



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

OCTOBER 2025
NEWS & NOTES

COUNCIL #5644 1330 SUNSHINE AVE. LEESBURG, FLORIDA 34748

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings from your Grand Knight. Another month has passed leaving us to reflect on our Council accomplishments and to welcome the football season and World Series.



It was an active month for members of Council 5644 and continues into Oct. with our Oktoberfest Social on the 1st. The KofC National Essay Contest is underway with the St Paul Catholic School 8th grade class. In 500 to 750 words the students will write an essay picking their three favorite Popes of the Catholic Church and explain their choices. Judges from Council 5644 will choose the 3 best essays and award cash prizes; then submit to the District for evaluation at the Regional and State levels. In previous Essay Contests our St. Paul 8th graders have performed very well.

An Exemplification Ceremony was held, we welcome new member Hank Kanczorzewski to our Council; he is the grandad of our seminarian and brother Knight, Teddy. The JMJ Pregnancy Center GALA was held Sept. 20th in Orlando. The Council had again sponsored a table of ten seats. The GALA was well attended.

Council 5644 Coats for Kids, chair Larry Huhn, delivered 150 hoodies to 3 local schools, last month; Beverly Shores Elementary, Leesburg Elementary & Lake Hills School. Our annual Memorial Mass will be Sunday, Oct. 19 at the 9am Mass. Please try to attend, wear your red shirt/vest and sit together in a show of Unity & Fraternity. The parish Trunk or Treat Halloween event has been scheduled for Oct. 24th this year. The Council Kitchen Krew will prepare hot dogs and hamburgers for guests. Your GK and wife will attend for their first time.

So you see, it will be an active beginning of fall. Now, on to the Scholarship Raffle Drive beginning Nov. 29th, benefiting St Paul Catholic School graduates and St. Paul Parish 12th graders. OH! And college football and the World Series.

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!**



Council #5644 Website
KofC5644.org

Florida State Website
FloridaKofC.org

Supreme Website
KofC.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Valton Albert, 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 Golembowski, **Jim Gorman**, Terry Graham, **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, **Sara Rollins Pingston**, 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:

Wishing everyone a

pleasant October. Time for pumpkins and Halloween. Halloween is always special to us as our youngest son was born on Halloween. Many of our Parishioners are on the Pilgrimage with Fr. Matthew; and on October 1st, the Pilgrimage with Dcn. Mike and Fr. Seno will be leaving. We wish them all safe travels and great spiritual experiences.



The next K of C Ladies' Auxiliary meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct 9th in the BMMMC Building. We will be preparing for our participation in the St. Paul Trunk-or-Treat on October 24th. Anyone wishing to donate candy for this event, please drop off at the church office. At our meeting, we will be reviewing our Mission of Donations for the year.

Let us pray for all those in need; Many suffer quietly. There has been so much evil and destruction in the world. Let us pray for the conversion to Faith and love for one another.

Cindy Diemer
Joyce Collins
Co-Presidents



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

email: ladiesaux5644@aol.com



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

September Knight of the Month is Allan Albert. Brother Allan has been a Knight for 45 years! Since he has been in Council 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 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 September!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

September Family of the Month are Robert & Joan Tardiff. Brother Robert has been a Knight for 41 yrs. He held the office of Treasurer of the council from 2022 to 2025, with its dizzying budget ebbs and flows. Joan is a volunteer at the parish Thrift Shop and has chaired its annual fashion show.

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



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE: 2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



October 2025 Winners

1st Prize - \$75.00: #127 - Tom Moreland
2nd Prize - \$50.00: #446 - Michael Danaher
3rd Prize - \$25.00: #196 - Audrey S. Parks
4th Prize - \$10.00: #433 - Archie Sagers

The Knights graciously thank you for your Continued Support of this Program!!

God Bless you!!



SAVE THE DATE!!

2026 Tickets Available November 29th/30th
and December 6th/7th at all Masses!!

Membership Meeting Highlights

The September Membership Meeting was held the 17th, 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.

Congratulations to our newest member, Hank Kanczorzewski, grandad of seminarian Teddy, Exemplified prior to the Membership Meeting.

The GK Dick Davis then opened meeting with Prayer and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; prior meeting's Minutes were approved; the Charter was draped & prayers recited for member +SK Clinton 'Mel' Weaver;

- GK report: Recap of events: JMJ Gala Sat., 9/20, council table full; 2025 8th Grade Essay Contest has been assigned to students; Church will be locked down after daily Mass, must go to office to access; Thank you cards read from Gene Kelly, for Boxes of Joy postage donation and from Rosary Makers for How To Pray the Rosary pamphlets;
- Treasurer: Reported on accts; 1 College Scholarship has yet to be cashed; hold the line on exp.'s
- FS: All is in Good Order with Supreme, 7 unpaid dues to date, collection not a problem; Candy donated for Trunk-r-Treat; Oktoberfest Social 10/1;
- Faith Dir: promoted the movie: 'The Greatest Miracle', available on YouTube app;
- Youth: Free Throw Contest being planned;
- Scholarship Raffle 2026: 600 tickets to be sold at all Masses 11/29-30 & 12/6-7, Prizes: \$100,50,35,25;
- New Business: Coats for Kids hoodies delivered, there are new contacts at all schools we serve; GK would like a member roll call, to learn names/faces;
- Old Business: Monthly Mass Intention is 10/1; funeral Mass for +SK Mel Weaver was Fri. 9/18;
- DD: 4th Degree Exemplification Nov. 1, Wildwood;
- Good of the Order: Honorees: KOM Allan Albert and FOM Bob & Joan Tardiff announced;
- Attendance Draw \$24 Not Won by James Gorman; 50/50 - \$23 won by Tom Clark and donated to the Council, Thank you!!; 20 members were present, meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 15th



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



1st Henri P Couture

3rd John Hanson

4th Anthony L Elwart

5th Emmett V Sapp, Jr

6th Michael Gordon

7th Charles H Rager

9th Dr Wendell J Courtney

13th Donald C Oblazney, Jr

20th Michael Laflamme 82

25th Henry G Masti

31st Andrew T O'keefe

Attendance Drawing:

\$24 was NOT WON by James Gorman...

Next month's drawing will be \$27.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$23 Won by Tom Clark & donated back. Thanx!

You have to be present to play & win!



MEMBERSHIP

As of 9/25/2025, the Council has 162 members: 69 insurance, 93 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



"Being thankful must become a holy discipline. Thanksgiving is a choice, an act of will, especially when you face unpleasant or distressing situations."
~ from Jeff Cavin's book (Praise God and Thank Him)

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

"Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for He who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother."

— St. Clare of Assisi

2025 JMJ Gala

In Orlando, table sponsored by Council 5644.
Attendees: Dick & Barb Davis, JoAnne & Ray Crowell, Tom Diemer, Chris Procise, Fr. Seno, Joe Beaulieu and two unknown guests.



PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! October means we are full on into Fall... Well, if you ever lived north of the Mason-Dixon for sure. Growing up, and until I moved here, the arrival of fall was my favorite time of the year. The cooler temps, the crisp smell of the air, the changing colors of the trees, made it a welcomed time.

As kids we began to plan for Halloween, costumes, the Trick-or-Treat route we would take for the Big Haul; and when we got older, going to a masquerade party. My most memorable one I had gone as the Hulk, yes painted green; I was a Hit, but lost the Best Dressed Couple because my girlfriend refused to go as She-Hulk. In her defense, it took me 2 weeks to get the last of that green hue washed off. If you will be traveling around during Trick-r-Treating hours, please be on the look out for those little ghosts, ninja turtles and hobos.

If you haven't attained your 4th Degree (aka the Patriotic Degree), the perfect opportunity has arrived. The next exemplification is November 1st at St. Vincent de Paul in Wildwood! Approximately 1/3 of Council 5644 are Fourth Degree members already. See page 8 below for more information; or contact me at:
lakecountyassembly1675@gmail.com



Vivat Jesu!
Please Pray for Vocations!


























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

OCTOBER 2025

NOVEMBER 2025

Oct 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus	
Oktoberfest Social: Gather 5pm ~ Dinner 6pm	
Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels	
Oct 3 First Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm Church	
Oct 4 St. Francis of Assisi	
Oct 4/5 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Oct 6 St. Bruno	
Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary	
Oct 8 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC	
Oct 9 St. Denis and Companions	
Oct 10 Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church	
Oct 11 St. Pope John XXIII	
Oct 11/12 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Oct 13 COLUMBUS DAY	
Oct 14 St. Pope Callistus I	
Oct 15 St. Teresa of Jesus	
Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC	
Dinner 5pm ~ Rosary 6:30pm ~ Mtg 7pm	
Oct 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch	
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church	
Oct 18 St. Luke	
Oct 18/19 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Council 5644 Memorial Mass 9am	
Oct 20 St. Paul of the Cross	
Oct 22 St. Pope John Paul II	
Oct 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret	
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church	
Oct 25/26 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Oct 28 Ss. Simon & Jude	
Oct 31 Halloween	
Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church	

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	
	
	
	



Knights in the News



2025 Coats for Kids Drive: Program Director Larry Huhn and GK Dick Davis delivered 60 Hoodies each to two Leesburg elementary schools and 30 Hoodies to Lake Hills School, Howey-in-the-Hills.



Beverly Shores Elementary



Leesburg Elementary



Lake Hills School

Hospitality Weekend/Celebrating Fr. Seno's 24th Anniversary of his Ordination; hosted by St. Paul Council #5644 & Ladies' Auxiliary



Surprise guest visitor was Bishop John Noonan



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



KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, Oct. 3rd 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: Nov. 1st in Wildwood, 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.



### Knights in the News



**New member Hank Kanczurzewski Welcomed into St. Paul Council #5644**



Grand Knight Dick Davis Bestows the K of C Rosary



Warden Larry Huhn pins the Emblem of the Order

### Council Eternal

**+Sir Knight Mel Weaver**







## Knights of Columbus

# FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

### REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

**CHARITY★UNITY★FRATERNITY★PATRIOTISM**

Robert Urrutia PSD, Master  
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407-486-7883

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**Nov.  
1,  
2025**

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
5323 E County Road 462  
Wildwood, FL 34785

Registration at 9:30 AM  
Exemplification at 11:00 AM  
Banquet at 2:00 PM  
Mass at 4:00 PM

\*\*\*All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by October 27

**For Info/App Contact Mark Ochalek, Faithful Comptroller Lake County Assembly 1675**

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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.