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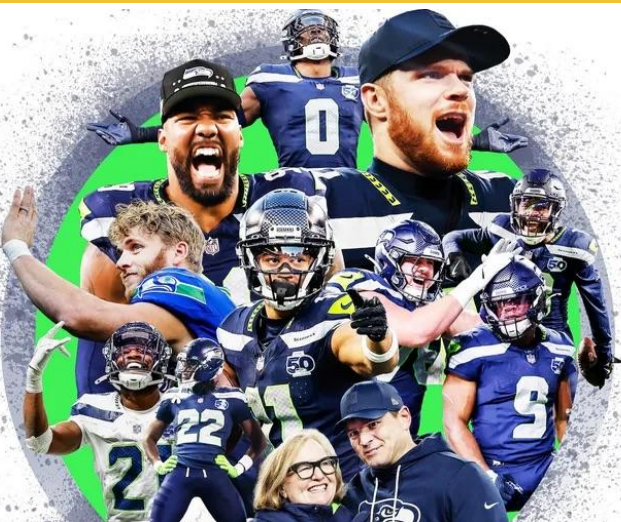


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FEBRUARY RECAP

DINNER RECAP: FIERY CHILI NIGHT

Bill Busch served the Knights a hot, flavorful bowl of chili, perfectly paired well with cornbread by Jim Cassoni and crackers and cheese by Tom Wojcikowski. With temperatures outside well below freezing, this dish was what everyone needed to warm up. February's dinner saw record attendance and it was wonderful to see a room packed with both new and longtime Knights. Thank you to everyone that supplied food that night and to all those that came out to enjoy the meal. Vivat Jesus!



29-13

This year's Super Bowl on February 8th brought several Knights together for a festive watch party. Attendees enjoyed pizza, pigs in a blanket, a variety of chips and dips, and banana pudding while watching a very defensive game unfold. As predicted, the Seattle Seahawks came out on top with a final score of 29-13. For Knights who are fans of the New England Patriots, there's always next year! It was great to see brothers come together for food, fellowship, and football, and we hope even more will join us for next year's game. Events like this remind us that the Knights aren't just about meetings, they're about brotherhood. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed. We look forward to an even bigger turnout next year!

ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY

This Ash Wednesday, Knights assisted the Carthage Elks Lodge in hosting a fish fry. The meal consisted of a fried/broiled fish or ham steak, mac and cheese or fries, along with coleslaw. Proceeds benefited the Augustinian Academy. Knights helped with cooking, taking orders, dishes, and cleanup. A special thank you to Joe Margrey and Kenny Paragon for coordinating the Knights alongside Joanne Sligar for this event. We are grateful for the partnership with the Elks Lodge and for the brothers who volunteered their time to make the evening a success.



BINGO!

Each month the Knights assists the Elks with a BINGO night, bringing the community together while raising funds for Augustinian Academy. Knights assist with setup, ticket sales, calling numbers, and cleanup to ensure a smooth and successful evening. A special thank you to Knights Bill Busch, Jim Gratch, Jim Cassoni, Kenny Paragon, Joe Margrey, Tom Wojcikowski, Brodie Wojcikowski, Jacob Buskey, Darwin Castillo, Charlie Childs, Steve Szalach, Bob Todd, Robert LaPlatney, Todd Norrgard, Gary Workman, and Rob Sligar for helping make this event a success every month.

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Knightly Giggles

Why did the man join the Knights of Columbus?

He heard they had a great 'knight' life!

MARCH UPDATES



A Note from the Grand Knight

Tom Wojcikowski

Brothers, welcome to March. Soon spring will be upon us and better weather will be here. As we move forward in the year, let us continue to reflect on how we serve others and the impact we have on them. What we do for others means so much.

I want to share a quick story with you. As you know, Michelle and I drove to Florida for winter break. Our plan was to drive home in one straight trip, 21 hours. Once we hit the Pennsylvania border, we had 7 more hours to go and we hit thick fog. We searched for a hotel, not really wanting to stop, but decided it's the best thing to do. I went in, got a room, and the hotel receptionist smiled and told me the room was already taken care of. He motioned to another gentleman in the lobby. I was confused and asked what was happening. The gentleman in the lobby was the pastor of the York Alliance Church in York, PA. They were hosting a retreat at the hotel that weekend and one of the couples attending could not make it. Just minutes before we arrived, told the hotel to give the room to the next walk in and that they were going to cover the room. Our actions mean so much to people. All gestures, big or small, are important to the person on the receiving end. Brothers, continue to do the good work we all do everyday.

Vivat Jesus

Tom

Behind the Armor

Ray Bodle



Our Deputy Grand Knight's journey into the Knights of Columbus began with inspiration from Todd Norrgard, whose example showed him firsthand the meaningful impact the Knights can have in supporting both our parish and school community.

Outside of his council responsibilities, he enjoys a full and active life centered on family. Much of his free time is spent making memories camping, tackling projects around the house alongside his wife, and riding four-wheelers whenever he gets the chance.

In his role as Deputy Grand Knight, he finds deep fulfillment in following in the footsteps of the brother Knights who came before him. Learning from their example, wisdom, and leadership journey, especially as he looks toward one day serving as Grand Knight.

When asked to share a fun fact about himself, he jokingly says "anyone that knows me knows my fun facts." A response that perfectly reflects his approachable personality and sense of humor. Crawfish is his favorite meal, a taste that traces back to his Louisiana roots and a lifelong appreciation for Cajun cuisine.

For new Knights just beginning their journey, his advice would be to "keep God close to your heart and pray as often as you can. God will guide you."

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 28th and Mar. 1st, after mass, **Pennies Collection**, St. James Church
- Mar. 5th, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, **Dinner**, St. James Community Room
- Mar. 5th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, **Meeting**, St. James Community Room
- Mar. 6th, **First Friday**
- Mar. 6th, 5:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, St. James Church
- Mar. 7th, after 7:00 AM Communion Service, **Men of Faith**, St. James Church
- Mar. 8th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, **Pancake Breakfast**, St. James Community Room
- Mar. 15th, after 10:00 AM mass, **Chicken and Biscuit Dinner**, St. James Church
- Mar. 17th, **St. Patrick's Day**
- Mar. 20th, 5:00 PM, **Stations of the Cross**, St. James Church
- Mar. 21st, 8:30 AM, **Men's Rosary**, St. James Church
- Mar. 26th, 5:00 PM, **BINGO**, Carthage Elks Lodge



From the Knights' Kitchen

Recipe of the Month, **Scott's Workout Pasta**Provided by, *Scott Soules Jr.**Ingredients*

- 2 pounds of chicken breasts
- 1 tbsp salt
- 1 tbsp thyme
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 2 cans of cream of chicken 50% sodium reduced
- 1 bag no yolks pasta
- 4 cups of chicken bone broth reduced sodium
- 1 medium sized frozen mixed vegetables bag

Directions

1. Combine chicken breasts, salt, thyme, garlic powder, cream of chicken, and chicken bone broth into a crockpot set on high for 4 hours.
2. After 4 hours, shred the chicken directly in the crockpot. Add the No Yolks pasta and frozen mixed vegetables. Cook for an additional 45 minutes, or until the pasta is tender.

Optional (Spicy Version)

For a spicier dish, add 1 tbsp chili powder and 1 tbsp paprika and 1 jar of pickled jalapeños (drained) and 1 can of pineapple chunks (drained) along with the ingredients in step 1.



GALLERY

