



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

The arrival of May means the end of our Fraternal year is near. We have accomplished a lot, but more work is needed to be a successful Council for our community and parish. The continued success of the Council will depend on its ability to recruit younger members, and to generate revenue to support our charities.



The month of May is also when we honor, Mary the mother of our Lord Jesus. I remember as a child, May & December were my favorite months going to Church because of the many easy to remember hymns sung by the entire congregation. It is sad that we do not bring back the "Oldies but Goodies" more often.

May first is also the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Here we have the example of a father for all fathers. A man of deep faith who put God and His will first in the family's lives. Here is a man who was not only there providing day by day with his carpentry skills for his family, but who also is willing to do what is difficult in protecting his family from enemies as great as King Herod himself. Here is a man who took Jesus to the Temple and Synagogue and trained him in the faith.

May is the Council's final month of Officer Elections. Hopefully Dick Davis will be able to fill the remaining position, Recorder, and begin the Fraternal Year with a full slate of Officers. A salute and thanks to those Brothers who already stepped up to serve as Officers.

May is also the reinstatement of evening Adoration, beginning Tuesday, May 6th @ 6:30 PM This Adoration is the result of efforts of Kate Hedrick and Father Matthew. Kate is the daughter of Brother Bobby Hedrick and a former recipient of a Council College Scholarship. If work, golf, or medical appointments prevent you from the morning Adoration, you can now spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday nights 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The time spent in prayer and conversation with our Lord will return great rewards. See our church bulletin for more available hours and information for Adoration times.



Vivat Jesus,
Ken Lynch, Grand Knight

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...

Tom & Carol Cane, Thelma Cecil, **Ryan Cimino**, James & Karen Croson, **Pat Detweiler**, Tom Diemer, **Andrew Dul**, Anthony Durkin, **William Ehrbar**, Stephen Gabriel, **Dcn. Paul & Susan Gaucher**, Ron Golembiowski, **Terry Graham**, Leonard Ignas, **Maria Iturbe**, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch, **Greg Matthews**, George & Linda Mello, **DW Jerry & Joanne Moreau**, Bob Nixon, **Greg & Mark Ochalek**, Dawn Pauline, **+Fr. Vincent Pierino**, Susan Polito, **Al Ragona**, Larry Regan, **Tom Schweitzer**, Kathleen Skoblicki, **Joan Tardiff**, Kelly & Sharon Way, **Mel Weaver**, Fran Wolman, **Haley Williams**, Joan Woodson, **Esther Wutsch**, Walt & Marilyn Young, **Vincent & Mary Clare Zedler**.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - APRIL

April Knight of the Month is SK Joseph Huber. Brother Joe has been a Knight for 46 years and a Sir Knight for a year. He has recently accepted chairman for the Keep Christ in Christmas billboard. He volunteered often for the Pumpkin Patch; and is a full-time member of the Kitchen Krew for Socials, Dinners and Parish events. He has stepped up and accepted the nomination for the Council Warden's position for 2025-26 Fraternal Year.

Your assistance and service to the Knights are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for April 2025!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - APRIL

April Family of the Month are SK Thomas & Cindy Diemer. Brother Tom has been a Knight 19 years and Sir Knight 18 years. Cindy is Co-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Tom is currently the Financial Sec for the Council and Outer Sentinel for the Assembly; he is the Kitchen Captain for all meetings, Socials and Polish Dinner. They are both mainstays when the Kitchen Krew cooks for any parish functions: like Trunk-r-Treat and Picnics. They are both EMHCs and Readers.

Your service to the council and the parish are greatly appreciated! Congratulations on being selected the April 2025 Family of the Month!



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings

The KofC Ladies' Auxiliary held their elections on April 10th. The new Board members will be Denise Gonzalez - Treasurer and Janet Huber - Corresponding Secretary, joining Co-Presidents Cindy Diemer and Joyce Collins, and Secretary Barbara Klein. We thank the outgoing Board Members Mary Huhn and Rachel LaMonica. Your outstanding service is greatly appreciated. The formal Installation of Officers will be held at our June 12th meeting.

The Ladies' Auxiliary members enjoyed their service to all the activities to date in 2025 including the Polish and Lenten Fish Dinners. We look forward to planning our activities and budget for 2025-2026 Year to support our Priests, Church, school and charitable organizations.

Wishing everyone safe travels this Summer to graduations and family events.

Please pray for those in need and especially those suffering in silence. Pray for Peace throughout the world and a return to Faith and love for one another.

Cindy Diemer & Joyce Collins - Co-Presidents
Faith over Fear in ALL Things... Always!!

email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com



"Carry it with you

Always...

And Pray it

Often!



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



May 2025 Winners

- 1st Prize - \$75.00: #431 - Joe Connor
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00: #170 - Ted Kornhoff
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00: #427 - Sam Geso
- 4th Prize - \$10.00: #138 - Susan Lachapelle

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The Knights graciously thank you for your Continued Support of this Program!!  
God Bless you!!

## Membership Meeting Highlights

The April Membership Meeting was held the 16th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. if no federal holiday; Food Service: 5:15 to 6:15pm, Rosary 6:30pm, Membership Meeting 7pm.

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; If you have not yet attained your 3rd Degree, sitting through this 30 minute ceremony automatically advances you! Contact your GK Ken Lynch.

The GK opened meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; prior Minutes were approved; Charter was draped and prayers said for +Father Vincent Pierino and +Ron LaPierre;

- GK report: Recap of events: Lenten Fish Fries wrapped up, went well making \$\$ for the Youth Group/Ministry Summer Mission Trips; Asks the Council to support our Brother Bobby Hedrick's daughter Kate (former KofC Scholarship winner) as she leads monthly Eucharistic Adorations, first one is Tuesday, May 6, 6:30pm in the Church;

- Treasurer: Report on accts,  
- FS: All is in Good Order with Supreme;  
- Faith Dir: Recruiting for Ushers at all Masses;  
- KCIC: Joe Huber in discussions for 2025's "Keep Christ In Christmas" billboard, \$300 same as last year, likely in the same spot across from the church, trying to move it to the west panel;

- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic first Fridays, 8:30 to 10:30; had lunch 3/29 for Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood cleanup in Leesburg; Dcn. Paul Gaucher announced his stage 4 liver cancer, it was his last meeting, he loves the KofC;  
- Scholarship: sold 500 tickets, will have a surplus, would like to offer a scholarship to a SPCS student was tabled to research the Tuition Amount;

- New Business: Reopened nomination of officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, the position of Recorder remains Empty, please consider it !!

- Old Business: \$100 donated towards District 23's ad in the FL State Convention program;

- DD: Star Council is close, recruiting is 100% Goal, program director Alan Albert needs to do Safe Env. training, Dick Davis is the convention delegate;

- Good of the Order: Tom Diemer, Gerry & Joanne Morneau; Joe Huber:KOM, Tom/Cindy Diemer:FOM

- Attendance Drawing \$36, was Won by Tom Diemer ; 50/50 - \$28 won by Alan Albert; 18 were present, meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next Membership Meeting:  
**Wednesday, May 21st, 2025**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS



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|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mark V Kubovcik         | 12 <sup>th</sup> Terry G Williams     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monserrate Rodriguez 81 | 17 <sup>th</sup> Richard P St. Cyr    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Larry Regan 81          | 21 <sup>st</sup> James D Kertz        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Robert A Miller 90      | 25 <sup>th</sup> Ray Crowell, Jr 83   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Walter E Satter, Jr 82  | 29 <sup>th</sup> Frederick Gabbard 87 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Bobby D Hedrick        |                                       |

### Attendance Drawing:

\$36 was **WON** by Tom Diemer...

Next month's drawing will be \$3.

**You must be present to win!**

**50/50 Raffle: \$28 Won by Alan Albert...**

**You have to be present to play & win!**



## MEMBERSHIP

As of 4/25/2025, the Council has 162 members: 72 insurance, 90 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 6 Honorary.

*Tom Diemer, FS*



## 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:

**Tony Lause:**  
**tonylause@gmail.com**  
**or phone: 573-346-0643**





**"Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence."**

~ by +Pope Francis (in his book: Joy of the Gospel)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

**FIELD AGENT**



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*Kevin*

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

**"An hour of holding a crucifix in one's hands invites a recognition that God himself was nailed to a Roman cross. No one can submerge his soul deeply in this thought and remain the same. A hunger for knowing Christ crucified as God himself suffering the Passion may suddenly awaken before that hour concludes. "**

**- Fr. Donald Haggerty**  
 (from his book, *The Hour of Testing: Spiritual Depth and Insight in a Time of Ecclesial Uncertainty*)

**PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !**

**Peace be With You! Happy May, The Month of "Mary"! My +Dad served in WWII, like many of yours; and quite possibly including a couple of you. He didn't like to talk about it too much, but once in a while he would open up. One of those times, like most of his stories, he was teaching a lesson; because of our youth, we sometimes didn't realize it. He began as an infantryman, later joining the Army Air Corps as a waist-gunner on a B-24 Liberator. In those early days, he was on a troop transport truck when they were strafed by a Japanese fighter. Brothers in arms were jumping from the truck to escape; whether it was fear or divine providence, he couldn't move; he began praying to the Blessed Mother for Her Help.**

**+Dad said it was like Moses parting the Red Sea, he saw the rounds/tracers split and go around him. Afterward he found others that jumped free or under the truck had been hit. +Pop's devotion to Our Blessed Mother exponentially grew that day. He passed down that Love & Devotion to his nine kids.**

**As we enter May, Month of Mary, may we make the time to Pray Her Rosary, recite Her Prayers and Her Memorare. Give Her our pains & troubles, our thanks & admiration. The Blessed Mother, as at Cana, will ask Her Son to help and He will not refuse Her.**

**Vivat Jesu!**  
**Please Pray for Vocations!**




# MAY 2025

# JUNE 2025

May 1 St. Joseph the Worker



May 2 St. Athanasius ~ Friday Adoration: 9-12p



May 3 Ss. Philip & James



May 3/4 3rd Sunday of Easter

May 9 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 10 St. John of Avila



May 10/11 4th Sunday of Easter/Mothers' Day

May 12 Ss. Nereus & Achilleus and St. Pancras

May 13 Our Lady of Fatima



May 14 St. Matthias

4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



May 16 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 17/18 5th Sunday of Easter

May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions  
Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC ~ Dinner 5pm ~  
Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

May 23 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 24/25 6th Sunday of Easter

May 26 St. Philip Neri / Memorial Day



May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury



May 30 St. Pope Paul VI



May 31 The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary



June 1 The Ascension of The Lord



June 2 Ss. Marcellinus



June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions



June 4 All American BBQ Social:  
5pm-Happy Hour ~ 6pm-Dinner ~ BMMMC



June 5 St. Boniface



June 6 St. Norbert ~ Friday Adoration: 9-12p



June 7/8 Pentecost Sunday



June 9 BVM, Mother of The Church



June 11 St. Barnabas

4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



June 13 St. Anthony of Padua  
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



June 14 Flag Day



June 14/15 The Most Holy Trinity/Father's Day

June 18 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC  
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



June 19 St. Romuald

June 20 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



June 21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga



June 21/22 Corpus Christi



June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist



June 27 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

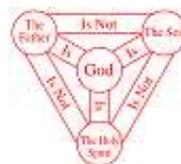


June 28 The Immaculate Heart of the BVM



June 28/29 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church





## Lenten Fish Fries Finale



2nd Tray of Treats Won by Deacon Paul Gaucher



Golf Package Basket Won by Mark Ochalek



# Thank You

This year was the Knights' and Ladies' Auxiliary's 11th year volunteering and cooking at the Lenten Fish dinners for the St. Paul's Youth Group. As you know the Youth group host the dinners to raise money for their summer mission trips. This year, as in years past, was very successful. Fr. Matthew, Youth Director Rigo Vega and the many youths 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 in the kitchen, Al Albert, Rob Allen, Joe Bono, Bill Collins, Ray Crowell, Dick Davis, Frank DeLise, Larry Huhn, Jack Hickey, Joe Huber, Tony Lause, Monte Moon, Mark Ochalek, Chris Procise, Rich St. Cyr, Kelly Way.

*Tom Diemer*  
*Coordinator*



**KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675**  
 1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



**Coffee & Donuts for Vets**

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, May 2nd from 8:30am until 10:30am serving coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.



(Assembly Meetings: 2nd Wednesdays at St. Paul's Blessed Michael McGivney Center, 1320 Sunshine Ave.)

**COFFEE & DONUTS  
TODAY**  
 08:30 to 10:30 

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

**Knights in the News**



The Shining Armor Award was presented to Brother Larry Huhn, PGK at the April Membership Meeting.

**Shining Armor Award:  
Explained**

- To qualify for the Shining Armor Award, brother Knights must:
- Be involved in at least three council service programs.
  - Attend at least three council business meetings.
  - Receive their second and third degrees.
  - Meet with your council's insurance representative.
  - Recruit at least one new member.



Rest In Peace

**Fr. Vincent R. Pierino**

**Ronald La Pierre**

**Barry C. Jordan**

*May their Souls and those of all the Faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.*



**St. Paul Catholic School's Inaugural 5K Run**

**Volunteers SK Joe Huber & SK Chris Procise**



**May 24, 2025 Diocese of Orlando Ordination**

**Congratulations to Reverend SK John Triolo**





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.