



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**AUGUST 2024
NEWS & NOTES**



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Another Fiscal year has passed. As a Council we had a very good year. Instead of looking back at the year we just finished I would like to look ahead to some of the things we have planned for this year. Someone once told me that if you are still talking about what you did yesterday, then you haven't done anything today.



We will have a Silver Rose prayer service on Wednesday September 4 at 2 PM honoring our Lady of Guadalupe and reaffirming our dedication to the sanctity of human life.

We held the Installation of Officers on July 17th; and will be having an Exemplification of new candidate(s) on September 18th before our council meeting.

We have our Officers and Program Directors in place. We have our Socials the first Wednesday of every other month, beginning with our Summer/Scholarship-Back to School Social Wednesday, August 7th at 6 PM. I will be meeting with one Scholarship winner on Monday July 29 to present his check, as he will be traveling with family in August.

July and August are quiet months with a lot of planning taking place. There will still be Business Meetings on the third Wednesday of every month. September looks like a busy month. We are working on a Free Throw Contest (basketball); an 8th Grade Essay contest and a Hockey Challenge for the grade school kids. We continue to support the RSVP Program, which helps support men in the Seminary. These are only a few events for the upcoming year. If you are interested in volunteering for anything, or have suggestions for new programs, please contact me. We can't do these things without your help. More information will be coming on all these programs and a lot of other events.

Lastly, I welcome recommendations for both Knight & Family of the Month Awards and ask that each recommendation be accompanied with a brief reason for your suggestion. My email is: klynch5644@gmail.com

Fraternally,

Ken Lynch, Grand Knight



Honorees

Knight of the Month (Pg. 2)



Family of the 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!**



Council #5644 Website
KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Nick Alvarez, Ghislaine Beaulieu, Tim Donihi, William Ehbar, Ron Golembiowski, Terry Graham, Maria Iturbe, Mike Jiminez, Tony Lause, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello, Bob Nixon, Nick Nuciforo, Greg & Mark Ochalek, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Susan Polito, Al & Elaine Ragona, Kathleen Skoblicki, Kelly & Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Haley Williams, Joan Woodson, Walt & Marilyn Young.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their meeting on August 8, at 11 am at the BMMMC. At this meeting, we will be filling 25 Boxes of Joy to kick off the season of giving. This project is headed by Gene Kelly. We will also be collecting canned goods for the St. Paul Food Pantry. In addition, we will have a speaker from LovExtension, a non-profit group that provides food and necessities for the elderly and disabled.

Summer is slipping away. We wish those traveling to visit family and friends Safe Travels and good health. Connection with Faith, Family and Friends is of the utmost in these times. Let us pray for those with health needs. Especially for those who suffer quietly and alone.

Pray for the conversion of evil in this world to a return to loving one another and peace.

Wishing students in general, and the St. Paul students in particular, a fruitful and exciting school year of learning and fellowship.

Cindy Diemer/Joyce Collins,
Co-Presidents

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

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LovExtension
"Serving to Improve Life!"



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month is brother Dick Davis. Dick has been a Knight almost 2 yrs! In the time he has been in 5644, he jumped in with both feet from the start. He assumed the office of Warden, pitched in at SPCS and FL Special Olympics events; and will lead the Youth Hockey Challenge in January. Currently Dick is the Deputy Grand Knight. Dick will be involved with Youth Activities like the 8th Grade Essay Contest and Basketball Free Throw contest. He was a delegate at this year's State Convention and plans to join the 4th Degree in November.

Your service as a Knight and to St. Paul's Church and School are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for August 2024!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Family of the Month are Dan & Denise Gonzalez. Dan joined the Knights a very short time ago and has been a solid impact from the start. You see him near daily at Mass smartly attired and donning his red KofC vest. What more of a call to serve then is that! Dan will be joining the 4th Degree at the end of this month. While volunteering at Mass, he is a Sacristan & EMHC, Mass Captain, Lector and fill-in Usher. Denise also is active in the Liturgy, volunteering as EMHC & Lector. They both also volunteer with the Youth Group and with Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation classes.

Your service to the Knights and St. Paul Parish & its Youth are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being chosen: Family of the Month for August 2024!

Silver Rose Prayer Service @ St. Paul's



Each year, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes starting in Canada thru the USA and ending in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, where they are presented to the image of Our Lady on her feast day. Join us for a special prayer service! Wednesday, September 4th at 2 PM in St. Paul's Church

Membership Meeting Highlights

The July Membership Meeting was held the 17th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. if no federal holiday; Food Service: 5:30 to 6:15pm, Rosary @ 6:30pm, Membership Meeting @ 7pm.

New 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; contact your Grand Knight Ken Lynch.

Prior to the meeting the DD&DW installed the new officers for 2024-25, Fr. Matthew was present, he opened & closed with prayer and Blessed the Jewels of Office. The GK then opened the meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance;

- GK report: Minutes from the prior meeting were approved; Recap of events: the Annual Audit was submitted to Supreme, 2 applicants were selected to be awarded \$1,000 scholarships each, Toby O'Brien will be attending Catholic University and Matthew Wymer is headed to Alabama; Coming events: 8/7 is the Back to School Social, with the presentation of college scholarships and a short talk on the St. Paul Youth Group Mission Trip to Alabama and Middle School Camp in Georgia;
- Treasurer: Absent, No Report on accounts;
- Financial Sec.: Absent, No Report;
- Faith Director: Absent, No Report; Silver Rose Prayer Service at St. Paul's Sept. 4th, 2pm - 4pm;
- Youth Dir: 8th Grade Essay Contest and a 7th/8th Grade Free-throw Contest planned for early fall and Hockey Challenge scheduled for end of Jan.;
- DD: Goal is Star Council, he is here to help us;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic going well, next one is August 2nd, Exemplification 8/24;
- Life: the JMJ Pregnancy Ctr. Gala is Sept. 28th, the council sponsored a table of 10, all spoken for;
- Old Business: at the July Officers' meeting, after much discussion, a motion was made to state for the record that the funds, from the proceeds of the Council Hall sale, donated to St. Paul Catholic Church, is theirs to do whatever they feel needed; and is not to be brought up for discussion again; it was seconded and approved by the majority there;
- New Business: Dcn Balchus announced that the 2024 SPCS Panda Classic will be November 8th;
- Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$12, was Not Won by Alan Albert; 50/50 - was tabled due to the Officers' Installation; 14 members present, meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. Next Membership Mtg: Wed. August 21st, BMMMC; a Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification is planned to be held prior to the start of the Sept. 18th membership meeting; 6:00pm Exemplification, 7pm Meeting.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



5 th Dcn Michael McGinnity	26 th Edward P Rizzo
9 th Jerome L Hamman	28 th Daniel Gonzalez Sr
10 th Joseph G Beaulieu 84	Dominic A Nuciforo Sr
12 th John A Higgins 84	29 th John F Gallagher
13 th Thomas J Birt	Rev Vincent R Pierino 86
20 th Andrew J Dul	31 st Simon Luzny
David E Myers	

Attendance Drawing:

\$12 was NOT Won by Alan Albert...

Next month's drawing will be \$15.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

Was waived off due to the Officers' Installation.

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 07/25/24, the Council has 160 members: 75 insurance, 85 associate; 50 Honorary Life, 5 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS

WORDS OF WISDOM

"The future of evangelization depends in great part on the Church of the home. This apostolic mission of the family is rooted in Baptism and receives from the grace of the sacrament of marriage new strength to transmit the faith, to sanctify and transform our present society according to God's plan."

- St. Pope John Paul II from 'Familiaris Consorti'



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: AUGUST WINNERS



Will be drawn at the August Back to School Social on the 7th!! Please check the website after August 7th...

1st Prize - \$75.00 - # ?????

2nd Prize - \$50.00 - # ?????

3rd Prize - \$25.00 - # ?????

4th Prize - \$10.00 - # ?????





"Get to know your legitimate needs, your deepest desires, and your unique talents. They are the clues that God has placed within you to help you discover your destiny and become the 'Best-version-of-yourself'."

~ from The Rhythm of Life by Mathew Kelly

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:

Monte Moon 678-427-4595

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FIELD AGENT

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Kevin

ATTENTION! FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Please return your dues payment as soon as possible.

If there is some type of financial issue please don't ignore the notice. Please contact me.

Thank you.

Tom Diemer PGK,PFN
Financial Secretary
352-267-9502
St Paul Council 5644

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! Happy August, traditionally the start of the school year. Back in the day, school began in September (my 50th Class Reunion is this year, ouch!); and today I heard on the news that a few select districts will begin "year-round" schooling. Time will tell, I hope it works; and at least see a decrease in juvenile delinquency...

That said, remember my +Uncle Eddy and Cousin Paul? Back when Paul and I were 8 or 9 years old, Co-ca-Cola had a promotion where they printed football player likenesses under the bottle caps and a control sheet you taped them on. With us living in NW PA, we had the world champion Cleveland Browns players (it's true! Look it up!!) Well it was taking forever because you can only drink so many Cokes; +Uncle Eddy to the rescue, he was a chemist at Lord Corporation and fashioned a tool for us to use. It was brilliant, a steel rod with a magnet at one end; in those days single bottle beverages were sold in vending machines, with a bottle cap receptacle under the opener. We stuck the magnet down inside and pulled out handfuls of bottle caps! We went around town, hitting all the Coke machines, until we hit the laundromat, which was owned by the town constable. He thought we were breaking into it or stealing money; he took us home and told my +Dad. ...and our RAP sheet grows (again, for the record I was the accomplice). +Pop talked us out of trouble, but needless to say, we were "persona non grata" around town for a while. Like Christ told his Apostles, if you find you are not welcome in a town, shake their dust from your Chuck Taylors, and move on to the next one.

Vivat Jesu! - Please Pray for Vocations!



Awards & Presentations

Grand Knight Ken Lynch and Deputy Grand Knight Dick Davis present a College Freshman Scholarship Award to 2024 recipient Toby O'Brien.



Toby with his Mother, Retzel O'Brien. He will be attending Catholic University in Washington, DC this fall.

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SEPT 2024

Aug 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori
Aug 2 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church
Aug 3/4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 6 The Transfiguration of The Lord
Aug 7 St. Pope Sixtus II and Companions
Back to School Social
Gathering 5pm ~ Dinner 6pm ~ Program 7pm
Aug 8 St. Dominic
Aug 9 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church
Aug 10 St. Lawrence
Aug 10/11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
NO 4th Degree Meeting
Aug 15 Assumption of The BVM
Aug 16 St. Stephen of Hungary
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church
Aug 17/18 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 20 St. Bernard
Aug 21 St. Pope Pius X
Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm
Aug 22 The Queenship of The BVM
Aug 23 St. Rose of Lima
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church
Aug 24 St. Bartholomew
Aug 24/25 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Aug 27 St. Monica
Aug 28 St. Augustine
Aug 29 The Passion of St. John The Baptist
Aug 30 Friday Adoration: 9a-12p Church
Aug 31 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 2 Labor Day
Sept 3 St. Gregory the Great
Sept 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta
Sept 6 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church
Sept 7/8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 9 St. Peter Claver
Sept 11 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC
Sept 12 Most Holy Name of Mary
Sept 13 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church
Sept 14 The Exultation of the Holy Cross
Sept 14/15 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 16 Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
Sept 18 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm
Sept 19 St. Januarius
Sept 20 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church
Sept 21 St. Matthew
Sept 21/22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 26 Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Sept 27 St. Vincent de Paul
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church
Sept 28 St. Wenceslaus
Sept 28/29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 28 St. Jerome



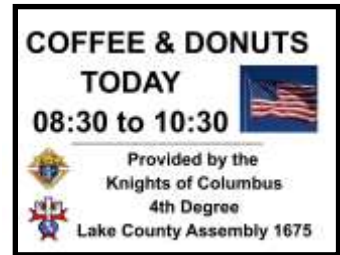


Knights in the News



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Coffee & Donuts for Vets

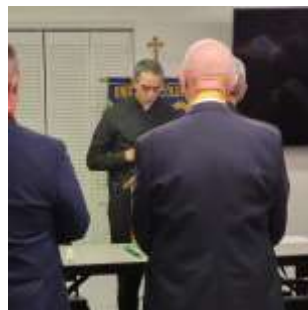


**We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic
Friday, August 2nd from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



4th Degree Faithful Comptroller Mark Ochalek is shown presenting a Life Membership card to Deacon Michael Balchus. Congratulations!

St. Paul Council #5644: 2024-25 Officer Installation



Fr. Matthew led the invocation, the benediction, and Blessed the Jewels of Office.



District Deputy SK Denis Milonas and District Warden Gerry Morneau on hand to conduct the installation.

The following officers were present and installed with their Jewel of Office...

Grand Knight Ken Lynch

**Deputy Grand Knight
Dick Davis**

Warden Chris Procise



Recorder Ed Wutsch

2yr Trustee Kelly Way 3yr Trustee Doug Rollins



St. Paul Council #5644 - St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, FL



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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.