



Knightly News

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11683

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Brother Knights and Friends. This is our fifth thirdly newsletter to be published. We wanted to reach out and highlight some of the things the Knights at St. Ann Catholic Church are involved in at our Parish and around the community. In addition to local support the Knights from our Council also help statewide, nationally, and internationally to support communities in need. Knights from our Council help in support of Ukrainian refugee families and have participated in the cleanup after hurricanes.

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Knights Support Seminarian

The Knights from council 11683 provided \$500 financial support check to Gabriel Nugent our visiting seminarian who helped at all Easter services at St. Ann Catholic Church.

Heavenly Father, may Gabriel serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son and provide by his way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Knights Support Greater Life of Fayetteville

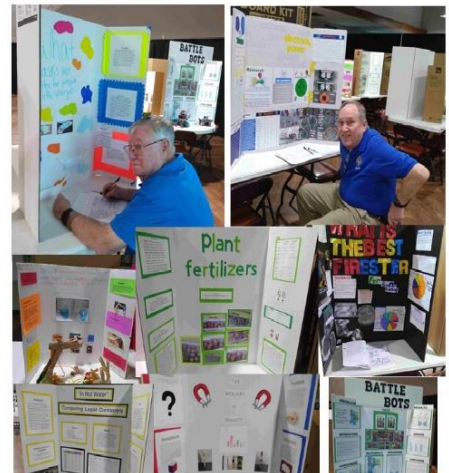
Council 11683 in its March 8th meeting voted to donate \$250 to Greater Life of Fayetteville. Ms Pinckney expects about 30 children this summer and is very grateful for the support.



The Mission of Greater Life of Fayetteville is to assist by providing a community that counsels and assesses the needs of program participants. To foster and encourage positive interactions with school officials, teachers, adult volunteers, and staff, through Youth mentoring programs.

Knights Judge 2024 St Ann School Science Fair

Brother Knights Ray Houghtaling and John Rock helped in grading this year's Science Fair projects. Congratulations to all who participated. These two Knights have been judging the student's science projects for many years.



Family of the Month

Council 11683, at its March 8th meeting, elected Deanna and Benjamin Turner Family as our April 2024 Family of the Month. The Turner Family was recognized for serving most visibly as an altar server, reading scripture, Eucharistic Ministry, and does extraordinary work leading the decorating committee throughout the year. Thank you, Lord, for the families that serve our Church.



Mother's Day Flowers

Knights for many years have provided flowers to mothers attending Masses on Mother's Day weekend. This year Knights from Council 11683 passed out the better part of 400 red and white carnations to Mothers as they were leaving Mass. The Knights wish to honor all our mothers for giving us life.

New Member



Knights from council 11683 Welcomed new member: Ezra (Mike) Somerville,

Mike retired from the Army after 30 years of service.

All three of his children attended St. Ann School.

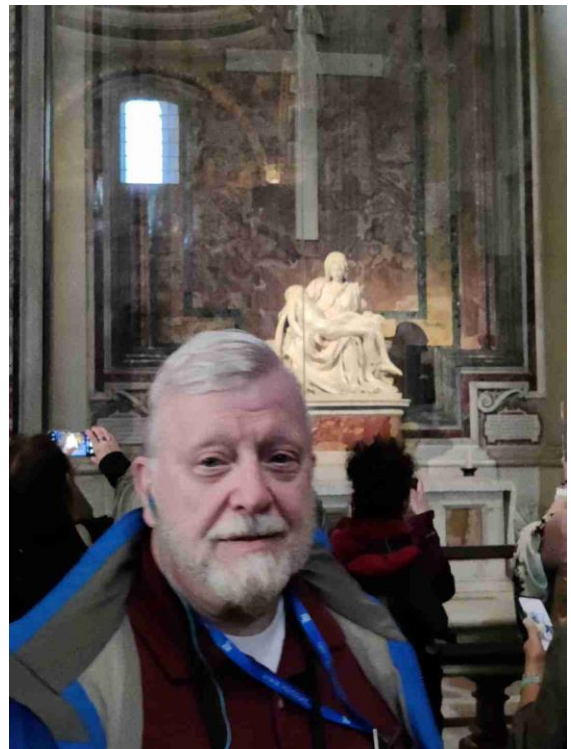
Mike is a member of St. Ann Church and is an active member of retired Signal Soldiers Association.

Knights Visit the Vatican

Knights from council 11683 visited the Vatican in Rome, Italy, as part of a group from St. Ann Church. Among them were Deacon Gary our Chaplain, Ed Jackson our Financial Secretary, and Fr. Mike who is a member of Council 11683 and a past Grand Knight of another council.

Below left is a photo of Fr. Mike and Deacon Gary saying Mass in one of the many chapels under St Peter's Basilica.

Below right is a photo of Ed Jackson in front of Michelangelo's Pieta.



Fraternal Benefits Night

On April 23 the council 11683 offered a Fraternal Benefits Night. The council was brought up to date on the latest benefits offered to Knights and their families. The need for long-term care, annuities, and much more was covered.

Donut Sunday

The Knights continue to host Community Donuts at St. Ann's Parish, usually held on the second Sunday of each month. This is a way the Knights help build community.

It might be a coincidence, but our congregation is growing. Maybe it is just the Free Sweets.



Feed the Homeless

The Knights from Council 11683 and Ladies from the St. Ann Rosary Altar Society, meet every third Wednesday of the month at the back door of the Salvation Army Kitchen (24 Alexander St.) to prepare and package meals for the homeless. We begin preparing the food at 1:00 pm and begin packaging the meals around 3:30 p.m. for distributions that begin at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to help, you can show up at the back door between 1pm and 3pm.

For the month of March 2024, we prepared and packaged 134 baked chicken with rice and gravy, 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 delivered 30 meals to those housed at The Lodge (Operation Inasmuch).



Don King's Marine career prepared him for Pots and Pans duty; Herb Smith's time at being a Chef on an oil rig prepared him for being our Master Chef.

For the month of April 2024, we prepared 134 smoked sausage, baked beans, salad, a roll and a fruit cup.



Operation Inasmuch is a Christian, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since 2007, they have served homeless and struggling people a hot, nourishing, home-cooked breakfast each weekday morning. After Breakfast, they provide a wide variety of human, health and educational services tailored to the needs of the homeless community.

In addition, they also run the Able-Life Program in their 40-bed men's facility. They hope to help lead men back to the path God called them to walk. Thus far, dozens of men have gotten jobs, made professions of faith, and moved out into their own homes.

Lastly, men who complete the Able-Life Program in The Lodge have the option to move onto Frink Street. When a man completes Phases 1-3 in The Lodge and is ready to live on his own, he can choose to move to Phase 4 and rent one of our houses on Frink Street. As a result, he can slowly transition back to independent living.

Eighth Grade Graduation Rosary's

After daily Mass on May 16th the 8th Grade Graduating Class from St. Ann School received Graduation Certificates, Honors and Rosary's donated by Council 11683. In a very moving ceremony Fr. Mike is shown blessing the Rosary's.



Knights Host Eucharistic Procession

Knights from Council 11683 hosted a Eucharistic Procession June 2nd, 2024. The procession began in the Social Hall and processed around the St. Ann Campus ending at the Grotto. The procession was then followed by Eucharistic adoration in the main chapel. Blessings were offered by Fr. Mike for the Church and School.



This is a way the for the Knights of St Ann to help deepen the devotion to the Eucharist within the Knights and within St. Ann community.

Fr. Mike also, Blessed the School, the new Church and old Church and the Grotto.

Pancake Breakfast

On June 9th, the Knights of Council 11683 hosted a special breakfast in honor of recent high school and college graduates and their families. The Knights prepared a delicious spread featuring pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee. The event was a delightful gathering, celebrating the achievements of the graduates and providing an opportunity for the community to come together and share in the joy of their success.



Fr. Mike's Farewell

On Sunday, June 23rd, at a heartfelt farewell reception luncheon for Fr. Mike, the Knights of Council 11683 presented him with a beautifully crafted chalice and case. This meaningful gift was a token of their deep appreciation for his dedicated service and spiritual guidance. The luncheon was filled with warm memories and heartfelt gratitude, as the community came together to celebrate Fr. Mike's contributions and to wish him well in his future endeavors.

