



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



**APRIL 2026
NEWS & NOTES**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

I want to begin by saying thank you to all that volunteered at the Friday fish fries, it was another successful year helping to provide funding to the Church's Youth Group. It also demonstrated what an essential role the Knights provide in many of the parish functions showing our commitment to our core values of Charity-Unity and Fraternity. It was also gratifying to see so many Knights at the memorial mass for Sharon Way I know that Brother Kelly appreciated our being there.



A special recognition is due to Brother SK Larry Huhn who as usual was the driving force behind the Night at The Races, held at Pennbrooke Fairways which raised more than \$1600 for our charities such as "Coats For Kids" At our March meeting our District Deputy Gary Quinn was there to formally install and administer the oath of office to Deputy Grand Knight and myself (making us legal). We also held an Exemplification where we installed our newest Knight Carlos Loureiro and Brother Knight Louis Trapp was elevated to 3rd degree, our congratulations to both.

As we begin April we enter the Holiest time of the Church year, the "Triduum" which means three days in Latin, it also marks the end of our Lenten Season. On Holy Thursday we remember the Lord's Last Supper and the precious gift of the Holy Eucharist, on Good Friday we recall the Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord. Holy Saturday is a time of waiting, until the evening when we celebrate the Easter Vigil Mass and The Lord's Resurrection which leads to the Celebration of Easter Sunday. Hopefully this period will strengthen our faith and continue to do so throughout the year.

We wish all, a blessed and happy Easter Season.

Vivat Jesus!

GK Bill and Joyce Collins



Honorees

Knight of Month (Pg. 2)



Family of Month (Pg. 2)





**"DO YOU NOT HAVE
ONE HOUR TO
SPEND WITH ME"
EVERY FRIDAY**

9am Until 12 Noon

St. Paul's Church

**Exposition & Benediction
Everyone Welcome!**



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KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
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Supreme Website
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PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Clyde Brock, Tom & Carol Cane, Ryan Cimino, Pat Detweiler, Tom & Cindy Diemer, Anthony Durkin, William Ehrbar, Melody Fraser, Stephen Gabriel, Susan Gaucher, Ron Golembiowski, Jim Gorman, Terry Graham, Maria Iturbe, Joey Landon, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch, Mike Magister, Lynn Manns, Greg Matthews, +George & Linda Mello, DW Jerry & Joanne Moreau, Bob Nixon, +Greg & Mark Ochalek, Dawn & Joni Pauline, Susan Polito, Al Ragona, Phil Reed, Tom Schweitzer, Joann Siedhoff, Jim Suleski Richard Sullivan, Karen Watson, Joan Woodson, Walt & Marilyn Young, Mary Clare Zedler.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

March Knight of the Month is Donald Oblazney, Jr. Brother Donald has been a Knight for 37 years. He transferred into Council 5644 in November 2024 from Oswego, IL; he became active in the St. Paul Parish immediately, joining the Faith Formation Ministry/OCIA. Louis has joined the Kitchen Krew, readily pitching in at the Polish Dinner as waiter extraordinaire.

Your service as a Knight and to the Church are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for March 2026!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Family of the Month for March are Dennis and Kristy Bucholtz. Dennis has been a Knight for 5 years. The Bucholtz are very active members of the St. Paul parish. You'll see Dennis ushering and Kristy serving as an EMHC at the 7am Mass on Sundays. Both are catechists in the Faith Formation Ministry and Kristy also serves as a Minister to the Sick.

Your service to the Knights and St. Paul Parish are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected: Family of the Month for March 2026!



LADIES' AUXILIARY



Greetings.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter. We just completed our

Lenten Fish Fries and concluded 2 raffle opportunities. The winners from the 3/13 raffle drawings were Bob Tardiff - Patriotic Basket and the Pitiford family - the gift card collection. 3/27 raffle winners were Bob Tardiff - golf basket and Ms Pat Robert - the 2nd gift card collection. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 11 at 11am in the McGivney Center (BMMMC). Our guest speaker will be Lt. Shannon Walsh of the Leesburg PD, who will be providing the latest tactics of scammers and fraudsters.

Faith over Fear in ALL things... Always!!

Cindy Diemer
Joyce Collins
Co-Presidents
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St. Paul Council 5644

Monthly Mass Intention



During 2026, the Council is sponsoring a Monthly Mass for the Intention of All Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul Council #5644

Wednesday, Apr. 22 at 8:30am
Wednesday, May 27 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Jun. 24 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Jul. 22 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Sep. 23 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 8:30am
Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 8:30am

The 2026 Annual Memorial Mass for the Deceased Members of Council 5644; Will be Sunday, November 15 at 9am

Membership Meeting Highlights

The March Membership Meeting was held on the 18th; meetings are held the 3rd Wed; Food Service: 5:15 to 6:15pm, Rosary 6:30pm, Membership Mtg. 7pm. (if no Exemplification)

Exemplification of Charity ~ Unity ~ Fraternity; All 1st & 2nd Degree Knights are encouraged and reminded they can immediately advanced to the 3rd Degree by merely attending an Exemplification; If you have not yet attained your 3rd Degree, sitting through this 30 minute ceremony automatically advances you! Contact your GK, Bill Collins.

New member Carlos Loureiro was exemplified prior to the Membership Mtg; additionally, Brother Louis Trapp was elevated from the 1st to 3rd degree.

The start of the meeting was suspended and DD Gary Quinn formally installed Bill Collins as GK and Daniel Gonzalez as DGK to complete vacated terms. The gavel was handed back to GK Bill who Opened with a prayer & pledge of allegiance. The Charter was then draped in memory of Charles Baxter, SK George Mello & SK Gregory Ochalek. Motion made and seconded to approve minutes of the last meeting, done. The GK introduced our new member Carlos Lourerio to the members present.

- Treasurer: Report on all current account balances
- DD Report: 4th Degree Membership is down; asks for a membership drive before Founder's Day; he requested aid to cover his convention expenses; State Awards applications due by April 7th; we need 7 more new members for Star Council Award
- 4th Degree: Served lunches to college volunteers of Habitat for Humanity, U. of Toledo & Ohio State
- FS: Dues Notices out soon; positive feedback on Polish Dinner received; Lenten Fish Fry doing well
- New Business: Donation approved to SPCS's Fun Run; Motion made to increase convention delegate stipend, approved; Motion made to aid DD with state convention costs, approved; Fr. Joseph is asking for landscaping help in front of church;
- Good of the Order: Memorial Mass for SK Kelly Way's wife Sharon, 28 March (was well attended); Clyde Brock added to Prayer List; Knight of the Month for March: Donald Oblazney and Family of the Month for March: Dennis & Kristy Bucholtz. Meeting closed with Prayer at 8:41pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 8th



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2 nd Francis D De Lise 84	16 th Russell E Vance
Thomas S Powers	17 th Jose Y Ramia
5 th Sean M O Keefe	18 th Edward E Wutsch 86
7 th Eugene R Bouley 88	19 th Charles J Greco 83
Joseph J Ruzicka 92	Jerry W Neaveill
Rev Augustine Vazhavila	24 th Gabriel A Wagner
10 th Erik R Campbell	26 th Robert St. Cyr



MEMBERSHIP

As of 3/25/2026, the Council has 158 members: 68 insurance, 90 associate; 45 Honorary Life, 6 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS

Attendance Drawing: \$6 was NOT won... by Phil Reed...
Next month's drawing will be \$9.
You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$8 was Won by Kelly Way.
You have to be present to play & win!



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2026

Tickets SOLD OUT!



April 2026 Winners

- 1st Prize - \$100 - #0004 Carol Brown
- 2nd Prize - \$50 - #0096 George/Sally Leonhardt
- 3rd Prize - \$35 - #0124 Evelyn Rivers
- 4th Prize - \$25 - #0462 Linda Shemenski

The Knights graciously thank you for your

Continued Support of this Program!!

God Bless you!!





FREE TO BE Faithful

"Why is it important to pray daily? Prayer is intangible in a certain way; we cannot always see its effects. If we do not pray daily, we lose contact with Jesus - the one we love. We lose contact with the only one who can give wisdom, insight, and understanding so we can live in peace, joy and confidence."
 ~ by Sr. Ann Shields (Pray and Never Lose Heart)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

COUNCIL SHIRTS & VESTS

Show you're a member of the Knights of Columbus by purchasing a council shirt or vest.




For information and ordering contact:
Tony Lause:
 tonylause@gmail.com
 or phone: 573-346-0643

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Always and everywhere, contact with the Church means participation in her universality. Beneath the Cross where Mary was proclaimed the spiritual Mother of all Christians stands not only the woman who has offered her own child to God, but also the woman who has sacrificed to God the wish or hope for a child of her own, or who was willing to give a child to God."
 – Gertrud von le Fort from The Eternal Woman




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Peace be with you! When I trained to be an Altar Boy, I had to learn the prayers in Latin. Shortly after being awarded full Altar Boy status, there was Vatican Council II, and we switched to English. God does have a sense of humor, doesn't He.

As altar servers, the two most labor-intensive times of the year were 40 Hour Devotions and Holy Week. It was a Labor of Love. At one time, my four younger brothers and I were serving. +Mom always made sure our cassocks & surplices were clean and pressed. What an honor it was to serve Our Lord, our Pastor, and the Parish.

This week we observe Holy Week. It will be different this year. Not because I no longer wear the cassock & surplice, but because I won't Testify alone. In our current way of life, for the better good of us all, we gather as a community to honor, love and adore our God and our Lord Jesus Christ through the Mass of the Lord's Supper, spend quiet time with Him in Repose in the Blessed Sacrament, commemorate His Way of the Cross, His Passion, and Venerate the Cross as true believers of His Sacrifice for our sins; all this culminating in His Glorious Resurrection. As a Faith Community, by his actions, our Shepherds Fr. Joseph & Fr. Augustine will not deny us; through the Triduum and His Glorious Resurrection of the Easter Vigil and Sunday! The joy of glorified life and the victorious cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)

Vivat Jesu!

Please Pray for Vocations!

"Carry it with you Always...

And Pray it Often!

APRIL 2026



Apr 2 Holy Thursday/Mass of the Last Supper 7pm

Apr 3 Good Friday/1st Friday 3pm - Passion

Stations of the Cross - Church 5pm



Apr 4 Holy Saturday/Easter Food Blessing 9am

Easter Vigil 8pm



Apr 5 Easter Sunday Masses: 7 - 9 - 11am



Apr 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ BMMMC ~ 7pm



Apr 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Apr 11/12 Divine Mercy Sunday



Apr 13 St. Martin I

Apr 15 Council Membership Mtg ~ BMMMC
~ Dinner 5:15pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Apr 17 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Apr 18/19 3rd Sunday of Easter

Apr 21 St. Anselm

Apr 23 Ss. George & Adalbert



Apr 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Apr 25 St. Mark the Evangelist



Apr 25/26 4th Sunday of Easter

Apr 28 St. Peter Chanel



Apr 29 St. Catherine of Siena



Apr 30 St. Pope Pius V



I will come : happened

I will die: happened

I will resurrect: happened

I will be back: get ready



MAY 2026

May 1 St. Joseph the Worker
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 2 St. Athanasius



May 2/3 5th Sunday of Easter

May 6 Moms' Social - TBD



May 8 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 9/10 6th Sunday of Easter/Mothers' Day



May 12 Ss. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

4th Degree Meeting ~ BMMMC ~ 7pm



May 14 St. Matthias



May 15 St. Isidore
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 16/17 The Ascension of the Lord



May 18 St. John I



May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena
Council Membership Mtg ~ BMMMC
~ Dinner 5:15pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



May 22 St. Rita of Cascia
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 23/24 Pentecost Sunday



May 25 BVM, Mother of the Church
Memorial Day



May 26 St. Philip Neri



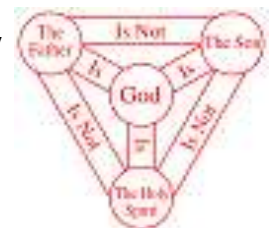
May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury



May 29 St. Pope Paul VI
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



May 30/31 Most Holy Trinity





Knights in the News



St. Paul Council 5644 Ladies' Auxiliary conducted Give-Aways through Lent



Robert Tardiff
Patriotic Basket



The Pitifords
Gift Card Collection 1



Ms Pat Robert
Gift Card Collection 2



Robert Tardiff
Golf Package Basket

LENTEN FISH FRIES - BENEFITING ST. PAUL'S YOUTH MINISTRY



Lent is nearly over and the fish fries have ended. This is the 12th year of the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary volunteering to assist and cook at the Lenten Fish dinners for the St. Paul Youth Group. The Lenten fish dinners are to serve the Parish family and community. It is also a fund raiser for the Youth group here at St. Paul's. The money raised is to help fund mission trips for the Youth in the summer. This was another successful year.

The many youth that volunteered were extremely thankful for all the work the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary.

I would like to personally thank the following members for their outstanding help and support, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Larry Huhn, Monte Moon, Frank DeLise, Doug Rollins, Rich St. Cyr, Art Donnelly, Dan Gonzalez, Chris Prochise, Louis Trapp, Hank Kanczurzewski, Mark Ochalek, Phil Ligenza, Joe Huber, Jack Hickey, Bob Tardiff, Ken Lynch, Ray Crowell, Vince Zedler, Joe Bono, Bill Collins, and Tony Lause.



Tom Diemer
Coordinator





KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, April 3rd from 8:30am until 10:30am serving coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.



(Assembly Meetings: 2nd Wednesdays at St. Paul's Blessed Michael McGivney Center, 1320 Sunshine Ave.)

COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY

08:30 to 10:30

Provided by the
Knights of Columbus
4th Degree
Lake County Assembly 1675

The Assembly wishes to Congratulate the following Sir Knights upon attaining their Honorary Life status:

Theodore J. Kornhoff

Anthony P. Podczasy, Jr.



Calling All 3rd Degree Knights!!

All 3rd Degree Knights are invited to advance to the **FOURTH DEGREE** - The Patriotic Degree of the Order

Next Exemplification: January 31st in Tampa, FL
(Contact Mark Ochalek for more Information)

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for 4th Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Be a 3rd Degree member in good standing.
4. Be a practical Catholic.



Knights in the News

Easter Baskets for the Homeless given to CCW



4th Degree - Habitat for Humanity

Student Volunteers from University of Toledo



Student Volunteers from Ohio State University



Exemplification - 3/18/26

New 3rd Degree Members:

Carlos Loureiro and

Louis Trapp





BLESSED
MICHAEL MCGIVNEY
Pray for Us!

[A Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney](#)

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, have mercy on us. God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us. God, the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us. Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, ... Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and Guardian of the Redeemer, St. Michael the Archangel, Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us. Humble Servant of God, ... Faithful Disciple of Jesus, Son of the Immaculate Heart, Obedient Son of the Church, Exemplary Priest of Purity, Zealous Priest of Christ, Gentle Shepherd of Souls, Devoted Parish Priest, Wise Counselor, Teacher of the Faith, Servant to All, Protector of the Poor, Defender of the Widow and Orphan, Friend of the Lonely and Suffering, Companion to the Imprisoned, Comforter of the Sick and Dying, Apostle of Christian Family Life, Father to the Young, Advocate of Workers, Evangelizer of Those Gone Astray, Champion of the Gospel of Life, Guardian of the Laity, Pastor of Immigrants, Exemplar of Charity, Model of Unity, Builder of Catholic Fraternity, Instructor of Christian Patriotism, Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael, humble in service, pray for us. Blessed Michael, devoted to the Sacred Heart, ... Blessed Michael, pure in heart, Blessed Michael, faithful in priestly duties, Blessed Michael, strong in suffering, Blessed Michael, peaceful in dying, Blessed Michael, conformed to Christ crucified, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord! Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!

V/ Pray for us, Blessed Michael McGivney,

R/ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. God, our Father, inspired by the heroic example of the life and virtue of your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body, which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and outcast. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.