



## Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, Tom Przybyla



### Brother Knights,

As I reflect on the Council's activities from July – December, 2022, I would like to highlight some of our more significant achievements:

- We have a fantastic team who regularly meets to serve dinner at each of the monthly Coalition for the Homeless dinners. I also want to recognize two dedicated volunteers who serve at the every monthly Sharing Center event, **Tom Weninger** and **Alan Blackmon**.
- We started holding Corporate Communion Masses again and we supported two of the SMM CCW's Corporate Communion Brunches. They reiterated and cooked/served breakfast to us after our last Mass.
- We had a successful Virtual Vocations Fundraiser that now allows us to increase our checks to \$1,000 for each of 3 Seminarians twice a year.
- We continued to recognize the good work of Knights and Families in our parish by presenting them with Knight and Family of the Month awards.
- We honored and remembered 5 deceased Knights that we lost this year with a Mass in the Chapel.
- Under Membership Director **Martin Homac**, we have added 4 new Knights to our Council.
- Our Helping Hands program has become more active as we start to help more SMM parishioners with small projects.
- We will have a joint Men's Club and Knights' Christmas Party again. I hope to see many of you at our party on December 10 at 6 pm in the cafeteria.
- I welcome and am so happy to have **Fr. Duberney Rodas** become our Council's new Chaplain!

At our December 14 Council meeting, we will be electing a new Recorder. Unfortunately, Pete Ramondetta has transferred to another council. **Tom Weninger** has been nominated for this position. We will accept other nominations up until the election is held.

May the light of Christ shine through you and may you and your family have a holy Christmas and a happy and blessed New Year! Always remember, God loves you and wants to give you his Spirit, directing your paths, strengthening you against temptation, and filling you with love for him and for the people around you.

**Tom Przybyla,**  
Grand Knight

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### Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Thu Dec 6** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sat Dec 10** – Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Sat Dec 10** – Christmas Party 6:00 pm
- **Wed Dec 14** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Wed Dec 28** – Coalition for the Homeless 4:30 pm
- **Fri Dec 30** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Tue Jan 3** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Jan 10** – Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- **TBD** - Pancake Breakfast
- **Wed Jan 11** – Essay Awards Mass 10:00 am
- **Sat Jan 21** – Council Free Throw 1:30 pm

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



## Dear brothers,

In this Advent's season I encourage you to reflect together on the importance of contemplating the mystery of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with this we prepare ourselves so that this Christmas we will be strengthened in faith and hope. Let us inspire by the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis "Admirabili Signum" on the mystery and meaning of the Bethlehem<sup>1</sup>.

December is a very special month since the family and social environment inclines the mind and heart to share with others. This is the time to experience generosity in solidarity with those in need, to strengthen friendships, to cultivate family love, to recognize the joy of the life to which the lights and melodies typical of this time invite us. But none of this would have reason to feed our faith if the Nativity Scene was not there first, which allows us to recognize the motive that inspires what is special at this time: "As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him."<sup>2</sup>

The most perfect way to unite with Christ is given to us in the Eucharist. In it we not only receive the true food that gives us eternal life, it also unites us with God and makes us participate in the mystery of communion with the whole Church. Thus, each Nativity scene that we see this season invites us to reflect on the relationship that exists between the mystery of the incarnation that we contemplate and its link with the Eucharist, food that strengthens us to assume daily life and unites us perfectly with Jesus who in his divinity receives our humanity.

The contemplation of the mystery of the incarnation, always, reaffirms the Christian vocation in the defense, protection, and promotion of life. Thus, the Christmas festivities must stimulate us in the service of God in the search to manage his creation well. "The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes even more wondrous as we realize that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins"<sup>3</sup>.

Let us pray that by preparing "the Bethlehem" in our families, we can strengthen ourselves in the transmission of our faith in the Incarnation of the Son of God, in such a way that we can discover his presence in each stage of our lives. The holy family of Nazareth orients and protects ours so that it knows how to always listen and obey the voice of God. God bless you,

## Fr. Duberney Rodas, Chaplain

<sup>1</sup> Apostolic Letter, "Admirabile Signum" of the holy Father Francis, on the meaning and importance of the Nativity Scene, on 1 December in the year 2019

<sup>2</sup> Ibid n.1

<sup>3</sup> Ibid n.3

# From Our Faith Director

By Les Philip



## My Brother Knights,

Well, here it is the end of November 2022 as I am writing this and there's so much to think about, what transpired this month. In one week, we had the Mass for Our Deceased Brothers, followed up with Thanksgiving, and ending with the beginning of The Advent Season. Pray for our Small Groups and for each other during these next 30 days while waiting for Christ to be born.

A special thank you to Melissa and **David Weisman** for getting the Chapel prepared for the Mass, to Frank Philip for the art design, to **John-Paul Dsa** for the reception preparations, to **Deacon Greg** and **Father Duberney** for giving the Mass and lastly to Gail Rayos for graciously providing the Mass programs.

One of our Brother Knights mentioned to me that he has no prayer life, doesn't know what to say and his mind zooms all over the place with distractions. Join my club. He asked if I could give him a couple of pointers and I told him I am no theologian and most of us are working on our prayer life. One good thought is that God doesn't need our prayers, but we sure need to tell him what we want, desire and need. He always knows what we need but let's be humble and ask anyway.

You remember when the disciples were traveling with Jesus, heading for Peter's home in Capernaum and started arguing with each other as to who was the greatest? (*Continued next page.*)

Look it up at Mark 9:33-37. You'll remember Jesus asking them what they were talking about. Jesus told them that if they don't turn and become like children, they will never enter Heaven. That would make them humble. The disciples seemed to say whatever was on their minds, like little children. They just blurt out whatever is on their minds, there's not much of a filter there. Even during the Last Supper, you will remember James and John were at it with who was number one. Us Brothers are all trying to be more spiritual, to get it right. I sure am!! We know we don't need to be squeaky clean in order to be a good Christian, but when it comes to praying, we tend to forget that. We make every attempt to fix ourselves but in contrast, Jesus wants us to come to him like his little children. Come to him just as we are.

We're messy so to speak and prayer makes it worse. Many of us slow down to pray and we are then confronted with how unspiritual we are, at least with me and with how difficult it is to concentrate on God. I for one don't know how "bad I am" until I try to be good. Nothing exposes selfishness and spiritual powerlessness like prayer. At least that's my story.

To bring this to an end, maybe more later, God must cheer when we come to him with our unsteady and wobbling prayers. He knows us from head to tail and we can't fool him. Jesus doesn't say, "Come to me, all you who have learned how to concentrate in prayer, whose minds no longer wander, and I will give you rest." Nope! Jesus opens his arms to us, his needy children and says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." These words are written on our Tabernacle in the Chapel. Our Sacristans go to the Tabernacle as a Levite, putting their hands inside the Holy of Holies to bring the consecrated Christ to us.

You can see Jesus wants us to come to him with weariness. Come overwhelmed with life. Come with your wandering mind. Come messy! Don't try to get the prayer right; just tell God where you are and what's on your mind. That's what little children do. Just like the disciples, they just say what is on their minds.

Matthew 19:13, the children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them, and pray. The disciples rebuked the people but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Believe as children believe and I truly believe our future will be much, much brighter!

Vivat Jesus, **Les Philip, Faith Director**

## The Pinta Log Calendar

From the Editor

**2022 - 2023 Annual Calendar Schedule of Events:** [Annual Calendar](#)

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

December 2022					The Pinta Log Calendar	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting 	7	8 Immaculate Conception 	9	10 Serve Saturday 
11	12	13 Advent Penance Service  Advent Parish Penance Service	14  Council Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28  Feed the Homeless	29	30  Pinta Log Content Deadline	31 New Year's Eve 

- 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](mailto:przybytw@cfl.rr.com).

The content deadline for the **January** edition is **Friday, December 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

# Officer Planning Meeting - Tue December 6

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Officer's Planning meeting will occur on **Tuesday**, December 6. It will be held virtually using Microsoft Teams from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. An email with the meeting link will be distributed before the meeting.

All Knights are invited to participate with this meeting. All council officers, directors and chairpersons are asked to participate with these meetings to fulfill the responsibilities of their position. Financial reports and previous meeting minutes will be presented at the monthly Officer's Planning meeting. All new business requests must be presented at the Officer's Planning meeting, discussed and if needed, voted on at the monthly general meeting.

## Serve Saturday at the Sharing Center - Sat December 10

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 December 10.** If you can attend our next event, please signup using the link below or you can email Tom Przybyla at [przybytw@cfl.rr.com](mailto:przybytw@cfl.rr.com).

Bring your family, especially teenagers who need service hours. **Sign-up link: [volunteer signup](#)**

There were 6 volunteers at the November event: **Alan Blackmon, Tom Weninger, Don Holzemer** and new volunteers, Aidan and **Richard Hosler** and me. We all tagged and hung clothes in the retail store. [Click to see all the photos](#).

The Sharing center is located at: [600 North Highway 17-92, Suite 130 Longwood, FL 32750](#) (click on the link to open a Google map)



## Knights & Men's Club Christmas Party - Sat December 10



The Knights of Columbus Council 5618 and SMM Men's Club Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 6:00 pm in the **SMM Cafeteria!**

Our Council will provide a main dish of smoked pork which will be prepared by **Les Philip** and dessert from Scotchie's Cakes. This will be a pot luck dinner with each person bringing a covered dish (suggestions are: appetizers, fruit platters, hot or cold platters of veggies and potato and rice dishes, but no desserts).

To cover the cost of the main dish and dessert, there will be a charge of \$5.00 per adult; children 12 and under is \$3.00. If you have a larger family (mom, dad and 4 or more children), the cost is \$20.00. You can view the [Christmas Party Attendance and Dish List](#) page to see the list of dishes that people are bringing and then submit the [Christmas Party Sign-up form](#) to RSVP; the deadline is Tuesday December 6.

If you have not paid yet, you can pay online (click here: [Online payment](#) - Select 'Other' in the Purpose drop-down box and type "Christmas Party" in the Comments box) or at the party. We hope to see you there!

# Council Meeting - Wed December 14

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 14** starting at **6:30 pm**. We are not meeting on Tuesday because the SMM Reconciliation Service will be held at 7:00 pm. We will meet in the **Cafeteria**.

A Rosary will be recited starting at **6:00 pm** in the Grotto.

Refreshments will be provided by **John Dsa** after the meeting. An email will be sent several days before the meeting announcing these details.

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](mailto:przybytw@cfl.rr.com)) at this link :

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

# Next Coalition Dinner - Wed December 28

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, December 28 and arrival time at the kitchen is 4:30 pm.**

There were 9 volunteers who served at the October dinner: (front row from left) **Tom Weninger, George Sheldon**, Joann Simmons, Ferosa D'Abreu, Dorothy, and **John Dsa**; (back row from left) **Pat Braun, Jim Pandolphi** and Walt Dinger. They served dinner to around 250 people. Thank you for serving the poor and the homeless of our community.

**John Dsa** chairs these dinners. If you would like to volunteer for this dinner, please contact John at [johnpauldsa@gmail.com](mailto: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](#).



# From Our Life Director

By James Taglia

## Brothers,

As we approach the end of year, we tend to reflect upon what we have accomplished over the prior year. We as Knights have been successful in supporting/participating in the following:

- ◆ National and Florida Marches for Life
- ◆ Central Florida Laps for Life:
  - ◇ As a group in Florida, we have funded over 35 machines with national recognition
  - ◇ Funded our first ultrasound machine outside Florida (thanks to **Mel Franzen** for bringing us into the loop)
  - ◇ Began the funding process for another site in New Mexico (thanks to one of our partners in Florida who suggested we be involved, and the State Deputy in NM who is picking up the baton to lead the process)
  - ◇ Hosted a record showing at 2022 Laps with over 350 participants, raising almost \$97,000, pre-match (\$184,000 post-match).
- ◆ Participated in the Knights Day at the Track (Daytona Coke Formula 400)



In 2023, our goal is to reach \$125,000 at Laps and include a Field Day to bring in the younger children. They learn more about our goals and it incorporates younger families. We plan to have a table for the families to learn more about the Knights. Anticipated participants are 500 this year. Furthermore, it embraces the family, and they get to know Bishop Moore as a destination for more than just the local Catholic High School.

This year will be the last year that the Florida March for Life will be held in St. Augustine. There will be a bus departing from the Sanford Knights Hall on January 14.

We continue to hold a prayer hour in front of the abortion clinic on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month at 8 AM. The goal is to pray the rosary for life and support LIFE. Join us. Vivat Jesus,

**James J. Taglia, Culture of Life Director**

## Brothers in Christ,

November 27 was the First Sunday of Advent – the beginning of the season in which the faithful prepare to commemorate our Lord's coming as the Word made flesh, anticipate His return, and embrace Him in their present lives. Devotional and liturgical practices during Advent have varied throughout Christendom over the centuries, in many ways mirroring Lenten practices. In the fifth century, a limited fast from the Feast of St. Martin (November 11) until Christmas was observed in the Diocese of Tours, and six weeks of Advent are still observed in the Ambrosian Rite of the Latin Church. Eastern Churches (including the Byzantine Catholic Church) observe a limited 40-day Nativity Fast, also known as Phillip's Fast due to its start after the feast of St. Philip on November 14. In the Roman Rite of the Latin Church, Advent is observed from the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30. Violet vestments are worn on Sundays and ferial days, as with Lent, yet a distinction is sometimes observed: Advent's hue may be a bluish "royal purple," often said to represent twilight in anticipation of Christ's arrival as well as Our Lady's role, while the reddish hues of a Lenten "Roman purple" may call to mind His shed Blood. Rose vestments may be used on Gaudete Sunday, as with Laetare Sunday during Lent. Advent Masses omit the *Gloria* but retain the *Alleluia*.

Many of us would agree that our society is far removed from using Advent as a time of preparation and penance, instead promoting the season as a time to celebrate and to consume. We as Knights of Columbus are called to remind the world to **Keep Christ in Christmas**. Supreme offers resources to help councils "Spread the Light of Christ" with a crèche blessing, host a Posada or "Journey to the Inn" event in the community, and remind our children of the meaning of Christmas through the Poster contest. "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards allow us to share the Gospel with family, friends, and colleagues, while car magnets spread the Christmas message year-round. As with many Knights programs, some councils go further to help their communities "Keep Christ in Christmas." Fr. Richard J. Lyons Council 5357, Msgr. Ed Thompson Assembly 1667, All Souls Council of Catholic Women, and All Souls religious education teamed together last year to enter a "Nativity Scene" float in Sanford's Parade of Lights, winning First Prize, and should be present again in this year's Parade on December 10.

As Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reminded us in his first [Annual Report \(2021\)](#),

"Ultimately, we have the responsibility to evangelize our culture. We have little choice, because if we don't evangelize our culture, our culture will evangelize us." (p. 32)

May we as Knights use this Advent season to exhort our parishes, families, and communities to "Keep Christ in Christmas."

(Photo courtesy Fr. Richard J. Lyons Council 5357)

Vivat Jesus,

**Michael Coleman**  
District Deputy 24



# From Our Community Director

By Ed Gallagher



## Brothers,

I have the SMM School Essays and will have **John Michael Zawistowski, Alan Blackmon, Dave Foret and Davis Weisman** help me review and grade the essays. The Mass to present the Essay Awards will be held on Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00 am. I hope Brother Knights can join me in presenting the awards and supporting this event at the Mass.

Our Council's Basketball Free Throw Competition will be held on Saturday, January 21 with registration starting at 1:30 pm in the SMM school gym.

The District Basketball Free Throw Competition will be held on Saturday, February 11, with registration starting at 2:30 pm in the SMM school gym. I will need 6 volunteers to help with both of these Basketball events.

Vivat Jesus,

**Ed Gallagher,**  
Community Director

# 2022 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities/Hours Reports

It is time to complete and submit your Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity - Individual Member Worksheet form for 2022. This is the report where you log all of your fraternal hours and activities from 2022. **Please give or send your completed Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity form to Deputy Grand Knight George Meyer by Tuesday, January 10, 2023.** If your family members participated in an event with you, you can include their hours in with your hours on the report.

You can report your fraternal activity numbers for 2022 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:

- print the form and hand write in your hours and give it to **Deputy Grand Knight George Meyer**; or
- 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 [George Meyer](#) on or before **Tuesday, January 10, 2023.**

Make sure the year '22' 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 on the form. 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, for example, individual\_survey1728a\_p **Tom Simpson**.pdf. Send or provide your form to [George Meyer](#) on or before **Tuesday, January 10, 2023.**

2. You can open 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 [George Meyer](#) on or before **Tuesday, January 10, 2023.**

If you have questions, please contact [George Meyer](#) or [Tom Przybyla](#). For more information, go to our website page with instructions on this report: <https://www.bishopgradykofc.org/pinta-logs-forms-schedules.html>

## 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!



Knights of  
Columbus

On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

**The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand.**

Any current 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Knights can advance to the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

# Leave No Neighbor Behind - Helping Hands Program



November and the beginning of December has been busy with Helping Hands project work.

In early November **Martin Homac** completed a walkways pressure wash job for Mitzi, who is 101.5 years old and her daughter who is 82. Both are parishioners of SMM.

Mary-Jeanine Ibarguen discovered a parishioner, Thomas, who needed help when she was delivering Thanksgiving dinner to his house. He needed help packing his things so he could move. **Tom Weninger, Tom Poppell, Alan Blackmon,** and I went to his house on November 19 to assess the situation and immediately found out that there was a chance he did not need to move if some work was done on his house. We spent the next 4 hours removing lots of damaged stuff from his backyard and taking them to a landfill. We (**Tom Weninger, Tom Poppell, Alan Blackmon, Dave Foret** and I) returned on November 30 and spent another 4 hours cutting his lawn, cleaning out a gutter and painting a room in his house.

On November 28, **Tom Poppell, Alan Blackmon** and I helped Donna, who had asked for help at the SMM office to move furniture and a wall-mounted TV for her and her mother.

On December 3, **Tom Weninger, Tom Poppell, Alan Blackmon, Dave Foret, David Weisman, Mike Scotchie** and I went to **Dale Chesko's** hurricane damaged house and spent 4 hours moving damaged furniture out of the house to the curb for pickup. We also moved furniture into an on-site Pod and into a U-Haul truck and emptied the items from the truck into a storage unit.

See all the photos on our Home webpage: <https://www.bishopgradykofc.org/>

If you would like to be added to the list of men who would like to be invited to participate with these Helping Hands projects, contact **Tom Przybyla**.

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](mailto:homacmartin1@gmail.com) or 321-356-3184 or **Tom Przybyla** at [przybytw@cfl.rr.com](mailto:przybytw@cfl.rr.com) or 407-460-8109. We need at least a week of lead time before we can schedule the project work.



## Deceased Brother's Mass and Reception

Our Deceased Brother Knights Mass was held in the Chapel on November 22. Our Chaplain, **Father Duberney Rodas**, officiated at the Mass along with **Deacon Greg Nelsen**. Fr Duberney gave a wonderful homily in remembrance of the deceased brothers. **Buddy Anderson** read the readings. There was a good turnout of Knights and family members. We remembered and honored 5 deceased brother Knights: **Rev James E Martinez, David W Lair, Matthew D Auker, Daniel D Focarino, and Reverend Michael W Burke**.

Following the Mass, a reception was held in the cafeteria where we enjoyed hors d'oeuvres that were prepared by **John Dsa**.

I wish to thank those who helped make this event successful: Fr. Duberney and Deacon Greg for conducting an intimate and beautiful ceremony, **David Weisman**, the chairman who did a great job of organizing this event along with his wife Melissa, who also bravely led the singing, **Les Philip** for his help with logistics, Frank Philip for the art design, **John-Dsa** for the reception preparations, and lastly to Gail Rayos for graciously providing the Mass programs. See all of the pictures on our website's [Home page](#).



## Notes From Our Seminarians

By Emilio Regala

As our Council's Seminarian Chairman, I recently sent emails to the 3 Seminarians we support to notify them that we mailed them a check to support their studies. I received thank you notes from all 3 Seminarians.

Nicholas Couture wrote: "I just received the check today and I would like to again extend my thanks for your generosity and the generosity of the Knights of Columbus 5618 council! Please be assured of my continual prayers for the council! May God bless your fraternity and lead each one of you to holiness!"

Matthew Rios wrote: "I want to let you know that I received your letter in the mail today. Thank you so much for the prayers and support in this season. I wish you and the rest of the knights, along with any family and friends, a happy Thanksgiving."

# Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!



**Picture #1:** Grand Knight **Tom Przybyla** presents the Knight of the Month award for October to **Tom Weninger**. Tom learned how to make coffee for the October 16 10 am and Noon Masses. He volunteered at the October CCW Brunch. He is a regular monthly Sharing Center volunteer and he volunteers at several Coalition for the Homeless dinners. He is also a Hospitality Minister at the Noon Masses. Tom became serious about volunteering for community events this year and he has become a model for all Knights to emulate.

**Picture #2:** Grand Knight **Tom Przybyla** presents the October Family of the Month Award to

Mary-Jeanine and Stefan Ibarguen. MJ and Stefan cooked and served a delicious breakfast at our last Corporate Communion Mass and Breakfast. They recently cooked the brunch for the CCW Communion Mass and Brunch. Whenever the parish has a large event, such as CommunityFest and the parish's 60th Anniversary, they coordinate, shop, cook, serve and cleanup for the events. Mary-Jeanine is a member of the Council of Catholic Women and she is a Hospitality Minister for the 10 am Masses. We applaud them for their strong example they set for all families in our community!

**Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!**

## Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$100 pot was **Beeler Gausz**, but he was not present at the meeting!

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 **\$125**. You could be the next winner! But, **you need to be present at the meeting to win!** If there is no winner, the pot increases by \$25 each month to a maximum of \$150.

There was no 50/50 drawing at the last meeting.

## Brothers Celebrating December Birthdays

<b>Dec 1</b>	Bear D Garber	<b>Dec 10</b>	Fransisco J Cardenas	<b>Dec 24</b>	Earl R Hosler
<b>Dec 1</b>	Ramon C Rodriguez	<b>Dec 10</b>	Kevin E Hussey	<b>Dec 27</b>	Todd M De Gusipe
<b>Dec 1</b>	Joe A Tomaselli	<b>Dec 10</b>	David M Klega	<b>Dec 27</b>	Eugene E Gotlewski
<b>Dec 6</b>	Michael H Fries	<b>Dec 13</b>	Dario J Aguilar	<b>Dec 28</b>	Landon C Hendricks
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By Ed Fleri



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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