



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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JULY 2026
NEWS & NOTES

COUNCIL #5644 1330 SUNSHINE AVE. LEESBURG, FLORIDA 34748

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

The month of June is the official start of summer, with the solstice marking the longest amount of sunlight of the year. This should remind us that the Lord wants us to be a light to the world by living and demonstrating our faith, which is part of our core values as Knights.



June is also the month we honor our fathers, both earthly and heavenly. Hopefully we do this by living in fashion that they both hoped and expect of us. Illustrating to our family and community a positive Christian role model.

At our forth coming July social we will be recognizing our scholarship winners for 2026 as well as our Knight and Family of the Year. Regretfully, Joyce and I will not be able to attend as family medical issues will require us to again be out of town, but our deepest congratulations go out to all recipients. At the social we will also be marking the approach of the 250th Anniversary of our great Country; as we do, we ask God to bestow his divine guidance unto our leaders and we pray that we can end this division and seemingly insurmountable problems facing our Country, so that we can be the beacon of light to the rest of the world.

In closing, I again thank everyone for their help and support and ask for your prayers for our families and especially for our Military, first responders and those in most need.

Vivat Jesus!
GK Bill Collins



Honorees

Family of Year (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...

Clyde Brock, Tom & Carol Cane, Pat Detweiler, Sandra Duris, Anthony Durkin, William Ehrbar, Melody Fraser, Stephen Gabriel, Susan Gaucher, Ron Golembiowski, Jim Gorman, Terry Graham, Fr. Jack Hayes, Maria Iturbe, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch, Greg Matthews, Linda Mello, Bob Nixon, Mark Ochalek, Annette Osborne, Dawn Pauline, Al & Elaine Ragona, Tom Schweitzer, Joann Siedhoff, Jim Suleski, Richard Sullivan, Kelly Way, Walt & Marilyn Young, Vince Zedler.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings:

As we approach the 250th Anniversary of America, may we be reminded and be grateful for all the

men and women of this great country that have made this American Experiment successful.

There were and will continue to be challenges to be overcome to preserve the vision of our Founding Fathers. Freedom is not Free nor free of challenges. Enjoy all the celebrations with appreciation and expectations of the joys to come. Sustaining our Faith is our greatest gift.

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



Cindy Diemer
Kathy Cornell
Co-Presidents

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FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The Family of the Year is Sir Knight Joseph & Jan Huber! Joe has been a Knight for 47 years, making his First Degree in 1979; he has attained the status of Honorary Membership and a 4th Degree for 2 years. Joe comes from a line of Knights of Columbus in his family. He transferred into this Council in 2019.

They both became active members, helping the Council in events the Council participated for the parish and the Knights (Fish Fries, Trunk-r-Treat, Picnics, Polish Dinner, School Fund Raisers). They both serve as EMHCs on Sundays. Joe is the current Council Recorder and Family Director.

Jan is also active in the Ladies' Auxiliary as the Corresponding Secretary and helps with the parish Youth Groups. They are extremely Faith filled and have been volunteering at their different parishes for man years

Your service to the Knights and St. Paul Parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Family of the Year for 2025-2026!

SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2026

Tickets **SOLD OUT!**

July 2026 Winners

1st Prize - \$100 - #067 Clyde/Mary Ann Brock

2nd Prize - \$50 - #342 R.J. Williams

3rd Prize - \$35 - #466 Mary O'Neill

4th Prize - \$25 - #330 Kateri Ochalek

The Knights graciously thank you for your

Continued Support of this Program!!

God Bless you!!



Membership Meeting Highlights

The June Membership Meeting was held on the 17th; meetings are held the 3rd Wed; Food Service: 5:15 to 6:15pm, Rosary 6:30pm, Membership Mtg. 7pm. (if no Exemplification)

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, Bill Collins.

Meeting opened with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance, GK Bill Collins led. The meeting was suspended at 7:05 to hear an address by Clare O'Brien (former Scholarship recipient) from Net Ministries appealing to support her Mission Year. (see page 8)

Motion made/seconded to approve minutes of the last meeting. The GK thanked Chef Tom & the Kitchen Krew for a delicious Mothers' Day Social.

- Treasurer: Report on all current account balances;
- DD: Membership final push; thanked Council for financial help with convention expenses; Pope Leo's brother spoke at the convention and read a text from His Holiness to the group assembled;
- DW: Noticed we have improved with Protocols; advised he'll withdraw as DW to be GK at St. Tim's;
- Convention Report by Delegates Chris Procise & Dan Gonzalez; both appreciated the opportunity;
- 4th Degree: Exemplification 6/27 in Davie, FL
- FS: Dues Notices sent out, due July 1st; Brother Ted Kornhoff attained Honorary Life status and Jim Kertz attained Honorary status;
- New Business: Motion to donate \$1k to Clare O'Brien's mission year with NET Ministries, 2nd and approved after some discussion;
- Old Business: confirmed to host Parish Hospitality Weekend in July, sign-ups to help are available;
- Scholarships: 3 winners selected from 6 entries, & will be presented at the July 1st Social/Cookout;
- Good of the Order: Mass for the Intention of St. Paul Council Living & Deceased members is 22nd;

Prayer List: Kelly Way having medical procedure. Meeting was closed with the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:15pm. Attendance = 21. Attendance Drawing: \$15 Not Won by James Hyer. 50/50: \$20 - Won by Joe Huber; and Donated back to the Council. Thank you!



Happy Independence Day!!



Next Meeting: Wed. July 15th

JULY BIRTHDAYS

3 rd Louie G Cornelio	21 st Kevin L Maxwell
6 th Patrick L Evans 82	22 nd Tony L Fleck
9 th Robert M Tardiff 91	Dennis P McGee
14 th Robert E Ranchor 83	Donald Podgorny
16 th William G Ehbar 80	24 th James E Gorman 89
Gerald M Shilale, Jr	25 th Stephen Gabriel, Jr 83
17 th Daniel Polito	27 th James D Rice
20 th Kenneth P Lynch 83	

MEMBERSHIP

As of 6/25/2026, the Council has 158 members: 68 insurance, 88 associate; 43 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Congratulation to Brother Jim Kertz who has attained "HONORARY" membership status.

Tom Diemer, FS

Attendance Drawing: \$15 was NOT won by James Hyer
Next month's drawing will be \$18.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$20 was Won by Joe Huber and Donated back to the Council ... Thank you!

You have to be present to play & win!

St. Paul Council 5644

Monthly Mass Intention



During 2026, the Council is sponsoring a Monthly Mass for the
Intention of All Living & Deceased Members of
St. Paul Council #5644

****Wednesday, July 22 at 8:30am****
Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Sep. 23 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 8:30am

The 2026 Annual Memorial Mass for the
Deceased Members of Council 5644; Will be
Sunday, November 15 at 9am



Father Joseph has invited all the Knights, and Ladies' Auxiliary members, to participate in the following activities:
 1) Eucharistic Adoration- following the 8:30 Mass until noon this Friday 7/3,
 2) Patriotic Rosary- following 8:30 Mass on Saturday 7/4.
 As our country commemorates 250 years of liberty, we face war in the Middle East, civil unrest and moral decay here at home. As patriotic Knights, we appreciate the fact that our nation needs our prayers, now more than ever.
Jack Hickey, Faith Director



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:
tonylauser@gmail.com
 or phone: 573-346-0643

WORDS OF WISDOM

"An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered."

— G.K. Chesterton from 'In Defense of Sanity'



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Peace be with You!
 Happy July! And Happy 250th Birthday America!! It is also the beginning of the new Fraternal Year. There is much to do, but maybe a short story first...

Growing up, it seemed that every town had a parade and fireworks to celebrate Independence Day, the 4th of July. The flag of these United States flew from every porch and store front; every telephone pole in the center of town had "Old Glory" displayed. There was pride and gratitude for this wonderful land:

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good, with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

Unfortunately, a large contingent of 'citizens' have fallen away or lost the magic of Freedom, Mom and Apple Pie. They will not celebrate, in any way, the 250th Birthday of America. What has happened? I truly believe that if these malcontents were to go and spend time in lot of other countries, especially those with Socialist or Communist rule, they would beg to return. The grass is not always greener.

Our Blessed Mother, titled Our Lady of Guadalupe, holds the title of Patroness of the Americas and venerated as a unifying figure of faith, culture & identity throughout the Americas. Pray Her Rosary, ask for Her mercy and protection of the U.S.A.

Please Pray for Vocations!






"Carry it with you Always...

And Pray it Often!

JULY 2026

July 1 St. Junipero Serra
Scholarships Award Social Cook-out



July 3 St. Thomas
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



July 4 Independence Day



July 4/5 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 6 St. Maria Goretti



July 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ BMMMC ~ 7pm



July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

July 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

July 11 St. Benedict



July 11/12 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13 St. Henry



July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha



July 15 St. Bonaventure

Council Membership Mtg ~ BMMMC
~ Dinner 5:15pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm

July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel



July 17 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



July 18/19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20 St. Apollinaris



July 22 St. Mary Magdalena



July 23 St. Bridget



July 24 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

July 25 St. James



July 25/26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29 Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus



July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola



AUGUST 2026

Aug 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori



Aug 1/2 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 4 St. John Vianney



Aug 6 Transfiguration of the Lord



Aug 7 St. Pope Sixtus II & Companions

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 8 St. Dominic



Aug 8/9 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 10 St. Lawrence



Aug 11 St. Clare

Aug 12 4th Degree Meeting ~ BMMMC ~ 7pm



Aug 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 15 Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 15/16 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 19 St. John Eudes

Council Membership Mtg ~ BMMMC

~ Dinner 5:15pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Aug 20 St. Bernard



Aug 21 St. Pope Pius X

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 22 Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Aug 22/23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 24 St. Bartholomew



Aug 25 St. Louis

Aug 27 St. Monica



Aug 28 St. Augustine

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 29 Passion of St. John The Baptist

Aug 29/30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary





Knights in the News



Happy 250th Birthday America Social & All American Cook-out



St. Paul Council 5644
2025-2026 Family of the Year
SK Joseph & Jan Huber



2026 College Freshman Scholarship Winners



The Council would like to say a fond farewell and best wishes to Bill Briggs, out-going Facilities Manager for St. Paul's. We appreciate all of his help over the years; and bestow on him the Honorary Title of "Knights of Columbus Council 5644 Fellow."



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

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

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



The Assembly is in the process of re-establishing our Color Corps/Honor Guard

Any Sir Knight interested please contact our Faithful Navigator Tim Jaskiewicz  
50% of the uniform cost will be covered through the support of the Assembly.



### FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ATTENTION!!

July 1st start the new fraternal year 2026-27.  
You must possess a current membership card (2027) to attend the meetings.

You can also pay your dues at the July meeting. We now accept credit card payments.

If there is some type of financial issue, please don't ignore the notice, Please Contact Me.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Tom Diemer PGK/PFN  
 Financial Secretary  
 352-267-9502

## KofC St. Paul Council 5644 & Ladies' Auxiliary

*Wishes You a Happy  
 & Safe Fourth of  
 July!*

*Happy 250th  
 America !!*





# Council #5644 Supports Our Youth



Clare O'Brien

Donate now!



<https://give.netusa.org/clareobrien>

## Worried About Young People Leaving the Church?

Why not support young adults like Clare who love our Catholic faith and are passionate about sharing it with other young people? NET missionaries dedicate a year of their lives to running retreats for Catholic youth and young adults at schools, parishes and colleges throughout the US and abroad!

## Support Clare O'Brien's Mission with NET Ministries

Clare graduated from Loyola University last month. She knows firsthand how young people often feel disconnected from God and the Church. But, she has also seen how open they can be when someone their age witnesses to them personally.

Your generosity directly supports her mission — every contribution helps make this work possible!

### Please Donate Today

Scan the QR code to make a secure donation or visit: <https://give.netusa.org/clareobrien>

### Further Questions?



[clare.obrien@netusa.org](mailto:clare.obrien@netusa.org)



352 - 461-7194



I wish to be able to thank you and send you updates during my ministry year.  
Please complete this card and include it with your gift - thank you!

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If writing a check, please make it out to "NET Ministries Foundation" and send to:  
110 Crusader Ave West, West Saint Paul, MN 55118

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Council #5644 Supports the Unborn



**JMJ Pregnancy Center GALA**  
**Saturday, September 12, 2026**

**Rosen Center**  
**9840 International Drive**  
**Orlando, FL 32819**

**Cocktails and Pre-gathering 5:30 PM**  
**Keynote Dinner and Music 7 PM**

**Parking is FREE**

**Knights of Columbus St. Paul Council 5644**  
**is sponsoring a table of ten complimentary seats**  
**for a Knight and/or a spouse.**  
**(first come, first serve)**

**To reserve, please contact Treasurer SK Chris Procise:**  
**[ceprocise@gmail.com](mailto:ceprocise@gmail.com)**

**Individual seats may be obtained for \$150 by contacting**  
**Colleen Cusick at 667-231-1764 or [colleencusick@jmjpc.org](mailto:colleencusick@jmjpc.org)**

**Donation link is: [DONATEjmjfriends.org](https://DONATEjmjfriends.org)**

**note "Gala individual ticket"**

**Check is payable and mailed to:**

**JMJ Pregnancy Center**  
**Attn: Gala Committee**  
**1401 West Colonial Ave.**  
**Orlando, FL 32804**





# Council #5644 Supports Our Ladies' Auxiliary



AAA AUTO CLUB GROUP PRESENTS

## **SEMINOLE HARD ROCK**

**TAMPA, FL.**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2026**



Tampa Bay Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino is a gaming complex and Four Diamond hotel. The Casino offers dining at The REZ Grill, Hard Rock Café or the Food Court for lunch. Try your luck with Live Blackjack, Slots, Poker and more! \$5.00 charitable donation will be included in the total price of each applicable transaction. This portion of the price shall be remitted directly to Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary 5644 as a donation at the conclusion of the trip.

### **HIGHLIGHTS & ITINERARY**

- Round-trip bus transportation
- Walking Involved
- Non Smoking on 2nd floor w/ limited machines.
- Multiple Restaurants Available

**\$55.00  
per person**

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ONCE BOOKED***

08:30 a.m. Depart Saint Paul's  
1330 Sunshine Ave Leesburg

Rear Parking Lot

10:00 a.m. Arrive at Hard Rock

03:00 p.m. Depart for Saint Paul's

04:30 p.m. Arrive Leesburg

*All times are approximate!*



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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.