



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

SEPTEMBER 2025
NEWS & NOTES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Greetings. From your Grand Knight reflecting on September in Florida and Michigan, my two home states. In Michigan the leaves are turning to beautiful colors and falling to the ground. In Florida the leaves are being blown to the ground from tropical storms or hurricanes. After all, in Florida the month of September is the most active month for storms.



In Michigan the leaves are raked into large piles with hand rakes. Children play in the piles throwing colorful leaves at each other. Adults clean up the kids' messes and have bonfires at night with donuts and hot apple cider. Speaking of cider, almost every Saturday afternoon in Michigan there is a trip to the local cider mill for a cup of cider and a donut or two.

In Michigan, school starts after Labor Day so the natives could extend summer vacation a few days longer. In Florida the school term starts in mid-August. September in Florida is time to look forward to milder weather, cooler with less storms. In Michigan September is the time to prepare for cold with snow and ice storms.

Call-out Notice: Sept. 6 & 7, St. Paul's Hospitality Weekend in honor of Fr. Seno's 24th Anniversary of Ordination. Coffee & donuts after every Mass in the Holy Family Room, we will be hosting with the Ladies' Auxiliary. Stop in, see if we need any help.

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**, Bill Collins, **Pat Detweiler**, Tom & Cindy Diemer, **Andrew Dul**, Anthony Durkin, **William Ehrbar**, Stephen Gabriel, **Dcn. Paul & Susan Gaucher**, Ron Golembiowski, **Terry Graham**, Jan Huber, **Leonard Ignas**, Maria Iturbe, **Dixie, Edward, Kathy, Ken and Marianne Lynch**, Greg Matthews, **George & Linda Mello**, DW Jerry & Joanne Moreau, **Bob Nixon**, Greg & Mark Ochalek, **Dawn Pauline**, Susan Polito, **Al Ragona**, Phil Reed, **Larry Regan**, Tom Schweitzer, **Kathleen Skoblicki**, Joan Tardiff, **Sharon Way**, Mel Weaver, **Haley Williams**, Joan Woodson, **Walt & Marilyn Young**, Vincent & Mary Clare Zedler.



LADIES' AUXILIARY

Greetings,

Hope everyone had a joyful Summer with family and friends! We are planning to co-host the September 6th & 7th Hospitality Weekend to celebrate Fr. Seno's 24th Anniversary of his Ordination into the Priesthood.

The Ladies' Auxiliary began their kick off the Boxes of Joy campaign. We hoped to fill 36 boxes, but our generous members supplied enough donations to fill 54 boxes! Thank you!! We know the recipients will certainly be Joyful

Grand Knight Dick Davis presented Gene Kelly, Project Manager, with a check to fund the mailing of the planned 36 boxes. Boxes of Joy campaign will now continue parish wide.

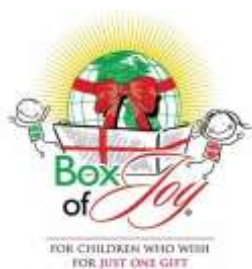
Our next meeting will be held October 9th, when we will plan our Ministry's Mission and Goals for the coming year.

Please pray for those in need, many suffer quietly. Pray for those who have lost loved ones and property around the world from disasters, natural or resulting from war. Pray for the conversion of evil and hate, 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

August Knight of the Month is Ryan Cimino. Brother Ryan has been a Knight for 7 months and has jumped into the Knights with both feet; he has accepted the appointment to fulfill the vacated office of Warden for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year. We look forward to his youthful injection into our Council and leadership. St. Paul's Parish & School, and the community at large.

Your leadership and service to the Knights are greatly appreciated. Congratulations on being selected Knight of the Month for August!



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

August Family of the Month are Mark & Kalista Olszewski family. Brother Mark has been a Knight for 3 and a half years; when he got busy right a way by accepting the office of Inside Guard that year. They spend time helping at SPCS where daughter Kaylee attends and caring for baby daughter Grace. Mark and Kaylee are active volunteers in the Parish Liturgy Ministry; Kaylee as Altar Server and Mark is an Usher.

Your service to the council and the parish are greatly appreciated! Congratulations on being selected the August Family of the Month!



SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE:
2025 Tickets SOLD OUT!



September 2025 Winners

- 1st Prize - \$75.00: #067 - Catherine Walz
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00: #099 - Paul/Heide Modarelli
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00: #449 - Dan Gonzalez
- 4th Prize - \$10.00: #141 - Clare Ochalek

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



Membership Meeting Highlights

The August Membership Meeting was held the 20th, in the BMMMC; meetings are held the 3rd Wed.; Food Service: 5:15 to 6:15pm, Rosary 6:30p, Membership Meeting 7pm.

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 newly installed Officers, Installed prior to the Membership Meeting by DD.

The GK Dick Davis opened meeting with Prayer by Fr. Augustine, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance; the Charter was draped & prayers recited for member +Donald Schram; prior mtg's Minutes were approved;

- GK report: Recap of events: Hospitality Weekend Sept 6 & 7, honoring Fr. Seno's 24th Anniversary of Ordination, Council 5644 will host; DGK Bill Collins will lead up 2025 8th Grade Essay Contest;
- Treasurer: Reported on accts; 1 High School and 1 College Scholarship have yet to be cashed;
- FS: All is in Good Order with Supreme, 2 Xfer-Ins this month, Tony Fleck & Duane Costello;
- Faith Dir: Blsd McGivney Feast Day Mass and the Mass for the Intention of Council 5644 members the Priests & Deacons wore their KofC vestments;
- Youth: 8th Grade Essay Contest, need 2 helpers;
- 4th Degree: Coffee & Donuts at VA Clinic Sept 5; working on re-establishing our Color Corps;
- New Business: 3 Day Emmaus Men's Retreat November 3-5, registration will be at all Masses Aug 23/24; SPCS hosting Grandparents Breakfast, asking the Council to supply the drinks;
- Old Business: JMJ Gala in September, 1 seat left at our Council table, 2 left at the Zedler table;
- DD: Carry on with the good works from last year; Sacred Heart Icon will be in our District Jan. 6-12;
- Good of the Order: Honorees: KOM Ryan Cimino and FOM Mark & Krista Oleszewski announced;
- Attendance Draw \$18 Not Won by Jorge Rivero; 50/50 - \$29 won by Dick Davis; 23 members were present, meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Next Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Sept 17th



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 st Lawrence J Williams 81	16 th Stephen M Dowell
3 rd Rev Philip M Gaiya	17 th Ron F Golembowski 89
10 th Joseph D Kurtz	22 nd James S Warren
11 th Anthony A Lause	25 th Ronald E Bathrick 92
12 th James W Hyer 90	30 th James H Semesco
15 th Richard Fraser	

Attendance Drawing:

\$18 was NOT WON by Jorge Rivero...

Next month's drawing will be \$21.

You must be present to win!

50/50 Raffle:

\$29 Won by Dick Davis

You have to be present to play & win!

MEMBERSHIP

As of 8/25/2025, the Council has 162 members: 72 insurance, 90 associate; 49 Honorary Life, 5 Honorary.

Congratulations!!! to Mark Ochalek as he reached 50 years in the Knights of Columbus Organization.

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



Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven.

~ St. Rose of Lima

Ray Crowell
Faith Director

FIELD AGENT



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Kevin

WORDS OF WISDOM

"One, remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning, and purpose and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don't throw it away." ~ Stephen Hawking

Best Wishes to our Brother Knight, Seminarian Theodore 'Teddy' Kanczurewski as he departs for St. Joseph College Seminary in Louisiana.



PGK Mark O's Corner Offering !

Peace be with you! September... Growing up the arrival of September meant three things: the 1st bell of the new school year, the kickoff of the new football season and the Albion Area Fair. Ah the Fair, 75+ years running, biggest best little fair around. Tractor pulls, farm animal exhibits, amusement rides, farm equipment displays; then there were exhibits: school art & science projects, pies, flowers (+Mom was a blue ribbon winner for her roses), canning items, arts & crafts and needle works; there's a parade and a Fair Queen, in fact a good friend of mine was Fair Queen our senior year (and almost my prom date, I could've been Royalty!). There was no charge to enter the Fair grounds, so they came up with an ingenious way to earn revenue to pay for items like insurance, utilities and advertising called Booster Buttons. These "pins" just over the size of a nickel, said Albion Area Fair with current year and a sequential number that was used for drawing cash prizes to the owners. The selling of these buttons were by the school students (brilliant!), who were awarded prizes for most sold.

The Council's big source of revenue to fund our charitable works, the Pumpkin Patch, has been discontinued; Citizens W/Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Campaign, Scholarship Raffle, dinners & socials are holding their own, but we have to find other sources for fundraising. Maybe it won't be Booster Buttons, but we are open to suggestions!! Contact your Grand Knight with your ideas!

Vivat Jesu!
Please Pray for Vocations!



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

SEPTEMBER 2025

OCTOBER 2025

Sep 1 Labor Day



Sep 3 St. Pope Gregory the Great



Sep 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

First Friday Adoration: 9am-12pm Church



Sep 6/7 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sep 8 The Nativity of the BVM



Sep 9 St. Peter Claver



Sep 10 4th Degree Meeting ~ 7pm: BMMMC

Sep 12 Most Holy Name of Mary

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Sep 13/14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross



Sep 15 Our Lady of Sorrows



Sep 16 Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Sep 17 Membership Meeting ~ BMMMC

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



Sep 19 St. Januarius

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Sep 20/21 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sep 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Sep 26 Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Friday Adoration: 9am - 12pm Church



Sep 27 St. Vincent de Paul

Sep 27/28 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sep 29 Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels



Sep 30 St. Jerome



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

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





KofC 4th Degree Assembly 1675

1975 ~ 50th Anniversary Year ~ 2025



Coffee & Donuts for Vets

We will be at the Taveras V. A. Clinic Friday, Sept 5th 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.)

**COFFEE & DONUTS**  
**TODAY**

**08:30 to 10:30**

Provided by the  
Knights of Columbus  
4th Degree  
Lake County Assembly 1675

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



**St. Paul Council #5644 & Ladies' Auxiliary with Fr. Seno Celebrated Blessed Michael J. McGivney's Feast Day (August 13) with Morning Mass at St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg, FL (to hear Father's Homily and Intercessional Prayers [Click Here](#))**



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



# Knights in the News



August Knight of the Month presentation by GK Dick Davis to: Warden Ryan Cimino.



August Family of the Month announced by GK Dick Davis

Mark & Krista Olszewski



Wednesday August 20th, 8:30am Mass: for the Intentions of All Living and Deceased Members of St. Paul Council #5644

## 2025-2026 St. Paul Council #5644 Officers' Installation



District Deputy Gary Quinn



Grand Knight Dick Davis



Deputy Grand Knight Bill Collins



Chancellor Jack Higgins



Financial Secretary Tom Diemer



Warden Ryan Cimino



Recorder Joe Huber (Sub: Ed Wutsch)



Treasurer Chris Procise



Advocate Monte Moon



1 yr Trustee Kelly Way



2 yr Trustee Doug Rollins



Outside Guard Ray Crowell

**NOT PRESENT**



3 yr Trustee Larry Huhn



Inside Guard Joey Landon







## 2025 Ladies' Auxiliary "Boxes of Joy Drive"

**"The Ladies' Auxiliary started their kick-off of the Boxes of Joy campaign. They hoped to fill 36 boxes, but our generous members supplied enough Donations to fill 54!!"**



**With the Sacred Heart looking on, Grand Knight Dick Davis presented a check from St. Paul Council 5644 to the Ladies' Auxiliary's Box of Joy Project Mgr. Gene Kelly and Co-Pres. Joyce Collins, to cover the cost of shipping all of these Boxes.**







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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.