



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

DECEMBER 2025
NEWS & NOTES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings from your Grand Knight. December is upon us with the lights, the music, and the grand religious celebrations.



My wife and I will be venturing off to a new life in High Point, North Carolina. We will be moving near Family receiving family type assistance, in matters of old age, health, motivation, and entertainment. We are aware of the many familiar things we will miss experiencing again. But we are confident we will gain many new experiences. We will miss the many friends we've made the last 25 or so years. We are confident we will make many new ones. I will miss:

- The Knights' monthly meetings;
 - The Kitchen Krew Kwality Meals Doug and Tom cooked up;
 - The FS jabbing me under podium to keep the discussion on point;
 - Mark-O never giving up on me;
 - Bill C pretending he heard me;
 - Chris hoping there's no CPA nearby when he gives his monthly Report;
 - Larry Huhn driving a golf cart;
 - Handing out Bulletins to fellow parishioners after Mass on Sundays;
 - Fr Seno and Fr Augustine praying for and with us at KofC meetings.
- You see. I will miss a lot.

Barb & I Thank you and wish all a Blessed & Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!
Dick Davis,
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...

Tom & Carol Cane, **Ryan Cimino**, Joyce Collins, **Pat Detweiler**, Tom & Cindy Diemer, **Andrew Dul**, Anthony Durkin, **William Ehrbar**, Gary Edwards, **Melody Fraser**, Stephen Gabriel, **Susan Gaucher**, Ron Golembiowski, **Jim Gorman**, Terry Graham, **Maria Iturbe**, Joey Landon, **Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch**, Greg Matthews, **George & Linda Mello**, DW Jerry & Joanne Moreau, **Bob Nixon**, Greg & Mark Ochalek, **Dawn & Joni Pauline**, Ann Rollins, **Susan Polito**, Al Ragona, **Tom Schweitzer**, Jim Suleski, **Joan Tardiff**, Sharon Way, **Haley Williams**, Joan Woodson, **Walt & Marilyn Young**, Mary Clare Zedler.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

November Knight of the Month is Kelly Way. Sir Knight Kelly has been a Knight for 13 years and a 4th Degree for 11 years. Kelly is Past Grand Knight of Council 5644 and is currently a Trustee. He's a Kitchen Krew member, pitches in at special events, fish fries and picnics; most recently at the parish Trunk or Treat.

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



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

November Family of the Month are Jack & Stephanie Hickey. Brother Jack has been a Knight for just over a year! He currently is the Council Chancellor and a member of the Kitchen Krew; helping out at the Lenten Fish Fries and most recently the parish Trunk or Treat. Jack is retired Air Force, and FedEx pilot. Stephanie is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, most recently pitching in at the parish Trunk or Treat event.

Your service to the Knights and the Church are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Family of the Month for November!



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings!

Hoping everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day with friends and family.

As we approach the Advent Season and prepare for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord, let us reflect on all the Blessings we have received. Pray for those less fortunate and for those suffering from the lack of Faith. We know that Prayer and Faith are important ways to fill our hearts with love to share with others. We must Pray to counter the evil that has become pervasive in the world. Let us Pray for the conversion of evil to Faith and love for one another.

Wishing everyone a Merry and Holy Christmas and a Happy 2026 with family and friends!

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

Cindy Diemer
Joyce Collins
Co-Presidents

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SCHOLARSHIP

2026 Scholarship Raffle Sales
Available at All Weekend Masses
November 29th & 30th
and
December 6th & 7th

NEW PRIZE AMOUNTS THIS YEAR!

1st Prize - \$100.00
2nd Prize - \$50.00
3rd Prize - \$35.00
4th Prize - \$25.00

Drawings are Monthly - January thru October

Proceeds Fund School Scholarships
3 Parish H. S. Seniors going on to College
2 SPCS Graduates entering Catholic H. S.

The Council again graciously thanks you for your support of this program!!

Membership Meeting Highlights

The November Membership Meeting was held the 19th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed.; Food Service: 5:15 to 6:15pm, Rosary 6:30p, Membership Meeting 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, Dick Davis.

GK Dick Davis opened the meeting with Fr. Seno leading us in Prayer, then he lead the Pledge of Allegiance; the Charter was draped, prayers said for fallen Brothers: +SK Larry Regan & +SK Steve Gould; Prior meeting's Minutes were approved;

- GK report: Recap of events: Thank you card read from Beverly Shores Elementary for the Hoodie donation; Ministry Fair successful, garnered 2 Xfers and 2 Prospects; The December Business Meeting moved to Dec 10; GK announced he and Barbara are moving to NC by the end of the year.
- Chaplain: Thanked the Council for all we do for the Church; Parish Advent Mission 12/1-3, please try to attend, Go to Confession before Christmas!
- Treasurer: Reported on accts; CD matured, looking into possible move to another bank;
- FS: in Good Order with Supreme; 2 Transfers-In: Louis Trapp and John Monti - Welcome!
- Kitchen: Dec. Social will be the Christmas party, Larry Huhn booked the Pembroke Fairways hall and to be catered by HP Grill on Sat., Dec 6th;
- Faith Dir: Silver Rose request made to State Council, no update on Adoration Hour;
- Scholarship Raffle 2026: 600 tickets to be sold at all Masses 11/29-30 & 12/6-7, Prizes: \$100,50,35,25;
- DD: No Report;
- Old Bus: \$450 given to SPCS for student jackets;
- New Business: no Panda Classic this year, we'll buy their raffle tickets in lieu of our usual donation; Brother Ryan Cimino created our Facebook page; Motion made & 2nd to give \$250 donation to Matthew Wymer to attend SEEK Conference;
- Good of the Order: Honorees: KOM Kelly Way and FOM Jack & Stephanie Hickey announced;
- Attendance Draw \$3 Not Won by Monserrate Rodriguez; 50/50 - \$40 won by Art Donnaly and donated back to the Council; Thank You!; 22 members present, meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Dec. 10th



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 st Dennis J Bucholtz. Jr	18 th Jonathan R Vance
5 th Joseph R Huber	19 th John J Larger
Philip R Reed 85	22 nd Gregory M Perez
6 th Bob H Agnew	23 rd James N Walsh 83
7 th Stephen E Andrejak, Sr	26 th Fr. Francis Amponsah
Walter A Young	28 th Paul E Johnson 82
12 th Charles M Pisanchin 89	Larry W Singer 82

Attendance Drawing:

\$3 was NOT WON! by Monserrate Rodriguez...

Next month's drawing will be \$6.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$40 was Won by Art Donally; and donated back to the council! Thank You!!

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 11/25/2025, the Council has 160 members: 67 insurance, 93 associate; 49 Honorary Life, 5 Honorary.

Welcome New-Xfers: Louis Trapp & John Monti.

Tom Diemer, FS

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



"If we are made in God's image, we can only be fulfilled and healed of our brokenness by putting him first in our lives. When we leave out the spiritual component, we are ignoring a very important part of who we are."

~ from a book by Teresa Tomeo

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

FIELD AGENT



If you have any questions or concerns about your coverage, policies, or our products Please call me (850) 323-1020

Kevin

WORDS OF WISDOM

"The rights of parents and their primary role in the education of their children in the area of morality and religion must be safeguarded. It is in the family that peacemakers, tomorrow's promoters of a culture of life and love, are born and nurtured."

~ Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI); Faith and Politics



Panda Classic/SPCS Car Raffle 2025

St. Paul Catholic School principal Monica Matthews accepts an oversized check from SK Chris Procise Council Treasure representing our contribution to their car raffle.



PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! I may have mentioned that growing up we had a family grocery store, that we all worked in as we came of age. The "We" I speak of were our parents of course, myself and my 8 siblings (6 brothers and 2 sisters). I am #3 on both the sons & the children's list. Our lopsided mix provides for an interesting tale. As the story goes, 5 boys were born to +Bill & +Virginia, then a daughter, and then two more sons. They desired another daughter, to have a playmate for Sister #1. I for one didn't get it; but I was just a sixth grader, what else would I think. At this point our parents chose to look at adoption to find daughter #2. St. Joseph's Home for Children was the local orphanage; they met with the Sisters of St. Joseph searching for a 5 or 6 yr old, to be close in age to Melanie. The Nuns only knew of infants and tweeners; so +Mom & +Pop had them start looking. One day they received the call: "M/M Ochalek, we found a 5 year old, but she's in Italy." Their response: "Bring her over!" (we'll make her a Polska). We told her she came over on an olive oil boat; but she remembered flying. She arrived on Thanksgiving, what a Blessing to be thankful for... That was 58 years ago and she has been one of us since. On her 50th birthday, her husband took her and their son to Italy. She was able to find the orphanage, now closed; but she remembered being there. (In the long version, she had an unplanned meet with her birth mother!) Renata was quite the family Christmas present that year... Lucky for her Color T.V.'s were too pricey! From our home to yours, a Blessed & Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesu! Please Pray for Vocations!



"Carry it with you Always...
And Pray it Often!"





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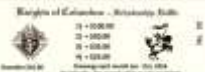
Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier



Dec 4 St. John Damascene

Dec 5 First Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm Church

Dec 6 St. Nicholas



Dec 6/7 2nd Sunday of Advent

2026 Scholarship Raffle Sales at All Masses

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the BVM



Dec 9 St. Juan Diego Cuahltloatzin



Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto



NO 4th Degree Meeting

Council Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Dec 11 Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Party



Dec 11 St. Pope Damasus I



Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Dec 13 St. Lucy



Dec 13/14 3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec 19 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Dec 20/21 4th Sunday of Advent



Dec 23 St. John Kanty



Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord



Dec 26 St. Stephen



Dec 26 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Dec 27 St. John, Apostle



Dec 27/28 The Holy Family of JMJ



Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket



Dec 31 St. Pope Sylvester I



New Year's Eve!



January 2026

Jan 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God



New Year's Day 2026!



Jan 2 First Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm Church

St. Basil the Great



Jan 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus

Jan 3/4 Epiphany of Our Lord



Jan 5 St. John Neumann

Jan 9 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Jan 10/11 Baptism of The Lord



Jan 13 St. Hilary

Jan 14 4th Degree Meeting ~ BMMMC ~ 7pm



Jan 16 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Jan 17 St. Anthony



Jan 17/18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 20 SS. Fabian & Sebastian



Jan 21 St. Agnes

Council Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Jan 22 Pray for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Jan 23 St. Vincent

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales



Jan 24/25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 26 SS. Timothy & Titus



Jan 27 St. Angela Merici

Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas



Jan 30 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Jan 31 St. John Bosco



Jan 31/Feb 1 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Knights in the News



Grand Knight Dick Davis shown awarding
the Family of the Month award to:
Jack & Stephanie Hickey.



The GK also announced
the Knight of the Month
award goes to
SK Kelly Way.



Council Eternal

We recently lost 2 Brothers & Sir Knights:

Steven Gould



Larry Regan



KofC St. Paul Council 5644

And the Ladies' Auxiliary,

Wish you and yours a very

Merry and Blessed Christmas

and a Happy & Healthy New Year!



KofC Lake County Assembly 1675

**Wishes you and yours a very Merry and Blessed Christmas
and a Happy & Healthy New Year!**





KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, Dec. 5th from 8:30am until 10:30am serving coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.

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



The Assembly is in the process of re-establishing their Color Corps/Honor Guard

Any Sir Knight interested please contact our Faithful Navigator Tim Jaskiewicz  
50% of the uniform cost will be covered through the support of the Assembly.



### 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:

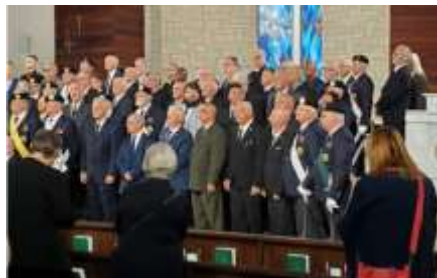
1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Be a 3rd Degree member in good standing.
4. Be a practical Catholic.



### New Sir Knights



**4th Degree Exemplification - November 1, 2025 at St. Vincent de Paul, Wildwood**  
**Welcome Sir Knight Daniel Gonzalez, Sir Knight Larry Huhn and Sir Knight Chris Still**



**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.