

Council 5618
August 2025



Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council 5618, Altamonte Springs FL

The Pinta Log



Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, George Meyer



Worthy Brother Knights,

August is a hot month, but also the time when we 'get back in the swing of things' at Saint Mary Magdalen.

We're about to start another school year with the kids, and the 'summer lull' of our ministries comes to an end.

It's a perfect time to renew ourselves in the KofC! If we have been doing the same thing for a long time and we want to switch things up, we might make a change around this time.

If we are relatively new in the Council and haven't quite found a part to play, this is a fine time to figure that out.

I would love to see a packed Council meeting (**starting at 6:30pm in the School Cafeteria, Tuesday, August 12th**) so we can have important conversations and find a direction for involvement.

I try hard for the 'meeting portion' of the monthly Council meeting to be kept to an hour, after which we have more time for eating Lou's delicious meal and getting to know each other.

The reporting portion of the meeting is a practical time to figure out a space where you may want to get involved. There are a lot of existing initiatives and activities; but if you have something you'd like to start under our banner (within Faith, Family, Community, or Life Programs), then you could be the chairman for something new. I'm open to Brother Knights that take initiative!

It is comforting and edifying to be the Grand Knight for such a dynamic and healthy Council and I'm grateful to be surrounded by such men as you: **Worthy Brother Knights**.

Vivat Jesus,

George Meyer,
Grand Knight

Inside This Issue:

Chaplain's Message	2
Upcoming Events & Calendar	2-4
From our Life Director	4
From our Faith Director	5
Fraternal Benefits Advisor	6
Star Council Award	6
Helping Hands Project	7
Congratulations Knights!	8
Birthdays	8

Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Aug 5** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat Aug 9** – Sharing Center Saturday 9:00 am
- **Tue August 12** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Sun Aug 17** – Parish Breakfast 7:00 am
- **Sun Aug 31** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Sun Aug 31** – Labor Day Picnic Help 9:00 am
- **Tue Sep 2** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Sep 9** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm

Photo Contributors: Roger Copeland, Tom Poppell, Tom Weninger

Editor: **Tom Przybyla**

Council website: <https://www.bishopgradykofc.org/>

View pictures from Council events from **Roger Copeland's** Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/547682935400754/>

Our Worthy Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Duberney Rodas G



Dear Brothers,

In our faith, we are clear that we need a daily effort to approach the holiness Christ offers us. It is well known that Saint Paul used the sports metaphor to explain the Christian life to the Gentiles:

"For I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance" (2 Timothy 4: 6-8).

The Church has held the practice of sport in high regard and has found in it values that encourage Christian life. In 2018, Pope Francis signed a document that compiles the many theological elements that allow us to identify how sport promotes the pursuit of holiness:

Challenge yourself in the game of life like you are in the game of sports. Challenge yourself in the quest for good, in both Church and society, without fear, with courage and enthusiasm. Get involved with others and with God; Don't settle for a mediocre "tie", give it your best, spend your life on what really matters and lasts forever.¹

Our life as Knights of Columbus, in our quest to lead an exemplary life following the spirituality of our order, also requires constant practice that allows us to triumphantly reach our goal. In this, we all recognize the value of having brothers who accompany, encourage, and support us along the way. In this month, in which we celebrate the memory of Blessed Father McGivney, I read an article that reminds us of his love for sports. The author wonders if on the day of his canonization, Fr. McGivney will be a saint who can be offered to baseball fans as a model of Christian life.

Blessed McGivney's association with baseball has a lot to do with where and when he came of age. The future priest was born in 1852 in Connecticut, just 7 years after the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club had codified the modern form of the sport over in neighboring New York. Like many other young men his age, Blessed McGivney played baseball growing up. Not only that, but he was also reportedly pretty good at it. The historian Douglas Brinkley, principal author of the Knights founder's biography, Parish Priest, described him as "a naturally talented ballplayer." Fowler said that Blessed McGivney saw baseball as "a means of building fraternity and community"².

May this be a motivation to accomplish the Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: "This month, in which we celebrate the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney on August 13, I challenge you to pray each day the [Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney](#) or the [Prayer for his canonization](#) — and take time to reflect on his humility in serving the people of God".

In Christ,

**Fr. Duberney Rodas G,
Chaplain**

¹ Giving the best of yourself: a Document on the Christian perspective on sport and the human person, from the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, 01.06.2018

² Jonathan Liedl, June 20, 2025 "Pope Leo XIV loves Baseball – Will He Name its patron Saint?" <https://www.ncregister.com/features/pope-leo-xiv-patron-saint-baseball-mcgivney>

Council Meeting - Tuesday August 12

By Tom Przybyla



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

Read last month's Council meeting minutes before this meeting at this [LINK](#) (if you need the password to the Council's minutes page, send an email to Tom Przybyla at tomprzybyla3@gmail.com).

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Saturday August 9

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 August 9.** If you can attend, please sign up using the link below or you can email Tom Przybyla at tomprzybyla3@gmail.com. **Sign-up link:** [volunteer signup](#)

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

There were 3 volunteers at the July event. View all of the pictures on our website's [Home page](#).

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](#) (click to open a map)



Parish Breakfast - Sunday August 17

By Tom Przybyla

The SMM office has asked the Knights to host a parish breakfast for all parishioners for the next Connect Week-end, August 17, after the Sunday morning Masses –the 8, 10 and Noon Masses. This event will occur in the Parish Life Center, and it will be like the previous parish breakfasts we conducted. Since this is a large volunteer effort, I am inviting volunteers from the Knights, the Men's Club and the CCW, this is another multi-ministry event. We anticipate feeding 600 people between the three Masses. The menu is:

- Pancakes w/gluten-free available
- Scrambled eggs
- Sausage links
- Orange Juice, coffee, milk, water
- 12 Noon Mass: Add bagels and cream cheese and fruit.

David Weisman and I will be chairing this event. We need volunteers! As you can expect, we need many volunteers (17 – 22) to help with each of the Mass' breakfasts. So that we can ensure sufficient coverage for all Masses, I am asking volunteers to sign up for each Mass they can work in and to select the position they wish to participate. Hopefully, you can volunteer for more than 1 Mass. We volunteer to use our time and talents to serve our parishioners and to glorify God.

Use the links below to sign up for each Mass you wish to volunteer and within each signup sheet, sign up for the position you want to work. The timeframes (arrival time and end time) for each position is listed in each of the signup sheets. **Or, you can send me your choices by email** tomprzybyla3@gmail.com or 407-460-8109.

8 am Mass link: <https://volunteersignup.org/HLLYH>

10 am Mass link: <https://volunteersignup.org/JLAXY>

Noon Mass link: <https://volunteersignup.org/JHFJH>

Anyone who can help move supplies from the Annex to the PLC should meet in the Annex storage room at 9 am Saturday morning, August 16. If you can participate, please notify me.

Men's Club Labor Day Picnic Help - August 31

By Tom Przybyla



The Men's Club will be holding their annual Labor Day Picnic for the parish on Sunday, August 31. The members are asking for help from the Knight's to participate in this annual event.

If you can participate, join us as we meet outside of the cafeteria after the 8 am Mass, around 9 am. We need help setting up the tables, cutting fruit, cooking the corn, baked beans and grilling the dogs and burgers and serving the food. We also need help cleaning up and putting supplies away. There is something for everyone to do.

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

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

August 2025					The Pinta Log Calendar	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31  Men's Club Labor Day Picnic					1	2
3	4	5  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	6	7	8	9  Sharing Center Serve Saturday
10	11	12  Meeting & Blessed Michael McGivney	13	14	15  Assumption of Mary	16
17  Parish Pancake Breakfast	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30  Pinta Log Content Deadline

- Check our Council's web-site 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: tomprzybyla3@gmail.com.

The content deadline for the **September** edition is **Saturday, August 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

From Our Life Director

By James Taglia



Brothers,

Time surely does sneak up on me. I almost forgot that it was the end of the month and that makes it Pinta Log article time.

By the time you read this article, Laps will have placed seven ultrasound machines in Fiscal Year 2025, with two more pending. They range from Orlando and Tampa to Chicago, three Cities in South Carolina (thank you Brother Mel Franzen), Daytona and Titusville.

Brothers, the word is out. We are the go-to team when a council is trying to place ultrasound equipment, and they are "stuck." Now, we not only help by donating funds, but also by teaching the Knights how to be successful. For that I want to thank you. It is impossible to put together a program like Central Florida Laps4Life without your involvement.

Each of you has proven yourselves repeatedly to help and it has not gone unnoticed. Last October we received recognition by the Diocese. Two years ago, Supreme sent us a camera crew to see what we did behind the scenes to help educate others.

To quote Matthew 25:23 His lord said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things; enter into the joy of your Lord." Brothers, when we die, we will be subject to His judgement. We can only hope our God will repeat the same to us. Each of you has accepted responsibilities, handled them with joy and professionalism, only to continue to accept more and more ... all in an effort to help save His children. You "are the guys." Congratulations and Thank You.

Now as for what is going on. Life Choices Gala is coming on August 23. The cost of a seat is \$100/person.

<https://lifechoicesflcares.com/event/>

JMJ is hosting it's Gala on September 20. The cost of a seat at that event is \$100/person or \$800/table. <https://www.jmjfriends.org/host>. God bless each of you.

James J Taglia, Life Director

13th Annual Walk for Life March 7, 2026 Bishop Moore Catholic High School

Central Florida Laps4Life, Inc. (A 501(c)3 charity)

<http://www.cflaps4life.org>

jtaglia@gmail.com (407) 492-0329



My Brothers in Faith,

From Father Chris Dorsey's August 3 Parish weekly newsletter: "In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a rich man who stores up an abundance of grain, believing he has secured his future. God says to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you." The message is clear—life is not measured by possessions, but by the richness we hold toward God. Not only this, but to focus on the things of this life makes us a fool."

From Sunday's Word Among Us: "Everything we have is a gift from God. The man's bountiful harvest was a gift as well. Instead of trying to store up his grain so that he could "rest, eat, drink, [and] be merry," he could have blessed those who were less fortunate (Luke 12:19). In the same way, we can ask ourselves, "How can I reflect God's generosity and share more of my blessings with people in need?" It may mean buying or shopping less; it may mean giving more to people who truly need it. This may not be easy, but it will make us eternally rich in what matters to God! Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

At Sunday's Noon Mass, Deacon Juan Cruz gave the homily and he talked about what it means to be rich. He stated it is important to be rich in what matters to God.

When you actively help with one of our Council's many activities, projects or events, you become rich in what matters to God. When you help with a parish breakfast or a Fish Fry Dinner, you are serving our parishioners, sacrificing your time and sharing your talents for their benefit. Our Council is blessed and I am thankful for the many servants of God who faithfully serve from our Council, the CCW and the Men's Club and help with our multi-ministry events. When you help with a Helping Hands project or help sort or hang clothes at the Sharing Center, you are serving our community. People, and more importantly, Jesus, sees your selfless actions. Maybe that will inspire others to become involved in helping others. These actions make you rich in what matters to God.

If you do not participate with our events or activities, be bold and act to join us; this is one way you can become rich in the eyes of God. Our Council needs servant leaders; ask a chairman of an event to let you shadow him the next time the event occurs.

As Fr. Chris states, "As we come to the church, may this be a place where our hearts find rest from striving, and where we are reminded of our true wealth: the love of Christ, the gift of community, and the hope of eternal life. As another school year approaches and so many things in life shout that they are the most important things in our lives, let us not store up treasures that will fade, but instead invest in what endures—faith, hope, and love. St. Mary Magdalen, and indeed each church, is a sacred space, a place where we are given a refuge from the pressures of the world. May your time here open your heart to God's voice and draw you closer to the One who gives life true meaning.

"Jesus, help me to be generous with all you have given me!"

Finally, to end this month's article, I am sharing rosary tips sent from Les Philip:

Rosary Tips:

1. Pray with your heart.
2. Go slow. Deep meditation on each mystery. Place yourself in the scene. Be present.
3. Proper rhythm. Pray as if you are in the throne room with Christ; because you are.
4. Spiritual preparation. Preparing our hearts and minds and to compose ourselves. We compose ourselves before an important meeting so we should prepare ourselves to encounter the Divine. Be aware of God's presence within you. Follow with an act of contrition to purify your heart and an invocation to the Holy Spirit for guidance. The Holy Spirit is the true teacher of prayer.
5. Lastly, intentionality. Each Rosary should be consciously offered for specific intention; personal needs, salvation of loved ones, the relief of suffering souls in Purgatory, conversion of sinners or peace in our world. Be specific at the beginning of the Rosary and recall them during prayer. When all is said and done, our Rosary becomes a spiritual bouquet as each prayer is a flower. We should pray with absolute confidence in Mary's intercession.

May God bless you and your family.

Tom Przybyla,
Faith Director

Will you have enough income in retirement? The last thing any of us wants to worry about is running out of money to cover our needs, especially in our golden years.

An annuity from the Knights of Columbus can help give you peace of mind with a guaranteed income stream. How does it work? Simply put, an annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income.

Unlike other ways you may be saving for retirement, annuities remain stable during volatile market conditions. In fact, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount, on an annual basis.

As you prepare for retirement, you can also consider the tax advantages, income flexibility, and estate planning benefits that permanent life insurance offers. It's a potentially valuable, and often underutilized, tool for families when it comes to preparing for retirement.

Let's look at your finances together to see what plans you already have in place, and what gaps you may have to ensure you don't run out of income in retirement.

Safeguard your future today — set up time to meet with me in the coming weeks! Thank you!

Guarantees assume all premiums are timely paid and are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. Any policy loans will impact the guarantees by reducing the policy's death benefit and cash values.

Eric M. Monte, Field Agent

Knights Of Columbus Urrutia Agency

Office: 855-563-2467 Mobile: 407-852-8563

www.financialsecurityforcatholics.com/

eric.monte@kofc.org



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Eric M. Monte

Field Agent

Office: 855-563-2467

Mobile: 407-852-8563

eric.monte@kofc.org

5840 Red Bug Lake Rd #400

Winter Springs FL 32708

**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance
Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance**

Protecting Catholic families since 1882.

2024-2025 Star Council Award Announcement



Congratulations!

Council 5618 has earned the

2024-2025 Star Council Award!

Our Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer received the following email message from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council.

Brother George Meyer,
Congratulations!

Council 5618 has earned the 2024-2025 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (125% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.

Your council's award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy or state council office for a presentation. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your Brother Knights.

There is still much work to be done, and we need your council to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful fraternal year! The 2025-2026 Star Council requirements, which can be found at KofC.Org/Star, will help guide your council to excellence in the year to come. *Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally,

John Moulder

Vice President, Fraternal Operations

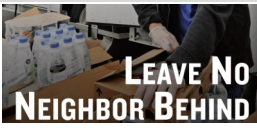
Robert J. Ennis

Vice President, Membership Growth

Damien O'Connor

Vice President, Evangelization and Faith Formation

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.

The Policare Apartment Move Project

Jim (a Knight and the father of the Policare family), Michael (also a Knight and the son of Jim), Nancy (Jim's wife), and Olivia (Jim's daughter), live in Pennsylvania. They asked our Council to help them move their aunt (Nancy's sister) out of her Longwood apartment to Pennsylvania. The aunt is suffering from dementia and is a hoarder. The Policare family found the aunt's apartment to be completely full of boxes of things; trash, lots of paperwork, mail, clothes, etc., many of which were brand new (just to name a few of the items: medical and drug store items, Hallmark cards, jewelry and ornaments, thousands of Forever postage stamps). When we first arrived, we saw there were very narrow paths through the apartment to move from one room to another. She also had a one-car garage that was completely full of boxes.

On Monday, June 30, 5 Knights, Don Holzemer, Roger Copeland, Tom Weninger, Ray Hooper and I—Tom Przybyla, moved 12 boxes out of Olivia Lopez's aunt's apartment in Longwood to the Sharing Center. This was phase 1 of the project.

The 2nd phase started with the family spending a couple of weeks sorting through the aunt's things to identify items for donation, trash or to be moved. They asked for our Council's help on Monday - Wednesday, July 21 - 23. We were asked to help sort through boxes, bring pickup truck loads of donations to the Sharing Center and Goodwill (we brought so many things to the Sharing Center, they told us to stop at the end of the 2nd day) and to bring items to be moved into a trailer that Jim bought new for this move project.

This was the largest project of our Helping Hands program. It included 11 volunteers helping over 4 days and donating a total of 128 hours of our time and talent. (Ray Hooper, Bob Shaw, Roger Copeland, Tom Weninger, John Felter, Don Holzemer, Larry Heydorn, Tom and Joyce Poppell, John Byrnes and myself.) Ray Hooper brought 6 boxes of school supplies to the SMM school, and I brought 3 boxes.

This project was a true labor of love from Policare family members to help their family member, sacrificing their time, labor and money. Jim and Michael used their 2 weeks of vacation. They spent over \$30,000 on this project, paying for a trailer, a national company's services to help sort through boxes, clean and remove many bags of trash from the apartment and for 3 weeks of special dementia care for the aunt. The family members spent many pressure-filled days and evenings working in the apartment to sort through items. They traveled back and forth from Pennsylvania at least twice. The aunt will be moving into their house, and they will be taking care of her. They will spend many months going through the many boxes that they moved home to do a more detailed sort of paperwork and other things, and they will probably organize several garage sales to sell the many new items that were not donated. Jim was insistent on donating a total of \$600 to our Council to be used for gas and to benefit the Council (we are donating \$560 to our Brother's Relief Fund, which will help brother Knights who are in need). Jim also paid for lunch for those of us who were working on Tuesday and Wednesday.

They arrived home safely in Pennsylvania on Sunday, July 27. They were extremely appreciative of our help and prayers and Michael stated in a text message "Thank you, gentlemen, for all your hard work, patience, and kindness! We cannot thank you enough. Know of our constant prayers for you all." And upon their arrival, "PRAYERS ANSWERED! Home in PA safe. Thank you, the Policare family".

Jesus asks, "Who is my neighbor?" He answers with the parable of the good Samaritan - then tells the man to go and do likewise. The Apostle St. Paul says, 'The charity of Christ needs us, and without this fire, which little by little must destroy our personality so that our heart beats only for the sorrows of others, we would not be Christians, much less Catholics.' View all of the pictures on our website's [Home page](#).



Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!



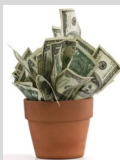
Picture #1: Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer (left) presented the Knight of the Month award for June to Tom Przybyla. Tom continues to set the record of 'maximum involvement' with all his duties and commitments within Council 5618. He heads up much of our scheduled events, continues to mentor Worthy Brother Knights, takes on many delegated duties, administers the Council Web site, publishes the Pinta log, and more. Service is his 'love language' and he proves to be a very 'loving brother'. Tom deserves recognition and blessing for all his generosity of self. He is truly a 'Worthy Brother Knight.'

Picture #2: Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer presented the Family of the Month award for June to Nick and Chloe Leon. Nick and Chloe have been busy since they recently joined the parish, and Nick was added to the number of our Council. He has been faithfully attending meetings, looking for ways to contribute, and they both attended the recent Installation Ceremony (even volunteering as an alternate), which was primarily attended by officers and their spouses. Nick and Chloe are enthusiastic, young, and faithful Catholics who are open to life. They are expecting their first child (a boy) in a few months and have asked the Worthy Brother Knights to pray for their growing household. We are edified and blessed by their Catholic example in our parish and Council! We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community!

Picture #3: 5 Knights from our Council were inducted into the Order of St Mary Magdalen 2025!: Andrew and Sandra Betz; Roger and Linda Copeland; Tom and Mary Ellen Galaida; Emilio and Kristina Regala and Tom Weninger. (Lisa Cioffi, Angel & Ana Del Villar and Anne Lyden were also inducted.)

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$150 pot was **Fred Bremer**, but he was not present!

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.

There was no 50/50 raffle drawing because the meeting was held virtually!

Brothers Celebrating August Birthdays

Aug 4	Ronald J Fetzko	Aug 12	Arthur Wright	Aug 28	Lawrence J Scotchie Jr
Aug 8	Dominic Martin Homac	Aug 13	Joseph (Jay) W Hughes	Aug 30	John Clark
Aug 9	Phillip Gaziano	Aug 14	Alfred J Floegel	Aug 31	Fr Frank A Lobo
Aug 11	Thomas A Galaida	Aug 15	Michael A Aun	Aug 31	George E Sheldon Jr

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

Knights of Columbus Council 5618 Facebook By Roger Copeland

For all the newer Knights who are not aware of our Council's Facebook page. 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!



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!

[On Demand](#)

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 tompopl@aol.com 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

Council Officers 2025 - 2026

Website Link: [Officers](#)

Chaplain	Fr. Duberney Rodas	Advocate:	Ed Gallagher
Grand Knight:	George Meyer	Lecturer:	Lou Elrose
Deputy Grand Knight:	Joe Pocius	Trustee 1 Year:	Roger Copeland
Chancellor:	Ricardo Diaz	Trustee 2 Year:	Tom Przybyla
Financial Secretary:	Richard Hosler	Trustee 3 Year:	Tom Galaida
Recorder:	Tom Weninger	Fraternal Benefits Advisor:	Eric Monte
Treasurer:	Les Philip	District Deputy, District 24:	Robert Shaw
Warden:	Tom Poppell	District Warden, District 24:	
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 Chairman:	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.



SCOTCHIE'S
Custom Cakes

If it's worth celebrating, it's worth Scotchie's!

Order online at:

or Call:

www.scotchiescakes.com 407-622-2410

Dan & Wendy Scotchie - Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalen

TOM'S
AUTO REPAIR
151 O'BRIEN ROAD
407-831-8484

Timing Belts • Tune Ups • Engine Repair
Brakes • Clutches • A. C. Repair
Computer Diagnosis & Repair

TOM'S AUTO REPAIR, INC.

Foreign & Domestic
Same Day Service

407-831-8484

MV-06515

TOM & MARY ELLEN GALAIDA
Parishioners

151 O'Brien Road

Fern Park, FL 32730
Tame Properties, LLC

Knights of Columbus
Bishop Thomas J. Grady
Council 5618



"Sir Knight"

Roger J. Copeland P-GK
P-DGK, P-Chan., P-Trust., P-MSD
Photographer



1680 Jefferson St.
Longwood, FL 32750
321-279-1307 C
roger6701@aol.com
roger.kofc5618@gmail.com



The Law Office Of
ROBERT W. RASCH

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT CERTIFIED CIRCUIT COURT
FAMILY & APPELLATE MEDIATOR
FEDERAL COURT & BANKRUPTCY
MORTGAGE MODIFICATION MEDIATOR
TRAINED ARBITRATOR



Robert W. Rasch P.A.

1188 Buttonwood Circle

Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 rwrasc@robertwraschlaw.com

Phone: 407-865-7473

Fax: 407-865-5979

RobertWRaschlaw.com



Ricardo J. Diaz

Manager, NMLS #325871

☎ (321) 228-2608

Ricardo.Diaz@preferredrate.com

www.HomeLoansByRicardo.com

1421 Pine Ridge Rd, Suite 200
Naples, FL 34109

Branch NMLS #2094348



Pinta Log Ads are only

\$10 per quarter

\$35 per year

This space is available to you.

**Support our Council and our
many charitable activities!**

**Advertise your business or
sponsor an ad.**

Council 5618 Brother Knights can advertise or convey a message to other Knights in the electronic version of the Pinta Log. You can purchase an ad for \$10 per quarter (3 month period) or \$35 for a 1 year period. Send your request to **Tom Przybyla** at tomprzybyla3@gmail.com. Include the wording, picture (if applicable) and instructions for your ad in the email.