



# The Pinta Log



## Acting Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Deputy Grand Knight, Joseph Pocius



### Worthy Brother Knights,

We are currently entering the month of May which is recognized as the Month of Mary. She is the perfect model of discipleship, humility, and trust in God.

This is a great time for us to honor her with special devotion through the daily Rosary, flower offerings at her shrines and quiet moments of prayer before her image. In a world that moves so quickly, May calls us to pause, turn to our spiritual Mother, and draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

This month of May the council will be holding a 3rd degree exemplification on May 19th. This is the moment a new Knight receives his Rosary and learns the 3 principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We are reminded that Mary walks with us as we live out our principles. She is not only our model of perfect discipleship but also the one who intercedes for us as we strive to build a stronger Church and a better world.

As we move through this month of May, let us turn to Our Lady for guidance, remain faithful in the joy of the Resurrection, and prepare our hearts to be renewed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. May our works as Knights continue to bring Christ to others in all we do.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!  
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus,

**Joseph Pocius,  
Deputy Grand Knight**

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### Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue May 5**— Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat May 9**— Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Mon May 11**— Assembly #1667 Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue May 12**— Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Wed May 13**— Clean the World 1:00 pm
- **Sat May 16**— Rosary 4 Life 8:45 am
- **Tue May 19**— In Person 3rd Degree Exemplification 6:30 pm
- **Fri May 22**— FL KOFC State Convention—Day 1 – All Day
- **Sat May 23**— FL KOFC State Convention—Day 2 – All Day
- **Sun May 24**— Knights/VFCG Mass 10:00 am
- **Sat May 30**— Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Sun May 31**— Fr. Sinclair Cushman's First Mass 10:00 am
- **Mon Jun 1**— Teacher's 'Appreciation Event' 8:30 am

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**Dear brothers!**

***"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (John 2:5)***

In this month of May, let the heart of our Marian spirituality be the "fiat" of

the Virgin Mary: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). This is the biblical center of May for Catholics: Mary does not merely admire God's gifts—she surrenders her whole life to God's plan. When we, the Knights renew our "yes" with her, we learn to place discipline, charity, and fidelity under the light of God's Word, especially when life asks for courage and perseverance. The Church, through

the Holy See, reminds us of the vital role Mary plays in the life of the believer. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI notes that "the Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is an intrinsic element of Christian worship." This devotion is not merely a sentiment but a spiritual discipline that anchors us in the mysteries of Christ. As Knights, let us use this month to rediscover the Rosary as our spiritual armor, reflecting on how Mary's "fiat" paved the way for our salvation and how our own "yes" to charity and fraternity can transform the world around us. Church teaching also helps us embrace Mary rightly, lovingly, faithfully, and without confusion. Saint John Paul II describes authentic "Marian spirituality" as faith lived "in the light of Tradition," grounded in the Church's reading of Mary's place in "the mystery of Christ and of the Church." He even highlights consecration to Christ "through the hands of Mary" as an effective means to live baptismal commitments faithfully. At the same time, a doctrinal note from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith stresses the needed balance: Christ is the sole Mediator and Redeemer, while Mary's cooperation is real and Scriptural yet always ordered to Christ's saving work. Pope John Paul II, concluding the month of May, presents Mary as the "wonderous Ark of the Covenant" who brought Jesus Christ into the world, and he calls her life a kind of "Eucharistic" communion, her whole existence is shaped by communion with the "Bread come down from heaven." In that communion, Mary fully realizes her freedom from sin, becoming "an icon of hope and a prophecy of freedom" for every person. So if our May devotion is truly Marian, it should draw each of us toward adoration of Christ in the Eucharist and toward the practical freedom that comes from living in God's will. Our Family Picnic in Honor of Altar Servers is a beautiful chance to thank the young men who serve at the altar and to ask Mary, the model of humble service, to help them and their families grow in devotion and reverence. On May 23, the ordination of one of our own, Deacon Sinclair Cushmore, will be a powerful grace for our brotherhood: let us pray with Mary for the newly ordained man, for priestly perseverance, and for faithful service to Christ's people. Brothers, let us make this May a season of true interior renewal. Through the intercession of Mary, we may become more courageous in our faith and more steadfast in our service.

In Christ,

**Fr. Duberney Rodas**

<sup>1</sup> *Redemptoris Mater* n.48

<sup>2</sup> *Mater Populi fidelis* - Doctrinal Note on Some Marian Titles Regarding Mary's Cooperation in the Work of Salvation (4 November 2025)

<sup>3</sup> SS John Paul II, Message on the conclusion of the Marian month (May 28, 1997)

## Prayer Request for WGK George Meyer

**Dear Worthy Brothers,**

Please join us in prayer for the healing of our Brother and Grand Knight, George Meyer, as well as for his wife, Jan, and their children.

*Loving God, we pray that you will comfort George in his suffering, lend skill to the hands of his healers, and bless the means used for his cure. Give George such confidence in the power of your grace that, even when he is afraid, he may put his whole trust in you, through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

Please continue to keep the Meyer family in your prayers during this time.

## Brother Knights,

Beginning in May, I will be assisting and assuming the responsibilities for our council's email communications from Brother Tom Przybyla. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Brother Tom for his faithful service and dedication to keeping our council informed.

In this role, I will be working closely with our Acting Grand Knight, Brother Joe Pocius, and Acting Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Ricardo, to ensure our communications remain timely, clear, and in service to the mission and unity of our council.

If you have any announcements or items you would like shared with the membership, please do not hesitate to reach out.

*"Let all that you do be done in love." — 1 Corinthians 16:14*

## Officer Nominations, Duties & Elections Timing By Tom Przybyla

**Nominations for officers are now open for the 2026 - 2027 period.** If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact a nominating committee member, which consists of **Roger Copeland, Tom Galaida, and me.** Officer elections for the 2026 - 2027 period will occur at our **June, 9, 2026 Council meeting.** The nominating committee has compiled a slate of officer nominations for all Council officer positions.

The timing for the election process is:

- Read in the proposed slate of new officers in the April Council meeting.
- The slate will be published again in the May Pinta Log newsletter.
- Elections will occur in the June Council meeting, the new officers are inducted in June and start in July.

You can view a description the duties and responsibilities of Council Officers and Directors from this link: [Officer and Director Duties/Responsibilities](#)

If you are interested in a position and/or would like to be added to the nominating list, please contact a nominating committee member or myself.

Bishop Thomas J Grady Council 5618		
2026 - 2027 Slate of Officer Nominations		
Nominating Committee:	Roger Copeland, Tom Galaida, Tom Przybyla	
Officer Position	2025 - 2026 Officers	2026 - 2027 Nominations
Grand Knight	George Meyer	Joe Pocius
Deputy Grand knight	Joe Pocius	Nick Leon
Chancellor	Ricardo Diaz	Ricardo Diaz
Treasurer	Les Philip	Les Philip
Financial Secretary (appointed, not elected)	Richard Hosler	Richard Hosler
Warden	Tom Poppell	Tom Poppell
Recorder	Tom Weninger	Tom Weninger
Advocate	Ed Gallagher	Ed Gallagher
Inside Guard	David Henriquez	Patrick Cavanaugh/ Oscar Archevala
Outsided Guard	Alan Blackmon	Alan Blackmon
Trustee 3	Tom Galaida	George Meyer
Trustee 2	Tom Przybyla	Tom Galaida
Trustee 1	Roger Copeland	Tom Przybyla
Lecturer (appointed, not elected)	Lou Elrose	
Chaplain (appointed, not elected)	Fr. Duberney Rodas	Fr. Duberney Rodas

Each Year, one Trustee is elected for a 3-year term (usually the out-going Grand Knight). After the elections, the incumbent 3 year and 2-year Trustees (if willing), move into the 2-year and then the 1-year terms.

## Officers Planning Meeting - Tuesday May 5



Our Council's next Officer's Planning meeting will occur on **Tuesday, May 5**. 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 - Sat May 9

# 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 is **May 9**. 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 the February 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)



## Council Meeting - Tuesday May 12



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12** 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.

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

## Clean the World - Wed May 13



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, May 13 only for this month.** 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>. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#).



## Rosary 4 Life - Saturday May 16

**On Saturday, May 16**, 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.

## In Person 3rd Degree Exemplification – Tuesday May 19

Bishop Thomas J Grady Council 5618 has scheduled an in-person Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Tuesday, May 19 in the St. Mary Magdalen Cafeteria– 6:30 pm report, 7 pm start. Candidates, their Proposers and any other Knights who will participate in the exemplification should wear a coat and tie. The half-hour ceremony is open to families and guests. In addition, 1st and 2nd degree Knights may attend to become 3rd Degree Knights! All Knights are invited to come to this exemplification ceremony to welcome the new Knights to our Council. If possible, please wear a coat and tie or your Knight's shirt if you have one; no shorts. Please let Brother David Weisman 407-680-9485 [mdweis2002@yahoo.com](mailto:mdweis2002@yahoo.com) know of names of candidates, and provide kits (rosary, lapel pin, etc. – Item 531-G from [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) Officers Online->Supplies Online) for your candidates

## Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast – Monday June 1

On Monday, June 1, at 8:30 am, we will host a special appreciation breakfast for the SMM school teachers and faculty. This event is held in gratitude for their dedication and service to our children and the school community. We are looking for volunteers to help serve during the breakfast.

If you are interested and available to assist that morning, please contact [Don Holzemer](#) as well as sign up below. This breakfast is a small way for our Council to express our sincere appreciation for the commitment, patience, and faith-filled example these educators provide each day. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve them and celebrate the vocation of teaching.

**Volunteers Needed– Click Here: <https://forms.gle/5aLQU3maiBjU9LrV7>**



**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.



**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND:** Sunday, May 24, 2026 at the 10am Mass at St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

**INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND:** 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,

# Sinclair Cushmore's Ordination Date- Saturday May 23

**Brothers,**

Our very own brother & Deacon, Sinclair Cushmore's ordination is scheduled for Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 AM at St. James Catholic Cathedral . Please plan to arrive early, as seating will be limited and attendance is expected to be strong. A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, May 31 at 10:00 AM at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Sinclair.

As of this time, his pastoral assignment has not yet been announced.

Please keep Bro. Sinclair in your prayers as he prepares for ordination and the beginning of his priestly ministry.



# KofC 12761 Charity Golf Tournament – Monday June 15



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

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



## May 2026

### The Pinta Log Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  Family Picnic & Honor Altar Servers
3	4	5  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	6	7	8	9  Sharing Center Serve Saturday
10  Mother's Day	11  1667 Assembly Meeting	12  Council Meeting	13  Clean the World	14  Ascension	15	16  Armed Forces Day/ Rosary 4 Life
17	18	19  In- person Degree Exemplification	20	21	22  Florida State Council Convention	23  Florida State Council Convention
24  Pentecost/ KVFCG Mass	25  Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30  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 **June** edition is **Saturday May 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

## Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$75 pot was **John Rice**, and he 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 **\$100**. 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. **We had no 50/50 drawing.**

## Some Catholic Podcast

Peyton & Cecilia



An imperfect podcast for imperfect Catholics



In July of 2025, "Some Catholic Podcast" was launched by Peyton Meehan and Cecilia Zavaleta Garcia. They are married parishioners of Saint Mary Magdalen, and they developed their podcast with the goal of promoting the truth of the faith while citing the Bible and the Catechism in their 36 episodes. Peyton has a background in online evangelization since 2022, and Cecilia has volunteered for the church for more than 20 years with choir and OCIA ministries back in California.

They got started due to their desire to help educate other fellow Catholics and outsiders who are exploring the faith. This desire of theirs to do a podcast was fueled by seeing heretical or blasphemous things online, such as combatting those who try to mix witchcraft in with the faith.

From apologetics, to interviewing various people, to discussing scripture... Some Catholic Podcast has an episode for just about everyone. Their latest episode is an exclusive interview with a priest from Iowa, Father Mike Mahoney, who is known for defending the faith during his "panel" discussions that he hosts within TikTok @michaelpatrickmahoney. This episode will be championed

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The mission of Some Catholic Podcast is to educate and inspire others who are within and outside of the one true faith. Doing so takes time, prayer, and lots of research. You can find Some Catholic Podcast on Spotify, Youtube, Apple Podcasts, Amazon Music, and iHeart radio.

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### Some Catholic Podcast- Priesthood, Confession & Purgatory w/ Fr. Mike Mahoney | Episode 36



Tap on link that says "Click Here" below to watch one of the latest episodes from Some Catholic Podcast — and explore their full collection of inspiring content. This podcast episode interviewed Father Mike Mahoney of the Diocese of Des Moines. This episode is about the vocation story of the priesthood, the sacrament of confession, and purgatory. Please subscribe/ share with a friend. Also, what's more important, is please pray for us. Please remember to bring your vocation to the Lord, and let Him guide you in your journey. Note: The church that Father Mike mentions is San Andrea Delle Fratte in Rome, Italy.



## My Brothers in Faith,

Today's reading is from Acts 8:26-40 and it's about an angel telling Philip to go to Gaza via the desert route to see and evangelize with an Ethiopian eunuch. Get up and head south on the road. (Acts 8:26) Arlene was on her way home from work when she noticed a motorcycle accident and felt the Lord urging her to stop. She pulled over and knelt beside a biker lying on the street. He was in bad shape but still alive. Leaning close to his ear, she began to pray with him. He whispered that he remembered his mom's active and fervent faith in Jesus. So, Arlene helped him recommit his life to the Lord. She stayed with him until an ambulance arrived, praying with him and calming his fears. When she got home hours later with blood on her clothes, her daughters were alarmed. All she could say was, "I knew I had to stop." We see something similar in today's first reading when the Lord tells Philip to take the desert road toward Gaza. It might seem strange that God would give him such specific directions. But Philip had been learning to listen to such promptings. Having fled persecution in Jerusalem, he had already been preaching and working wonders in Samaria. So, he had become familiar with how God worked when he responded with obedience to his direction. In this case, Jesus was inviting Philip to be part of a life-changing event for an Ethiopian court official. As Philip saw the chariot and heard what the man was reading, he saw the Lord's plan unfolding. So, seizing the chance to tell him about Jesus, he approached and spoke to the man inside. And the official's life was forever changed. These stories may seem extreme. But God loves to guide us as we strive to bring him to the world. Think back on your own life. Perhaps a line from Scripture stirred your heart and led you to invite a friend to a Bible study or start serving at a food bank. Or you heard a message in a homily that brought you comfort, so you shared it with a coworker who was struggling. Maybe you ran into someone at the store and struck up a conversation that led you to share about Jesus. The Lord might guide you to do something "big" like Arlene or Philip. But every day, He will surely show you more ordinary opportunities to follow his lead and share his good news. So, open your heart and listen to his promptings today. Share your personal good news of God's blessings with others. Prayer: "Jesus, help me to follow your lead today." In addition: We who believe in Jesus urgently need to receive His love and then share our testimony of what He has done in our lives. We who believe in Jesus are His voice, His hands, and His feet, as St. Teresa of Avila said. People are converted through hearing the testimonies of converted people. Let Jesus use you to spread the plain truth, to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15), even to the fiercest skeptics.

The reflection is from the April 23 Word Among Us Psalms and Meditation message. **The power of prayer.** At the beginning of the fish fry dinners, I prayed and asked the Lord to keep my 1997 Honda running without problems through the end of Holy Week. I continued to ask this prayer throughout the 7 weeks. God answered my prayers! But last week I took my car to a new repair shop, and they said I needed \$3,600 worth of repairs. After almost 29 years, I decided it was time to buy a new car. I read that one way we should evangelize is by sharing good news and experiences that the Lord is doing in our lives. The April 23 Psalms encouraged me to share my experience:

### **Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20**

***R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.***

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

When I appealed to him in words, praise was on the tip of my tongue.

***R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.***

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

***R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.***

The message that I believe God wanted me to share with you is this: Believe in the power of prayer. Continually pray and ask the Lord for your needs; believe and trust with expectant faith that the Lord will answer your prayers for the glory of his name. Then share God's blessings with others. The April 23 Word Among Us meditation message confirmed God's message to share my personal good news with others.

**Tom Przybyla,  
Faith Director**



### Brothers,

We are entering the Month of Mary. I remind you we pray the Rosary on the Third Saturday of each month at All Women's Health Center/aka AWHC (431 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701} for the infants who are killed and there, their moms, and the repentance of those who work there. We begin at 9AM. For the record, the third Saturday of this month is May 18. On May 9, there is a Mothers' Day celebration where we pray for LIFE. Please bring your families and celebrate LIFE. The event is being sponsored by Pro Life Action Ministries/aka PLAM. Again, the celebration of life will be held in front of the AWHC facility. Bring your signs that share the beauty, love, and joy of being a parent. On to Jun...on June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart. Parishes and individuals are also invited to participate by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy. Respectfully submitted,

Vivat Jesus,

**James J Taglia, PFN**

**Life Director**

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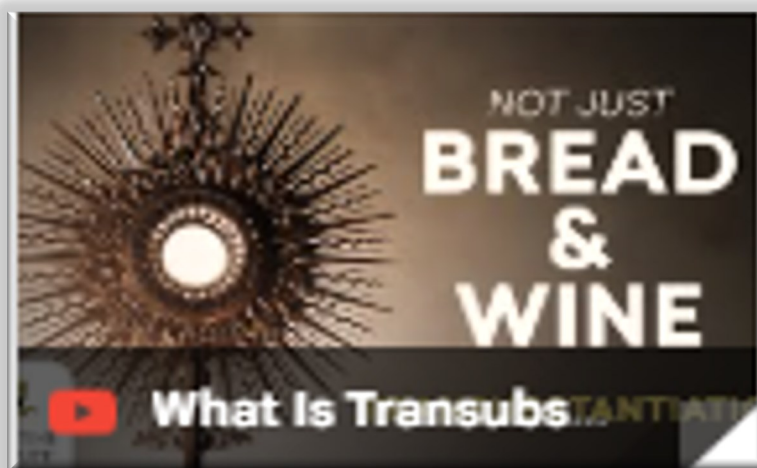
## From Our Family Director



### Brothers,

What is transubstantiation and its history? Catholic belief of the true presence explained.

Please share this with your friends and families. Click on the video image below to start watching it.



Vivat Jesus,

**Les Phillip,**

**Family Director**



## Brothers,

A consistent income brings financial stability and well-being to your family. If it were to vanish unexpectedly — whether because of death or disability — consider what might happen next: Would your loved ones need to sell or downsize their home?

Would your children need to change schools? Would it impact retirement savings? Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions. Depending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs.

If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or to protect what you've built. If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away. Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified time period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years. Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan. Not sure what coverage is right for you? If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet.

Thank you!

*\*Life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income insurance are offered through Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. For costs, terms, conditions and complete details regarding these products, please contact your agent directly or the KofC office at 1-800-380-9995. Products may vary by state. Insurance solutions are available to eligible KFC members in the US and Canada.*

## How Your Field Agent Can Help Your Family



Join us on **May 12, 2026 at 7 PM Eastern 6 PM Central**

Regional Agency Executive Consultant and General Agent **Sonny Sangemino** will discuss the many ways your Knights of Columbus Field Agent or IAR can assist you and your family.

Sonny has been working for the Order for 28 years and is General Agent to a successful agency in Ontario, Canada and oversees our Canadian Agencies.

Sonny has been training and public speaking for years and is able to communicate complex scenarios in an entertaining and engaging manner.

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**Greetings Brother Knights,**

In this article, I would like to bring your attention a national movement in the Catholic Church that you might find spiritual blessings from. It's called the Men's Holy League. I have been attending these gatherings regularly for the past year and a half and it has helped me to grow even closer to our Lord. Locally, the Holy League occurs on the third Thursday of every month at the All Souls Historic Chapel in downtown Sanford.

We gather at 6:30pm and pray the Rosary, after which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. Fr. Jeremiah Payne, Pastor of All Souls Church, reads a gospel passage and gives a short homily geared towards men. Following that, we sit in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour while Fr. Jeremiah hears confessions from any of the men who need it. Afterwards we gather at the rectory patio across the street for food and fellowship (weather permitting). This past April 16th marked the 10-year anniversary of the Holy League here in Central Florida. It was started by brother Sir Knight Len Breehl and Fr. Medina – former Pastor of All Souls, now Pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Deland. Fr. Medina was present for this last one. Many brother Knights from my Council 5357 regularly attend these. Once I started attending and learned that it is not strictly for Knights (or even just my council) I thought about my friends back at 5618 and how they can benefit spiritually as well.

So, I would like to invite all of you to attend these gatherings. Besides, as Knights, we are called to put aside at least one holy hour a month. Keep in mind that these gatherings are open to ALL Catholic men of faith who desire to grow closer to our Lord, not just Knights. So, invite anyone you may know who is not a Knight as well. For more information about the movement, go to [www.holyleague.com](http://www.holyleague.com) and read the "About Us" section. Also, <https://romancatholicman.com/wp/its-time-for-a-new-holy-league/> has additional information. Our next gathering will be on May 21st at 6:30pm. I hope to see you there.

Vivat Jesus,

**Pete Ramondetta, Faithful Navigator**

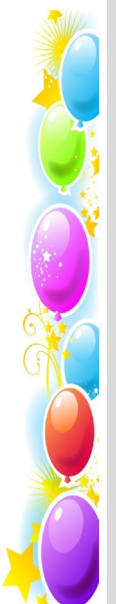
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**Brothers Celebrating May Birthdays**



<b>May 1</b>	Fr Patrick Patton	<b>May 12</b>	Michael E Kraus	<b>May 29</b>	Thomas C Poppell
<b>May 5</b>	Edward G Magee Jr	<b>May 13</b>	Ausencio Estrada	<b>May 29</b>	Paul M Anslow
<b>May 6</b>	Rodolfo Chang	<b>May 17</b>	Armando Iglesias	<b>May 31</b>	Mario P Fernandes
<b>May 6</b>	Verner J Canatsey	<b>May 17</b>	Donald E Mcelvain	<b>May 31</b>	Michael M Gilardi
<b>May 7</b>	Ricardo J Diaz	<b>May 18</b>	Lawrence J Heydorn	<b>May 31</b>	Brian M Nelsen
<b>May 8</b>	John R Kennybrook	<b>May 23</b>	Bernardo Mercado		
<b>May 9</b>	Thomas J Sheehan	<b>May 26</b>	Salvador Rivas		
<b>May 12</b>	Mickey Kostelnik	<b>May 27</b>	Frederick J Milcarsz		



# The Sacred Heart Icon - Saturday April 11

By the Editor

On Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 PM, our council gathered for a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an event that proved to be a truly uplifting and grace-filled experience for all who attended. Despite the short notice following the arrival of the Icon, many faithful came together in prayer, reflecting a deep devotion and love for Our Lord. The presence of the Sacred Heart Icon served as a powerful focal point for reflection, drawing those present into a deeper encounter with Christ's boundless love and mercy. Through periods of silent adoration, communal prayer, and reverent contemplation, the Holy Hour offered a meaningful opportunity for spiritual renewal.

We were sincerely grateful to everyone who made the effort to attend, especially given the unexpected timing. The strong turnout and prayerful participation were a beautiful witness to the unity and faith of our community. May the graces received during this Holy Hour continue to bear fruit in the lives of all who were present, and may devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus remain strong within our council.

*“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... for I am meek and humble of heart.”— Gospel of Matthew 11:28–29*



# Shroud Display at the Basilica – Saturday April 11

By the Editor

On Saturday, April 11, following a reverent Holy Hour, some of our members of our council visited the powerful Shroud exhibit at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando FL. The visit served as a meaningful continuation of the day's prayer, inviting all who attended into a deeper meditation on the Passion of Christ. At the heart of the exhibit was a life-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin, carefully produced by experts from Turin, Italy. The level of detail offered a striking visual encounter that encouraged reflection on the suffering endured by Our Lord. Surrounding the Shroud were detailed replicas of the instruments of the Passion, including the Crown of Thorns, crucifixion nails, a Roman whip, and the spear tip—each corresponding to the wounds visible on the Shroud. These elements brought a profound sense of realism and reverence, helping visitors more fully contemplate the sacrifice of Christ. A particularly moving moment for many was the opportunity to venerate a second-class relic—an item that had held the actual Shroud for 120 hours—providing a tangible link to this sacred history. My family were among those who experienced the exhibit firsthand, finding it both impactful and spiritually enriching. We hope and pray that our witness served as an encouragement for others to take part in this unique opportunity. The exhibit remains open daily from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM through September, allowing many more the chance to encounter this deeply reflective and faith-filled experience.



## Grilling for LifeTeen- Sunday April 12

By the Editor

On Sunday, April 12, We cooked up a LifeTeen dinner which was joyfully served, bringing together teens in a spirit of fellowship and community. The evening provided not only a meal, but also an opportunity for connection, faith-sharing, and support among the youth.

The success of the dinner highlighted the importance of continued involvement, and opportunities remain open for those who feel called to serve. Volunteers are invited to help provide meals for LifeTeen on Sundays, as well as for EDGE, the parish's middle school youth ministry, on Wednesdays.

Those interested in supporting these efforts are encouraged to consider contributing their time and generosity to help nourish both the bodies and spirits of the young members of the community.



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who volunteered for this event. Your help and dedication were very much appreciated and truly made a difference.

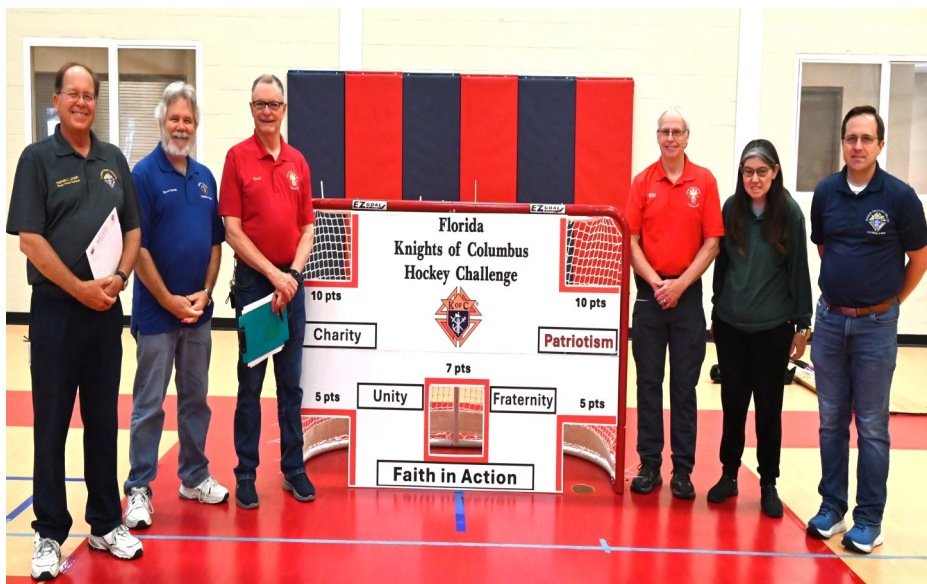
Thank you again for your service and support.

## KOFC FL State Hockey Challenge Event – Saturday April 25

By the Editor

On Saturday, April 25, the St. Peter's Catholic School Gymnasium hosted the Knights of Columbus Florida State Hockey Challenge Competition, bringing together participants for a day of spirited competition and community fellowship. The tournament proved to be a great success, with players showcasing both skill and sportsmanship throughout the event. From start to finish, the atmosphere in the gymnasium was energetic and encouraging, reflecting the strong sense of camaraderie that defines Knights of Columbus events.

Organizers reported that everything ran smoothly, contributing to an enjoyable experience for all who attended. The event not only highlighted athletic talent but also reinforced the Knights' commitment to youth engagement and community-building activities.



# Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight



**Picture #1:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Knight of the Month award for March to Tom Galaida.

Tom participated in all 6 weeks of the Fish Fry Dinners, cooking the poached fish, controlling the quantity of Pollock to be thawed and thawing up to 120 pounds each week. He has also been a long-time Sacristan serving at many daily and 8 am Sunday Masses. He did all this in spite of a painful injured back and before surgery occurring on April 8. Tom is a model Knight, one of a select few who sacrifices his pain, talents and time to serve the Lord and our parishioners. **Picture #2:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for March to the Patrick & Ann Cavanaugh. Patrick and Ann participated at our Fish Fry Dinners arriving early and staying late until clean-up was through each week. Patrick helped customers get a tray and their cutlery package while Ann helped at the condiments station, making sure customers received the condiments they desired. Patrick sings in the choir and is an active Knight participating in many of our events despite painful health issues. Ann is an active President of the CCW organization and is very helpful coordinating CCW activities with ours. We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community! **Picture #3:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, Brother Gabriel Russo, & Chancellor Ricardo Diaz welcomed 1 new brother (Craig Heyer) 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 Raking Leaves Project:

On the morning of Wednesday April 15, four brother knights raked leaves at the home of an elderly person. Wayne Fricker, who suffers from health issues, Alan Blackmon, who is recovering from hernia surgery, Tom Przybyla, who has back issues, and Tom Poppell, who organized this project worked 2 hours to fill 25 lawn bags and Poppell's trailer with yard waste. This shows that any and all Knights who want to glory our Lord by serving our neighbors can choose to volunteer their time and talent. The next time we have a large Helping Hands project, Tom will schedule it on a Saturday so that we can get more volunteers to participate.

Thanks,  
Tom

## 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!



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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!

[English](#)

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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](#)

[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](mailto:gyslainebrasil@gmail.com) and 321-420-3544

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Website Link: [Officers](#)

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<b>Seminarian Chairman:</b>	Emilio Regala	<b>Card Ministry Chairman:</b>	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](mailto: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](mailto: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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