



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**APRIL 2024
NEWS & NOTES**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

“The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.” Proverbs 22:3



We are reaching a confluence of factors that could create a “Black Swan” event greater than any we’ve seen in recent history. Every year the Knights of Columbus highlight their Disaster Preparedness program for the coming hurricane season. We’ve also seen the warnings from our County, State and Federal agencies to be prepared. Not to mention that it is a political year.

After retiring from the Navy, I went to work for a contractor that was a Lockheed Martin partner doing work for three letter Federal agencies. One of the events I attended was a DHS conference for DHS leaders. A key speaker explained that he could direct 100 people in 50 cars to drive to 50 vulnerable locations on the US power grid and easily sabotage the entire GRID in minutes which would then take months to restore.

At the same time, experts warned that a once-in-a-hundred-year solar flare could also accomplish the same without warning. In 1859 a very large solar flare reached the United States causing our very crude telegraph system composed of only wires and batteries to spark and cause fires. It was called the “Carrington Event”, and experts agree that a similar event today would ruin the power grid, stop all communications, and destroy semiconductors in most electronics including any vehicle built after 1972.

As if that isn’t enough, we have thousands of undocumented aliens in our country, many from countries who would like to do us harm. We have possible repercussions from the war in Ukraine and in a bizarre twist, a war in Israel that could have been sparked by efforts to rebuild The Temple signaled by the purchase of “two red heifers” from Texas??

Growing up in Miami I experienced several hurricanes and learned not to take them lightly. The key concern was not the storm itself but the reaction of some people to disasters. At age 14, I personally saw my fist fight break out between two adult men fighting over the last few sheets of plywood at the local lumber yard as Hurricane Donna was approaching.

More recently in 2005 we had a brief Anthrax scare in Atlanta. The report of an Anthrax attack occurred on a Tuesday morning and soon there were radio reports of truckers turning away to avoid Atlanta. By 2pm the grocery shelves were almost bare of key food items as panic buying set in. They say that under normal conditions we are only 2-3 days away from empty shelves without continuous truck deliveries. I believe it. Luckily the scare was determined to be false by 3pm.

So, you don’t need to go full scale survivalist. If things get that bad, we’re all doomed anyway. Best thing to do is to grab your rosary and get ready. But short of that, there are many small actions you can take, preparations like having a three-week supply of food, water, and medications on hand. This will permit you to calmly and safely stay in your home while others are running around in a panic. There is no need to buy special 25-year survival food. Just make an effort to stock up on canned goods and non-perishable food when Bogo’s or sales come up. And for you Second Amendment practitioners stock up and be proficient.

An excellent guide and good place to start is the DHS “Ready.gov” website. (<https://www.ready.gov/kit>). Bottom line, as a senior citizen you don’t want to be out “mixing it up” with a panicked and unprepared public.

Art Kalinski, GK

Vivat Jesu!

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Knight of the Month (Pg. 2)



Family of the Month (Pg. 2)



**“DO YOU NOT
HAVE ONE HOUR
TO SPEND WITH
ME”**

EVERY FRIDAY

9am Until 12 Noon

St. Paul’s Church

**Exposition & Benediction
Everyone Welcome!**



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KofC5644.org**

**Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org**

**Supreme Website
KofC.org**



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Joseph Freund, Terry Graham, Phil Haurus, Chuck Henderson, Maria Iturbe, Mike Jiminez, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Kevin & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello, George Nefores, Bob Nixon PFN, Gregory Ochalek,

Jennings & Cindy Paugh, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Al Ragona, Kathleen Skoblicki, Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Haley Williams, Walt Young, Mary Clare Zedler.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

April Knight of the Month is brother Rigoberto Vega. Brother Rigo has been a Knight for just shy of ten years. He has lead the St. Paul Youth & Young Adult Ministry for the past 3 and a half years, and has been extremely successful in growing this ministry 300 fold. A recent Antioch Retreat served over 118 young minds thirsting for more about Jesus and their faith.

Your service as a Knight and to the Church and her Youth are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for March 2024!



LADIES' AUXILIARY

The KofC Ladies' Auxiliary wants to thank the Knights for their support during the Fish Fries and raffles. Our proceeds will help meet our mission of support for the priests, church, school, youth group, ministries and many other community needs.

Our next meeting will be April 11 at 11am BMMC, with a speaker from "The Haven". Please Pray for the conversion of all the evil world-wide and a return to the Faith.

Cindy Diemer

Co-President

Faith over Fear in ALL Things...Always!!

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FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Family of the Month for April is the St. Paul Youth Group family. Yes, they are a family, a Faith Family that has grown and grown over the past number of years. Under the direction of Jeff Falanga, Liz Stephanz and Rigo Vega this group is engaged and showing results. Recently they've completed their Lenten Fish Fries, separate retreats for middle school girls and boys, an Antioch Retreat staffed by Youth Group high school mentors, completed a Walk for Life in Eustis to support Life's Choices Women's Clinic, a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross, to name a few of their activities the past several weeks.

Your "family" is a testament to the Catholic Family espoused by St. Paul Catholic Church; you've earned the support of the Knights, Ladies' Auxiliary, St. Paul Parishioners and Priests/Deacons. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for April 2024!

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Let us look to the cross and be filled with peace, knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us and with all our brothers and sisters."

— St. Teresa of Avila



FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The March Membership Meeting was held the 27th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of the month; Food Service: 5:30 to 6:15pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm, Membership Meeting @ 7pm.

New Exemplification of Charity~Unity~Fraternity; All 1st & 2nd Degree Knights are encouraged and reminded they can immediately advanced to the 3rd Degree by merely attending an Exemplification; contact your Grand Knight Art Kalinski.

The Grand Knight Art Kalinski opened the meeting with Prayers and the Draping of the Charter for Brother Arthur J. Davis, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited; the meeting was suspended to hold a Charity-Unity-Fraternity Exemplification, please welcome new brothers: Dan Gonzalez & Phil Reed;

- GK report: Recap of events: Citizens with Disabilities Drive very well, Pennbrooke Knight @ Races proceeds donated to Coats for Kids, donations more than covered the purchase of furnishings for 86 yr old USAF veteran, Revive & Return program complete & well received, Fish Fries were successful, Coming: 4/13 Mom & Sons Day at SPCS not cooking but looking for adult helpers, 4/20-21 Hosting Hospitality Weekend, 5/16, Special Olympics in Orlando, Hockey Challenge @ SPCS Jan. 2025;
- Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 3/27/24;
- Financial Secretary: Michael Gordon Transfer-In;
- Faith Dir: Rosary Makers Ministry requested more How To Pray the Rosary Pamphlets, 1,500 ordered;
- Scholarship: High School Grad Scholarship applications are at the Parish Office and bulletin ads ;
- DD: Good Friday is also KofC Founders Day, look into praying the rosary before all Masses or 5th;
- 4th Degree: Habitat for Humanity Lunch served 3/7 in Tavares to students from Univ. of Toledo, members participated in a Walk for Life Choices;
- Old Business: None;
- New Business: Council 13300 collecting for new Ultrasound for the Eustis Life Choices Women's Center, donation approved and given to the D.D. to deliver to St. Vincent de Paul council;
- Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$16, was **WON** by Mark Ochalek; 50/50 - \$31 won by Ken Lynch; monthly Award presentation: Jim Suleski for Feb FOM, Shining Armor Award: Chris Procise; Prayer List: add Kevin Lynch & Mary Clare Zedler;
- 23 members present, meeting adjourned 8:30pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Next Membership Mtg: Wed. Apr. 17th, BMMMC; 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2 nd Francis D DeLise 82	16 th Russel E Vance
5 th Sean M O'Keefe	18 th Edward E Wutsch 84
7 th Eugene R Bouley 86	19 th Charles J Greco 81
Joseph J Ruzicka 90!	Jerry W Neaveill 86
10 th Erik R Campbell	24 th Gabriel A Wagner
15 th Lowell J Saxton 88	26 th Robert St. Cyr



Attendance Drawing:

\$16 was **Won** !! by Mark Ochalek, PGK/Trustee...

Next month's drawing will be \$3.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$31 - won by Ken Lynch...

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 03/29/24, the Council has 172 members: 80 insurance, 92 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: APRIL WINNERS



1st Prize - \$75.00 - #324 Carol Bushing
 2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #253 Dennis Bucholtz
 3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #215 Mary Ann Pierino
 4th Prize - \$10.00 - #323 John Rodenbo

St. Paul Catholic School 8th Grade presentation of "The Living Stations of the Cross" was done very very well! Thank you!!





"The world cannot quench our hunger but this eucharistic daily bread can. The words of the self-help gurus cannot lift our spirits or souls the way that the incarnate word can. No game of golf or walk in the park will fulfill our need for rest as the Sabbath day does. "

~ Mark Hart 's book 'Blessed are the Bored in Spirit'

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

COUNCIL SHIRTS & VESTS

Show you're a member of the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a council shirt or vest.



For information and ordering contact:

Monte Moon 678-427-4595

or email: montemoon@att.net



LEO REMENIUK COATS FOR KIDS

Over the past 12 years our council has provided between 150 and 250 coats/hoodies for kids each year. (Note: last year schools asked that we supply hoodies instead of heavy coats, they get longer use w/them.) This program was started by SK Leo Remeniuk with the assistance of his wife Vi. For the past few years I have handled the pick-up and distribution of the coats/hoodies. I would hope that we can continue to keep this program alive in their memory. However, to do that we need an influx of funds. With that in mind I am requesting that each member of Council 5644 donate whatever they can afford to this fund over the next few months (I would like to order the hoodies by early October). Please make your checks Payable to KofC 5644 and in the Memo section write Coats for Kids. Your help with this worthwhile program is much appreciated. Larry Huhn

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you!

He Is Risen! Alleluia!! Happy Easter to you all. Coming from Eastern European descent, Polish to be exact, our +Mom & +Dad practiced a lot of the cultural traditions that were passed down to them, and now to us and our heirs. The easiest and frankly the tastiest are the culinary ones. The

most prolific apers of those delights are my brothers Patrick & Michael. And they taunted the rest of us with pictures posted on Facebook including descriptions of how close this year's batch was to +Pop's. The dish this time, bawsh phonetically (barszcz written) is what we call it, most others say borscht; it is beet soup, a vegetable-packed soup with a sweet and sour flavor and a whole lot of extra goodness added in; like pork loin & kielbasa; then when served, a dollop of sour cream and a sliced boiled egg. It's a meal within itself. Thanks for the memories Bros', I may try my hand & pots for real myself next year.

Now, I would like to explain what bawsh symbolically means at Easter, but then I'd have to bring up the butter in the form of a lamb, exquisitely painted eggs, the special breads & babka cakes, the pastries, Kolaczki, chrusciki and nut rolls.

Suffice it to say, a multitude of cultures have developed traditions that have been carried forward two millennium based on the actions of one Man, named Jesus the Christ of Nazareth. But no surprises there, He IS pretty Awesome.

Wesołego Alleluja! Happy Easter!!

Please Pray for Vocations!



APRIL 2024

Apr 1-6 The Octave of Easter



Apr 5 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Apr 6/7 2nd Sunday of Easter



Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr 8 Annunciation of the Lord



Apr 10 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



Apr 11 St Stanislaus



Apr 12 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Apr 13 St. Martin I



Apr 13/14 3rd Sunday of Easter

Apr 17 Membership Meeting

~ 2024-25 Officer Nominations / Dinner 5pm

~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC



Apr 19 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Apr 20/21 4th Sunday of Easter

Apr 23 St. George/St. Adalbert



Apr 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



Apr 25 St. Mark the Evangelist



Apr 26 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Apr 27/28 5th Sunday of Easter

Apr 29 St. Catherine of Siena



Apr 30 St. Pius V



MAY 2024

May 1 St. Joseph the Worker



May 3 Sts. Philip & James



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 4/5 6th Sunday of Easter

May 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC

2024-25 Officers' Nominations



May 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 11/12 The Ascension of the Lord



Mothers' Day



May 13 Our Lady of Fatima



May 14 St. Matthias



May 15 Membership Meeting

~ 2024-25 Officer Elections / Dinner 5pm

~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC



May 17 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 18 St. Pope John I



May 18/19 Pentecost Sunday



May 20 BVM, Mother of the Church



May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

May 22 St. Rita of Cascia



May 24 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

May 25 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Pope Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi



May 25/26 The Most Holy Trinity

May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury/Memorial Day

May 29 St. Pope Paul VI



May 31 The Visitation of the BVM





Knights in the News



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Coffee & Donuts for Vets



COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY
08:30 to 10:30



Provided by the
 Knights of Columbus
 4th Degree
 Lake County Assembly 1675



**We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic
 Friday, April 5th from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
 coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



Awards & Presentations

Grand Knight Art Kalinski
 presenting the
 February Family of the
 Month to Jim Suleski



Grand Knight Art Kalinski
 Presenting the
 Shining Armor Award to
 Chris Prociw



Faithul Comptroller Mark
 Ochalek Presenting the
 Sir Knight Certificate to
 new SK Greg Ochalek



Newest 3rd Degree Mem-
 bers of Council 5644:
 Dan Gonzalez
 Phil Reed



2024 Lenten Fish Fries

Successful Project to Benefit St. Paul's Youth Group's Summer Mission Trip



Thank you for your Support! Until next Time...





St. Paul Lenten Fish Fries 2024

This year was the Knights' and the Ladies' Auxiliary's tenth year volunteering and cooking at the Lenten Fish dinners for the St. Paul's Youth Group. As you know the Youth group host dinners to raise money for their summer mission trips. This year, as in years past it was very successful. Fr. Matthew, Youth Director Rego Vega and the many youth that volunteered were extremely thankful for all the work the Knights and Ladies' Auxiliary had done for the dinners.

I would like to personally thank the following for their outstanding help: Larry Huhn, Monte Moon, Frank DeLise, Doug Rollins, Joe Huber, Kelly Way, Gary Edwards, Ron Golembiowski, Bob Tardiff, Ken Lynch, Ray Crowell, Vince Zedler, Al Albert, Joe Bono, Bill Collins, Dick Davis, Mark Ochalek and Tony Lause.

Tom Diemer
Coordinator



2024 St. Paul's Volunteer Luncheon



GK Art Kalinski Introducing...

**The 2024 St. Paul Volunteer Leader of the Year:
"The Kitchen Kaptain"
Tom Diemer**



2024 Pennbrooke Fairways Knight at the Races





BLESSED
MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
Pray for Us!

[A Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney](#)

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, ... Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and Guardian of the Redeemer, St. Michael the Archangel, Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us. Humble Servant of God, ... Faithful Disciple of Jesus, Son of the Immaculate Heart, Obedient Son of the Church, Exemplary Priest of Purity, Zealous Priest of Christ, Gentle Shepherd of Souls, Devoted Parish Priest, Wise Counselor, Teacher of the Faith, Servant to All, Protector of the Poor, Defender of the Widow and Orphan, Friend of the Lonely and Suffering, Companion to the Imprisoned, Comforter of the Sick and Dying, Apostle of Christian Family Life, Father to the Young, Advocate of Workers, Evangelizer of Those Gone Astray, Champion of the Gospel of Life, Guardian of the Laity, Pastor of Immigrants, Exemplar of Charity, Model of Unity, Builder of Catholic Fraternity, Instructor of Christian Patriotism, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael, humble in service, pray for us. Blessed Michael, devoted to the Sacred Heart, ... Blessed Michael, pure in heart, Blessed Michael, faithful in priestly duties, Blessed Michael, strong in suffering, Blessed Michael, peaceful in dying, Blessed Michael, conformed to Christ crucified, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!

V/ Pray for us, Blessed Michael McGivney,

R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. God, our Father, inspired by the heroic example of the life and virtue of your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcast. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.