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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue May 5**– Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat May 9**– Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Mon May 11**– Assembly #1667 Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue May 12**– Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Wed May 13**– Clean the World 1:00 pm
- **Sat May 16**– Rosary 4 Life 8:45 am
- **Tue May 19**– In Person 3rd Degree Exemplification 6:30 pm
- **Fri May 22**– FL KOFC State Convention—Day 1 – All Day
- **Sat May 23**– FL KOFC State Convention—Day 2 – All Day
- **Sun May 24**– Knights/VFCG Mass 10:00 am
- **Sat May 30** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Sun May 31**– Fr. Sinclair Cushman's First Mass 10:00 am
- **Mon Jun 1** – Teacher's Appreciation Event 8:30 am

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Acting Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Deputy Grand Knight, Joseph Pocius



Worthy Brother Knights,

We are currently entering the month of May which is recognized as the Month of Mary. She is the perfect model of discipleship, humility, and trust in God. This is a great time for us to honor her with special devotion through the daily Rosary, flower offerings at her shrines and quiet moments of prayer before her image. In a world that moves so quickly, May calls us to pause, turn to our spiritual Mother, and draw closer to her Son, Jesus Christ. This month of May the council will be holding a 3rd degree exemplification on May 19th. This is the moment a new Knight receives his Rosary and learns the 3 principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. We are reminded that Mary walks with us as we live out our principles. She is not only our model of perfect discipleship but also the one who intercedes for us as we strive to build a stronger Church and a better world. **Continue to read on page 3**

Our Worthy Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Duberney Rodas



Dear brothers! In this month of May, let the heart of our Marian spirituality be the "fiat" of the Virgin Mary: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). This is the biblical center of May for Catholics: Mary does not merely admire God's gifts—she surrenders her whole life to God's plan. When we, the Knights renew our "yes" with her, we learn to place discipline, charity, and fidelity under the light of God's Word, especially when life asks for courage and perseverance. The Church, through the Holy See, re-

minds us of the vital role Mary plays in the life of the believer. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI notes that "the Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is an intrinsic element of Christian worship." This devotion is not merely a sentiment but a spiritual discipline that anchors us in the mysteries of Christ. As Knights, let us use this month to rediscover the Rosary as our spiritual armor, reflecting on how Mary's "fiat" paved the way for our salvation and how our own "yes" to charity and fraternity can transform the world around us. Church teaching also helps us embrace Mary rightly, lovingly, faithfully, and without confusion. Saint John Paul II describes authentic "Marian spirituality" as faith lived "in the light of Tradition," grounded in the Church's reading of Mary's place in "the mystery of Christ and of the Church." He even highlights consecration to Christ "through the hands of Mary" as an effective means to live baptismal commitments faithfully. At the same time, a doctrinal note from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith stresses the needed balance: Christ is the sole Mediator and Redeemer, while Mary's cooperation is real and Scriptural yet always ordered to Christ's saving work. Pope John Paul II, concluding the month of May, presents Mary as the "wonderous Ark of the Covenant" who brought Jesus Christ into the world, and he calls her life a kind of "Eucharistic" communion, her whole existence is shaped by communion with the "Bread come down from heaven." In that communion, Mary fully realizes her freedom from sin, becoming "an icon of hope and a prophecy of freedom" for every person. So if our May devotion is truly Marian, it should draw each of us toward adoration of Christ in the Eucharist and toward the practical freedom that comes from living in God's will. Our Family Picnic in Honor of Altar Servers is a beautiful chance to thank the young men who serve at the altar and to ask Mary, the model of humble service, to help them and their families grow in devotion and reverence. On May 23, the ordination of one of our own, Deacon Sinclair Cushmore, will be a powerful grace for our brotherhood: let us pray with Mary for the newly ordained man, for priestly perseverance, and for faithful service to Christ's people. Brothers, let us make this May a season of true interior renewal. Through the intercession of Mary, we may become more courageous in our faith and more steadfast in our service.

In Christ,

Fr. Duberney Rodas

"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'" (John 2:5)

As we move through this month of May, let us turn to Our Lady for guidance, remain faithful in the joy of the Resurrection, and prepare our hearts to be renewed by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. May our works as Knights continue to bring Christ to others in all we do.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Pocius Deputy Grand Knight

Sharing Center - Sat May 9 / Clean the World - Wed May 13 (Only that Wed)



that Clean the World collects from the hospitality industry and recycles. You may also pack the recycled soap into boxes that are then distributed via global NGOs, such as The WASH Foundation.

Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. Clean the World is located near the Orlando International Airport at: [2544 E Landstreet Rd Ste 600, Orlando, FL 32824](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2544+E+Landstreet+Rd+Ste+600,+Orlando,+FL+32824) (click to open a map). For more information: <https://cleantheworld.org/doing-good/#volunteer>

Our Council participates with a volunteer event at Clean the World every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1pm – 3pm **The next event will occur on Wednesday, May 13.** You will be sorting out the soap bars and plastic bottle amenities

Serve Saturday

Join us for a Saturday of service helping our community in need!

Our Council participates with **Serve Saturday** at the Sharing center every 2nd Saturday of the month, serving from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Noon. **Our next event will occur on May 9.** If you can attend, please email Tom Przybyla at tomprzybyla3@gmail.com. There were 7 volunteers at April's event. Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. The Sharing center is located at: [600 North Highway 17-92, Suite 130 Longwood, FL 32750](https://www.google.com/maps/place/600+North+Highway+17-92,+Suite+130+Longwood,+FL+32750).

You can view all of the pictures from both of these event on our website's Home page.



Council Meeting - Tue May 12



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12** at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria. A Rosary will be recited starting at 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Our Lecturer Lou Elrose will be providing a delicious meal after the meeting and there will be time to socialize and get to know each other. If you are relatively new in the Council and haven't quite found a part to play, this is a fine time to figure that out. Please attend this meeting and support and participate in our many activities.

Dear Worthy Brothers,

Please join us in prayer for the healing of our Brother and Grand Knight, George Meyer, as well as for his wife, Jan, and their children.

Loving God, we pray that you will comfort George in his suffering, lend skill to the hands of his healers, and bless the means used for his cure. Give George such confidence in the power of your grace that, even when he is afraid, he may put his whole trust in you, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please continue to keep the Meyer family in your prayers during this time.

2025 - 2026 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events: [Annual Calendar](#)

Upcoming Council Events: Click on the link to view more details: [Upcoming Events](#)

May 2026							The Pinta Log Calendar	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
					1	2		Family Picnic & Honor Altar Servers
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		Sharing Center Serve Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		Armed Forces Day/ Rosary 4 Life
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		Florida State Council Convention
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		Pinta Log Content Deadline

- Check our Council's website for up-to-the-minute information on new events or changes to scheduled events. Add the site to your browser's 'Favorites' for quick access.

- If you have a story you would like to be considered for inclusion in **The Pinta Log**, please submit the article by email to: nick.a.leon96@gmail.com

*The content deadline for the June edition is **Saturday May 30.***

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

In Person 3rd Degree Exemplification – Tuesday May 19

Bishop Thomas J Grady Council 5618 has scheduled an in-person Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Tuesday, May 19 in the St. Mary Magdalen Cafeteria– 6:30 pm report, 7 pm start. Candidates, their Proposers and any other Knights who will participate in the exemplification should wear a coat and tie. The half-hour ceremony is open to families and guests. In addition, 1st and 2nd degree Knights may attend to become 3rd Degree Knights! All Knights are invited to come to this exemplification ceremony to welcome the new Knights to our Council. If possible, please wear a coat and tie or your Knight's shirt if you have one; no shorts. Please let Brother David Weisman 407-680-9485 mdweis2002@yahoo.com know of names of candidates, and provide kits (rosary, lapel pin, etc. – Item 531-G from kofc.org Officers Online->Supplies Online) for your candidates.

The Sacred Heart Icon - Saturday April 11



By the Editor

On Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 PM, our council gathered for a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an event that proved to be a truly uplifting and grace-filled experience for all who attended. Despite the short notice following the arrival of the Icon, many faithful came together in prayer, reflecting a deep devotion and love for Our Lord. The presence of the Sacred Heart Icon served as a powerful focal point for reflection, drawing those present into a deeper encounter with Christ's boundless love and mercy. Through periods of silent adoration, communal prayer, and reverent contemplation, the Holy Hour offered a meaningful opportunity for spiritual renewal. We were sincerely grateful to everyone who made the effort to attend, especially given the unexpected timing. The strong turnout and prayerful participation were a beautiful witness to the unity and faith of our community. May the graces received during this Holy Hour continue to bear fruit in the lives of all who were present, and may devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus remain strong within our council.



“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... for I am meek and humble of heart.”— Gospel of Matthew 11:28–29

Brothers Celebrating May Birthdays

	May 1	Fr Patrick Patton	May 12	Michael E Kraus	May 29	Thomas C Poppell	
	May 5	Edward G Magee Jr	May 13	Ausencio Estrada	May 29	Paul M Anslow	
	May 6	Rodolfo Chang	May 17	Armando Iglesias	May 31	Mario P Fernandes	
	May 6	Verner J Canatsey	May 17	Donald E Mcelvain	May 31	Michael M Gilardi	
	May 7	Ricardo J Diaz	May 18	Lawrence J Heydorn	May 31	Brian M Nelsen	
	May 8	John R Kennybrook	May 23	Bernardo Mercado			
	May 9	Thomas J Sheehan	May 26	Salvador Rivas			
	May 12	Mickey Kostelnik	May 27	Frederick J Milcarsz			

From our Faith Director

By Tom Przybyla



My Brothers in Faith, Today's reading is from Acts 8:26-40 and it's about an angel telling Philip to go to Gaza via the desert route to see and evangelize with an Ethiopian eunuch. Get up and head south on the road. (Acts 8:26) Arlene was on her way home from work when she noticed a motorcycle accident and felt the Lord urging her to stop. She pulled over and knelt beside a biker lying on the street. He was in bad shape but still alive. Leaning close to his ear, she began to pray with him. He whispered that he remembered his mom's active and fervent faith in Jesus. So, Arlene helped him recommit his life to the Lord. She stayed with him until an ambulance arrived, praying with him and calming his fears. When she got home hours later with blood on her clothes, her daughters were alarmed. All she could say was, "I knew I had to stop." We see something similar in today's first reading when the Lord tells Philip to take the desert road toward Gaza. It might seem strange that God would give him such specific directions. But Philip had been learning to listen to such promptings. Having fled persecution in Jerusalem, he had already been preaching and working wonders in Samaria. So, he had become familiar with how God worked when he responded with obedience to his direction. In this case, Jesus was inviting Philip to be part of a life-changing event for an Ethiopian court official. As Philip saw the chariot and heard what the man was reading, he saw the Lord's plan unfolding. So, seizing the chance to tell him about Jesus, he approached and spoke to the man inside. And the official's life was forever changed. These stories may seem extreme. But God loves to guide us as we strive to bring him to the world. Think back on your own life. Perhaps a line from Scripture stirred your heart and led you to invite a friend to a Bible study or start serving at a food bank. Or you heard a message in a homily that brought you comfort, so you shared it with a coworker who was struggling. Maybe you ran into someone at the store and struck up a conversation that led you to share about Jesus. The Lord might guide you to do something "big" like Arlene or Philip.

But every day, He will surely show you more ordinary opportunities to follow his lead and share his good news. So, open your heart and listen to his promptings today. Share your personal good news of God's blessings with others. Prayer: "Jesus, help me to follow your lead today." In addition: We who believe in Jesus urgently need to receive His love and then share our testimony of what He has done in our lives. We who believe in Jesus are His voice, His hands, and His feet, as St. Teresa of Avila said. People are converted through hearing the testimonies of converted people. Let Jesus use you to spread the plain truth, to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15), even to the fiercest skeptics.

The reflection is from the April 23 Word Among Us Psalms and Meditation message. The power of prayer. At the beginning of the fish fry dinners, I prayed and asked the Lord to keep my 1997 Honda running without problems through the end of Holy Week. I continued to ask this prayer throughout the 7 weeks. God answered my prayers! But last week I took my car to a new repair shop, and they said I needed \$3,600 worth of repairs. After almost 29 years, I decided it was time to buy a new car. I read that one way we should evangelize is by sharing good news and experiences that the Lord is doing in our lives. The April 23 Psalms encouraged me to share my experience:

Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

When I appealed to him in words, praise was on the tip of my tongue.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

The message that I believe God wanted me to share with you is this: Believe in the power of prayer. Continually pray and ask the Lord for your needs; believe and trust with expectant faith that the Lord will answer your prayers for the glory of his name. Then share God's blessings with others. The April 23 Word Among Us meditation message confirmed God's message to share my personal good news with others.

Tom Przybyla,
Faith Director

From Our Life Director

By James Taglia



Brothers, We are entering the Month of Mary. I remind you we pray the Rosary on the Third Saturday of each month at All Women's Health Center/aka AWHC (431 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701} for the infants who are killed and there, their moms, and the repentance of those who work there. We begin at 9AM. For the record, the third Saturday of this month is May 18. On May 9, there is a Mothers' Day celebration where we pray for LIFE. Please bring your families and celebrate LIFE. The event is being sponsored by Pro Life Action Ministries/aka PLAM. Again, the celebration of life will be held in front of the AWHC facility. Bring your signs that share the beauty, love, and joy of being a parent. On to Jun...on June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes around the country are encouraged to join the bishops in consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart. Parishes and individuals are also invited to participate by contributing to a collective 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy. Respectfully submitted,

Vivat Jesus,

**James J Taglia, PFN
Life Director**

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From Our Family Director

By Les Phillip



Brothers,

What is transubstantiation and its history? Catholic belief of the true presence explained.

Please share this with your friends and families. You can find this video on YouTube under this link address: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=ObaBxmykNI8&si=auHSjcTqFoubuwht>



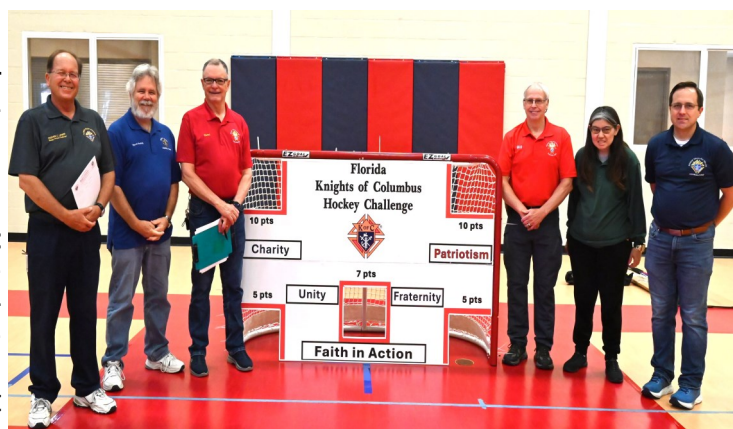
Vivat Jesus,

**Les Phillip,
Family Director**

State Hockey Challenge Event – Saturday April 25

By the Editor

On Saturday, April 25, the St. Peter's Catholic School Gymnasium hosted the Knights of Columbus Florida State Hockey Challenge Competition, bringing together participants for a day of spirited competition and community fellowship. The tournament proved to be a great success, with players showcasing both skill and sportsmanship throughout the event. From start to finish, the atmosphere in the gymnasium was energetic and encouraging, reflecting the strong sense of camaraderie that defines Knights of Columbus events. Organizers reported that everything ran smoothly, contributing to an enjoyable experience for all who attended. The event not only highlighted athletic talent but also reinforced the Knights' commitment to youth engagement and community-building activities.





Brothers, A consistent income brings financial stability and well-being to your family. If it were to vanish unexpectedly — whether because of death or disability — consider what might happen next: Would your loved ones need to sell or downsize their home? Would your children need to change schools? Would it impact retirement savings? Insurance from the Knights of Columbus can help replace that crucial income, protect savings and prevent major lifestyle disruptions. De-

pending on your stage of life, there are products designed to fit your needs. 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. Term life insurance, which gives you coverage for a specified time period, can be a great option if you have a young family with temporary needs. It's an affordable choice that typically provides coverage for 10, 15 or 20 years. Later, you could choose to convert your policy to whole life, which can provide coverage for your entire lifespan and accrue cash value. This can be helpful if you want a potential way to supplement retirement income or if you're interested in using insurance as part of your estate plan. Not sure what coverage is right for you? If you have any questions, please contact your agent to schedule a time to meet.

Thank you

How Your Field Agent Can Help Your Family



Join us on **May 12, 2026 at 7 PM Eastern 6 PM Central**

Regional Agency Executive Consultant and General Agent Sonny Sangemino will discuss the many ways your Knights of Columbus Field Agent or IAR can assist you and your family.

Sonny has been working for the Order for 28 years and is General Agent to a successful agency in Ontario, Canada and oversees our Canadian Agencies.

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Grilling for LifeTeen- Sunday April 12

By the Editor



On Sunday, April 12, We cooked up a LifeTeen dinner which was joyfully served, bringing together teens in a spirit of fellowship and community. The evening provided not only a meal, but also an opportunity for connection, faith-sharing, and support among the youth. The success of the dinner highlighted the importance of continued involvement, and opportunities remain open for those who feel called to serve. Volunteers are invited to help provide meals for LifeTeen on Sundays, as well as for EDGE, the parish's middle school youth ministry, on Wednesdays. Those interested in supporting these efforts are encouraged to consider contributing their time and generosity to help nourish both the bodies and spirits of the young members of the community.

Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight



**Congratulations Council
5618 Knights on your
achievements!!**

Picture #1: Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Knight of the Month award for March to Tom Galaida. Tom participated in all 6 weeks of the Fish Fry Dinners, cooking the poached fish, controlling the quantity of Pollock to be thawed and thawing up to 120 pounds each week. He has also been a long-time Sacristan serving at many daily and 8 am Sunday Masses. He did all this in spite of a painful injured back and before surgery occurring on April 8. Tom is a model Knight, one of a select few who sacrifices his pain, talents and time to serve the Lord and our parishioners. **Picture #2:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for March to the Patrick & Ann Cavanaugh. Patrick and Ann participated at our Fish Fry Dinners arriving early and staying late until clean-up was through each week. Patrick helped customers get a tray and their cutlery package while Ann helped at the condiments station, making sure customers received the condiments they desired. Patrick sings in the choir and is an active Knight participating in many of our events despite painful health issues. Ann is an active President of the CCW organization and is very helpful coordinating CCW activities with ours. We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community! **Picture #3:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, Brother Gabriel Russo, & Chancellor Ricardo Diaz welcomed 1 new brother (Craig Heyer) at our last month's meeting.

Leave No Neighbor Behind - Helping Hands Program



If you know of a brother Knight, Men's Club member or SMM parishioner who needs the labor to help with a small project, such as yard work, pressure washing, or small repairs, and they have purchased the needed supplies, please contact our

Helping Hands program chair Tom Poppell at tompopl@aol.com or 407-920-2497 or Tom Przybyla at tom-przybyla3@gmail.com or 407-460-8109. We need 2 weeks of lead time to make arrangements for the project.

Helping Hands Raking Leaves Project:

On the morning of Wednesday April 15, four brother knights raked leaves at the home of an elderly person. Wayne Fricker, who suffers from health issues, Alan Blackmon, who is recovering from hernia surgery, Tom Przybyla, who has back issues, and Tom Poppell, who organized this project worked 2 hours to fill 25 lawn bags and Poppell's trailer with yard waste. This shows that any and all Knights who want to glory our Lord by serving our neighbors can choose to volunteer their time and talent. The next time we have a large Helping Hands project, Tom will schedule it on a Saturday so that we can get more volunteers to participate.

Thanks,
Tom