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Knight News

Father John Cosmic Council #291



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MAY RECAP

DINNER RECAP: CHICKEN POT PIE

Members gathered for another enjoyable evening of food and fellowship at the council's monthly dinner. The meal featured a delicious homemade chicken pot pie prepared by Kenny Paragon, accompanied by mashed potatoes made by Darwin Castillo. Joe Margrey provided fresh rolls to complete the meal, while Deacon Garry Stevens supplied dessert, giving everyone a sweet finish to the evening. As always, the dinner offered a wonderful opportunity for members to share a meal, strengthen friendships, and enjoy fellowship outside of regular council business. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents to make the evening a success.

COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR FRATERNAL YEAR

At the May council meeting, members gathered to conduct officer elections for the upcoming fraternal year. The election provided an opportunity for the council to select leaders who will help guide the organization and continue its mission of charity, unity, and fraternity. The newly elected officers will officially assume their duties at the start of the new fraternal year on July 1. Their leadership will play an important role in supporting council activities, serving our parish community, and strengthening the brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. Please join us in congratulating our newly elected leadership team as they prepare for a successful year ahead.

CHARITABLE AND BENEVOLENT DONATION

Teri Streeter, VEM Food Pantry Manager, accepts a donation from Jim Gratch, Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) Raffle Chairman for the Knights of Columbus. Funds raised through the C&B Raffle allow the Knights to support local organizations such as the VEM Food Pantry and further their mission of serving those in need.



Upcoming Events

- June 4th, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, **Dinner**, St. James Community Room
- June 4th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, **Meeting**, St. James Community Room
- June 5th, **First Friday**
- June 6th, after 7:00 AM communion service, **Men of Faith**, St. James Church
- June 6th and June 7th after mass, **Pennies Collection**, St. James Church
- June 14th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, **Pancake Breakfast**, St. James Community Room
- June 21st, **Father's Day**
- June 25th-27th, **St. James Fair**, St. James Church

Officers**Chaplain***Fr. Todd Thibault***Grand Knight***Tom Wojcikowski***Deputy Grand Knight***Ray Bodle**(315) 405-2909***Chancellor***Deacon Richard Staab***Recorder***Mike Sligar***Financial Secretary***Jim Gratch***Treasurer***Steve Szalach***Lecturer***Darren Bracy***Advocate***Jim Cassoni III***Warden***Kenny Paragon***Inside Guard***John Jones***Outside Guard***Robert LaPlatney***Trustees****Third***Joe Margray***Second***Deacon Garry Stevens***First***Todd Norrgard*

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Knightly Giggles

Why did the Knight of Columbus bring a pencil to the meeting?

Because he wanted to draw more members into the council!

APRIL UPDATES**A Note from the Grand Knight***Tom Wojcikowski*

Brothers, as I write my final piece for the Newsletter, I am very happy to be able to say that I was the Grand Knight of the Father John Cosmic Council 291 of the Knights of Columbus. What an absolute honor it was to be your Grand Knight for the last two years.

We have accomplished so much over these past couple of years. We have helped to make improvements at the Academy and worked hard to strengthen both St. James and St. Mary's. I have seen us come together to support each other in sad times and celebrate in great times.

Brothers, we truly make each other better Catholic Gentleman. I will miss being your Grand Knight. I thank you for allowing me to lead you. I know that you will be in good hands with Ray as he steps up to lead you all. Although, you may not have rolls for your hotdogs...Ray will do a great job at Grand Knight.

Thank you all,

Tom

Behind the Armor*Jacob Buskey*

Jacob Buskey joined the Knights of Columbus shortly after graduating high school and turning 18. He was inspired by the opportunity to serve the Church alongside fellow Catholics who share his faith and values.

Professionally, Jacob is an insurance agent and Vice President of Operations at McEvoy Insurance, where he works alongside his father and brother in the family business. In his free time, he enjoys working out, playing guitar, writing music, networking with local business professionals, and participating in a bowling league. Jacob says the most rewarding part of being a Knight is building friendships with fellow members while serving as a positive role model for his nieces and nephews.

A fun fact about Jacob is that he can play guitar entirely by ear. His favorite meal is a medium-rare New York strip steak.

As the council's new Chancellor, Jacob is excited to take on new responsibilities and continue serving the council in new ways. He is honored to be entrusted with the role and looks forward to helping the council grow and succeed.