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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH ANNUAL PAWLEYS ISLAND FOURTH OF JULY EVENING CELEBRATION – A SALUTE TO OUR NATION AND OUR MILITARY

More than three hundred people gathered to enjoy this special patriotic evening saluting our nation and our military. Sponsored by Council 11028 and Assembly 3272 of the Knights of Columbus, the event took place in the Parish Life Center (PLC) of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. Sir Knight Jim McMahon, emcee of the celebration, opened the event, saying, “We are here on the 238th anniversary of the signing of The Declaration of Independence to say, ‘Happy Birthday, U.S.A.’ We are also here to commemorate the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform and say ‘thank you’ for your service.” He welcomed participants to an evening of patriotic music by the Pawleys Island Concert Band under the direction of Carson Turner, saying that everyone should “reflect on the blessings of freedom that we all share in the United States of America.”

The program opened with a presentation of the Colors by the Marine Corps League Detachment 873, followed by representatives of the Midway Fire Rescue Department and the Fourth Degree Honor Guard of the Knights of Columbus. Following this, guest vocalist Kyle Hughes, a choir teacher at South Brunswick Middle School and a music teacher at Brunswick North Carolina Community College in North Carolina, with the accompaniment of the Pawleys Island Concert Band, led the participants in singing the National Anthem. Hughes followed with a solo performance of the fourth verse.

Allan Guazzo, Grand Knights of Council 11028, led participants in the Pledge of Allegiance. Deacon Stephen Olenchock of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church gave the invocation following which the band played Taps and Jackson Barnes, who recently finished sixth grade at Waccamaw Intermediate School, read excerpts from the Declaration of Independence.

The Pawleys Island Concert Band then performed its first of two segments of musical selections. The first segment included, "Amazing Grace," a stirring rendition of "America the Beautiful" and "Yankee Doodle Delight," a composition by band member Andrew Smith in which he blended the themes of "Yankee Doodle" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy." followed by "Grand Canyon Suite," and selections from Rossini's "William Tell Overture."

During the band intermission, McMahon recognized more than 50 veterans in the audience who had served in WW II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, current members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, and all service men and women who have served in other capacities and locations. Spontaneous standing ovations honored each group as they were recognized.

The second segment of musical selections by the Pawleys Island Concert Band opened with, and was highlighted by, a salute to all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces during which veterans of the different services stood to be recognized for their service. This was followed by "Buffalo Bill's Equestrian March," "Shenandoah," "Oklahoma," and a truly rousing rendition of the "1812 Overture"

Following this segment, Sir Ron Gilbert, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 3272 and Sir Knight Allan Guazzo, Grand Knight of Council 11028, presented the Patriotism Award - an American eagle wrapped in an American flag - to Gabe Timpano for service to our country in World War II and his service over many decades to patriotic causes and his community.

Following the presentation, Hughes led the audience in singing "God Bless America." Sir Knights from Assembly 3272 then carried out a Flag Folding Ceremony with McMahon describing the meaning of each of the thirteen folds of the flag. During the ceremony, a flute/clarinet ensemble played a patriotic medley arranged by Carson Turner.

The evening program concluded with the band's final selection, "Stars and Stripes Forever."



Gabe Timpano receives Patriotism Award
McMahon at dais, SK Allan Guazzo, Gabe Timpano, SK Ron Gilbert



Start of Flag Folding Ceremony
SK Rocky Gray and SK Paul Gilroy



Jackson Barnes recites excerpts from Declaration of Independence
Barnes at dais with emcee Jim McMahon observing