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Annunciation Council 12761 / St Patrick Assembly 2883

February 2024



"The most meaningful goals in life are those that can only be accomplished with help of God's graces. We should use those graces to give us confidence that, with God's guidance and help, our gifts are capable of being developed well beyond our imagined potential."

Dick & Martha Lyes
Answer Your Call
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Chaplain's Corner

February 2024

Dear Knights and Ladies,

The winter months following Christmas are a good time to reflect upon the most important persons and things in our lives. Many of you remember northern winters, and the “depths of February,” when the memories of Christmas were fading, and spring seemed a long time away. In the secular calendar, we are presented with three significant events: St. Valentine’s Day, Abraham Lincoln’s Birthday, and George Washington’s Birthday (the latter two are now grouped as “Presidents’ Day”). The celebration of love and patriotism is always appropriate, but it is also good to remember the people, living and deceased, who have had an impact on our lives. Whether it is a small act of kindness for a spouse, mother, or significant other on Valentine’s Day, or the remembrance of two great presidents, the act of giving thanks is good for us. However, we realize as Catholics that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the supreme act of “thanksgiving” for the Lord’s self gift to us.

As we remember and give thanks this month, the Church offers us spiritual opportunities for growth and enrichment. Early in the month, on the second day of February, we celebrate the beautiful and quiet Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. As prescribed by the Law, Mary and Joseph presented their first-born Son to the priest, Simeon, along with the customary offerings for a poor couple, a pair of turtledoves. Together with their Son, they presented themselves to God, asking for divine blessings. We should present ourselves each day in our prayers, asking for God’s blessing on our families and on our work.

On February 14th, we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of our forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May we enter into that observance with openness to the Holy Spirit, as we grow in our Faith. If you are able, try to come to some daily masses, and to our Friday evening Stations of the Cross, with extra opportunities for Confession. We also offer during Lent and Advent what we call "Mission Mondays" with the Liturgy of the Hours set to Music in the Church.

As mentioned above, the greatest prayer we have is the Mass, which is an act of adoration and thanksgiving. Beyond that, we have the Divine Office, or Prayer of the Church, which many find enriching, and as Knights we should be praying the Rosary daily – for vocations, for peace, and for our country. On weekdays, our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the Angels; following the 7:30 daily mass until 7 p.m. May a spirit of thankfulness fill our hearts this winter, as we celebrate God's blessings. In the charity of your prayers, please remember the sick of our order and parish, the intentions of the Holy Father, our service men and women, their families, and vocations. At this dangerous time in our nation’s history, we must also pray fervently for peace, and respect for Life. We can take positive steps in our own lives, such as making sacrifices and practical penances.

Yours in Jesus and Mary,
Father Steve Baumann
Chaplain



Pro-Life Views February 2024



Volunteers needed for 2024 Laps4Life

Dear Brother Knights of Council 12761,

On Saturday, March 2, 2024, the 11th annual Central Florida Laps4Life event will again be at Bishop Moore High School. Since 2014, this fundraiser, with the partnership of the Knights of Columbus, has helped to donate 50 ultrasound machines for crisis pregnancy resource centers.

The past several years our Council 12761 has been manning the concession stand during the event. The day of volunteering will consist of taking orders and selling Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Drinks to those in attendance. All of the proceeds from the Concession sales will be donated back to Laps4Life from our Council. Volunteers can work the entire event or just a segment of time. Please email Jimtelesz@gmail.com to let me know if and when you can Volunteer.

Date and Time:

Saturday, March 2, 2024
9:00am – 1:00pm EST
(Volunteer from 8:00am to 2:00pm)

Location:

Bishop Moore Catholic High School
3901 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

Personal Donations from Members of our Council can be made through the Central Florida Laps for Life Website <https://cflaps4life.org/> or simply Google Central Florida Laps for Life and click on the Event Site (See Below) and look for Team:

Annunciation KofC 12761

[2024 Central Florida Laps4Life Event Site](https://cflaps4life.org/)



Who Are the Fourth Degree Knights?

The Patriotic Degree reminds us of our duty to God and country.

They are the Knights on Main Street, the men you probably envision when someone says Knights of Columbus to you. They're present in their distinct regalia at civic and Church events, acting as honor guards and color corps, or standing in respect at the funerals of members or during adoration of the Eucharist.

But there is more to being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus than a uniform. They are the men who have chosen to embrace the Order's fourth principle of patriotism, the men who lead the efforts to reach out to veterans and active military and to embody the fact that one can be a faithful Catholic and also be a faithful citizen.

When the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, three principles united its members: charity, unity and fraternity. At that time people feared that members of the Catholic faith owed their entire allegiance to the Church and could not be trusted as citizens of their country. Patriotism was added to the Order's principles in 1900, based on the idea that Knights are loyal to both God and country.

Members who wish to live out patriotism together can join "the Fourth Degree." Members of this degree have the special honor of holding the title "Sir Knight," participating in color and honor guards and organizing programs that promote Catholic citizenship. They also become part of a Fourth Degree Assembly in their area. There are more than 3,500 Fourth Degree assemblies around the world.

"It is important, particularly in this day and age, that our Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large," Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard said.

The Serving Those Who Served program is a major initiative of the Fourth Degree supporting Veterans Affairs facilities. The Knights of Columbus has representatives at almost every Veterans Affairs medical clinic in the United States, where they recruit and manage K of C volunteers in developing activities and programs that aid patients' most essential needs.

The Fourth Degree has also supported priests, in particular those who go on to serve as military chaplains. Through a special scholarship program, the Knights helped fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Stoddard said Fourth Degree assemblies help Knights to put their faith, and their love of country, into action.

"The fourth principle 'Patriotism,' commits our members to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many nations where Knights serve," Stoddard said.



Check out how Knights of Columbus assemblies are putting their faith in action for God and country around the world:

- St. Francis of Assisi Assembly 2058 in Sierra Vista, Ariz., teamed up with nearby councils to host a K of C Silver Rose at two local parishes. They organized Masses, rosary prayer services, as well as a procession with a Silver Rose and a statue of the Virgin Mary to mark the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.
- Assemblies from Michigan collected clothing, cleaning products and personal care items to donate to homeless veterans in southwest Michigan through the Battle Creek VA Medical Center.
- Holy Spirit Assembly 2890 in Simpsonville, S.C., honored the military service of 13 Knights from St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church by presenting each veteran with a certificate and memorial quilt provided by Quilts of Valor Foundation, a nonprofit that crafts patriotic quilts for U.S. service members and veterans.
- In the Philippines, Kalayaan Assembly 2749 in Muntinlupa City cleaned Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Chapel and painted the stairways leading to its entrance in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
- Members of Bishop Fenwick Assembly 100 in Norwalk, Conn., provided an honor guard at a Mass remembering the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. The Mass was celebrated by the assembly's chaplain at Notre Dame Health and Rehabilitation Center.
- Members of SSG. Joseph F. Fuerst III Assembly 3036 in Tampa, Fla., and family members prepared roast beef sandwiches at a local residence where families of patients at a veterans' hospital can stay for free. They also organize a monthly dinner at the Fisher House Foundation, which helps military families stay together during a medical crisis.
- Members of Father O'Donnell Assembly 393 in Methuen, Mass., provided an honor guard at a bilingual prayer service at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lawrence on the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. More than 80 people gathered to pray at a statue installed by the assembly commemorating the unborn.
- Mgr. Louis Joseph Melanson Assembly 1994 in Moncton, New Brunswick, hosted a day of reflection where Archbishop Valéry Vienneau of Moncton spoke on the Church's teachings on medical assistance for the dying.

The world needs Knights who will stand up for God and country. Become a member of the Knights today.

Check out what Knights are doing around the world — visit our News Hub

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Brothers in Christ –

The 11th Annual Central Florida Laps-for-Life walk-a-thon <http://cf-laps.life> is right around the corner: **9am Saturday, March 2 at Bishop Moore Catholic High School** on Edgewater Drive. This pro-life event, hosted in our district, is the culmination of a year's planning and outreach to identify and meet the needs of mothers and babies across (and sometimes beyond) central Florida.

Last year's walk-a-thon raised over \$90,000, and - for the first time - offered individual fund-raisers the option to raise money for either of two Knights initiatives promoting the culture of life – [Ultrasound Initiative](#) or [Aid and Support After Pregnancy \(ASAP\)](#). With the Ultrasound Initiative, Supreme matches 100% of all funds donated for purchase of an ultrasound machine by a qualifying pregnancy center, enabling more mothers to see their unborn babies and choose life. Under ASAP, Supreme matches \$100 for every \$500 donated to a pregnancy center or maternity home for other (non-Ultrasound) purposes – up to \$400 matched (against \$2,000 donated) per center per council per fraternal year.

This year, Laps for Life offers councils greater flexibility in meeting the needs of mothers and babies. **Instead of requiring fund-raisers to designate either Ultrasound or ASAP during registration, Laps for Life will ask councils to specify their Ultrasound/ASAP allotments after the event.** Councils should be discussing their anticipated fund-raising goals and Ultrasound/ASAP allotments (and centers [eligible for ASAP support](#)) in officer planning meetings or sidebar meetings.

In the meantime, councils should be forming and registering their fund-raising teams at <http://cf-laps.life>, and extending invitations to brother Knights, faithful and all who support the culture of life. Walking or running laps on March 2 is not important or even required – what is required is our witness and support of human life from conception. Feel free to contact Laps for Life lead James Taglia jtaglia@gmail.com (407) 492-0329 for further information!

Vivat Jesus,
Michael DD24



FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
Keep Them in Your Prayers
February 2024



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Janet & Ron Boehly	SK Ron Boehly		David Kirkpatrick	SK Dennis Franko
Bob Bohnert	BK John Scala		David & Herb Knoll	SK Dennis Franko
Kim Bolech	SK Rich Rivera		Charlotte Lacolla	SK Ralph Falconi
Dianne Bowser	SK Ray Bowser		Velma Lane	SK Dennis Franko
Carmine & Maureen Bravo	SK Dennis Franko		Lynn Latanza	SK Vince Corino
Charlotte & Laura Bravo	SK Carmine Bravo		Norman Levin	SK Carmine Bravo
Michael Bravo	SK Carmine Bravo		Fr. Frank Lobo	SK Bob Rasch
Fred Briggs	SK Herb Knoll		Jim Maki	SK Bob Nettles
Fr. Michael Burke	SK Bob Nettles		Margaret Maniaci	SK Russell Dunn
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Friday, May 10, 2024



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Congratulations to Brothers Fred Briggs, John Napoli, and George Miller in Making Their Knighthood (3rd) Degree



Congratulations and Welcome to Marty Coressel
On Completing his Admissions (1st) Degree

Annunciation Council 12761 Information

Next Council Business Meeting

7:00 PM - Tuesday 3/5/24.

Saint Gabriel Life Center

Annunciation Catholic Church Campus

1020 Montgomery Rd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Annual Dues of \$40.00 covering the period of July 1, 2023 — June 30, 2024, may be paid via Anedot at <https://secure.anedot.com/kofc12761/donate> or by check payable to: KoC Annunciation Council 12761 And mailed to

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February 6th. (Tues.– 7:00pm) Council 12761 Business Meeting , St. Gabriel Life Center. Annunciation Catholic Church Campus

February 20th (Tues.– 7:00pm Rosary w/Mtg. at 7:30pm) St. Patrick's Assembly, St. Gabriel Life Center. Annunciation Catholic Church Campus.

February 27th. (Tues.– 7:00pm) Council 12761 Officer's Meeting , St. Gabriel Life Center. Annunciation Catholic Church Campus

March 2nd. (Sat.– 9:00am - 1:00pm) Council 12761 Bishop Moore Catholic High School. @ 3901 Edgewater Drive, Orlando

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