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- Important Dates - Looking Ahead:**
- **Wed Jul 1**– Clean the World 1:00 pm
 - **Sat Jul 4**– **Celebration of the USA**
 - **Sun Jul 5**– VFCG Mass 10:00 am
 - **Tue Jul 7**– Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
 - **Sat Jul 11**– Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
 - **Mon Jul 13**– Assembly #1667 Meeting 7:00 pm
 - **Tue Jul 14**– Council Meeting 6:30 pm
 - **Sat Jul 18**– Rosary 4 Life 8:45 am
 - **Tue Jul 21**– FIA Directors Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
 - **Thu Jul 30**– Pinta Log Content Deadline
 - **Tue Aug 4**– Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
 - **Tue Aug 11**– Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
 - **Sun Aug 16**– Parish's Pancake Breakfast after 8/10/Noon Mass

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Grand Knight's Message to the Council By Grand Knight, Joseph Pocius



Worthy Brother Knights, As we begin this new fraternal year in the Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I greet you with joy and gratitude. July invites us to reflect deeply on Christ's supreme sacrifice — His Precious Blood poured out for our salvation — and to respond with renewed courage, mercy, and charity in all that we do. This July is especially significant as our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the United States. In this milestone year, our principle of Patriotism takes on added meaning as we give thanks for the blessings of liberty and the opportunity to live our Catholic faith freely.

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Welcome to a New Fraternal Year! By DGK Nick Leon



Dear Brother Knights,

As I step into my new role as your Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director, I am honored to serve our council during this coming year. My primary focus is simple: **putting our faith into action.**

We have a strong foundation of successful programs that continue to make a tangible difference in our parish and community, and I am committed to ensuring their continued success. At the same time, I am looking ahead to identify new opportunities where we can expand our service & charitable efforts to meet the evolving needs of our parish and community.

Whether we are refining our existing initiatives or launching new projects, your passion is what drives our impact. I look forward to working closely with all of you to make this year our most meaningful yet. Stay tuned... the Best is yet to come!

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,

Nicholas "Nick" Leon
Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director



Let us also celebrate the Installation of our Officers. I extend sincere thanks to our outgoing officers for their faithful service and congratulate our new officers. Your leadership and willingness to serve strengthen our Council and our mission. With this new time of fresh beginnings, let us embrace our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism with greater zeal. Together, may we: Serve our parish and community with generous hearts, Strengthen our brotherhood by inviting new members, Deepen our spiritual life through prayer and devotion to the Eucharist Support our families, defend our Catholic faith, and honor our nation's 250-year heritage of liberty With the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, let this new fraternal year be one of faithful service and abundant blessings. **Vivat Jesus!**

Joseph Pocius, Grand Knight

Sharing Center - Saturday July 11

Serve Saturday

Join us for a Saturday of service helping our community in need!

Our Council participates with **Serve Saturday** at the Sharing center every 2nd Saturday of the month, serving from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Noon. **Our next event will occur on July 11.** If you can attend, please email Tom Przybyla at tom-przybyla3@gmail.com. There were 5 volunteers at June's event. Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. The Sharing center is located at: [600 North Highway 17-92, Suite 130 Longwood, FL 32750](#). You can view all of the pictures from both of these event on our website's Home page.



Council Meeting - Tuesday July 14



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 14** at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria. A Rosary will be recited starting at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria. We will be providing a delicious meal after the meeting and there will be time to socialize and get to know each other. If you are relatively new in the Council and haven't quite found a part to play, this is a fine time to figure that out. Please attend this meeting and support and participate in our many activities.

Fr. Ralph DuWell Fr. Sinclair Cushmore



WELCOME,
FATHER RALPH AND FATHER SINCLAIR —
WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US!



2026 - 2027 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events: [Annual Calendar](#)

Upcoming Council Events: Click on the link to view more details: [Upcoming Events](#)



July 2026

The Pinta Log Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Clean the World	2	3	4
5 St. Ignace Mass	6	7 Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	8	9	10	11 Serve Saturday Sharing Center Serve Saturday
	13 1667 Assembly Meeting	14 Council Meeting	15	16	17	18 Rosary 4 Life
	20	21 Virtual FIA Planning Meeting	22	23	24	25
	27	28 Council Social - Tentative	29	30 Pinta Log Content Deadline	31	

- Check our Council's website for up-to-the-minute information on new events or changes to scheduled events. Add the site to your browser's 'Favorites' for quick access.

- If you have a story you would like to be considered for inclusion in **The Pinta Log**, please submit the article by email to: nick.a.leon96@gmail.com

The content deadline for the **August** edition is **Thursday July 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

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You can pay your Annual Membership Dues. Still pay your dues by cash or check by giving it to our Financial Secretary, Richard Hosler. Make your check payable to: "Knights of Columbus 5618". Or you can mail your check to:

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Knights/Veterans Family Communion Event - Sun July 5



Dear Brother Knights, Since 2018 my fellow volunteers and I have been putting on Knights/Veterans Family Communion Events at St Mary Magdalen Church. We have hosted almost 500 communions in the course of the events. We have been having the events celebrating Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day (9-11), and Veteran's Day. Getting Knights and Veterans and their families together for Communions on or near Patriotic Holidays is a worthwhile activity, in accordance with the National Eucharistic Revival initiative, and promotes fellowship among Knights and Veterans. I want to get the word out to all councils and 4th degree assemblies in Florida about these events. I would be happy to share our methods and information with everyone interested in putting on these events all over the state, in K of C Councils, and 4th degree assemblies. See your emails for further details for the next upcoming Mass.

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND:

When: Sunday, July 05, 2026 at the 10am Mass at
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Jim Coppens, Founder,
Knights'/Veterans' Family Communion Events, St. Mary Magdalen Church,
407.261.0914, coppensjh@gmail.com

Brothers Celebrating July Birthdays

Jul 1	Leonardogeovanni C Villanueva	Jul 9	Rev Christopher L Dorsey	Jul 19	Gary Stalker
Jul 2	Paul C Riccard	Jul 11	Kelly J Craine	Jul 20	Rev John R Flynn
Jul 2	Thomas B Van Brunt	Jul 13	James J Taglia Jr	Jul 29	Michael E Scotchie
Jul 4	Dale L Chesko	Jul 14	Richard B Rogers	Jul 30	Leslie K Philip
Jul 4	Roberto M Gitto	Jul 16	Paul M Beleckas		
Jul 4	Frank Scarlata	Jul 18	Kenneth R Wagner		

From Our Faith Director

By Tom Przybyla



My Brothers in Faith, I show two videos at each Men's Club monthly meeting to help us learn more about our Catholic faith. For the June meeting I wanted to find a video on the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the Holy Catholic Church honors the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus every June. The Feast of the Sacred Heart is one of the most profound celebrations of the Church's liturgical year. I encourage you to watch this video because it will educate you on the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When you watch, you'll see some extraordinary artwork. Why Did Jesus Reveal His Sacred Heart? | The Love That Redeemed Mankind - By Excerpta Catechismi 11:16 <https://youtu.be/NtXs0o5ENhk?si=A8UsivgVt5Z-HF06>. The Saturday June 20 Laudate reflection on the Sacred Heart of Jesus said "Look straight into the eyes of the Person of Jesus from the Icon or image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His gaze is steady, peaceful, and filled with infinite authority. The very same love that looks down upon you at this moment is the love that actively governs the entire cosmos. If the Ruler of the universe is looking at you with infinite affection, what room is left for fear?" I did this last Saturday morning when I was alone at home. I looked into Jesus' eyes and talked to him about many things for around 15- 20 minutes, telling him how thankful I was for all he does for my family and for me, and for answering my prayers. Tears flowed from my eyes. It was a moving, wonderful, spiritual, and peaceful experience. For you see, on Sunday June 14, I hurt my lower back again and on Monday the 15th, I could not put any weight on my right leg. On Wednesday, I bought a cane which I used to help me walk. On Friday I went to a chiropractor who did some work on my back. I felt relief for a couple of hours, but the pain came back and I was back on the cane again. On that Saturday morning of the 20th when I looked into Jesus's eyes and talked to him, I asked him among many other things, to stop the pain so I could perform as Sacristan on Sunday. A few hours later I could walk with no pain for the rest of the day and all day on Sunday. God loves us and He will bless you with his many gifts and mercy, and He answers your prayers. I highly recommend you look at an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and talk to him while looking into his loving eyes. Also, I encourage you to pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus every day or as often as you can. I've included the Sacred Heart of Jesus prayer, and the Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. When I started searching YouTube for videos for the June meeting, I had no idea what topic to select for the second video. When I first opened YouTube, one of the featured videos was the one linked below. I believed the Holy Spirit wanted me to watch this video, and trusting in the Spirit, I watched it and selected it. Bishop Robert Barron says 'As Jesus sends his disciples on mission, he gives them, and us, a wonderful instruction in the spiritual life. What we hear, as I say, is astonishing—and if you allow it to sink in, it will change your life.' I encourage you to watch this powerful video. Fear No One - Bishop Barron's Sunday Sermon - By Bishop Robert Barron 14:33 https://youtu.be/4nstz_G2Qtg?si=ochWWs7ry-EuKsZO. May God bless you and your family. **The Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer:** O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen. **Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart:** O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to you I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring, and glorifying you. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to you, and to do all for your love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease you. I take you, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be you, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God your Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in you, O Heart of Love, I hope all from your infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist you. Imprint your pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget you or be separated from you. I beseech you, through your infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon your Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of your devoted servants. Amen

Tom Przybyla,
Faith Director



Brothers, It appears we are in the Doldrums of Summer. We are not. Life Choices will be hosting it's Annual Gala on 29-Aug. As of this writing, we have room for four people at our table. While the cost is absorbed by the Council, it is expected that each of us make a reasonable contribution towards Life Choices' operating costs. Please contact me for more details, should you be interested in participating in this "Black Tie Optional" event. As you know Central Florida Laps4Life has its annual event in March of each year. An update. The event will be held on 6-MAR 2027 at Bishop Moore. Since the event was held last March, we have been involved in six ultrasound machine placements with another in process. These should bring us to over 70. Again, no other individual group of Knights has done anywhere near this many. Brothers, we do not do this for the publicity. We do it because it's the right thing.

We do it to save the babies. We neither brag nor are we proud. WE ARE PLEASED. Remember PRIDE is one of the Seven Deadly Sins. When asked, this is a matter of fact. When we go to the State Convention, let the individual Councils get their awards (even we received one this past year). They can go shout from the Mountain Tops. WE...The Knights of 5618 all have drawers and closets full of accolades. We don't care about those. They look nice, but they take up space in the drawers. Those plaques just gather dust. I know, Jackie made George and me hang a bunch because she needed the drawer space. Gentlemen, I just want to thank you and congratulate each of you for all you have done. We do it for the babies...nothing more...nothing less. May God Bless you. **Vivat Jesus, James J. Taglia, Culture of Life Director Bishop Grady Council 5618**



Honoring Our PGK George Meyer at Our Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner



Thank You PGK George Meyer for Your Dedication & Service to Council 5618!



Newly Installed Council Officers for FY of 2026 to 2027- Congratulations All!





Brothers This month, Americans celebrate and give thanks to God for the 250th anniversary of the United States. The American story is one of 250 years of great sacrifices, freedoms and the responsibility to bear those freedoms well. This month I want to talk to you about a special kind of freedom - freedom in retirement. What do you want your retirement to look like? Maybe you'd like to spend more time with family, travel, volunteer or pursue hobbies. If you're already retired, you likely know how important it is to prepare financially for this period of life. Retired or not, have you considered just how long your retirement could be? It could, in fact, last multiple decades. Will you have enough money to cover the lifestyle you want for years to come? Now, you might doubt that your retirement will span decades. But what about your family? Will their needs be taken care of when you're no longer here? What legacy do you want to leave your children and grandchildren? Don't miss the opportunity to prepare for the freedom of long-term financial stability in retirement. While it's easy to get lost in the expenses in front of us right now, planning ahead with insurance and fixed annuities can pay off enormously for you and your loved ones. If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet. Let's continue to thank God for our nation and for all his blessings.

Thank you!

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Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight



Picture #1: Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Knight of the Month award for May to Nathan Obit. Nathan joined us roughly three months ago and has quickly become an active member of our council. Most notably, he volunteered at the

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive held last weekend in effectivity communicating with potential new Knights whereby assisting the council in bringing in a total of 42 potential members. He also volunteered in participating in the Knights/Veterans & Communion Group Mass alongside Brother Jim Coppens and Chris Kane. It is exciting to see a new brother dedicate his time and talent so early to better our council, parish, and community. Thank you, Nathan, for your hard work and continued commitment. **Picture #2:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for May to Peyton & Cecilia Meehan Zavaleta. Peyton and Cecilia are dedicated servants to the Lord and the Church, truly embodying a family living out its Christian beliefs. They share these values through their podcast, "Some Catholic Podcasts for Imperfect Catholics," and recently contributed an article to last month's and this month's Pinta Log newsletter. Furthermore, both are involved in the O.C.I.A. program when religious education programs are active at the parish. Peyton currently serves as the parish's new Communications Coordinator. Thank you, Peyton and Cecilia, for your dedication to the faith and to spreading the gospel. **Picture #3:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, & Chancellor Ricardo Diaz welcomed 3 new brothers at our last month's meeting.

Leave No Neighbor Behind - Helping Hands Program



If you know of a brother Knight, Men's Club member or SMM parishioner who needs the labor to help with a small project, such as yard work, pressure washing, or small repairs, and they have purchased the needed supplies, please contact our

Helping Hands program chair Tom Poppell at tompopl@aol.com or 407-920-2497 or Tom Przybyla at tom-przybyla3@gmail.com or 407-460-8109. We need 2 weeks of lead time to make arrangements for the project.

Helping Hands Project for a Veteran Amputee:

On Tuesday 5/5, Tom Poppell help with a yard clean up project for a Veteran who is an amputee. The project was successful and he greatly appreciated it.

