



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brother Knights, I hope that all of you, your families and friends had a Blessed Christmas. Even though life has its ups and downs, I think we have a lot to be thankful for as we come to the end of 2024. Looking forward to the New Year, I pray that it will be a healthier year for you and your families, and more successful for our Council, our parish, and our nation. Let's all of us strive to make it better in our part of the world.



Thanks to the recruiting efforts of SK Ray Crowell, this past December our Council welcomed two new Brothers: Richard Fraser and Thomas Strzelecki. We must push to gain more new members. In fact, we need only one more new member to gain STAR Council award.

Great job by both SKs Ray Crowell and Chris Procise with their assistance in presenting the December Exemplification of new members.

Our next fund raiser will be the annual POLISH Dinner on Saturday February 15th, serving the best "olde world" Polish cuisine from 1 to 3 PM.

I pray that humankind, and especially our own country, learns to live together in peace, raising children in a loving and faith-filled manner.

Vivat Jesus

Ken Lynch, Grand Knight



Honorees

Knight of the Month



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...

Duane Costello, **James Croson**, Tom & Cindy Diemer, **Tim Donihi**, William Ehrbar, **Stephen Gabriel**, Dennis Gaucher, **Ron Golembiowski**, Terry Graham, **Lawrence Fay Huhn**, Maria Iturbe, **Mike Jiminez**, Ernie Little, **Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken & Marianne Lynch**, George & Linda Mello, **DW Gerry Morneau**, Bob Nixon, **Greg & Mark Ochalek**, Dawn Pauline, **Fr. Vincent Pierino**, Susan Polito, **Al & Elaine Ragona**, Larry Regan, **Doug Rollins**, Tom Schweitzer, **Kathleen Skoblicki**, Andrea Smith, **Erica Theriault**, Kelly & Sharon Way, **Mel Weaver**, Fran Wolman, **Haley Williams**, Joan Woodson, **Walt & Marilyn Young**.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

This is the time of year we are grateful for the Christmas season, celebrating the birth of our Lord -

Jesus Christ. We rejoice in our own family's traditions of cultural foods and practices. We pray for those we have lost and are joyous for the new additions to our family. We wish everyone a joyous, prosperous and healthy New Year. Safe travels to all.

Cindy Diemer and Joyce Collins - Co-Presidents

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



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Blessed Michael McGivney

FAMILY OF THE MONTH



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 Members



Prior to the December Membership meeting, Grand Knight Ken Lynch, with the assistance of Warden Chris Procise and O/G Ray Crowell, Exemplified two new members into the 3rd Degree of our Order.

Please welcome new 3rd Degree Knights: Thomas Strzelecki (I) and Richard Fraser (c), shown with Grand Knight Ken Lynch.



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



January 2025 Winners

1st Prize - \$75.00: #195 Denise McDonald
2nd Prize - \$50.00: #483 David Vasseur
3rd Prize - \$25.00: #264 Mary Huhn
4th Prize - \$10.00: #333 Christine Malone

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



## Membership Meeting Highlights

The December Membership Meeting was held the 11th, 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 Charty~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 Dec 11th @ 6pm; please welcome our new brother Knights (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: Thank you received from Mary Claire Zedler on behalf of the MJM Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive, over \$12,200 raised at St. Paul parish who was spotlighted as the highest percentage of "returned bottles/donations and the highest dollar amount raised;
- Christmas Social at Rodello's Restaurant was very nice, with 30 in attendance (pictures below); 2025 Scholarship Raffle @Mass sales drive successful;
- Treasurer: Report on accounts, given by the GK;
- Financial Sec.: Polish Dinner Feb.15th, Citizen's with Disabilities Fund Drive at All Masses Mar. 1/2;
- Faith Director: Suggests purchasing new Chalice/Patten for newly ordained priests (John T.), tabled, discussion enlightened: this is usually from family;
- Scholarship Raffle: 2025 Ticket sales After Mass a huge success, only a handful of tickets remain;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic first Fridays, 8:30 to 10:30; No meeting held in December; but welcome two new Sir Knights: Dick Davis of 5644 and Ronald Tranquilli of St. Pat's Council;
- Old Bus.: Reminder to give Christmas Stipends to our priests and seminarians (James & Joseph);
- New Business: Consider buying a number (5?) of Mass Intentions for "+Deceased Members of St. Paul Council #5644", spread throughout the year; a new Council Shirt/Vest Chairman is needed, Help!
- Good of the Order: Stephen Gabriel added to Prayer List; Attendance Drawing \$24, was Not Won by Paul Hart; 50/50 - \$0 Not Run; 15 members present, meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Next Membership Meeting:



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul J Boudreau 83   | 16 <sup>th</sup> Robert W Koznecki     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Paul F Bieber        | 18 <sup>th</sup> Phillip E Ligienza 86 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Norbert D Hoffman 94 | 29 <sup>th</sup> Thomas B Clark        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Thomas A De Fina 86 | Joseph J Swiderski 91                  |
| Joey A Landon                        | 30 <sup>th</sup> Thomas J Strzelecki   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Clyde R Kullman 84  | 31 <sup>st</sup> Thomas M Diemer       |

### Attendance Drawing:

\$24 was NOT Won by Paul Hart...

Next month's drawing will be \$27.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle: \$00 no raffle this month...

You have to be present to play & win!

## MEMBERSHIP

As of 12/24/24, the Council has 165 members: 75 insurance, 90 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 6 Honorary.

*Tom Diemer, FS*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

**"In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone."**

- St. John of the Cross



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**ANNUAL POLISH DINNER**

**Saturday, Feb. 15th, 1-3 PM**  
**School Cafeteria**

**Only 100 Tickets Available go on Sale Monday, January 13th**



"Life is too short for us to worry about what other people think. We are called by God to be saints: to live our faith with courage and conviction in this time and in this place, and put all our trust in God."

~ by Sonja Corbitt

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

## COUNCIL SHIRTS & VESTS

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

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

For information and ordering contact:  
Your Grand Knight  
or email: [Knights5644@gmail.com](mailto:Knights5644@gmail.com)



## Monthly Honors Presentations



Family of the Month for  
December 2024

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Ed & Deann Wutsch

Knight of the Month for
August 2024

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Dick Davis



## FIELD AGENT

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

*Kevin*



## PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

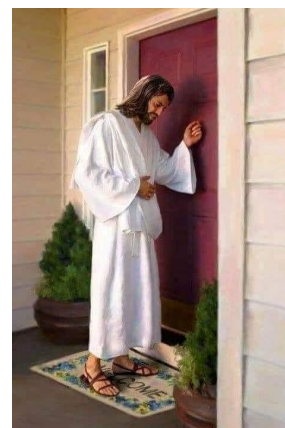
Peace be with you! Y2K. Who does not remember the approaching and passing of the New Millennium! The year 2000, airlines would fall from the sky; ATMs would be inoperable; computers would seize up; in fact anything that had a date associated with it, Ok EVERYTHING, would stop working. Hundreds of thousands of hours and millions of dollars were spent on making sure that civilization, as we knew it, would survive.

We now celebrate Y2K+25. All the worry, fret, time and money spent in the years & months leading up to Y2K seem to have paid off. No planes dropped from the sky; we had access to our money in the bank; gas pumps, streetlights, our AUTOs, all worked! The world let out a collective sigh of relief.

We just spent the past month preparing and celebrating the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. But what have you done to prepare yourself for JC2? The Second Coming of Jesus Christ... Are you ready? Have we put as much effort into our soul saving, as we did in our livelihood saving? It's not too late to start! Happy & Healthy Y2K+25; and a Prepared for JC2...!!

Vivat Jesu!

Please Pray  
for Vocations!





# JAN 2024

Jan 1 Mary, The Holy Mother of God



Jan 2 St. Basil the Great



Jan 3 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Jan 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Jan 4/5 Epiphany of The Lord

Jan 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



Jan 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Jan 11/12 Baptism of The Lord



Jan 15 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC  
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm



Jan 17 St. Anthony



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



Jan 18/19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 20 Inauguration Day / Martin Luther King Day

Jan 21 St. Agnes



Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal  
Protection of Unborn Children



Jan 23 St. Vincent



Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church  
March for Life

Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul

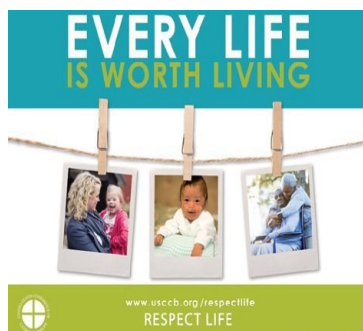


Jan 25/26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas



Jan 31 St. John Bosco



# FEB 2024

Feb 1/2 Presentation of the Lord



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 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 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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL POLISH DINNER

The Knights of Columbus annual  
Polish dinner will be held on Sat.,  
Feb. 15th, 1 PM to 3 PM in the  
**SCHOOL CAFETERIA.**

Menu includes pierogi, galumpki, polish sausage  
in sauerkraut, chruscikis, and a drink.

**LIMITED SEATING**  
**ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.**

**Tickets are \$15**

**AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**Beginning Monday, January 13th.**





# Knights in the News



## 2024 Christmas Social



**GK Ken**



**DGK Dick & Barb**



**Chnc. Bill & Joyce FS Tom & Cindy**



**Trst Doug & Ann Trst Kelly & Sharon**



**Wrtn Chris**



**SK Joe & Ghislaine with Amy & Ross**



**SK Gary & Martha Ann**



**SK Joe & Jan**



**SK Walt & Marilyn**



**SK Mark**



**SK Tom & Marge**



**SK Vince & Mary Claire**



**Br Don & Nancy**



**Br Jim & Char**

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## KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

### Coffee & Donuts for Vets



**COFFEE & DONUTS  
TODAY**  
**08:30 to 10:30**   
Provided by the  
Knights of Columbus  
4th Degree  
Lake County Assembly 1675



**We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic  
Friday, January 3rd from 8:30am 'til 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.)**



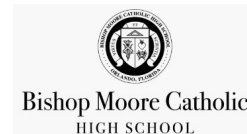
## Next 4th Degree Exemplification ~ Saturday, January 25th St. Sylvester Catholic Church - Gulf Breeze, FL



### Our newest Sir Knights



**Knights of Columbus—Scholarship Raffle**  
1st Prize \$75.00  
2nd Prize \$50.00  
3rd Prize \$25.00  
4th Prize \$10.00  
Donation \$10.00 Drawings 1st Wed of each month Jan-Oct.  
Winners are returned for next drawing—Win more than once



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**The council's annual St. Paul Council 5644 Scholarship fundraiser was a complete success. All 500 tickets were sold out! Many thanks to Brothers Al Albert, Bill Collins, Dan Gonzales, Dick Davis, Jack Hickey, Joe Bono, Ken Lynch, Larry Huhn, Mark Ochalek, Tom Clark, and Vince Zedler. Between sales and donations, a total of \$5,236 was raised. \$1,730 of this amount will go to prize winnings and costs leaving \$3,506 available for scholarship awards to deserving students at St. Paul Catholic School and a couple of graduating seniors going on to college. The Knights graciously Thank You for your continued Support!**

**Best Regards,  
Chris Procise, Chairman**



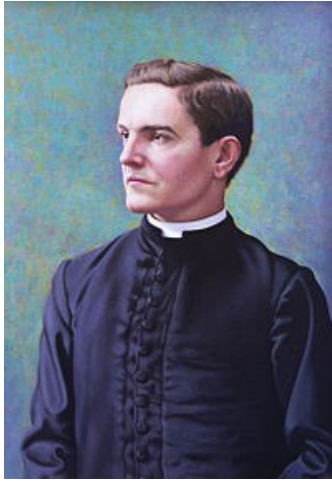
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BLESSED  
MICHAEL MCGIVNEY  
Pray for us!

## ***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.

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