

Council 5618
September 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



Dear Brother Knights,

September is a time of renewal and commitment. Summer has passed, and with the return of school, work, and the start of a new Fraternal Year, our Council has the opportunity to dive into new programs, strengthen our brotherhood, and continue serving our parish and community with renewed energy. One of the main highlights so far was the Pancake Breakfast during Parish Ministry Week. Everyone who participated helped make it a great success, thanks to our Lord's blessing. Thank you for your hard work and dedication—it was truly appreciated. Also, in the upcoming Labor Day holiday let us turn to St. Joseph the Worker, patron of all who labor. May his example inspire us in our daily work and in our service as Knights.

Let us continue to support one another and answer the call to service. God Bless.

Septiembre es un tiempo de renovación y compromiso. El verano ha quedado atrás y, con el regreso a clases, al trabajo y el inicio de un nuevo Año Fraternal, nuestro Consejo tiene la oportunidad de emprender nuevos programas, fortalecer nuestra hermandad y continuar sirviendo a nuestra parroquia y comunidad con renovada energía. Uno de los principales logros hasta ahora fue el Desayuno de Pancakes durante la Semana del Ministerio Parroquial. Todos los que participaron ayudaron a que fuera un gran éxito, gracias a la bendición de nuestro Señor. Gracias por su arduo trabajo y dedicación; fue verdaderamente apreciado. Asimismo, ante la proximidad del Día del Trabajo, encomendémonos a San José Obrero, patrono de todos los trabajadores. Que su ejemplo nos inspire en nuestras labores cotidianas y en nuestro servicio como Caballeros.

Sigamos apoyándonos unos a otros y respondiendo al llamado al servicio. Dios los bendiga.

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Pocius, Grand Knight

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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Sep 1**— Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Wed Sep 2**— Clean the World 1:00 pm
- **Fri Sep 4**— Bro. Lanny Hendricks Funeral Mass 11:00 am
- **Tue Sep 8**— Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Fri Sep 11**— Family Movie Night 7:00 pm
- **Sat Sep 12**— Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Sun Sep 13**— Corporate Mass & Breakfast after 8 Mass
- **Mon Sep 14**— Assembly #1667 Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Sep 15**— Celebrating Catholic Hispanic Heritage Month Begins
- **Sat Sep 19**— Rosary 4 Life 8:45 am
- **Tue Sep 29**— Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Sat Oct 3**— Virtual Vocations Fundraiser Begins
- **Tue Oct 6**— Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm

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Council website:

www.kofcbishopgrady.org

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

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We Are Called by Faith to Act!

By Deputy Grand Knight, Nicholas Leon



Dear Brother Knights,

We have such a great head start in our faith in actions programs and we look forward to all the work we continue to do to help and lead by faith. Brothers if you are currently not involved in a faith in action program please reach out to me at any time and we will find a program or project that you may have an interest as well as a calling to serve in. Lastly, I want to welcome and congratulate our new Family Director Nate Obit who I'll be working with over next several month to help him get caught up on everything family. He will do very well and we are blessed to have him in this role.

Vivat Jesus!
Fraternally,

Nicholas "Nick" Leon
Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director



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Welcome to Our New Council Family Director: Nate Obit

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We are pleased to announce the
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— of —
Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council #5618

— Brother —
NATHAN OBIT





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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE

**If you want to join our newly formed team please
contact Nick Leon for more information**

Clean the World - Wednesday September 2



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, September 2.** 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 Sep 12

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 September 12.** 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 15 volunteers at August'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)



Serve Saturday

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

1667 Assembly Meeting - Monday September 14



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 September 8



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 8** 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



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Corporate Communion Mass & Breakfast - Sunday Sep 13



Brothers & Families, All Council 5618 Knights and their wives/families are invited to our Corporate Communion Mass Sunday, September 13th, at 8:00 AM. We will have four rows reserved in the front pews for our group. Following the Mass, we will meet for breakfast at Grills Lakeside.

Hermanos y Familias, Todos los Caballeros del Consejo 5618 y sus esposas/familias están invitados a nuestra Misa de Comunión Corporativa el domingo 13 de septiembre a las 8:00 a. m. Tendremos cuatro filas reservadas en los bancos delanteros para nuestro grupo. Después de la Misa, nos reuniremos para desayunar en Grills Lakeside.

Event Details:

Mass Time: Sunday, September 13th at 8:00 AM

Breakfast Time: 9:30 AM (Reserved for 20 people)

Location: Grills Lakeside Seafood Deck & Tiki Bar, 4301 N Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32804

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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).

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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 September 19



On Saturday, September 19, 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](#)



September 2026

The Pinta Log
Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	31 Labor Day	1  Officer's Planning Meeting	2  Clean the World	3	4  Bro. Lanny Hendricks Funeral Mass	5
6	7  Labor Day	8  Council Meeting	9	10	11  Family Movie Night	12  Sharing Center Serve Saturday
13  Corporate Mass & Breakfast	14  1667 Assembly Meeting	15  Celebrating Catholic Hispanic Heritage Month Begins	16	17	18	19  Rosary 4 Life
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29  Pinta Log Content Deadline	30			

- 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 **October** edition is **Tuesday September 29**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's pot was Drew Betz, 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. **Don Holzemer** won the 50/50 raffle drawing. Congratulations!

We Have a Special Guest Speaker at Our Meeting in October! Join Us Then



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH





Brothers, Catholic Charities of Central Florida works to protect all human life from conception to natural death through every ministry. The Culture of Life Office seeks to transform and build a society where every human being is valued and protected. Human life is a precious gift from God; each person who receives this gift has responsibilities to God, self, and others; and society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. This is accomplished through the practice of the four pillars set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): prayer, education, pastoral care, and public policy efforts. We educate and inspire people throughout the Diocese of Orlando to understand the truth about why and how we are created in God's image of love as prescribed in Saint John Paul II's encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. In consultation with our parish pastor, the

COL chairperson organizes and implements the efforts as called for by the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. Join us for the Annual Mass for Life on Friday, January 22, 2027, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. Bishop John Noonan will preside as the main celebrant of this sacred liturgy as we gather in prayer for the protection of every human life. Together, we raise our hearts in intercession for an end to euthanasia, the death penalty, suicide, abortion, and all actions contrary to the God given dignity of the human person. As an offering in the mission to build a culture of life, we will also host a Diaper Drive during this event to support parishes with active Walking With Moms In Need ministries throughout the diocese that provide monthly diaper assistance to families in need. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with a special guest speaker who will reflect on living the Gospel of Life in today's world. At 11:15 a.m., we will gather for a bilingual Rosary and Adoration, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:00 p.m. After Mass, all are welcome to enjoy fellowship with food trucks and ministry exhibitor tables available on site. Everyone is warmly invited to come together for a special day of prayer, fellowship, and witness to the Gospel of Life! Join us for Catholic Days at the Capitol in Tallahassee — April 6-7, 2027. This two day gathering invites the faithful to embrace their call to faithful citizenship and to bring Catholic values into the public arena. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with lawmakers and advocate for the protection of life, the dignity of every person, and the common good. Celebrate Life Month Commencing with the 5PM mass on 3-OCT and again the next morning (4-Oct) at the 10 AM mass we will process with the Pro Life Banner. Remember 6-MAR 2027 we will Celebrate Life at the annual Central Florida Laps4Life event at Bishop Moore. We will follow with more information soon. On Saturday, 17-OCT we will be praying the rosary at All Women's Clinic. We will begin at 9AM. Finally, for all Fourth Degree Knights...The next Meeting of Msgr. Ed Thompson Assy will be held on 14-Sep. After the meeting, while we eat and celebrate fellowship, we will also show Brendan Vogt's video of Msgr. Ed. Plan to attend. He was a strong supporter of Laps and our team is named after him. Sir Knight John Paul Dsa will be cooking.

Vivat Jesus,

James J. Taglia,

Culture of Life Director

Bishop Grady Council 5618

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Worthy Brother Knights, several years ago, Assembly 1667 was on the verge of collapsing and now, thanks to God's divine providence (and perhaps a few words from Fr. Ed), we are on the grow! On Saturday, August 29th we added seven new Sir Knights to our Patriotic Degree. And we have two more ready for the next Exemplification. A big welcome to all!

Alan Blackmon – Council 5618

Terrance Browning – Council 5357

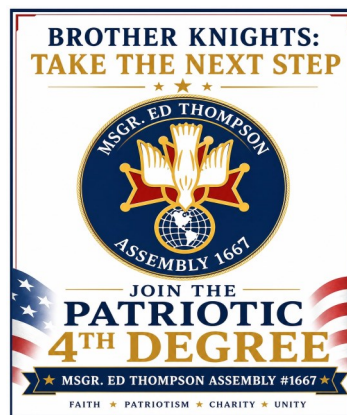
Craig Heyer – Council 5618

Daniel Montoya – Council 5357

Joe Pocious – Council 5618

Nathan Obit – Council 5618

John Vorel – Council 5357



Being a member of the Patriotic Degree opens up new avenues in which to serve, all focused on our current and former members of the military and first responders. Our next Exemplification will be in the Tampa area in November. The exact date and location to be announced. If you are a 3rd Degree Knight, please consider joining us in the 4th Degree.

Vivat Jesus

Pete Ramondetta

Faithful Navigator,

Msgr. Ed Thompson Assembly 1667

Sanford, Florida





Brothers, We know our Founder cared deeply about the lives of his parishioners and strengthening their sense of community. Father McGivney recognized and valued the things that really matter: God. Fellowship. A sense of belonging and the space to reinforce those ties of friendship, mutual support and common faith. Brothers, September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, but what I'd like to propose is that we think of it as "The Things That Matter" Month. What does your family value? What do you want to preserve for them when you're no longer here? Life

insurance can be a big part of that. Maybe you want to protect the home that shelters your family, that's set the stage for so many memories and is a safe haven for your children to return to. Maybe you want to ensure that your children — or grandchildren — will have access to high-quality education. Or maybe you want to safeguard a family business or a similar legacy that can continue to provide for your loved ones. Ideally, I want to help you match your insurance coverage not just with your basic needs, but with the things that your family deems most important to preserve. This month, I challenge you to think about what those things are. And if you don't have a plan to protect them, consider meeting with your agent. Find your agent at www.kofc.org/faa

Hermanos: Quiero comenzar el mensaje de este mes con una historia interesante, pero no tan conocida sobre el Padre McGivney. Sabemos que a nuestro fundador le importaban profundamente las vidas de sus feligreses y por el fortalecimiento de su sentido de comunidad. También era muy práctico en cuanto a lo que una comunidad parroquial necesita con mayor frecuencia: dinero. Un otoño, con la iglesia de St. Mary endudada con sus acreedores, él organizó una ingeniosa combinación de recaudación de fondos y un evento social. El salón de St. Mary se convirtió en una cafetería llena de música, baile, comedia, postres y, por supuesto, café, que era un atractivo rentable en ese momento. La fiesta se suponía que solo duraría una noche, pero la gente de New Haven siguió asistiendo y la prolongó durante una semana. Al final, el Padre McGivney pudo pagar una buena cantidad de la deuda y solidificó aún más su reputación como un sacerdote profundamente involucrado en la vida de su parroquia. El Padre McGivney reconocía y valoraba las cosas que realmente importan: Dios. Hermandad. Un sentido de pertenencia y el espacio para reforzar esos lazos de amistad, apoyo mutuo y fe común. Hermanos, septiembre es el mes de la concientización sobre el seguro de vida, pero lo que quisiera proponer es que lo consideremos el "mes de las cosas que importan". ¿Qué cosas valora su familia? ¿Cuáles son los pilares de su cultura familiar? ¿Qué desea preservar para ellos cuando ya no esté aquí? El seguro de vida puede ser una parte importante de eso. Tal vez quiera proteger el hogar que cobija a su familia, que ha sido el escenario de tantos recuerdos y que es un refugio seguro al que sus hijos puedan volver. Tal vez quiera asegurarse de que sus hijos, o nietos, tengan acceso a una educación de alta calidad. O tal vez desee proteger un negocio de familia o un legado similar que pueda seguir brindando sustento a sus seres queridos. Podemos hablar sobre estas opciones y otras más, así como sobre si sería mejor cubrirlas con pólizas a término o permanentes. Idealmente, quiero ayudarlo a combinar su cobertura de seguro no solo con sus necesidades básicas, sino con las cosas que su familia considera más importantes para preservar. Este mes, lo desafío a pensar cuáles son esas cosas. Y si no tiene un plan para protegerlas, llámeme.







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Brothers Celebrating September Birthdays

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Lawrence J Scotchie	09-01-1938	Juan B Cano	09-15-1951
Wayne T Stewart	09-01-1952	Dennis C Dowd	09-15-1946
Stephen M Pavliga	09-02-1933	J Wayne Myers	09-15-1944
Roland Rieder	09-03-1944	John D Waite	09-15-1954
John Weiland	09-03-1959	Michael F Makransky	09-19-1960
Mr Mark L Beauchamp	09-04-1948	Thomas E Marin	09-22-1960
Tommy M Clevenger	09-07-1960	Gabriel R Russo	09-24-1998
Rev. Sinclair Cushmore	09-09-1992	Gregg W Shore	09-24-1971
Brian A Salerno	09-12-1969	Deacon Israel A Colon Sr	09-25-1968
		Rev. David J Scotchie	09-25-1964
		David C Swiderski	09-27-1961
		David L Taylor	09-27-1947
		Gary A Couture	09-29-1946

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

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SMM Parish Breakfast & Minstry Fair - Sunday Aug 16



Congratulations to Andy on Completing his 3rd Degree Exemplification— Sat Aug 22



Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight

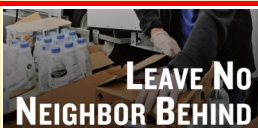
Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Knight of the Month award for July to Pat Floegel. Pat has been a member of our council since 2010 and has been very active behind the scenes. He started the BOGOGO program 13 years ago and has been coordinating the BOGOGO (Buy One, Get One, Give One) ministry since its inception, donating the food to the parish's community partner, the Sharing Center. He also donates some of that food to some of our brother Knights through our Council Brothers Food Assistance program. Pat serves as a Eucharistic minister at many weekend masses. He has also been very involved in the parish Outreach ministry and in the words of one of the staff members, he shows great compassion in meeting with the people to assess their needs. Pat is very involved in the small group program and has been very involved in our festivals doing whatever is needed. He has also been a member of the parking team for many of our feast days.

Picture #1: Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for July to Ricardo and Ana Diaz- Cano. We are proud to recognize Ricardo and Ana Diaz- Cano as our Family of the Month for July! Ricardo and Ana exemplify dedicated service to our parish, school, and our council. Active members of the Saint Mary Magdalen school community, the Diaz Family are deeply committed to supporting couples throughout the parish. They regularly assist with parish marriage dinners and serve as a mentor couple, helping lead Pre-Cana marriage preparation for engaged couples embarking on their holy matrimony journey. Service and teamwork run in the family—during our May membership drive, Ricardo's son stepped up to design and build the sign-up system that made the event a success. Thank you to Ricardo, Ana, and their family for their continuous leadership, service, and witness to faith and family! **Picture #2:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, DGK Nick Leon & Chaplain Fr. Sinclair welcomed 1 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.

Florida State Council Charity Raffle Is Back Again!



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FIRST PRIZE - \$25,000
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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 5.00 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
Financial Secretary Emeritus
Bishop Thomas J Grady Council 5618
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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.

K of C Council 5618 Pictures & etc.

Exemplification Ceremony on Demand!



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On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

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
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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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