



APRIL RECAP

DINNER RECAP: STUFFED SHELLS AND MEATBALLS

This month's Knights of Columbus fellowship meal brought great food and even better company. Jim Gratch prepared delicious stuffed shells, complemented by Tom Wojcikowski's meatballs. Joe Margray added a fresh salad, Kenny Paragon provided bread, and desserts from Joe Godlewski and Deacon Garry Stevens ended the night on a sweet note. Thank you to everyone who contributed—another wonderful evening of fellowship and brotherhood.

Knights Step Up: Two Weeks of Bingo Support

This month, our Knights of Columbus stepped up to support the Elks by covering two weeks of bingo operations. Their time and effort helped keep this important community event running smoothly. Thank you to all the brothers who volunteered, your commitment to service continues to make a meaningful impact in our community.

A Well-Deserved Surprise for Kenny Paragon

This month, members of the Knights of Columbus joined in celebrating Kenny Paragon at a surprise retirement party honoring his years of service with the Elks Lodge in Carthage. Many of our bingo volunteers were in attendance, showing their appreciation for someone who has given so much to both organizations. Kenny played a key role in supporting bingo operations for the Knights, and his dedication has not gone unnoticed. The evening was filled with gratitude, laughter, and well wishes as we celebrated his contributions.

Birthday Blessings: January–April

We extend our warmest birthday wishes to all our brother Knights celebrating birthdays from January through April. May your special day be filled with joy, good health, and the company of family and friends. Thank you for all you do for our council, we are grateful for each of you and wish you many more blessed years ahead.

Upcoming Events

- May 2nd, 8:00 AM, *Men of Faith*, St. James Church
- May 2nd and May 3rd after mass, *Pennies Collection*, St. James Church
- May 7th, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, *Dinner*, St. James Community Room
- May 7th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, *Meeting*, St. James Community Room
- May 10th, *Mother's Day*
- May 10th, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM, *Pancake Breakfast*, St. James Community Room
- May 15th, *Rosary Crusade*
- May 28th, 5:00 PM, *BINGO*, Carthage Elks Lodge

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Knightly Giggles

Why don't Knights ever
get locked out?

*Because they always
have the key to
fellowship.*

APRIL UPDATES



A Note from the Grand Knight

Tom Wojcikowski

Brothers, what a great time of the year it is as we move into spring and everything is starting to grow. In the past I never enjoyed this time of the year because as the snow melted we often see the "yuck." The downed branches. What the dogs have left us over the winter. Or the trash. But then I have seen the growth. The growth of Michelle's flowers. The fish in our small pond come back to life. The green of the grass as it grows tall. And it is refreshing.

When I think of refreshing I think about seeing what all of you, my Brother Knights do to refresh St. James, St. Mary's and the Academy. When there is a need, it is refreshing to see the men of the Knights step in and step up to fill that need. I have never heard the words "I don't want to" or "I can't" come out of the mouth of a Knight. Every one of you has stepped up to serve. Whether big or small, you have taken a role to serve our Parishes or our Community. And again, that is refreshing. And I thank you for all that you do.

It truly is great work that we do.

Vivat Jesus

Tom

Behind the Armor

Joe Margray



Joe Margray became a Knight of Columbus in 1979, shortly after his discharge from the U.S. Army. He credits his father as his inspiration for joining the Order, noting his example as a past Grand Knight and active council member.

Now retired, Joe stays active through volunteer work with his church and school. He also serves as the primary caregiver for his elderly aunt. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and family. Joe's favorite meal is anything Italian.

When asked about the most rewarding part of being a Knight, Joe shared that it is knowing the Council is helping the community while living out the Catholic faith. He values the fellowship among Catholic men and the opportunity to continue the legacy of those who came before him.

His advice to men considering the Knights of Columbus is simple: get involved. While not everyone can participate in every activity, involvement in any capacity makes a difference. He emphasizes that while life is busy, new and active members are essential to keeping councils strong for the future.