



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**FEBRUARY 2025  
NEWS & NOTES**

**COUNCIL #5644 1330 SUNSHINE AVE. LEESBURG, FLORIDA 34748**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

We survived the Holidays and now have hopes of warmer weather as the daylight grows longer. February begins the season of many opportunities to display the Fraternity and the Unity of our Council. There are many activities that require volunteers – the annual Polish Dinner on Saturday February 15; a Parish Picnic on February 23; the annual Citizens with Disabilities Fund-raising campaign, at all Masses March 1 & 2; Ash Wednesday and the six Friday Fish Fries beginning March 5 all require our United efforts to make these events both fun and successful. I ask that you watch for the email blasts announcing the need for your assistance. The Kitchen Krew Chief has the work instructions required of all the various tasks from Sous Chef to collecting Admission Tickets providing many opportunities for everyone to easily participate. As the saying goes: “Many hands make light work” and spreading out the work lessens the workload for everyone participating. Do not be timid, if you have never worked in a kitchen before, as the Kitchen Krew Chief is always checking and guiding everyone to be certain the work is done correctly and safely. I want to reiterate the congratulations and thanks to Ray Crowell for his recruiting efforts enabling our Council to meet its New Member Goal so quickly; and to Chris Procise for his success as Scholarship Raffle Chairman in raising \$5,000+. Again, I ask that you be watchful and thoughtful for the emails seeking volunteers. Always remember our ailing Brothers and their families in your prayers. Vivat Jesus,

*Ken Lynch*, Grand Knight



## Honorees

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Family of the Month (Pg. 2)

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**“Carry it with you**

Always...

And Pray it

Often!



**“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](http://KofC5644.org)

Florida State Website  
[FloridaKofC.org](http://FloridaKofC.org)

Supreme Website  
[KofC.org](http://KofC.org)



## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

**Thelma Cecil, Ryan Cimino, James & Karen Croson, Tom Diemer, William Ehrbar, Stephen Gabriel, Susan Gaucher, Ron Golembiowski, Terry Graham, Maria Iturbe, Tim Jaskiewicz, +Mike Jiminez, Ronald LaPierre, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello, Mike Memmesheimer, Bob Nixon, Don & Lucy Oblazney, Greg & Mark Ochalek, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Tony Podczasy, Susan Polito, Al & Elaine Ragona, Larry Regan, Doug Rollins, Kathleen Skoblicki, Andrea Smith, Erica Theriault, Kelly & Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Fran Wolman, Haley Williams, Joan Woodson, Walt & Marilyn Young, Vince & Mary Clare Zedler.**



## LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings,  
The K of C Ladies' Auxiliary will be having its bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb 13th at 11 am in the BMMMC (McGivney Center). This is just before Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th, so please make sure you remember to share your love with your special someone(s). We look forward to assisting the Knights on their annual Polish Dinner on Sat, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM in the school cafeteria. This is a dining favorite for our parish community. Advance tickets are selling fast. The Ladies' Auxiliary is also looking forward to participating with the Parish Picnic, planned for Sunday, Feb. 23 after the 11 am Mass. Lots of activities as we plan for the Lenten Fish Dinners in March/April. Save the dates on your calendar.

Wishing you a happy and healthy February!

Cindy Diemer & Joyce Collins - Co-Prez.

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



## SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



### February 2025 Winners

- 1st Prize - \$75.00: #421 Ed Fischer
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00: #234 Dot Robida
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00: #059 Alicia Petzak
- 4th Prize - \$10.00: #285 Frank Pracukowski

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The Knights graciously thank you for your Continued Support of this Program!!  
God Bless you!!

## KNIGHT OF THE MONTH TBA

## FAMILY OF THE MONTH TBA



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**ONLY A FEW TICKETS REMAIN**



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel, and small domestic churches. May families never again experience violence, rejection, and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.



### Welcome New Member

Prior to the January Membership meeting, Grand Knight Ken Lynch with the assistance of Warden Chris Procise, Exemplified one new member into the 3rd Degree of our Order.

Please welcome new 3rd Degree Knight:  
Ryan Cimino, shown with GK Ken Lynch.



## Membership Meeting Highlights

The January Membership Meeting was held the 15th, 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 Chartist~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.

**A Charity/Unity/Fraternity Exemplification** was held prior to the meeting Jan 15th @ 6pm; please welcome our new Brother Knight (see prior page). If you have not yet attained your 3rd Degree, sitting through this 30 minute ceremony automatically advances you!

The GK opened meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; prior Minutes were approved;

- GK report: Recap of events: Tonight's exemplification makes our New Member Quota! Once Monthly Mass intentions have been bought, Apr. thru Dec., watch the Council Calendar and Parish Bulletin for dates; Annual Memorial Mass booked for Oct. 19, 9am Mass; Polish Dinner is 2/15, 1-3pm; the Silver Rose to be in Orlando Diocese 3/5-16, fingers are crossed that we are chosen to Host again;
- Treasurer: Report on accounts, uncashed checks to be researched, two are SPCS 8th Grade awards;
- Financial Sec.: Per Capita bill Paid, 1 xfer ok'd;
- Faith Director: Silver Rose Prayer Service booklets received 100 ea Eng & Sp, Hope we are picked; the Holy Family Icon pilgrimages to begin soon;
- Scholarship Raffle: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic first Fridays, 8:30 to 10:30; Plan to supply lunches for two Habitat for Humanity college volunteer groups, U. of Toledo and Endicot U., donated to Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics FL, Chris Berens' grp;
- New Business: voted to donate to a 4/13 Fun Run around Silver Lake benefits St Paul Cath. School;
- Old Business: None;
- DW: Dist Mtg next month, State Convention will move to Jaxsonville for 2025; DD Milonas to step down, DW Morneau will replace, he needs a DW;
- Good of the Order: Mary Claire Zedler, Ryan Cimino and Tom Diemer added to Prayer List; Attendance Drawing \$24, was Not Won by Robert Ferrara; 50/50 - \$30 was pocketed by first time winner (so he says) Larry Huhn; 22 were present, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

**Next Membership Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, February 19th, 2025**



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



6<sup>th</sup> Kelly E Way 87

7<sup>th</sup> Gil L Pierson

11<sup>th</sup> Allan R Albert

Vidal Garcia Viramontes

12<sup>th</sup> George Mello 87

14<sup>th</sup> Thomas V Cane 85

Christopher Procise

16<sup>th</sup> Keith A. Wagner 81

21<sup>st</sup> Theodore J Kornhoff

24<sup>th</sup> William L Hendry

Monte M Moon 87

Ronnie G Rokisky

26<sup>th</sup> Robert H Pusateri 81

27<sup>th</sup> Dennis R Anderson 80

Brian J Beck

28<sup>th</sup> Richard D Davis 85

### Attendance Drawing:

**\$24 was NOT Won by Robert Ferrara...**

**Next month's drawing will be \$27.**

**You must be present to win!**

**50/50 Raffle: \$30 Won by Larry Huhn...**

**You have to be present to play & win!**

## MEMBERSHIP

**As of 1/28/2025, the Council has 165 members:**  
**75 insurance, 90 associate; 49 Honorary Life,**  
**6 Honorary.**

*Tom Diemer, FS*

## COUNCIL SHIRTS & VESTS

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

**(The Council needs a new Apparel**  
**Director, IS THAT YOU?!?)**

For information and ordering contact:

**Your Grand Knight: [klynch5644@gmail.com](mailto:klynch5644@gmail.com)**  
**or email: [Knights5644@gmail.com](mailto:Knights5644@gmail.com)**



## WORDS OF WISDOM

**"May we never risk the life of our souls by  
being resentful or by bearing grudges."**

**- Saint Gregory of Nyssa**





"It has been observed that people emulate the five people they spend most time with - for better or worse. Make Jesus one of those five people. Spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will transform you and your life in ways you cannot even begin to imagine."

~ by Matthew Kelly (in his book: 33 Days to the Eucharistic Glory)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

## PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! Mind if I digress for a moment? As I pen this, THE Ohio State University won the College Football National Championship; coming soon is the NFL Conference Battle, then the Super Bowl. The NBA's in full bounce, Auto Racing's Revving Up, Golf is in Full Swing, and Pitchers & Catchers report for Spring Training. I am a Sports Spectator (Go Browns!) for one very good reason, I stink at playing sports; no medals, no trophies, no rings or jackets. And I'm Ok with that, because I have a few memories where I (in my mind) was a star. For example, Gannon University intramurals, Greek Fraternity Division, flag football and I was center for the Pikes. I hiked the ball, held my block for 2 counts and ran to the endzone catching the perfect spiral; a defender upset I'm sure, submarined me, but as if held by my Guardian Angel, I slid on my knees and stood straight up to the displeasure of my foe; feeling bad, I held out the ball as if offering to him, then dropping it to the ground as my teammates came cheering. I don't recall if we won, but I do know that this day, I did. Next month begins Lent, we fast and give alms, but are to wash our faces and comb our hair so to not appear that we are atoning. Do Not Show Pride! Luckily, I've already shown mine. Vivat Jesu! Please Pray for Vocations!



### Council Eternal



+Brother Michael R. Jiminez

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**Funeral Mass: February 19th, 10:30am  
St. Paul Catholic Church**

### FIELD AGENT



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

*Kevin*

## KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025

### Coffee & Donuts for Vets

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, February 7th from 8:30am until 10:30am serving coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.

Lunches will be cooked and served to the Student Volunteer Groups from the University of Toledo, Thursday March 6th and Endicott University, Thursday March 20th.



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



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# FEB 2024



**Feb 1/2 Presentation of the Lord**

**Feb 5 St. Blaise**



**Feb 5 St. Agatha**

**Feb 6 St. Paul Miki and Companions**



**Feb 7 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church**

**Feb 8/9 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feb 10 St. Scholastica**



**Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Feb 12 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC**



**Feb 14 St. Valentine's Day**



**Ss. Cyril & Methodius**

**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church**

**Feb 15 Annual Polish Dinner**



**Feb 15/16 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feb 17 Presidents' Day**



**Feb 19 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC  
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm**

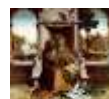


**Feb 21 St. Peter Damian**

**Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



**Feb 22 Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**



**Feb 22/23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feb 28 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church**



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# MARCH 2024

**Mar 1/2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mar 3 St. Katherine Drexel**



**Mar 4 St. Casimir**



**Mar 5 Ash Wednesday**

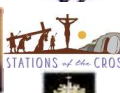
**Soup-n-Sandwich Dinner - Holy Family Room**



**Mar 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity**

**Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross**

**Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm**



**Mar 8 St. John of God**



**Mar 8/9 1st Sunday of Lent  
Daylight Savings Time**



**Mar 12 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC**



**Mar 14 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross**

**Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm**



**Mar 15/16 2nd Sunday of Lent**

**Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day**



**Mar 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

**Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC**

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



**Mar 21 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross**

**Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm**



**Mar 22/23 3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord**

**Mar 28 Friday Adoration/Stations of the Cross**

**Fish Fry - School Cafeteria 5-7pm**



**Mar 29/30 4th Sunday of Lent**





# Knights in the News



**From the Desk of District Deputy Denis Milonas**



**Brother Knights,**

Our mission as Knights of Columbus is rooted in charity, unity, and fraternity—principles that call us to action in our parishes and communities. To continue our good works, we must seek out and invite good Catholic men to stand beside us in service and faith.

Recruitment is not just about numbers; it's about strengthening our brotherhood with men who share our commitment to family, Church, and charitable outreach. There are many Catholic men who seek a deeper connection to their faith and a way to serve others—sometimes all they need is an invitation. By sharing our own experiences and the fulfillment we find in our Order, we can inspire them to take that step.

I encourage each of you to be ambassadors of our mission. Speak to fellow parishioners, friends, and family about what it means to be a Knight. A simple conversation can lead to a lifelong journey of faith and service.

Together, let's build a stronger brotherhood and continue making a meaningful impact in our Church and community.

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Denis Milonas**

District Deputy 23

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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.