



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



OCTOBER 2024  
NEWS & NOTES

**COUNCIL #5644 1330 SUNSHINE AVE. LEESBURG, FLORIDA 34748**

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights, as we head into the heart of fall (my favorite season) let us look back on the past month which was highlighted by the Silver Rose Prayer service honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. The service was well attended thanks to the St. Paul Spanish Prayer & Praise ministry and the St. Paul Youth Group. The excellent Parish support puts us in good position to be able to host the Silver Rose Prayer service again next year.



Congratulations and welcome to our three new Brothers who joined our Council Sept. 18th: Father Augustine Vazhavilla; Don Podgorny; and Joe Hickey.

October gets off to a quick start with our Council's Oktoberfest Social on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for more details from our Kitchen Krew. Be sure to RSVP early as the seating fills quickly. Hopefully 1 or 2 attendees are lucky to have their Scholarship Raffle number drawn.

The next important event is our annual Council 5644 Memorial Mass on Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> at the 9am Mass. Remember to wear your red shirt or vest and sit together in the South Transept (right side of Altar).

I ask that you give Brother Dick Davis, Deputy Grand Knight the same support provided to me, as he will lead both the Social and Council meeting in October, as I will be recuperating from surgery on October 1<sup>st</sup>. If all goes well, I might be able to make the November Council meeting.

Fraternally,  
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!**



Council #5644 Website  
KofC5644.org

Florida State Website  
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website  
KofC.org



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ghislaine Beaulieu, Duane Costello, Tim Donihi, William Ehrbar, **Dennis Gaucher**, Ron Golembiowski, **Terry Graham**, Lawrence Fay Huhn, **Maria Iturbe**, Mike Jiminez, **Tony Lause**, Ernie Little, **Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken & Marianne Lynch**, George & Linda Mello, **Bob Nixon**, Nick Nuciforo, **Greg & Mark Ochalek**, Dawn Pauline, **Fr. Vincent Pierino**, Susan Polito, **Al & Elaine Ragona**, Tom Schweitzer, **Kathleen Skoblicki**, Kelly & Sharon Way, **Mel Weaver**, Fran Wolman, **Haley Williams**, Joan Woodson, **Walt & Marilyn Young**.



## LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary held their bi-monthly meeting on August 8th, there was a presentation by LovExtension, a non-profit that serves low income seniors, veterans, homeless and disabled individuals with food, household items and personal care items.

The LA also filled 25 Boxes of Joy, to kick-off the campaign headed by Gene Kelly.

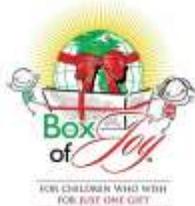
Our next meeting will be October 10th at 11 am in the BMMMC, which will include presentations by Habitat for Humanity and Doreen St. John, the new coordinator of the Burse Club, which supports all seminarians.

We wish everyone a safe Halloween and Trick O Treat celebration. The LA and other ministries will be assisting with the Parish event on Friday Oct. 27th.

Please pray for Peace throughout the World and for those sick and suffering in their quiet silence.

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

Cindy Diemer/Joyce Collins  
Co-Presidents  
email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com



**LovExtension**  
"Serving to Improve Life!"



## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The October Knight of the Month is awarded to Daniel Gonzalez. Dan has been a Knight for only 6 months, but he has done much in that time to promote a solid positive face of what a Knight of Columbus is. He does much for St. Paul's; he is a Sacristan, an EMHC and recently took over the duty of Liturgical Minister scheduling. He is involved with the Youth Group and teaches for the Religious Education/Sacramental Prep. He recently chaired the Free Throw Contest at SPCS.

We congratulate the Brother Dan and thank him for his dedication to St. Paul's and our Council. You are appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Knight of the Month for October 2024!

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for October is Sir Knight Vince & Mary Clare Zedler! Vince has been a Knight for over 10 years and this past August he attained his 4<sup>th</sup> Degree status. He can always be counted on to volunteer where needed. The past several years Vince has been the council Retention Committee Chairman, calling members in jeopardy of being suspended for non-payment of dues. He and Mary Clare have supported numerous Council and Church activities including the Respect Life Ministry where Mary Clare chairs the JMJ baby bottle fundraiser. She also proofreads the weekly bulletin for the Communication Coordinator.

Your service to the Church, the Knights and the Community are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Family of Month for October 2024!

## Welcome our newly exemplified Brothers!



John Hickey, GK Ken Lynch, Fr. Augustine and Donald Podgorny. The Degree Honoree was: Archbishop Cardinal Sean O'Malley

## Membership Meeting Highlights

The September Membership Meeting was held the 18th, in the BMMMC; 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 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 Ken Lynch.**

**A Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification was held prior to the meeting; please welcome our new brother Knights Fr. Augustine Vazhvilla, John Hickey and Donald Podgorny.**

The GK opened the meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; Warden Chris Procise then draped the charter and prayers recited for +Lowell Saxton; prior Minutes were approved;

- GK report: Recap of events: Thank you received from CCW and FL Special Olympics for our donations; Silver Rose Prayer Service 9/4 was a success, with 138 in attendance; 8th Grade Essay Contest: SPCS chose 8 to submit for judging (in process); Basketball Free Throw Contest on 9/24, lead by Dan Gonzalez; JMJ Pregnancy Center Gala Sat. 9/28, council table filled; Coming events: 10/2 is Oktoberfest Social; Sun. 10/13 Council Memorial Mass at 9am; 2025 Scholarship Raffle sales in Nov;
- Treasurer: Report on accounts, CD to renew Nov;
- Financial Sec.: 3 new members, one resignation;
- Faith Director: Neighborhood Social for Catholics has Fr. Matthew's support, Monte & Kay Moon had a good turnout at Hawthorne; Bi-lingual Silver Rose Prayer Service at St. Paul's went very well;
- Scholarship: 2025 Raffle Church sales scheduled for 11/30-12/1 and 12/7-8, Chris Procise will chair the sales kick-off ;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic 10/4;
- Old Business: Fundraiser with Belk's Department Store, they will give us time and space to sell their discount coupons, council retains all proceeds, little to no interest shown by members present;
- New Business: None;
- Good of the Order: GK Ken Lynch add to Prayer List, cancer surgery Oct. 1, recovering all month, also added Nick Nuciforo 10/1 knee replacement, Larry Huhn's son Lawrence, Tom Schweitzer and Fran Wolman; Attendance Drawing \$18, was **Not Won** by Thomas Quinlan; 50/50 - \$24 won by Bob Tardiff; 22 members present, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Next Membership Meeting: Wed. Oct. 16th.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1 <sup>st</sup> Henri P Couture	9 <sup>th</sup> Dr Wendell J Courtney
3 <sup>rd</sup> John Hanson	15 <sup>th</sup> Barry C Jordan 92
4 <sup>th</sup> Anthony L Elwart	20 <sup>th</sup> Michael Laflamme 81
5 <sup>th</sup> Emmett V Sapp, Jr	25 <sup>th</sup> Henry G Masti
6 <sup>th</sup> Michael Gordon	31 <sup>st</sup> Andrew T O Keefe
7 <sup>th</sup> Charles H Rager	31 <sup>st</sup> Jeffery M Pfister



### Attendance Drawing:

\$18 was **NOT Won** by Thomas Quinlan...

Next month's drawing will be \$21.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$24 won by Bob Tardiff.

You have to be present to play & win!

## MEMBERSHIP

As of 09/25/24, the Council has 161 members: 75 insurance, 86 associate; 49 Honorary Life, 5 Honorary.

*Tom Diemer, FS*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

**"Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."**

**- St. Basil**



## SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025

Sales Begin in November!



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

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

God Bless you!!





**FREE TO BE Faithful**

"The basic message GOD wants to convey by a covenant, then, can be started simply: 'I love you. I am 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!"

~ by Scott Hahn (A Father who keeps his Promises)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

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

Peace be with you! October means we are full on into Fall... Well, if you ever lived north of the Mason-Dixon for sure. Growing up and until I moved here, the arrival of fall was my favorite time of the year. The cooler temps, the crisp smell of the air, the changing colors of the trees, made it a welcomed time. As kids we began to plan for Halloween, costumes, the Trick-or-Treat route we would take for the Big Haul; and when we got older, going to a masquerade party. My most memorable one I had gone as the Hulk, yes painted green; I was a Hit, but lost the Best Dressed Couple because my girlfriend refused to go as She-Hulk. In her defense, it did take me 2 weeks to get the last of that green hue off. If you will be traveling around during Trick-r-Treat hours, please be on the look out for those little ghosts and ninja turtles and hobos.

October is a big month for the council, and we'll be missing our leader GK Ken, as he'll be recuperating all month from surgery. One saving grace is the Pumpkin Patch is OFF the board this year. There's the Oktoberfest Social on the 2nd; the Council 5644 Memorial Mass at 9am on the 13th; and the parish "Trunk-or-Treat" event on the 25th. Be Well and Stay Well!



Vivat Jesu! - Please Pray for Vocations!

**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)

**FIELD AGENT**



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*Kevin*

**2024 Coats for Kids**



**Chairman Larry Huhn delivering coats to Melissa Walker of Lake Hills School Sept 2024**



**Chairman Larry delivering 40 hoodies to Mrs Katzenberger Leesburg Elementary on 9-23-24**

**Awards & Presentations**




**District Deputy Denis Milonas presenting the 2023 Columbian Award certificate; accepting for PGK Art Kalinski is Deputy Grand Knight Dick Davis.**



**Grand Knight Ken Lynch presented the August 2024 Knight of the Month Award to Deputy Grand Knight Dick Davis.**

# OCT 2024

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**Oct 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus**  
**Oktoberfest Social: 5pm Happy Hour - 6pm Dinner**



**Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels**



**Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi**  
**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



**Oct 5th St. Faustina Kowalska**



**Oct 5/6 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary**



**Oct 9 St. Denis & Companions**  
**4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC**



**Oct 11 Pope St. John XXIII**  
**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church**



**Oct 12/13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**9am - Council 5644 Memorial Mass**



**Oct 14 St. Calistus I**  
**Columbus Day**



**Oct 15 St. Teresa of Jesus**



**Oct 16 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC**  
**Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm**



**Oct 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch**



**Oct 18 St. Luke**  
**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



**Oct 19/20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Oct 22 St. Pope John Paul II**



**Oct 23 St. John of Capistrano**



**Oct 27 St. Anthony Mary Claret**



**Oct 25 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**

**Oct 26/27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Oct 28 Ss. Simon and Jude**



**Oct 31 Halloween**



**Nov 1 ALL SAINTS**  
**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



**Nov 2 ALL SOULS' DAY**



**Nov 2/3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Standard Time Returns**



**Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo**



**Nov 8 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church**



**Nov 9/10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Nov 11 St. Martin of Tours**  
**Veterans' Day**



**Nov 12 St. Josaphat**



**Nov 13 St. Francis Xavier**  
**4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC**



**Nov 15 St. Albert the Great**  
**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church**



**Nov 16 Ss. Margaret of Scotland & Gertrude**



**Nov 16/17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Nov 20 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC**  
**Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm**



**Nov 21 The Presentation of the BVM**



**Nov 22 St. Cecilia**  
**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



**Nov 23 Ss. Clement I & Columban**



**Nov 23/24 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of Universe**

**Nov 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria**  
**34th or Last Week in Ordinary Time**



**Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day**



**Nov 29 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



**Nov 30 St. Andrew**





## **St. Paul Council 5644 Hosted Their 3rd Silver Rose Prayer Service for Life**

**We hosted our 3rd Silver Rose Prayer Service on Sept 4th in St. Paul's Church. This Silver Rose traveled to the Diocese of Orlando from Montreal, Canada; and for the 3rd time we doubled our attendance to this bi-lingual service. We had 130 in the church to pray the Holy Rosary, hear the Liturgy of the Word and do an Act of Consecration with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**



**The KofC FL Knights on Bikes transport the Silver Rose, parish to parish; Sir Knight Ray Crowell carried the Rose into the sanctuary**



**The Hispanic Choir was on hand to share music & hymns; Grand Knight Ken Lynch MC'd the event and lead off the rosary; we were very pleased that the St. Paul Youth Group also joined us.**



**The decades were then lead by members of the Hispanic Prayer Group (in Spanish), alternating with the St. Paul Ladies' Auxiliary (in English); then Deacon Michael Balchus lead us in the Liturgy of the Word and through an Act of Consecration & Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you/Gracias to all who attended.**





## St. Paul Council 5644 Hosted a Basketball Free Throw Contest at St. Paul's Catholic School After Dismissal Sept. 24th - 7 Students Played



Brother Dan Gonzalez and wife Debbie led the event, with Council 5644 and Ladies' Auxiliary members providing assistance with various tasks; they included: Grand Knight Ken Lynch, Tom & Cindy Diemer, Bill & Joyce Collins, Dick & Barb Davis, Joe Huber and Gary Edwards.



## St. Paul Council 5644 at the 2024 JMJ Pregnancy Center Gala

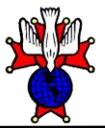


Enjoying the evening out were Fathers Matthew and Augustine, Ray & JoAnne Crowell, Tom and Cindy Diemer, Walt and Marilyn Young, Dale & Carol Beasley.





# 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, October 4th from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving  
 coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



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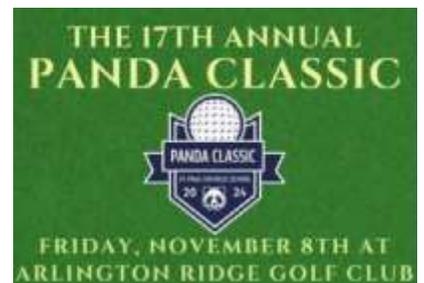


**<= Assembly 1675 Faithful  
 Comptroller Mark Ochalek  
 presenting the certificate and  
 membership card to Newest  
 Sir Knight Joseph Huber.**

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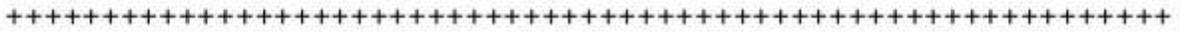
**Lake County Assembly 1675 Faithful Comptroller Mark  
 Ochalek presenting Donation to St. Paul Catholic  
 School Principal Monica Matthews for their 2024 Panda  
 Classic Golf Tournament fundraiser.**



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



*2024 Council 5644 Memorial Mass  
Sunday, October 13, 2024, 9:00 am  
St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, FL*



*John H. Daly 11-25-23*

*Rev. Robert Smolley 12-9-23*

*Richard Abrams 12-12-23*

*William Kane 12-21-23*

*Raymond J. Mattiucci 1-11-24*

*Jennings Paugh 4-23-24*

*John O'Leary 7-2-24*

*Lowell Saxton 9-4-24*



*All are Welcome!*



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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.