



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**JULY 2024
NEWS & NOTES**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

The coming of July closes out a very busy fraternal year, Tempus Fugit; and my first year as Grand Knight begins. During our meeting in June our Council officers approved our 2024/2025 budget to be presented to the Council members for their approval. The budget for the new fraternal year allows OUR COUNCIL to continue our traditional social and charitable activities, especially those supporting our Parish. I neglected to thank Mark Ochalek for arranging the May BBQ Social, as a salute to Art Kalinski's departure to Jacksonville; as well as honoring Doug Rollins as Knight of the Year; and Ray & JoAnne Crowell as Family of the Year.



We presented a \$1,000 check to Lake County Special Olympics. Mrs. Denise Breneman, KofC Liaison officer, was present before the June Council meeting to accept the check.

The officers voted to discontinue the Pumpkin Patch. Although successful in the past, there was substantial price competition both from Publix and Walmart last year, resulting in many pumpkins being unsold. We thank all those who volunteered at the Pumpkin stand; and special thanks to Allan Albert for his dedication as Chairperson of the Pumpkin Patch.

Always remember that the SUCCESS of our Council depends on ALL of OUR EFFORTS. The more you participate at meetings and in service to our community and Parish the better WE will be as a Council. I'm planning to enjoy the summer and slow down a little as the weather heats up. But as Rudyard Kipling in his poem made more famous by the Noel Coward song, "only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noon-day sun". Today they would have to add "old, retired golfers living in Florida".

I hope you and your families have a great and safe 4th of July and enjoy the weeks of summer to come. Hope to see you again at our Council meeting July 17th as well as our "Back to School" Social, August 7, Awarding College Scholarships.

Fraternally yours,
Ken Lynch, Grand Knight
Vivat Jesus



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...

Mario Acevedo, Nick Alvarez, Ghislaine Beaulieu, James Croson, Tom Diemer, William Ehbar, Terry Graham, Maria Iturbe, Mike Jiminez, Tony Lause, Ernie Little, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Kevin & Marianne Lynch, George & Linda Mello,

George Nefores, Bob Nixon, Nick Nuciforo, Gregory Ochalek, Dawn Pauline, Fr. Vincent Pierino, Susan Polito, Al & Elaine Ragona, Kathleen Skoblicki, Joan Tardiff, Sharon Way, Mel Weaver, Haley Williams, Joan Woodson, DeAnn Wutsch, Walt & Marilyn Young.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings!

Congratulations to all the graduates in our collective families. It seems a lot of our families enjoyed celebrations near and far. Now it is time to enjoy the very warm Florida Summer weather. For those traveling, safe journeys. The K of C Ladies Aux will have its next meeting on Thursday, August 8th at 11 am in the BMMMC. We will be planning our fundraising campaigns for FY 2024/25. Let us pray for those in need and especially for those who suffer in silence. Let us Pray for the conversion of evil in the world and the return to the Faith and love of one another!! Have a Happy & SAFE 4th of July Holiday!!!

Cindy Diemer/Joyce Collins Co-Presidents

**Faith over Fear in ALL Things...Always!!
email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com**

June 13th was the Installation of Officers for the year 2024-2025 by GK Ken Lynch; Co-Pres. Joyce Collins, Secretary - Barbara Klein, Treasurer - Rachel LaMonica, Corresponding Secretary - Mary Huhn, and Co-Pres. Cindy Diemer.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month is brother Allan Albert. Allan has been a Knight 44 yrs! In the two+ years he has been in 5644, he has accomplished much: he's been a kitchen krew member, pitching in at SPCS special events and picnics; he did a 2 year stint as Pumpkin Patch Czar, was council Chancellor and currently is the Inside Guard. Allan also volunteers at the parish Thrift Shop. He retired from the USAF in 2001 as a Colonel.

Your service as a Knight and to the Church are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for July 2024!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Family of the Month are PGK SK Art & Connie Kalinski. Art has been a Knight for 6 years and Sir Knight for 5. He most recently finished serving 3 yrs as the council Grand Knight accomplishing much in that time for the Council, the Knights & the St. Paul parish community. Art stepped up hesitantly at a time 5644 needed him and he did a lot of remarkable things. Connie was an active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, lending her talents wherever and whenever needed.

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

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

REMINDER

The 2024/25 dues notice for the new Fraternal year which began July 1st were sent out the 1st of June.

Please return your payment as soon as possible.

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

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

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

Membership Meeting Highlights

The June Membership Meeting was held the 26th, 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 Grand Knight Ken presented our donation to Special Olympics FL KofC Liaison Denise Breneman (proceeds from our Citizens with Disabilities campaign), FL State Council Special Olympics Chairman Chris Berens was also on hand; the GK then opened the meeting with Prayer and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance;

- GK report: Minutes from the prior meeting were approved; Thank yous received from Lake Hills School (our 2nd recipient from the CwD campaign) and from Haley Williams H.S. scholarship winner who will attend Trinity Catholic; also thanked the outgoing officers for their service to the council;
- Recap of events: we hosted the St. Joseph Icon for a week, highlighted by a scripture/prayer/Rosary service on the 26th, 8 volunteers helped with the registration of athletes at the FL Special Olympics Summer Games; Coming events: 7/17, Installation of 2024-25 officers, 8/7, Back to School Social w/ presentation of college scholarships and a short talk on the St. Paul Youth Group Mission Trip to Alabama and the Middle School Camp in Georgia;
- Treasurer: Report on accts and 2024-25 Budget;
- Financial Sec.: In Good Standing with Supreme, 2024-2025 Dues assessments went out June 1st;
- Faith Director: Silver Rose, no word on request to host, St. Joseph Icon week successful but could use more of an advance notice to plan, prep and advertise to assure greater Parish participation;
- Youth Dir: 8th Grade Essay Contest and a 7th/8th Grade Free-throw Contest planned for early fall;
- DD: will check on St. Joseph Icon & Silver Rose;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic going well, next one is July 5th, Exemplification 8/24;
- Life: the JMJ Pregnancy Ctr. Gala is Sept. 28th;
- Good of the Order: Presented KOM award to Tom Clark, Prayer List adds: Mario Acevedo and Ghislaine Beaulieu; Attendance Drawing \$10, was Not Won by Walter Sater; 50/50 - \$45 won by Bob Tardiff (again); 27 members present, meeting adjourned at 9pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney. Next Membership Mtg: Wed. July 17th, BMMMC; 5:30pm Pizza, 6:15pm Installation, 7pm Meeting.



JULY BIRTHDAYS



3 rd Louie G Cornelio	20 th Kenneth P Lynch 81
5 th Robert J Allen	21 st Kevin L Maxwell
6 th Bernard C Duko 86	22 nd Ernest J Little 90
9 th Robert M Tardiff 89	Dennis P McGee
14 th Robert E Ranchor 81	24 th James E Gorman 87
16 th William G Ehbar	25 th Stephen Gabriel, Jr 81
Gerald M Shilale	27 th James D Rice
17 th Daniel Polito	

Attendance Drawing:

\$10 was NOT Won by Walter Sater...

Next month's drawing will be \$13.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$45 - won by Bob Tardiff... AGAIN!

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 06/20/24, the Council has 163 members: 76 insurance, 87 associate; 49 Honorary Life, 6 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS

WORDS OF WISDOM

**"Faith is one foot on the ground,
one foot in the air, and a queasy
feeling in the stomach."**

— Mother Angelica



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: JULY WINNERS



1st Prize - \$75.00 - #402 Marvin Nagel
2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #342 Scott Lynch
3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #322 Dee Holiday
4th Prize - \$10.00 - #043 Audrey Parks



"Goodness always tends to spread. Every authentic experience of truth and goodness seeks by its very nature to grow with in us, and any person who has experienced a profound liberation becomes more sensitive to the needs of others."

~ from The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis

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

or email: montemoon@att.net

Citizens With Disabilities

Campaign 2023-24

Total Raised: \$2,000

\$1,000 Donated to FL Special Olympics...



GK Ken Lynch presents check to Denise Breneman SO/KofC Liason;



KofC FL State Council Special Olympics Chairman SK Chris Berens, PGK/PFN/FDD looks on...

(editor's note: the other \$1,000 was donated to Lake Hills School for the Disabled, see the June issue)

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! Happy July! Happy New Year!! No, I haven't gone bananas (yet); and no, you didn't download an old newsletter. The new fraternal year has begun, and there is much to do!! But maybe a short tale first...

My +Pop & my +Uncle Ed were 1st cousins, yes Uncle, as these cousins married sisters, +Mom and +Ciocia (aunt) Mary. It is no wonder then, that two of their sons born 75 days apart, first me then Cousin Paul, are best friends. We did everything together. Me, laid back, easy going; Paul the risk taker and go-getter; a perfect match up, I followed him into trouble everywhere. Including the Erie, PA PD at age 4! Our Moms liked to shop at a department store (Boston Store) in downtown Erie, PA. On one such visit, with Paul & I in tow, while they were checking out the latest sales, Paul & I slipped away. We found our way outside; they had those neat revolving doors and after a required 5 or 6 spins we hopped out to the sidewalk on State St. near the corner of West 7th. Being rookie delinquents, we were spotted by the "heat" immediately and taken into custody. An announcement inside the store alerted a couple of (I'm sure) panicked Moms, that we could be bailed out at the Precinct next store. They found us, sitting on the Sargent's desk, eating ice cream! They were not amused to say the least, but grateful for our "Guardian Angels" in blue. We keep our heavenly Guardian Angels on their toes still today... Vivat Jesu! - Please Pray for Vocations!



From the desk of District Deputy Denis Milonas

Worthy Brothers all,
We have come to the end of another Fraternal Year for St. Paul Council 5644. Well wishes and prayers for our past Grand Knight Art Kalinski. He was a great leader for the Council and I am sure he will continue the good works at his new Council in NE Florida. Welcome to Ken Lynch who will fill those shoes and lead the Council into our 2024-2025 Fraternal year. I look forward to helping us move forward in all of the endeavors of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. My plans are to meet with the Pastor to understand the vision and challenges that St. Paul's faces in the future in an effort to understand how the Council is being able to help in the most advantageous way. Blessings to all!

Vivat Jesus

Denis J. Milonas

District Deputy 23

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"We Are Here to Build the Body of Christ, which is His Church"

JULY 2024

July 1 St. Junipero Serra



July 3 St. Thomas (NO SOCIAL)

July 4th Independence Day



July 5 St. Elizabeth of Portugal



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

July 6 St. Maria Goretti



July 6/7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



July 11 St. Benedict



July 12 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



July 13 St. Henry



July 13/14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15 St. Bonaventure



July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel



July 17 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm
Installation of Officers



July 19 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



July 20 St. Apollinaris



July 20/21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 22 St. Mary Magdalene



July 23 St. Bridget



July 25 St. James



July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne: Parents of Mary



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

July 27/28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus



July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus



July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola



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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



4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



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



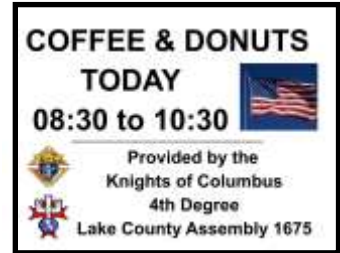


Knights in the News



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Coffee & Donuts for Vets



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



**GK Ken presenting Knight of the Month
Award for June to Brother Tom Clark.**



Ladies' Auxiliary 2024-25 Officer Installation

**GK Ken Lynch; Co-Pres.
Joyce Collins, Secretary -
Barbara Klein, Treasurer -
Rachel LaMonica, Corre
sponding Secretary - Mary
Huhn, and Co-Pres. Cindy
Diemer.**



Fr. Augustine on hand to Bless the group.



**Co-President Joyce Collins is shown presenting the
Certificate of Appreciation to Mary Clare Zedler for her
presentation to the group on the Rosary.**



**Co-President Cindy
Diemer presented
Principal Monica
Matthews a supply of
thermal lunch
bags for St. Paul
Catholic School.**



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



Knights in the News



2024 Florida State Convention Orlando, FL - May 24th - 26th



2024 Delegates

Bill & Joyce Collins

Dick & Barb Davis



Hosting the Traveling St. Joseph Icon June 24 - 30



A Prayer/Scripture/Rosary Service was held in St. Paul's Church on Tuesday night, June 25th.

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.