



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**APRIL 2025
NEWS & NOTES**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

For those that volunteered during the fish fries, a big thank you goes out to you. It was a successful year for two reasons. One, we as Knights provided a service to our Parish Church and its Youth Group. Two, the Youth Ministry made much-needed money for this year's Mission Trips & Camps. Everyone's efforts were much appreciated. I would be remiss if I did not thank each one who has volunteered for any function of our Council.



April 2025 is important to us as Knights of Columbus and Catholics. Hopefully you will be able to attend the Holy Week Services beginning Thursday April 17th or some of them and culminating in the Feast of all Feasts, Easter Sunday. What wonderful gifts we have receive through the institution of the Eucharist and our salvation from Christ through his passion, death and resurrection. We can certainly rejoice and thank our Lord every day. However, those things we worked hard on to become closer to Jesus, during Lent, to know and love Him more should continue throughout the year if we want to stay on the path that leads to Eternal Life that He won for us.

As we move towards the final days of the 2024/25 fraternal year, we have some very urgent and important business. Mark Ochalek, Nominations Director, will be leading our Officer Election process. We must identify potential officer candidates for the upcoming fraternal year. If you have agreed to run for a Council office, thank you. If you are undecided or are unsure whether you can manage the additional commitment, please seek out our current officers or me for reassurances that there will be ample resources and support to make the job one where you will be successful. As an officer for the past year, I can attest that being a member of the leadership team is both rewarding and fun. As Saint Pope John Paul II said, "Be Not Afraid!" In case you did not know, the qualifications to be a Council officer is simple: you must be a 3rd Degree Knight. That is, it. The commitment is only 2 years (more if desired). The elected positions are: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Advocate, Treasurer, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Trustee. Non-elected positions are Chaplain, Lecturer, Financial Secretary. I have one last comment about running for any Council office: If you are going to be an officer in any organization, choose an organization that is "running on all cylinders." Choose a successful organization where the leadership team is supportive of each other, effectively executes its plan, rewards its members for their dedication and is recognized for its successes. St. Paul Council 5644 is such an organization.

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 Golembowski**, Terry Graham, **Maria Iturbe**, Barbara Klein, **Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch**, Greg Matthews, **George & Linda Mello**, Joanne Moreau, **Bob Nixon**, Greg & Mark Ochalek, **Dawn Pauline**, Fr. Vincent Pierino, **Susan Polito**, Al Ragona, **Larry Regan**, Doug Rollins, **Tom Schweitzer**, Kathleen Skoblicki, **Joan Tardiff**, Kelly & Sharon Way, **Mel Weaver**, Fran Wolman, **Haley Williams**, Joan Woodson, **Walt & Marilyn Young**, Vincent & Mary Clare Zedler.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - MARCH

March Knight of the Month is SK Mark Ochalek. Brother Mark has been a Knight for 50 years and a Sir Knight for 35 years. He has held nearly all officer positions and is a PGK; he is generous with imparting his knowledge to any officer in need, as well as the council in general. He currently is the Webmaster, Newsletter Editor and Public Relations Director for the council; and he is also the Faithful Comptroller for the 4th Degree Assembly.

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - MARCH

March Family of the Month are SK Doug & Ann Rollins. Brother Doug has been a Knight 16 years and Sir Knight 15 years. Ann is a member of the Ladies' Aux. Doug is currently a Trustee for the Council and for the Assembly; he is the Kitchen sous chef for 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 both are EMHCs.

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



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings

The K of C Ladies' Auxiliary has been assisting at the Fish Fry events

that began on March 7th. There are 2 raffle items for which we have been selling raffle tickets. The first winner of the Tray of Treats raffle worth over \$350 was Barbara Davis. The Golf Package worth over \$300 will be drawn on 4/11/25.

There will be a new Tray of Treats Raffle worth over \$350 that will also be drawn on April 11. Proceeds from our raffle efforts are used to support the church, priests, school and other charitable organizations.

The LA will have their meeting on April 10, at 11 AM at the BMMC Center. Our guest speaker will be Marie Bogdonoff of Villagers for Veterans.

Wishing everyone a successful Lenten Season and a Blessed Easter.

Please pray for peace and conversion of evil to Faith and love for one another.

Cindy Diemer & Joyce Collins - Co-Presidents

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

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"Carry it with you

Always...

And Pray it

Often!



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



April 2025 Winners

1st Prize - \$75.00: #176 Bill Roberts

2nd Prize - \$50.00: #037 Diane Jochum

3rd Prize - \$25.00: #494 Bonnie Goetzinger

4th Prize - \$10.00: #108 Dee Walker

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

God Bless you!!

## Membership Meeting Highlights

The March Membership Meeting was held the 19th, 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.

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; 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;

- GK report: Recap of events: Parish Picnic went well, we cooked hamburger sliders & hotdogs; the Citizens with Disabilities Campaign was successful at all Masses again, \$2K split by Special Olympics FL and Lake Spring Hills School; Ash Wednesday we served Soup-n-Sandwiches; Lenten Fish Fries are going well and making \$\$ for the Youth Group/Ministry Summer Mission Trips; We hosted our 3rd bi-lingual Silver Rose Prayer service 3/11, 85 were in attendance; Upcoming: Lenten Fish Fries, 3/28, 4/7 & 4/14 re-main; Joe Huber will be "Keep Christ In Christmas" billboard chairman this year;
- Treasurer: Report on accts, 2025-26 Budget reviewed, amended SPCS, to make up for Faith Dir.;
- Faith Director: Asks the Council to support our Brother Bobby Hedrick's daughter Anna (former KofC Scholarship winner) as she leads monthly Eucharistic Adorations beginning Tue. Nite, May 6; Moved/approved donation \$375 to St. Pat's Golf;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic first Fridays, 8:30 to 10:30; doing lunch 3/29 for Habitat for Humanity's special project in Leesburg;
- New Business: opened nomination of officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal year, there are openings for Chancellor, Warden and Recorder;
- Old Business: vinyl signage promoting the Fish Fries by the Council were subsidized by the parish;
- DD: Star Council is close, recruiting is 100% Goal, program director was named but needs to do Safe Environment training, need to elect convention delegates/alternates by 3/31 and register them;
- Good of the Order: Tom Diemer, Joanne Morneau; M. Ochalek is KOM & Doug/Ann Rollins' are FOM;
- Attendance Drawing \$33, was Not Won by Mike Anderson ; 50/50 - \$21 won by Tony Lause; 13 were present, meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

**Next Membership Meeting:  
Wednesday, April 16th, 2025**



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Francis D De Lise 83 | 16 <sup>th</sup> Russell E Vance    |
| Thomas S Powers                      | 18 <sup>th</sup> Edward E Wutsch 85 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sean M O'Keefe       | 19 <sup>th</sup> Charles J Greco 82 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Eugene R Bouley 87   | Jerry W Neaveill 87                 |
| Joseph J Ruzicka 91                  | 24 <sup>th</sup> Gabriel A Wagner   |
| Fr. Augustine Vazhavila              | 26 <sup>th</sup> Robert St. Cyr     |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Erik R Campbell     |                                     |

### Attendance Drawing:

\$33 was **NOT Won** by Mike Anderson...

Next month's drawing will be \$36.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$21 Won by Tony Lause...

You have to be present to play & win!



## MEMBERSHIP

As of 3/25/2025, the Council has 163 members: 74 insurance, 89 associate; 49 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:**  
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or phone: 573-346-0643





**FREE TO BE Faithful**

"You see, a saint isn't someone who led a perfect life. A saint is someone who, at the right moment found the power of the Holy Spirit. With the fire of the Spirit, you can burn through all your fears and be free."

~ by Jon Leonetti (in his book: Your God is Too Boring)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

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

Peace be with you! When I trained to be an Altar Boy, I had to learn the prayers in Latin. Shortly after being awarded full Altar Boy status, was the Vatican Council II, we switched to English. God does have a sense of humor doesn't He. As altar servers, the two most labor-intensive times of the year were 40 Hour Devotions and Holy Week. It was a Labor of Love. At one time, my four younger brothers and I were serving. +Mom always made sure our cassocks & surplices were clean and pressed. What an honor it was to serve Our Lord, our Pastor, and the Parish.

**FIELD AGENT**



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*Kevin*

In two weeks, we observe Holy Week. It will be different this year. Not because I no longer wear the cassock & surplice, but because I won't Testify alone. In our current way of life, for the better good of us all, we gather as a community to honor, love and adore our God and our Lord Jesus Christ through the Mass of the Lord's Supper, spend quiet time with Him in Repose in the Blessed Sacrament, commemorate His Way of the Cross, His Passion, and Venerate the Cross as true believers of His Sacrifice for our sins; all this culminating in His Glorious Resurrection. As a Faith Community, by his actions, our Shepherd Fr. Matthew will not deny us; through the Triduum and His Glorious Resurrection of the Easter Vigil and Sunday! The joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14) Vivat Jesu! Please Pray for Vocations!

**WORDS OF WISDOM**

"Let us imitate Mary, who accepted the Word of God with faith, and allowed it to take root in her heart, so that it might bear fruit in her life.."

- St. Pope John Paul II



# APRIL 2025



**Apr 4 St. Isidore ~ Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross ~ Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm**



**Apr 5/6 5th Sunday of Lent**



**Apr 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle**

**Apr 12 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC**



**Apr 11 St. Stanislaus ~Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross ~ Fish Fry-School Cafeteria 5-7pm**



**Apr 12/13 Palm Sunday**



**Apr 14-19 Holy Week**



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



**Apr 17 Holy Thursday**



**Apr 18 Good Friday ~ Passion of the Lord**



**Apr 19 Holy Saturday**



**Apr 19 Easter Vigil**



**Apr 20 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**

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



**Apr 26/27 2nd Sun. of Easter/Divine Mercy Sun.**



**Apr 28 St. Peter Chanel**



**Apr 29 St. Catherine of Siena**



**Apr 30 St. Pope Pius V**



# MAY 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**

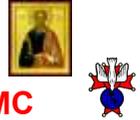


**May 12 Ss. Nereus & Achilleus and St. Pancras**

**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**





# 2025 Parish Picnic



# Ash Wednesday Soup 'n Sandwich Lunch



# Lenten Fish Fry

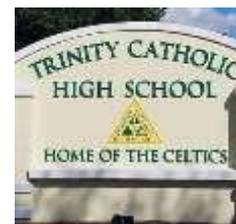




# Knights in the News



## Fish Fries - The Youth



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



# Knights in the News



## Lenten Fish Fries cont'd



1st Tray of Treats Won

by Barbara Davis



## 2025 Silver Rose Service





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



**Coffee & Donuts for Vets**

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, April 4th 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



**Special Olympics, Florida - 2025 Polar Plunge**




**Special Olympics Florida**

**Make a Difference in Florida**  
 With your support, Special Olympics can transform lives through the joy of sport, each and every day.

Lunches were cooked and served to the Student Volunteer Groups from the University of Toledo, on March 6th in Taveras; and a special project/Block Party, March 29th in Leesburg





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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.