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The Knight's News

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Grand Knight's Report



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Upcoming Activities

Wednesday - March 5 - Ash Wednesday



Thursday - March 6 - Assembly 3686 meets in William Room @ 7 pm



Friday - March 7 - 1st Fish Fry - 5 pm in St. Joseph Room



Monday - March 10 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm



Wednesday - March 12 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after morning Mass



Sunday - March 16 - Hot Breakfast after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph Room



Monday - March 17 - St. Patrick's Day



Friday - March 21 - 2nd Fish Fry - 5 pm in St. Joseph Room



Monday - March 24 - Officers' Meeting @ 7 pm in the William Room



Wednesday - March 26 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the morning Mass



Monday - April 14 - Council 8155 Business Meeting in St. Joseph Room @ 7 pm



Council 8155 meets the second Monday of the month in the St. Joseph Room at 7 pm

Officers' Meeting the 4th Monday in the William Room at 7 pm



JOHN DEVAUX

From the desk of . . . **FINANCIAL SECRETARY**



Brothers,

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5. Our famous Lenten Fish Frys are back. Plans have been made to have three Fish Frys again this lent. The first one will be March 7, with two more coming, March 21 and April 4. See flyer in this **Newsletter** for the details.

We will have a Hot Breakfast on Sunday, March 16. In April we will have our last Coffee and Donuts until the fall.

Coming up on Sunday, March 9, we begin Daylight Savings Time again. Don't forget to set your clocks **ahead** one hour before going to bed Saturday evening, or else you might be late to church Sunday.

Also coming this month is the beginning of Spring on Thursday, March 20, with the Spring Equinox.

Hope to see you at our **BUSINESS MEETING** on Monday, March 10, at 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room. Our **OFFICERS MEETING** this month will be March 24 at 7 pm in the William room

We will have our **Easter Egg Hunt** following the 11 am Mass on Easter, April 20.

God Bless,



John Devaux,
Financial Secretary
St. James Council #8155
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March Events

March 5th: Ash Wednesday

March 6th: Assembly 3686 Business Meeting @ 7 pm in William Room

March 7th: 1st Fish Fry at 5 pm in St. Joseph Room

March 10th: Council Business meeting @ 7 pm in the St. Joseph Room

March 12th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

March 16th: Hot Breakfast after 9 am Mass in St. Joseph Room

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day

March 21st: 2nd Fish Fry at 5 pm in St. Joseph Room

March 24th: Officers' Meeting at 7 pm in the William Room

March 26th: Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Mass

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Thank You for your financial support!

Faith Director's Message



Dan Winfield

CHALLENGES

I would say I have not perfected the challenges issued by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke (6:27-38). There are times when hurt feelings, pride, irritation, entitlement and other emotions get the best of me, and I find myself acting unkindly, gossiping, or even turning my back on a relationship.

Each new mistake presents an opportunity to try again. His mercies are new every morning. (Lamentations 3:23) Thank You, Lord!

This Gospel always brings me back to the truth of things. I need to do better. I am called to live a life not of this world. Jesus has called me. He has called us all to share the Good News with others.

If I am bringing Jesus to others, I cannot be trying to get the last word in an argument. I cannot decide who is worthy of my good opinion and who is not. I cannot be unforgiving. I cannot be doing things for others only to hold them accountable for repayment. I cannot be judging others.

I know it feels impossible, but it isn't. Because here is the beauty: We have been gifted beyond measure. When we live as Jesus asks in this Gospel, His resurrected life is overflowing into ours, and with that comes strength, glory, peace, many virtues, and many gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

I don't know about you, but this sounds a lot better than carrying around a grudge, guilt, or a bad mood. I know what the Lord is asking of me is contrary to the human tendency toward survival, but I am grateful to know that God didn't create me to survive but rather to live and love.

I want to live the way the Lord intended: to give, pray, love, forgive, be meek, and be humble without expectation.

Pray:

Lord, thank You for Your incredible generosity and patience with me. Please help me to live as You lived so that Your love overflows through my life to others.

District Deputy's Message



DAVID CREAMER



Brother Knights,

We are now into the third quarter of our fraternal year, and we must get even busier than we have been to accomplish as many good things as we can. Lent will soon be upon us to give us a mightier cause to work for, meanwhile we must focus on the events and tasks which we can pull off presently. With each event, we have the opportunity to do good for others and to attract more candidates to become Brother Knights. Continuing with our charitable work is most important, but we can use those times to shine forth in our parishes so that others will want to join us in our work for the Lord. Keeping our eyes open to see chances to help others out is an easy thing to do, but to try to bring others into our organization is extremely vital to keep us growing in the ability to help others. Charity is our first precept and that which we should be proud and honored to be able to perform for others. Let us keep spreading God's message around and be active, Christian men who are great examples of what a Catholic should be.

May God bless us all for all that we do.

Vivat Jesus!

David Creamer

District Deputy 37



LOU ANZIANO

Field Agent

Did You Know?

Brothers,

Tax Day, April 15, will be here before you know it. Do you know if your tax rate or bracket has changed? If so, are you aware of the implications?

Your income throughout life can fluctuate, causing you to potentially end up in a higher tax bracket than anticipated. And following an election year, each new administration can change tax brackets and tax rates. As a result, you may not have as much disposable income or as much money to leave to family as you planned. This can be true earlier in life, or in retirement when your income sources may change.

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Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass.

Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA. But permanent life insurance can be a useful tool for tax planning in a range of situations.

In partnering with you to secure your financial future and legacy, we're fulfilling the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 143 years ago this month.

I'd love to share how permanent life insurance may be able to help you prepare for the unexpected. If you have any questions, please come chat with me and we can schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!



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March Birthdays:

Member

Anthony Lombardi – 5th
Lou Partazana – 8th
Michael Barrett – 14th
Alfred Belanger – 29th
Charles Cordero – 30th

Wife

Georgiana Devaux – 6th
Linda Dedea – 6th
Stacie Siani – 11th
Laura Rivera – 13th
Sherry Bobowski – 15th
Peggy Overbaugh – 22nd
Patty Wolverton – 29th



March Anniversaries

Richard & Carole Cunningham – 20th – 15 years together

Louis & Gail Leonard – 30th – 55 years together



Sick and Distressed

Phil Aleci
Rose Bliss
John Devaux
Joanne DeSilva
Lorraine Gransden
Randy Koenigsfeld
Gale Leonard
Patricia Meagher
Mark Pflieger
Wayne Ries
Dominic Siani

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Diane Coughlin
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Dave Wolverton

Tony Bernardo
Rich Cunningham
Matt Devaux
Jim Duffy
Donna Gudavich
Louis Leonard
Dottie Maslowski
Richard Overbeck
Dave Ries
John Sammel

Please let us know if you know someone who needs to be added or if you no longer need to be on this list. Please E-mail John Devaux at JohnDevaux8155@gmail.com

Hot Breakfast

RETURNS SUNDAY

March 16



scrambled eggs

sausage

pancakes

hash browns

yogurt

coffee

juice



Suggested Donation \$10

Sunday, March 16

Following 9 am Mass

St. Joseph Room



Knights of Columbus Council 8155

St. James Council #8155



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Fish Fry

Fridays

at

5 pm

March 7

March 21

April 4

\$ 14 each



**Fish Fry with fries,
homemade coleslaw,
hush puppies
dessert**

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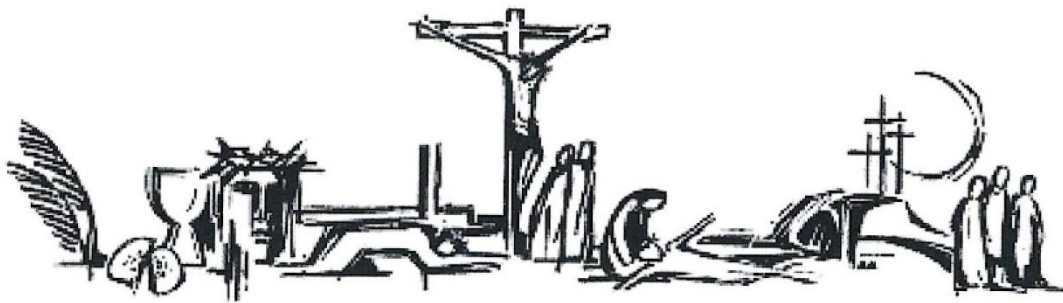
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ONE SERVING PER TICKET

Meal includes: coffee, ice tea or water

Purchase your ticket from a Knight or Church Office





Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence have a long history in the Church. The custom of self-denial is meant to simplify one's lifestyle so that freed from all distractions, we may hear and respond to God's continued call to conversion and holiness.

- ◆ Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between the ages of 18 to 59 years (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Liquids are allowed.
 - ◆ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence.
 - ◆ Pastoral Note: Persons unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, may practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.
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STAR COUNCIL AWARD



Grand Knight Joe James shows the Star Council Award the council received for the 2022 - 2023 fraternal year. It says the council achieved 166% of Supreme's Goal for recruiting. The last time the council received the award was 2019-2020 as Double Star and the Grand Knight was Phil Aleci with 225%.

St. James Council #8155

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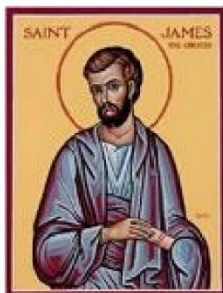
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in our
Catholic Church
and in our community.

Pastor: Reverend Dominic Corona

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

St. James the Apostle Charter Members

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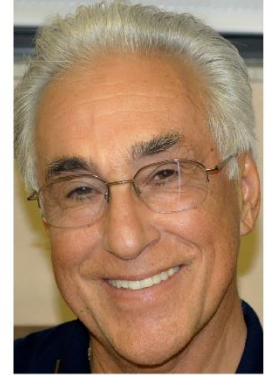


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4th Degree News

St. James the Apostle

Assembly #3686



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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St. James the Apostle Assembly #3686

What do Catholics mean when they say they are fasting?

***Fasting rituals are not legalistic obligations but rather
collective rituals of self-denial aimed at imitating Christ.***

Jessica Coblentz (From U.S.Catholic)

Along with almsgiving and prayer, fasting is a central Lenten practice. More recently, fasting has emerged as a popular secular dieting practice too. Thanks to the multitrillion-dollar wellness industry, a Google search for “fasting” now generates far more information about fasting as a weight-loss method than it does about fasting as a spiritual practice.

For Catholics, fasting is a collective penitential practice of self-discipline. In keeping with its biblical origins, it traditionally entails partial or complete abstinence from food or drink.

However, understanding what Catholics mean by the term fasting is sometimes complicated by a technical distinction between abstinence (the restriction of specific foods) and fasting (the restriction of food in general). During Lent, for example, the U.S. bishops mandate abstinence from meat on Fridays. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, however, Catholics are instructed to fast in addition to this particular abstinence from meat. Here, fasting entails abstinence from all foods beyond one full meal and two smaller meals that together amount to less than a full meal.

Further complicating the definition of fasting is the popular tendency to apply the label of fasting to nearly every form of abstinence that Christians undertake. As Lent approaches, websites often exhort Catholics and other Christians to consider fasting from everything from social media to Netflix to sleeping in.

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(Continued)

On one hand, these appropriations of fasting reflect the church's acknowledgment that fasting from food is not the only way for faithful Catholics to participate in this seasonal penance. Universal and local church teachings exempt the sick and members of certain age groups from fasting mandates. Fasting rituals are not legalistic obligations but rather collective rituals of self-denial aimed at imitating Christ. Church teachings affirm that other forms of penance can be done in the same spirit as fasting from food.

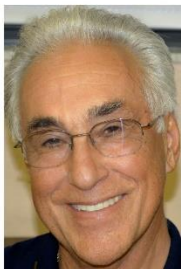
On the other hand, some creative alternatives to fasting from food depart from a fundamental tenet of this traditional Lenten practice. As Father Daniel Merz, former associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office of Divine Worship, reminds us, "For the Christian, fasting is ultimately about fasting from sin." Yet with so many forms of fasting on offer, it can be tempting to take up some alternative not as a form of thoughtful penance but as a trendy self-improvement challenge.

Catholics need not be free from the popular pressures of self-improvement or unwavering in discipline to participate faithfully in Lenten penance. However, fasting should help us refrain from and resist sin. It should, in turn, help us grow in love of God, neighbor, and self.

This article also appears in the March 2022 issue of U.S. Catholic (Vol. 87, No. 3, page 49).

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Officers for 2024 - 2025



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NAVIGATOR**
Phil Aleci



**FAITHFUL
CAPTAIN**
Michael Barrett



**FAITHFUL
PILOT**
David Ries



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ADMIRAL**
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SENTINEL**
Joe James



**OUTER
SENTINEL**
Tony Bernardo



**3 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Rich Cunningham



**2 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Jeremy Bobowski



**1 YEAR
TRUSTEE**
Anthony Fonte



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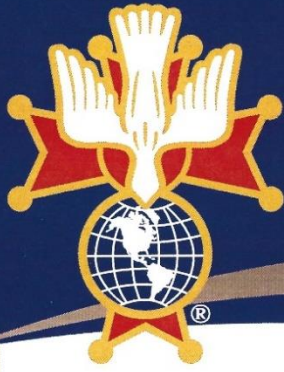


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Star Assembly



Past Faithful Navigator ED PFLIEGER shows the plaque that our Assembly 3686 was presented at our April meeting by Deputy State Master Ken Jeffres. The award is for the fraternal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Only 14 Assemblies out of 175 in Florida received the award. Our Assembly has 45 members.



Civic Award

Recognizing
St James The Apostle
Assembly 3686
Port Richey, Florida
For outstanding implementation
of patriotic programming
faithful to the principles of the
Fourth Degree of
the Knights of Columbus

October 1, 2022

Date

Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

Anthony M. Kelly
Supreme Master



Charter Members of
St. James the Apostle Assembly 3686
November 9, 2016



Michael Amarando
James Bernacki
Louis Coppola
Alexander DeDea
Raymond DeDea
John Devaux
Clifford Gill
Keith Gosnell
Eric Harvey
Frank Mancuso
Edwin Pflieger
John Sammel

William Baker
Anthony Bernardo
James Crowley
Kevin DeDea
Vincent DeHart
Thomas Doran
Timothy Girvin
John Gudavich
Alan Herd
Thomas Mullen
Benjamin Rivera Jr.
Ernest Veneziano

Charles Wills

First Set of Officers

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR – Michael Amarando
FAITHFUL COMPTROLLER – John Devaux
FAITHFUL CAPTAIN – John Gudavich
FAITHFUL ADMIRAL – Edwin Pflieger
FAITHFUL PURSER – Anthony Bernardo
FAITHFUL PILOT – Richard Lamparski
FAITHFUL SCRIBE – Keith Gosnell
INNER SENTINEL- Timothy Girvin
OUTER SENTINEL – Frank Mancuso
3-YEAR TRUSTEE – William Baker
2-YEAR TRUSTEE – James Bernacki
1-YEAR TRUSTEE – Charles Wills

Faithful Navigators

Assembly 3686

Instituted November 8, 2016

St. James the Apostle

Term	Name	
2016 - 17	Michael Amarando	
2017 - 18	Michael Amarando	
2018 - 19	Edwin Pflieger	
2019 - 20	Edwin Pflieger	
2020 - 21	Edwin Pflieger	
2021 - 22	Edwin Pflieger	
2022 - 23	Joseph Panetta	
2023 - 24	Phil Aleci	
2024 - 25	Phil Aleci	
2025 - 26		
2026 - 27		

Knights of Columbus Member Benefits

Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Columbia Magazine — Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

Knights of Columbus rosary — Blessed by the supreme chaplain, presented during the Admission Degree to each new member

Daily Mass of Remembrance at St. Mary's Church — Mass for deceased members and their wives at the birthplace of the Order

Insurance — Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

Family Fraternal Benefit — For eligible families: a) pays \$1,500 for the child who dies before the age of 61 days; b) pays \$750 for the child who is stillborn at least 20 weeks after conception; c) offers guaranteed-issue insurance — up to \$5,000 — to any child under age 18

Orphan Benefit — \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible families; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available

Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit — Accidental death coverage for member and spouse at no cost

Widow Benefits — a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit; b) may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities up to one year after insured member's death; c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*; d) eligible with her children for scholarships, student loans, etc.

Scholarships — Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

Leadership Development — Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

Fourth Degree — Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

Honorary Life Membership — At age 70 with 25 years of membership

Membership Card — Entitles participation in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities — Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

Knights of Columbus

Member/Spouse

FRATERNAL BENEFIT

Whereas, the primary purpose of our Order as set forth in the Charter, Section 2 (a) is “rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families,” and (b) “rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled, and needy families;” and

Whereas, the Board of Directors, at the request of the Supreme Council in this International Year of the Family, 1994, desires to recognize the numerous contributions made by members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses and families, to the welfare, growth, and financial stability of the Order through their varied activities and charitable works for the benefit of mankind; and in appreciation for their efforts expended in membership recruitment and council development; it was

Voted, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on October 20–23, 1994, that a Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit be given at no cost to all members (and their wives) in good standing, belonging to councils of and residing in countries that have been designated as insurance territories by the Supreme Council, provided that the member’s council is in good standing.

Accidental Death Benefit

The Knights of Columbus will pay a benefit upon the death of a member or his spouse, occurring within 90 days, as the result of injury sustained in a covered accident. Protection is on a 24-hour basis for accidents that may occur anywhere in the world during activities on or off the job, on business, pleasure, vacation, or at home, except for the exclusions listed.

Benefits

Years of Continuous Membership	Member Benefit	Spouse Benefit
Less than two years	\$1,000	\$1,000
Two years, but less than three	1,500	1,500
Three years, but less than four	2,000	2,000
Four years or more	2,500	2,500

The benefit amount will be reduced by \$500 on the member’s 65th birthday and each subsequent birthday, until the benefit amount is stabilized at \$1,000. The \$1,000 coverage will continue thereafter, provided the member and the member’s council are in good standing and both so reflected on the records of the Supreme Council.

The spouse benefit at all times corresponds to the member’s benefit. At no time will the spouse benefit exceed the member’s benefit. Should the member predecease his wife, she shall continue to be covered thereafter at a fixed benefit of \$1,000. Should the spouse and the member die within 90 days from the same accident, however, the scheduled benefit will be paid.

Beneficiaries

The accidental death benefit will be paid to the next of kin in accordance with Section 71.2 of the Order’s laws. The claim for this accidental death benefit must be received at the Supreme Office of the Knights of Columbus within three years of the date of death.

Exclusions

This accidental death benefit will not be paid if death results from: suicide, self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness or disease (except bacterial infection resulting from accidental cut or wound); flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled airline; or injury from driving or riding in a speed or organized contest.

Amendment or Discontinuation

The Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit shall be effective September 1, 1994, and may be amended or discontinued at any time by action of the Order’s Board of Directors.