



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

DECEMBER 2023
NEWS & NOTES



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

The first KofC Florida training class I attended for Grand Knight and Financial Secretaries provided some valuable insight and advice. We were told that the Council's first priority should be to support our pastor because that relationship was key to a successful Council. We are very lucky in that we have a very good relationship with our Pastor, Deacon Pat and our school Principal.



One example, last week I asked for a meeting with Father Matthew to further discuss some proposals to make up for the fact that we don't have a social hall. The lack of which hinders many activities including breakfast and dinner fundraisers. We were going to propose helping pay for adult friendly cafeteria tables. I brought an example of a cafeteria table that had individual seats that adults could get in and out of which also folded quickly for rapid room re-configuration.

When I showed the brochure to Father Matthew and Deacon Pat, I was greeted with two big Chesire grins. They informed me that tables almost identical to the ones in my brochure had been delivered that morning. They remembered our discussion of 8 months ago and took it for action. We now have the possibility of doing pancake breakfast and dinner fundraisers like we did years ago. Parking may still be an issue, but everyone is willing to try it.



Then in an almost immediate help for Father and the parish we were able to on very short notice, build a canopy frame (Baldachin) for the Christ the King procession last Sunday. (see Photos below, Knights in the News)

Aah....Life is good when one hand washes the other!

Reminders:

Scholarship Raffle Ticket sales before/after all masses, Dec. 2/3 and 9/10; please help at the Mass you attend.

Also, we wish everyone a Blessed, Merry & Safe Christmas Season!

Vivat Jesu!
Art



Honorees

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



Council #5644 Website
KofC5644.org

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Florida State Website  
FloridaKofC.org

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Supreme Website KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Dick Abrams, Mario & Debbie Acevedo, Tom Burns, Monsignor Francis Carbine, Joseph Freund, Terry Graham, Phil Haurus, Mike Jiminez, Bill Kane, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello, George Nefores, Bob Nixon PFN, Gregory Ochalek, Jennings & Cindy Paugh, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Al Ragona, Kathleen Skoblicki, Fr. Robert Smolley, Stanley Sparks, Sharon Way, Haley Williams.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

December Knight of the Month is Bernard Duko. Brother Bernie has been a Knight for 25 years and a Sir Knight for 13 years. He has stepped up to assist whenever called upon. Lately as the Social Meeting bartender.

Your service to the Church and the Knights is greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for December 2023!



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings:

On behalf of the K of C Ladies' Auxiliary, we would like to wish you a happy,

healthy and Faith-filled Christmas season. While it is important to spend festive times with friends and family, we also celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. He is the Reason for the Season. We go hurriedly to shop for the month's activities, gifts, food, and accessories. But we also have the opportunity to reflect on the importance of and Blessings we have in our Faith. May we continue our Prayers for Peace on Earth, which is desperately needed. Let us Pray for the conversion of evildoers.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will be holding its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec 14th at 11 am. We are pre-ordering box lunches per our member's orders. The member will pay \$5.00 and the LA will cover the balance. We will also have a voluntary gift exchange at a maximum value of \$10. We are excited to start the Holiday season with fun and fellowship.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is open to ALL women, single, widowed or married. There is no requirement to be or have been married to a K of C. The annual dues are \$10. If you know someone who would like to join us, please have them contact myself or Joyce Collins, for more information.

We are also hosting a day trip via bus to Tampa Hard Rock Casino on Jan 24, 2024. See flyer on page 9.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Cindy Diemer and Joyce Collins

Co-Presidents

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

We have our own phone number: 352-913-5346 and email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com

These will be used on all publications and ads.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for December are David & Linda Vasseur. Brother Dave has been a Knight for 55 years and is a Sir Knight too. He graciously volunteered as the caretaker when we hosted the Silver Rose the first time. While we had it in our possession, his past experience was welcomed. During Sunday Liturgy they'll fill in as Usher.

Your service to the Knights and St. Paul Parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for December 2023!

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Why does Jesus allow us to suffer? ... Because He knows that it is the only means of preparing us to know Him as he knows Himself, and to become ourselves divine."

~ St. Thérèse of Lisieux

FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The November Membership Meeting was held the 15th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of the month; Food Service: 5pm 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.

Grand Knight Kalinski opened the meeting with a Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance after Rosary; - GK report: October Minutes approved, Recap of events: 11/10 SPCS Science Fair, 15 council and auxiliary members helped monitor the exhibits; in January the Return Program starts, still could use help with facilitators, have desire-will train;

Memorial Mass - 19th, 9am, wear red, sit together;

- Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 11/15/23;

- Financial Secretary: No Report;

- Faith Dir.: Emanus Men's Retreat was excellent, highly suggest attending; updated Bishop Strickland of Texas being removed as Diocesan Admin.;

- Pumpkin Patch: deemed successful, bringing in slightly less than 2022, Director Alan Albert handed out awards to volunteer standouts for this year;

- Scholarship: 2024 Raffle sales Open, see Ken Lynch or Larry Huhn & at all Masses 12/3-4, 12/10-11, please come to Mass early/stay late to helpout;

- DD: Talk on recruiting/retention, introduced DW;

- DW: New DW Denis Milonas, spoke on recruiting;

- 4th Degree: next Exemplification will be Nov 25th, Resurrection Parish in Winter Garden, if interested contact Mark O ASAP, 3 Brothers signed up so far;

- Old Business: Our billboard last year was finally covered up, will contact LAMAR to order another; also plan to pull out magnets to sell on the tables during the Scholarship Raffle After-Mass Sales;

- New Business: Christmas Stipends 4 Clergy, ok'd

- Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$3, was **NOT WON** by Jerry Neaveill; 50/50- \$40 won by Gary Edwards;

Awards: presented Knight of the Month for November to Chris Procise, Family of the Months: Sept- Dick & Barb Davis, Oct- Bill & Joyce Collins and Nov- Mark & Krista Olszewski;

Prayer List: added Haley Williams and Joseph Freund, Flo Daly requests cards/notes be sent to Jack in hopes of brightening his spirits;

- 28 members present, meeting adjourned 8pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Next Membership Mtg: Wed. Dec 13th, BMMMC; 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 st Dennis J Bucholtz, Jr	18 th Johnathan R Vance
5 th Joseph R Huber	19 th John J Larger
6 th Bob H Agnew	23 rd James N Walsh
7 th Thomas J Kaderly	24 th Arthur J Davis
Walter A Young	26 th Fr. Francis Amponsah
12 th William J Kane	28 th Paul E Johnson
Charles M Pisanchin	Larry W Singer
15 th Richard J Abrams	

Attendance Drawing:

\$3 was NOT Won by Jerry Neaveill...

Next month's drawing will be \$6.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$40 - won by Gary Edwards!

You have to be present to play & win!



MEMBERSHIP

As of 11/24/23, the Council has 173 members: 85 insurance, 88 associate; 47 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Congratulations to Brothers Dominic A. Nuciforo Jr. and James S. Warren on attaining "Honorary Life" membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Tom Diemer, FS



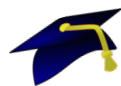
2024 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE



1st Prize - \$75 2nd Prize - \$50
3rd Prize - \$25 4th Prize - \$10

10 Monthly Drawings: Jan. thru Oct.

\$10 each or BOGO: Buy 10 Get 1 Free



Available at All Masses

Dec. 2nd & 3rd

Dec. 9th & 10th





“Whenever you are filled with worry, desperate for hope, looking for clarity, or just need a moment of peace, go to a quiet place and visit Jesus in the Eucharist. Just talk to him like he’s sitting on the altar. He’ll give you exactly what you need.”

~ Jenna Greive’s book ‘Beautiful Eucharist’

Ray Crowell,
Faith Director

PGK Mark O’s Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! Traditions, most every family has them and Christmastime is usually filled with them. When I was growing up, we would all attend Midnight Mass as a family. +Mom would say we can open one present before Mass and it was always a shirt and/or pants to wear to Mass; and was wrapped in her favorite wrapping paper, the bag from the store where she bought it (back then they all used paper). We never complained... It was tradition!

Webster defines ‘tradition’ as: “the handing down of information, beliefs, and customs by word of mouth or by example from one generation to another without written instructions.” Before the early Christians had Scripture, the written Word, readily available to them, they would practice their Beliefs, according to Tradition.

Borne out of these traditions we have the basic practices of our Faith. Time has seen additional traditions added, amended and outgrown. But what has remained constant, throughout time, is the “Why”. The “Reason for the Season”, if you will; the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! Hang on to your traditions, pass them down; Live your Faith.

Please Pray for Vocations!



COUNCIL SHIRTS

Show you’re a member of the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a council shirt.



For information and ordering contact:
Monte Moon 678-427-4595
or email: montemoon@att.net

Introducing District 23’s New Warden



Denis J. Milonas

3512 Smedley Rd, The Villages, FL 32163-0552

Council: 13300 Our Lady of Mt Carmel

District: 23

Region: 3

dmilonas@kw.com




DECEMBER 2023

JANUARY 2024

Dec 1 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

Dec 2/3 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec 6 St. Nicholas

 Christmas Social: Gathering/Caroling 5pm;
Dinner 6pm; Santa Surprise 7pm

Dec 7 St. Ambrose/Pearl Harbor

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Dec 9/10 2nd Sunday of Advent

Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 13 St. Lucy

Dec 14 St. John of the Cross

Dec 15 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

Dec 16/17 3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec 20 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 5pm

Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC

Dec 21 St. Peter Canisius

Dec 22 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

Dec 23/24 4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 26 St. Stephen

Dec 27 St. John

Dec 28 The Holy Innocents

Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket

Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm - Church

Dec 30/31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

New Year's Eve



Jan 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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

Jan 6/7 Epiphany of The Lord

Jan 8 Baptism of The Lord

Jan 10 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC

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

Jan 13/14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 17 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 5pm

Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC

Jan 18 National Prayer Vigil for Life

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

March for Life

Jan 20 Ss. Fabian, Sebastian & Agnes

Jan 20/21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 22 Day of Prayer Vigil for the Legal

Protection of Unborn Children

Jan 23 St. Vincent

Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales

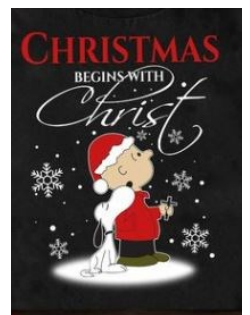
Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

Jan 26 Ss. Timothy & Titus

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

Jan 27/28 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 31 St. John Bosco





Knights in the News



2023 KofC 4th Degree 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
Fridays, Dec. 1st & Jan. 5th from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



Nov. 25, 2023 - 4th Degree Exemplification

**Introducing the newest 4th Degree
members from St. Paul Council 5644:
Sir Knight Greg Ochalek and
Sir Knight Bill Collins...**



**The Exemplification
of 108 Sir Knights
took place at Resur-
rection Catholic
Church in Winter
Garden, FL.**



St. Paul Catholic School S.T.E.M. Family Night with the Orlando Science Center



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Knights in the News



St. Paul's Celebrates Christ the King of the Universe



Council 544, under the direction of Grand Knight Art Kalinski, built a new *Baldachin* (canopy) for the parish.

Cutting the wood frame

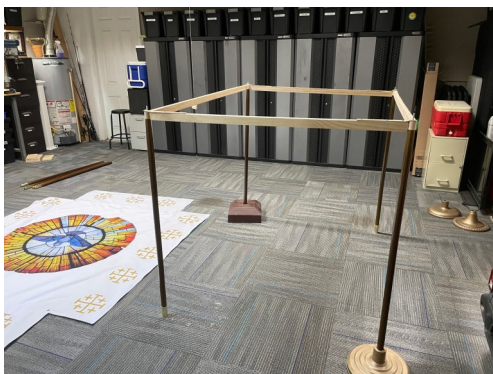


Cutting the Leather joints



Leather joints for Flexibility

Finished Frame




Finished Canopy



Knights in the News



St. Paul Council 5644 2023 Memorial Mass



2023 Council 5644 Memorial Mass
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 9:00 am
St. Paul's Catholic Church
1330 Sunshine Dr. Leesburg, FL

Raymond W. Bizier 11-15-22
Richard P. Bowersox 5-3-23
Charles Cangialosi 7-2-23
Fabian J. Raab 6-21-23
Milton W. Sabel 8-5-22
John R. Thomas 12-9-22
Everett R. Warzecha 4-14-23

All are Welcome!




Awards and Salutations

Family of the Month

Knight of Month



Sept - Dick & Barb Davis



Oct - Bill & Joyce Collins



Nov - Mark & Krista Oleszewski



Nov - Christopher Procise



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2023 Pumpkin Patch Laurels and Hardy Handshakes



5 Shifts or Better Award
<--- Joey Landon
Chris Procise --->



Alpha & Omega Award
Doug Rollins -->



What the Hay Award
Larry Huhn



Volunteer Loto Award
Kelly Way



The Grand Pumpkin Award
Alan Albert

You are invited to join the St. Paul Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #5644



\$50.00
Per Person
January 24, 2024

Join us on January 24, 2024, as we journey to the renowned Hard Rock Casino in Tampa for a day of for a Day of Fun and Excitement!

Departure Time: 9:00 AM
Return Time: 6:00 PM



Itinerary:

9:00 AM: Depart from St. Pauls Catholic Church, Leesburg, Florida.
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Arrive at the casino. Get ready for a day of gaming, entertainment, and dining.
4:00 PM: Gather for the return trip.
6:00 PM: Arrive back at St. Pauls Catholic Church, Leesburg, Florida.

What's Included:

- Comfortable and spacious motorcoach transportation.
- A day of gaming, shopping, and dining at the Hard Rock Casino.

Reserve Your Seat Today! Limited spots available, so don't miss out!

Note: You must be 21 years of age or older to participate in casino gaming.



For more information or to reserve your spot, contact TDJ Travel:

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<https://tdjtravel.com>



St. Paul Council 5644, the Ladies' Auxiliary and 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Wishes you and Yours' a Merry & Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



Keep Christ in Christmas

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Paul Council 5644, Leesburg



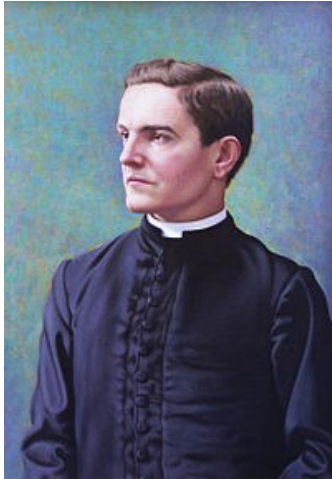
See our billboard in front of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg!



Knights in the News



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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.