

**Council 5618
August 2026**



Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council 5618, Altamonte Springs FL

The Pinta Log



Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, Joseph Pocius



Brother Knights,

As we enter the month of August, we are invited to deepen our commitment to authentic Catholic leadership within our council, our families, and our parish. August brings us powerful reminders of this call: the Feast of Blessed Michael McGivney on August 13, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, and the ongoing Jubilee spirit of hope that has shaped our Order this year.

Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus precisely so that Catholic men would lead—first in their homes as husbands and fathers, then in their councils and communities as men of charity, unity, and fraternity. He saw the needs of his time and responded with practical faith and fraternal support. That same spirit is needed today. Catholic leadership in the council is not about titles. It is about service modeled on Christ. I encourage all of us—including myself—to step forward and volunteer for any leadership role to which the Lord is calling us.

Opportunities abound: leading the Lenten Fish Fry, coordinating Pancake Breakfasts, mentoring new members, supporting the Ultrasound Program, organizing the Free Throw Championship, or running the Soccer and Hockey Challenges. The choices are endless, and every act of service strengthens our council and our parish. When we lead as Catholic men—rooted in prayer, guided by the principles of our Order, and focused on others—we become living signs of hope.

Let us place our efforts under the mantle of Our Lady, assumed body and soul into heaven, and under the intercession of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney. May we lead as he led—faithfully, fraternally, and for the glory of God and the good of His people.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Pocius, Grand Knight

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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Aug 4**— Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Wed Aug 5**— Clean the World 1:00 pm
- **Sat Aug 8**— Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Mon Aug 10**— Assembly #1667 Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Aug 11**— Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Wed Aug 12**— **Blessed Fr. McGivney's Birthday**
- **Thu Aug 13**— **Feast of Blessed Fr. McGivney**
- **Sat Aug 15**— **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**
- **Sat Aug 15**— Rosary 4 Life 8:45 am
- **Sun Aug 16**— Parish's Pancake Breakfast after 8/10/Noon Mass
- **Sat Aug 29**— Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Sat Aug 29**— 4th Degree Exemplification 9:30 am

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View pictures from Council events from our [Facebook page](#)

We Are Men of Faith in Action!

By Deputy Grand Knight, Nicholas Leon



Dear Brother Knights,

I want to personally thank you all for your responses in the completion of our "Shaping Our Future: C5618 Program Survey for the New Fraternal Year 2026 to 2027."

We received over 100 responses, which will be incredibly helpful as we shape our priorities for these programs and the action plans to help make them happen. Stay tuned to learn more at our next council meeting.

Below you can view our survey results broken down in each category under Faith, Family, Community & Life.

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,

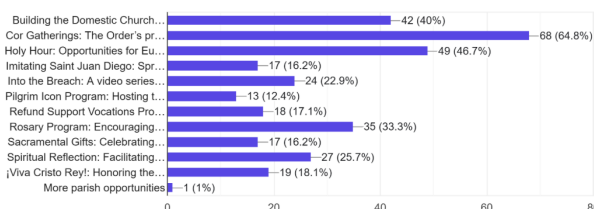
Nicholas "Nick" Leon
Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director



Shaping Our Future: C5618 Program Survey Results

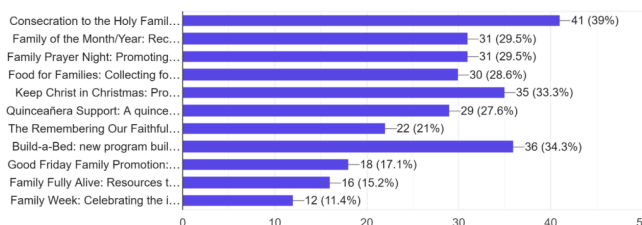
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105 responses



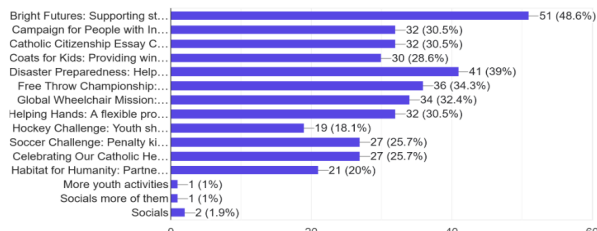
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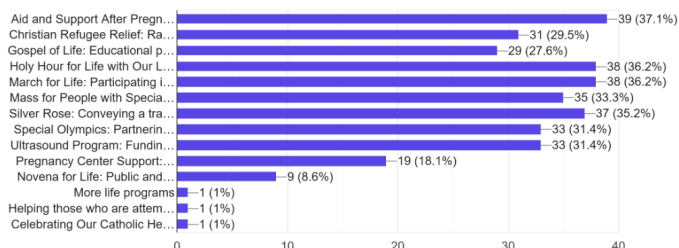
Community

105 responses



Life

105 responses



Officers Planning Meeting - Tuesday August 4



Our Council's next Officer's Planning meeting will occur on **Tuesday, August 4**. It will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. An email with the meeting link will be distributed a few days before the meeting. The primary purpose of this meeting is to take care of details that don't interest members, entertain new ideas, programs and initiatives, and agree upon agenda details for the next Council meeting. All Knights are invited to participate with this meeting. All council officers, directors and chairpersons are expected to participate with these meetings to fulfill the responsibilities of their position. Financial reports will be presented and all new business requests must be presented at this meeting, discussed and if needed, voted on at the monthly Council meeting. Please read last month's Council meeting minutes before this meeting at this link: [Meeting Minutes](#) (if you need the password to the Council's minutes page, send an email to [Nick Leon](#)).

Congratulations

— TO OUR NEW COUNCIL CHAPLAIN

FATHER SINCLAIR CUSHMORE

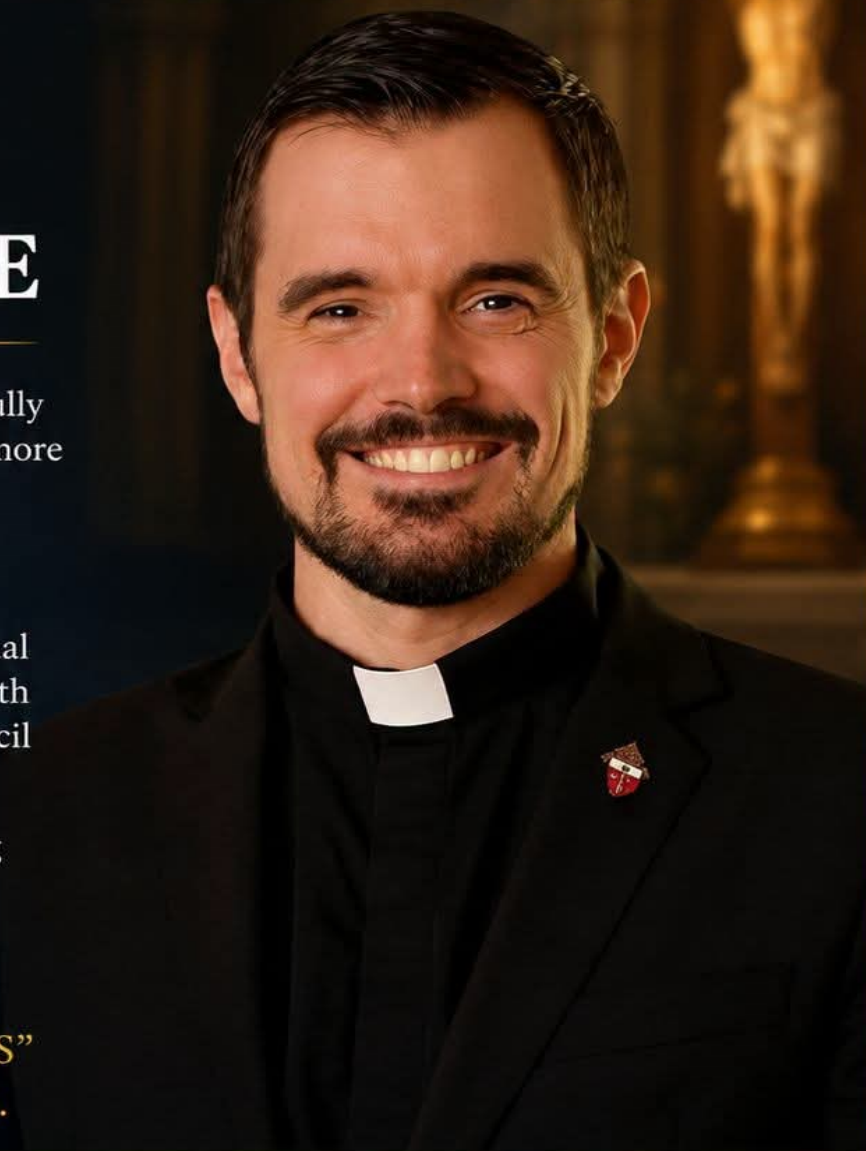


With grateful hearts, we joyfully
welcome Father Sinclair Cushmore
as the new Chaplain of
Bishop Thomas J. Grady
Council #5618.

Your priestly ministry, spiritual
guidance, and unwavering faith
will be a blessing to our council
and parish community.

We look forward to walking
together in faith, charity,
unity, and fraternity under
your pastoral care.

Thank you for saying “YES”
to this important mission.



WELCOME, FATHER SINCLAIR!

May God bless you abundantly in this new chapter of service.



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OPEN LEADERSHIP ROLE: FAMILY DIRECTOR

Worthy Brothers,

As many of you know, **Les Philip** is stepping down from his role as Family Director. Les is stepping aside to clear the way for new Brothers to get involved and take on leadership opportunities, including heading up our family program initiatives.

We are deeply grateful for Les's dedication and service to our council, and we appreciate his vision for encouraging new leadership within Council 5618.



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FAMILIES. BUILDING FAITH.
SERVING TOGETHER.**

ROLE OVERVIEW & SUPPORT



With Les stepping down, we are seeking a dedicated Brother Knight to serve as our new Family Director to lead our council's family-focused initiatives (such as Family of the Month/Year, seasonal socials, and parish support events).

To set you up for success, you won't be doing this alone—I (Nick Leon, Program Director) will personally train and mentor you over a 6-month transition period to ensure you have all the tools and guidance needed.



**6-MONTH
MENTORSHIP
& SUPPORT**

REQUIREMENTS



ACTIVE MEMBER

In good standing with Council 5618.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Compliant with the Knights of Columbus / Praesidium Safe Environment training.



HEART FOR SERVICE

A desire to strengthen family bonds and parish community life.



ANSWER THE CALL TO LEAD!

If you feel called to serve or would like to recommend a Brother, please contact our Grand Knight, **Joe Pocius**:

✉ Email: jpocius@radford.edu

☎ Phone: (407) 676-2858

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Leon

Program Director | Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council 5618

Clean the World - Wednesday August 5



Our Council participates with a volunteer event at Clean the World every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1 pm – 3 pm. **The next event will occur on Wednesday, August 5.** 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](#) (click to open a map). For more information: <https://cleantheworld.org/doing-good/#volunteer>. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#)

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Saturday August 8



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 is August 8.** If you can attend our next event, please sign up by emailing **Tom Przybyla** at . Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. There were 5 volunteers at July's event. View all of the pictures on our website's [Home page](#). The Sharing center is located at: [600 North Highway 17-92, Suite 130 Longwood, FL 32750](#) (click to open a map)



1667 Assembly Meeting - Monday August 10



We would like to invite more brother Knights from Council 5618, so please consider joining. There is still time to get in on the next exemplification. The Fourth Degree supports active military, veterans and first responders through works of charity and service. Our Color Corp members participate in community events—especially on patriotic holidays and serve at funerals for our brother Knights. We meet at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Myrtle Ave. in Sanford, starting with a Rosary prayer at 6:30pm and ending with food and fellowship around 8:00pm. Please reach out to me and I'll be happy to give you more information on how to join.

Pete Ramondetta, Faithful Navigator 407-463-5816 | pramondetta@gmail.com

Council Meeting - Tuesday August 11



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 11** 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.

Please attend this meeting and support our activities. Please read last month's Council meeting minutes before this meeting (if you need the password to the Council's minutes page, send an email to **Nick Leon**) at this [LINK](#).

"An active Knight is a happy Knight and a happy Knight is a holy Knight!" Monsignor Ed Thompson

Parish's Pancake Breakfast - Sunday August 16



Brothers,

We are still in need for volunteers for the 8 am and Noon Masses on Sunday, August 16.

We still need **6** more volunteers for the 8 am Mass: 1 kitchen cooks/helpers, 1 cleanup, 1 table bussing and 3 to help setup for the breakfast.

8 am Mass link: <https://volunteersignup.org/DEAQB>

We still need **9** volunteers for the Noon Mass: 3 kitchen cooks/helpers, 1 table bussing, and 5 to clean-up and move supplies to the Annex.

Noon Mass link: <https://volunteersignup.org/PKLPM>

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help cook and serve for this event. If you have not volunteered previously, this is a wonderful event to share your time and talents for the benefit of our parishioners. Please sign up to volunteer for this parish event.

Thanks,
Tom Przybyla

Pay Your Council Annual Membership Dues Online

You can pay your Annual Membership Dues with an online payment using credit card or Anedot by clicking here: **Online payment**. Select the purpose for your payment from the Purpose drop-down box. If the purpose is not listed, you can select Other and type in the purpose in the Comment box. This link is also good to pay for other stuff including council dinners, events, merchandise, & pinta log newsletter ads (for our digital email copy of the newsletter).

New! You can pay via a text message. Text **"5618annualdues"** to 225-25.

- Create a new text to 225-25; enter **'5618annualdues'** into the message area and send it.
- A link to complete the donation is returned. Click on the link to complete the payment.
- A form will open; complete and submit it.

You can 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:

Richard Hosler
35 Starlight Ct
Oviedo, FL 32765

Rosary 4 Life - Saturday August 15



On Saturday, August 15, our monthly rosary for LIFE will be held in front of [All Women's Abortion Clinic, 431 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs](#). It will commence after the 8 am Mass. We calculate that we should begin about 8:45 am. Please join us Saturday. These rosaries will repeat monthly on the third Saturday (mark your calendars accordingly) at 8:45 am.

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

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



August 2026

The Pinta Log Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					31	1
2	3	4  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	5  Clean the World	6	7	8  Sharing Center Serve Saturday
9	10  1667 Assembly Meeting	11  Council Meeting	12  Blessed Michael McGivney	13	14	15  Assumption of Mary/ Rosary 4 Life
16  Parish Pancake Breakfast	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29  Pinta Log Content Deadline

- 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 Leon](#)

The content deadline for the **September** edition is **Saturday August 29**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's pot was Brian Wilkerson, was not present. Congratulations! The Attendance Drawing is a program that encourages our Council Knights to come to our Council meetings. The pot for our next month's meeting will contain **\$150**. You could be the next winner! But, **you need to be present at the meeting to win!** If there is no winner, the pot increases by \$25 each month to a maximum of \$150. **John D'sa** won the 50/50 raffle drawing. Congratulations!



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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!



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THROUGH FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP.**



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• Thematic content and
mild violence

**POPCORN,
DRINKS
& MORE!**



**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 11TH**



7:00 PM



**ST. MARY MAGDALEN
PARISH LIFE CENTER**

861 Maitland Ave.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701



— A NIGHT OF —
FAITH, FAMILY & FUN!
— ALL ARE WELCOME! —



BRING YOUR FAMILY! BRING A FRIEND! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
TOGETHER, LET'S GROW IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY.



Worthy Brother Knights,

This year has been an exceptional one so far for our assembly. We have an Exemplification coming up in Port Orange at the end of August and we currently have six candidates ready to join us. This one is a bit different than those of the past. Rather than having one exemplification for the entire state, they have decided to have smaller ceremonies encompassing only 5 districts. I believe this makes it more manageable. This one will be at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church on Clyde Morris Blvd.

As an aside, in 2025 our host council 8086 at OLOH increased their membership by 120 new Knights! (Gotta find out how they did it). The fee for this upcoming ceremony is only \$60.00 for the candidate. And rather than having a banquet, the council will provide a luncheon with a free will offering. Families are invited to attend as well. Please let me know if you would like to join our 4th Degree Assembly in August.

Also, this year, we were able to help a veteran in Sanford who was renting a house with his family. As part of the lease, he was required to take care of the lawn, but he didn't have a mower. We donated a brand new battery-operated mower along with a weed eater/edger to him. We are also helping with the upcoming statewide primary and general election by having 10 of our members staff a polling place in Sanford. This is a great fundraiser that in the past brought in around \$4,000.00 to put towards charitable giving the following year.

We are currently working on providing a grant to Catholic Charities to put towards sponsoring an immigrant that is going through the naturalization process.

A lot is happening. Join us and be a part of the Fourth Degree

Vivat Jesus

Pete Ramondetta

Faithful Navigator,

Msgr. Ed Thompson Assembly 1667

Sanford, Florida



Knights of Columbus FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

CHARITY ★ UNITY ★ FRATERNITY ★ PATRIOTISM

The Knights Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony will take place on Aug 29 here at OLOH, Port Orange.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

BROTHER KNIGHTS: TAKE THE NEXT STEP



**JOIN THE
PATRIOTIC
4TH DEGREE**

★ MSGR. ED THOMPSON ASSEMBLY #1667 ★

FAITH ★ PATRIOTISM ★ CHARITY ★ UNITY



Brothers, our summer has been busy. Just to give you a heads up on activities behind the scenes. Laps is busy placing Ultrasound Machines (and spending money). We have now dedicated ourselves to 10 new Ultrasounds YTD. These run from the Pan Handle to the Keys and Vero to Naples. None from out of state. Gentlemen, be prepared.

We have a lot to do and soon. The Knights are looking to us to help fund the Special Olympics for the 2027 program. We are searching for a Chair to accept the position (paid three times what I'm paid) to Design, Develop, Implement, Modify and Execute a program to support (both physically and financially) K of C Charities in this worthy effort. I am now well into my 70s. It is time to find a successor.

The position here to head up the Culture of Life in its entirety from Conception to Natural Death. This includes the "Right to Life" (including Death Penalty, Baby Bottles, Special Olympics, Life Choices and JMJ liaison, Laps chair in the Council (although no one is allowed to take Easy Ed until I'm unable to manage it)), and all other Culture of Life events/ programs which may arise. The Director is to educate the council and liaise with the public both in and out of the parish. I've seen way too many of these efforts die with the incumbent. I will not have that. My goal now is to have emeritus after my name.

Aug 29 Life Choices Gala. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. 6-9P. 5618 table is full. Seats are available individually at \$125/pp. Black tie optional Sept 12 JMJ Gala. Rosen Centre Hotel. 6-9 P. 5618 table has two seats available at this time. Others are available at \$85/pp. Black tie optional. Laps has been confirmed for 6-MAR 2027. Bishop Moore High School. Of course we need all we can get on day of the event. At this time, we also need a person to help with revenue generation. Laps will be cutting it close this year. Next year's budget is \$150,000. How are we going to get there? Just like eating an elephant...one bite at a time. We need a Director of Sales, so to speak. Someone to design, implement, and modify an effort to get the other councils involved.

Think about it. Our council, steps up and secures donations. We know which councils fail to participate. I've gone to their meetings. I'm told, "We support one center." So do we. We support multiple centers. Then it's, "We give to the Food Bank." So do we. Gentlemen, the State looks at us as the "active" council. We need to be in the forefront and set the example. I need you to pray and consider your abilities/assets (especially those of you who are under 50). We need your help. Each of us has abilities where we can offer them to help.

Thanks for your help. I pray for each of you and look forward to having you join the team.

Vivat Jesus,

James J. Taglia,

Culture of Life Director

Bishop Grady Council 5618

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jtaglia@gmail.com



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Brothers, Every August, Knights from across the country and world gather to celebrate our Order's recent successes and look forward to what's next. This year is no exception. I want to congratulate you on your outstanding efforts that give us reason to celebrate. We recently heard the latest, Order-wide numbers shared at the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. Know that your council helped make that success possible. Congratulations! I believe we're making Blessed Michael McGivney proud. We celebrate his feast day on August 13, so this month is a fitting time to ask his continued intercession for our work. In founding the Knights, Father McGivney created a way to help men stay close to the Lord, to each other, and to help them and their families secure a financial future. He knew this was a way to strengthen families and protect them when they're at their most vulnerable. Your council continues that legacy with every program you put on, every dollar you donate. But you also continue it when you choose financial products and services with the Knights. That's a concrete way you help make possible not just the Knights' local impact here in our community, but our impact around the world. Every day, I feel immensely blessed to be part of our brotherhood, and especially to serve it as an agent. It's such a privilege to carry out Father McGivney's mission of faith, fraternity and financial protection in that way. If we've never connected, or if it's been a long time, I will be glad to meet with you to review your current coverage or find the coverage to match your family's needs. Please come see me after the meeting and we can schedule a time. Thank you!

Hermanos: Cada agosto, Caballeros de todo el país y del mundo se reúnen para celebrar los éxitos recientes de nuestra Orden y anticiparse lo que nos espera en el futuro. Este año no es una excepción. Quiero felicitarlo por sus esfuerzos sobresalientes que nos dan motivos para celebrar. Hace poco escuchamos las últimas cifras de toda la Orden en la 144a Convención Suprema en Denver. Sepa que su consejo ayudó a hacer posible ese éxito. ¡Felicitaciones! Creo que estamos contribuyendo a que el Beato Michael McGivney se sienta orgulloso. Celebramos su día festivo el 13 de agosto, por lo que este mes es un momento propicio para pedir su continua intercesión por nuestro trabajo. Al fundar los Caballeros, el padre McGivney creó una manera de ayudar a los hombres a mantenerse cerca del Señor y de unirlos, y de facilitarles el asegurar un futuro financiero para ellos y sus familias. Él sabía que esta era una manera de fortalecer a las familias y protegerlas en los momentos más vulnerables. Su consejo continúa ese legado con cada programa que organiza y cada dólar que dona. Pero usted también lo continúa cuando elige productos y servicios financieros de los Caballeros. Esa es una manera concreta de ayudar a hacer posible no solo el impacto local de los Caballeros en nuestra comunidad, sino nuestro impacto alrededor del mundo. Todos los días, me siento inmensamente bendecido de ser parte de nuestra hermandad y, en especial, de servirla como agente. Es un gran privilegio llevar a cabo la misión de fe, fraternidad y protección financiera del Padre McGivney de esa manera. Si nunca nos hemos comunicado, o si ha pasado mucho tiempo, me complacerá reunirme con usted para revisar su cobertura actual o encontrar la cobertura que se adapte a las necesidades de su familia. Por favor, venga a verme después de la reunión y podremos programar una cita. ¡Gracias!



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Brothers Celebrating August Birthdays

"May God hold you in the palm of His hand and bless your path ahead."

Aug 3	Kamron Lachney	Aug 12	Arthur Wright	Aug 31	George Sheldon Jr.
Aug 4	Ronald J Fetzko	Aug 13	Jay Hughes		
Aug 8	Dominic Martin Homac	Aug 14	Alfred Floegel		
Aug 9	Karim Belle	Aug 15	Michael Aun li		
Aug 9	Phillip Gaziano	Aug 28	Lawrence Scotchie Jr.		
Aug 11	Tom Galaida	Aug 31	Rev. Frank Lobo		

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!



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McGIVNEY

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“We must
put charity
into action,
not just talk
about it.”
— Blessed Father
Michael McGivney



Celebrating His
BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 12TH

On his birthday, we honor the vision, faith and
dedication of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney,
who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882
to serve the Church, protect families,
and evangelize the world.




HE PROTECTED
FAMILIES


HE STRENGTHENED
FAITH


HE INSPIRED
GENERATIONS

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Celebrating Faith, Service, and Community: St. Mary Magdalen Inducts New Members into the Order of SMM On Sunday, July 19, 2026, the St. Mary Magdalen Parish community gathered for a beautiful, well-attended 12:00 PM Mass to celebrate and honor several exceptional parishioners. During this special weekend, several Knights of Columbus brothers, their spouses, and fellow dedicated leaders were officially inducted into the Order of St. Mary Magdalen (SMM). Special congratulations go out to all of our inductees, including Liza Arango and Carrie Brown, who were also honored during this memorable week. We invite you

to learn more about the incredible men and women whose dedication and faith continue to strengthen our parish family:

George and Jan Meyer

George and Jan Meyer are beautiful examples of a couple serving the Lord hand-in-hand. Both are longtime voices in the SMM Choir, serve as Cantors for Mass, and have lent their leadership to the Parish Festival, Marriage Ministry, and Christ Renews Our Community (along with its counterparts, Acts 29 and Sister Act). George is a past Knights of Columbus Grand Knight who remains highly active in Knight events and Small Groups. His diverse service spans Becoming Catholic (OCIA), Boy Scouts, Communcations, Photography, Worship Tech, playing in the Contemporary Band and Ensemble, and participating in the ChristLife Series. Jan has dedicated her time to the SMM School, CAST, and MOM Ministries, served as a Prayer Angel, and deepened her faith through the Living Your Strengths series and Great Adventure Bible Studies.

Pat and Ann Cavanaugh

Pat and Ann Cavanaugh beautifully model a life centered on prayer, liturgy, and pastoral care. Together, they lift our spirits in the SMM Choir, pray faithfully for our community as Prayer Angels, and remain familiar faces at the Parish Festival, Small Groups, and Marriage Date Nights. Pat is an active member of the Knights of Columbus whose heart for service extends to outreach ministries—including Angels Among Us, KISSM, Prison Family Support, and the Ministry of Consolation—as well as seeking deeper discipleship through Cursillo Ultreya. Ann, a past president of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW), remains active in CCW events and currently brings the Eucharist and comfort to others as a Minister to the Sick. She has also lent her heart to the Culture of Life Ministry, served as a Heavenly Helper and SMM School volunteer, and participated in Adoration, Living Your Strengths, ChristLife, and Christ Renews Our Community.

Tom Poppell

Tom Poppell puts his faith into action through tangible acts of charity and devotion. He leads the Knights of Columbus Helping Hands program, proclaims the Word as a daily Mass Reader, and gathers with a Small Group that generously provides a monthly meal to our Life Teen youth. Tom's enduring stewardship across the parish has also included Christ Renews Our Community, Acts 29, CAST Ministry, the Men's Club, Culture of Life, the Social Ministries Commission, and serving as a Parish Festival helper and Sunday Bus Driver.

Esteban Rolón and Katia Cabán

Esteban Rolón and Katia Cabán generously serve across liturgy, formation, and community life. Together, they facilitate a Bible Study and Small Group, serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Sacristans, mentor engaged couples on the Marriage Prep Team, and stay actively involved with Quest Familia. Individually, their dedication shines just as brightly. Katia currently serves on the Hispanic Core Team and has previously lent her talents to Becoming Catholic (OCIA), the Spiritual Works of Mercy Commission, Formación Permanente leadership, and both the Living Your Strengths and ChristLife Series teams. Esteban is a highly active member of the Knights of Columbus, served as a ChristLife facilitator, and has been involved with both Formación Permanente and Living Your Strengths. Congratulations once again to all of our new Order of SMM inductees! Thank you for your inspiring witness and continued dedication to St. Mary Magdalen Parish.



Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight



Picture#1: Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Knight of the Month award for June to Pat Cavanaugh. Pat continues to step up for our council in every way possible. Whether he is filling essential roles during meetings—most recently serving as our Inside Guard—or stepping in to support our broader operations, Pat's presence is a constant pillar of strength. Notably, upon hearing that a District Deputy would not be available for our recent installation ceremony, he immediately volunteered to help, drawing on his deep wealth of experience to ensure the event proceeded smoothly. It is a testament to his character that he took on this responsibility without hesitation, even while managing his own physical ailments. This level of dedication is characteristic of Pat's long history with the Knights of Columbus. Over the years, he has faithfully served in nearly every officer position within

the Council, with his tenure as a District Deputy standing out as a particularly significant contribution to our district. Beyond his fraternal leadership, we are also deeply grateful for his unwavering commitment to our parish, where he has and continues to served faithfully in the choir for many years to come. Thank you, Pat, for your steadfast leadership, your spirit of service, and your continued com-

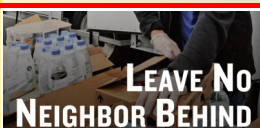
mitment to our community and faith. **Picture#2:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for June to Don & Jane Holzemer. We are proud to recognize Don and Jane Holzemer as our Family of the Month for June! Don and Jane have long been pillars of service in our community. Together, they lead the St. Mary Magdalen Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, where Don serves as Chairman to honor our local educators and faculty. Don's dedication to our council and parish is exceptional. He served with distinction as our Financial Secretary for at least 17 years and remains instrumentally involved in planning and executing most of the council's events. A faithful servant to the parish, Don is a longtime sacristan who serves not only at the 8:00 AM Sunday Masses but also at daily Masses. Beyond his work with the Knights, he also serves as the Treasurer of the Men's Club and is an active participant in their many activities. Jane is a vital partner in this shared spirit of service. She stands alongside Don in his ministry, supporting his extensive work and accompanying him to many of the Knights' events. Additionally, she extends her care to the broader community through her involvement with The Sharing Center events. Thank you, Don and Jane, for your outstanding leadership, decades of dedication, and enduring commitment to our community! **Picture #3:** Worthies Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, DGK Nick Leon & Chaplain Fr. Sinclair presented Knight of the Year at last month's meeting to Tom Poppell..

Picture #4: Worthies Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, DGK Nick Leon & Chaplain Fr. Sinclair welcomed 5 new brothers at our last month's meeting.



**Congratulations
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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](#) or 407-920-2497 or [Tom Przybyla](#) or 407-460-8109. We need at least 2 weeks of lead time to make arrangements for the project.



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Brothers, At our last council meeting, District Deputy Shaw presented us with an opportunity to raise funds for our council. Florida State KOFC Charities (with assistance from Florida State Council) is holding a raffle with the drawing to be held May 28th at the Florida State Convention. Each raffle book contains four tickets. Suggested donation is 3.00/ticket or 10.00 per book. There is also a solicitor ticket at the end of each book (Solicitor must be an individual so you cannot name the Council as a solicitor). This allows the solicitor of the tickets to be eligible for a couple of early bird drawings. The first one is in December of this year (\$250) and the second one is in March of next year (\$400). The benefit to our council is that the council needs to only submit 6.00 per book and can retain the balance for our council projects. I have over 100 books of tickets so I would like to get them into your hands as soon as possible. Please email / text me with how many books you would like and we can work out how to get them to you (click on email link; phone number below.) Checks should be made payable to KC 5618 and sent to me at 636 Mariner Way, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. [Click here](#) to read State Raffle Rules for FY 2026-2027.

Don Holzemer
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Council 5618 Facebook Group

By Roger Copeland

For all the newer Knights who are not aware of our Council's Facebook group. Below is the link to the site. Please feel free to share your Knight pictures on this site. That was the main reason it was created.

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Exemplification Ceremony on Demand!



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The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand.

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To participate in the ceremony immediately, use the "On Demand" link and the 30-minute ceremony will start upon completion of your registration.

If you know of any Brother Knight who would like to advance to the Third Degree, please pass this information on to that Brother!

- Provide the required information including your council number (5618).
 - Please note that your family and friends are welcome to observe the ceremony.
- We look forward to you becoming a third-degree Knight of Columbus!

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Weekly Exemplification Ceremonies

The Florida State Council presents weekly Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Click the links below to register new candidates or to have your 1st and 2nd Degree members to advance to the 3rd Degree.

The English Exemplifications are held weeks 1-4 on Thursday and the 4th Monday at 7:00 pm. The Spanish Exemplifications are held the 3rd Wednesday and the 5th Thursday at 8:00 pm.

[English Exemplifications](#)

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Donations for Needful Council Knights

By Tom Poppell



Brothers, we are assisting 3 families who are in need of food assistance by providing food and or gift cards from Publix, Winn Dixie or Aldi markets on a weekly basis.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at Tom's Auto Repair (Proprietor is Tom Galaida) located at 151 Obrien Road. The telephone number is 407.831.8484. The food and or gift cards will be picked up and distributed weekly. Your gifts are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Vivat Jesus, Brother [Tom Poppell](#) 407-920-2497

Shirt/Apron Embroidering

By Tom Przybyla

Gyslaine Brasil, one of the mothers of a basketball free throw and hockey shoot-out participant told me that she can embroider shirts and aprons with your name and logo (or whatever else you want) for a small fee:

- Name: \$5
- First time Logo setup charge: \$50
- Logo (after initial setup) and name: \$15
- Logo only (after initial setup): \$10

Gyslaine's contact information is: gyslainebrasil@gmail.com and 321-420-3544

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Website Link: [Officers](#)

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Family Director:	Vacant	Youth Chairman:	Ed Gallagher
Membership Director:	Art Wright	Lenten Fish Fry Dinners Chairman:	Vacant
Seminarian Chairman:	Emilio Regala	Card Ministry Chairman:	Wayne Fricker

Want to order your wife a Knight of Columbus name tag? You can order a name tag from **Don Holzemer** at our next business meeting or by sending him an email at amidon49@cfl.rr.com.

Wayne Fricker, our Council's chairman of the Card Ministry will send out cards of hope, sympathy, or condolence in our Council's name to brothers and families who are in distress, such as when we lose a brother, or we want to cheer up a brother or their loved one who might be homebound or who is in the hospital. If you would like Wayne to send out a card, please notify him via email: wayne.fricker@gmail.com or by phone: 407-745-9247 (cell).

If you know of a Brother, or relative of a Brother in distress, contact any of your Council officers. We have many people who need your prayers as they suffer severe medical challenges. They know your prayers are a blessing. Please continue to pray all the Knights and their loved ones who are in need of prayers, especially those people on our [Council's Prayer List](#), which is found on our website.



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