



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BISHOPVEROT COUNCIL # 5845



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May 2026

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Trustee (2 year)
Mike Fischer

Trustee (1 year)
Dr. Robert Krenzer

From the Grand Knight



The school year has come to an end; families are starting their vacations and the Knights transition to a new Fraternal year is right around the corner. And, so I will begin with the election of a new slate of officers for Fraternal Year 2026/2027.

At our Business meeting on May 5th our Officer election was held. While a good number of Knights remained in their positions, half of those elected are either first-time officers or are in new positions. The names below in bold lettering are either first-time officers or in new positions.

Grand Knight	John Puglia
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Treasurer	Lynn Mallak
Advocate	George Adams
Warden	Ron Demuyneck
Inside Guard	Jason Dukes
Outside Guard	William Guarino
Trustee	Michael Fischer
Trustee	Thomas Ghesquiere
Trustee	Peter Gioia

I want to thank Jamey Reeves, Steve Ewing, and Bob Krenzer for their dedication and hard work this past Fraternal Year and wish the new board a successful year.



From the Grand Knight Continued



Our Family of the Month is BK John & Julie Fazio. John and Julie serve both the HNJ community and the greater Melbourne area community. Both John and Julie are Sacristans and Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion for both Daily and Sunday Masses. John is a Board member to the Live for More Men's Ministry and often helps us prepare and serve food at Live for More events and Christ Renews Us retreats. Julie helps organize the Candlelight services for the Christ Us retreats. Additionally, they both regularly help serve the homeless hot meals at Daily Bread before it closed.



Our Knight of the Month is BK Richard Dickinson. Richard is an exemplary Knight always looking for ways to help and volunteering for multiple events. He sold tickets in the atrium for our Lenten Fish dinners and for our St Patrick's day dinner dance. He then helped serve food at these events. He helped at our Sunrise Easter Mass by distributing bulletins to the 3,000 plus attendees of that Mass.

Special Award: Michi Davis for Laps for Life. This past year, Michi joined our Council's team, and although our team came in 2nd place overall, Michi came in first in two individual categories. The award for being the highest fundraiser and the award for the most laps walked.





From the Grand Knight Continued

The week prior to our business meeting, on April 30, over a dozen Knights attended this year's St. Stephen's Way Breakfast fundraiser. The Breakfast was well attended and had a number of riveting speakers including: Deacon Eddie Struttman, and Sheriff Wayne Ivey along with personal testimonies from St Stephen's Way.



On May 1, the Council of Catholic Women and Knights, jointly held a Marian Crowning and 1st Friday Rosary at our Marian Garden. With over 60 in attendance, this annual event is attracting more parishioners.





From the Grand Knight Continued



SK Joe McGivney and his wife Nicole joined our council to help us with our first Guest House fundraiser. Nationally, this was only the second fundraiser conducted by a council of the Knights of Columbus on behalf of Guest House, a treatment center established in 1956 for the sole purpose of assisting ordained Catholic clergy and religious sisters and brothers, at no cost to themselves, to help them overcome addictions and other emotional problems. We

were able to collect \$2,650.00 for this worthy endeavor before and after our May 16/17 Masses. Additional donations were expected to be sent directly to Guest House from those visiting our atrium display.





From the Grand Knight Continued



On May 15th and 16th, the Special Olympics State level Summer Games were held at the Disney ESPN Wide World of Sports. Some of our members went and helped work this event.

On May 17th, SK Carl Oehman and his team served coffee and donuts after all the morning masses.

On Saturday, May, 23rd, at St. James Cathedral in Orlando, our Brother Knight and former Chaplin, Deacon Dan Bassile was ordained to the Priesthood. A large contingent of council knights and parishioners attended the ordination. Photos include blessings from Fathers Scott, Tony, Tom, and Adam, as well as Fr. Scott vesting Fr. Dan.





From the Grand Knight Continued



The following afternoon, Father Dan presided over his first Mass at HNJ followed by a reception for him in the Life Center Hall. Our council, along with the parish, provided and served light refreshments at this occasion. In addition, the Council and Assembly presented Father Dan with a chasuble and stole.



Vivat Jesus!

Peter Gioia
Grand Knight
Council 5845



May Events

May	1	6:00pm	1st Friday Rosary & May Crowning	Marian Shrine
	2	5:30pm	Council Social	Jimmy Hula's
	5	7:00PM	Business Meeting	Room 101
	15-16	Various shifts	Special Olympics State Summer Games	Disney ESPN
	16-17	All Masses	Guest House Fundraiser	Atrium
	17	All Masses	Coffee and Donuts	Community Room
	19	7:00 pm	Planning Meeting	Room 101
	23	10am	Dan Bassile's Ordination to priesthood	St James Cathedral
	24	1:15pm	Reception for Dan after 1st mass.	Life Center Hall
	23-25	Various times	State Convention	Rosen Shingle Creek
	29-31	Various times	Totus Tuus' production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" director George Kobosko	FIT Gleason Auditorium
	31	6:30pm	5th Sunday Rosary	Chapel



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If you're a young man, you may be working hard to pay rent or cover basic living expenses. As you age into your prime working years, there may be mouths to feed, a mortgage and a car payment. Then finally as you approach or enter retirement, you might be looking for supplemental income or to protect what you've built.

If you're supporting a family, term or permanent life insurance can help give you peace of mind that they will be financially protected if you or your wife should pass away. Even amid tragedy, it helps give the people you love stability and time to adjust without the added weight of financial hardship.

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Not sure what coverage is right for you?

Please come see me after the meeting, and I would be glad to schedule a time to sit down and talk about your needs. I'm here to help you protect your family and the life you've built.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus!

Best Regards,

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Knight of the Month for May

Richard Dickinson

Family of the Month for May

John & Julie Fazio

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Upcoming Events:

- June 2nd- Business meeting, 7:00pm at Chapel
- June 5th-1st Friday Rosary, 7:00pm at chapel
- June 6th-Steven Lang ordination to diaconate.
- June 7th-Reception for Deacon Steve Lang at 1:15, life center hall
- June 7th- Corpus Christi procession at 4pm, at HNJ School Pavilion
- June 12th- Sacred Heart w/ Patriotic Rosary, 6:30pm at church
- June 14th-Flag Day Council Picnic, at 1:15PM at Pavillion
- June 16th-Planning Meeting , 7:00pm at Room 101
- June 18th-Live 4 more BK Javier Ross speaker at 6:00pm Cafeteria.
- June 27th- Officer Installation, 6pm at Life center/cafeteria
- June 27th-4th degree exemplification in Davey.
- June 28th-Buffer and presentation of gifts to Deacon Steve.