



Acting Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Deputy Grand Knight, Joseph Pocius



Worthy Brother Knights,

We are currently entering the month of June which is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This symbolizes Christ's boundless love, mercy, and redemptive suffering for humanity.

On May 21st – May 24th the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus hosted its 122nd Annual State Convention in Orlando Florida and the leadership spoke about how to strengthen our values through Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

We do this by uniting our fellow brother Knights to love Jesus in partaking and accepting the Holy Eucharist. There are many of our future brothers who are not current members of the Knights that are looking to us to bring them home. The KofC Supreme Secretary mentioned there is a 50/50 split of men joining the Catholic faith with the main reason is due to what the world is teaching us through the news, politics and social media. It is important to let them know that God has not left them or us and that we need to pray and evangelize the truth and let the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Also in the month of June we are holding our council installation where we are installing new and current leaders into important roles to lead our council through the next fraternal year. Let us pray for them and everyone by praying the Sacred Heart of Jesus to know that his love unites and invites us to love others and be devoted to God. Prayer to the Sacred Heart: "Hail! O Sacred Heart of Jesus... consume my heart with that burning fire... let my heart be so united with Thine, that our wills may be one..." – St. Gertrude

Vivat Jesus,

**Joseph Pocius,
Deputy Grand Knight**



DGK Joe pictured here at the FL State KOC Convention last month

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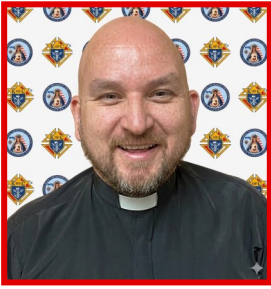
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• Tue Jun 2 – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
• Wed Jun 3 – Clean the World 1:00 pm
• Sun Jun 7 – Corporate Communion Mass & Breakfast 8:00 am
• Mon Jun 8 – Assembly #1667 Meeting 7:00 pm
• Tue Jun 9 – Council Meeting 6:30 pm
• Sat Jun 13 – Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
• Sat Jun 20 – Rosary 4 Life 8:45 am
• Sat Jun 27 – KofC FL 4th Degree Exemplification 9:30 am
• Sat Jun 27 – Installation of Officers & Dinner 5:00 pm
• Tue Jun 30 – Pinta Log Content Deadline
• Tue Jul 7 – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm

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Dear Worthy Officers and Brothers Knights of Columbus,

The month of June begins with our Church's call to prayer for historic and solemn occasion of the consecration of the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act of Consecration reminds us that true patriotism is not simply sentiment of identity, it is service under Christ's kingship, grounded in charity, justice, and protection of human life. Pope Paul VI praised the Knights' "devotion and loyalty," calling us "an immense force for good within the Church of Christ," and urged us to bring "fraternal concern" to neighborhoods and to exemplify justice in communities.

To illuminate this sacred event, we look at the rich insights of our Church's recent teachings. In his profound reflection on the Sacred Heart, *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis reminds us: Saint John Paul II spoke of the social dimension of devotion to the heart of Christ, but also about reparation, which is apostolic cooperation in the salvation of the world. Consecration to the heart of Christ is thus to be seen in relation to the Church's missionary activity, since it responds to the desire of Jesus' heart to spread throughout the world, through the members of his Body, his complete commitment to the Kingdom. As a result, through the witness of Christians, love will be poured into human hearts, to build up the body of Christ, which is the Church, and to build a society of justice, peace and fraternity (*Dilexit Nos* n.206).

In the Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Leo XIV *Magnifica Humanitas* (15 May 2026), the Pope urges us not to fear the "construction site" of our time, but to become builders of communion; so that the poor, sick, migrants, and the least are not treated as obstacles but become "cornerstone" realities for society. He also insists that authentic progress must be protected by the heart's openness to others, especially when human dignity is threatened by dehumanization: True progress always stems from a heart open to others.

By consecrating our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, font of divine mercy, we are not executing a mere formal ritual; rather, we are actively anchoring the very soul of America to the transformative power of Christ's unconditional love. May the Sacred Heart bless the United States and grant every family peace through the power of Christ, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life,"!

In Christ,
Fr. Duberney Rodas

***"...Return to the Lord your God, and you and your children obey him with all your heart and with all your soul..."
(Deuteronomy 30:2)***

Officers Planning Meeting - Tuesday June 2



Our Council's next Officer's Planning meeting will occur on **Tuesday, June 2**. It will be held virtually using [Microsoft Teams from 7:00 - 8:00 pm](#). An email with the meeting link will be distributed a few days before the meeting. The primary purpose of this meeting is to take care of details that don't interest members, entertain new ideas, programs and initiatives, and agree upon agenda details for the next Council meeting. All Knights are invited to participate with this meeting. All council officers, directors and chairpersons are expected to participate with these meetings to fulfill the responsibilities of their position. Financial reports will be presented and all new business requests must be presented at this meeting, discussed and if needed, voted on at the monthly Council meeting. Please read last month's Council meeting minutes before this meeting at this link: [Meeting Minutes](#) (if you need the password to the Council's minutes page, send an email to [Nick Leon](#)).

We are featured in the KofC Columbia Magazine From the Editor



Brothers, I am pleased to share an update regarding the Recovery House Room project. Megan, the Associate Editor for the Knights of Columbus magazine, Columbia, recently contacted me to confirm our feature story in last month's issue (May) after seeing our Facebook post on our council page, a few months back. You can read a snippet about our project on the Community page of the magazine by clicking the link below: Link to the [KofC Columbia Magazine](#).

If you receive a hard copy of Columbia in the mail, please be on the lookout for our feature. I would like to extend a special thank you to Brother Tom Weninger and Brother Tom Poppell for spearheading this project, and to our entire council for this great achievement.

Officer Nominations, Duties & Elections Timing By Tom Przybyla

Nominations for officers are now open for the 2026 - 2027 period. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please contact a nominating committee member, which consists of **Roger Copeland, Tom Galaida, and me.** Officer elections for the 2026 - 2027 period will occur at our **June, 9, 2026 Council meeting.** The nominating committee has compiled a slate of officer nominations for all Council officer positions.

The timing for the election process is:

- Read in the proposed slate of new officers in the April Council meeting.
- The slate will be published again in the May Pinta Log newsletter.
- Elections will occur in the June Council meeting, the new officers are inducted in June and start in July.

You can view a description the duties and responsibilities of Council Officers and Directors from this link: [Officer and Director Duties/Responsibilities](#)

If you are interested in a position and/or would like to be added to the nominating list, please contact a nominating committee member or myself.

Bishop Thomas J Grady Council 5618		
2026 - 2027 Slate of Officer Nominations		
Nominating Committee:	Roger Copeland, Tom Galaida, Tom Przybyla	
Officer Position	2025 - 2026 Officers	2026 - 2027 Nominations
Grand Knight	George Meyer	Joe Pocius
Deputy Grand knight	Joe Pocius	Nick Leon
Chancellor	Ricardo Diaz	Ricardo Diaz
Treasurer	Les Philip	Les Philip
Financial Secretary (appointed, not elected)	Richard Hosler	Richard Hosler
Warden	Tom Poppell	Tom Poppell
Recorder	Tom Weninger	Tom Weninger
Advocate	Ed Gallagher	Ed Gallagher
Inside Guard	David Henriquez	Patrick Cavanaugh/ Oscar Archevala
Outsided Guard	Alan Blackmon	Alan Blackmon
Trustee 3	Tom Galaida	George Meyer
Trustee 2	Tom Przybyla	Tom Galaida
Trustee 1	Roger Copeland	Tom Przybyla
Lecturer (appointed, not elected)	Lou Elrose	
Chaplain (appointed, not elected)	Fr. Duberney Rodas	Fr. Duberney Rodas

Each Year, one Trustee is elected for a 3-year term (usually the out-going Grand Knight). After the elections, the incumbent 3 year and 2-year Trustees (if willing), move into the 2-year and then the 1-year terms.

Clean the World - Wednesday June 3



Clean the World™

Our Council participates with a volunteer event at Clean the World every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1 pm – 3 pm. **The next event will occur on Wednesday, June 3.** You will be sorting out the soap bars and plastic bottle amenities 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>. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#).



Corporate Communion Mass & Breakfast - Sunday June 7

Our Council's next Corporate Communion Mass will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 8 am.

Every Knight of our Council, along with their wife or significant other and family members are invited to attend this Mass. As we sit together and the congregation sees a large group of Knights and their family members attending Mass, they take notice! Attending Mass with your Brothers as a fraternal group is an extra blessing to the Sunday experience. The more we Knights are visible in this parish, the more effective we become at serving our parishioners. If you know of a Catholic gentleman who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, invite that man and his family to this event. We will choose a restaurant for the breakfast after Mass since both SMM kitchen facilities are booked for that day. Worthy [DGK Joe Pocius](#) will provide an update as to where the venue will be.

1667 Assembly Meeting - Monday June 8



We would like to invite more brother Knights from Council 5618, so please consider joining. There is still time to get in on the next exemplification. The Fourth Degree supports active military, veterans and first responders through works of charity and service. Our Color Corp members participate in community events—especially on patriotic holidays and serve at funerals for our brother Knights. We meet at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Myrtle Ave. in Sanford, starting with a Rosary prayer at 6:30pm and ending with food and fellowship around 8:00pm. Please reach out to me and I'll be happy to give you more information on how to join.

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Council Meeting - Tuesday June 9



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 9** 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.

Please attend this meeting and support our activities. Please read last month's Council meeting minutes before this meeting (if you need the password to the Council's minutes page, send an email to [Nick Leon](#)) at this [LINK](#).

"An active Knight is a happy Knight and a happy Knight is a holy Knight!" Monsignor Ed Thompson

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Saturday June 13

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 is **June 13**. If you can attend our next event, please sign up by emailing [Tom Przybyla](mailto:Tom.Przybyla@kcofc.org) at . Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. There were 6 volunteers at the February event. View all of the pictures on our website's [Home page](#). The Sharing center is located at: [600 North Highway 17-92, Suite 130 Longwood, FL 32750](#) (click to open a map)



Rosary 4 Life - Saturday June 20

On **Saturday, June 20**, our monthly rosary for LIFE will be held in front of [All Women's Abortion Clinic, 431 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs](#). It will commence after the 8 am Mass. We calculate that we should begin about 8:45 am. Please join us Saturday. These rosaries will repeat monthly on the third Saturday (mark your calendars accordingly) at 8:45 am.

Installation of Officers & Dinner - Saturday June 27

Click Here: [Officer Installation Dinner RSVP Form](#)

You are invited to attend our Council's Knights of Columbus Officer Installation Ceremony and Dinner on Saturday, June 27 in the Parish Life Center.

- **Arrive in the PLC at 5:00 pm**
- **Officer Installation Ceremony 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm**
- **Dinner starts around 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm.**

An Olive Garden Italian dinner will be served, consisting of 3 meats, 3 sauces, 2 kinds of pasta, salad, bread sticks and a dessert. **Please RSVP by Monday June 15** with the number of people who plan to attend the Installation Dinner by entering the information below; then submit this form. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Coffee and bottled water are included with the dinner. Sodas will be available for a donation. **BYOB**

Please pay in advance by 1) making an online payment, or 2) paying by check or cash at our June 9 Council meeting. Pay online to count your attendance.

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to our [DGK Joe Pocius](#)

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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.

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June
27,
2026

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church
1301 SW 136th Ave
Davie, FL 33325

Registration at 9:30 AM
Exemplification at 11:00 AM
Vigil Mass 1:00 PM
Banquet 2:00 PM

***All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by June 18

2026 - 2027 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events: [Annual Calendar](#)

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

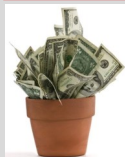
		<h2 style="text-align: center;">June 2026</h2>					<h3 style="text-align: center;">The Pinta Log Calendar</h3>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1  Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast	2  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	3  Clean the World	4  Corpus Christi	5	6	
7  Corporate Communion Mass/Breakfast	8  1667 Assembly Meeting: Officer Elections	9  Council Meeting: Officer Elections	10	11	12	13  Sharing Center Serve Saturday	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21  Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27  Rosary 4 Life Officer Installation & Dinner	
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 Leon

The content deadline for the **July** edition is **Tuesday June 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$100 pot was Michael Aun, was not present. Congratulations! The Attendance Drawing is a program that encourages our Council Knights to come to our Council meetings. The pot for our next month's meeting will contain **\$150**. You could be the next winner! But, **you need to be present at the meeting to win!** If there is no winner, the pot increases by \$25 each month to a maximum of \$150. **Lou Elrose** won the 50/50 raffle drawing, winning **\$23**. Congratulations!



My Brothers in Faith,

The reflection is the May 27 Word Among Us meditation message.

Mark 10:35-40:

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the chalice that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The chalice that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared."

It seems that James and John could use a lesson in manners! They come off as insensitive and entitled when they ask to be seated next to Jesus when he comes into his "glory" (Mark 10:33). What's more, they even make their request on the heels of Jesus predicting his suffering and death!

But before we judge these brothers too harshly, let's think about ourselves. Chances are, we've all started many a prayer time with a wish list that reflects their words: "We want you to do for us whatever we ask of you" (Mark 10:35).

Of course, there's nothing wrong with asking for what we want (Mark 11:24). But throughout the Gospels, Jesus makes it clear that being his follower also means being ready to serve other people. It means putting aside our selfish desires and our tendency to put our interests before the interests of others and asking the Lord how he wants us to give of ourselves. And that's what James and John ended up doing after Jesus' resurrection: they dedicated their whole lives to proclaiming the gospel and building up the Church.

At first glance, being a "servant" doesn't usually seem appealing. It's only when we remember how much Jesus loves us that our hearts begin to soften. It's as we recall that we were created to give him glory by reflecting his own generosity and kindness. The simple truth is that the more we give of ourselves, the more Christlike we become. We grow in holiness. We become more peaceful, more contented, and even more joyful!

Probably the best way to look at our call to serve is to look at Jesus. He is the perfect model of what a life of service looks like. We can ask him, "How can I serve you today, Lord?" If the opportunities before you seem mundane—like making a meal for your family or taking an elderly parent to a doctor's appointment—remember Jesus' great promise: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Every opportunity to care for someone else is another opportunity to meet Jesus!

Jesus taught His followers a different way to ask in the Our Father: "Your kingdom come; Your will be done" (Mt 6:9). Instead of asking the Lord to do whatever we ask of Him, let's ask Him to grant us the grace to do whatever He asks of us.

Pray: "Lord, help me desire to serve you and your people above all else!"

For those of you Brother Knights who serve others on a regular basis, you may feel like I do – I get more out of serving others than those I'm serving get from me. To those brothers, I want to express my appreciation and love for all you do!

Those of you who do not serve, you are missing out of the joy, holiness, and peace that Jesus gives as a blessing and a reward.

I will always advocate praying for what we want, praying for everything all the time; but reading this reflection reminds me to "ask Him to grant us the grace to do whatever He asks of us".

I invite you to attend the next monthly Men's Club meeting on Thursday, June 25 at 7 pm in the Mother Teresa room of the PLC. The Men's Club is a group of men (Brothers in Christ) who meet informally once a month for fellowship (meeting new men of the parish) and to learn more about our Catholic faith and how we can become better Christians serving our parish. Each month I show two short videos that are relevant to the Mass events of the month. Please watch the May videos: [Surrender to the Spirit](#) – an excellent Pentecost Sunday Sermon video by Bishop Robert Barron and [Three Ways of Approaching the Trinity](#) – a thought inspiring Trinity Sunday Sermon video by Bishop Robert Barron.

May God bless you and your family.

Tom Przybyla,
Faith Director



Brothers,

Below is a brief update reflecting both the council and Central Florida Laps4Life/aka Laps.

I am told that there has been a request to provide some update as to where Laps stands and give some update on our "state of the event."

- The 2027 Laps event will again take place the first Saturday in March, on the 7th .
- As of this writing, Laps placed 67 ultrasound machines, with one in the works (Deltona) and another awaiting paperwork (JMJ).
- We have placed more than any other group of Knights, globally.
- In 2026 Council raised over \$20,400 for Laps to purchase ultrasound machines. Second highest Council in the Diocese.
- The Lead IDV fundraiser (winner of the Mel Franzen Award) comes from the Council 5618, for the fifth year in a row. This is through the generosity of the council and your efforts to help. Remember, we do this for the babies, not the glory.
- The Laps4Life event raised \$102,751.
- Relevant Radio provided free advertising, with a 15 minute drive-time interview...recorded to repeat during the week prior to the walk.
- Knights of 5618 donated \$2,000 for the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program to Life Choices and another \$2,000, towards Walking with Moms in Need through the Diocesan Culture of Life program. Both of these were eligible for a 20% matching grant through Supreme.
- Knights of 5618 sponsored the Ultrasound Machine placed at First Life Pregnancy Center (First Baptist of Orlando).

Brothers, while it is nice to get a little bit of recognition, we do not do this for the glory. Pride is one of the seven deadly sins. We do this because we are Knights and it is the right thing to do.

2 weeks ago was Memorial Day. To quote the Declaration of Independence: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."* The most important of these rights is the first...LIFE. Without life, we have nothing.

Brothers, to quote Matthew 25:21 "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.'" You are doing God's work.

James J Taglia, PFN

Life Director

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Brothers,

Father's Day is June 21. When you think of the qualities of a good father, what comes to mind? You might picture someone who leads by example, works hard, makes sacrifices, and loves unconditionally.

I think one of the most important ways a father shows his love is when he protects his family in this world that can be so uncertain. For example, we can't always control what influences the world might have on our family's lives. That's why a father knows it's crucial to guard his family spiritually, leading by example in faith.

Similarly, we can't always predict how life circumstances might impact our ability to provide for our families financially. Will our employment remain secure? Will we experience a long-term disability? And, as much as we don't like to think about it, will the Lord call us home at a time we don't expect?

There are many unknowns, but there are things you can do to protect your family and build security. For example, you can guard your loved ones through life insurance, long-term care insurance and disability income insurance.

If you have any questions, please contact your local agent to schedule a time to meet at www.kofc.org/faa.

Thank you!

Eric M. Monte
Field Agent

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Brothers Celebrating June Birthdays

"May God hold you in the palm of His hand and bless your path ahead."

Jun 2	David G Weisman	Jun 13	Richard Padilla	Jun 19	John B Rice
Jun 4	Sean E French	Jun 14	Edward A Gallagher	Jun 20	Melvin H Franzen
Jun 4	Donald T Petricek	Jun 14	Thomas A Blackmon	Jun 27	Michael J Lyons
Jun 8	Thomas W Przybyla	Jun 16	Frank M Corso Jr	Jun 28	Joseph M LoFaso Jr
Jun 8	Wayne R Fricker	Jun 18	John M Byrnes	Jun 28	Thomas A Paine
Jun 9	Dennis M McDowell	Jun 18	David J Grzan		

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!



Dear Brother Knights,

Since 2018 my fellow volunteers and I have been putting on Knights/Veterans Family Communion Events at St Mary Magdalen Church. We have hosted almost 500 communions in the course of the events. We have been having the events celebrating Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Patriot Day (9-11), and Veteran's Day. Getting Knights and Veterans and their families together for Communions on or near Patriotic Holidays is a worthwhile activity, in accordance with the National Eucharistic Revival initiative, and promotes fellowship among Knights and Veterans. I want to get the word out to all councils and 4th degree assemblies in Florida about these events. I would be happy to

share our methods and information with everyone interested in putting on these events all over the state, in K of C Councils, and 4th degree assemblies. See your emails for further details for the next upcoming Mass.



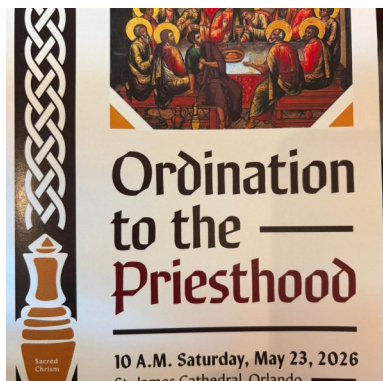
INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND:
Sunday, July 05, 2026 at the 10am Mass at
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Knights'/Veterans' Family Communion Events, St. Mary Magdalen Church,
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Fr. Sinclair Cushmore's Ordination – Saturday May 23

By the Editor

A few of our members and their spouses attended the Mass that morning and shared that it was beautiful. Congratulations again to Fr. Sinclair on his ordination to the priesthood. We were excited to learn that he has been officially assigned to our parish starting next month. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#).



KOFC Florida State Council Convention - Fri May 22 to Sun 24 By the



We had a very productive experience at the state convention last month. The event provided valuable time for spiritual reflection and the opportunity to attend daily Mass. In addition to our spiritual growth, we participated in all state business sessions. I am pleased to share that our council received a state award, which will be formally announced during our business meeting in June. Furthermore, Brother Bob Rasch received an award for his efforts in significantly



increasing membership in Region 3 as the Regional Administrator. Finally, we engaged in extensive networking with fellow brothers and have returned with several new ideas to implement in the upcoming fraternal year. DGK Joe will share a more detailed report at the meeting. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#).



3rd Degree Display In Person Exemplification – Tuesday May 19 By the Editor

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended our recent in-person 3rd Degree Exemplification. We had a wonderful showing, and the event was a great success because of your participation.

We also want to share our gratitude with our degree team for their hard work and dedication in putting this ceremony together. Their efforts ensured a meaningful experience for everyone involved. Thank you again for your continued support of our council. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#).



Thank you to everyone who attended our recent event; it was a pleasure to see such a wonderful turnout. We were also privileged to officially honor our Altar Servers for their service during this fraternal year. We would like to extend my sincere gratitude to those who assisted with the setup and cleanup. Your hard work and continued support are greatly appreciated. You can view all of the pictures from this event on our website's [Home page](#).



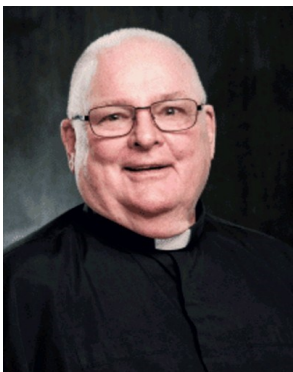
Welcome Fr. Ralph & Fr. Sinclair to Bishop Thomas Grady Council #5618!

Dear Brothers,

As our parish enters a new chapter, we want to warmly welcome **Father Ralph DuWell** and **Father Sinclair Cushmore** to the St. Mary Magdalen family and our council. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our parish community, and we look forward to the faith, leadership, and spiritual guidance they will bring in the months and years ahead. At the same time, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Father Chris Dorsey** for his dedicated service to St. Mary Magdalen. His commitment, compassion, and leadership have made a lasting impact on our parish, and we pray that God richly blesses him as he begins his new assignment at St. Margaret Mary Parish effective July 1st. We are also thankful that **Father Duberney Rodas** (our Worthy Chaplain) will continue his ministry with us here at St. Mary Magdalen during this transition. Please continue to keep Father Chris, Father Ralph, Father Sinclair, and Father Duberney in your prayers as they begin this new journey of ministry and service. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them always.

Fr. Ralph DuWell

Fr. Sinclair Cushmore



***WELCOME,
FATHER RALPH AND FATHER SINCLAIR —
WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU WITH US!***

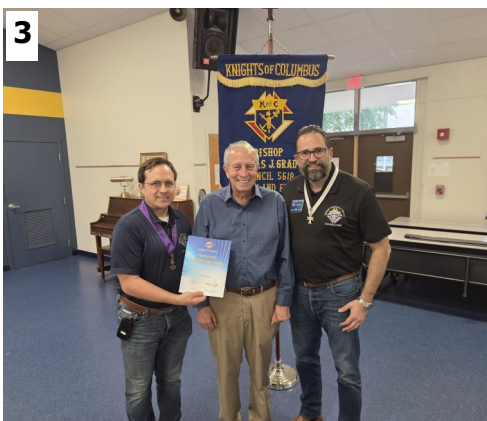


Knight/Family of the Month Spotlight



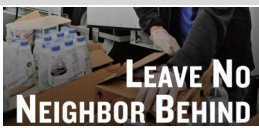
Picture #1: Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Knight of the Month award for April to Ricardo Diaz. Ricardo is a fully engaged and dedicated member and officer of our council and continues to be a valuable asset in strengthening membership involvement and participation through his role as Chancellor. Most notably, he responded without hesitation on short notice at the request of the District Deputy to assist in planning our council's Sacred Heart Icon Holy Hour. Through his commitment, organization, and willingness to serve, the Holy Hour event was a great success. It is clear that his leadership and steady involvement played a significant role in bringing it to fruition, and we are grateful for the example he sets for our brother Knights. **Picture #2:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award for April to David & Melissa Weisman.

Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius presented the Family of the Month award to David and Melissa Weisman. David and Melissa exemplify the spirit of faith, family, and service that the Knights of Columbus strives to uphold. David as a member of our council, and Melissa as a member of the CCW, faithfully serve both our parish and council through their many charitable efforts. They are being recognized as Family of the Month for their outstanding leadership in organizing the recent Family Picnic, helping create a welcoming and well-run event for all who attended. Their dedication and witness to service make them a true blessing to our council and an excellent example of Catholic family life. We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community! **Picture #3:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius, & Chancellor Ricardo Diaz honored one of our brothers (David Taylor) for becoming honorary life member making it 25 years in the order at our last month's meeting.



Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

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](mailto:Tom.Poppell@kcof.org) or 407-920-2497 or [Tom Przybyla](mailto:Tom.Przybyla@kcof.org) or 407-460-8109. We need at least 2 weeks of lead time to make arrangements for the project.

Helping Hands Project for a Veteran Amputee:

On Tuesday 5/5, Tom Poppell help with a yard clean up project for a Veteran who is an amputee. The project was successful and he greatly appreciated it.



Council 5618 Facebook Group

By Roger Copeland

For all the newer Knights who are not aware of our Council's Facebook group. Below is the link to the site. Please feel free to share your Knight pictures on this site. That was the main reason it was created.

[K of C Council 5618 Pictures & etc.](#)

Exemplification Ceremony on Demand!



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On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand.

Any current 1st or 2nd Degree Knights can advance to the 3rd Degree at any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience. **To participate in the ceremony immediately, use the "On Demand" link and the 30-minute ceremony will start upon completion of your registration.**

If you know of any Brother Knight who would like to advance to the Third Degree, please pass this information on to that Brother!

- Provide the required information including your council number (5618).
 - Please note that your family and friends are welcome to observe the ceremony.
- We look forward to you becoming a third-degree Knight of Columbus!

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

Weekly Exemplification Ceremonies

The Florida State Council presents weekly Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Click the links below to register new candidates or to have your 1st and 2nd Degree members to advance to the 3rd Degree.

The English Exemplifications are held weeks 1-4 on Thursday and the 4th Monday at 7:00 pm. The Spanish Exemplifications are held the 3rd Wednesday and the 5th Thursday at 8:00 pm.

[English Exemplifications](#)

[Spanish Exemplifications](#)

Donations for Needful Council Knights

By Tom Poppell



Brothers, we are assisting 3 families who are in need of food assistance by providing food and or gift cards from Publix, Winn Dixie or Aldi markets on a weekly basis.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off at Tom's Auto Repair (Proprietor is Tom Galaida) located at 151 Obrien Road. The telephone number is 407.831.8484. The food and or gift cards will be picked up and distributed weekly. Your gifts are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Vivat Jesus, Brother [Tom Poppell](#) 407-920-2497

Shirt/Apron Embroidering

By Tom Przybyla

Gyslaine Brasil, one of the mothers of a basketball free throw and hockey shoot-out participant told me that she can embroider shirts and aprons with your name and logo (or whatever else you want) for a small fee:

- Name: \$5
- First time Logo setup charge: \$50
- Logo (after initial setup) and name: \$15
- Logo only (after initial setup): \$10

Gyslaine's contact information is: gyslainebrasil@gmail.com and 321-420-3544

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Website Link: [Officers](#)

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Deputy Grand Knight:	Joe Pocius	Trustee 1 Year:	Roger Copeland
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Inside Guard:	David Henriquez (DJ)	Outside Guard:	Alan Blackmon

Faith In Action Program Directors & Chairmen 2025 - 2026

Faith Director:	Tom Przybyla	Community Director:	Ed Gallagher
Family Director:	Les Philip	Life Director:	James Taglia Jr
Membership Director:	Art Wright	Youth Chairman:	Ed Gallagher
Program Director	Joe Pocius	Lenten Fish Fry Dinners Chairman:	Tom Przybyla
Seminarian Chairman:	Emilio Regala	Card Ministry Chairman:	Wayne Fricker

Want to order your wife a Knight of Columbus name tag? You can order a name tag from **Don Holzemer** at our next business meeting or by sending him an email at amidon49@cfl.rr.com.

Wayne Fricker, our Council's chairman of the Card Ministry will send out cards of hope, sympathy, or condolence in our Council's name to brothers and families who are in distress, such as when we lose a brother, or we want to cheer up a brother or their loved one who might be homebound or who is in the hospital. If you would like Wayne to send out a card, please notify him via email: wayne.fricker@gmail.com or by phone: 407-745-9247 (cell).

If you know of a Brother, or relative of a Brother in distress, contact any of your Council officers. We have many people who need your prayers as they suffer severe medical challenges. They know your prayers are a blessing. Please continue to pray all the Knights and their loved ones who are in need of prayers, especially those people on our [Council's Prayer List](#), which is found on our website.



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