



# Knightly News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11683  
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## COUNCIL OFFICERS



Brother Knights and friends. This is our first quarterly newsletter to be published. We wanted to reach out and highlight some of the things the Knights at St. Ann are involved in at our Parish and around the community.

In addition to local support the Knights of our Council also help nationally and internationally to support communities that are caught up in disasters.

Knights from our Council helped in support of Ukrainian refugees and have participated in the cleanup after hurricanes.

If you are a practicing Catholic man and have an interest in joining our Band of Brothers, you can contact us at:

Email: [KofC11683@stanncatholicchurch.org](mailto:KofC11683@stanncatholicchurch.org)

Or visit our website at:

<https://kofc-council-11683.faithmatters.site/>

Or Join Us at: <https://www.kofc.org/en/index.html>

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## Our Website



## Lenten Fish Fry

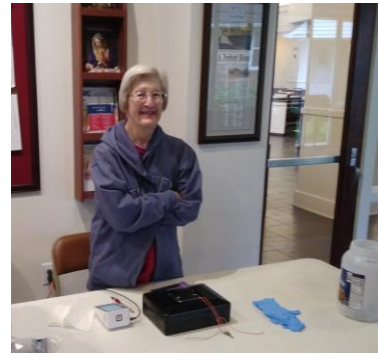
On February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup> the council held its annual Lenten Fish Fry. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and it was all hands on deck. The dinners were served from 11am till 5pm or until the fish ran out.



Getting the fish and hushpuppies just right is very serious business.



Guests were greeted by our warm and friendly servers.



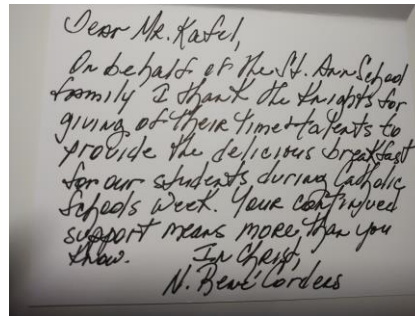
Our first Fry the weather was beautiful our second Fry not so much, we had to move inside.



We served two large pieces of Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, and some of Brother Herbs Baked Beans. A special thanks goes out to all our help for making this a successful Lenten Fish Fry.

## Pancake Breakfast

On January 29<sup>th</sup> in celebration of St. Ann Catholic School's Open House, the Knights prepared and served a pancake breakfast for the Teachers, Students and Parents of St. Ann Catholic School. The principal, Ms. Corders, sent the Knights a thank you card.



and Tom Dean.

Dr. Ed Jackson,  
Jim Reid, John  
Rock, Ray  
Houghtaling,  
Stephen Haire,  
Terry Estep,  
Todd Burnett,

## Knights Serving at Masses

Knights continue to support St. Ann Church by serving at every Mass as Ushers/Greeters, members of the Choir/Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Catechists.

Still Need More Ushers for Sunday Masses.

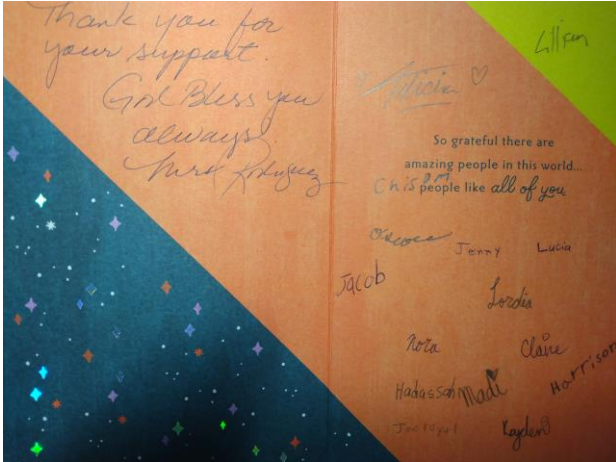
## Wreath's Across America

On Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Knights from our Council helped along with other Councils from around the area to distribute wreaths at NC Veteran's Cemetery in Spring Lake (next to Ft Bragg). The Council purchased \$75 worth of wreaths and Jesse Ramirez, and Stephen Haire spent 96 hours helping to distribute the wreaths to our fallen heroes.

# Spaghetti Dinner

On Nov. 4, 2022 the Council raised money for St. Ann School, by hosting a Spaghetti Dinner for the St. Ann Parish community.

The council received a Thank You from Ms. Corders and the students of St. Ann Catholic School with regards to Spaghetti Dinner Profit Donation.



Special Thank You goes out to Chris Kafel, Deacon Gary Stemple, Herb Smith, Jim Reid, John Rock, Ray Houghtaling, and Ron Ingano, Terry Estep, Todd Burnett and Tom Dean for their service in preparing and serving the meal.

## Feed the Homeless



Knights and other St. Ann members meet at the Salvation Army Kitchen (220 E Russell St.) every third Wednesday of the month to prepare and package meals for the homeless.

We begin preparing the food at 12:00 pm and begin packaging the meals around 3:30pm for distributions that begin at 4:00 pm. If you would like to help out you can show up at the back door between 12pm and 4pm. Thanks to Brothers Herb Smith, Chris Kafel, Michael Patterson, and Tom Dean.

## Coats for Kids

A \$750 donation of Jackets Sweatshirts/Hoodies was by a member of the Council and was donated to Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation. Brothers Chris Kafel (GK) and Jessie Ramirez (PGK) presented the sweatshirts and jackets to Cape Fear Valley Health Foundation.



Many thanks to Brothers Chris Kafel and Jesse Ramirez.

## Family Movie Night



Knights hosted a family movie night for a parent's night out. Popcorn, Drinks and Hot Dogs were provided free of charge.



The crowd was small but, it was a fun night for all. We will need to do a better job of advertising next year. Many thanks to: Dr. Ed Jackson, Herb Smith, Jesse Ramirez, Todd Burnett, Ray Houghtaling, Robert Gonzalez, Ron Ingano, Stephen Haire, and Jim Reid.

## Rosary for the Unborn

On January 28<sup>th</sup> Knights from our Council and other Councils from around the Fayetteville area met at Planned Parenthood, 4551 Yadkin Rd. in Fayetteville and said the Rosary Prayer. On March 11, prayers and a rosary were said asking God to intervene and spare the lives of the unborn.

## **Legion of Mary**

Brother Knight Don King is an active member of the Legion of Mary.



Members have been bringing the sick and homebound Holy Communion, assisting Fr. Mike in a monthly Mass at Heritage Place, leading the residents there in rosary, and teaching adult and children's faith formation.

Reach out to Brother Don King if you have an interest (740) 371-0106.

## **Bro Mike Gavin's Plaque**

– Presented to: Brother MICHAEL J. GAVIN

In recognition of your many years of tremendous generosity to the Knights of Columbus, Council 11683. Our appreciation is enduring.