



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GRAND KNIGHT

The First Commandment and the Modern-Day Golden Calf

At our last business meeting, I had some fun showing progressively outlandish pictures of Pumpkin Patch promotions. The photos went from a Patch at Bikefest, to pumpkins with a Daytona race pit crew, to the Miami Monkey Jungle, to pumpkins in a Venice Gondola and ending with two Astronauts holding pumpkins on the moon. It was interesting watching the audience viewing the photo-realistic images with growing incredulity as the photos got more outlandish.



This was my first personal experience using an Artificial Intelligence (AI) system. It was fun and disturbingly easy. The photos were not modifications of existing photos but entirely generated from the "mind" of the AI (Microsoft DALL-E). Each photo took 7 seconds to create. Other AI systems like ChatGPT can write a full term paper or thesis in 20 seconds. This of course is causing great consternation among university professors.

But that's the light side of AI. Standby as new AI systems are able to take a photo of a person and generate a flawless video of that person saying and doing anything. Imagine the chaos that will be caused seeing videos of politicians and even clergy saying and doing whatever. Imagine the mental confusion that will be caused in young people who are already confused about their goals, ethics, and identity. Closer to home, imagine getting a Facebook video from someone who looks and sounds exactly like your granddaughter in a panic asking for ransom money or bail.

The AI revolution promises to do great and wonderful work but also has the potential of great harm. Additionally, never in my wildest dreams did I think that we would step into the realm of God's First Commandment. In a recent "Word on Fire" article¹, one of Bishop Baron's colleagues, Justin Kalan cited action by a Microsoft executive who filed paperwork for a nonprofit religious organization called "The Way of the Future"². Its mission: "To develop and promote the realization of a Godhead based on artificial intelligence and through understanding and worship of the Godhead contribute to the betterment of society."

I'll let you form your own opinion where that will lead.

What can we do at our level? Not much, that genie is exiting the bottle. We will have to be vigilant and very skeptical of anything we see or hear in the media that just doesn't look or sound right. Have a family "Password" that is only shared in person and not by email. Most important, pray the Rosary and stay close to the Church.

<https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/contributors/artificial-intelligence-and-the-temptation-of-idolatry/>
[The Way of the Future](#)



Vivat Jesu!

Art Kalinski, GK


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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

PLEASE PRAY FOR



Mario & Debbie Acevedo, **Gislaine Beaulieu**, Dick Bowersox, **Tom Burns**, Richard Davis, **Michael Jimenez**, Joey Landon, **Dixie & Marianne Lynch**, George & Linda Mello, **Dr. Nick Nuciforo**, Carla De

Pasquale, **Dawn Pauline**, Susan Polito, **Al Ragona**, Kathleen Skoblicki, **Sharon Way**



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

The May Knight of the Month is **SK Kelly Way**. Brother Kelly has been a Knight for 10 years and a 4th Degree for 8 years. Kelly is a Past Grand Knight, and currently is a Council Trustee and a 4th Degree Trustee. He serves as one of the valued Kitchen Krew at dinners, fish fries and special duty assignments like Parish Picnics and school functions. He can always be found outside the church selling raffle tickets or collecting donations. And served in Assembly 1675's Color Corps. Kelly is a U.S. Navy Sea Bee veteran.

Your service to our Council, Assembly and our country are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected May 2023 - Knight of the Month!



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 in August/September). 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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for May 2023 is **SK William & Joyce Ehrbar**. SK William has been a Knight for 9 yrs. and a 4th Degree for over 7 yrs. Currently William & Joyce both serve on Capt. Tom's Kitchen Krew; mostly recently doing duty for the Parish Picnic and the Polish Dinner. They are always willing to help out wherever needed.

Your service to the Knights and the Church are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for May 2023!

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth . . . Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. Be at peace. The Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.”

~ Fr. Don Calloway

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KofC5644.org



Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org

FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The April Membership Meeting was held the 19th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of the month; Dinner @ 6pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm, meeting @ 7pm.

Meeting began with Prayer & pledge of allegiance. Charter draped and prayers recited in memory of Brother Everett R. Warzecha who passed 4/14.

- GK report: April Minutes approved; Completed Events: Knights on Bikes State Meeting at BMMMC and Corporate Mass Sunday were a great success; Upcoming Events: SPCS Mom & Son Activity Day 4/22, we will be cooking lunch; May Social on 5/3, All American Cook-out; 5/19 Special Olympics State Games at ESPN World, 18 volunteers signed up; Parish Food Drive bag distribution, 6/4-5: the Revive & Return program is in development, ready at end of July, first session planned for Fall 2023;

- Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 3/31/2023; - Financial Secretary: We are in Good Standing, presented new applicant - Chris Procise, approved; - 4th Deg: Coffee/donuts to be served at the V.A. Clinic 4/21 & 5/5, Nominations opened for 2023-24; - Faith Director: Rosaries to Loan for meetings has begun, they will hang on the memorial/charter wall, wooden kiosk obtained by the GK to replace the cardboard one in Narthex, should be ready in May; - Field Agent: Fraternal Benefits Night Virtual Mtg is 4/26@ 7:30pm 7 council members in attendance need for us to win the 2022-23 Star Council award; DD: Applauded the council on hosting Knights on Bikes, mentioned State Convention in May request made for program ad was approved, 2023 Supreme Convention will be in Orlando this summer, State Council is looking for volunteers to help out;

- Old Business: none; - New Business: Nominations for the 2023-24 Fraternal Year have been opened; SPCS Yearbook ad for Class of 2023 discussed and approved;

- Good of the Order: Joseph Huber presented with his March Family of the Month certificate, Monte Moon presented with the Feb Family of the Month certificate; Attendance Drawing was \$39, not won by Emmett Sapp, Jr; 50/50 was \$24 won by Monte Moon; Prayer List: Gislaine Beaulieu, Dick Davis, Dick Bowersox, Nick Nuciforo;

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Next Membership Meeting Wed., May 17th, BMMMC; 6pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



MAY BIRTHDAYS



3 rd Monserrate Rodriguez	13 th John C Gross
4 th Larry Regan	17 th Richard P St. Cyr
5 th Robert A Miller	21 st James D Kertz
7 th Walter E Satter, Jr	24 th Greg D Piangerelli
12 th Bobby D Hedrick	25 th Warren Ray Crowell
Michael R Jimenez	29 th Frederick Gabbard
Terry G Williams	

ATTENDANCE AND 50/50 DRAWING

Attendance Drawing:

\$39 was not won by Emmett Sapp, Jr.

Next month's drawing will be \$42.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$24 - won by Monte Moon!

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 4/25/23, the Council has 174 members: 85 insurance, 89 associate; 9 Honorary, 44 Honorary Life and 1 Exempt.

Tom Diemer, FS



2023 SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: MAY Winners

1st Prize - \$75.00 - #399 - Brian Lynch

2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #410 - Janet Miller

3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #115 - Muriel Viehmeyer

4th Prize - \$10.00 - #233 - Pat & Bab Dahlberg

2023 Tickets SOLD OUT!

The Council graciously thanks you for your support !



"There are two ways of knowing how good God is: One is never to lose him and the other is to lose him and then find him "

- The Venerable Fulton Sheen,
from his book 'The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen'

Ray Crowell, Faith Director



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings!

On behalf of the K of C Ladies' Auxiliary, we would like to wish Happy Mother's Day to ALL ladies, who care

for and love ALL the children in their lives, no matter how they became part of our lives. May your love and caring be an inspiration or a saving grace in their lives.

For those traveling North for the Summer, may your travels be safe. We look forward to your safe return.

Our next meeting will be on June 18th at 11 am in the BMMMC. We normally have our meetings on the 2nd Thursday but because several of us will be traveling on the Ark Encounter Trip June 6-9, 2023, which falls on our regular meeting date, we moved our meeting to the 3rd Thursday. We still have room on the trip for those who wish to join us. It should be awesome.

We also have opportunities for our Bermuda Cruise October 13 to 21, 2023.

Faith over Fear in ALL things...all the time!!

Cindy Diemer
Betty Gross
Co-Presidents

Please see attached brochures. (click on these links)
[Ark Encounter Flyer - final.pdf](#)
(wsimg.com)

[10-13-23 Mariner of the Seas, Bermuda, Ladies Aux.pub](#)
(wsimg.com)

[10-13-23- Ladies Aux KofC.pub](#)
(wsimg.com)

We have our own phone number:
352-913-5346 and email:
ladiesaux5644@aol.com.
These will be used on all publications and ads.



PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! 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, so 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 had 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 children.

As we enter May, the Month of Mary, may we make the time to Pray Her Rosary, recite Her Prayers and Her Memorare. Give Her our pains and troubles, our thanks and admiration. The Blessed Mother, as at Cana, will ask Her Son to help and He will not refuse Her. "Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, though burdened by my sins, I run to you for protection for you are my mother." *"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary"* (St. Bernard)

COUNCIL SHIRTS

Show you're a member of the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a council shirt.



For information and ordering contact:
Monte Moon 678-427-4595
or email: montemoon@att.net



Council Eternal

SK Everett R Warzecha

...May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.

MAY 2023

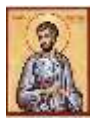
May 1 St. Joseph the Worker



May 2 St. Athanasius



May 3 Sts. Philip & James
Social Dinner @ BMMMC 5pm



May 5 First Friday Adoration



May 7 5th Sunday of Easter

May 10 4th Degree Meeting



7pm: BMMMC -1320 Sunshine Ave.

May 12 Friday Adoration



May 13 Our Lady of Fatima



May 14 6th Sunday of Easter / Mothers' Day



May 15 St. Isidore

May 17 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 6pm



Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC



May 18 St. Pope John I



May 19 Friday Adoration



May 21 The Ascension of the Lord



May 25 St. Pope Gregory VII



May 26 St. Philip Neri/Friday Adoration



May 28 Pentecost Sunday



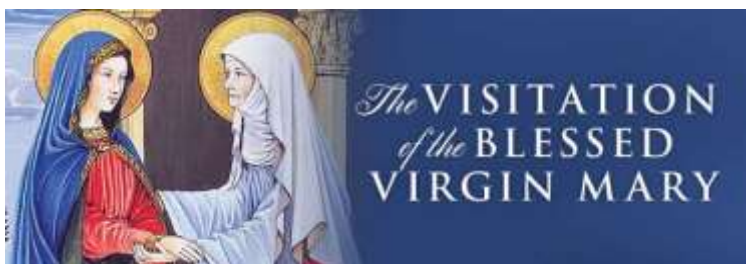
May 29 BVM: Mother of the Church



Memorial Day



May 31 The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary



JUNE 2023

June 1 St. Justin



June 2 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter



First Friday Adoration



June 3/4 Most Holy Trinity



June 5 St. Boniface



June 6 St. Norbert



June 9 St. Ephrem/Friday Adoration



June 10/11 Corpus Christi



June 13 St. Anthony of Padua



June 14 Flag Day / 4th Degree Meeting



7pm: BMMMC -1320 Sunshine Ave.



June 16 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



Friday Adoration



June 17 Immaculate Heart of BVM

June 17/18 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fathers' Day



June 21 Membership Meeting ~ Dinner 6pm



Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC



June 22 Sts. John Fisher & Thomas More

June 23 Friday Adoration



June 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist



June 24/25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria



June 28 St. Irenaeus



June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul

June 30 First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Friday Adoration





COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

At the April membership meeting the council opened nominations for the Fraternal Year 2023-2024. There are vacancies in some of the positions. Here is an excellent opportunity to become involved in your council.

John Gross is the Nominations Chairman if you are interested in running, contact John at:

jg1347@gmail.com



COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Nominations remain open until the Election at the May membership meeting on May 17th.

Become an active member of the council !!!!

2023-2024 Officer Nominations

- GRAND KNIGHT - Art Kalinski
- DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT - Available
- CHANCELLOR - Available
- RECORDER - Available
- TREASURER - Bob Tardiff
- ADVOCATE - Monte Moon
- WARDEN - Richard Davis
- INSIDE GUARD - Alan Albert
- OUTSIDE GUARD - Ray Crowell
- ONE YEAR TRUSTEE - Mark Ochalek
- TWO YEAR TRUSTEE - Larry Huhn
- THREE YEAR TRUSTEE - Kelly Way



Knights on Bikes Hold their 2023 State Meeting at St. Paul's



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



4th Degree Assembly 1675



Faithful Navigator's Message

Sir Knights,

We have a lot going on, all great stuff. Our presence at the Tavares VA was very well received April 21st. Great donuts, coffee, and fellowship while serving our community of veterans. Thank you to Craig Braun once again for the wonderful donuts from Publix. They go over so well. Our next opportunity to serve at the Tavares VA is on May 5th at 8:30 am. I will be picking up the donuts again and Chris Berens will be bringing the coffee and condiments.

Then we will be serving lunch for the Habitat for Humanity again for the last time until at least fall or so. Tony will let me know where we will be for this one and I'll let everyone know at that time. We will arrive to start set up and get cooking around 10:30 am.

Then our regular business meeting is also May 10th at 7:00 pm. The State convention is on May 25th - 28th in Orlando. The Knights on Bikes will also be attending this event as well. May 28th all the Faithful Navigators along with as many Assembly members as possible will be meeting at the National cemetery in Bushnell Florida and will be placing flags at several stones and zones. We will need to arrive by 8:30 am in order to coordinate where we will all begin. For those who can't make it on the 28th, we are required to remove all the flags on June 3rd, so you will have another opportunity to participate then.

So as you can see we have a busy, but blessed month in May. Also on Mother's day, Council 8120 - St. Mary of the Lakes will be serving breakfast. \$3.00 for mothers, and \$7.00 for everyone else. Eggs, potatoes, grits, bacon, pancakes, Belgium waffles, biscuits and gravy, mixed fruit, juice, coffee, donuts, and pastries. You can't beat the price.

Come on over to St. Mary's down in the hall after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am masses and enjoy and honor the mothers.

Busy, busy, busy...

God bless,

Bob Nixon PGK, FN

2023 SPCS Mom & Son Activity Day

On Saturday, April 22nd the Knights Kitchen Crew was asked again this year to cook for the "Mother /Son Day". This event is hosted by St. Paul Catholic School. The event is well attended by the St. Paul Catholic School Students, Student Parishioners, and their family members. Prep work started early at 9 AM. The menu included hot dogs, hamburgers, mac n cheese, corn on the cob, fruit, and condiments. Everything was ready for the lunch line for the noon feeding of 100 participants.

Of course, after lunch was served it was time to clean up. Everything went smoothly and we finished the day about 2:30 PM.

Thanks to the Knights who volunteered Joe Bono, Kelly Way, Larry Regan, Art Kalinski, Ray Crowell, Mark Ochalek and the Ladies Auxiliary Cindy Diemer. It was a successful day for the "Mother/Son" event and the Knights.

Tom Diemer
Coordinator



Coffee & Donuts for Vets



**We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic
Friday, May 5th from 8:30 until 10:30 am
serving coffee and donuts
in appreciation to our veterans.**





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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.