



Knightly News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11683
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Brother Knights and friends. This is our fourth 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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Special Olympics "Fall Games - Young Athletes Day"

Council 11683 was represented as a Volunteer at Wilmington NC, Special Olympics "Fall Games - Young Athletes Day" on October 26th, 2023.



The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with the Special Olympics and has helped disabled athletes train for and compete in games around the world. Knights of Columbus councils have assisted with all aspects of the program from fundraising to feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment and awards.

Coats for Kids



Each year Council 11683 Donates Childrens coats to needy kids. This year 25 coats were purchased from funds raised and were donated to Walker-Spivey Elementary School (WSES).

Knights across the nation raised more than \$770,000 providing tens of thousands of children with new winter coats this year.

Knights host Essay contest at St. Ann School



The St. Ann Catholic Church Knights of Columbus recently held their Annual Essay and Poster Contest for students in grades K-8. After Mass on Friday, teachers of kindergarten through 2nd grade were awarded Barnes and Noble gift cards for the purchase of books for their classrooms. Dr. Ed Jackson presented gift cards and certificates to the winners of the essay contest (grades 3-8). Congratulations to Amelia, Cecelia, Madison, and Andrea! The theme of this year's contest was "The Greatest Strengths of St. Ann School". Dr. Jackson also judged the spelling bee for the school on Friday afternoon.

Sacristan Training

Council Knights received Sacristan training during the October 2023 monthly meeting. This training will allow Knights to serve as sacristans when needed.

Family Movie Afternoon



Knights from council 11683 hosted Parent's Afternoon Out. This afternoon out, allowed parents to drop off their kids and go shopping. Kids gathered to watch cartoons and the movie Home Alone 1, while eating Popcorn and Hotdogs. Hot Chocolate, lemonade and water were also served.

Donut Sunday

The Knights continue to host community Donuts at St. Ann's Parish, usually held on the second Sunday of each month. It might be a coincidence but our congregation is growing. Maybe it is just the Free Sweets.



Feed the Homeless



Knights from Council 11683 and ladies from St Ann Church Rosary Alter Society helped feed the homeless.

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.

For the month of February 2024, we prepared and packed up 134 Spaghetti and meat sauce meals with green beans, a roll and a cookie. These meals are then served to the homeless that come to the Salvation Army kitchen. We also packed 30 meals for those housed at The Lodge.



Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Each year during Lent the council holds its annual Lenten Fish Fry. The Fish Fry's for this year were held on February 16th, March 1st, and March 16th. The Council prepared fish dinners for those wishing to observe meatless Friday's or those who just wanted to enjoy our delicious, deep-fried Fish and Hushpuppies with Herbs baked beans, and our specially seasoned coleslaw. The meals were served from 11am, to include the students from St. Ann School, until 5:30pm. Tables were set up for those wishing to dine in or to take a meal home for lunch or dinner.

Food Prep-Night

The Thursday night before each Fish Fry a few Knights meet to get the baked beans ready by adding Herbs secret ingredients, and to chop the coleslaw, and to start thawing the fish. This normally starts around 7pm and we are done by 8:30pm.



Fish Fry Day

Our master fryer, keeping things clean, all overseen by our Master Chef



Our Friendly Serving line servers





The Knights of Council 11683 would like to send out a big

THANK YOU

to Mr. Ted Faber's St Ann 6th Grade Art Class for this Advertising Fish Fry Banner.