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October 2024

Good day, fellow Sir Knights,

It's been quite a month. I hope and pray that you weren't too significantly impacted by the storms. We have family on Siesta Key. They are safe, but the devastation was severe. Remember that we are Brothers, and if anyone needs assistance, please reach out to me (lawson.davidm@outlook.com). Please note that the October Assembly Business Meeting in the Annex has been rescheduled for October 24 at 7:00 p.m..

We (the Council and the Assembly) have been asked to support the Veterans' Day Mass at the Sarasota National Cemetery on November 11th. The Florida District of the KofC and Bishop Frank J. Dewayne have asked for our support with traffic control. Please see the attached letter from SK Michael P. Madigan, Chair, Annual Veterans Day Mass. Honoring our veterans is the strength of our Assembly. Please get in touch with the Veterans Program Chair, John Joly, to volunteer your assistance. This is our continuing duty.

SK John Joly, VAVS Director, continues to lead our outreach to local veterans, including the Veteran's Celebration at the Sheridan (Nov 12), the Veteran's Event at Port Charlotte (Dec 5), and Breakfast with the Veterans at Windsor Reflections (Dec 11). These events are not just about providing support but also about bringing a little joy and comradeship into the lives of our veterans, especially as we get close to Christmas. Your participation can make a significant difference.

Also, note that we will have 100 pinnings of veterans from mid-October to mid-November. If you are a veteran and would like to share stories with our honored veterans, please get in touch with SK John Joly.

Our biggest fundraisers are beginning to gear up. First, our cherished annual event, the Patriotic Ball, is scheduled for early February at Tara. Our Faithful Captain, Jerry Graceffo, has scheduled preliminary meetings, with more intense activity planned for after the Council's Car Show. However, now is the time to consider who you will contact as sponsors for as Patriotic Ball program sponsors.

Our success with last year's Golf Tournament will be surpassed this year! But I'll wait until after Christmas to begin pushing this activity, even though preliminary activities will start in November. SK Mike Mahan has volunteered to be the overall Chairperson for the Golf Tournament.

As we prepare for Christmas, remember to enjoy it with our veterans who have sacrificed much to protect our future. Their presence and our shared celebrations will make this Christmas even more special.

Yours in and through Christ,
FN David

Recent Assembly Correspondence

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights

On November 11, 2024, Sarasota National Cemetery will be hosting the Annual Diocese of Venice Veterans Day Mass at 3pm.

Located at: 9810 State Road 72 Sarasota, FL 34241

First and foremost I want to thank the Assemblies and Councils who graciously supported this event last year. Your volunteer allowed us to thank the Veterans, past and present, who gave to our country instead of spending time with their families, allowed us to rest easy because they were protecting us, and those who lost their life.

Bishop Frank J. Dewayne has requested the Knights of Columbus to assist in organizing and sponsoring the Annual Veteran's Day Mass and Ceremonials. This opportunity touches the very heart of our Order's raison d'être – charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Through your leadership, efforts and financial support the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Order is positioned to continue the sponsorship for this event as we have done in past years.

The Sarasota-Bradenton area four Host Assemblies 167, 1860, 3089, and 3192 (and associated Council's) will again take on the organizational-leadership role and provide the volunteer/manpower required.

We are requesting over the next two regularly scheduled meetings that you solicited Volunteers for parking support for this event. We need parking support on November 11th from Noon to 5pm.

Also for Assemblies can we provides names and contact info for the Color Corp who can attend and participate in the ceremony.

I have attached a summary of the days events and Signup Sheets.

Any questions please contact me at 941-374-4039.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally and God Bless

Michael P. Madigan, Sr. Knight,
GK Council 13307

Chair, Annual Veterans Day Mass

Getting to Know Our Brother Sir Knights!

Twenty-three years ago, on September 11, 2001, SK John “Mack” McDonnell (serving in his former capacity as Battalion Chief to Battalion 11 in the Upper West side of Manhattan) responded to the call of duty, along with hundreds of other firefighters, police officers, medics and civilians, as a result of the attack on the World Trade Center.

Jack was born and raised in Flatbush, Brooklyn. He was appointed to Engine 269 in Brooklyn. In July '75, during the fiscal crisis in NYC, he was laid off along with over 900 other firefighters. In June '76, he was rehired and assigned to Ladder 28 in Harlem where he remained until his promotion to lieutenant in August of '87.

While a firefighter at Ladder 28, he was cited for bravery numerous times and awarded three medals including the James Gordon Bennett Medal. After working around the five boroughs, he was assigned to Ladder 30 in East Harlem where he was cited for bravery two times. In October '94, Jack was promoted to captain and assigned to Ladder 24 in Midtown Manhattan across from Madison Square Garden. In March '02, Jack was promoted to Battalion Chief and assigned to Battalion 11 in the Upper West Side of Manhattan. On the page that follows, all Sir Knights are encouraged to read a news article on 9/11 and SK Jack Mc Donald's first person account and recollection of that dark moment in U.S. history.

“ Sir Knights of San Damiano Assembly #3192 are honored and proud to have SK John Mack” McDonnell among our ranks



PROGRAM POSITIONS

Bereavement Chairman
David M Lawson

Color Corp Commander
Keith Mobley

Honor Guard Chief Officer
Open Position

Flag Retirement Chairman
Open Position

Membership/Exemplifications
John T Coliton III

Memorial Day Poppies
Alfred A Connizzo

Newsletter
John Finnegan

Patriotic Ball
Michael Mahan

Spiritual Advisor
Deacon George T Harenchar

Tidewell We Honor Veterans
John O Joly

Tribute to Hero's Parade
John O Joly

VAVS
John O Joly

Veterans Day Mass
unassigned

Veterans Flag Placement
John O Joly

Wreaths Across America
Bob Hedstrom

SK John "Jack" McDonald

USF to commemorate 23rd anniversary of 9/11 attacks in ceremony at Sarasota-Manatee campus

On Sept. 11, 2001, Fire Department of New York Capt. John "Jack" McDonnell was on an annual golf outing about two hours from the city with about 40 friends and colleagues he made during his then-28-year firefighting career. His foursome was waiting to tee off when, at about 9 a.m., someone came out of the clubhouse to tell them the TV was reporting some awful news from New York.

"We saw the second plane hit, then said, 'Let's get back to the hotel to get our stuff so we can get back to the city,'" said McDonnell, who will be the featured speaker at the annual 9/11 commemoration event at USF Sarasota-Manatee at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11.

By the time McDonnell, the captain for Ladder Company 24, based near Madison Square Garden in Midtown Manhattan, arrived at Ground Zero around noon, both towers had fallen. He joined in the search for survivors of the worst-ever terrorist attack in U.S. history.

More than 2,750 people were killed in the attack on New York, including 343 firefighters, many of whom McDonnell knew.

"It was surreal. We were looking at over 20 acres of destruction at a location I was familiar with," McDonnell said.

Organizer Carlos Moreira said the 9/11 ceremony highlights the continued importance of commemorating the lives lost on 9/11 and honoring the firefighters, police officers, paramedics and other first responders, as well as members of the military, for their service to their communities and to the nation.

"We will never forget the sacrifices made on Sept. 11, 2001, by those who bravely did their duty to try to rescue as many people as they could," said Moreira, director of campus engagement for veteran success and alumni affairs at USF Sarasota-Manatee. "We also want to honor those who continue to serve to protect us."

McDonnell, who retired from the FDNY as a battalion chief and now lives in Lakewood Ranch, also wants to remind attendees of exactly what happened almost 23 years ago in New York.

"This was an attack on civilians, the whole of the American citizenry," he said. "The intent of the terrorists was to kill people who were simply going to work. The victims were murdered."

Others expected to participate in the event include USF Sarasota-Manatee Regional Chancellor Karen Holbrook and representatives of local veterans and public safety organizations, as well as two local schools.

They are:

- Sarasota Police Department
 - Sarasota County Fire Department
 - Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
 - Campus Police Department
 - United States Marine Corps, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion
 - United States Army, Sarasota Recruiting Company
 - Braden River Brass Quintet
 - Ross Allen, Bagpiper and USF alum
 - Saint Stephens Episcopal School
- Booker Middle School



IMPORTANT VAVS EVENTS October , November, December 2024

Color Corps

Commander

SK Keith Mobley

Deputy Commander

Open

Color Guard

SK Mark O'Brien

SK Vinnie Cipriano

SK Chris Treston

SK Eugene Dolecki

SK Ernie Soller

SK Jim Thompson

SK Richard Barnett

SK Carmine Maida

SK Keith Mobley

SK Robert Hellner

SK Gordon Shellhaas

SK Robert Hedstrom

SK Sal Azzaro

SK Jeff Filippi

SK Vincent Spanicciati

SK Warren Loose

NOV 11 Monday Noon - 5PM Sarasota National Cemetery Veteran's Day Mass

NOV 12 Tuesday 10:00AM The Summit of Lakewood Ranch (AKA The Sheridan) Veterans Celebration

DEC 5 Thursday 10:00AM Port Charlotte Veterans Event

DEC 11 Wednesday 9:30AM Windsor Reflections LWR Breakfast with Veteran Residents

Veteran Group Pinning Ceremonies October & November: We expect to pin over 100 Veterans and thank them for their service at five facilities:

OCT 10 @ 2pm Completed at Woodland Village - 30 Veterans

OCT 24 @ 2pm at Elan Manatee - 15 Veterans

OCT 30 @ 10:30am at Sarasota Birchwood Health & Rehab - 15 Veterans

NOV 7 @ 2pm at Plymouth Harbor of Sarasota Bay - 30-40 Veterans

NOV 11 @ 1pm at Sarabella - 12 Veterans

If you are a Veteran and would like to learn more about pinning ceremonies, contact John Joly, our Veterans Program Director.

Assembly 3192 San Damiano Achievements for the Past Year

1. Conducting Monthly Officer and Director Meetings.
2. Establishing an all-encompassing Yearly Budget.
3. Starting the SK Memorial Chalice Program.
4. Conducting our Annual Patriotic Ball.
5. Conducting our Veteran Home Visits.
6. Participating in the Memorial Weekend Poppie program.
- 7 Attending the Memorial Day weekend Tribute to Heroes Parade
8. Conducting our annual flag retirement ceremony
- 9 Establishing an annual armed forces golf tournament honoring sir knights who have passed in the last year.
- 10 Co-hosted a fourth degree exemplification achieving a record number of new members (36)



September 2024

**OUR VETERANS
ASSEMBLY # 3192 COUNCIL 13341**



First Name	Last Name	Branch	Rank	Campaign (War)	Years
Domonic	Antonelli	US Army			1960-1965
Chris	Avren	US Army Spec Forces	Sgt E5	Vietnam	1960-1963
Richard	Barnett (Deceased)	US Army	CWO (CW3)		65-'71 & '75-'94
Sigmund	Bartoszek	US Marine Corps	MGySgt		1952-1982
Claude	Benedict (Deceased)	US Navy	LCDR		1961-1969
Paul	Bennet	US Marine Corps	Captain	Vietnam	1964-1968
Dennis	Beville	US Army	1st Lt	Korea - Vietnam Era	1967-1970
William S.	Borgiasz	US Air Force			1971-1991
Jack	Byrnes (Deceased)	US Navy	Radarman 3/C	WWII - Atlantic Fleet	1945-1947
Matthew	Cangemi	US Navy Seabees		Vietnam	1965-1967
Donald	Castracani	US Army			1965-1971
Mike	Chapman	US Navy			1960-1964
Vinnie	Cipriano	US Navy		Vietnam	1966-1968
Rob	Colston	US Navy		Beirut, Lebanon	1981-1987
Sam F.	Conge Jr.	US Army		Vietnam Era	1966-1968
Kent	Goodger	US Army	SP4	Vietnam	1964-1966
Lenny	DeRasmo	US Army Airborne		Vietnam	1967-1968
Bill	Dirring	US Air Force		During Vietnam Era	1969-1989
Eugene A.	Dolecki	US Army		During Vietnam Era	1958-1960
William	Dunn	US Marine Corps	Infantry - Captain		1953-1959
Ryan	Dunahue	US Army	Specialist	OEF & OIF	2001-2005
Richard	Famulare	US Army	Spec 5th Class	During Vietnam Era	1966-1968
John	Farah	US Navy			1973-1979
Michael	Farella	US Navy	DP3	Vietnam	1972-1975
Ed	Fisher	US Marine Corps	Corporal		1957-1963
David W.	Fontaine	US Air Force		Start of Vietnam War	1961-1965
Warren D.	Glasow	US Army	Corporal	Korea	1948-1952
Michael Paul	Gonzales	US Army	Major	Desert Storm	1986-2007
Francis (Fritz) RIP	Gregoire (Deceased)	US Army		Korea	1952-1954
Paul	Gulbrandsen	US Marine Corps	LtCol		1990-2017
Tom	Gwiazdowski	US Army			1980-2002
Tom	Harenchar	US Army		Vietnam	1969-1977
John	Hess	US Army NG			1984-1990
James	Insinga	US Army	Sgt	Germany	1970-1972
William	Jacques	US Navy			1973-1975
Donald	Johnson	USMC		Desert Storm	1980-1991

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Lyle	Johnson	US Army			1961-1967
John	Joly	US Navy Infantry		Vietnam	1968-1970
Lawrence L.	Kee	US Army	LtCol	Vietnam 1968	1963-1983
Michael	Kelly	US Army Res			1960-1966
Paul J.	Kelly	US Army Res	101 Sig. Bat.	Vietnam Era	1970-1975
Kenneth	Koehler	US Army	1st Lt	Vietnam	1968-1970
Bill	Kopcsak	US Army JAGC	Captain	Vietnam Era	1969-1973
Ron	Kosey	US Marine Corps	LCPL	Vietnam Era	1969-1971
Doug	Kremski	US Army	Specialist 5	Pre Vietnam	1960-1963
James	Lammens	US Navy Res		Vietnam Era	1972-1977
Pedro	Lebron	US Air Force	Sargent	Vietnam	1964-1968
Paul	Lento	US Navy Res			5 Years
Tom	Ludwig	US Army		Korea	1963-1966
Richard	Macklin	Army NG			1959-2001
George C	Martin	US Marine Corps	MSgt	Vietnam	1960-1980
Vincent	Mirance	US Army	Sergeant FC	Vietnam	1967-1968
Joseph	Mascari	US Air Force		Start of Vietnam	1961-1965
Dale	McCall	US Air Force			1961-1985
Robert	McCann	US Navy	Hospital Corpsman HM2, 2nd Class Chief Petty Officer		1975-1979
Jack	McDonnell	US Army	Spec 5		1971-1976
Vincent	Mirance	US Army	E7	Vietnam + 17 yrs. NY Army NG	1967-1968
Martin A	Mueller	US Air Force	Medic - A2C		1960-1964
Charles	O'Neill	US Air Force	Major		1986-1989
Gordie	Ormerod	US Navy	LCDR		20 Years
Eddie	Pawson	US Army	Sargent - Infantry	Vietnam	1969-1971
Carl	Perhac	US Army	Spec 4		1967-1969
George	Perseghin	US Air Force	Staff Sargent	Korea	
Steve	Platt	US Marine Corps			
Richard	Pless	US Army NG	Spec 5	During Vietnam Era	1966-1974
Don	Plourde	US Army			1962-1964
Clemens	Presogna	US Army		Granada, Gulf War, OEF, OIF	1982-2016
David	Reichert	US Army	LtCol	Vietnam - 1967-68, Korea 1960-61, Germany 1962-65, 1972-75	1959-1984
Bob	Reilly	US Navy			1975 -1991
Bill	Rempe	US Army		Vietnam	1971-1977
Thomas J.	Repp	US Army		Vietnam	1968-1970
Dennis F.	Richardson	US Navy			4 Years
Fabian	Robitaille	US Army			1962-1993
Thomas E.	Rokosz	US Army NG	Captain		1969-1983
Jeff	Rolf	US Army	LtCol	Gulf War, OEF, OIF	1979-2006
Dave	Rondeau	US Army	SSG E6	During Vietnam Era	1967-1971
Fr. Shawn	Roser	US Air Force Res	Airman 1stC OC		2002-2006
Paul	Roy	US Navy	Chief Petty Officer		1975-1998
John	Schaefer	US Army	LtCol		1974-1987
Larry	Simmons (Deceased)	US Air Force		During Vietnam Era	1967-1971
Edward	Souza	US Army	508 Mil. Pol. Batt.	Munich, Germany	1956-1959
Vincent J.	Spanicciati	US Marine Corps	Corporal	Vietnam	1966-1969
Anton	Swihura	US Air Force	LtCol	Vietnam	1966-1986
Chris	Treston	US Navy		Vietnam	1959-1962
Greg	Unger	US Navy		Vietnam	1966-1970
John	Weldon	US Army	1st Lt	Vietnam	1966-1969
Tom	Werner	US Air Force	Captain	During Vietnam Era	1965-1967



**Knights of Columbus
San Damian Assembly #3192
Calendar of Events Fraternal Year 2024-2025**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Chair</i>
Nov 7, 14, 21	Thursday	6pm	OLA Day Chapel	Patriotic Ro- sary	Sam Bastinelli
Nov 11	Monday	10am	Port Charlotte	Vets Event	Mike Chap- man
Nov 11	Monday	Non-5pm	Sarasota Na- tional Cemetery	Vets Day Mass	John Joly
Nov 12	Tuesday	10am	Sheridan LWR	Vets Celebra- tion	John Joly
Nov 14	Thursday	7pm	OLA Annex	Assembly Business Mtg.	FN David Lawson
Dec 5, 12, 19	Thursday	6pm	OLA Day Chapel	Patriotic Ro- sary	Sam Bastinelli
Dec 11	Wednesday	9:30am	Windsor re- flections	Breakfast w/ Vets	John Joly
Dec 12	Thursday	7pm	OLA Annex	Assembly Mtg	FN David Lawson
Dec 14	Saturday	10am	Sarasota Na- tional Cemetery	Wreaths Across America	Bob Hedstrom



A GESTURE OF OUR LOVE & APPRECIATION VETERANS MONTHLY BREAKFAST



Thank you for your service to our country. To show our appreciation let us serve you! All local veterans are invited to join us for a *complimentary home-cooked breakfast* at

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