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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Last Sunday it was my turn in the hospital. Initial scans indicated a total blockage of my intestine perhaps caused by a bug, bacterial infection, or minor shock to the abdomen. The following day the doctors told me that I'd most likely need surgery with about a week recovery in the hospital.



The first day was a bit rough and the word got out of my predicament. The Ladies Auxiliary and Knights put me on their respective prayer lists, and I settled into my plight. Now, I am a believer and I do pray daily but it's mostly in thanksgiving to God for yet one more wonderful day. I always felt that only praying to God when you need something was not a way to endear you to Him.

I also had this little nagging doubt that my need wouldn't be important enough or worth His time. (I can almost imagine an abrasive chuckling little devil in the back of my mind with a pitchfork prodding that doubt.) The prayers did work when my wife Connie was in the hospital and almost the same day. But for me, I sort of had that Ronald Reagan attitude "Trust but verify."

The following morning, I actually felt a lot better. After seeing the doctor, they rolled me down to the imaging floor and low and behold, no more blockage. The next day they let me go home and on Friday night I was eating fish at the Fish Fry.

I still have that cautious tiny little doubt but significantly less so. In short, I wouldn't want to risk rolling those dice again without your prayers.



Thank you to everyone who joined in the prayers!

Art Kalinski, GK

Vivat Jesu!

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
Everyone Welcome!**



Council #5644 Website
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 Jimenez**, GK Art Kalinski, **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**, Sharon Way, **Mel Weaver**, Haley Williams, **Walt Young**.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

The KofC Ladies' Auxiliary would like to thank those who are supporting

our 'Tray of Treats' Raffles. We will be selecting our winner of Prize #2 (value over \$255) on Friday, March 1st. We will have a third raffle opportunity to be prepared and drawn on March 22, containing over \$270 in gift cards and certificates. Concurrently, we are offering a special Golf Package for 4, all-inclusive from The Club at Pennbrooke Fairways, valued at \$200-400 (depending on time of use). Our proceeds support our Mission, to assist the church, school, priests and worthy charitable organizations. The tickets are one for \$5 and 3 for \$10.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy Lenten and Easter season. Please pray for the conversion of all the evil and greed in this world and for the return to our Faith.

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.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

March Knight of the Month is brother Austin Cramer. Brother Austin has been a Knight for just a year and a half. He finds time to be active in the council when he can, in-between all of his responsibilities at St. Paul Parish where he is the Communication Director. Austin maintains the parish's multi-media outlets, the weekly bulletin & eBulletin, and manages the Thrift Shop and Religious Article Store.

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Family of the Month for March are the Szymon & Anna Luzny family. Simon has been a Knight for just over a year. They brought the family here from Poland, after years of effort. He works in the field of computer science and Anna raises their four children: eldest son Mikolja and the triplets, daughters Dobrochna & Rebeka and second son Eryk; homeschooling them for a time, they are now enrolled at St. Paul Catholic School. Additionally, Szymon volunteers and involves his sons in the Troops of St. George group here at St. Paul's.

Your family is a model for the Catholic Family of Today; your support of the Knights and St. Paul Parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for March 2024!

WORDS OF WISDOM

"A mother puts her little child on its feet, but the child itself must do something, must make an effort if it wants to walk. God does all that is necessary, but man must do his share."

—Fr. Willie Doyle, S.J.
quoted in the book, To Raise the Fallen

FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The February Membership Meeting was held the 21st, 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.

After the Rosary, the Grand Knight Art Kalinski opened the meeting with Prayers and the Draping of the Charter for Brother Raymond T. Mattiucci, the Pledge of Allegiance was then recited;

- GK report: The January Minutes approved, Recap of events: Fr. Smolley's Funeral Mass was well attended, pictures sent to his home council in NH, Return Program attendance continues to be strong; Parish Picnic went very well serving over 200, Polish Dinner successful, Ash Wednesday's Soup Dinner and the first Lenten Fish Fry were lighter than the past; Coming: 2/24-25 Citizens with Disabilities Drive at all Masses, 2/28 Sign up for Special Olympics in Orlando, 4/13 Mom & Sons Day at SPCS, 4/20-21 Hosting Hospitality Weekend, working on doing the Hockey Challenge @ SPCS;
- Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 2/21/24;
- Financial Secretary: No Report requested of him;
- Faith Dir: 34 YouCat books purchased for this year's Conformandi, Kiosk reorder made and will include a pamphlet on the Ten Commandments;
- Scholarship: 2024 Raffle sales, 40 some tickets remain, contact Ken Lynch, three draws done;
- DD: Jerry Morneau is new DW, spoke on this year's State Convention, 5/25-26, elect delegates;
- 4th Degree: next meeting is 3/6; next Coffee/Donuts Taveras V.A. Clinic 8:30-10:30 is 3/1, next Habitat for Humanity Lunch March 7th in Tavares;
- Old Business: None;
- New Business: None;
- Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$12, was **NOT WON** by Hank Masti; 50/50 - \$10 won by Ray Crowell; monthly Award recipient: Dr. Nick Nuciforo for Jan KOM; Prayer List: add Chuck Henderson and Walt Young;
- 20 members present, meeting adjourned 8pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Remaining Lenten Fish Fries 2/23, 3/1, 8, 15 & 22

Next Membership Mtg: **Wed. Mar. 20th**, BMMMC; 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



7 th Harley D Burkett	16 th Vincent F Zedler 83
10 th Gary R Edwards	17 th Charles M Baxter
11 th Georg J Couturier	19 th Stephen J Bradley
Lawrence B Rinehart 83	25 th Roy R Noble
12 th Mark A Olszewski	26 th John G Pauline
15 th Douglas E Rollins	27 th Jennings L Paugh
16 th William J Collins 81	

Attendance Drawing:

\$12 was **NOT Won** by Hank Masti...

Next month's drawing will be \$15.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$10 - won by Ray Crowell...

You have to be present to play & win!



MEMBERSHIP

As of 02/29/24, the Council has 171 members: 83 insurance, 88 associate; 49 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Congratulations to Brother: Arthur J. Davis on attaining his "Honorary Life" membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Tom Diemer, FS



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: MARCH WINNERS



1st Prize - \$75.00 - #287 Wendell Courtney
2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #162 Joe Huber
3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #050 Sr. Barabara
4th Prize - \$10.00 - #235 Mary Lou Sader



"The basic message God wants to convey by a covenant, then can be stated simply: 'I LOVE YOU. I'm committed to you. I swear that I will never forsake you. You are mine and I am yours. I am your father, and you are my family.' How astonishing that the Creator has such profound love for his creatures!"

~ Scott Hahn's book 'A Father Who Keeps His Promises'
 Ray Crowell, Faith Director

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! Momisms, you know the things Mom did or said as you grew up and most likely into your adulthood. One of the things my +Mom was famous for was misplacing her keys. And you knew when because you could hear her praying to St. Anthony for help in finding them: "Tony, Tony, Look around.. Something's lost and can't be Found!" Yes, she was on first name basis with him. And wouldn't you know it, she always found them.

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

"At your baptism, you were united to a whole host of Saints in Heaven who have a deep desire to pray for you, care for you, and protect you. They are living their identity as brothers and sisters to us, as their hearts are constantly moved with compassion to pray for us in our struggles and come to our aid, interceding for us before the throne of God. We need our brothers and sisters in Heaven to pray for us and remind us of who we are and what we were made for." (This is a highlight from Born of Fire Lenten series in collaboration with Franciscans CFR Learn more at kofc.org/ourfaith)



Please Pray for Vocations!



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

Lenten Friday Fish Fries

Dates: March 1, 8, 15 & 22
 Serving Time: 5PM until 7PM in the School Cafeteria
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 Cost: \$13 per person

Dinner Proceeds Benefit St Paul's Youth Ministry  
Summer Mission Trip  
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Also, Stop and buy a raffle ticket from the Ladies' Auxiliary - \$200+ Tray of Treats



MARCH 2024

APRIL 2024

Mar 1 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross

Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm



Mar 2/3 3rd Sunday of Lent



Mar 4 St. Casimir



Mar 7 Ss Perpetua & Felicity

Mar 8 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm



Mar 9 St. Frances of Rome



Mar 9/10 4th Sunday of Lent

Mar 10 Spring Forward/DST Begins

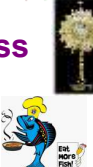


Mar 13 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



Mar 15 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross

Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm



Mar 16/17 5th Sunday of Lent

St. Patrick's Day



Mar 19 St. Joseph



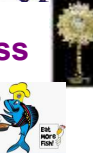
Mar 20 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 5pm

Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC



Mar 22 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross

Last Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm



Mar 23/24 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Mar 25-30



Mar 28 Holy Thursday



Mar 29 Good Friday



Mar 30 Holy Saturday

Mar 30/31 Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday



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 ~ 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





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, March 1st from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
 coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



**Grand Knight Art
 presenting the
 January Knight of the
 Month to Dr. Nick
 Nuciforo**



+Rev. Robert Smolley in Memorium



Lenten Fish Fries

Remaining Dates: March 1, 8, 15 & 22





St. Paul Council 5644 Polish Dinner 2024



THE PREPPERS!



THE PREPARED!



IF YOU COOK IT, THEY WILL COME... ANOTHER CONSECUTIVE YEAR SOLD OUT!



OLD FRIENDS/PAST KITCHEN HELPERS & NEW



On behalf of the officers and members of the Knights of Columbus St. Paul Council 5644 we would like to thank the following ladies of the KofC Ladies Auxiliary. Cindy Diemer, Ann Rollins, Joanne Crowell, Rachel Lamonica, Barbara Klein, Martha Ann Edwards, and Louise Karwowski for their help at the Council's Annual Polish dinner.

It was a very successful event hosted by the Knights but not without the outstanding help of the KofC Ladies Auxiliary. Over the years the Ladies Auxiliary has always been there to assist the Council with their endeavors. We look forward to working together in the future.

Thank you very much,
Tom Diemer, Coordinator



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.