



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

NOVEMBER 2025
NEWS & NOTES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings from your Grand Knight. I've turned off the house air conditioner, opened most of the windows for comfort sleeping and outside, the shadows are longer. Florida's Winter is upon us!



The Knights of Columbus annual Coats for Kids program has been completed just as the cooler weather steps in. Last week Council 5644 delivered 160 coats (really hoodies, which are more appropriate for Florida winters) to two elementary schools in the Leesburg area and Lake Hills School. The three boxes were well received by school administration and will be distributed soon. We also donated enough funds for St. Paul Catholic School to purchase 10 school jackets.

The KofC Essay Contest for 8th graders at St Paul Catholic School was challenging for the students and very interesting for the judging committee. The Topic was to write an essay about your three favorite Popes and Why? The six top student contestants chose eleven different popes to write about. The Judging revealed several interesting facts about popes, for instance: did you know? Pope Leo I negotiated a cease fire with Attila the Hun; or Pope Celestine was Pope for only six months; and Pope Pius XI was Pope during World War II, etc. In writing these essays the students (and judges) have learned facts about the Church and its leaders they will not forget.

Barb and I wish everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus!
Richard Davis,
Grand Knight



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!**



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KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Tom & Carol Cane, **Ryan Cimino**, Joyce Collins, **Pat Detweiler**, Tom & Cindy Diemer, **Andrew Dul**, Anthony Durkin, **William Ehrbar**, Gary Edwards, **Melody Fraser**, Stephen Gabriel, **Susan Gaucher**, Ron Golembiowski, **Jim Gorman**, Terry Graham, **Joe & Jan Huber**, Maria Iturbe, **Joey Landon**, Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch, **Greg Matthews**, George & Linda Mello, **DW Jerry & Joanne Moreau**, Bob Nixon, **Greg & Mark Ochalek**, Dawn & Joni Pauline, **Ann Rollins**, Susan Polito, **Al Ragona**, Larry Regan, **Tom Schweitzer**, Kathleen Skoblicki, **Jim Suleski**, Joan Tardiff, **Sharon Way**, Haley Williams, **Joan Woodson**, Walt & Marilyn Young, **Mary Clare Zedler**.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings!

As we enter November, we can reflect and give thanks for all of our Blessings and Faith. The Ladies' Auxiliary had a great time serving at the St. Paul Church Trunk or Treat. We enjoyed seeing the smiles and creative costumes. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We are looking forward to participating in the Ministry Fair on November 15 and 16 after the Masses. It will give all ministries a chance to highlight various activities and mission to serve the church, school and community.

The next meeting is Dec. 11th in the Holy Family Room, for our Christmas Party. Let us keep the world in prayer to convert the evils into Faith and love for one another.

When in doubt Pray, then Pray again. Wishing all a wonderful Thanksgiving to be shared with friends and family. Faith over Fear in ALL things... Always!!

Cindy Diemer
Joyce Collins
Co-Presidents

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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

October Knight of the Month is Larry Huhn. Brother Larry has been a Knight for 17 years and will be exempted into the 4th Degree on Nov. 1st! Larry is Council 5644's Leo Remenuik Coats for Kids Director, delivering 160 hoodies to Leesburg Elementary, Beverly Shores Elementary and Lake Hills School; he's a Kitchen Krew member, pitches in at special events and picnics; he's Past Grand Knight, a Council Trustee and an EMHC.

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

October Family of the Month are Ray & Joann Crowell. SK Ray has been a Knight for 45 yrs and 14 yrs in the 4th Degree! He held numerous offices, PGK and PFN among them. Currently he's the Council Faith Director and Outside Guard; as well as the 4th Degree Inside Sentinel. Joann is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary and volunteers with the parish CCW, Rosary Makers, Burse Club and Altar Linen Launderer; Ray is head Usher at the 9am Mass.

Your service to the Knights and the Church are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Family of the Month for October!



SCHOLARSHIP

2026 Scholarship Raffle Sales
Available at All Weekend Masses
November 29th & 30th

and
December 6th & 7th

NEW PRIZE AMOUNTS THIS YEAR!

1st Prize - \$100.00

2nd Prize - \$50.00

3rd Prize - \$35.00

4th Prize - \$25.00

Drawings are Monthly - January thru October

Proceeds Fund School Scholarships
3 Parish H. S. Seniors going on to College
2 SPCS Graduates entering Catholic H. S.

The Council again graciously thanks you for your support of this program!!

Membership Meeting Highlights

The October Membership Meeting was held the 15th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed.; Food Service: 5:15 to 6:15pm, Rosary 6:30p, Membership Meeting 7pm. (if no Exemplification)

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; If you have not yet attained your 3rd Degree, sitting through this 30 minute ceremony automatically advances you! Contact your GK, Dick Davis.

The GK Dick Davis then opened meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; prior meeting's Minutes were approved;

- GK report: Recap of events: 2025 8th Grade Essay Contest completed, 3 students will be awarded at a future School Mass and the 1st place entry to be entered in District competition; Thank you cards read from Beverly Shores Elementary & Lake Hills School for the Hoodie donations; this year's Memorial Mass is Oct. 19th, 9am; Ministry Fair in Holy Family Rm Nov 15/16, need volunteers! The December Business Meeting moved to Dec 10.
- Treasurer: Reported on accts; please try to hold the line on expenses, CD matures in November;
- FS: All is in Good Order with Supreme;
- Kitchen: Candy donated for Trunk-r-Treat; Oktoberfest Social was a success, Dec. Social will be the Christmas party, Larry Huhn looking into having it at Pembroke Fairways hall and catered;
- Faith Dir: Silver Rose not announced, no update on Adoration Hour, Memorial Mass is 10/19 at 9am;
- Scholarship Raffle 2026: 600 tickets to be sold at all Masses 11/29-30 & 12/6-7, Prizes: \$100,50,35,25;
- New Business: Donation made to the School's Grandparents' Breakfast; no Panda Classic this year, we'll buy their raffle tickets in lieu of our usual donation; Brother Ryan Cimino to create a Facebook page for the Council and maintain;
- Old Business: SPCS to be given a donation for 10 logo'd student jackets, in lieu of hoodies;
- DD: 4th Degree Exemplification Nov. 1, Wildwood; Fraternal Benefits Webinar 10/27; 2024-2025 Star Council Award was presented to PGK Ken Lynch;
- Good of the Order: Honorees: KOM Larry Huhn and FOM Ray & Joann Crowell announced;
- Attendance Draw \$274 Won by Joe Huber!; 50/50 - \$34 won by Rob Allen; 21 members were present, meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 19th



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 nd Mark G Ochalek	17 th John R Hickey
4 th Walter J Boguslawski	18 th Dale A Beasley
12 th James T Gardella 82	21 st David L Vasseur 82
Thomas J Quinlan 83	23 rd Rigoberto Vega, Jr
14 th Lawrence R Huhn 85	30 th Giovanni Barcenilla
15 th Jared M DeNicola	

Attendance Drawing:

\$27 was WON !! by Joe Huber...

Next month's drawing will be \$3.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$34 was Won by Rob Allen!

You have to be present to play & win!



MEMBERSHIP

As of 10/25/2025, the Council has 162 members: 68 insurance, 94 associate; 49 Honorary Life, 5 Honorary.

Tom Diemer, FS



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:

Tony Lause:
tonylause@gmail.com
or phone: 573-346-0643



"You have so much to offer. You sense it. You may have known it for a long time. It's a truth that lingers, waiting patiently for us to pay attention to it. It's a soul sense, and when your soul senses such a thing, it should never be ignored. "

~ from Matthew Kelly's book (Holy Moments)

Ray Crowell, Faith Director

FIELD AGENT



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

Kevin

WORDS OF WISDOM

"This is an easy monkish practice for anyone to adopt, and I highly recommend it. At the end of the day, take an inventory of all the people who have angered you, and forgive them. Say it out loud. Then you can go to bed."

— Fr. Augustine Wetta, from "Humility Rules"

Coats for Kids 2025

St. Paul Catholic School principal Monica Matthews accepts a donation check from SK Mark Ochalek for 10 School logo student jackets.



PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! We grew up working our family grocery store, the smallest of three stores in our one traffic light country town.

When you're the smallest, you try harder; our +Parents chose to open holidays; to subsidize sales of course, but most importantly to serve our customers.

There was always that loaf of bread, gallon of milk or pumpkin pie that was needed. My siblings & I would take turns working the holiday openings, alternating every other one, giving +Mom & +Dad the "day off". The phone would ring constantly, "Are you open today?" ... The answer always, "Until the turkey's done!", which meant about 3 or 4pm.

As school age kids, we'd prefer sleeping in, anticipate cousins coming for the day, playing games and watching parades and football; but our +Parents instilled in us a gratitude for what we had, provided by the business we ran.

Our customers were grateful, as we were the only store open; so it was a Win/Win. Gratitude, the Latin word gratus, meaning "pleasing" or "thankful," gives us the root grat. Words from the Latin gratus have something to do with being pleasing or being thankful. To ingratiate yourself is to make others feel thankful for something you've done. So, Ingratiate yourself.



Vivat Jesu!
Please Pray for Vocations!



"Carry it with you
Always...
And Pray it
Often!

NOVEMBER 2025

DECEMBER 2025

Nov 1 All Saints Day

4th Degree Exemplification - St. Vincent de Paul

Nov 1/2 All Souls' Day / 31st Sunday

Return to Standard Time

Nov 4 St. Charles Borromeo

Nov 7 First Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm Church

Nov 8/9 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 10 St. Pope Leo the Great

Nov 11 St. Martin of Tours

Nov 12 St. Josaphat

4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC

Nov 13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

Nov 14 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Nov 15 St. Albert the Great

Nov 15/16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Nov 19 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

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

Nov 21 Presentation of the BVM

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Nov 22 St. Cecilia

Nov 22/23 Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Nov 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day

Nov 28 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Nov 29/30 First Sunday of Advent

2026 Scholarship Raffle Sales at All Masses

Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier

Dec 4 St. John Damascene

Dec 5 First Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm Church

Dec 6 St. Nicholas

Dec 6/7 2nd Sunday of Advent

2026 Scholarship Raffle Sales at All Masses

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Dec 9 St. Juan Diego Cuahhtlatotzin

Dec 10 Our Lady of Loreto

NO 4th Degree Meeting

Council Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

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

Dec 11 Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Party

Dec 11 St. Pope Damasus I

Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Dec 13 St. Lucy

Dec 13/14 3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec 19 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Dec 20/21 4th Sunday of Advent

Dec 23 St. John Kanty

Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Dec 26 St. Stephen

Dec 26 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church

Dec 27 St. John, Apostle

Dec 27/28 The Holy Family of JMJ

Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket

Dec 31 St. Pope Sylvester I

New Year's Eve!



Oktoberfest Social



Captain Tom and the Kitchen Krew provided a fine cultural menu
Of Brats or Hot Dog, with German Potato Salad, red cabbage and
Warm Apple Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream for Dessert.



2025 Memorial Mass





KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

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

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



The Assembly is in the process of re-establishing their Color Corps/Honor Guard

Any Sir Knight interested please contact our Faithful Navigator Tim Jaskiewicz  
50% of the uniform cost will be covered through the support of the Assembly.



### Calling All 3rd Degree Knights!!

All 3rd Degree Knights are invited to advance to the **FOURTH DEGREE - The Patriotic Degree of the Order**

Next Exemplification: January 31st in Tampa, FL  
(Contact Mark Ochalek for more Information)

#### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for 4th Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a citizen of the United States.
3. Be a 3rd Degree member in good standing.
4. Be a practical Catholic.



**4th Deg. Honorary Life Member card presented to Faithful Friar Fr. Seno**



### Knights in the News

**GK presents Oct. Knight of the Month to Larry Huhn**



**GK Dick Davis shown presenting Oct. Family of the Month to Ray and Joann Crowell (not present)**





## Knights in the News

### St. Paul's Trunk or Treat Event



The members of Council 5644 volunteered again this year at the Parish's 4th Annual Trunk or Treat. The volunteers cooked hamburgers and hot dogs to add to the other foods that were offered.

Over 700 people attended this year's event. Thank you to Dan Gonzalez, Joe Huber, Kelly Way, Bill Collins, Jack Hickey.

Thanks also to the Knights Ladies Auxiliary, Cindy Diemer, Jan Huber, Joyce Collins, Jeannette Glinke, Stephanie Hickey.

Tom Diemer

Coordinator



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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.