



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.

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

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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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Welcome to a New Fraternal Year: Faith in Action!

By Deputy Grand Knight, Nicholas 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

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Richard Hosler
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Oviedo, FL 32765

Clean the World - Wednesday July 1



Clean the World

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, July 1.** 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](#).

Officers Planning Meeting - Tuesday July 7



Our Council's next Officer's Planning meeting will occur on **Tuesday, July 7**. 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](#)).

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Saturday July 11



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 **July 11**. 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 June'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 July 13



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 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.

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

Rosary 4 Life - Saturday July 18

On Saturday, July 18, 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.

Happy 4th of July!

250 YEARS OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

250

1776 ★ 2026

*"Blessed
is the nation
whose God is
the Lord."*

— Psalm 33:12



250 YEARS OF FAITH.
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As we commemorate 250 years of American independence, the Knights of Columbus honor the faith, courage, sacrifice, and patriotism of those who built and defended our nation.

Today, we give thanks to God for the freedoms we enjoy and pray for our country, our military, our first responders, and all who serve the common good.

FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FRATERNITY ★ PATRIOTISM

*May God continue to bless the United States of America
and guide her in liberty, justice, and faith for generations to come.*



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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 
 FCG Mass 2	6	7  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	8	9	10	11  Sharing Center Serve Saturday
	13  1667 Assembly Meeting	14  Council Meeting	15	16	17	18  Rosary 4 Life
9	20	21  Virtual FIA Planning Meeting	22	23	24	25
6	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 Leon](#)**

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

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's pot was David Klega, 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. **Marc French** won the 50/50 raffle drawing. Congratulations!



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**





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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Brothers Celebrating July Birthdays

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

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		

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

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:

[Click Here: 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

BIG NEWS for C5618!!! We made it in the Florida State Council's Newsletter Invocation

INVOCATION

The Veterans Family Communion Group

Knights of Columbus Bishop **Thomas J. Grady Council #5618** officially instituted its Knights and Veterans Family Community Group in 2024 – an initiative that has been in the planning stages since 2004.

Sir Knight Jim Coppens served as a dedicated advocate for veterans from 2004 through 2016, contacting members of Congress and organizing veterans' groups to help keep the Lake Baldwin Veterans Facility open and restore clinics that had been relocated. By 2016, many of those clinics had successfully reopened.

In 2017, he began planning what would become the Knights and Veterans Family Community Group, continuing his advocacy work by establishing a veterans-focused effort at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. Over time, he noticed that veteran participation in the parish's Memorial Day celebrations had steadily declined. Wanting to renew and strengthen the presence of veterans within the parish community, Coppens sought ways to bring veterans and their families together through faith, fellowship, patriotism, and prayer.

The vision behind the organization was not simply to create another parish activity, but to establish a spiritual and patriotic ministry where veterans, active-duty military personnel, Knights of Columbus members, patriots, and their families could unite in shared faith and community. The group was designed to honor those who served our nation while strengthening Catholic family life and encouraging greater participation in the life of the Church.

In 2018, Coppens submitted a proposal to establish a Veterans Ministry at the parish. However, the proposal was not approved by then-pastor



Father Charlie Mitchell, who expressed concern that the parish did not have sufficient resources to support the potential needs of homeless veterans. Instead, Father Mitchell suggested beginning with a veterans' prayer group and offered to have the group recognized on the parish website.

Following that discussion, Coppens founded the Veterans Family Communion Group, which organized group Communion events five times each year, generally around Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day (9/11), and Veterans Day. The group's first event took place on June 16, 2019.

From the beginning, the purpose of these patriotic Communion events was to provide veterans and their families with opportunities to worship together, receive Holy Communion together, and remain spiritually connected to both their Catholic faith and one another. The organization also sought to preserve the visible presence of veterans within parish life and remind younger generations of the sacrifices made in service to God and country.

In the beginning, attendance was modest and somewhat sporadic, largely because there was no established list of veterans' families within the parish. Through word of mouth, bulletin

INVOCATION



"Veterans Family Communion Group" and continued hosting events throughout 2024. Later that year, Knights of Columbus Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council #5618 formally incorporated the ministry into its religious activities under the name "Knights and Veterans Family Communion Group," adding the events to the council's official Religious Events Schedule.

As of mid-2026, the Knights and Veterans Family Communion Group continued to host regular patriotic Communion events five times each year at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. The initiative has also expanded into Fourth Degree activities through #1667 Monsignor Thompson Assembly and #2883 St. Patrick Assembly.

announcements, and growing parish interest, participation steadily increased. Knights of Columbus Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council #5618 and Monsignor Thompson Assembly encouraged Jim to rejoin the Knights of Columbus and incorporate the Communion events into Knights activities.

Today, the group continues working to spread its mission throughout Florida so that similar Knights and Veterans Family Communion Groups can be established in other Third and Fourth Degree councils and assemblies. Its ongoing purpose is to ensure that veterans and patriotic Catholic families are welcomed, honored, spiritually supported, and actively involved within the life of the Church — while strengthening faith, family, patriotism, and fraternity for future generations.

For more information about starting a Knights and Veterans Family Communion Group, please contact Jim Coppens at 407-261-0914, coppensjh@gmail.com

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FAITH
Our goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. Formation in our faith goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a living God and His son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to...



FAMILY
Father McGinley sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. His vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength. The majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless...



COMMUNITY
Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity — at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and parish, they accomplish great things.



LIFE
"Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II, 1995). The urgency of the threat to a culture of life in our world cannot be misunderstood. The Knights of Columbus vigorously defend...

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



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



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

SMM Teacher Appreciation Breakfast- Monday June 1

By Tom Przybyla

On Monday, June 1, our Council provided a breakfast for the SMM teachers to express our appreciation for all they do to educate the children in the SMM Catholic School. Don Holzemer led a group of volunteers who arrived at the cafeteria at 7:30 am, set up and prepared the spread of food and beverages. Don, Tom Przybyla, and Lou Elrose shopped for the supplies beforehand. Don, Tom, Lou, Ed Gallagher, and Don's wife Jane prepared the breakfast and cleaned up afterwards. Don welcomed the teachers, said a special prayer for the teachers, and thanked them for all they do. He also handed a check to principal Lorianne Rotz that the Knights donated to the school. The teachers expressed their appreciation to all of us volunteers for providing this delicious breakfast to them. [Click here to view them on the homepage](#)



C5618 Membership Drive- Sat May 30 to Sun May 31

By the Editor

We want to thank all the brothers who helped contributed their time and talent through this event. We're currently contacting the men who showed interest at the May 30-31 event. [Click here to view them on the homepage](#)



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

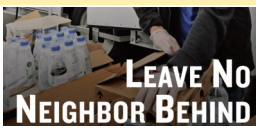
Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for May to Peyton & Cecilia Meehan Zavaleta. Peyton and Cecilia are dedicated servants to the Lord and the Church, truly embodying a family living out its Christian beliefs. They share these values through their podcast, "Some Catholic Podcasts 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:** Worthies Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, & Chancellor Ricardo Diaz welcomed 3 new brothers at our last month's meeting.



Congratulations Council 5618

Knights on your achievements!!

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.

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.



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.

K of C Council 5618 Pictures & etc.

Exemplification Ceremony on Demand!



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

Any current 1st or 2nd Degree Knights can advance to the 3rd Degree at any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience.

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!

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

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](#)

[Spanish Exemplifications](#)

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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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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