



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT-Elect

Opening Report - June 2024

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 May, our Council elected its officers for our next fraternal year. A list of officers and contact information can be found in the Council's Newsletter and Website.

I want to give a sincere Thank You to the following Officers -- those who were part of our 2023-2024 leadership team; to those Brother Knights who have agreed to continue or step up as officers for 2024-2025; and to those who contacted me personally to say they will give all their support to me and to our Council.

At our officers' meeting on June 12th, the Council's budget for the new fraternal year will be prepared for approval by the Council. I believe this budget allows OUR COUNCIL to continue the traditional social and charitable activities, especially those supporting our Community and Parish, for the new fraternal year.

Thanks to Mark Ochalek for arranging the May BBQ Social, as a *salute* to Past GK Art Kalinski's departure to Jacksonville; and honoring Doug Rollins as *Knight of the Year*; and Ray & JoAnne Crowell as *Family of the Year*.

All but two of our **Brothers** might think I speak a foreign language, but it is the dialect I learned during my 60 years living in Boston. I grew up the youngest of 4, wherein there were 6 years between each of my siblings. Thus, the oldest, my sister was a built-in baby sitter to whom I was the closest; because my two brothers only found joy in their usual teasing. But all was forgiven in later years. After college I worked for 39 years as a large risk commercial insurance broker with Willis International of London retiring as regional vice president. Anyone from Chicago will know of the company, as they bought the rights to the former Sears Tower which has been renamed The Willis Tower. After retiring I left the cold snowy winters to move to Leesburg and have enjoyed my retirement to its fullest.

Moving forward into the new fraternal year, I ask each and everyone of us to always remember that the **SUCCESS** of our Council depends on **ALL** of OUR **EFFORTS**. The more each and every one of us 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.

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 Installation of Officers and Council meeting July 17th as well as our August Social August 7 Awarding College Scholarships. Please note that the July Council meeting will begin with Pizza at 5:30 PM followed by the Installation of Officers promptly at 6:15 PM and run to 6:45 PM to accommodate Fr. Matthews schedule. The Council meeting will follow at the usual 7 PM.

Vivat Jesus !
Ken



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...

James Croson, **Terry Graham**, Chuck Henderson, **Maria Iturbe**, Mike Jiminez, **Ernie Little**, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Kevin & Marianne Lynch, **George & Linda Mello**, George Nefores, **Bob Nixon**, Nick Nuciforo, **Gregory Ochalek**, Dawn

Pauline, **Fr. Vincent Pierino**, Tony Podczasy, **Susan Polito**, Al & Elaine Ragona, **Kathleen Skoblicki**, Joan Tardiff, **Sharon Way**, Mel Weaver, **Haley Williams**, Walt Young.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Knight of the Month is brother Knight Tom Clark. Tom has been a Knight for 16 yrs. He's been a kitchen krew member, pitching in at SPCS, special events & picnics; most recently at the Hospitality Weekend we hosted. Tom is a member of the choir and handbell groups for St. Paul's. Brother Tom most recently built & donated a new table podium for council and assembly meetings.

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



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings!

Congratulations to all grade school, high school, and college graduates of our respective families. Special congratulations to our 8th grade graduating class of St. Paul Catholic School. It is always heartwarming to experience the excitement of the pride of accomplishments and expectations of the uncharted future.

Presented by Co-President Joyce Collins and Corresponding Secretary Mary Huhn, the K of C Ladies Aux were proud to present two(2) St. Marcellin Champagnat Awards: to Brissia Caballero Meza and Aaron Lueallen. The award also included \$100 to each. This award was named for St. Marcellin, the patron saint of education and teachers, who struggled as a student but with perseverance met all his academic requirements. The recipients received this award based on their exemplary effort and improvement during middle school years. Well done.

Please pray for the conversion of evil and hate around the world to love and faith. Also pray for the suffering of those known and for those quietly in pain.

June 13th at 11 am is the Installation of Officers for the year 2024/25: Co-Presidents Joyce Collins and Cindy Diemer; Treasurer - Rachel LaMonica; Corresponding Secretary - Mary Huhn; and Secretary - Barbara Klein. Looking forward to a productive year of service to our priests, church, school, K of C and community.

Cindy Diemer
Co-President

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

email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Family of the Month is Brother Larry & Kathy Hendry. Larry has been a Knight for 6 years. Larry and Kathy recently volunteered at St. Paul School's Mom & Son Activity Day; and at the parish Hospitality Weekend after the 7am Mass when the Council was Host. They were also instrumental in setting up the Lazarus Free Dental Clinic that St. Paul houses in their strip mall and managed by Catholic Charities, through the Lazarus Free Clinic, Wildwood.

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

FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ATTENTION

The 2024/25 dues notice for the new Fraternal year which begins 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

FIELD AGENT



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

Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The May Membership Meeting was held the 15th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed. of the month; 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.

Grand Knight Art Kalinski opened the meeting with Prayer, draping the Charter for brother +Jennings Paugh; then lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance;
- GK report: Recap of events: SPCS Mom & Son Day went very well with 87 attending, Hospitality Weekend successful; Coming events: 5/16, Special Olympics in Orlando, SPCS Graduation 5/23, State Council Convention May 24-26: Delegates Bill Collins & Dick Davis will be attending for us;

- Treasurer: Reports a surplus on accts as of 5/15;
- Financial Sec.: In Good Standing with Supreme, 2024-2025 Dues assessments go out June 1st;

- Faith Director: Silver Rose in our District 8/20-22, no word on our request to host, Kiosk is stocked;

- Scholarship: HS Grad Scholarship applications are in the Office deadline is May 31 (only 1 so far);

- Youth Dir: Hockey Challenge @ SPCS Jan. 2025;

- DD: Spoke on Unity, requested donation for ad;

- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic going well, next one is June 7th, Exemplification 8/24;

- Old Business: None;

- New Business: 2024-25 Officer Elections held: GK-Ken Lynch, DGK-Dick Davis, Recorder-Ed Wutsch, Treas-Bob Tardiff, Warden-Chris Procise, IG-Al Albert, OG-Ray Crowell, Advocate-Monte Moon, Chancellor-Bill Collins, 1 Year Trustee-Larry Huhn, 2 Year Trustee-Kelly Way, 3 Year Trustee-Doug Rollins, Congratulations! And Thank you to any outgoing Officers; other New Business, Bank CD needs renewed, after discussion an increased amount was approved for a 6-month CD, also the new GK & DGK will update the signature cards;

- Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$7, was **Not Won** by Kelly Way; 50/50 - \$28 won by Bob Tardiff; monthly Award presentations: None;

Prayer List: Joan Tardiff and Susan Polito; Current GK Art Kalinski is moving out of town this weekend, so he officially "Passed the Gavel" to Grand Knight-Elect Ken Lynch; **THANK YOU ART!!!**

- 23 members present, meeting adjourned at 8pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney. Next Membership Mtg: Wed. June 19th, BMMMC; 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1st William P Myers

3rd Dcn Michael J Balchus

Ronald W Palmer

6th Joseph R Schmidt 91

8th John A Barzyk 94

10th Robert D Ferrara 83

Claude R Ouellette 82

11th Dr Joseph D Bono 86

12th William J Mathias

13th Paul A Hathcox

Leslie L Kopasz 81

14th Kenneth R Prater

15th Ronald La Pierre 80

Sem. James A Moursund

Marvin F Nagel

16th Richard W Nelson 83

17th Donald A Schram 89

William J Spears 84

23rd Terry G Graham 81

29th Michael A Anderson

30th Kenneth F Aicardi 87

Attendance Drawing:

\$7 was **NOT Won** by Kelly Way...

Next month's drawing will be \$10.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$28 - won by Bob Tardiff...

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 05/29/24, the Council has 164 members: 77 insurance, 87 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: JUNE WINNERS



1st Prize - \$75.00 - #294 Ted Kornhoff

2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #002 S. Sturmer

3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #359 Ted Kornhoff

4th Prize - \$10.00 - #196 Geri Ness

**St. Paul Catholic School 8th Grade Graduation
Congratulations to the Class of 2024!!**





"Remarkably, the Lord made you in his very own image. That means your life is sacred. It has value.. You have been made by love and with love. It is hard to believe, but you look a lot like God."
 ~ from Genesis Bible Study by Allen Hunt

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

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with You!

Happy June! A month for Dads & Grads, the start of summer, and school's OVER! Our anthem in high school was by the son of a pastor named Damon Furnier, better known as Alice Cooper, called "School's Out". "No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks". That was back when you could understand the words being sung. Of course, parents would plead: Turn that off!! It doesn't even sound like a girl singing! Mom, Alice is a guy, that's his stage name, geeze.

June also brings us the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ; historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. This is a foundation of our Faith, of our Beliefs. Yet today a survey of Catholics finds that increasing numbers doubt the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This gave birth to The National Eucharistic Revival Initiative of the USCCB; which began on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in 2022 and continues through 2025. The Council of Bishops state: "we believe the Holy Spirit continues to ask Catholics across America to respond to four invitations. The first invitation calls us to a renewed encounter with WHO we worship. The second invitation calls us to discover in greater depth WHY we worship Jesus in the Eucharist and what this incredible gift means. The third invitation calls for a renewed attentiveness to HOW we worship. The fourth invitation focuses on WHAT we do in response – acting on our faith, bringing Christ to others, and spreading the flame of revival.

Take time to look within your hearts, maybe while contemplating on the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If need be, return to the Catechism of your youth and reconfirm your Belief in the Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.



Vivat Jesu!
 (Jesus Lives)

Please Pray for Vocations!



LEO REMENIUK COATS FOR KIDS

Over the past 12 years our council has provided between 150 and 250 coats/hoodies for kids each year. (Note: last year schools asked that we supply hoodies instead of heavy coats, they get longer use w/them.) This program was started by SK Leo Remeniuk with the assistance of his wife Vi. For the past few years I have handled the pick-up and distribution of the coats/hoodies. I would hope that we can continue to keep this program alive in their memory. However, to do that we need an influx of funds. With that in mind I am requesting that each member of Council 5644 donate whatever they can afford to this fund over the next few months (I would like to order the hoodies by early October). Please make your checks Payable to KofC 5644 and in the Memo section write Coats for Kids. Your help with this worthwhile program is much appreciated. Larry Huhn

JUNE 2024

June 1 St. Justin

June 1/2 Corpus Christi

June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

June 5 St. Boniface (NO SOCIAL)

June 6 St. Norbert

June 7 Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

June 8 Immaculate Heart of the BVM

June 8/9 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 11 St. Barnabas

June 12 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC

2024-25 Officers' Elections

June 13 St. Anthony of Padua

June 14 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Flag Day

June 15/16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fathers' Day

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

June 21 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

June 22 St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More

June 22/23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

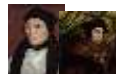
June 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria

June 28 St. Irenaeus

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church

June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul

June 29/30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



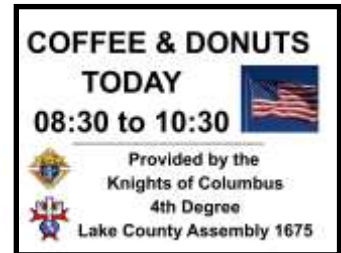


Knights in the News



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Coffee & Donuts for Vets



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



Awards & Presentations

St. Paul Council 5644

Grand Knight-Elect Ken Lynch and Treas. Bob Tardiff present a check to Lake Hills School administrator; proceeds from Pennbrooke Fairways Knight at the Races



Outgoing Grand Knight Art Kalinski is Ceremoniously "Passing the Gavel" to our new Grand Knight: Ken Lynch



May BBQ Social

(enjoying Pulled Pork, Chicken, Baked Beans, Green Beans)



PGK Mark Ochalek presented a Past Grand Knight Plaque, Mini-Jewel and Certificate of Appreciation to our Outgoing Grand Knight Art Kalinski

And wished a fond "Do Widzenia" (good-bye) to PGK Art and Connie Kalinski as they move-on to Jacksonville



Council Activities - MAY SPCS Graduation Awards



Grand Knight-Elect Ken Lynch presented two \$250 High School scholarships and a \$100 Service Award to:



Haley Williams (Trinity High School)

Cullen Rangel (Trinity High School)

Sophia Schlutemann (Check & certificate)



Ladies' Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary Mary Huhn and Co-President Joyce Collins presented the St. Marcellin Champagnat Award certificate and \$100 checks to:

Aaron Lueallen &
Brissia Caballero Meza



Faith Director Ray Crowell & Grand Knight-Elect Ken Lynch
presented each graduate with a Knights of Columbus Rosary
After they received their diplomas...

Knight of the Year 2023

Knight of the Year is brother & Sir Knight Doug Rollins. SK Doug has been a Knight for almost 16 yrs, currently serves as the Kitchen Sous Chef for the Council; is a 15 yr. member of the 4th Degree Assembly, serving as Trustee & the old guard Color Corps. He's a veteran Kitchen Krew member, pitching in at special events, picnics and Council meeting dinners. In the fall he is the pumpkin patch pallet acquisition manager; and is an EMHC minister for St. Paul's.

Doug has always been a reliable and significant participant in all Council activities. Although he never looks for the spotlight, he is always there to help. He supported activities ranging from cooking, to honor guard, to Special Olympics to lots of heavy lifting for the Pumpkin Patch. In short - He is always there when you need him. /GK Art

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Family of the Year 2023

Family of the Year is the Ray & JoAnne Crowell family. Ray has been a Knight for 44 years and a 4th Degree for 13 years. Ray currently serves as our Faith Director and the council Outside Guard; as a Sir Knight of the 4th Degree he is a member of the Color Corps and Inside Sentinel. You'll see him ushering at 9am Mass. JoAnne is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Rosary Makers and CCW; she is always helping out, and relishes being the Council "Hugger".

As our Faith Director, I could always count on Ray to bring dry humor and full support of our Council efforts even if those efforts took him out of his comfort zone. One recent example, our team effort presenting the "Revive and Return Program." Ray stepped up and did more than his share to make the program a great success. /GK Art

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





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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.