



The Pinta Log



Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, George Meyer



Worthy Brother Knights,

Advent is similar to Lent in that we anticipate the coming of Christ, and we prepare ourselves by becoming purified in the Blood of Christ through the Sacraments. This is part of our constant renewal and call to holiness. As Worthy Brother Knights, we are constantly invited to delve deeper into the salvific work of Christ as we act out our calling to Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

If you find yourself volunteering sporadically with serving events, such as breakfasts or the Fish Fry dinners, I invite you to commit to something more permanent, such as being on or becoming chair of a (Faith, Family, Community, or Life) Programs Committee.

A great way of getting plugged into an existing committee is to attend our monthly Council meetings.

Our December meeting is Tuesday, December 9th, at 6:30 pm.

It's a blessing to have you in our Council, and we want and need your involvement.

We look forward to seeing you at our December Council meeting and getting to know you better!

Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, and Vivat Jesus,

George Meyer,
Grand Knight

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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Dec 2** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Wed Dec 3** – Clean the World 1:00 pm
- **Tue Dec 9** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Sat Dec 13** – Sharing Center Saturday 9:00 am
- **Sat Dec 13** – Christmas Party 6:00 pm
- **Sat Dec 29** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Tue Jan 6** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Jan 13** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm

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



Dear Friends,

As we enter this holy season of Advent, when the Church turns its gaze toward the joyous mystery of the incarnation of the Beloved Son of God, I write to you with a heart full of gratitude for your unwavering service and dedication to spread the kingdom of heaven, your commitment especially in supporting our parish mission and recognizing Jesus in the poor and needy, is a profound testament to your faith. The faith of each disciple of Jesus is received like an invitation that echos what the Master said to first disciples: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19) as Knights of Columbus our commitment

to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism equips us with the very virtues needed to show a burning love for God's people sustained in a deep fraternal bond dedicated to serve the common good. We can consider the principles not just as duties, but as living responses to the Gospel that is about to be manifested in Bethlehem:

- Charity: the season is defined by love! "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son..." (John 3,16). Our charity must be radical and visible, mirroring the Father's gift. This means actively seeking those in need, both materially and spiritually, and shining the light of Christ's love upon them.
- Unity: the incarnation is the ultimate act of Unity, bridging the chasm between God and man. Our unity as brothers must be a beacon of harmony in a fractured world. "Be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Philippians 2:2) must be the motto of every council.
- Fraternity: at the heart of Christmas is the Holy Family. Our Fraternity must emulate the care, support, and sacrifice with that domestic church. We are called to bear one another's burdens, recognizing that every Knight is a brother for whom Jesus came.
- Patriotism: True Patriotism is not simply love of country, but a love of our fellow man and a commitment to justice, rooted in Christ's Kingdom. This prepares our hearts to take up the vital prayer intention given to us this month by our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV: "Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope". This could prepare us to listen again to the angels announcing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will" (Luke 2:14)

Connecting our active faith with the challenge of the month by the Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori who invites us to "spend time reflecting on - death, judgement, heaven and hell - to better prepare us for eternity" we can recognize the spirituality of Advent that prepares us for Christ's first coming (Christmas) and His final coming in glory (Parousia).

May this Advent be the most profound season of preparation you have ever known. Let us live our faith vibrantly, reflecting on the great mysteries of our faith, and becoming true seeds of peace for the world, fully prepared for that great day when we meet our King! May God bless you, your families and our noble Order.

**Fr. Duberney Rodas G,
Chaplain**

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention Dec 2025 By Fr. Duberney Rodas

Fr. Duberney submitted this prayer for inclusion in the December Pinta Log.

God of peace, who through the blood of Your Son has reconciled the world to Yourself, today we pray for Christians living amidst wars and violence.

Even surrounded by pain, may they never cease to feel the gentle kindness of your presence and the prayers of their brothers and sisters in faith.

For only through You, and strengthened by fraternal bonds, can they become the seeds of reconciliation, builders of hope in ways both small and great, capable of forgiving and moving forward, of bridging divides, and of seeking justice with mercy.

Lord Jesus, who called blessed those who work for

peace, make us Your instruments of peace even where harmony seems impossible.

Holy Spirit, source of hope in the darkest times, sustain the faith of those who suffer and strengthen their hope. Do not let us fall into indifference, and make us builders of unity, like Jesus.

Amen.

Clean the World Event - December 3

Our Council participates with a volunteer event at Clean the World every 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1 pm – 3:30 pm. **The next event will occur on Wednesday, December 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. There were 4 volunteers at the November event.

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/@28.5385,-81.3085,15z) (click to open a map). For more information: <https://cleantheworld.org/doing-good/#volunteer>



Council Meeting - Tuesday December 9

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 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 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 - Sat December 13

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 December 13.** 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](#)



There were 6 volunteers at the November 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/@28.5385,-81.3085,15z) (click to open a map)



Joint Men's Club & Knights Christmas Party - Sat Dec 13

The Knights of Columbus and Men's Club Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, December 13** from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. The party will take place in the SMM Cafeteria. For more information and to RSVP, click on this link: [Christmas Party Details and RSVP Signup](#)

The deadline to RSVP is Friday, December 5.

Monthly Rosary for Life - Saturday Dec 20

By James Taglia

On Saturday, December 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.

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$50 pot was **Ralph Falconi**, and he was 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 **\$25**. 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.

Ralph Falconi won the 50/50 drawing! — \$42! It was Ralph's lucky day! Congratulations!

The Pinta Log Calendar

From the Editor

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

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

December 2025					The Pinta Log Calendar	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	3  Clean the World	4	5	6
7 	8  Immaculate Conception	9  Council Meeting	10	11	12	13  Sharing Center & Christmas Party
4	15 Advent Parish Penance Service	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25 	26	27
28	29	30  Pinta Log Content Deadline	31 			

- 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 **January** edition is **Tuesday, December 30**. Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Brothers Celebrating December Birthdays

	Dec 1	Bear D Garber	Dec 10	Fransisco J Cardenas	Dec 18	Michael B Stanley	
	Dec 1	Joe A Tomaselli	Dec 10	Kevin E Hussey	Dec 27	Todd M De Gusipe	
	Dec 6	Michael H Fries	Dec 10	David M Klega	Dec 27	Eugene E Gotlewski	
	Dec 6	Frederick P Bremer	Dec 13	Phillip A Green	Dec 28	Landon C Hendricks	
	Dec 9	Michael J Schefstad	Dec 17	David J Henriquez	Dec 31	Robert H Hartner	

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

From Our Life Director

By James Taglia



Brothers,

Merry Christmas. We are now in the Season of Advent. Happy New Year. We have a number of reasons to celebrate.

Laps has now placed over 60 ultrasound machines. You have served Him well my Brothers.

We have spent over \$90,000 in ultrasound placements this year (topped out at just a hair over \$101,000 in 2025) and remain solvent. This means we hold firm on the \$125,000 goal in 2026.

Now on to the concerns.

California passed a law that could allow babies to be killed up to 28 days AFTER birth. By using the word "perinatal" (which is the period that includes up to a month after a baby is born) instead of "prenatal" (before birth), the law legalizes infanticide.

We must fight back as this evil spreads. We're defending life in state Supreme Courts, launching a major infanticide investigation in New Mexico, pressing Congress to pass the Born-Alive Act, and issuing urgent demand letters to stop bills that would legalize infanticide.

Locally, we continue to show our support for life not only through Laps on March 7, 2026 but also by praying the rosary in front of Women's Choices Abortion Clinic on Thursdays at 9 am and on the third Saturday of the Month with the next event on December 20-at 9 am.

God Bless each of you and have a Holy Christmas.

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>

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Laps 4 Life 2026

By James Taglia

I want to bring you current on the status of Central Florida Laps4Life (aka Laps). You helped in raising just over \$101,000 last this year (2025) to fund the Ultrasound Initiative. The upside is we raised \$101K. The better news is that we spent it.

We have installed eight new Ultrasounds, with a "list price" replacement cost of \$800,000. The only way we could be successful in this endeavor is because you stepped up. The Knights of Columbus agreed to a 100% matching grant; and they negotiated a significant discount from "retail" with the vendors.

I am writing you to remind you that we will continue the Laps program on March 7, 2026 at the Bishop Moore High School track with the benediction at 9 am.

I want to invite you to participate and make donations to your favorite team. The site should be active by Christmas (should any of you choose to donate in this tax year) for your convenience.

Again, thanks for your kind support over the years. I look forward to your participation and assisting in the 2026 campaign.

Vivat Jesus,

James J. Taglia



My Brothers in Faith,

The following reflections are from December 1 Word Among Us and Laudate and they focus on faith and humility. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord during Advent, pray and ask the Lord for an increase in the gift of faith and to become more humble in our thinking, our words and actions.

In no one in Israel have I found such faith. (Matthew 8:10)

As Our Lord says, "Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith." The centurion's faith was simply the fruit of a humble heart. Humility is like soil in which the theological virtues are planted, and it is also the water and sunshine that allows them to grow and blossom. Why? Simply put, humility is the recognition that everything, in the end, belongs to God, even those things (and people) dearest to us.

For some who thought they knew what Jesus was about, the healing of this centurion's servant must have been puzzling. Surely many of those living in Capernaum thought that Jesus shouldn't have healed the servant of a Roman official, an occupier and an enemy! But even the Roman soldiers who were part of the garrison occupying Capernaum might have marveled at this miracle. Why would a Jewish rabbi perform such a deed for one of their own?

The key is found in the word "faith." That's what Jesus was looking for. Of course, he had come to redeem his chosen people. But by healing the centurion's servant, he demonstrated his love for Gentiles as well as Jews. He demonstrated that his mission was much bigger than most people understood. He had come to save everyone who would believe in him, everyone who would receive his message of salvation.

Keep this in mind as you begin this Advent season. Jesus was born into this world as one of us so that he could take all of us with him from death into new life. This means that he came for you personally. It also means that he came for that neighbor who has never been friendly toward you and for that relative whose political stances are completely opposite to yours. It means that he came for everyone in prison right now just as he came for every one of their victims.

Notice, too, that Jesus didn't remind the centurion of how he might have harassed or abused the people of Capernaum. He didn't expose any of the sins that the centurion's servant might have committed, either. He just healed him, because the centurion was willing to believe in him.

That's where it starts—with faith. When we understand that Jesus came to save everyone, we will begin to believe him and to surrender our lives to him. Meditate on that as you prepare for Christmas this month. Let this gospel truth change the way you pray. Let it change the way you go about your life at home, at work, and everywhere else.

Thank you, Lord, for the amazing gift of your birth—for all of us! Lord, help me to walk in the truth. Help me to see the good things about myself, and those areas where I am still weak, so that I may humbly seek your help in my life. Lord, you know how weak I am. As I prepare my heart for your coming this Christmas, teach me to recognize my weakness to live in the truth. Be the king of my heart, Lord Jesus.

May God bless you and your family. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Tom Przybyla,
Faith Director

Mass for Deceased Brother Knights

The Mass for the Council's departed Brother Knights was held in the SMM church on November 18. Fr. Chris Dorsey officiated. This Mass was beautiful and spirit-filled. There was a good turnout of brother Knights and relatives and friends of Knights who passed during the past year. Those who attended this Mass remembered and prayed for our Knights who have gone to their reward, especially those six Knights we lost during the past year: Charles J Muller, John F Tschieder, Leo C Hanna, Chris P Seastrom, Paul J Brennan Jr, and Edward G Magee.

Following the Mass a reception was held in the cafeteria. Thank you David Weisman for chairing and coordinating this annual event. Helping David was his wife Melissa and several Knights who helped with the Mass and the reception: George Meyer, Don Holzemer, and Alan Migliorato. Special thanks to Mark Ayers for providing the piano music. See all of the photos on our [homepage](#).



Jack Blanchard, April 29, 1935 - October 23, 2025



John "Jack" Blanchard passed away on October 23, 2025, in Melbourne, Florida at the age of 90.

Read about the impressive life of Jack Blanchard from his obituary:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/rockledge-fl/john-blanchard-12578701>

Jack was a very productive and active Knight in our Council. Before Jack moved to the east coast, the Council gave Jack an appreciation dinner to recognize his many achievements, which were highlighted in the June 2012 Pinta Log: [Over the many years, Jack has been:](#)

- Our Fish Fry and Vocation dinners and Pancake Breakfast greeter and money man. Parishioners who came to these events were greeted with Jack's warm smile and friendly disposition. He was a great steward in reconciling the funds and reporting on the success of each event.
- Jack was our Public Relations man and Pinta Log editor. The Pinta Log newsletters were always known for their excellent quality. Monsignor Ed recently stated how important the newsletter is to our council and that it helps makes our council look professional.
- Jack was our photographer for many of our events. Many times Jack would attend an event just so he could take pictures for an article in the next Pinta Log.
- Jack was our Council's Warden.
- Jack was our 1st Degree Exemplification team's captain. He was instrumental in building the quality of this team.

Our Worthy Grand Knight Brian Nelsen honored Jack and his wife Patricia by presenting them with our council's Family of the Year award.

Editor Turnover

By Tom Przybyla

In June, 2012, I took over the Pinta Log Newsletter from Jack Blanchard, may God rest his soul. Brian Nelsen was Grand Knight and our beloved Fr. Ed Thompson was our Chaplin. Previous newsletters were printed in black and white and mailed to brother Knights. I converted the format of the newsletter to be displayed online. Writing a newsletter in Publisher was new to me. My first message as editor in this first edition was:

Now that The Pinta Log is viewed by the majority of readers online, it has been designed to take advantage of the many features that online viewing brings. Colors are more vibrant and there are more formatting options. Online features, like the use of links, provide more depth to our content. You can click on links to open maps or to view web pages and videos. Look for links throughout the newsletter; the words in a link will be in a different color font and the words will be underlined. I encourage you to provide me with feedback, both positive and negative. I also welcome contributions for articles.

After 13.5 years, it is time to turn the helm over to Nick Leon, who with the grace of God volunteered to take over both the newsletter and our website. With new blood comes new fresh ideas and energy in producing the content of these communication vehicles. I have every confidence that Nick will do a great job and I thank Nick for accepting this new responsibility.

Please support Nick by sending him photos of our many events, updates to Council activities and content for articles. Provide feedback and encouragement to Nick so that he can enrich our Council's communications. May God bless Nick for his commitment to serve our Lord and our Council.

SMM Winter Fest Frosty Grill Booth Signup

By Tom Przybyla

Our Council is requesting volunteers to help participate with the SMM Winter Fest Frosty Grill Booth on Friday January 23 and Saturday January 24. The description for the booth is: Knights of Columbus and Men's Club will be serving up Burgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs and Smoked Pork! The location is: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and BBQ Booth. Volunteers are open to anyone, not just Knights and Men's Club members.

Justin Hernandez is a parishioner who reached out to Melissa Findley and asked to smoke pork for the festival because that is his passion. Justin will be obtaining the pork, and he will use his smoker to smoke the pork in advance of Friday.

For each shift, we need 2 volunteers to grill hamburgers and hot dogs, 2 volunteers to take orders, and 1 volunteer to bun the burgers, dogs, and BBQ pork. If all 5 positions are filled for a shift, come anyway; we can always use the help and camaraderie.

We're also asking for booth co-captains volunteers. We currently have 5: Alan Blackmon, Oscar Arechavala, Rodolfo Chang, Mike Malatesta and me. We are seeking 2 more because the more co-captains we have, the fewer hours each captain needs to be present. A co-captain will coordinate activities in the booth, such as making sure we have the supplies and volunteers that are needed for each shift, handling issues and filling in if we don't have enough volunteers (due to our booth's reputation for being a fun booth for the past 2 years, we are a popular booth so we usually have more volunteers than the 5 slots per shift). If you want to be a co-captain, please call or reply to me, [Tom Przybyla](#); if you do, do not sign up on Signupgenius so there is room for 5 volunteers to sign up to work the booth. Use this link to sign up and volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/festhamburger>

Supporting Teen Life Ministry

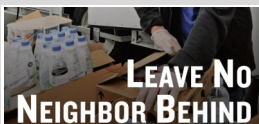
By Tom Przybyla

Tom Weninger and his Small Group members prepare a meal for the Teen Life ministry once a month. The photo is from Sunday, November 9. Thank you Brothers for sharing your time and talents to serve our youth!

There is an opportunity for you or your Small Group members to do the same for another week each month! For more information, talk to Tom.



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.

Tom Poppell will be starting a new project to help a SMM parishioner complete the renovation of her kitchen. Tom and Tom Weninger have been scoping out the project and they bought and installed a temporary utility sink in her kitchen before the project starts. She has been washing her dishes outside using a hose for the past several months.



Brothers,

As we anticipate the coming of Christ at Christmas, it's undoubtedly a busy time of year for so many of us. There are meals to prepare, gatherings to attend and gifts to buy, but we know these are labors of love. We love our families and want this holy time of year to be special for them. These moments we share with our families are precious, and they should cause us to reflect on what it is we cherish in our lives and strive to protect. What would life look like if the unexpected were to happen?

I invite you this season to consider protecting what matters most through the gift of life insurance.

The right life insurance coverage can mean financial security for your family. It can mean the ability for them to have income to help minimize the impact of an untimely death on their level of financial comfort. It can shield against debt or remaining mortgage payments, so your family is protected if you or your spouse dies unexpectedly.

Depending on your policy, it could also be the seeds of a growing financial legacy — a foundation to give your loved ones so they can continue to build upon what you've worked for. Simply put, life insurance is the gift of protection and stability for the most important people in our lives.

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Florida State Council Charity Raffle

By Don Holzemer



Click on the image to open a flyer.

At our last council meeting, District Deputy Shaw presented us with an opportunity to raise funds for our council. Florida State KOFC Charities (with assistance from Florida State Council) is holding a raffle with the drawing to be held May 23rd at the Florida State Convention.

Each raffle book contains four tickets. Suggested donation is 3.00/ ticket or 10.00 per book. There is also a solicitor ticket at the end of each book (Solicitor must be an individual so you cannot name the Council as a solicitor). This allows the solicitor of the tickets to

be eligible for a couple of early bird drawings. The first one is in December of this year (\$250) and the second one is in March of next year (\$400).

The benefit to our council is that the council needs to only submit 6.00 per book and can retain the balance for our council projects.

I have over 100 books of tickets so I would like to get them into your hands as soon as possible. Please [email](#) / text me with how many books you would like and we can work out how to get them to you (click on email link; phone number below.) Checks should be made payable to KC 5618 and sent to me at 636 Mariner Way, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

Don Holzemer

Financial Secretary Emeritus

Bishop Thomas J Grady Council 5618

407-461-6446

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!



Picture #1: Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer (right) presented the Knight of the Month award for October to Lou Elrose. As everyone who has tasted Lou's dishes can attest, he is famous for his cooking and barbecuing. Lou volunteers to help cook at many of our events. For several years, Big Lou barbecued his famous pork for the parish's Fall Festivals, for our Christmas parties and for Vocations Silent Auction items. Most recently, Big Lou volunteered to cook the Italian dinner for the Men's Interfaith Outreach Prayer Dinner. Not only did he cook and coordinate the preparation for the dinner, but he also helped shop for the ingredients. He also helped cook for the CCW Communion breakfast on September 14. Lou is the Council's Lecturer, and he always prepares and brings a delicious meal that draws more Knights to attend our Council meetings, if only to enjoy his meals. We who

partake of Lou's cooking, are grateful to him for his generosity and talents.

Picture #2: Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer presented the Family of the Month award for October to the Felter family. John and Elizabeth Felter have contributed many hours of service to the parish over many years. John is a member of the Men's Club. He organized 6 trips for parishioners to help people recover from hurricanes and tornadoes in several states. John helped provide pulled pork for many years at CommunityFest. He led the cooking for the parish's annual Thanksgiving Dinners and for the Men's Club Labor Day Picnic. John helps maintain the Grotto each week. He helps set up the Christmas decorations in the church and on the outdoor stage each year. He helps with Fish Fry dinners, parish breakfasts and most recently the CCW communion breakfast. Elizabeth is a horticulturist and consults with the parish whenever a landscaping project is needed, like the installation of the Prayer Labyrinth. Each year she provides Christmas trees and helps decorate the church and outdoor stage. She is involved in the bereavement ministry, and she helps at most funerals.

We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community!

Picture #3 and #4: District Deputy Bob Shaw (left) presents the 2024-25 Star Council award to George Meyer, Membership Director Art Wright, and Deputy Grand Knight Joe Pocius at our November Council meeting.

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

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!



Knights of
Columbus

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!

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

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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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