

Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Worthy Grand Knight, Mark Lawrence



Brother Knights,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope and pray this newsletter finds you and your family in good health. Please continue to pray for an end to the Coronavirus and for the safety of essential workers and first responders. I'm confident we will be together in Fraternity soon.

2020 was not without its challenges. As a council, we were able to continue our works of charity albeit from a safe distance and with the proper face coverings.

I want to thank all my Brother Knights and their family members who took to heart the Supreme Council's call to action to "Leave No Neighbor Behind". We had two very successful virtual drives, collecting food and gift cards for Brother Knights (this is an ongoing appeal) and the Christmas Toy drive for Catholic Charities. PLEASE continue to support the good works of Charity we are involved in for 2021. I encourage all my Brother Knights to be an active member of the council. Reach out to a Faith in Action committee director and explore the opportunities they have to offer. Involve your family in the Knights and share your passion to serve. We have included the Faith in Action Programs chart in this newsletter.

Tom Przybyla, PGK works hard to put out a top notch Pinta Log newsletter and highlights many of the ongoing volunteer opportunities for council families.

It was recently announced that the Supreme Council has made changes to the council meeting structure. Financial reports and previous meeting minutes will be presented at the monthly Officer's Planning meeting. All new business requests will be presented at the Officer's Planning meeting, discussed and if needed, voted on at the monthly general meeting. These changes will keep the General meeting time manageable. The Supreme Council has also opened the monthly general meeting to spouses and guests.

The first Officer's Planning meeting of 2021 will be Tuesday, 1/5/2021, 7-8pm (Zoom online). I apologize for the short notice. Starting in February, this meeting will be two weeks prior to the monthly General meeting.

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Matthew 2:1-2.

Vivat Jesus, **Mark Lawrence, Grand Knight**

Bishop Thomas J. Grady Council 5618, Altamonte Springs FL

The Pinta Log

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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Jan 5** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat Jan 9** – Sharing Center Serve Saturday 9:00 am
- **Tue Jan 12** – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Jan 26** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat Jan 30** Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Tue Feb 9** – Council Business Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Wed Feb 17** - Ash Wednesday

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Dear Brother Knights,

This is a time of hope, when we wonder in God's love, knowing that we will not be disappointed, forgotten nor dismissed but beloved, healthy and blessed.

We believe in God the Father and in his name, we start this new year. We believe in God the Son and in his name, we start our walk through 2021. We believe in God the Holy Spirit and in his name, we commend our spiritual and human life and the life of others as well.

God's will will remain and our opportunity is to remain firmly in his faith, so our hope will be sustained and strengthened and always renewed.

Let us encourage one another, bringing hope and happiness by the Bible's act of faith, believing with no doubts but in awe and peace. May this New year 2021 be for us the channel of his Grace and Light.

You are all in my prayers and I thank you all for your prayers to me.

Your Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Frank Lobo

Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting - Tue January 5

A new monthly virtual Officer's Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm using Zoom. **All council officers, directors and chairpersons are expected to attend the Officers Planning meetings to fulfill their responsibilities of their position.** All Knights will be invited to participate via a Zoom email invitation.

Financial reports and previous meeting minutes will be presented at the monthly Officer's Planning meeting. All new business requests will be presented at the Officer's Planning meeting, discussed and if needed, voted on at the monthly general meeting.

Our Council's [Calendar of Events](#) has been updated for these meetings through June 2021.

The Pinta Log Calendar

From the Editor

2020 - 2021 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events: [Annual Calendar](#)

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



JANUARY 2021

The Pinta Log Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Solemnity of Mary	2
3	4	5 Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	6 Epiphany	7	8	9 Serve Saturday Sharing Center Serve Saturday
10	11	12 Virtual Council Membership Meeting	13	14	15	16 March for Life saint augustine
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting	27	28	29	30 Pinta Log Content Deadline
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- 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:

przybytw@cfl.rr.com.

The content deadline for the **February** edition is **Saturday, January 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Sat January 9

Our Council will participate with **Serve Saturday at the Sharing center** every **2nd Saturday of the month**, serving from **9:00 am – 12:00 pm Noon**.

Our next event is **January 9**

Each month, our Council's volunteer group can include 6 – 21 people who will volunteer their time each Saturday. Volunteers will assist in the Distribution Center or the Store, where donations are received and processed. Volunteers sort, inspect, organize and stock shelves with donated items.

If you can attend our next event, please RSVP your information by clicking on the RSVP link that is included in the December **Serve Saturday at the Sharing center email that is sent out before the event.** Complete the requested information on the RSVP form and submit it. This provides me with the number and names of people who will be attending this month's event.

Or, you can email Tom Przybyla at przybytw@cfl.rr.com.

Please wear your Knights of Columbus shirt if you have one for a photo opportunity. And **please arrive 15 minutes early by 8:45 am**. The Sharing center is located at: (click on the link to open a Google map)

[600 North Highway 17-92, Suite 130](#)
[Longwood, FL 32750](#)

Serve Saturday

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

"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



www.thesharingcenter.org/servesaturday

Virtual Membership Meeting - Tue January 12

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 and start at 7:00 pm using Zoom.

An email will be sent out with details for joining the meeting. You can join the meeting in one of two ways - 1) by clicking on the link to join the meeting using your computer's speaker and microphone for video and audio, or 2) you can use your phone to call a telephone number to join the meeting using your phone for the audio portion of the meeting. After joining the meeting, please mute your phone or computer audio.

March for Life Events - Sat Jan 16

The **March for Life St. Augustine** main events will be held on Saturday, January 16.

All-day events from 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

Speakers, Music and Activities!

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche 101 San Marco Ave.

9:00 AM - Mass with Bishop Felipe Estevez Mass outside (weather permitting) PLEASE BRING PORTABLE CHAIRS IF NECESSARY

10:30 AM - Praise & Worship Music

10:45 AM - Speakers Begin

1:00 PM - Keynote Speaker Patricia Sandoval

2:00 PM - NEW PLAN PRO-LIFE CARAVAN!

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are transitioning from a walking march to a Pro-life Caravan. We encourage you to decorate your vehicle with positive pro-life messages (no graphic photos). We'll drive through the streets of our Nation's Oldest City to proclaim our pro-life message.

For more information, visit the [March for Life St. Augustine website](#).

NOTE: For more information on this event, please contact **James Taglia** at jtaglia@gmail.com.





635.5 community service hours have been reported as of January 2. Our goal is 1,000 hours by the end of June 2021.

You can report your hours spent working on community service projects by entering your hours into an electronic form on our website via the [Community Service Hours Entry Form](#). This electronic process provides a simple way to record all of our Council's community service hours so we can provide one, centralized report for achieving our \$5,000 (1,000 hours) SMM Discipleship Grant. We earn this grant money by participating in community service projects and by providing evidence of the community service hours worked by Knights and others who

worked on the projects. Note: Don't confuse community service project hours with Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities hours, which we will be reporting 2020 hours in January. Community service project hours are for the time you spend working on a project that serves our communities, such as the monthly Sharing Saturday at the Sharing Center.

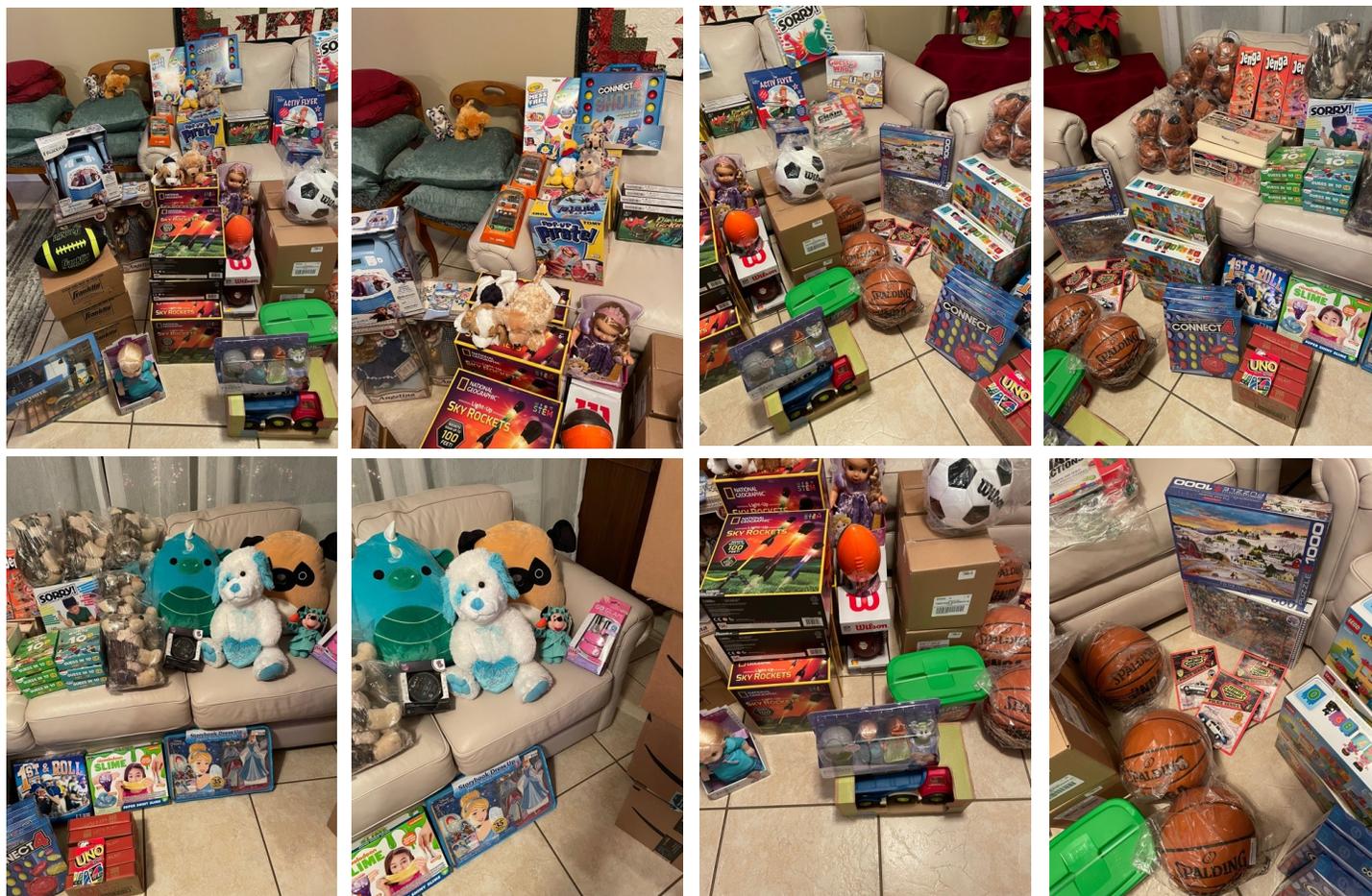
When you enter your hours in the new electronic form, select your community service project (one project for each form submitted). If your project is not listed, enter the name of your project. You can enter hours for yourself and the hours of 5 other volunteers (you can enter your son's and daughter's hours from the one form). If you have need to enter hours for more than 5 volunteers, you can submit the hours for the first set of volunteers and then access the page again to enter and submit hours for more volunteers (if you entered your hours in the first form, enter 0 hours for your hours in the second form).

Christmas Toy Collection Drive

By Tom Przybyla

The 1st Annual Council 5618 Christmas Toy Drive was a great success! A total of \$1,376.38 was donated to purchase Christmas toys. **Pat Floegel** used this money to purchase 100 toys. 30 additional toys were donated. Pat delivered a total of 130 toys to Catholic Charities!

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and for your time and effort in making this a very successful Christmas Toy Drive!



2020 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities/Hours Reports

It's time to report all of your Fraternal Activities for 2020. Please choose one of the reporting methods below. There is no activity too small to report.

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity - Individual Member Worksheet form conforms to the Faith in Action Program activities. Your 2020 hours must be reported under four program categories - Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

If you reported community service hours for our Council's Discipleship Grant, you need to also report those hours in your 2020 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity form.

You can report your fraternal activity numbers for 2020 in one of two different formats:

1. You can use the [Individual_survey1728a.pdf form](#). The link to open this PDF document is: [Individual_survey1728a.pdf](#)

You can enter your hours in one of two different ways into this form:

- a. print the form and hand write in your hours and give it to Mark Lawrence, Grand Knight; or
- b. open the pdf document and type in your hours into the form. The hours will automatically total in the Totals box on the bottom of the form. You can then print it or you can save it and attach it to an email and send it to [Mark Lawrence](#), (click on his name to open an email) Grand Knight on or before **Friday, January 22, 2021.**

Make sure the year '20' is entered in the two places on the top of the form. Enter your hours on the left side of the form – within the **Council Hours** column. Sum the hours manually or if you are completing the form electronically, the hours will automatically sum at the bottom. There is no place to enter your name. If you are completing it manually, please print your name on the bottom of the form. If you are completing it online, save the form and change the file name so that it contains your name, e.g., individual_survey1728a **Tom Simpson**.pdf. Send or provide your form to [Mark Lawrence](#), Grand Knight on or before **Friday, January 22, 2021.** (click on his name to open an email).

2. You can open and complete the [2020_annual_survey_of_fraternal_activities.xlsx](#) Excel document. The link to open this Excel document is:

[Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities.xlsx](#)

There are two worksheets in this document (see the bottom of your screen for the Individual Membership Worksheet and the Monthly Details Worksheet). This Excel document can be used to type in your hours by month in the Monthly Details Worksheet and the totals will automatically calculate and be inserted into the Individual Membership Worksheet in the proper reporting categories for the year (this worksheet is the same as the Supreme form Individual_survey1728a). Enter your name and membership number into the fields on the Individual Membership Worksheet. Print or save and send this document in an email to [Mark Lawrence](#), Grand Knight on or before **Friday, January 22, 2021.** (click on his name to open an email)

If you have any questions on how to complete these forms, please contact Tom Przybyla at przybytw@cfl.rr.com

A document that describes the activities under each of the four program categories can be opened from this link: [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities Descriptions](#). Or you can open the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities.xlsx document and look in the Monthly Details Worksheet to see which category to report hours for our Council's events.

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
Numbers Make a Difference

Knights of Columbus

77.1M hours
\$187.6M donations
\$28 value of time

CHARITABLE GIVING

Complete and submit the
Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) online by January 22

January 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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When to Take Down Your Christmas Tree?

Dear Brothers,

Every December 26, it seems that the front yards of many homes have their Christmas tree laying out front. Back in the day, 1950 to 1960, the trees would be lined up out front of their homes with only the tinsel still hanging from the tree branches. The tree that was so eloquently decorated days or weeks before the coming of Christmas day, is now laying in ruin. Seems a bit sad to me.

So, with that said, when is the right time to take the tree down and wait for 2021, before it goes back up into our homes? This is my opinion ...

I believe that it may have been Father Tom who came to visit us for many years from the Pittsburgh Monroeville area who said he felt sad when he saw Christmas trees laying out for the garbage people to come by the day after Christmas or just after Christmas. He felt that way because those people are missing out on the whole liturgical season and apparently there is a perceived imperative in some minds about this.

Again, how long should we wait before we put the tree down by the curb or back into the box and shoved into the corner of your garage? There are those who react as though it's a sacrilege to put up the tree before Gaudete Sunday and those who think it's wrong not to wait till Christmas Eve and there are many who follow these traditions because they like them but couldn't care less about what other people do. You run into all kinds. In our home, our tree has been up for approximately four years without it coming down. My Bride turns it from a Christmas tree to an Easter tree to Memorial Day, Fourth of July and so on. The kids love it and so do I because I don't have to put it in the garage.

We must remember that the Advent season starts 4 Sundays before Christmas. In case the word Gaudete Sunday caught you off guard, the second to last Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, if you are Latin and I don't think there is such a thing if you are Eastern.

The Christmas season begins sometime after sunset on 24 December and the 12 Days of Christmas lasts from the 25 until January 5. As you all know, the Epiphany which is actually on January 6 but is often moved to the Sunday between January 2 and January 8 for us U.S. western Catholics, it is also in the Christmas season but it's not one of the 12 Days. As I have read, Christmas officially lasts until the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord, which will be on 8 January this year, 2021, and some people are telling me it lasts a full 40 days until Candlemas, a new word for me too, on February 2, but it definitely lasts till Baptism of the Lord. This all applies to the Gregorian calendar. If you are on the Julian calendar, I have no idea how long Christmas lasts for you but I hope you have a lovely and grace filled season.

Once again, when should a good Catholic put up her Christmas tree? And when should we take it down? Well, here's the one thing about Christmas trees; they aren't Catholic. They're a secular tradition with pagan and or Christian roots, depending on which history you're reading. They're fine for Catholics to use and I like them a whole lot but they have nothing to do with the liturgical Advent or Christmas season. They're just for fun and the children get a kick out of them.

My final comment is this in a nutshell. There are some people who leave the Christmas tree up till Candlemas since it helps some people remember what liturgical season they're in. Some would keep it up but don't because the pine scented beauty that they bought for \$100+ dies and sheds needles all over the carpet and becomes a fire hazard. That's why we have an artificial tree. So much easier as long as you can get all the lights to light up when you're supposed to and without having to call electrician.

Some people take the tree down on the 30th to make room for the New Year's party for all their friends but we know with the Covid going on, not many New Year's parties are held in homes.

In our family if we didn't have a Christmas tree, I think our grandchildren would lynch us from the nearest tree. I mean how else could Santa Claus leave their gifts without having a tree to put them under?

If some are still wondering about Candlemas, here's the definition: Candlemas is celebrated on the second day of February of each year. The day is celebrated as a day of renewal, hope and purification. According to an old Jewish custom, a woman who gives birth to a child will be unclean and homebound for a certain number of days after the birth. There you have it, Candlemas.

Vivat Jesus,

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Council Faith In Action Chart

By Tom Przybyla

Here is our Council's Faith In Action chart as mentioned in Worthy Grand Knight **Mark Lawrence's** letter. We invite Knights who would like to step up and volunteer to chair and lead the empty slots in our Faith In Action Programs. This is an opportunity to get involved and create opportunities for our Council to become more active in areas where there is no current activity events or chairman.

If you would like to know more about the open activities or you would like to volunteer, please contact the applicable Director (e.g., **Elmer Mirabal** for Community or **Jamie Taglia** for Life), Grand Knight **Mark Lawrence** or myself.

Council 5618 Faith in Action Programs

Organized into Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

Faith		Family		Community		Life	
Grow in faith and build a strong parish and Church. Aid priests and religious in formation, honor our Mary, mother of God, and engage in serious spiritual reflections and religious education activities.		Strengthen families through faith and service. Socialize and pray with other faith-filled Catholic families through special events, religious services and volunteer opportunities.		Make a powerful difference in your community. Help those less fortunate with the basic human needs of clothing, shelter, mobility and compassion.		Create a culture of life. Assist pregnant women in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped and empower those with special needs to realize their full potential.	
Director:	Les Philip	Director:	David Weisman	Director:	Elmer Mirabal	Director:	Jamie Taglia
Faith Program Activities	Chairman	Family Program Activities	Chairman	Community Program Activities	Chairman	Life Program Activities	Chairman
RSVP Program		Food for Families		Coats For Kids		Special Olympics	Renzo Vargas
Vocation Fund Raiser Event	Tom Przybyla	Coalition for the Homeless Dinners	Heiner Moers	No established events		No established events	
Church Facilities		Support Food for Families	Pat Floegel	Global Wheelchair Mission		Marches for Life	
No established events		Leave No Brother Behind Food Drive	Ed Fleri	No established events		Participate with March for Life	Jamie Taglia
Catholic Schools/Seminaries		Family Formation Programs		Habitat for Humanity		Ultrasound Initiative	
SMM Teacher Luncheon		No established events		No established events		Laps for Life	Jamie Taglia
Religious/Vocations Education		Keep Christ in Christmas		Disaster Preparedness/Relief		Pregnancy Support	
Time & Talent weekend	Roger Copeland	Keep Christ in Christmas activities		No established events		Support Life Choices Medical Center	
Support Seminarians	Emilio Regala	Family Week		Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities		Baby Bottle Campaign	
Prayer & Study Programs		No established events		Tootsie Roll Drives	Dominick Fiorentino	Participate with 40 Days for Life	Jamie Taglia
Attend Men's Masses		Family Prayer Night		Elderly/Widow(er) Care		Support/Pray at pregnancy centers	
Attend Adoration & Benediction		No established events		No established events		Christian Refugee Relief	
Annual Deceased Brothers Mass	David Weisman	Miscellaneous Family Programs		Hospitals/Health Organizations		Refugee Cross Program	Ed Gallagher
Sacramental Gifts		Council Family picnic	David Weisman	No established events		Memorials to Unborn Children	
No established events				Columbian Squires		No established events	
Miscellaneous Faith Activities				No established events		Miscellaneous Life Activities	
Pinta Log newsletters	Tom Przybyla			Scouting/Youth Groups		No established events	
Maintain Council website	Tom Przybyla			No established events			
Attend Business, Officer and District Deputy meetings	Mark Lawrence			Athletics			
Degree exemplification ceremonies	David Weisman			Soccer Challenge			
Council Card Ministry	Beeler Gausz			Council/District Free Throw Challenges	Ed Gallagher		
Council Corporate Communion Mass & Breakfasts	Mark Lawrence			Youth Welfare/Service			
Membership	Roger Copeland			Honor graduating Altar Servers			
				Scholarships/Education			
				SMM School Essay Contest	Ed Gallagher		
				Veteran Military/VAVS			
				No established events			
				Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities			
				Family Pancake Breakfasts	David Weisman		
				Council Social meetings			
				Lenten Fish Fry Dinners	Gary Moskop		
				CCW Breakfasts/meetings	Mark Lawrence		
				Participate with CommunityFest	Mark Lawrence		
				Sharing Saturday at the Sharing Center	Tom Przybyla		
				Christmas Party	Gary Moskop		
				Blood Donations			

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$150 pot was **Deacon Bill O'brien**, but he did not participate with the virtual meeting.

The Attendance Drawing is a program that encourages our Council Knights to come to our Membership meetings **or participate with a virtual meeting**. The pot for our next month's meeting will contain **\$150**. You could be the next winner! But, **you need to participate with the meeting to win!**

Brothers Celebrating January Birthdays

Jan 1	Dr. John F Tschieder	Jan 14	William H Wilson	Jan 20	Rev Patrick H O'Neill
Jan 8	Mr Michael P Mckee	Jan 15	Edward J Slebodnik	Jan 28	Dominick Fiorentino
Jan 10	Eugene D Herman	Jan 18	Gonzalo I Padilla	Jan 28	John M Zawistowski
Jan 13	Juan Hostios	Jan 18	James D Pandolfi	Jan 29	Silvio Infante
Jan 13	Shane W Ramshaw	Jan 19	Joseph A Osisek	Jan 30	Gary J Moskop

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!



While the wrappings are still in the trash and we are glowing in recognition of His Birthday, I want to remind you that we are entering a new "Holiday" Season. **Laps for Life Season.**

Actually, we have a few events.

First is the **St. Augustine March for Life**. This is scheduled for January 16. BE THERE. I am planning to drive...and I think my car is full. However, if we could get a number of cars to go, we could caravan and reach the site in time for Mass with Bishop Estevez. Mass begins at the Shrine of Our Lady of la Leche at 9:00 AM.

Rules have changed due to COVID...NO WALKING.

We will have a CARAVAN through the city. <https://www.marchforlifestaugustine.com/photos-c17et> Upon arrival we would need to attach our signage.

Now for the original topic. **Laps for Life is coming.** No one has told us not to walk at Bishop Moore on 13-March. I've gone back and forth with the school and since no one has said "NO," we are planning to walk. After all, it is outdoors, we will be distanced from one another, and it is exercise all of which comply with CDC guidelines (and if you give me enough statistics, I can prove Rhode Island is larger than Texas).

Bishop Grady Council has two teams (and could have more). Join one.

Easy Ed and Flying Tigers are the two teams available now. **Mel Franzen** will be active and captain a team with us and plans to come down for the Laps event.

Now for the challenge...each Brother Knight should raise \$200 (not give... RAISE). It's easy. For example, "Give me \$20 and I'll leave you alone). Do this 10 times and you will have reached your goal.

Brothers, on a serious note. We've now been instrumental in placing 35 machines. That equates to over \$1.2MM. NO ONE has compared. We are the Gold Standard upon which the others model themselves. We need your help. I know COVID has hit us all hard, but it is important that we continue. Also, we need to bring the Fr Ed Award back to the council.

Finally, Flying Tigers is currently ahead. An anonymous benefactor has donated \$1,000 towards Team Flying Tigers and most specifically, Mel. Realizing that the Brother Knight who raises the most money over all is also the recipient of the SK **Melvin H Franzen** Award, would it not be amazing if Mel were the recipient?! Let's at least give him a run for the money.

Get busy. Raise money. We can do it and even if Mel wins his own award, **let's get the Fr. Ed Award back.**

Stay Safe. God Bless you.

James J. Taglia

Culture of Life Director

Central Florida Laps for Life
March 13, 2021
Bishop Moore Catholic High School
<http://www.cf-laps.life>
(407) 492-0329

Donations for Council Knights

By Ed Fleri



Brother Knights

Due to your generosity, contributions of gift cards from Publix, Winn Dixie and Aldi, as well as food staples, we are presently able to assist five families consisting of 11 children and 11 adults. Virtually each week, we provide gift cards and or food to these families in need. Turkeys were delivered to each family for Thanksgiving.

To save you the time of shopping, grocery store gift cards are a great substitute. However, if you prefer to continue food contributions, please drop the food off at Tom's Auto Repair

Shop located at 151 Obrien Rd, Maitland.

Tom can be contacted at 407.831.8484 and Ed at 407.923.2828.

Your continued support for this ministry is very much appreciated. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Brothers Ed Fleri and Tom Galaida

Leave No Neighbor Behind—Council 5618 Stories



Contributed by **Tom Przybyla: Christmas Holiday Decorations**

I'm happy to report that **Walt Bagley** returned home from the rehab center the week before Christmas. On the day after his return home and on the top of his list of to-dos was a request for a Knight to set up his outdoor Manger Scene. I was happy to oblige him. Walt, sitting in his wheelchair, gave me instructions on how to set up the scene. Afterwards, I had the pleasure of viewing his wife Judy's Christmas indoor decorations that were set up in two different rooms of their house. Judy says it takes a couple of weeks to set up all the houses and decorations that even include underwater scenes. The decorations were collected over many years and the scenes were very intricate — this is truly a work of love!



Food Distribution Drop

Lou Elrose, Elmer Mirabal's mother, Lourdes, and I participated in a food distribution drop sponsored by the Sharing Center on Friday, December 18 at Annunciation Catholic Church. It was a fun event and it provided food for 350 families. The cars lined up for a mile outside of the church on Montgomery Road. Lou and I were on garbage duty—breaking down the cardboard boxes and plastic rapping the food was delivered in. Lourdes helped package food and helped distribute it. Watch your email for the next event, which may be on January 22.



Contributed by **Mark Lawrence: Holiday Hams**

On Christmas Eve, I delivered two donated hams to the Recovery House and one to a brother Knight.

Thank you Council 5618 Knights for your LNNB actions to benefit our brother Knights and people in our community! Your actions are commendable and serve as a model to all of us.

Knights are encouraged to engage in five types of service activities:

1. Support Your Brother Knights
2. Support Your Parish
3. Support Your Community
4. Feed the Hungry
5. Participate in Blood Drives

Please tell us your story. Email Mark Lawrence or Tom Przybyla. Give us the details of how you and your family served those around you. "



Sharing Saturday at the Sharing Center

By Tom Przybyla

There were 9 volunteers at the December 12 Knights of Columbus **Serve Saturday** event at the Sharing Center: Diana Dsa, Teresa Dsa, **John Dsa**, Dot and **Dave Foret**, **Alan Blackmon**, Ann and **George Eichner** and me. Thank you volunteers—all who were experienced workers!!

Since we started working the monthly Sharing Saturday events in July (6 months worth of events), we've been assigned different tasks each time! Talk about variety! On this December Saturday, we learned there are three major steps in processing received donated goods. The first step involves taking the boxes and bags of goods out of cars and putting them into large bins on wheels and bringing them into the warehouse. The boxes/bags are taken out of the bins and placed in different locations throughout the warehouse, which is what John, Dave and I did on this day. The second step, which we've been involved with in previous Saturdays, is to sort the donated goods at the various locations (shoes, clothes, sporting goods, books, etc.) and separate the items to go to the Sharing Center store or to salvage (where it is taken by another company to deliver overseas). The third step is to place the goods in their proper locations within the center's store. Diana, Teresa, Dot and Alan sorted hangers. Ann and George sorted shoes.

This is a fantastic and fun way to serve our local community and anyone can do it.

I hope you and your family members can join us for our next event on January 9. **RSVP to the December email invitation that will have the subject line of **Serve Saturday at the Sharing center.****



Florida State Council Charity Raffle

By Don Holzemer

As you know, due to the COVID restrictions, our council is not allowed to hold any food fundraisers on parish grounds (pancake breakfast, vocation dinner, fish fry). Not knowing when this restriction will be lifted, our officers are looking at additional ways to raise funds to support our many charities.

One easy way is to purchase raffle tickets for the Florida State Council Charity Raffle. The cost of a book of tickets is \$10.00 (10 tickets) and the council is able to retain \$5.00 of that and only submit \$5.00 to the Florida State Council. There are three prizes (\$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000). The drawing will be held at the Florida State Convention on May 29, 2021.

If you would like a book or books, please send me an email and I will mail you the tickets. Another alternative is to pick them up at Tom's Auto Repair at 151 O'Brien Rd, Casselberry, FL. Just tell me how many books you wish to purchase/sell. Once you have completed the sale of a book, please make out a **check payable to Knights of Columbus Council 5618** and mail them back to me at the address below.

If you have any question, do not hesitate to reach out to me. Some of the rules are shown below

- Donation \$1.00 per ticket.
- Only one name can be on ticket (e.g. can't put both husband and wife name on same ticket).
- Random drawing of tickets received.
- Need not be present to win.
- Must be 18 years old or older to participate or win prizes.
- Official numbered tickets only, no photo-copy, reproductions or other forms accepted, cannot be combined, sold or re-distributed. Tickets have no commercial value.
- All prizes paid by Florida K of C Charities, Inc.

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End of the Year Planning

In previous years, this was the time of the year when we may have been out shopping for that special present or looking for the perfect tree or preparing for a wonderful Christmas meal with family and friends.

This year will be different. Many of us will be reluctant to travel and many others may be celebrating with just "the household" and not a "house full."

Instead of the rush of people at malls, our Christmas packages are arriving by way of the post office, FED-X, UPS, Amazon and others.

There will be no 22-pound turkey to feed family members visiting from far and wide. Just a small piece of a bird for a few of us. While the year may be different, it may get us to slow down a bit and perhaps savor the special time of the year and what we really celebrate.

We turn our thoughts to the themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" Covid-19 taught us some valuable lessons. One, you better like the house you live in and two, you better get along with the people you live with. Covid-19 and political elections though, can no longer be an excuse. We must move forward to a New Year.

We think of family, both the ones we celebrate with this year in person and those who might only be present on Zoom, Skype or Duo. We think of our lost loved ones, most especially those who have suffered at the stranglehold of Covid-19 and other natural disasters of the past year.

Each year, I like to remind our members of some important issues as we move through December and hit the new year running. As you slow down, consider some financial issues that might be facing you at the end of the year.

- **Deductibles.** Because we are so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. If not, now could be the time.
- **Postponed minor medical procedures.** Financially, this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure. Perhaps there is a specialist you have been meaning to see. Don't put it off.
- **Health insurance.** Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Know where yours stands. These could be time-sensitive issues you should research.
- **IRA/401-K/SEP/IRA/403-B contributions.** Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you file and pay your taxes which could be months away. Plan now... don't let the clock run out. IRS has strict rules.
- **Speaking of the IRS.** Have you taken your required minimum distributions for the year? If not, the IRS has a hefty 50% penalty of the amount you should have withdrawn. Check with your tax specialist or agent.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, most especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him **"Wonder-Counselor, God-hero, Father Forever, Prince of Peace."** – Isaiah: 9:5

Vivat Jesus!

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Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!

Worthy Grand Knight **Mark Lawrence** awarded the Knight of the Month award for November 2020 to **Deacon Greg Nelsen!** Deacon Greg was recognized for his participation in our Council's Deceased Knights Prayer Service.

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!



Barnabas Paul Toth,

October 18, 1933 - December 1, 2020

Barnabas Pál Toth, a lifelong wanderer, rests at last. After a long and difficult struggle with cancer, he died quietly in his home in Maitland, Florida on December 1, 2020, with family and friends giving him care, comfort and love to the end. He was 87.

He was born in Győr, Hungary, on October 18, 1933. He became a successful businessman, co-owning and managing with his wife the El Rancho Motel in Maitland. Wherever he was, his skills as a handyman who could build or fix just about anything were legendary.

He was active in the Maitland Chamber of Commerce, Rotary International, St. Mary Magdalen Church, the Knights of Columbus and other organizations. In retirement his dream of travel came true. The license plate on his motorhome read Vandor, "wanderer" in Hungarian. He and his beloved wife crisscrossed the country, from the Everglades to Yosemite to the Canadian Rockies. There were also many trips overseas.

He will be remembered most of all as a man with an inquisitive and sharp mind, a generous and loving heart, a ready smile and a spirit that warmed all those who were lucky enough to have known him.

May God bless his soul, grant him eternal peace and bless his family and friends.

John Carlucci,

February 26, 1953 - December 02, 2020

John was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. We was born and raised in the Bronx, NY, the middle child of 7 and devoted NY Yankee fan. John was an educator and administrator whose two passions were helping troubled teens and coaching high school wrestling. He was a compassionate man who loved to travel and never turned down a second piece of cake. John was truly loved, not only by his family, but also many people whose lives he touched along the way.

May God bless his soul, grant him eternal peace and bless his family and friends.

Exemplification Ceremony on Demand!



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On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

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 below 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

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Want to order your wife our Council's K of C 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.

Beeler Gausz, 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 Beeler to send out a card, please notify him via email: abgausz@me.com or by phone: 321-229-7547 (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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