



The Pinta Log



Past Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Past Grand Knight, Tom Przybyla



Brother Knights,

Those who knew **Matt Aufer** know of his many good traits, some of which were: he was a good man, husband, father and grandfather, a good Catholic, a good leader and a good Knight.

I met Matt during the 2021 Fish Fry Dinners. I saw he was liked and respected by everyone and that he was a natural leader. We quickly decided Matt would become the Fish Breaders and Fish Fryers Coordinator, communicating with both groups to ensure the optimum amount of fish could be prepared so that it was hot and ready for customers. Immediately, all conflicts were resolved between the 2 groups for the remainder of the 2021 dinners and for all of the dinners this year too. It was not long after Matt became the Fish Coordinator that I asked him to become Deputy Grand Knight. He agreed.

Over the past year, he observed and learned what a Grand Knight is and does. Matt was excited to become Grand Knight. In May, he started taking online training courses to prepare himself. After we had a meeting in June, he volunteered to distribute emails to Council Knights and he brought technical innovation that improved this process. He did a great job with his first Council meeting in July. As there always is with a Grand Knight's first meeting, there were some minor bumps, but he was confident and did really well. Matt would have become a great Grand Knight. He was organized, he worked well with everyone and he was a talented speaker. Matt was a natural leader that we lost way too soon, but I take comfort in knowing that he is home with our Lord. May God bless his soul and may he rejoice in God's arms. Let's continue to pray for his wife Allie and his family and friends as they mourn his loss.

We will have an election at our August 9 Council meeting to elect me as Grand Knight and **Roger Copeland** as Trustee 3 Year. I will educate and train **George Meyer**, our Deputy Grand Knight on his duties and to help prepare him to step up to become our next Grand Knight in June of next year.

It was an honor for my wife Denise and me to be inducted into the Order of St. Mary Magdalen last Sunday. Congratulations to all of the 2022 inductees:

Marly Carrillo and Brother Knight **Francisco Cardenas**, Joan Landon, Thomas and Denise Przybyla, and Lisa Wickers

Tom Przybyla
Past Grand Knight



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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Aug 2** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Aug 9** – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat Aug 13** – Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Wed Aug 24** – Coalition for the Homeless 4:30 pm
- **Tue Aug 30** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Tue Sep 6** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Sep 13** – Council Meeting 7:00 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 Tom Przybyla



Father Frank's messages will return after he comes back from leave. Please continue to pray for him.

Tom Przybyla

The Pinta Log Calendar

From the Editor

2021 - 2022 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events: [Annual Calendar](#)

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

August 2022					The Pinta Log Calendar	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting 	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Council Membership Meeting 	10	11	12	13
14	15 Assumption of Mary 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  Feed the Homeless	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:

przybytw@cfl.rr.com.

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

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Officer's Planning Meeting - Tue August 2

By Tom Przybyla



The Officer's Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2 and starts at 7:00 pm. This will be a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams. An email was sent several days before the meeting with details on how to join the meeting and a link to join the meeting. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link and then using your computer's speaker and microphone for video and audio. After joining the meeting, please mute your computer audio. **Teams does not support joining by phone.**

All council officers, directors and chairpersons are expected to participate with these meetings to fulfill the responsibilities of their position. All Knights are invited to participate with this Teams meeting.

Financial reports will be presented at this meeting. All new business requests will be also be presented at this meeting, discussed and if needed, voted on at the monthly Council general meeting.

Please read last month's Council meeting minutes before this meeting (if you need the password to the Council's minutes page, send an email to **Tom Przybyla** at przybytw@cfl.rr.com) at this link :

<http://www.bishopgradykofc.org/council-meeting-minutes.html>

Silver Rose Mass/Prayer Service - Thu Aug 4 By Michael Coleman



The Silver Rose returns to Orlando and St. Thomas à Becket Council #16236 on Thursday, August 4! The Silver Rose Pilgrimage is a Knights of Columbus tradition started by Columbian Squires of Council #2312 (Monterey, Mexico), which ran a rose from the International Bridge in Laredo to Monterey to commemorate St. Juan Diego and the role of the roses in the devotion of Our Lady of Guadalupe. While a real rose was used in 1960, today silver roses are carried along routes across Canada, the United States and Mexico.

St. Thomas à Becket Council #16236 and Incarnation Catholic Church in Orlando's College Park neighborhood are pleased to once again host this Life pilgrimage. A special 6:30pm Mass on Thursday, August 4 will be followed by the Silver Rose prayer service, which will include the Rosary (Glorious Mysteries), an Act of Consecration from St. John Paul II's *Evangelium vitae*, and the Litany of Loreto. Join us "to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe."

What: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and Silver Rose Prayer Service

Where: Incarnation Catholic Church, a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter
1515 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, FL 32804

When: Thursday, August 4, 2022 6:30pm-8:30pm

Council Meeting - Tue August 9

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, **August 9** starting at 7:00 pm in the **Parish Life Center** (the Annex is not available during the Summer). A Rosary will be recited starting at 6:30 pm in the SMM Grotto. Refreshments will be provided by **John Dsa** after the meeting. An email will be sent several days before the meeting.

We will have an election at our this Council meeting to elect **Tom Przybyla** as Grand Knight and **Roger Copeland** as Trustee 3 Year.

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Sharing Center Community Food Distribution - Fri August 12



Serving through Faith & Compassion

On Friday, August 12, the Sharing Center and Annunciation Catholic Church will host a Community Food Distribution. Fresh produce, frozen protein, and pantry staples will be shared with families and individuals in need.

They are looking for volunteers to serve at this event! Due to the heat, they have decided to break this event into 2 volunteer shifts. The morning shift will start at 9:30AM and volunteers will assist with prepping grocery bags. The afternoon shift will start at 11:30AM and volunteers will distribute the grocery bags. The Distribution is anticipated to begin at noon, and will go until we run out of food.

If you are interested in volunteering, please notify Melissa Sileo, Senior Volunteer Coordinator at 689-208-2118 or melissa.sileo@thesharingcenter.org with your full name and the morning or afternoon shift option.

Donations for Needful Council Knights

By Ed Fleri



Brothers, as you know, we are assisting five families, consisting of 11 children and 11 adults, 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 (**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 distribute weekly. Your gifts are greatly appreciated by the participants. Vivat Jesus, Brother Ed Fleri 407-923-2828

Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Sat August 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**.

Serve Saturday

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

Our next event is August 13.

If you can attend our next event, please signup using the link below or you can email Tom Przybyla at przybytw@cfl.rr.com. **Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours.**

Sign-up link: [volunteer signup](#)

There were 3 regular fantastic volunteers at the July 9 Knights of Columbus **Serve Saturday** event at the Sharing Center! The volunteers were: **Alan Blackmon, Tom Weninger** and me. We worked in the retail store where it was nice and cold and we tagged and hung clothes. We could use more help in August!

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](#)



Next Coalition Dinner - Wed August 24

By John Dsa



Our Council normally serves dinner at the Coalition for the Homeless in downtown Orlando on the fourth Wednesday of each month. **The next dinner is Wednesday, August 24 and arrival time at the new building's kitchen is 4:30 pm.**

The volunteers for the July dinner were: **John Dsa, Tom Weninger, Walt Dinger, George Sheldon, Pat Braun, Joanne, Jim Pandolphi and Denny Mcdowell.**

John Dsa chairs these dinners. If you would like to volunteer for this dinner, please contact John at johnpauldsa@gmail.com or 407-733-7063.

The **Coalition for the Homeless** is located at 639 W. Central Blvd in Orlando (located between Terry Ave and Parramore Ave). For a map of their location, click on [map](#).



Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$150 pot was **Ralph Falconi, AND he was present at the meeting! Hooray!!**

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.

Tom Przybyla won the 50/50 drawing, winning \$23.



My Brother Knights,

This afternoon my wife and I went to the Chapel for Adoration with Christ Jesus. As we sat there, I looked up at the monstrance holding the precious body of Christ, trying to wrap my mind around the fact that God was present. I know there are times when I have a hard time believing there's a God who loves me so much, in my brokenness and that God has a plan for my life. I believe everyone struggles with doubt every now and then.

As I was sitting there, I remembered reading in Mark's gospel that told us that after the Resurrection Jesus appeared to the 11 disciples as they were eating. He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart because they didn't believe those who had seen him after he had risen from the dead. I imagine doubt is not always an indicator that a man is wrong; it may be a sign that he is thinking, and I questioned myself, is that me?

Then there's the wonderful disciple Thomas, the "doubting Thomas", who was very skeptical when the other disciples told him they had seen the risen Jesus and he said to them that "unless I see his hands and in the print of the nails and put my finger in the print of those nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." It was something like that, but as we all know the next time they met, Thomas was there, and sure enough Jesus appeared. That's when he said "Thomas, reach your finger here and look at my hands. Reach your hand here and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving but believing. Thomas said "My Lord and my God." These words of Saint Thomas made such an impression on me that when I go to receive Christ, Holy Eucharist, that is my response after saying Amen. I suppose Thomas didn't want to know anything more than what the others knew. He just needed to know for himself and who could blame him.

The one beautiful thing about our Lord Jesus Christ, I believe if you do have skepticism, all we have to do is come to Jesus with our doubt and you might be saying to God, "Show me and I'll believe" but we know that God is effectively saying to us, "Believe and I'll show you." You can turn your skepticism into faith and you can turn your doubt into belief.

Vivat Jesus!

Les Philip,
Faith Director

Small Group Meetings - Revelation

By Les Philip

Revelation

The Kingdom Yet to Come

JEFF CAVINS and THOMAS SMITH

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come is the first ongoing study of the Great Adventure Bible study program. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked about books in scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom establish by Jesus Christ and his church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. We will also learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation represent, as well as what will happen during the second coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.

The program consists of 10 sessions, each one being approximately 50 minutes. It is highly recommended that you purchase the workbook for \$29.95 plus approximately \$5.00 in postage for this program to be affective. The workbook can be purchased from this link: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come/products/revelation-the-kingdom-yet-to-come-study-set-1>.

If you plan to participate in these exciting meetings, now is the time to order your book!

If you have any questions, please give me a call at your earliest convenience. 407-883-4524



Brothers in Christ,

Tempus fugit. Memento mori. Time flies. Remember death. July's edition of Columbia magazine includes a feature from Brother Jason Godin of Minnesota (<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2022/july/to-dust-we-shall-return.html>) who gained a new appreciation of this motto familiar to all Knights, and of our call to serve God and neighbor. We may reflect on this motto when a loved one passes from this earthly life, more immediately as we pray for the repose of the soul of our departed brother **Matthew Auker**. The Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus on July 29, also being the occasion of the offering of Brother Matthew's Funeral Mass, underscores the context to our call to serve.

On the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we heard the familiar story where Martha asks Jesus to compel Mary's assistance with serving, yet our Lord advises that "... one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her. "[Luke 10:42, RSV:2CE] In the story of their brother Lazarus, both Martha and Mary profess that "Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died. "[John 11:21, 32] It is Martha who asserts that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." [27] As Jesus is about to raise Lazarus from the dead, He asks Martha, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" [40]

Our Lord rewarded the faith of Martha and Mary, not Martha's service in and of itself, and He will grant His eternal reward to those whose service follows from faith in Him. As Knights we are called not merely to serve, but to put our faith into action. Brother Godin's experience taught him to appreciate the brevity of temporal life and the examples of our Blessed Mother and the saints. His charge to brother Knights: "Set aside time in the days ahead to consider the fleeting nature of our lives. With your senses spiritually attuned through and in prayer, think about your legacy as a provider and protector. And assisted by your guardian angel and the intercession of saints and blessed, remember that when death arrives, in faith you will never die alone."

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Coleman
District Deputy 24

From Our Life Director

By James Taglia



Brothers,

We've begun praying the rosary in front of Women's Choices Abortion Clinic on the first and third Saturday of each month. We begin at 8 AM and are done in an hour. The Knights need to show their support for life and there is no better way than praying the rosary.

When we pray the rosary, we are enhancing our unity with the Church as well as asking for Mary's intercession to help those entering the abortion clinic to save them and protect the unborn. Mark your calendars. Join us and pray on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Tuesday, August 13 is Primary Day. Get out there and vote. We need to vote our faith. Many of us will be working polling places that day. It is up to each of us to show we are men of faith and participate as Knights by voting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY at the **Daytona** International Speedway NASCAR Coke Zero Sugar 400 Race. **Knights of Columbus** Day NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400. By Florida **Knights of Columbus**.

Date and Time: Saturday, August 28. From 7:00 PM to 12 AM. Add this event to your calendar.

Location: **Daytona** International Speedway. 1 **Daytona** Blvd.

Contact Information: Mark Leary

Call: [386-235-8635](tel:386-235-8635)

E-mail: DaytonaRacingKnights@gmail.com

We will carpool from the Annex at 4 PM. You must purchase tickets in advance. Contact information is listed above. Please advise me of your plan to attend so that we can confirm that we are all together at the track. We will have a private room at the track as well as a light dinner provided upon arrival. Vivat Jesus,

James J. Taglia,
Culture of Life Director

Fraternal Benefits Advisor

As I write this, we have scores of people in the Supreme Office and around our jurisdictions who are preparing for the Supreme Convention. It's an exciting time because many accomplishments of the past year will be recognized. All of you, the members of this council, and the members of the other councils I serve, can take great pride in playing a part of these successes.

I congratulate all of you for your dedication to our first principle, charity, and reaching so many in need both here at home and around the world. While we have helped many right here, you have responded generously to help our brother Knights and their families in Ukraine and our brother Knights in Poland who have been critical in providing for so many refugees. Our Order, started by a simple and humble parish priest, who is on the path to sainthood, was to provide for both the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock. You are helping to do that today.

When people in the local community think about the Knights of Columbus, they may have some general notion about all these good works we do and the Order's amazing impact around the world. But to the local parish and the community, you represent the Order. When you are volunteering at a Special Olympics event, when you are visiting the sick, helping your pastor, handing out coats for kids, selling Tootsie Rolls, raising money for a charitable cause right here in your own backyard—this is what people see, they see you; to them you are what it means to be a Knight of Columbus. When you lead with faith, protect your family, serve others, and defend your values, you are a witness inspired by our founding principles.

I look forward to next month when we can see the actual impact as outlined in the Supreme Knight's Report at the convention. But even with a report of all that has been accomplished, let's not lose sight that our work is not done. We have challenges every day and I am pleased to be assigned to this council and help further the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney.

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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](#)

Exemplification Ceremony on Demand!



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 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



Matthew David Auker, of Altamonte Springs, FL, passed away unexpectedly on July 14, 2022, at the age of 64. He was born on April 8, 1958, in Flint, Michigan, and was adopted by William and Delores Auker at 5 months old. He was raised in Lynden, MI and was a thoughtful and loving son who was always loved in the community. Together with his younger sister, Amy, and his parents, the family made a move to South Florida in 1972. He graduated from Atlantic High School in 1976 and was voted "Most Outstanding" by his peers. He received a football scholarship to Davidson College where he played 4 years and graduated with a degree in Economics in 1980. Following graduation, Matt began a career at Porter Paints in South Florida. In 1983, he met Nina Lamanno and the two wed in 1985. Matt and Nina raised a daughter, Amanda (Mandy), and a son, Tyler, who both still reside in Florida.

In 1998, Matt was relocated with the family up to Louisville, Kentucky. After a few years in Louisville, Matt decided to make the move back to Orlando and bought a Comfort Keepers franchise together with Nina. Comfort Keepers is a senior in-home care company that Matt had owned and operated very successfully since 2001.

Following his wife Nina's passing in 2013, Matt was fortunate enough to have both of his children live with him for an extended period of time after their graduations from college before meeting Allison (Allie) Forst. Matt and Allie wed in 2016 and had been happily married since. Tyler and Mandy as well as Allison's two children, Madeline (Maddie) and Ian, and all of their spouses were one large melting pot who loved celebrating the holidays and big life events at their Altamonte Springs home.

His faith was extremely important to him, and he always gave his time and talent to St. Mary Magdalen Church and School. Matt was recently elected as the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus which was a great honor to him. He was always loyal to his Alma mater, Davidson University and was an avid sports fan supporting Mandy & Tyler's schools, UCF and UF, as well as attending Bishop Moore sporting events every chance he got.

Matt was a good man and with a kind soul. He had a passion for reading, woodworking, and traveling. He was the most thoughtful, loving, and likable person around. Matt was well known for his friendliness and never hesitated to let people know that he loved them. People gravitated towards him and always bellied up to his bar where he had a passion for making Dirty Martinis and 7&7's. Matt's professional and personal networks intertwined because regardless of how you knew him, you couldn't help but consider him a friend. He was a loving son, husband, father, uncle, brother-in-law and friend. His truest passion was hanging out with his family and friends.

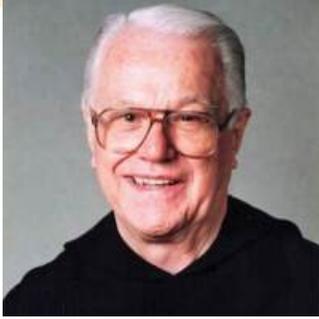
Matt was a natural caregiver as he showed to all of us by the love and devotion, he gave to his late wife Nina and his children Mandy and Tyler. He was so very proud of Mandy's & Tyler's strength, courage and accomplishments. Being a grandpa also came naturally to Matt. He had three beautiful grandchildren: Bennett James, Evelyn Nina, and Brooks Shayne that he adored and loved with all of his heart & soul. He never hesitated to comfort a fussy baby or get on the floor and army crawl with them. He was a kid at heart and his children adored him along with all the other children of his close friends.

The connection that brought Matt and Allie together was divine in nature and their large, blended family was a gift to each of them. Combined, their four children, Mandy, Tyler, Maddie and Ian held Matt in the highest esteem and loved him with all their hearts. He always gave you a smile and had something nice to say to make your day! It was often said that Matt never met a stranger. He will be missed deeply for his big heart, his laugh, his empathy & compassion, his faith and his loyalty.

Matt became Grand Knight of our Council on June 14 and he presided over his first Council meeting on July 12. Please pray for Matt's soul and for his wife Allie and their family.



Bob Rasch presenting Matt's 4th Degree card and a cross to Allie and his children



Fr. James E. Martinez, O.S.A.,

December 2, 1929 - December 16, 2021

Fr. James E. Martinez, O.S.A. passed away on Thursday, December 16, 2021. He was a member of the Augustinian Community of St. Thomas Monastery, Villanova, PA. Fr. Jim served primarily in parishes staffed by the Augustinians beginning as an associate pastor at St. Augustine's, Troy, NY (1959-1969), and as pastor at the following three parishes - St. Augustine's, Casselberry, FL (1969-1977), Our Mother of Consolation, Chestnut Hill, PA (1977-1979), and for 31 years at Our Mother of Good Counsel, Bryn Mawr, PA (1979-2010).

Fr. James was a member of our Council. He was a 4th Degree Knight and an Honorary Life member of the Knights of Columbus. Please pray for Fr. James soul and may he rest in peace.

Corporate Communion Mass & Breakfast

By Tom Przybyla

Our Council had a Corporate Communion Mass on Sunday July 17 at the 8 am Mass. The Knights and their wives processed down the aisle together as one group before Mass began and filled up 3 rows of pews. **Father Michael Burke** presided over the Mass and he acknowledged and thanked the Knights for all that we do for the parish. Worthy Deputy Grand Knight **George Meyer** was one of the Cantors for this Mass.

After Mass some of the Knights went to breakfast at 2 different restaurants. The original plan was to go to Golden Corral but that did not work out so well. For future Corporate Communion breakfasts, we need to have a better plan so that we can all go to the same restaurant to eat breakfast together.



Council's Newest Seminarian

By Tom Przybyla

Our Council supports 3 seminarians financially, morally and spiritually.

On May 28, 2022, Deacon Zachary Gray was ordained a priest in the Orlando Diocese and he was appointed Parochial Vicar serving St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lakeland effective June 11, 2022. Praise be to God!

Starting in July, our Council will support Seminarian Nicholas Couture. Nick is the grandson of **Gary Couture**, a brother Knight of our Council. He is at St Charles Borromeo Seminary 100 E. Wynnewood Rd. Wynnewood, PA. 19096.

Nick entered St. Charles Borromeo seminary Philadelphia, PA the first week of September, 2021. This is the same seminary that our own **Monsignor Ed Thompson**, as well as his brother, Bishop David, graduated from in 1950.

Our Seminarian Chairman, **Emilio Regala**, will communicate and coordinate with Nick.

Please pray for Nick as he studies to become a future priest.



Nicholas and Marc Couture

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 program chair **Martin Homac** at homacmartin1@gmail.com or 321-356-3184 or **Tom Przybyla** at przybytw@cfl.rr.com or 407-460-8109. We need at least a week of lead time before we can schedule the project work.

On Tuesday, July 12 x Knights joined other SMM parishioners in helping to plant bushes and lay mulch in the new St. Mary Magdalen prayer labyrinth and garden. It was hot and dirty work, but we are proud to have helped create a beautiful garden for our parish. Thank you brother Knights, **Dave Foret, Tom Weninger, Alan Blackmon, Roger Copeland** and **Tom Przybyla**.



On Saturday, July 16, Heather and **Martin Homac, Tom Weninger** and **Tom Przybyla** went to brother **Wayne Fricker's** home to do some yard work. Heather, Martin and Tom W. mowed the lawn and edged around the yard. Heather was the expert edger! Martin and Tom W did an excellent job on the overgrown lawn. Tom P pressure washed the pool deck. Wayne was very appreciative of our work. It was a blessing to everyone!



Annual Council Dues

Annual membership dues notices were distributed in June. Thank you if you've already paid your dues. If you have not, please pay your dues now. There are three easy ways to pay your annual dues. They are:

1. Pay with an on-line payment using a credit card or PayPal by clicking here: [On-line payment](#)
Select the purpose for your payment from the Purpose drop-down box. If the purpose is not listed, you can select Other and type in the purpose in the Comment box.
2. Pay via a text message. Text "**5618annualdues**" to 225-25.
3. Pay your dues by cash or check by giving it to our Financial Secretary, **Donald Holzemer**. Make your check payable to: "Knights of Columbus 5618". Or you can mail the check to:

Donald Holzemer
636 Mariner Way
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701-5435

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!



Picture #1: Grand Knight **Matt Auker** presents the Knight of the Month award for June to **Pete Ramondetta** at the July Council meeting. **Martin Homac** nominated Pete and stated, "The Scribe", continues to do an excellent job in his key role as Recorder for Council 5618. Every month he documents the Council meeting minutes. His exacting entries record members' actions, words, suggestions, plans, and critical dates to record the council's meeting results. The leadership team and the Council can use this information to help drive them to the next level of excellence. His attention to detail is excellent and his assertiveness keeps the team on course. We can count the times his notes were relied on to plan or access decision making within the council. In addition, Pete is also a gifted musician as a lead guitarist during the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass. His passion for music fires up Mass attendees and brings joy to those present. No doubt, Mark Ayers, the Music and Liturgical Ministries Leader, may have more positive comments on Peter's leadership in the music ministry at SMM.

Picture #2: Grand Knight **Matt Auker** presents the Past Grand Knight award to **Tom Przybyla** at the July Council meeting to recognize the accomplishments of Tom's term as the Council's Grand Knight for the 2021—2022 fraternal year.

Picture #3: Grand Knight **Matt Auker** announced the Family of the Month award for June to the McTague Family at the July meeting. **Martin Homac** nominated the McTague family and he and **Tom Przybyla** presented the award to the family. Martin stated "Louis McTague and his daughter Anastasia are long term members of St Mary Magdalen parish. Louis was active in the CommunityFest events as a chicken wing cook. He serves as an usher at Sunday 5:30 pm Masses, acts as lead usher when called upon and selects the weekly offering/gifts family at each Mass. He demonstrates his faith in SMM activities. His daughter Anastasia studied religion in college, is well versed in bible and scripture readings and is an accomplished reader during the Mass. She memorizes the scriptures before Mass and recites them from memory instead of reading them. Louis is an example of a father who leads his family in the Catholic way of life. He values Gods' word and demonstrates a disciple's way of life in his daily life and profession as an engineer."

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

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

Brothers Celebrating August Birthdays

Aug 1	Jose O Monterroza	Aug 13	George T Eichner	Aug 30	John Clark
Aug 4	Ronald J Fetzko	Aug 14	Alfred J Floegel	Aug 31	Fr Frank A Lobo
Aug 8	Dominic Martin Homac	Aug 15	Michael A Aun	Aug 31	George E Sheldon Jr
Aug 9	Phillip Gaziano	Aug 28	Lawrence J Scotchie Jr		
Aug 11	Thomas A Galaida	Aug 29	Francis A Dailey		

Happy Birthday Brother Knights!

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Grand Knight:	Matt Auker	Lecturer:	John Paul D'sa
Deputy Grand Knight:	George Meyer	Trustee 1 Year:	Bob Rasch
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Faith Director:	Les Philip	Community Director:	Ed Gallagher
Family Director:	Tom Przybyla (temporary)	Life Director:	James Taglia Jr
Membership Chairman:	Martin Homac	Youth Chairman:	Ed Gallagher
Coalition for the Homeless Dinners Chairman:	John Dsa	Lenten Fish Fry Dinners Chairman:	Tom Przybyla
Seminarian Chairman:	Emilio Regala	Card Ministry Chairman:	Beeler Gausz

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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