



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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A PARTING MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Since I'm a short-timer our editor asked me to recap the past 3 years and thanks to your efforts we accomplished a lot. For starters we moved our meeting location 5 TIMES (last 2 under me), from Griffin Road to the St Paul social hall, then to the room next to the Thrift Store, then to the McGivney center behind the church and finally to the BMMMC. Despite all the turmoil we continued supporting our Pastor and parish while working hand in glove with our Auxiliary. At the BMMMC we added a big screen TV and AC unit to help with meetings. Also, to help with name recognition we started a picture wall with the name and photo of each active Knight. In the lobby we put up activity pictures and thanks to Mark O. and younger Mark O's efforts we have a glass case displaying historic 4th Degree regalia. Thanks to Tom and Doug we have high end grills to meet our cookout needs.



Starting the Pumpkin patch and continued by Allen was a lot of work, but it was one money raising activity that kept us afloat despite Covid restrictions. The Pumpkin Patch also helped Brothers get to know each other better, especially during slow pumpkin sales. It also spawned our noticeable red vests that have given us better visibility in church and parish activities. (My favorite photo is the one Mark O. took of the three Knights at church.)

Speaking of Church, we supported our Church and School in many ways: the Silver Rose, the St. Joseph icon, Respect Life, partially funded an ultrasound machine, provided Scholarships, drove Fr. Smolley, the booklet kiosk, built a ceremonial canopy on very short notice for the Christ the King celebration, helped with the FORMED program, and ultimately delivered the REVIVE and RETURN program that was so successful that the Parish is doing it again next year. We did a lot of cooking for Church festivals, mother/son day, Lenten Fish Fries, Trunk or Treat and our own events. We even did training on Flag raising and lowering etiquette, supported the science fair, and helped the Troops of St George.

And to top all that, we pushed the Yellow Dot Program, did several fundraisers for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities and the Lake Hills School, bought Coats for Kids, and provided direct support of the Special Olympics and helped disabled veterans.

One of the factors that weighed heavily on Connie's and my mind against moving are all the great friends we made here at St. Paul. And as I would tell any potential new Brother, "The Council is very unusual in that there is not one pompous ass in the group, just a bunch of decent men living out their Catholic faith."

Vivat Jesu!
Art Kalinski GK



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Knight of the Year (Pg. 2)



Family of the Year (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!**



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KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Carol Cane, **Joseph Freund**, Terry Graham, **Phil Haurus**, Chuck Henderson, **Maria Iturbe**, Mike Jiminez, **Ernie Little**, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Kevin & Marianne Lynch, **George & Linda Mello**, George Nefores, **Bob Nixon**

PGK/PFN, Nick Nuciforo, **Gregory Ochalek**, +Jennings & Cindy Paugh, **Dawn Pauline**, Fr. Vincent Pierino, **Al Ragona**, Kathleen Skoblicki, **Sharon Way**, Mel Weaver, **Haley Williams**, Walt Young, **Mary Clare Zedler**.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings:

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary held their Election of Officers at the April 11th meeting and are proud to announce the 2024/25

Board of Officers: Cindy Diemer and Joyce Collins - Co-Presidents; Mary Huhn - Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Klein - Secretary and Rachel LaMonica - Treasurer. We thank all who supported our Raffle Fundraiser this year, which allowed us to provide financial or material support to St. Paul Church with purificators & corporals; St. Paul School with scholarships, lunch bags, and Panda Classic donation; the Rosary Makers; The Youth Group's 144; the Giving Tree, The Haven of Leesburg; Forward Paths, Vacation Bible School. In addition our members have generously given their time to church activities: Fish Frys, Ash Wednesday Soup Meal, Polish Dinner, Trunk or Treat, and church picnics. All as a labor with love. Congratulations to all graduates and to their proud families. Safe travels to those traveling for their ceremonies.

Our next meeting and Installation of Officers will be held June 13th at the BMMMC.

Prayers for all those suffering with pain, illness or loss. Cindy Diemer and Joyce Collins Co-Presidents

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

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FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ATTENTION

The 2024/25 dues notice for the new Fraternal year which begins July 1st will be 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

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St Paul Council 5644

KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

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

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



FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Family of the Year is the Ray & JoAnne Crowell family. Ray has been a Knight for 44 years Today! and a 4th Degree for 13 years Yesterday! 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!

FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

Membership Meeting Highlights

The April Membership Meeting was held the 17th, 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 Art Kalinski.

The Grand Knight Art Kalinski opened the meeting with Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance;

- GK report: Recap of events: SPCS Mom & Son Day went very well w/87 attending, donations more than covered the purchase of furnishings for 86 yr old USAF veteran, Coming: 4/20-21 Hosting Hospitality Weekend, 5/16, Special Olympics in Orlando, SPCS Graduation 5/23, State Council Convention May 24-26: Delegates Bill Collins & Dick Davis;
- Treasurer: Reported on accounts as of 4/17/24;
- Financial Sec.: In Good Standing w/Supreme;
- Faith Director: Silver Rose in our District 8/20-22, entered our request to host, Kiosk is stocked;
- Scholarship: High School Grad Scholarship applications are in the Office deadline is May 31st;
- Youth Dir: Hockey Challenge @ SPCS Jan. 2025;
- DD: He's here to help the council, what can he do;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic going well, ran out this month, Exemplification 8/24;
- Old Business: None;
- New Business: 2024-25 Officer Nominations were opened: GK-Ken Lynch, DGK-Dick Davis, Recorder -Ed Wutsch, Treas-Bob Tardiff, Warden-OPEN, 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-OPEN, they will be reopened at the May meeting followed by the Elections; If interested in an OPEN office, contact Mark Ochalek: gobrwz@yahoo.com;
- Installation of New Officers will be July 17th; other New Business, new fundraising opportunity: Sell Belk's coupon book for \$5, keep 100% (little interest shown), Council Officer descriptions were reviewed by Ken Lynch, he also will be looking for two new positions to be filled: an Aide-de-camp;
- Good of the Order: Attendance Drawing \$3, was Not Won by Dennis Bucholtz; 50/50 - \$35 won by Dick Davis; monthly Award presentation: Joey Landon for Feb KOM; Prayer List: Nick Nuciforo;
- 23 members present, meeting adjourned 8:30pm with the Prayer for the Canonization Of Blessed Michael McGivney. Next Membership Mtg: Wed. May 15th, BMMMC; 5:30pm Dinner, 6:30pm Rosary and 7pm Meeting.



MAY BIRTHDAYS



2 nd Mark V Kubovcik	12 th Terry G Williams
3 rd Monserrate Rodriguez 80	17 th Richard P St Cyr
4 th Larry Regan 80	21 st James D Kertz
5 th Robert A Miller 89	25 th W Ray Crowell, Jr 82
7 th Walter E Satter, Jr 81	29 th Frederick Gabbard 86
12 th Bobby D Hedrick	Gregory Ochalek
Michael R Jimenez	

Attendance Drawing:

\$3 was NOT Won by Dennis Bucholtz...

Next month's drawing will be \$6.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$35 - won by Dick Davis...

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 04/29/24, the Council has 172 members: 80 insurance, 92 associate; 48 Honorary Life, 7 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: MAY WINNERS



- 1st Prize - \$75.00 - #328 St. Paul Youth Group
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00 - #112 Mary Huhn
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00 - #091 John Hoffman
- 4th Prize - \$10.00 - #126 John & Jan Ols

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





"The surest way to find life is to do what you know to be the next right thing, right now. If you do the next right thing often enough for long enough, you will live your way into the incredible life God has designed for you."

~ from a Bible Study by Allen Hunt

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with You!

Happy May to you! The month of "Mary", the month of "Mom". If you would indulge me for a moment, I'd like to talk about my +Mom. She was the youngest of six children born to +Antoni & +Aleksandra (Dobrzynski) Stempka; hence her lifelong nickname, "Babe". She went to Holy Trinity Grade School, then Villa Maria Academy; after graduation she entered St. Vincent School of Nursing and attained her Registered Nurse's license, an early sign of the compassionate heart she would eventually be remembered for. She worked as a floor nurse, eventually moving to private duty as she began her own family. +Mom, like +Pop, was a devout Roman Catholic; she raised her children in the Faith, sending them to Catholic Schools until +Dad moved the family out to the "sticks", a small country town and public schools. She then relied on the local parish to be her tools. We all entered CCD when classes started, Saturday mornings for the youngsters. As the boys became of age, we trained to be altar boys; we had the cleanest, crispest cassocks & surplices there. And so began our lives in the Faith. We thank God for our parents and their pointing us in the right direction as best they could; it was then up to us.

But it wasn't all work and catechism; there was play time too. A recent post on FB brought back a wonderful memory of +Mom and our +Ciocia Mary. The post was about an indoor theater that was opened in the 1950's at the end of a retail plaza; they boasted plush reclining seats and 10 cent popcorn. +Mom & +Ciocia took us to the Plaza Dipson Theater to see our first big screen movie: "The Sound of Music". The first indoor theater movie +Pop took us to is for another time.

As we enter May, Month of Mary, may we make the time to Pray Her Rosary, recite Her Prayers and Her Memorare. Give Her our pains & troubles, our thanks & admiration. The Blessed Mother, as at Cana, will ask Her Son to help and He will not refuse Her.

"Remember, most loving Virgin Mary, never was it heard that anyone who turned to you for help was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, though burdened by my sins, I run to you for protection for you are my mother."

Ave Maria!

Please Pray for Vocations!



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

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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

MAY 2024

JUNE 2024

May 1 St. Joseph the Worker



BBQ Social: KOY & FOY

May 3 Sts. Philip & James



Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 4/5 6th Sunday of Easter

May 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC



2024-25 Officers' Nominations

May 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 11/12 The Ascension of the Lord



Mothers' Day



May 13 Our Lady of Fatima



May 14 St. Matthias



May 15 Membership Meeting ~ 2024-25 Officer Elections / Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm / BMMMC



May 17 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 18 St. Pope John I



May 18/19 Pentecost Sunday



May 20 BVM, Mother of the Church



May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

May 24 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



May 25 St. Bede the Venerable, St. Pope Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi



May 25/26 The Most Holy Trinity



May 27 St. Augustine of Canterbury/Memorial Day

May 29 St. Pope Paul VI



May 31 The Visitation of the BVM

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm - Church



June 1 St. Justin



June 1/2 Corpus Christi



June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions



June 5 St. Boniface



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

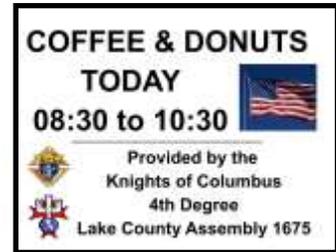


Knights in the News



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Coffee & Donuts for Vets



**We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic
Friday, May 3rd from 8:30am 'til 10:30am serving
coffee and donuts in appreciation to our veterans.**



Awards & Presentations 4th Degree Assembly 1675

Congratulations Sir Knight Deacon Michael Balchus on attaining Honorary Life status...



St. Paul Council 5644

**Grand Knight Art Kalinski
presenting the
February Knight of the
Month to Joey Landon**



**Grand Knight Art Kalinski
Presenting the Shining
Armor Award Certificate to
Chris Procise**



From the desk of District Deputy Denis Milonas Brothers,

As we approach the end of our Fraternal year, it is important to look back on all of our accomplishments. There is still time to make a last quarter push towards Star Council. All of your hard work deserves to be recognized. In my humble opinion, the documentation of all of the efforts made by a great group of Christian men is easier than the time it took to perform all the time driven programs and Fraternal endeavors. What a great job Council 5644 has done to complete those mundane tasks. The only piece of the puzzle that is attainable is the focus on membership. I was pleased to be able to attend the last exemplification with the council. Myself and District Warden, Gerry Morneau, have committed to another year as your conduit with the State Deputy. In the many organizations I have had to help build and recruit in my career, I always found the easiest way was not to be a "secret" member. I always used events to come in contact with possible recruits. That was the "easy button" to recruiting. A council will only survive and thrive with new members. I am looking forward to working with Council 5644 to continue the efforts you already have in place. I also look forward to the installation of the new officers this summer.

Blessings

Vivat Jesus
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Council Activities - APRIL
SPCS Mom & Son Activity Day



St. Paul's Hospitality Weekend Host April 20-21



May
The Month for Mary
Mother of the Church
Queen of the Universe

Pray for Us!



At the mention of the name, Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels rejoice and the devils tremble. Through this invocation, sinners obtain grace and pardon.

- St. Peter Canisius



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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.