



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

DECEMBER 2024  
NEWS & NOTES



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**A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT**

Greetings Brothers, I hope your Thanksgiving was a blessed one for you and your families. There are a few things to report since the last communication.

First, concerning the Parish Ministry Fair of November 16 & 17; thanks to those who manned the table, we brought in 2 transfers whom we hope to see at our December or January Council meeting. Secondly, we have 2 new candidates, signed up by our Faith Director, SK Ray Crowell, whom we will Exemplify into our Council on Wed. Dec 11. Our Scholarship Fund drive will be the weekends of 11/30 & 12/01 and 12/07 & 12/08. This drive is important to enable us to provide scholarships to high school seniors going onto college; and 8<sup>th</sup> graders going onto a Catholic high school.



Our Council Christmas Social will be Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at Rodello's Restaurant, reservations are Closed.

Worthy Brothers, December brings a new Church liturgical calendar, a new year to serve Our Parish. I hope that you will all remember our first core principle of charity. Remembering that giving does not always mean money. Oftentimes what is asked of us is giving of our time and talents. While this kind of charity is sometimes harder, it is also often more rewarding.

As a kid, Advent was an exciting time of the year. Christmas carols, department store decorations, different (and old favorites) hymns in Church in preparation for the birth of Our Lord seemed to escalate as the time went by. People seemed to be a little kinder and polite in those days. There was more focus on the true meaning of the holiday. Today, unfortunately as adults, we are faced with distractions. Life just seems to get in the way. It is my prayer that during this season (especially this year) you find some time to steal away during your day to reconnect with that childlike anticipation of the true meaning of Christmas.

May you and your family enjoy the spirit of Christmas and share your joy, mercy, charity and fraternity with your family, friends and parish community. Merry Christmas to all.

**SK Ken Lynch, Grand Knight**



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!****



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## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Duane Costello, James Croson, Tom & Cindy Diemer, Tim Donihi, William Ehrbar, Dennis Gaucher, Ron Golembiowski, Terry Graham, Lawrence Fay Huhn, Maria Iturbe, Mike Jiminez, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello, DW Gerry Morneau, Bob Nixon, Greg Ochalek, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Susan Polito, Al & Elaine Ragona, Phil Reed, Larry Regan, Doug Rollins, Kathleen Skoblicki, Andrea Smith, Erica Theriault, Kelly & Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Fran Wolman, Haley Williams, Joan Woodson, Walt & Marilyn Young.



## LADIES' AUXILIARY

The KofC Ladies' Auxiliary were pleased to participate in the recent Parish Ministry Fair, which gave us an opportunity to highlight our Ministry and our mission. We look forward to our December meeting and Christmas Luncheon, which will be held on December 12th at 11 am in the Holy Family Room. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with friends and family near and far. Faith over Fear in ALL Things Always!!!  
Cindy Diemer/Joyce Collins  
Co-Presidents  
email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

December Knight of the Month is Kelly Way. Sir Knight Kelly has been a Knight for 11 years, a Sir Knight for 10. He is a Trustee for the Council; a member of the Kitchen Krew for Special Dinners and a Grill Master for Parish events that have food service; and he's a PGK; for the 4th Degree he was a member of the Color Corps Old Guard (Ret); Kelly fills in when asked to be an Usher at St. Paul Parish and keeps us up to date on the happenings at Blessed McGivney's Parish, St. Thomas in CT.

Your presence and charitable works for the Parish and Council are much appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month Dec. 2024!

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The December Family of the Month is awarded to Ed & Deann Wutsch. Sir Knight Ed has been a Knight for 30 years and obtained Honorary Life Status; he has been 4th Degree member 28 years. Brother Ed is a Past Recorder and has dusted off his Recorder's pen, accepted appointment to the vacant position for the 2022-23 fraternal year and re-elected for the past 2 years. Ed also worked in the kitchen for Fish Fries. Deann serves in the Hand Bell choir at St. Paul's.

Your service to the Knights and the Church are greatly appreciated. Congratulations being selected: Family of the Month for December 2024!

## Quilts of Valor

The Ladies' Auxiliary nominated St. Paul parishioner Shawn Marie Kings for this honor and ultimately she was selected to be honored on November 14. She is a veteran of the Air Force and suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury. She and her Mom Loretta Kings are volunteers at St. Paul Catholic School. Shawn is also involved in numerous volunteer activities: Children's Miracle Network, Second Harvest Food Bank, Special Olympics, The Invictus Games, PNC Charities, Arnold & Winnie Palmer Children's Hospital, and Dream Flight.

While suffering the effects of PTSD, Shawn still volunteers to help others. Congratulations Shawn Marie Kings.

Cindy Diemer, co-pres  
KofC Ladies' Auxiliary



## SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE:

2025 Sales Begin in November!



After All Masses: Nov 30-Dec 1 and Dec 7-8

Ten Monthly Drawings; January thru October  
1st Prize - \$75.00; 2nd Prize - \$50.00;  
3rd Prize - \$25.00; 4th Prize - \$10.00;

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The Knights graciously thank you for your Continuous Support of this Program!!

## Membership Meeting Highlights

The October Membership Meeting was NOT held the 16th, in the BMMMC, DUE TO HURRICANE MILTON CLEANUP EFFORTS (see below); meetings are held the 3rd Wed. if no federal holiday; Food Service: 5:30 to 6:15pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm, Membership Meeting @ 7pm.

New Exemplification of Charty~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 Ken Lynch.

A Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification will be held prior to the meeting Dec 11th @ 6pm; please welcome our new brother Knights. If you have not yet attained your 3rd Degree, sitting through this 30 minute ceremony automatically advances you!

The GK opened meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; prior Minutes were approved;

- GK report: Recap of events: Thank you received from St. Paul's Catholic School for our donation; 8th Grade Essay Contest winners and Basketball Free Throw Contest winner were announced; 2025 Scholarship Raffle sales are in process, After Mass sales will be Nov 30 & Dec 1 and Dec 7 & 8;
- Treasurer: Report on accounts, CD renewed;
- Financial Sec.: last call to pay dues, stay active;
- Faith Director: Neighborhood Social for Catholics good turnout at Hawthorne & Legacy, Kiosk good;
- Scholarship: 2025 Raffle Church sales scheduled for 11/30-12/1 and 12/7-8, Chris Procise chairing;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic first Fridays, 8:30 to 10:30; Veteran Challenge Coin program going well; working to start "Stars for Vets";
- D.D.: talk on living Charity, Unity and Fraternity;
- Old Bus.: Coats for Kids final tally: 60 hoodies each to Leesburg & Beverly Shores Elementaries, 40 Coats to Lake Hills School;
- New Business: Joan Swiderski approached FS Tom Diemer regarding help on projects to move the St. Paul sign (by the road), down in front of the Church proper and to remove the curbs between the IN/OUT lanes, Parish & Diocese must approve;
- Good of the Order: Larry Regan, Doug Rollins, Phil Reed, Andrea Smith, Erica Theriault and DW Gerry Morneau added to Prayer List; Attendance Drawing \$24, was Not Won by Donald Schram; 50/50 - \$20 won by Joe Huber; 28 members present, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Membership Meeting: A Week Early, Wednesday, December 11th.



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Dennis J Bucholtz, Jr   | 18 <sup>th</sup> Johnathan R Vance    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Joseph R Huber          | 19 <sup>th</sup> John J Larger        |
| Philip R Reed 84                        | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Gregory M Perez      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Bob H Agnew             | 23 <sup>rd</sup> James N Walsh 82     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Thomas J Kaderly        | 26 <sup>th</sup> Fr. Francis Amponsah |
| Walter A Young                          | 28 <sup>th</sup> Paul E Johnson 81    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Charles M Pisanchin 88 | Larry W Singer 81                     |

### Attendance Drawing:

\$24 was NOT Won by Donald Schram...

Next month's drawing will be \$27.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$20 won by Joe Huber...

You have to be present to play & win!

### MEMBERSHIP

As of 11/25/24, the Council has 162 members: 75 insurance, 87 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 6 Honorary.

*Tom Diemer, FS*

### WORDS OF WISDOM

"How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns?"

- St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Patroness of the Poor and Charitable Works

### **KofC Lake County Assembly 1675**

**Wishes you and yours a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!**





**"God invites us to know Him in mysterious ways. What matters isn't that we grasp why. What matters is whether or not we say yes.' There's no more powerful way to do to that than to turn to Him in the Eucharist."**  
 ~ by Sister Helena Burns (Beautiful Eucharist)  
 Ray Crowell, Faith Director

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

Peace be with you! I worked my way through college in the Sears' Men's Dept., at the Millcreek Mall; back when stores were closed all day Thanksgiving. And Christmas decorations went up the week of Turkey Day mostly. Today I feel there is too much of a rush, with retail stores leading the way. So it made me chuckle at this sign 'To All Premature Christmas Decorators: "Mary hasn't even told Joseph she's pregnant yet!"'

**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](mailto:montemoon@att.net)

Although funny, I wonder if Mary hesitated to tell Joseph or was she "All-In" to the point she did not even think to worry what Joseph would say or do at the news and Joyously rush to him with the news! As we know Joseph thought he would quietly divorce Mary, until an Angel of God paid a visit and assured him that this is God's Will. It was all according to God's Plan.

**2024 Coats for Kids**



Chairman Larry Huhn on behalf of St. Paul Council 5644 graciously thanks you for your continued generosity in support of our Leo/Vi Remeniuk Coats for Kids.

This year Larry delivered 30 hoodies to Beverly Shores Elementary, 40 hoodies to Leesburg Elementary and 40 coats to Lake Hills School.

What makes today any different? As we know, God knew us before we came into this world; and has a plan for each and everyone. All we need to do is Listen to our hearts and Make the right decisions. Every new day gives us another opportunity to Live the Word of God. Be a Beacon of Light, for others to Follow. Do that and tomorrow will take care of itself. Live for the Present, because it is a Gift.

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



**FIELD AGENT**



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*Kevin*

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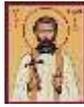
# JAN 2024

Nov 30/Dec 1 1st Sunday of Advent



Scholarship Raffle Sales After All Masses

Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier



Dec 4 St. John Damascene

Christmas Social - Rodello's Restaurant - 5:30p



Dec 6 St. Nicholas



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Dec 7/8 2nd Sunday of Advent



Scholarship Raffle Sales After All Masses

Dec 9 Immaculate Conception of the BVM



Dec 11 St. Pope Damasas I



Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

Dinner 5p ~ Exemplification 6:15pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe



Dec 13 St. Lucy



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Dec 14 St. John of the Cross



Dec 14/15 3rd Sunday of Advent



Dec 20 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Dec 21/22 4th Sunday of Advent



Dec 23 St. John of Kanty



Dec 24 Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord



Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord



Dec 26 St. Stephen



Dec 27 St. John the Evangelist



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Dec 28 The Holy Innocents



Dec 28/29 The Holy Family of J-M-J



Dec 31 St. Pope Sylvester I / New Years Eve



Jan 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God



Jan 2 St. Basil the Great



Jan 3 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Jan 4/5 Epiphany of The Lord

Jan 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



Jan 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Jan 11/12 Baptism of The Lord



Jan 15 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Jan 17 St. Anthony

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Jan 18/19 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 20 Inauguration Day / Martin Luther King Day

Jan 21 St. Agnes



Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Jan 23 St. Vincent



Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

March for Life



Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul



Jan 25/26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas



Jan 31 St. John Bosco



POLISH DINNER COMING IN FEBRUARY!!



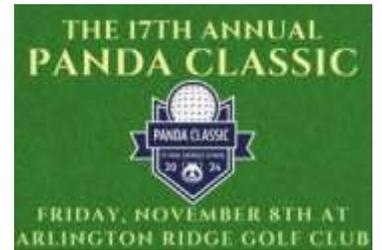
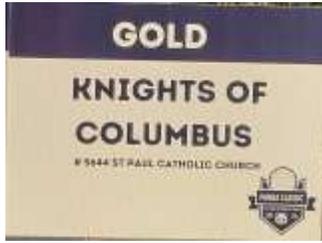


# Knights in the News



## 2024 Panda Classic - St. Paul Catholic School

The Knights of Columbus supports our School!



Brother Kevin Maxwell & Anthony



Brother Larry & Mary Huhn's foursome

## 2024 St. Paul's Ministry Fair



## 2024 8th Grade Essay Winners & 2024 School Basketball Freethrow



**Bernadette O'Brien**  
First Place - \$75



**Will La Tour**  
Second Place - \$50



**Bella Ozzie Davis**  
Third Place - \$25



**Santiago Galban**  
Champion - 6th Grader

St. Paul Council #5644 - St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, FL



# 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, December 6th from 8:30am 'til 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. ~~ No Meeting in December!)**



## Quilts of Valor Presentation (cont'd from page 2)



## 4th Degree Exemplification ~ Saturday, November 30th Resurrection Catholic Church - Winter Garden, FL



Our newest Sir Knights

**SK Richard "Dick" Davis  
 (Council 5644) =====>**



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**SK Ronald Tranquilli  
 (Council 10853) ===>**



**St. Paul Council #5644 - St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, FL**



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.