



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



**JANUARY 2024
NEWS & NOTES**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

With the start of the new year, my mind is drifting to thoughts of turning over the gavel. Yes, no one should have this much fun for more than three years.

One issue that has bothered me since taking the GK position is trying to get to some routine to our operation rather than just responding to the latest fire. Thankfully brothers like Mark Ochalek, Tom Diemer, Bob Tardiff, Doug Rollins, Ray Crowell, Al Albert, Dick Davis, Ed Wutsch, Ken Lynch, Mark Olszewski, Bill Collins, Kevin Maxwell, Joe Huber, Steve Gabriel, Ron Golembiowski, Larry Regan, Tony Lause, Bill Kane, David Vasseur, Vince Zedler, Larry Huhn, Monte Moon, Nick Nuciforo, Austin Cramer, Joe Bono, Walt Young, Kelly Way, and others have each kept me from tripping or missing a beat.

The knee jerk responses have not been anyone's fault but a function of numerous moves we made since selling the old hall. We also had some very short-fused requirements from St Paul's demonstrating the phrase "The bigger the challenge the greater the opportunity to shine." We moved no less than 4 times with each move being very disruptive. The possibility of getting the building next to the Thrift Shop would have been move number five, but that option is now dead. So, I think we can plan on staying put for a while in the BMMMC.

I'd like to turn over a more organized operation to the new Grand Knight so the transition and his job will be easier, so I need your help. There are many positions that are defined in the Knights of Columbus manual but some of the duties are not clearly defined and there are many tasks that are not specifically addressed or assigned.

I posted a preliminary task list on the BMMMC bulletin board, but we now need to get serious about filling those tasks. I really do want everyone to feel like you are needed because you are, so I'll talk to many of you about taking on some of those tasks. There is an old British Navy saying that "Many hands make light work." So, with many hands each task will be relatively small but very much needed. And we need each of you to make it happen.

We wish everyone a Blessed, Happy & Healthy New Year!

Vivat Jesu!
Art



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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"

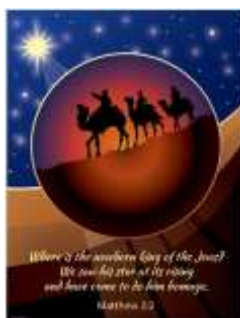


EVERY FRIDAY

9am Until 12 Noon

St. Paul's Church

**Exposition & Benediction
Everyone Welcome!**



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KofC5644.org

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Tom Burns, Monsignor Francis Carbine, Joseph Freund, Terry Graham, Phil Haurus, Maria Iturbe, Mike Jiminez, Terry Landon, 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, Stanley Sparks, Sharon Way, Haley Williams.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings:

On behalf of the K of C Ladies' Auxiliary, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. We look forward to all the Blessings that await us in 2024. May we continue to be grateful for all that we have.

Thank you for your support in our fund raising activities in the past year and considering joining us Jan. 24, 2024 for our Hard Rock Casino bus trip to Tampa. See flyer below. 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.

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.



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic churches. May families never again experience violence, rejection, and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and

healing. Make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

January Knight of the Month is Dr. Nick Nuciforo. Brother Nick has been a Knight for 56 years. Dr. Nick is a man with a great passion for cooking. He prepares delicious meals with the help of our dedicated Kitchen Krew for monthly socials and dinners, most recently the December Social Lasagna dinner. He volunteers at the food pantry and the yearly Giving Tree at St Paul's. He will go out of his way to help others.

Your service to the Church and the Knights is greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for January 2024!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for January are Ray & JoAnne Crowell. Ray has been a Knight for 43 years and a 4th Degree almost 13 years. Ray currently serves as our Faith Director and the council Outside Guard; as a Sir Knight of the 4th Degree he is a member of the Color Corps. You'll see him ushering at 9am Mass. JoAnne is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Rosary Makers and CCW; she is always helping out, and relishes being the Council hugger.

Your service to the Knights and St. Paul Parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for January 2024!



WORDS OF WISDOM

"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

~ **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**



FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The December Membership Meeting was held the 13th, 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.

After the Rosary, the Grand Knight Art Kalinski opened the meeting with Prayers and the Draping of the Charter for Rev. Robert Smolley and Dick Abrams, the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited; - GK report: November Minutes approved, Recap of events: 11/19 Memorial Mass well attended; 12/8 Keep Christ in Christmas billboard erected across the stree from the church, but faces South; coming January 6th the Return Program starts, will meet at 9:30am in the school cafeteria, 1/28 Parish Picnic, 2/3 Polish Dinner, Ash Wed. Soup Dinner and Fri. Lenten Fish Fries 2/16 - 3/22, 2/24-25 Citizens with Disabilities campaign at all Masses, 4/13 Mom & Sons Day at SPCS, 4/20-21 Hosting Hospitality WE; - Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 12/13/23; - Financial Secretary: No Report; - Faith Dir: Become Eucharisticly Involved, pray intently, especially throughout the Consecration; - Scholarship: 2024 Raffle sales, less than 60 tickets remain, contact Ken Lynch, 1st draw 1/10; - DD: Gary Quinn resigned for personal reasons; - 4th Degree: No meeting in December, 1/5 Coffee & Donuts at the Taveras V.A. Clinic 8:30-10:30, next meeting 1/10, District Master to lead the ASM in the Renewal of Obligation, he requests coat/tie; - Old Business: KCIC billboard went up on the 12/8 Immaculate Conception, Sold 60+ Keep Christ in Christmas magnets during Scholarship Raffle Sale, reminder to deliver the Clergy Christmas "cards"; - New Business: Moton made to send a Christmas Stipend to our adopted seminarian brother James Moursund, seconded, and unanimously approved; - Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$6, was **NOT WON** by Georg Couture; 50/50 - \$25 won by Joey Landon; monthly Award recipients were not in attendance, will be held over until next month; Prayer List: added Terry Landon and Maria Iturbe; - 20 members present, meeting adjourned 8pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney.

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

Happy, Healthy and a Blessed New Year 2024!!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 nd Paul J Boudreau	16 th Robert W Koznecki
3 rd Paul F Bieber	18 th Phillip E Ligienza
5 th Norbert D Hoffman	23 rd John R Oleary
14 th Thomas A DeFina Joey A Landon	29 th Thomas B Clark Joseph J Swiderski
15 th Clyde R Kullman	31 st Thomas M Diemer

Attendance Drawing:

\$6 was **NOT Won** by Georg Couture...

Next month's drawing will be \$9.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$25 - won by Joey Landon!

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 12/29/23, the Council has 171 members: 84 insurance, 87 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

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



Less than 60 Remain!!

Contact Ken Lynch





FREE TO BE Faithful

"The challenge is to make every encounter and event of our week a spiritual exercise through which we grow in our relationship with God. The more we do this, the more real God will become for us."
 ~ Fr. Eamon Tobin's book '13 Powerful Ways to Pray'
Ray Crowell,
 Faith Director

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! We made it to 2024!
 I continue to pray that you, your family and friends remain healthy.
 "Should old acquaintance be forgot, / And never brought to mind? / Should old acquaintance be forgot, / And auld lang syne?" We're bound to hear a version of that no matter which TV network you prefer to view. My +Mom liked Guy Lombardo, growing up that's who we sang along with...
 So what the heck does 'Auld Lang Syne' really mean? The phrase "auld lang syne" literally translates to "old long since," and basically means, "days gone by." Meant to bring up feelings of nostalgia and a love of old relationships and times gone by. So when you sing "auld lang syne, my dear" in the chorus, you're essentially cheering to days gone by, which is why people sing the song when they're remembering the good times.

This past year took on multiple levels of where our sentiments reside while "remembering the good times". This certainly has been a very difficult year for many. Whether it be due to the sting of losing a loved one, suffering the spoils of the economic downturn; or at worst, fought the effects of declining health ourselves or watched as a loved one succumb to it.

Wherever we may find ourselves, may we sing of the good times we did have and the Blessings that did come our way. Thankful that we can meet at the table of God and receive Him fully unto ourselves. Let us resolve to dedicate ourselves to Living and Practicing our Faith. And, in today's tumultuous world, we must include, **Protect & Defend Our Faith!**

Blessings for a Happy & Healthy New Year!



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
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Parish Picnic celebrating the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 Sun., Jan. 28th after the 11am Mass
Burgers/Hot Dogs by the Knights!



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JANUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 2024

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** 

Feb 2 **Presentation of the Lord** 

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church 

Feb 3 **St. Blaise** 

Polish Dinner: Presale Only 

School Cafeteria 1-3pm 

Feb 3/4 **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Feb 6 **St. Paul Miki and Companions** 

Feb 7 **NO SOCIAL**

Feb 9 **Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church** 

Feb 10 **St. Scholastica** 

Feb 10/11 **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday/Soup Dinner-HFR** 

4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC 

Feb 16 **Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross** 

Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

Feb 17/18 **1st Sunday of Lent**

Feb 19 **Presidents' Day** 

Feb 21 **Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 5pm** 

Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC 

Feb 22 **The Chair of St. Peter** 

Feb 23 **Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross** 

Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm 

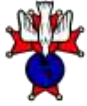
Feb 24/25 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL POLISH DINNER
 The Knights of Columbus annual Polish dinner will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th, 1 PM to 3 PM in the SCHOOL CAFETERIA.
 Menu includes pierogi, galumpki, polish sausage in sauerkraut, chrusciki, and a drink.
LIMITED SEATING
ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.
 Tickets are AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE






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
Friday, Jan. 5th from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



A Year in Review



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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Knights in the News



St. Paul Council December 2023 Social



The Year in Review



Knights of Columbus - Scholarship Raffle
 1st Prize \$10,000
 2nd Prize \$2,000
 3rd Prize \$1,000
 4th Prize \$500
 5th Prize \$250
 Drawings: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
 Prizes are returned to the donor.





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.