



The Pinta Log



Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, George Meyer



Worthy Brother Knights,

Question: How can I serve in a new way?

As Worthy Brother Knights, we are called to serve.

But our lives vary greatly. We are getting older. We are very busy and have many commitments.

I recently experienced an interruption in my routine. I experienced the effects of a direct lightning strike next to my home office. Everything wired was zapped. I had lots of wired things!

From a technology perspective, I had to start over.

Besides being a very inconvenient disruption, it was also a new start.

I had to reorganize my office and replace almost every device. I did a deep clean and decided not to replace my melted gaming PC.

I needed help running replacement network cable. A worthy brother Knight volunteered to assist me (thank God for you, David Weisman).

This was a shakeup for me, but also a breath of fresh air. God is guiding me to serve in a new way.

We don't have to make huge commitments to serve. We can even decide to commit 'as we go.'

We might be called to do small things, relative to Council 5618. Then again, it might be time for us to step into a leadership position.

Please commit to prayer. That is a huge service already.

What did Fr. Tim say a while back when he assisted in the parish while Fr. Edwin was away?

"Lord, lead me where you need me."

Vivat Jesus,

**George Meyer,
Grand Knight**

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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Sat Oct 4** – Vocations Fundraiser Begins
- **Tue Oct 7** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat Oct 11** – Sharing Center Saturday 9:00 am
- **Tue Oct 14** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Fri Oct 17** – Men's Interfaith Dinner 7:00 pm
- **Thu Oct 30** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Fri Oct 31** – Vocations Fundraiser Ends
- **Tue Nov 4** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Nov 11** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm

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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 Friends,

In October, as Knights of Columbus, we are called to emphasize praying the Rosary and focus on defending and promoting the dignity of human life through acts of charity that allow us to unite in fraternity to celebrate the mission that God has inspired in our Order. In the words of Pope Leo XIV, living our vocation makes us heralds of hope. We welcome, with willingness and love for ecclesial service, the message for this month of missions, which presents as its motto "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples":

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts.

Among the essential elements of our Christian commitment is embracing the culture of life, which leads us to find the traces of the Gospel in every person we meet along our path, and specially in those we can serve. To welcome and serve everybody is the attitude of the Christian who recognizes the image of God in each person. It is the special calling we receive when we are baptized, since at this moment we pass through the waters that introduce us to life with Christ and prepare us for eternal life. This great mystery that welcomes us impels us to be witnesses of hope, promoting and defending the precious gift of life.

In the church tradition, we find testimony that Rosary is a powerful spiritual means for the defense of life, the conversion of sinners, and protection against evil. When this practice is integrated into the lives of the faithful, it brings about personal transformation and inspires them to defend "the culture of life" against the "culture of death" through prayer and reflection on the life of Christ and the Virgin Mary.

Pope Benedict XVI praying the rosary on May 3, 2008, has encouraged us to spread the devotion of the holy rosary:

May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith and love at the center of each "Hail Mary".

In Christ,

**Fr. Duberney Rodas G,
Chaplain**

Vocations Fundraiser - October 4-31

By Tom Przybyla

Our Council's Vocations virtual fundraiser, our fifth annual event, is underway. This fundraiser will end on Friday, October 31, 2025. The Council will be donating \$2,000 to each of three Seminarians to help defray the cost of their seminary education, thus our fundraising goal is \$6,000

You can donate online or by mailing in a check. You can also make a bid on some excellent silent auction items with a chance to get something back from your donation. Click on the link to view this year's fundraiser details:

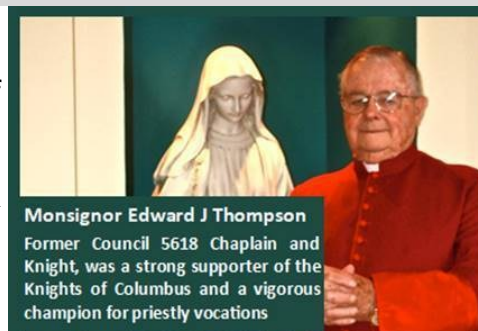
[2025 Vocations Fundraiser](#)

To make an online donation, click here: [DONATE ONLINE](#)

Our 3 Seminarians are Joshua Theisen, Nicholas Couture and Peter Kay.

We all know how important it is to pray for new priests in our country. Now, with this fundraiser, you have the opportunity to help these 3 men become priests by donating to this fundraiser. See our [Supporting Seminarians](#) page for more information on these 3 Seminarians and an update on their studies and activities

May God bless you for your generosity.



Officer Planning Meeting - Tue October 7

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Officer's Planning meeting will occur on Tuesday, October 7. It will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. 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 Tom Przybyla at tomprzybyla3@gmail.com).

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Saturday Oct 11

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 October 11.** 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 3 volunteers at the September 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](#) (click to open a map)



Council Meeting - Tuesday October 14

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 14** 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).

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$150 pot was **Larry Heydorn**, 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.

Fred Milcarsz won the 50/50 drawing! — \$43! Congratulations!

Men's Interfaith Outreach Dinner - Fri Oct 17

By Tom Przybyla

Volunteers are requested from our Council to help with the upcoming Men's Interfaith Outreach dinner that will be held on Friday, October 17 at 7 pm in the PLC. This is an event that Alan Miglioroto is hosting with the Knight's help. Open the link to the [flyer](#) for more information on this event; if you don't want to volunteer, you are welcome to sign up and attend as a participant to this event using the link in the flyer.

Please use the Volunteer Link to sign up for one or more positions: <https://volunteersignup.org/CPK3M>

The schedule for the event's activities is:

- On Thursday, 10/16 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm move supplies from the Annex to the PLC (requesting Knights with a pickup truck)
- On Friday, 10 17:
- Set up the PLC: 5 – 7 pm
- Prepare dinner: 5 – 7 pm
- Serve dinner: 7 – 8 pm
- Cleanup and moving supplies back to the Annex: 7 – 9:30 pm

We need your help to make this event a success. Please volunteer to help. May God bless you.

Monthly Rosary for Life - Saturday October 18

By James Taglia

On Saturday, October 18, 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.

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](#)

October 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4  Vocations Fundraiser begins
5	6	7  Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	8	9	10	11  Sharing Center Serve Saturday
12	13  Columbus Day	14  Council Meeting	15	16	17 Men's Interfaith Outreach Dinner	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30  Pinta Log Content Deadline	31  Halloween Vocations Fundraiser ends	

• 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: tomprzybyla3@gmail.com.

The content deadline for the **November** edition is **Thursday, October 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

A message from Ann Cavanaugh: This message carries a HUGE thank you to the Knights of Columbus who worked together seamlessly to shop for, prepare and serve a delicious breakfast last Sunday for the Council of Catholic Women Communion Breakfast. It is a wonderful gift from God when our two groups can work together and collaborate on projects and events. I am so thankful that this special relationship exists between K o C and SMM CCW that we continue to work together and to serve each other each year. I pray this tradition continues for years to come.

Thank you George and Tom for pulling the Knights together to work so hard to serve this breakfast to the CCW ladies. Every year is fun and enjoyable; this one was extra because of Tom's efforts from behind the scenes to pull it all together during his hospitalization and recovery.

We appreciate the efforts of all of the K o C, big and small. We were blessed with about 80 guests at our breakfast, and I am hopeful that at least five will become members. Thank you for being a blessing to the CCW in this service and for helping us to grow in our membership.

We look forward to the next opportunity to serve the K o C at your breakfast. Thanks again.

Ann Cavanaugh. SMM CCW President (2024-2026)

I also want to send out a big thank you to the men who stepped up to take over the actions I could not perform, from shopping to setup, cooking and cleanup. I called these men and asked them to perform these actions and they immediately agreed and did a fantastic job; this includes a non-Knight, John Felter. This proves our Council practices the traits of the Knights of Columbus—Charity, Fraternity and Unity! Even the women in the CCW pitched in to help assemble the egg casseroles. Thank you everyone to participated in this event!





Brothers,

October is **Culture of Life Month**.

The Rosary continues at 9 am every third Saturday of the month (Oct 18) at Women's Choices Abortion Clinic on Maitland Ave. This past month we had five brothers pray with a spouse attending. It is important to note that this is not limited to just the Knights. Bring your family members. We are praying the rosary daily anyway, why not make it stronger by joining your Brothers Knights?

Speaking of praying the rosary, it is important that we be respectful during that time, or any other time of prayer. While there may be something of importance to be addressed, the rosary takes approximately 20 minutes. It will be prayed as scheduled at **6 pm before each Council meeting**. Plan to attend and pray with us. If it is of such urgency, please keep voices to a "dull roar" so as not to interfere with the prayer.

We are in the midst of 40 Days for Life. Please log in and register to pray for the unborn and those losing their lives daily in front of Women's Choices Abortion Clinic. <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/altamontesprings>

- ♦ On Saturday, October 4th there will be Holy Rosary Procession for Life. It will be either in the Church Gardens (meeting in the Labyrinth) or inside the church, mustering on the front porch of the church at 3:45 pm, followed by 5 pm Mass with the Procession of our Respect Life Banner and the Frames of the Patron Saints of the different Life Causes.
- ♦ October 4th is also the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month at the 7 pm Mass, with a 6 pm Procession in the Track for those who would like to participate in this Festive and Diverse Celebration!
- ♦ Throughout Respect Life Sunday weekend, members of our Culture of Life will be assigned to take the Gifts down at the Offertory, with your names being announced that you are "representing SMM Culture of Life"
- ♦ The Culture of Life Committee is planning a "Light Up Maitland Avenue" Candlelight Prayer Vigil for some time in October. More to follow as information arrives.
- ♦ There are free digital copies of various Life Issues (abortion, Project Rachel, End of Life Care, Death Penalty and others as supported by the USCCB and our Diocese. Lydia Philip (Les' wife) has additional information on this.

Brothers, this is a tumultuous time. We are under attack for our faith, including murder of those who believe in LIFE. We need to show we are strong. As an individual, we are one, but to practice Unity, we are strong.

Finally, the 13th Annual Laps4Life is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at Bishop Moore. Be prepared...we need help at the event, and we are actively looking for people to sit on the board. Some of us are aging out and we need YOUNGER Knights to step up and help moving the program into the future/aka succession planning.

Any questions, contact me.

James J Taglia, Life Director

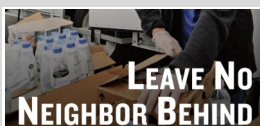
13th Annual Walk for Life March 7, 2026 Bishop Moore Catholic High School

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

<http://www.cflaps4life.org>

jtaglia@gmail.com (407) 492-0329

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 tomprzybyla3@gmail.com or 407-460-8109. We need 2 weeks of lead time to make arrangements for the project.

Jay Hughes Project: Brother Jay Hughes requested help mowing his lawn and cleaning his pool while he is on disability. Tom Poppell provided an update on this project. He stated "We got Jays' yard mowed and found a cheap pool guy." and provided this photo:





My Brothers in Faith,

From Ascension, from an excerpt from Fr. Mike Schmitz's brand-new book, [Unshakeable: Building a Life of Virtue in a World of Chaos](#) :

St. John of the Cross said something worth thinking about: **"When evening comes, you will be examined in love."** That is amazing to me. For the rest of our lives, the criterion for success or failure is love. And at the end of our lives, we will be judged on how well or poorly we have loved. So, how do we love well? What does love look like? **One thing it does not look like is perfection.**

We disqualify ourselves from trying to love better when we say things like, "I don't live perfectly. I don't follow the Lord perfectly. I don't even love the people around me perfectly."

When we say this, we end up looking at ourselves and saying, "I am not enough. I'm not doing enough, I'm not doing it well enough, and therefore, I can't possibly love the way I'm called to." This is a fallacy, because love is simple. How do the people around you know that you love them? You can sum it up in three simple words, three short words that convey to another person how important they are in your life. **They are the three simple words, "Here I am."**

In the Bible, a number of people were called to become great things like prophets of the Lord and fathers of faith. **When God called these people, they simply said, "Here I am."**

For example, when God called Abraham, he said, "Here I am." When God called Moses, he said, "Here I am." When God called Jacob and Samuel, and numerous others, they simply said these three simple words that sum up what it means to love.

Their stories started with these three words, and these three words defined the rest of their lives.

A lot of times, love means simply knowing where you're supposed to be and being there, or knowing what you're supposed to do and doing it. When you're doing what you're supposed to do, you don't have to do it perfectly, either.

Love just means being the person who says, "Here I am." And then putting your whole heart into the task you know you should be doing, or truly being present in the place you are supposed to be.

I think we should define our next few weeks by the three words, "Here I am." **We should live by these words, showing up for all the people in our lives: our family members, our friends, and above all, for God.** Remember, the great commandment is to love the Lord your God with everything.

How do I know if I love God? What's the metric? What's the measurement for whether I love God or not? Well, sometimes love is simply showing up. It's simply saying "Here I am."

The heart of Christianity is the Incarnation. **At one point in history, God, who is love, became one of us. He showed up. The result?** That we might have life and have it to the full. Jesus showed up. He showed us that he loves us. He showed us that love costs something. He showed us what love looks like.

And he didn't just say, "Here I am," two thousand years ago. At every single Mass, Jesus shows up and says, "Here I am, truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist."

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has made his decision for you. And he invites us to make this decision too. He has chosen definitively to love us. Will we return love for love?

In the evening of our lives, we will be examined on love. Sometimes, love is simply showing up.

I chose this article because we all need to hear Fr. Schmitz's message. We talk about and hear about love, loving others, loving God, but do we really know what that means and how well we are doing it? In our busy lives and with country and world news so often concerting and discouraging, how can we make our world a better place? What can we do to make things better? By loving the people we interact with. By loving God as Fr. Schmitz says above. God loves us so much (that He sent his Son to suffer and die for us). We need to believe this, thank God for his love, and praise and serve Him for the gifts and blessing he has given us, especially the talents He has given us that we are hopefully using to serve and glorify God.

May God bless you and your family.

Tom Przybyla,
Faith Director



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Join this live webinar to learn more about the living benefits of life insurance and see if you are missing out on often-overlooked financial features to help shield your family.

REMINDER: If the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knights of each Council meets with me individually for a full Needs Analysis review, you can complete the 2025-26 Star Council FBE requirement with just this meeting.

Any questions, please reach out to me.

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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 Charites (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 August to Kevin Nelsen. Kevin Nelsen is one of those Knights who works quietly in the background. He serves at most of our Council's primary events and performs humble duties, such as emptying trash, handling box duty, and general cleanup. His vital contribution is performed without fanfare. His work can be seen beyond the KofC into major parish events, such as the Fall Festival. His hard work is much appreciated and we are encouraged by him and his contributions!

No Picture: Worthy Grand Knight George Meyer presented the Family of the Month award for August to the Angelo and Barbara Chiodo family. Angelo and Barbara have been active parishioners for many years. Angelo is a very active member of the Men's Club, an usher, a greeter, and has made missionary trips to the Dominican Republic. Both he and Barbara are highly involved with the Peace Orphanage Committee. Barbara is on the Church Finance Committee as well as a committed Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion along with duties as greeter. The Chiodos represent the bedrock of parish involvement. Their selfless commitment blesses all of us at Saint Mary Magdalen! We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community!

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

Brothers Celebrating October Birthdays

Oct 1	Martin Dercy	Oct 13	Lorenzo P Graceffo	Oct 25	Charles Richardson
Oct 1	Darryl Dziedzic	Oct 14	Dominick Fiorentino IV	Oct 28	Andrew C Betz
Oct 1	Brian Wilkerson	Oct 19	Deacon William H O'Brien III	Oct 30	Kevin T Nelsen
Oct 3	Charles C Stansel	Oct 20	Frank M Corso	Oct 30	Daniel R Sims
Oct 6	Rev. Edwin Cardona	Oct 21	Greg Drosky	Oct 30	Dr. Mike Yurso
Oct 8	Deacon Juan Cruz	Oct 23	Roger J Copeland		
Oct 9	Rev. Duberney Rodas	Oct 24	Joel P Huey		

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!

The following Resolution will be voted on in the October Council meeting.



Knights of Columbus

*Bishop Grady Council 5618
861 Maidland Ave.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701*

Resolution to fund priestly vestments for seminarian, and council member, Sinclair Cushmore.

Submitted by George Meyer

WHEREAS: Sinclair Cushmore, a seminarian, newly ordained deacon, and Worthy Brother Knight of Council 5618, requires priestly vestments.

WHEREAS: The cost of these vestments is substantial and a potential hardship for Sinclair and his family to bear on their own.

WHEREAS: When Sinclair served a season at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish as an assigned seminarian, he transferred to Council 5618 and became notably active, known, and appreciated.

WHEREAS: Council 5618 has considerable available funds that have been accounted as surplus monies related to vocations fund raising over the past 12 years.

WHEAREAS: The approximate cost of Sinclair Cushmore's selected chasuble and stole is upwards of \$1,000, considering list prices and related shipping.

WHEAREAS: Sinclair Cushmore has chosen the source of his tailoring and there will be no need to seek KofC-related vestment retailers.

WHEAREAS: It is a privilege for the members of Council 5618 to contribute fraternally and financially for the edification of a Worthy Brother Knight, soon to be elevated to the Holy Priesthood.

WHEAREAS: Our Council's funds can be withdrawn from an available account.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: We authorize the payment of \$1,000 from the Council's funds to contribute to the purchase of the listed vestments. The distribution will go directly to Sinclair Cushmore to be applied at his discretion to the associated purchase.

Respectfully submitted:

George Meyer

September 9th, 2025

Date

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

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Website Link: [Officers](#)

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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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