*

FOM- Council Members and Family
Supporting Holy Faith and Knights of Columbus Charities

KOM- Joe D'Amata
Chair, Altar Server of the Year Award, Leading Business Meeting

PRAYER REQUESTS

During the Business Meeting held on
January 7th, prayers were offered for:

- **M.J. Stirna**
- **Walt Visniski**
- **Deacon Michael Kieler**
- **Seminarian Christian Vergara**
- **Eileen McCann, spouse of Bob**
- **Fr. Roland Julien**

During the Business Meeting held on
February 4th, prayers were offered for:

- **Fr. Emmanuel**
- **Fr. Clyde Salitrero**
- **Deacon Michael Kieler**
- **Tom Miles, brother of Brian Miles**



If you know of a member, a family member of a member, a friend, a parishioner who is in need, *please let us know at the meeting or, if unable to come to a meeting, alert the **Grand Knight** by email* so that your intention can be presented and prayers may be offered.

REFLECTIONS ON LENT FROM DAY OF RECOLLECTION IN 2020

Excerpted from Presentation by Letty Valentin

LENT

Ashes remind us of fire, which reminds us of destruction. Burning logs in a fireplace leave a heap of ashes to clean up. A burnt-to-the-ground house leaves a big leap of ashes to clean up. At the beginning of Lent the palms from the previous year's holy week are burned and leave ashes. These ashes, too, may mean cleaning up. But not just the place where they were burned; the cleaning up they move us to embrace is a soul-searching cleaning of self that leads to Easter new life.

Lenten penance is our act of cleaning up. It is a kind of spring housecleaning during which we rid ourselves of anything that gets in the way of opening ourselves anew to God and each other. Lenten penance is not about self-denial for its own sake, but is directed toward renewing our relationship with God, others, and self through acts of charity, prayer, and fasting. Lenten penance is not undertaken for our own sake (to receive rewards), but for the sake of returning to God with our whole heart. The gospel teachings about penance make clear that renewed relationships can only be realized through the self-denial that turns us away from ourselves. A whole heart is a giving heart.

The task of renewing relationships necessitates a forgetfulness of self that compels self-giving. In the Gospel (Ash Wednesday) Jesus points beyond *behaviors* to a *conversion* of heart, as was also commanded by Joel in the first reading: "return to me with your whole heart." This kind of conversion demands of us a unique self-giving -- a forgetting about ourselves which places God at the very center of our lives. Behaviors are important, to be sure; changed behaviors and habits are also a goal of Lent and often witness to a conversion of heart. But changed behaviors are worthless if they don't lead to and express something deeper: the conversion of heart which brings us closer to God and each other. A whole heart is a giving heart.



For those who have contracted coronavirus- We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable- We pray for safety and protection.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table and public safety- We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

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For our brothers and sisters around the world- We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers-, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer of Solidarity

UPCOMING COUNCIL EVENTS (2021)

- February 17: Wednesday Ash Wednesday
- February 19: Friday Stations of the Cross
Fish Fry Dinners "Drive Thru" (Continue on every Friday in Lent)
- March 7: Sunday Corporate Communion
Mass with
Altar Server of the Year
Award
- April 4: Sunday EASTER

**DATES TO BE DETERMINED FOR OTHER
EVENTS AS CONDITIONS IMPROVE DURING
THE PANDEMIC**

**NOTE: Please check with GK as schedules can
change.**



***ALL HANDS
ON DECK!
COFFEE & DONUTS
LATER GATOR***



**YOU ARE STILL NEEDED!!
WHEN IT'S SAFE TO SERVE!**

MEMBERSHIP, MEETINGS, AND DUES

- **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT**
Practicing Catholic, 18 years or older
- **BUSINESS MEETINGS**
- 1st Thursday of each month, at 7 pm, Ministry Building, Holy Faith Catholic Church
- **SOCIAL MEETINGS**
Scheduled based on seasonal events with family
- **ANNUAL DUES**
\$40 includes monthly Columbia Magazine and fellowship

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