



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



**JULY 2025
NEWS & NOTES**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings, as your newly elected Grand Knight for Council 5644, I'd like to share a few things about myself with you. I was born and raised in Midland Michigan. I attended Midland schools and graduated from Michigan Tech University with a Master's Degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering. My professional work experience included 3 years teaching at Mich. Tech. after graduating, 35 years with Dow Chemical Co., including international travel and several years working with engineering firms in California, Maryland & Florida. My family includes my wife, Barbara; 9 adult children and we have been blessed with many grand and great-grandchildren. I converted to Catholicism before my first marriage in 1964 and have remained an active practicing catholic ever since. I received my 3rd Degree two and a half years ago, and this past November my 4th Degree. I look forward to serving my Catholic Brothers as their Grand Knight here at St. Paul's.



Vivat Jesus,
Dick Davis, Grand Knight



Honorees

Knight of the Year (Pg. 2)



Family of the 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!**

**On behalf of St.
Paul Council 5644
and the Ladies'
Auxiliary, we wish
you a Happy and
Safe 4th of July!**



MADE IN USA



Council #5644 Website
KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Carol Cane, Thelma Cecil, Ryan Cimino, Pat Detweiler, Tom Diemer, Andrew Dul, Anthony Durkin, William Ehrbar, Stephen Gabriel, Dcn. Paul & Susan Gaucher, Ron Golembiowski, Terry Graham, Leonard Ignas, Maria Iturbe, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch, Greg Matthews, George & Linda Mello, Jerry & Joanne Moreau, Bob Nixon, Greg & Mark Ochalek, Dawn Pauline, Susan Polito, Al Ragona, Larry Regan, Tom Schweitzer, Kathleen Skoblicki, Joan Tardiff, Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Fran Wolman, Haley Williams, Joan Woodson, Walt & Marilyn Young, Vincent & Mary Clare Zedler.



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

2025 Knight of the Year is Dan Gonzalez. Brother Dan has been a Knight for just a year. He has done much in that time to promote a solid positive face of what is a Knight of Columbus. He chaired the Free Throw Contest at SPCS and managed the Youth Ministry servers at the Lenten Fish Fries. Dan does much for St. Paul's; he is a Sacristan, an EMHC, Mass Captain, fill-in Lector, Usher & Bells Toller; recently took over the duty of Liturgical Minister scheduling. He is involved with Youth Group and teaches for the Religious Education/Sacramental Prep/Confirmation class.

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

FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Family of the Year are Dan & Denise Gonzalez. Dan joined the Knights one year ago and has been a solid impact from the start. You see him at daily Mass, all Sunday Masses and various other activities at the church, smartly attired, donning his red KofC vest. While volunteering at Mass, he is a Sacristan & EMHC, Mass Captain, Lector and fill-in Usher. Denise is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, just elected Treasurer; is also active in the Liturgy, volunteering as EMHC & Lector. They both also volunteer with the Youth Group, with Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation classes (Dan with the Confirmandi and Denise the First Eucharist Communicants) and the Lenten Fish Fries; they also were active in the Silver Rose Prayer Service.

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



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings

Wishing all a safe, healthy and happy Summer, no matter your plans. We congratulate the newly installed Board of the Ladies Auxiliary and look forward to working towards our mission goals of supporting our priests, parish and school, youth group and the worthy community charities. We look forward to working with Fr. Seno and Fr. Augustine to meet our goals.

Change has challenges but offers opportunities to be true to our Faith and the love of Our Eucharist.

May we continue to Pray for the conversion of evil and return to Faith in this world with love for one another.

Cindy Diemer / Joyce Collins

Co-Presidents

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

email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



July 2025 Winners

- 1st Prize - \$75.00: #344 - Marcel Poupard
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00: #084 - Ken Lynch
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00: #375 - **Gerri O'Loughlin**
- 4th Prize - \$10.00: #260 - Matthew Maddock

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

Membership Meeting Highlights

The June Membership Meeting was held the 18th, 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.

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, Dick Davis.

The GK Ken Lynch opened meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; prior meetings Minutes were approved; Charter was draped & prayers said for brother +Jeffrey Pfister;

- GK report: Recap of events: read a thank you card from Fr. Matthew; State Deputy notified us that we've met all requirements for Star Council;
- Treasurer: Report on accts, we will close the fraternal year in the red, mostly due to the college scholarships were handed out in June not August;
- FS: All is in Good Order with Supreme Dues Bills were mailed out this week, please pay a.s.a.p.;
- Faith Dir: Blsd McGivney prayer cards received, starting 33 Days of Eucharistic Glory program 7/4; reminder about the Novena for Pope Leo XVI; we have received McGivney Adoration Hour booklets;
- KCIC: "Keep Christ In Christmas" billboard paid;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic July 4th cancelled, back on Aug 1; 2025-26 Officers elected;
- Scholarship: anticipate increasing tickets sold to 600+ for 2026, maybe add a SPCS scholarship;
- New Business: GK-Elect Dick Davis presented the Past Grand Knight plaque/certificate/jewel to outgoing GK Ken Lynch; and gave a short report on the state convention, where he presented Special Olympics FL w/the council donation and accepted an appreciation coin from the State Council;
- Old Business: None
- DD: Outgoing DD Milonas expressed his thanks and best wishes; introduced new DD Gary Quinn;
- Good of the Order: Honorees: KOY Dan Gonzalez and FOY Dan & Denise Gonzalez were announced at the June Social, along with college scholarship
- Attendance Drawing \$9, Not Won by Richard Nelson; 50/50 - \$36 won by Chris Procise and donated back to the council - Thank you!; 24 were present, meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, July 16th



JULY BIRTHDAYS



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| 3 rd Louie G Cornelio | 17 th Daniel Polito |
| 5 th Robert J Allen, Jr | 20 th Kenneth P Lynch 82 |
| 6 th Bernard C Duko 87 | 21 st Kevin L Maxwell |
| Patrick L Evans 81 | 22 nd Dennis P McGee |
| 9 th Robert M Tardiff 90 | Donald Podgorny |
| 14 th Robert E Ranchor 82 | 24 th James E Gorman 88 |
| 16 th William G Ehbar | 25 th Stephen Gabriel, Jr 82 |
| Gerald M Shilale, Jr | 27 th James D Rice |

Attendance Drawing:

\$9 was NOT WON by Richard Nelson...

Next month's drawing will be \$12.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$36 Won by Chris Procise and generously donated back to the Council, Thank U!

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 6/25/2025, the Council has 164 members: 71 insurance, 93 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 7 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:
tonylause@gmail.com
or phone: 573-346-0643



"While the whole world is doing everything it can to avoid and drown out their pain and suffering, we are reminded each Sunday at Mass that our pain and suffering have tremendous value when united to the pain and suffering of Jesus on the Cross."
 ~ by Matthew Kelly (from his book 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be With You! Happy July! The new fraternal year has begun, and there is much to do!! But maybe a short tale first... My +Pop & my +Uncle Ed were 1st cousins, and these cousins married sisters, +Mom and +Ciocia (aunt) Mary. It is no wonder then, that two of their sons born 75 days apart, first me then Cousin Paul, are best friends (maybe you remember). We did everything together. Me, laid back, easy going; Paul the risk taker and go-getter; a perfect match up, I followed him into trouble everywhere. Including the Erie, PA PD at age 4! Our Moms liked to shop at a department store (Boston Store) in downtown Erie, PA. On one such visit, with Paul & I in tow; while they were checking out the latest sales, Paul & I slipped away. We found our way outside; they had those neat revolving doors and after a required 5 or 6 spins we hopped out to the sidewalk on State St. near the corner of West 7th. Being rookie delinquents, we were spotted by the "heat" immediately and taken into custody. An announcement inside the store alerted a couple of (I'm sure) panicked Moms, that we could be bailed out at the Precinct next door. They found us, sitting on the Sargent's desk, eating ice cream! They were not amused to say the least, but grateful for our "Guardian Angels" in blue. We keep our heavenly Guardian Angels on their toes still today; Thank you!! Vivat Jesu! Please Pray for Vocations!




FIELD AGENT



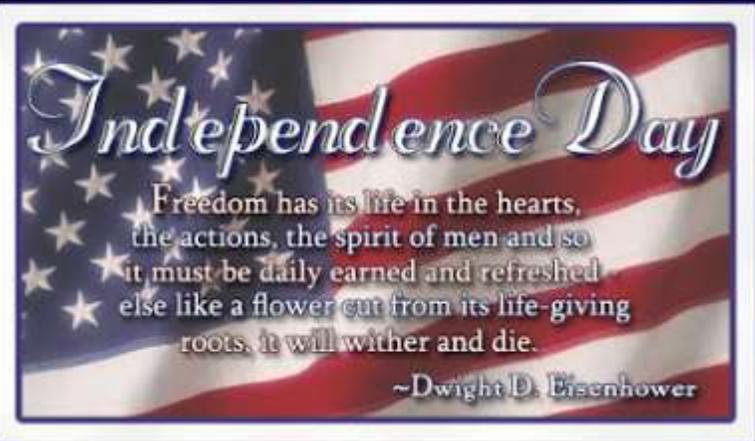
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Kevin

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Be ever engaged, so that whenever the devil calls he may find you occupied."

— St. Jerome

Independence Day

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower




"Carry it with you
 Always...
 And Pray it
 Often!

JULY 2025

AUGUST 2025

July 1 St. Junipero Serra



July 3 St. Thomas, Apostle



July 4 Independence Day



Friday Adoration: 9-12pm Church

July 5 St. Elizabeth of Portugal



July 5/6 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong
4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



July 12/13 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha



July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop



July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



July 18 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



July 19/20 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22 St. Mary Magdalene



July 23 St. Bridget, Religious



July 25 St. James, Apostle
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



July 26 Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM

July 26/27 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 29 Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus



July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop



July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola



Aug 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 2/3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 4 St. John Vianney



Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

Aug 7 St. Sixtus and Companions



Aug 8 St. Dominic
Friday Adoration: 9-12p

Aug 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



Aug 9/10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 11 St. Clare



Aug 13 Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



Aug 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe



Aug 15 Assumption of the BVM
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 16 St. Stephen of Hungry



Aug 16/17 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 20 St. Bernard, Abbot
Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Aug 21 St. Pope Pius X



Aug 22 The Queenship of the BVM
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Aug 23/24 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 27 St. Monica



Aug 30 St. Augustine



Aug 23 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Aug 30/31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

Due to the July 4th Holiday falling on the first Friday in July, We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, August 1st 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

SK Ronald Tranquilli received his 4th Degree

Exemplification Certificate & lapel pin;



4th Degree Assembly 1675 Officers for 2025-2026

Congratulations to the newly Elected!

- F. Navigator - SK Tim Jaskiewicz
- F. Comptroller - SK Mark Ochalek
- Faithful Captain - SK Al Ragona
- Faithful Admiral - SK Duane Costello
- F. Purser - SK Christopher Procise
- Faithful Pilot - SK Bill Collins
- Faithful Scribe - SK Chris Berens
- Inner Sentinel - SK Ray Crowell
- Outer Sentinel - SK Tom Diemer
- One Year Trustee - SK Doug Rollins
- Two Year Trustee - SK Robert Nixon
- Three Year Trustee - SK Tony Podczasy



Knights in the News



Welcome Rev. Stephen Ogonwa "Fr. Seno"! St. Paul Council #5644 & Ladies' Auxiliary and Lake County Assembly #1675 are ready to Serve...



GK Dick Davis attended the 2025 FL State Convention where he delivered a \$1,000 donation check to Denise Breneman of the Central FL Special Olympics.

State Council awarded our council with an Appreciation Coin for our participation and donation to Special Olympics FL.



This is Marge and Bob Miller. Bob turned 90 on 5/5 and Marge turned 90 on 6/16. They also just celebrated the 69th wedding anniversary.





Knights in the News



Thank You to GK Ken Lynch and all outgoing Council Officers!
Best Wishes to the new slate of Officers for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year!



Grand Knight
Dick Davis



Deputy GK
Bill Collins



Chancellor
Jack Hickey



Treasurer
Chris Procise



Warden
Joe Huber



Inside Guard
Joey Landon



Outside Guard
Ray Crowell



Advocate
Monte Moon



3 Yr Trustee
Larry Huhn



2 Yr Trustee
Doug Rollins



1 Yr Trustee
Kelly Way



Financial Secretary
Tom Diemer

Passing of the Gavel
Ken Lynch to Dick Davis



Presentation of the Past Grand Knight Plaque/Certificate/Jewel
GK-Elect Dick Davis to Outgoing GK Ken Lynch



2025 College Freshman \$1,000 Scholarships



Theodore Kanczurewski
Attending Diocese of Orlando
Minor Seminary

Angeliese Mzhickteno
Attending St. Leo University

Brian Mayhuire
Attending University of Florida

Knight of the Year

Daniel Gonzalez



Family of the Year
Daniel & Denise
Gonzalez

Welcome Back District Deputy



Gary E. Quinn
District 23
Region 3



Council Eternal



Jeffery M. Pfister, P.A. Attorney At Law



JMJ Pregnancy Center GALA

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Rosen Center

9840 International Drive

Orlando, FL 32819

Cocktails and Pre-gathering 5:30 PM

Dinner and Program 7-9 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 call Mary Clare Zedler by July 31:

901-371-7489

Individual seats may be obtained for \$150 by contacting

Colleen Cusick at 667-231-1764 or colleencusick@jmjpc.org.

Check is payable and mailed to:

JMJ Pregnancy Center

Attn: Gala Committee

1401 West Colonial Ave.

Orlando, FL 32804

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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.