

## Commandery No. 382

### Social Events

Throughout the year Commandery No. 382 organizes activities for the enjoyment of Knights, family members and friends. Such as, a Buffalo Bisons Baseball game, Historical excursions, Holiday Party, Sunset Cruise, couples dinner, summer family picnic and much more. The Commandery has a US Military History group known as the "Mad Hatters" that organizes a annual excursion to a significant historical site. After the completion of monthly business meetings Knights organize spirited corn whole and card games.



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### Reward

A Knight will have the opportunity to earn various KSJI awards. These awards are earned by professing the principles and virtues of our Faith and Order:

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### Memoriam

When a Commandery No. 382 Knight receives his Eternal Reward; he will receive the KSJI Funeral Honors to include his name being etched upon the Commandery No. 382 obelisk located at the "Parade Rest" Monument in Pine Hill Cemetery in Cheektowaga, NY. Knights gather every Memorial Day to honor their Brother Knights that have passed the previous years.

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### Meetings and Points of Contact

Commandery No. 382 meets the 2nd Thursday during the months of September through June at 7:30pm in the Queen of Heaven Church Hall. If you have an interest in joining our fraternal organization or if you have any questions about the KSJI please connect with Commandery No. 382's point of contact listed below.

### Commandery No. 382 Point of Contact Information

**Website: [ksji382.com](http://ksji382.com)**

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## Knights of St. John International

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Buffalo Grand Commandery  
Queen of Heaven RCC

West Seneca, NY

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The Knights of St. John International (KSJI) was incorporated under the laws of New York State in May of 1886. With the blessed worldwide expansion of the KSJI, it now encompasses 10 countries with a membership of Knights numbering over 20,000. Commandery No. 382 takes as its mission: to support its Knights in encouraging them to profess in their daily lives the virtues of our Faith and Order:

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## Membership



The Knights of St. John International (KSJI) seeks membership from men who are practicing Roman Catholics over the age of 16 who are seeking to grow in their faith through their participation in advancing the teachings of our Faith and the ideals of our Fraternal Organization through professing the virtues:

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A man wishing to join a Local Commandery must seek out their pastor and a Knight of a Local Commandery and request membership. During a monthly meeting the candidate will be initiated into the 1st Degree of Knighthood and explained the Order's ideals and principles that the Knight is expected to uphold. Knights are asked to assist in praying for the canonization of our Brother Knight; **The Venerable Nelson Baker.**

## Civil Order

The Civil Order is represented by all nonuniformed and uniformed Knights who elect a Board of Directors to organize monthly meetings, charitable beneficence, fundraising events and social activities for the Commandery. The Board of Directors is governed by the KSJI Constitution, Local Commandery By-Laws and Robert's Rules of Order. The Board of Directors will form various Standing and Special Committees to assist managing the Local Commandery's day to day operations.

## Military Order

The Military Order is the most commonly seen detachment of a KSJI Local Commandery. Uniformed Knights will appear in formal dress uniform during liturgical ceremonies. Knights who choose to join the Military Order will be provided a uniform and be explained the ritual significance of the uniform during the KSJI Armor of God Blessing & Investiture Ceremony. Knights also attend "Schools of the Knight" to learn "close order drill", "formation drill" and the "Manual of the Sword".

## KSJI Degrees

The KSJI Degrees consist of the 1st Degree, 2nd Degree, 3rd Degree, 4th Degree / Order of Chevaliers and the Noble & Exalted Degree of the Holy Cross. When a Knight is exemplified within a Degree he will receive a secret work that he is asked to impart in his daily life. The Noble Degree is the most impressive Degree conferred upon a Knight. It is exemplified in a Cathedral with a Bishop of the Diocese as Prelate. The Bishop will confer the accolades of Knighthood upon the Knight. The entire exemplification takes place within the Sanctuary of the church. A privilege accorded no other lay group.

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In the early history of the Queen of Heaven Parish, we were fortunate to have a spiritual advisor; Msgr. Joseph J. Vogel, Col., and men of the parish who had vision. Through the encouragement of Msgr. Joseph Vogel, several men of the Parish in 1959 chartered the formation of KSJI Commandery No. 382 at Queen of Heaven RCC.

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### Charity

Commandery No. 382 Knights volunteer countless hours to support several Parish lay and community outreach organizations. Knights volunteer as Parish Eucharistic Ministers, Folk Group members, support The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Town of West Seneca Food Pantry, complete parish maintenance projects, provide volunteers for the Queen of Heaven Carnival, and much, much more. The Commandery has donated more than \$50,000 since 2009 to Parish and community outreach programs.

Membership within Commandery No. 382 will assist in providing a greater understanding of your Parish, Diocese and Faith through professing the virtues of our Faith and Order:

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### Fundraising

Commandery No. 382 currently has three fundraising events to assist in supporting its charitable causes. The Commandery organizes a "Chicken BBQ", "Meat Raffle" and "Sports Night" for the enjoyment of family and friends.

Knights are always encouraged to develop and organize new fund raising events.

