



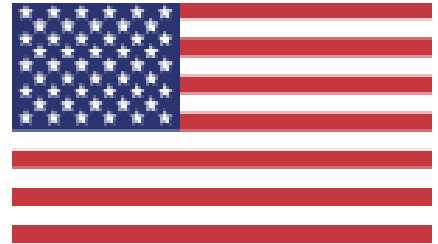
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Upcoming Events

Assembly Meeting	Jan. 9, 2012
Knights' Cruise	Feb. 12—19, 2012
Assembly Meeting	Mar. 12, 2012
Assembly Meeting	Apr. 9, 2012
Assembly Meeting	May 14, 2012
Assembly Meeting	Jun 11, 2012



CHRISTMAS WISHES!

The officers of St. Michael the Archangel Assembly wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Sir Knights and their families. May peace and blessings be with all of you. And may the New Year be filled with God's love.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

January 1, 2012 is right around the corner. Now is the time to be thinking about New Years resolutions. What kind of 4th Degree Knight do you want to be in 2012? Do you want to be the kind that carries a card in your wallet and says you are a 4th Degree Knight, but never comes to meetings and never supports our projects? Or as they say, a 4th Degree Knight in name only! Or do you want to be the 4th Degree Knight who comes to our regular monthly meetings and takes active participation in the assembly business? Now is the time to think about it, pray about it, and decide what kind of Sir Knight you will be in 2012. We hope to see you at our regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Mary's parish media room.



A Prayer for Vocation

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Veteran's Day Parade

Approximately 50 Sir Knights marched in the annual Veterans Day parade at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital on November 11, 2011. The Sir Knights were in full regalia and it was a colorful affair paying tribute to all veterans who have served throughout the ages.

Christmas Ball

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 6 p.m., the Christmas Season was kicked-off and celebrated at the Temple Terrace Country Club by many Sir Knights and their lovely ladies with a formal, black tie dinner and dance. What a lovely time was had by all!

A tasty dinner choice of prime rib or chicken was served along with a delicious cheese cake dessert.

We all enjoyed the dancing and socializing with our Brother Sir Knights and their wives. We only wish that more of you were there to share this wonderful evening with us. The photos depict a fun-filled evening with no set-up or clean-up, since the country club did all the work! A big thank you to **Rex Roy** and his wife, Cindy, for chairing this event. Also thanks to Sir Knights Walt Atzert, Jerry Conte and Rex Roy for all the telephoning they did to sell tickets to this event.

T-Shirts for the Homeless

Come get involved in helping those not quite as fortunate as we. During this assembly year we will have an on-going project to help the homeless people in Tampa. We are collecting gently worn (or new) clean T shirts, preferably in the Xtra Large size, for distribution to the homeless people who often eat their only meal of the day at Trinity Cafe. Trinity Cafe is a Christian organization that feeds the homeless, M-F, in a restaurant-like setting. It is a perfect place to distribute these T shirts that are so loved by those who walk the streets of Tampa. Sir Knight Joe Gengo who is also the Grand Knight of the St. Tim's Council, recently provided Faithful Navigator Jim Nault with 100 new T shirts and a like number of caps for distribution to the homeless. Jim took these to Trinity Cafe where the shirts were passed out to homeless after their meal. The homeless folks were so grateful for these gifts. The thanks and smiles from these folks said it all.

St. Michael the Archangel Assembly Website

Do you want to be kept up-to-date on assembly business? Go to www.archangel3026.org Sir Knight Bruce Pla keeps this website up-to-date. It's a good place to go to keep up with assembly business. Thanks, Bruce, for your on-going efforts.

Assembly Picnic

We have a family picnic scheduled for April 2012. Sir Knight Jerry Conte who has chaired this event for the past two years has asked to be replaced this year. So we need someone to step up and chair this event. So far, no one has come forward. This has always been a nice social event in the spring of the year, but it won't happen if someone doesn't volunteer to take charge. Thank you, Jerry, for all your past work on the picnic

Events and Activities



Color Corps during Veteran's Day Parade



T-Shirts for the Homeless



Christmas Ball



Toiletries for America's Heroes at the VA Hosp.

Another on-going effort at the St. Michael Archangel Assembly is the collection of toiletries for patients, both men and women, that are distributed at The James A. Haley, Veteran's Hospital. Did you know that the only toiletries that a patient receives at the hospital are those that come from donations? That's why we have this program to support our veterans with our toiletry program. This program has been active for several years thanks to the generosity of the five councils and our assembly who collect these various toiletry items for our military men and women and distribute them at the hospital. This project is gaining momentum judging from the large volume of toiletries that are taken to the hospital each month! Thank you Knights and Sir Knights for your generous hand. America's Heroes deserve our support. Keep up the good work!

Assembly Fundraiser

We had a garage sale slated for early 2012 to help put some additional funds into our treasury. After careful consideration it was decided to delete the garage sale and explore the possibility of having a golf tournament in the spring of the year to bring in some funds to the assembly. Sir Knight John McCall is looking into this possibility, and will report back at January 2012 meeting. We do need a fund raising project to bring in some money to support our projects.

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Did you know? The Knights of Columbus donated more than \$151million to charity in the year 2010-2011. Volunteer hours topped 69million. In the past ten years the Order has contributed 1billion, 367million, 764 thousand and 509 dollars to charity. In those ten years our value of volunteer hours at an average of \$20 per hour totaled \$12.8billion.



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**Merry Christmas and Happy
 New Year to All**

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