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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Mar 3** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Wed Mar 4** – Clean the World 1:00 pm
- **Fri Mar 6** – 3rd Fish Fry Dinner 5:00 pm
- **Sat Mar 7** – CFL Laps4Life 9:00 am
- **Mon Mar 9** – #1667 Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Mar 10** – #5618 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Fri Mar 13** – 4th Fish Fry Dinner 5:00 pm
- **Sat Mar 14** – Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Fri Mar 20** – 5th Fish Fry Dinner 5:00 pm
- **Sat Mar 21** – Monthly Rosary4Life 8:45 am
- **Fri Mar 27** – 6th Fish Fry Dinner 5:00 pm
- **Mon Mar 30** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Tue Apr 7** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm

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# The Pinta Log



## Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, George Meyer



**Worthy Brother Knights,**

We are already in the depths of Lent, hopefully digging deeper into the sacrificial nature of this holy season.

I have already written about the practice of 'offering up' all our sufferings in reparation for our sins and those of the whole world. This is a worthwhile practice, especially since we are doing a good bit of suffering, aren't we?

As of writing, we have one Fish Fry Dinner behind us. The demand was so high it seemed we had people out the door the entire time! Everyone worked together like every year, and the blessings flowed.

It is such an edifying sight to have 'new night' and 'old timer' showing Charity, Fraternity, and Unity at these dinners.

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## Our Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Duberney Rodas



**Dear brothers,**

I write to you as we navigate the sacred wilderness of this Lenten season. We look toward the Solemnity of Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 19 as a oasis, a providential moment to recalibrate our hearts according to the model of the Most Chaste Spouse.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam pluries* emphasizes a truth that speaks directly to the soul of every knight: Joseph was the Guardian of the Divine household. The Pope writes: Joseph was the guardian, the administrator and the legal defender of the divine house of which he was the head... it is, then, natural and worthy of Blessed Joseph that, as he ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth... he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage the Church of Jesus Christ.

In our journey we are guided by the Message of Pope Leo XIV titled "Listening and Fasting: Lenten as a Time of Conversion" The Pope calls us to a deeper interiority, one that Saint Joseph perfected in the silence of Nazareth, He reminds us that "Conversion begins not in the noise of the world, but in the silence of the listening heart". He challenges us to see fasting not merely as a physical deprivation, but as a way to "make room: for the Word of God to echo within us. For a Knight, this is a call to St. Joseph's silence.

Let us hold fast to the words of Matthew 1:24, this verse is the perfect synthesis of Pope Leo XIV's message: Joseph listened (in his dream), his heart was converted from fear to courage, and he acted with the discipline of a man who had fasted his own will to embrace God's plan. Saint Joseph stands before us as a model of quiet strength, inviting us, the men of this noble Order, to draw inspiration for our personal growth, in protecting our families, in being effective in our volunteer service, and our love of country. He was a man of faith fully embraced God's salvific plan, prompt and silent obedience, chaste love for Mary, and fruitful reticence amid trials.

Let us inspire in Joseph for he makes the ordinary heroic. Let his virtues fuel our Lenten journey, transforming you into better husbands, fathers, servants, and citizens. May Mary, his Spouse, and our Lord Jesus Christ bless your noble efforts

In Christ,

**Fr. Duberney Rodas G,  
Chaplain**

**"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."**

**(Matthew 1:24)**

Laps 4 Life is happening the 7th; another wonderful event that gathers everyone of good will together to bear witness to the sanctity of human life—with our movement and money.

I thank you all for what you do for the Lord. The context of your contribution is Council 5618, but it goes further into the Kingdom of Christ. Please persist in prayer no matter your current circumstances; whether you've been doing the same thing for years, have slowed down, or are looking for a new avenue to give.

You are always needed in whichever way you contribute!

**Vivat Jesus,**

**George Meyer, Grand Knight**

## Clean the World - Wed Mar 4 / Sharing Center - Sat Mar 14



**March 4.** You will be sorting out the soap bars and plastic bottle amenities that Clean the World collects from the hospitality industry and recycles. You may also pack the recycled soap into boxes that are then distributed via global NGOs, such as The WASH Foundation.

Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. Clean the World is located near the Orlando International Airport at: [2544 E Landstreet Rd Ste 600, Orlando, FL 32824](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2544+E+Landstreet+Rd+Ste+600,+Orlando,+FL+32824) (click to open a map). For more information: <https://cleantheworld.org/doing-good/#volunteer>

Our Council participates with a volunteer event at Clean the World every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1pm – 3pm **The next event will occur on Wednesday,**



## 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 March 14.** If you can attend, please email Tom Przybyla at [tomprzybyla3@gmail.com](mailto:tomprzybyla3@gmail.com). There were 5 volunteers at February'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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/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.

## CFL Laps 4 Life - Sat Mar 7 / Council Meeting - Tue Mar 10



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 10** at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria. A Rosary will be recited starting at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Our Lecturer Lou Elrose 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.



**Dear Brothers,** I am writing to invite you to the 13th annual Central Florida Laps 4 Life on March 7th, 2026. Location for this event is at Bishop Moore High School. For more information please refer to the digital copy of the Pinta Log Newsletter.

*James Taglia, Life Director*

**2025 - 2026 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events:** [Annual Calendar](#)

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



## March 2026

### The Pinta Log Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Virtual 5618 Officer's Planning Meeting	4 Clean the World	5	6 Fish Fry Dinner	7 Laps for Life
8 Daylight Savings Time Starts	9 1667 Assembly Meeting	10 5618 Council Meeting	11 Clean the World	12	13 Fish Fry Dinner	14 Serve Saturday Sharing Center
15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 St. Joseph	19 Spring	20 Fish Fry Dinner	21 Monthly Rosary 4 Life
22	23	24	25	26	27 Fish Fry Dinner	28
29 Palm Sunday	30 Pinta Log Content Deadline	31 Seder Meal				

- 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](mailto:nick.a.leon96@gmail.com)

The content deadline for the April edition is **Monday March 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

## Movie Night: Mother– No Greater Love - Friday Feb 6



We want to thank all the brothers who showed up to help with this movie night event. We had a great showing and everyone enjoyed the movie about Mother Teresa called "Mother Teresa No Greater Love". We hope to plan our next one in the near future. You can view all of the pictures from this event are on our website's Home page.

## Corporate Communion Mass and Breakfast – Sunday Feb 22



Our Council's next Corporate Communion Mass was held on Sunday, February 22 at 8 am. There was a great turnout of brother Knights and their wives at the Mass. Afterwards, people went to breakfast at Grills Lakeside. You can view all of the pictures from this event are on our website's Home page.

# Brothers Celebrating March Birthdays

<b>Mar 1</b>	Sherman A Evans	<b>Mar 16</b>	Mike Malatesta	<b>Mar 26</b>	Thomas A Weninger
<b>Mar 1</b>	Robert P O Connor	<b>Mar 16</b>	Chuck H Postel	<b>Mar 29</b>	Ralph Falconi
<b>Mar 3</b>	Alan A Migliorato	<b>Mar 17</b>	Patrick J Floegel	<b>Mar 29</b>	Augusto S Ferreira
<b>Mar 7</b>	Ray R Hooper	<b>Mar 19</b>	Justin York	<b>Mar 30</b>	Esteban Rolon
<b>Mar 7</b>	Philip B Zaleski	<b>Mar 22</b>	John S Purcell	<b>Mar 31</b>	Paul Kelley
<b>Mar 12</b>	Patrick M Cavanaugh	<b>Mar 25</b>	Daniel A Scotchie		

## From our Faith Director

By Tom Przybyla



### My Brothers in Faith,

From Word Among Us Feb 26 meditation.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Everyone who asks, receives. (Matthew 7:7-8)

Are there days when you feel as if Jesus' words here just don't apply to you? Days—or even longer—when you think that God is, in fact, handing you a stone or a snake instead of bread or a fish (Matthew 7:9-10)? Or maybe you struggle to understand why, when you "ask," "seek," or "knock," it seems as if he's just not answering (7:7). Your faith tells you that God is all good and all loving, but your experience seems to be pointing in a different direction. Why is this?

Here's an answer you may not like—but it's an honest one: we simply don't know. It could be that his answer to your prayer is a quiet no. It could be that you're asking for the wrong thing and that God has something better in mind for you. Or it could be "not yet"—he will respond, but just not right now. Or it could be something altogether different. Whatever the reason, you are facing the mystery of God's will, and it can sometimes be hard to accept it.

But even if the answer, or "non-answer," is not very comforting, Jesus' promise remains true: "everyone who asks, receives" (Matthew 7:8). Everyone receives. Maybe in ways we don't expect. Maybe in ways we cannot perceive. Maybe in ways we will experience only in heaven. But our heavenly Father hears every prayer we offer. He hears the cries of our hearts. And he gives us the grace we need, the wisdom we need, or the courage or hope or correction or refocus that we need. Sometimes, he even gives us the silence that we need so that we will continue to grapple with our feelings and come to a better grasp of his calling and direction for us.

Jesus promises that God will "give good things to those who ask him" (Matthew 7:11). He is faithful. He is loving. He is just. He is kind and merciful. Hold onto those truths, no matter what you are dealing with. Grasp them tightly. Inscribe them in your memory. Write them on a piece of paper and keep it in your pocket as a reminder. Give yourself the gift of time and ask the Lord to give you the gift of patience. He won't fail you. Make this your prayer, day and night: "The Lord will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O Lord, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands" (Psalm 138:8). The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches the infallibility of prayer. "Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Such is the **\*\*power\*\*** of prayer and of faith that does not doubt: "all things are possible to him who believes." (CCC 2610)

Brothers, I can personally attest to God's word and promise to answer prayers. This past week I was stressing because I did not have a dishwasher and fish fryer (among other positions) for the Feb 27 fish fry dinner. All week I prayed and asked our Father with expectant faith to provide all the volunteers we needed to provide a successful dinner. As is usually the case with the Lord, he inspired people to volunteer and provided more volunteers than were needed! I want to especially thank Tom Poppell for stepping up to be the dishwasher when no one else did.

Tom Przybyla,  
Faith Director

## 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](mailto:tompopl@aol.com) or 407-920-2497 or Tom Przybyla at [tom-przybyla3@gmail.com](mailto:tom-przybyla3@gmail.com) or 407-460-8109. We need 2 weeks of lead time to make arrangements for the project.



**Brothers,**

We are under 10 days from Laps. Have you registered? Have you raised money to help fund Ultrasound Machines for the preborn? If so, thanks so much. If not, why not? We need you to help and to fund the program. As of this morning, we'd raised \$49,053. This means that 83.2% of all funds raised have come from three councils. While I'm trying to get others to pick up the slack, it is imperative that we continue our efforts to bring Fr Ed Home. For the record, we are now behind Incarnation in fundraising. This means that the Msgr Ed Thompson award would remain there. We need your help in bringing him home. I feel certain we could find a space in the lobby of the PLC where we could display the award. If not, I'll personally ask Fr Chris if we could hang it in the rectory. In either event, we need to bring him home. Additionally, we will need all the help offered on 7-MAR. Set up begins at 5:30 AM.

I think we are good; however, if anyone feels incumbent upon themselves to help at that time, we can use you. We will be moving and setting chairs, tents, tables, etc. None is heavy. We have young people to help move water (being picked up by SK Roger Copeland, SK Nick Leon, and myself). This morning, I had a phone call. I get lots of those. Many of our Brothers know I'm up early. Often of our Brothers text me around 2AM, but lest I digress. Today's was from Relevant Radio. Att is the link to the interview. <https://omny.fm/shows/morning-air/catholic-mental-health-laps4life?t=33m52s>. There are tabs on their site...go ahead and tab over to mine. They wanted to know who, what, when, where, how, and why...but not an ask for money. That is a taboo. Listen to the audio. Relevant has several hundred thousand listening. I've already received calls from around the country saying they heard it. We are in the middle of 40 Days forLife. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/altamontesprings>. Go to the site. Register. Get out to the Abortion Clinic and pray the Rosary.

The Knights are there on the Third Saturday of each Month. 21-MAR at 9AM. Join us. Every Thursday after Morning Mass a group led by Larry & Mary Ann Scotchie are there praying. Join them. In any event, pray the rosary daily.

**James J Taglia, PFN  
Life Director**  
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Easy Ed / CCW	\$11,932
Incarnation/ Council 16236	\$19,380
Council 5357	\$8,899
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,804</b>

# Fraternal Benefits Advisor



**Brothers,** Tax season is here! Whether you're ahead of the game and done filing, or you're putting it off for another couple weeks, this time of year is a good opportunity to consider whether your tax rate or bracket has changed. If so, do you know the implications for your long-term financial strategy? People can end up in a higher tax bracket than they anticipate when their income fluctuates — for example, if your salary changed, or if you retired and are drawing on different income sources. Paying a higher tax rate may mean less disposable income or less money to leave to your family as you planned. You can protect yourself against these potential losses and build dependable cash value through permanent life insurance with the Knights of Columbus. Permanent life insurance allows you to build cash value that you can access tax-free while you're alive. You can also create an income tax-free inheritance for your loved ones after you pass allowing permanent life insurance to be useful in a range of situations. Of course, we always recommend that you work with a qualified tax advisor or CPA in addition. By helping to secure your financial future and legacy with the Knights of Columbus, you're living out the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded our Order 144 years ago this month. Reach out to your field agent at [www.kofc.org/faa](http://www.kofc.org/faa) to set up an appointment today.

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## Hockey Results:

- **Dean Amarai** - 10 years old - Council/District Champion
- **Anderson Lyon** - 11 years old - Council/Champion
- **Connor Rowland** - 10 years old-Participated in Council. Did not move on.

You can view all of the pictures from this event are on our website's Home page.



# D#24 Basketball Free Throw Competition– Sat Feb 31

## Basketball Results:

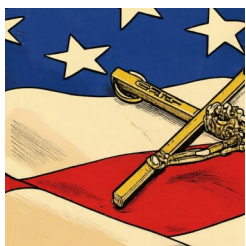
- Boys 12-year-old
- First Place: **Ethan Bridges**
- Boys 11-year-old
- First Place: **Anderson Lyon**
- Boys 10-year-old
- First Place: **Connor Rowland**
- Second Place: **Spiko Holmberg**
- Boys 9-year-old
- First Place: **Everett Bridges**
- Second Place: **Ryker Holmberg**
- Third Place: **Benton Malatesta**

- Fourth Place: **Corbyn McLaughlin**
- Girls 13-year-old
- First Place: **Annabella Garrett**
- Girls 12-year-old

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# Knights/Veterans Family Communion Events



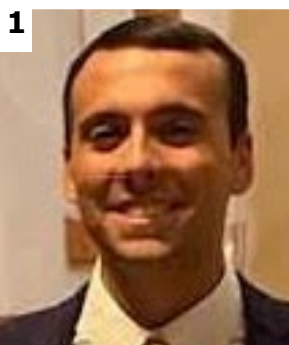
## Dear Brother Knights,

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.

## Jim Coppens, Founder,

Knights'/Veterans' Family Communion Events, St. Mary Magdalen Church,  
407.261.0914, [coppensjh@gmail.com](mailto:coppensjh@gmail.com)

# Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight



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## Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

**Picture #1:** Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer presented the Knight of the Month award for January to Gabriel Russo. Gabriel is a new 'young' Knight in our Council. It was somewhat recently that he had a 'reversion' to the faith after pursuing Truth in the face of an increasingly Godless culture. Not long after coming back to the Faith, Gabriel continued to study and participate in OCIA, where he has made a committed splash. He expressed interest in getting more involved

with the Council and recently spent considerable time volunteering at the KofC Burger / Hot Dog / BBQ booth. Gabriel's zeal, commitment, and warm demeanor are a powerful witness and source of encouragement for this Council. As one of the youngest among our ranks, he unknowingly gives hope to us older Brother Knights and we are grateful to God for guiding his way to us! **Picture #2:** Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer presented the Family of the Month award for January to the Emilio & Kristina Regala. Emilio & Kristina Regala have been active Saint Mary Magdalen parishioners for decades. Emilio, a Worthy and steadfast Brother in our Council of 23 years, is our illustrious Vocations Chairman. His diligent work supporting seminarians is core to the values of the KofC. Kristina is the daughter of Deacon Greg and Barbara Nelsen. She joins Emilio with Sacristan duties as well as several other areas of involvement, and her dedication is evident to all who know her. They have endured great sufferings within their family - such as the sudden passing of Emilio's mother last year and the passing of Kristina's father in recent years. Through it all, their faith never wavered. Their faithful service to the Church, each other, and their children are a strong witness to the Christian Life to which all Catholics are called. Their edifying lives are an inspiring roadmap to sanctity!

## Lenten Fish Fry Dinners - Fri March 6 – Fri Mar 27

The Knights, along with volunteers from the Men's Club and the CCW, will be providing the 2026 Fish Fry Dinners in the Cafeteria every Friday of Lent, which started on Friday February 20 through Friday, March 27, with serving from 5:00—7:00 pm. All dinners will be picked up inside the cafeteria and eaten on site or packaged to go. For those customers who do not want fried fish, we will be offering broiled Pollock on a limited basis. **For children only**, we will offer a slice of cheese pizza if they **don't** want fish. We will be offering bottled water, coffee and Milo's iced tea and lemonade free with the purchase of dinner. Soda, beer, and wine will be available with a donation. Good news! Dinner prices are the same as last year!

- Adult dinners purchased in the cafeteria will be \$12, but if you prepay for dinners (before 11 am on the Friday of the dinner), the price will be \$11, discounted by \$1.
- Child (6—12) dinners are \$6.
- Children 5 and younger are still free with the purchase of an adult dinner.

You can prepay for your dinners on our website homepage ([www.bishopgradykofc.org](http://www.bishopgradykofc.org)) by clicking on the **Pre-pay** link button. Or you can pay at each dinner using cash, check, or credit card.

