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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4444



### MEETING AGENDA

**1st Wednesday** of each month is the Executive Board meeting. Members of this board, Council Officers and Directors are expected to attend. Members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be called to order promptly at 7:00 pm. A 1st degree exemplification will be held when there are enough candidates to warrant one.

**2nd Wednesday** of each month is the General Business meeting. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

**3rd Wednesday** of each month is the 4TH Degree Assembly meeting, held at Council #4444. All 4th Degree members are encouraged to attend. The meeting starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

**4th Wednesday** of each month is our Business meeting and the Auxiliary meeting. Both meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm.

**5th Wednesday** of the month is designated as "Family Night" for all knights and their Court. See the bulletin for more Information regarding these events.



### HALL RENTALS



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Council 4444 Hall Rentals  
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Council - 243-4444 (Leave Message)**

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**Brothers All,**

If you want a [kofc4444.com](http://kofc4444.com) email address that you can check from anywhere let me know by phone, email or any other source you can. All Brothers that have email addresses need to change their passwords. I can change it for you if you cannot figure out the webmail site on how to change it. If you wish to be a part of the group mailings let me know and I will add you to the account. If you wish your name removed from the group mailing account also let me know. Call or email me at (850) 803-3157 or at [henry.fair@kofc4444.com](mailto:henry.fair@kofc4444.com).

**Hank Fair  
Media Director**

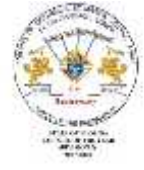


### ADVERTISE

The Knights of Columbus Council #4444 will be accepting a limited amount of advertisements. The cost is \$10.00 for one month \$50.00 for an entire year. If you would like to advertise or know of a business who would like to advertise in this bulletin, please send an email to Tim Perks at [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com).



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4444



*Happy JULY Birthday*



**Happy 4th of July**

- 1st - James Castelin
- 1st - Brian F. Muskus
- 2nd - Tim J. Mastromonico
- 4th - Joshua P. Garcia
- 7th - Robert G. Gundlach
- 10th - Gary M. McMorrow
- 14th - John M. Graziano
- 14th - Robert C. Griggs
- 14th - Thomas M. Leechin
- 16th - Michael R. Wright
- 16th - Thomas E. Davis
- 17th - Richard A. Norton
- 17th - Patrick M. Varnadore
- 18th - Gary P. Colsch
- 20th - Michael L. Jacobs
- 22nd - John J. Pellerin
- 23rd - John R. Schleidt
- 23rd - Daniel R. Vicker
- 24th - Stephen D. Phillips
- 25th - Victor L. Rivera Sr.
- 25th - "Ray" R. Pickard
- 26th - Roger G. Clark
- 30th - Frank X. Scandone

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain.

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## Events for July 2012

- 4th - Independence Day**
- 5th - Executive meeting 7 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification if needed)
- 6th - Saint John Kanty Soup Kitchen (Saint Mary Church) 4:45PM
- 11th - (1st) General Business meeting 7 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Saint John Kanty Soup Kitchen (Saint Mary Church) 4:45PM
- 18th - 4th Degree meeting 7 PM (Council 4444 Hall)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Saint John Kanty Soup Kitchen (Saint Mary Church) 4:45PM
- 25th - (2nd) General Business meeting 7 PM
- 27th - Saint John Kanty Soup Kitchen (Saint Mary Church) 4:45PM



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

**Father Craig Smith**



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

**Tom & Marge Riley**



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This list represents your new council and district officers for council year 2012-2013. A more complete list will appear in next month's bulletin.

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### MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

My Brothers,

It gives me great pleasure to address you as your Grand Knight. I have taken some time to study some of the history of the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. He saw a need within his Catholic family and he did something about it. That something was the Knights of Columbus. Through the Knights of Columbus, men were able to band together as brothers to help one another in times of distress, sickness and death. The need for the Knights of Columbus is even greater in today's society. We are being attacked by a world bent on establishing secularism as the religion of the people. It has been the Knights of Columbus that has in the past been at the forefront of the fight for religious freedom around the world. It must be the Knights of Columbus once again.

I would like to invite all members of Council #4444 to attend, on July 11, the First General Meeting of this new council year. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

*YBIC*  
Tim Perks  
Grand Knight



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4444

### COUNCIL 4444 BOOSTER MEMBERS

Gene & Ginny Poschel	12/20	Gil & Inge Halliday (PGK PFN)	7/13
Bart & Sally Koepke	7/20	Javier Casanova	5/13
Ed & Marianne Yazinski	11/17	Ellis Porch	5/13
Bill & Regina Nadicksbernd (PGK)	6/17	Eli & Charity Bauduin	3/13
Charles Wheelahan	7/17	Tom & Pat Leechin (PFN)	3/13
Fred & Jean Hodgins	4/17	George & Rose Reyes (PGN)	3/13
George & Irene Sabol (PGK PFN)	6/17	Joe & Monica Dunn	3/13
Don Rosicka	2/17	Mike & JoJo MacDonald	3/13
Lionel Leon	2/17	Neal Jokela	3/13
Chuck & Juilene Schaefer (PGK)	2/17	Dick & Rosemary Olson (PDD PGK PFN)	3/13
John & Kitty Connors	1/17	Mary Gates	2/13
Joe Proscia	1/17	John & Emy Garvey (PGK)	2/13
George & Jackie Tisza	4/16	Tom & Alice Davis (PGK PFN)	2/13
Daniel & Elizabeth Delaune	12/15	Terry Parker	12/12
Marvin & Carla Brigman	9/15	George & Barbara Bowers	12/12
Betty Horvath	12/14	Dominick & Annie Fiorentino	12/12
Joe & Nancy Cherniga	11/14	Mary Murtha	11/12
Ralph Brown	10/14	Jerry Finelli	11/12
Frank & Bettye Caruso (PGK)	6/14	Steve & Pat Williams	11/12
George Krull	5/14	Jerry Vaughan	11/12
Chuck Lynch	2/14	Rae Scarcella	10/12
Jim & Gloria Welsh	11/13	Fred & Shirley Ziki	10/12
Bessie Niebauer	10/13	Hal & Maria Griffin	10/12
Pat Mellow	9/13	Voncyllie Doherty	10/12
Emil Pagliari	7/13	Jorge & JoAnn Palerm	10/12
Tom & Margie Riley (PFN)	7/13	Shirley Rappazini	9/12
Tim & Ann Perks (GK)	7/13	Frank & JoAnn Maher	8/12
John Yanora	8/12		



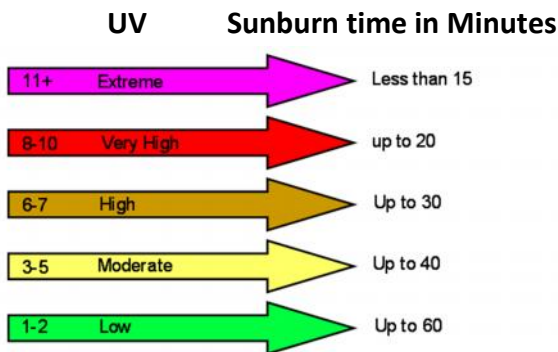
## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4444

### Health Report

July is UV Safety month

Practicing sun safety should be important to you and your family. Invisible Ultraviolet (UV) light is part of the energy that comes from the sun. When the UV light is exposed to your skin, it can cause cell damage to your skin and your eyes. One of the most common types of cell damage is sunburn. On a day like today, it only takes about 20 minutes, without sunscreen to get sunburn. Sunscreen with an SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of at least 15 should be applied every day. A person with fair skin that may burn easily in the midday sun may be able to tolerate around 5 hours of outdoor activities with an SPF 20. You should apply sunscreen 30 minutes before you head outside so it can soak into your skin. Wearing a hat as well as light colored clothing are other affective ways to protect you from sunburn. Shirts should be worn when playing outside and even after swimming. Oh... and don't forget your sunglasses. Sunglasses should be worn every time you are outdoors. They block harmful UV light from your eyes and your eyelids.

Here is a way to gauge the danger of your skin's exposure to UV radiation.



**Be Safe, Be informed and enjoy healthy living!**

Yours in Christ,  
PGK Hal Griffin





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4444

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Happy New (fiscal) Year, my Brothers! Third quarter dues notices have been sent to those who owe for this and past quarters. This is the absolute BEST time to align your dues paying to our new Fiscal Year of 2012-2013. \$48.00 will do it, unless you are an Honorary Member (then it is \$10.00).

I congratulate the newly elected officers on their willingness to serve for the upcoming year. Your new Grand Knight will now need staff support in the way of Program Directors, and other activity heads. Please respond positively if you are asked to fill a slot. We now have over 300 members, and our activities are many and varied, so I recommend you **DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED**. Just tell the Grand Knight what you wish to assist with, and it will happen. BINGO, the TOOTSIE ROLL Drive, Church Activities, BARTENDER, Kitchen work. It's all there for you to pitch into.

As a post script, your Bowling team, Twice-A-Knight, won second place in the State Tournament, and collected the prize of almost \$300.00 at the State Convention. We also were (very belatedly) awarded the plaque at the convention for being TOP in the STATE with last year's collections of \$18,444.40. This year's drive will take place in September and October.

YBIC

Dick Olson

Financial Secretary

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### *Prayers Are Requested For*

*Richard Kopf*  
Annabelle Barnawell  
Marlene Gundlach  
Gene Korleski  
Teresa Cantoria  
Henry Faccini  
Ann Trogden  
Jose & Nancy Jaime  
Bishop John Ricard  
Tom & Margie Riley  
"Lucky" Bronder  
*Marty Mellow*  
Bernadette Pacini  
Ed Villarreal

*Pauline Parker*  
Charles Bonadonna  
Brenda Griffin  
Debong Cantoria  
Frank & Bettye Caruso  
Don Gundlach  
Lance Quinlan  
Patrick Rodgers  
Carmen Richardson  
Frank & Sandi Kaminski  
George & Irene Sabol  
Alice Miller  
Jorge Palerm-Castro  
Richard Walcheck

Jay Arnold  
Maryanne Brady  
Dan Jacobs  
Linda Cantoria  
Tom & Alice Davis  
Frank & Nancy Scandone  
David VanEtten  
Anna Keihn  
Walter Richardson  
Don Rosicka  
Ivan Kostal  
Danny O'Brian  
Gene & Ginny Poschel  
Charles Wilbur

And all other in need of prayers. "Always remember our Military, our First-Responders and our clergy. In your prayers". Please contact Tim Perks at (850) 225-0740 or [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4444

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### What's Happening in Council #4444

If you haven't noticed, the bulletin looks a bit different. Hope you enjoy it. I am as always mindful that what one person or persons like may not appeal to others. If you have any suggestions about how you would like your bulletin to look and what it should contain, please do not hesitate to contact me at 225-0740 or [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com).

A new item that has been added is a ballot for Knight and Family of the Month. It is important we recognize those knights and families that go above and beyond the call of duty. I feel it is important that all members have a method to put forward their comments and recommendations. I would request you get your submission to your *Council Director, Dominick Fiorentino* or me at 225-0740 or [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com), no later than the scheduled 2nd General Meeting of the month. This is to insure Knight and Family of the Month can be chosen in time to get into the next month's bulletin.

Last month our Saint John Kanty Table soup kitchen took an unexpected loss. Apparently, a squirrel bit into an electrical wire causing the loss of power in the area where the soup kitchen operates. This loss of power caused food, designated to feed the homeless, to be lost. This loss was so great that the kitchen had to basically start over from scratch. If anyone would like to help the staff of the soup kitchen get back ahead and continue their great work of helping the less fortunate please contact *Charlie Corsentino* directly at 217-5050 or me at 225-0740 or [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com).

Because of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Independence Day, falling on a Wednesday this year, I am scheduling our first **Officer/Directors Meeting**, for this new council year, on **Thursday 5 July at 7 PM**. A First Degree Exemplification will be held prior to the meeting if we have any new candidates.

By now you should know the elections for Council Year 2012-2013 have been concluded. The **Installation** of your new officers will be held on **Sunday 5 August 2012**. This was necessary to accommodate changes from State to the ceremonials. Your new officers will take office on 1 July as required. The Installation will be held at the **Council Hall at 11:00 am following a 9:30 am Corporate Communion at Saint Mary Catholic Church**. The luncheon following the installation will be held at the Golden Corral just up the street.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM Mass at Saint Mary's the Caruso Scholarship was awarded by Father Cherup to the most outstanding male graduating senior for 2012. The award went Eric Demkowicz. The \$500 scholarship will be mailed directly to The University of Florida.

On the 16 of June a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification was held at Our Holy Name of Jesus, Niceville, FL. Charles Corsentino, Mark Deverin, Jesus Flores and Kevin Huebert became full knights of the Order. Congratulation to all of them as they continue to grow in the Order and live out the principles set forth by the Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney.

June 24 at 11:30 am Mass, Bishop Gregory Parks conducted Mass at Saint Mary's. A reception was held following Mass at the Parish Life Center.

I would like everyone to welcome out new parochial vicar, Father Will Ganci. He will take over from Fr. Craig Smith on 5 July. He comes from Good Shepherd in Tallahassee.

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## What's Happening in Council #4444

For all 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members, there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification scheduled for 23 September. I will insure you get the specific information on the location and time as soon as I have them. This is an important step in you growth within the Order. It only takes about three hours of your time but the benefits last a lifetime. Come join us, make a difference.

We have a new Field Agent, Tim Pugh. I am sure he will be visiting our council in the near future. He will be submitting information regarding new insurance programs or just good information to know. I will place his comments in the monthly bulletin as I receive them. I will also list Tim's contact information in the Officers and Directors section of the bulletin for your convenience.

Just a "heads-up" for the month of August. Besides the Officer Installation on 5 August, Supreme has designated the week of 12 to 19 of August as Family Week. This week is to be devoted to family activities within our council. Perhaps we should plan some activity that brings our families together in fellowship. If you have a suggestion for an event, let you Family Director Javier Casanova know or sent me an email at [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com).

We have a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month of August. It is the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. That means Family Nite. If you have any suggestion for activities to be held at the council hall on that evening, please let your Family Director Javier Casanova know or sent me an email at [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com). It's a great time to gather for a meal and games for the kids, as well as, the adults.

Any member having something to submit for the edification and enlightenment of this Council just has to submit it to me at [tim\\_perks@live.com](mailto:tim_perks@live.com) no late than the scheduled second general business of the month. This will allow me time to insure it gets into the bulletin. I believe everyone should have the opportunity to be heard. You never know, we might learn something.

As we all know, the general elections are coming up this fall. You also know just how important it is to get out and vote. This is an especially important year for the Catholic Church and our future religious freedoms. If you know of anyone who would have difficulty in getting to their voting precinct, please let me know and I will insure they get transportation.

PGK Hal Griffin has made the selection for Knight of the Month and Family of the Month. Congratulations to Father Craig Smith as Knight of the Month. We wish him well in his new assignment. Also, let us give a big thank you to Tom & Marge Riley for all they do to assist in putting together the monthly bulletin for mailing. Congratulations to them as our Family of the Month.

Looking at my calendar, there is not much going on in July except the new Officer Installation. That is as it should be. This is the time of year for vacations and time with our families. I wish all a safe and enjoyable summer.

### **\*\*NOTICE – THIS IS A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT\*\***

Attached to this month's bulletin is a copy of the TAP program that has been revised and reviewed by the program membership. The highlighted areas are those that were revised to meet the recommendations of the State Council. I am scheduling this for discussion and vote at the general membership July 11, our 1<sup>st</sup> General Business Meeting of this new council year. This vote is for the acceptance or rejection of the TAP Program as revised. Please read it carefully so you can make an informed vote on the future of the TAP Program.

Thank You

Tim Perks  
Grand Knight



**COUNCIL 4444 KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

1. The nominees for the “*Knight of the Month*” and “*Family of the Month*” shall have been selected on their performance for the **CURRENT MONTH ONLY**, not on past performance.

2. Your submittal must be in the hands of the Council Director no later than scheduled date of the council’s Second General Business meeting.

**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative**

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH**



Nominee Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Children(s) Name and Age:

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Narrative**

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# **Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #4444**

## **Tuition Assistance Program Handbook**



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# Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #4444

Greeting from the Grand Knight

Dear TAP Enrollee,

Welcome and congratulations on your decision to join the Knights of Columbus Saint Mary's Council #4444 and participate in our Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). The TAP program is a one-of-a-kind program conceived and brought to fruition by members of Council #4444 with the primary goal of helping Catholics to offset the cost of providing a Catholic education for their children.

This handbook will help you understand the benefits and requirements of the TAP enrollment. In the back of this handbook is an enrollment agreement and activity log.

I am excited and very proud of Council #4444 and the creativity shown in the development of this program. I feel TAP will have an impact on the way you will be able to enhance your membership, encourage the education of Catholic children in faith based education, and help ease the financial burden on your family.

Again, welcome into the Knights of Columbus Saint Mary's Council #4444 Tuition Assistance Program, whose principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism are the foundations of the Knights of Columbus.

Sincerely,

Grand Knight  
Saint Mary's Council #4444

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# Knights of Columbus

## St. Mary's Council #4444

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Knights of Columbus Saint Mary's Council #4444 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is to assist Catholic families with the cost of providing a Catholic education for their children and help Council #4444 boost their membership and activities.

**Introduction:** Since its inception, Council #4444 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) has raised over \$43,000 for Saint Mary Catholic School. In the last year, Saint Mary Catholic School has been able to apply an allocation of approximately \$825 for each Knight enrolled in the program. Council #4444 realizes that it is imperative that parents of Saint Mary School students be involved in parish and council activities to qualify for this assistance. **Since the Knights of Columbus supports its parish community activities, it is only logical that the Knights of Columbus provide a program to facilitate parental involvement.** TAP also benefits the school by providing (1) an easily mobilized pool of men organized and ready to help at any time, (2) additional monetary donations from fundraisers, and (3) fellowship among parents and their children in the school.

**Benefits of Joining Knights of Columbus:** *The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization* with more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Guatemala, Guam, and Saipan. Cumulative figures show that during the past decade, the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.25 billion to charity, and provided in excess of 593 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable causes.

**Benefits of Joining Saint Mary Council #4444:** Council #4444 is referred to as "The Pride of the Panhandle." With over 290 members covering 3 Catholic parishes, Council #4444 is uniquely positioned to have an enormous positive affect on our community while upholding our Catholic faith. Due to the hard work and dedication of council members, Saint Mary Council #4444 was voted "Council of the Year for the State of Florida" for the 2007–2008 year.

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# Knights of Columbus

## St. Mary's Council #4444

**Program Benefits:** Typically our goal is a yearly benefit of \$500 per participating Knight. This amount, however, will be prorated up or down depending on how much money is raised. The TAP program year runs from April to March, at which time, the funds received will be sent directly to the appropriate Catholic educational institution. Donations sent to Saint Mary Catholic School are intended to be applied by the school to each family's account based on completing the required activities. Only Saint Mary Catholic School TAP enrollees will be given an opportunity to donate some or all of their allotted TAP money directly to the school to assist other needy families. These funds will be allocated at the discretion of the school principal as follows:

Options for allocation requests are as follows:

1. The individual Knight's school account.
2. Saint Mary School Tuition Assistance Fund.
3. Murtha Scholarship.
4. Have amount divided between all program enrollees.

Note: This will be a private allocation (i.e. known only by the participating Knight and Saint Mary School).

**Enrollment:** General enrollment for TAP will run from April through August. Enrollment will remain open until it becomes impractical to complete the requirements. Late enrollees must meet the full program requirements in the compressed time available to earn the benefit amount. Enrollment is open to any Council Knight Father, Stepfather, Uncle, or Grandfather of a student at Saint Mary Catholic School. However, only one participant/allocation is allowed per family.

**TAP Funding:** Council #4444 will have dedicated fund raising events earmarked for funding TAP. These fund raisers fall within the guidelines of State of Florida Statutes (Section 496). All money is awarded by a check written directly to the Catholic Institution to be attended in the Fall by the Student. This primarily would be St. Mary Catholic School. Alternately, to another Catholic School if the member moves after the end of the program year. In the rare case

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that a student is to be Home-Schooled, the check is written directly to a Catholic Book Store for the purchase of text books (including courses on Catholic Religion). These funds cannot be used for a Non-Catholic Institution.

**Program Requirements:** In order to receive this tuition assistance, all participants must meet the following criteria. Each enrollee must:

- Be paid up in dues through March 31(at the yearend).
- Be at least a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight in good standing.
- Become a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knight during the year, if entering as a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Knight.
- Become a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight during the year, if entering as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knight..
- Attend at least 4 general council business meetings yearly, including the Handicapped Citizen's Drive safety briefing. Council #4444 has 24 general business meetings per year.
- Must attend all Semi-Annual TAP meetings.
- Provide 3 hours in support of the Knights of Columbus Annual Handicapped Citizens Drive (aka Tootsie Roll Drive).
- Participate in 2 Council Membership Drives.
- Participate in at least one other service related event yearly. These events may include: corporate communion, blood drive, pancake breakfast, or any council social/family function (picnic/BBQ/sporting events). We highly encourage enrollees to bring their families and participate in these events as appropriate.
- Participate in at least three council fund raising events yearly. One of these events will be a designated TAP fund raising event. These events may include raffles, rummage sales, bingo, or other events designed to raise money for Council #4444.

**Notes:**

1. Enrollees will have until the end of the program year (March 31<sup>st</sup>) to complete these requirements.
2. Generally, makeup requirements will not be allowed for required events. However, under extenuating circumstances makeup requirements can be substituted at the discretion of the Grand Knight and TAP Chairman.
3. Enrollees not meeting or making-up the program requirements will not be eligible to receive the tuition assistance.

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4. If you have any questions regarding make-up requirements please contact the TAP Committee Chairman.
5. Requirements are waived for deployed Brothers serving in the US Military so long as they were participating up to the time of deployment. Brothers cannot enroll if they are deployed.

**Requirements Tracking:** The burden will be on the enrollee to ensure proper credit is assigned by the TAP Chairman upon the completion of an event/requirement. Attached is a personal activity log to be used to track your progress on meeting the requirements. The TAP committee will do its best to track requirements as well, but this activity log will be your way of ensuring credit is given when activity takes place. To ensure proper credit is given, feel free to email the description and date of the activity or event to the TAP Committee Chairman.

If possible, we request that you track the total number of hours being spent on all council activities. Tracking the number of hours spent on council activities will give Council #4444 statistics for future planning and help gauge the full impact of this program. This is as easy as sending an email to the TAP Committee Chairman with the name of the event/function and number of hours spent.

Contact Information: For questions regarding TAP requirements and benefits, please contact the TAP Committee Chairman.

# Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council #4444

## Tuition Assistance Program ACTIVITY LOG

Name of Enrollee

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Meeting

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### Handicapped Citizens Drive:

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### Service Rated Event:

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## Tuition Assistance Program Enrollment Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby request enrollment in the Knights of Columbus Saint Mary Council #4444 Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) for School year \_\_\_\_\_.

I have read the requirements of the program and fully understand the obligation required of me, in order to receive the tuition assistance.

I also understand that I must track and report my requirements completion.

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Enrollee Signature

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Date

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TAP Chairman

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Date

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Grand Knight

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date