



# Knightly News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11683

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Brother Knights and friends. This is our second 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.

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## Knights hosted Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Knights finished up last of the Lenten Fish Frys on March 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a lot of work, but it paid off with funds raised for needy charities.

Charities such as: OPERATION LAMB, ASAP Program, CPR/AED Classes, St. Ann Catholic School, and much more.



## Knights help in Parish Clean-Up

Several Knights helped with parish cleanup on Saturday March 25 from 8:30am to 1pm. Knights helped clean up the Kitchen, the grounds around the church, and interior of the church.

*I would like to thank everyone that was able to come and help at our parish clean up day last Saturday. All your support has helped to make our school, church, and grounds even more beautiful.*

*Thanks again.  
—Fr. Mike*

## Council to Support Operation LAMB

At our regular business meeting April 3, 2023 the council voted to support Operation LAMB with money donated during our Fish Fry.



Operation LAMB is where Knights of Columbus throughout the State of NC stand outside retail establishments offering Tootsie Rolls for optional donations. The Knights raise over \$600,000 annually for the LAMB Foundation with this program. Operation provides support for people with intellectual disabilities.

## Knights serve Christ at Triduum Masses

Several Knights served at Triduum Masses as Ushers, Catechists, Choir members Cantors, Sacristans, and Eucharistic ministers. Knights stayed and walked elderly parishioners to their cars after all nighttime Masses.



## Knights Host Easter Doughnut Sunday



Parishioners at St. Ann Catholic Church were welcomed to hot coffee, pink lemonade, and sweet doughnuts. Easter service was moving and refreshed us all in what our Lord has done for us. Both the 8:30 and 11am Mass services were

followed by fellowship, hot coffee and doughnuts. One lady approached a Knight and commented, "I need more of this, I must get registered".





## Feed the Homeless

Knights and other volunteers from St. Ann Church packed up 170 chicken meals with rice, green beans and a cookie. These meals are then served to the homeless that come to the Salvation Army kitchen, those that are housed at The Lodge and the children at the St. Ann Neighborhood Youth Center.

The Knights and Ladies from the Rosary Alter Society, meet every third Wednesday of the month at the back door of the Salvation Army Kitchen (220 E Russel St.) 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.

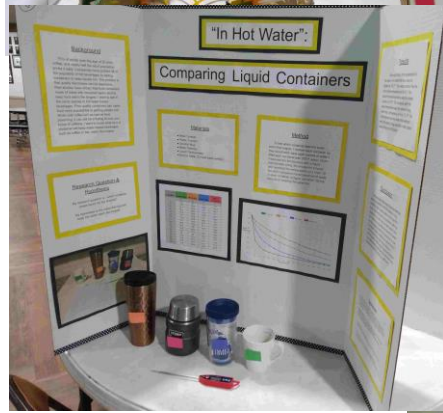
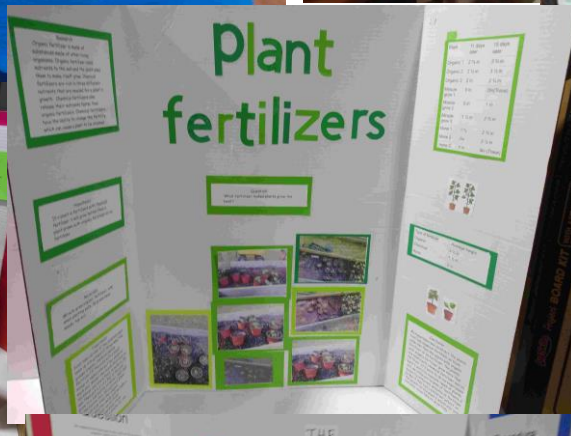
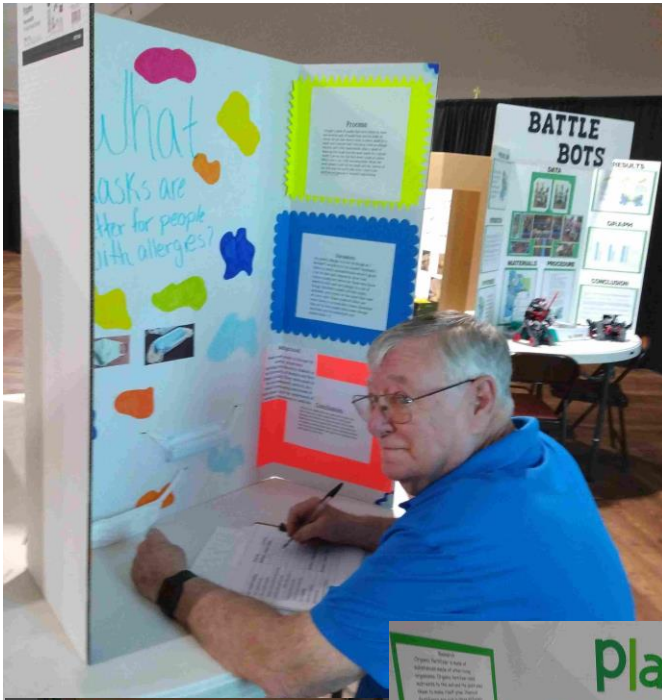
Unfortunately, we did not get the camera out until all the helpers were gone except the cleanup guy on pots and pans.





# Knights Judge St. Ann School Science Fair

Brother Knights John Rock and Ray Houghstaling helped grading this year's Science Fair Projects. The projects were created by St. Ann School students.



## St. Ann Neighborhood Youth Center

Brother Knight Michael Patterson is one of the key figures in St. Ann Neighborhood Youth Center. He has been the bus driver and tutor for local at-risk children for more years than he can remember.



The Neighborhood Youth Center has been around since the mid 90's. It was started by the Daughters of Charity under the leadership of Sister Joanne Goecke, they established the youth center to serve area neighborhood children who were considered at risk. This program paired at-risk children with volunteer tutors from the local community. The program offered after-school tutoring, as well as a hot meal and transportation home.



## Knights to purchase AED for St. Ann School



At general membership meeting May 1, 2023, Knights voted to purchase an AED, or automated external defibrillator, device for St. Ann School. It was noted that if there was a need for the AED at the school the location in the Church is too far away.

An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

## Knights to Host Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser for AED purchase

Knights will be selling Breakfast Burritos after Saturday and Sunday Masses. 100% of the funds raised will go towards the purchase of a New AED device for St. Ann School.



## Knights attend CPR/AED Class

Eight Knights from council 11683 attended “HEARTSAVER” CPR AED class. The “HEARTSAVER” CPR AED class is directed by the American Heart Association and gives standardized best practices for administering CPR and AED based on the latest research. The class was paid for by the Council to train and/or retrain parish ushers who might be called on in an emergency.



From left to right Ray Houghtaling, Chris Kafel, and Tom Dean. The other off camera attendees were Dr. Ed Jackson, Robert Gonzalez, Deacon Gary Stemple, Terry Estep, and Mick L. The class taught the latest in CPR procedures and how to set up and operate an AED device.

## Knights support of ASAP Program

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP), describes the Knights of Columbus' efforts to support pregnant women, mothers, and their new children by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. These pro-life, non-profits are lifelines to women and babies in need and offer essential services that make the difference between a baby being aborted and a baby being born in a supportive environment.

## New Officer Election

At our June 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting the following officers were elected for the 2023/24 Fraternal Year.

Grand Knight Chris Kafel, Deputy Grand Knight Jesse Ramirez, Chancellor Tom Dean, Warden Terry Estep, Recorder Vacant, Treasurer Mick L., Advocate Ron Ingano, Inside Guard Stephen Haire, Outside Guard Chris Ingano.