



The Pinta Log



Grand Knight's Message to the Council

By Grand Knight, Tom Przybyla



Brother Knights,

December was a busy month for me as I expect it was for many of you. I hope you all had a merry and joyous Christmas and a happy new year's celebration. I pray that we all have a safe and blessed 2023.

Thinking of the new year, we are starting the year off with a busy January followed by Lent and our Fish Fry Dinners starting in February!

I am very happy that we can finally hold our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 8. I appreciate **David Weisman** for chairing this event and **Dave Foret** for helping David buy the supplies needed for the breakfasts that will be held after the 8 and 10 am Masses. As of January 3, there are still 6 open slots. If you can help, please see the article and select the link to sign up. We need your help to make sure that we can provide a great breakfast experience for our parishioners.

Thanks to **Dominick Fiorentino's** coordination efforts with 3 Publix stores, we will be having a Tootsie Roll Drive on the weekend of February 18/19. The signup volunteer signup link will be activated on Monday, January 9. An email will be distributed; when you see it, please signup for 1 or more slots and enlist the help of your family members and friends and ask them to sign them up too.

Check this month's edition for other events, like the March for Life in St Augustine on Saturday March 14 and our Council's Basketball Free Throw Competition on Saturday January 21.

Our Lenten Fish Fry Dinners start on Friday, February 24. I would love and appreciate some help with chairing this event this year. This would involve helping me with the weekly ordering, purchasing, receiving and moving of the supplies and the early preparations of the tartar sauce, coleslaw and clam chowder. If you can help, please let me know; Jesus will bless you and I would be most appreciative!

The Council has added 5 new Knights so far. We need to add 7 more Knights to achieve our quota of adding 12 new Knights by June 30. We need everyone's help to ask and persuade Catholic gentlemen to join our active Council. It is every member's responsibility to add new members just as it is our duty to evangelize to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Through your words, actions and example of living as Jesus commands us and desires, men will want to join both our church and our Council. Be bold and confident in the grace of the Holy Spirit to help you accomplish these things.

May God bless us all and help us to love as he loves us. Happy New Year!!

**Tom Przybyla,
Grand Knight**

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Important Dates - Looking Ahead:

- **Tue Jan 3** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Sun Jan 8** – Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am
- **Mon Jan 9** – Tootsie Roll Drive Signup Begins
- **Tue Jan 10** – Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Wed Jan 11** – Essay Awards Mass 10:00 am
- **Sat Jan 14** – Sharing Saturday 9:00 am
- **Sat Jan 21** – Council Free Throw 1:30 pm
- **Wed Jan 25** – Coalition for the Homeless 4:30 pm
- **Fri Jan 30** – Pinta Log Content Deadline
- **Tue Feb 7** – Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
- **Tue Feb 14** – Council Meeting 7:00 pm

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View pictures from Council events from **Roger Copeland's** Facebook page:

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



Dear brothers,

At the beginning of the year, we listen with pleasure to the traditional greeting "Happy New Year" and in it we recognize the good wishes that are hidden in the heart. Thus, oriented by ecclesial tradition, let us keep in mind that on the first day of the year, our liturgy begins by remembering the blessing that God places in the hand of his people, through the teaching of Moses: *"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

We remember the importance of appealing God's blessing at all times. The year opens for us with the celebration of Mary Mother of God, who keeps silent before the mystery that is revealed in the manger, helping us to understand that Jesus came to offer us his love and his peace. We are aware that to be blessed we must be in the presence of God, constantly pronounce his name and seek his face so that he enlightens us with the clarity of his gaze with which he fills everything on his grace and his peace. Grateful for God's blessing, we become a blessing to others looking for holiness. In the words by Pope Benedict XVI, we remember the inheritance of father McGivney:

I wished to encourage the lay faithful, above all, to recommit themselves to growth in holiness and active participation in the Church's mission. This was the vision that inspired the foundation of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal association of Christian laymen, and it continues to find privileged expression in your Order's charitable works and your concrete solidarity. That solidarity is manifested in a particular way by the different funds, which the Knights have placed at the disposal for the needs of God's People throughout the world. And it is also shown through the daily prayers and sacrifices of so many Knights in their local Councils, parishes and communities. For this I am most grateful¹.

We join in prayer giving thanks to God for the service, teachings and exemplary life of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, may the Lord grant him eternal rest. That all of us as a Church can continue to glorify the name of God receiving his message: *"The Church's charitable activity is a manifestation of Trinitarian love"*².

Fr. Duberney Rodas, Chaplain

¹ Message by Pope Benedict XVI to the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus, 10-03-2008

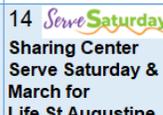
² Deus Caritas Est

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](#)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Solemnity of Mary 	2	3 Virtual Officer's Planning Meeting 	4	5	6 Epiphany 	7
8 Pancake Breakfast 	9 Tootsie Roll Drive signup begins 	10 Council Meeting 	11 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest 	12	13	14 <i>Some Saturday</i> Sharing Center Serve Saturday & March for Life St Augustine 
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	17	18	19	20 MARCH FOR LIFE National March for Life Washington DC 	21 Council Free Throw Competition 
22	23	24	25 COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA Feed the Homeless 	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Pinta Log</i> 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 **February** edition is **Monday, January 30**.

Submission does not guarantee your article will be published.

Pancake Breakfast - Sun January 8

By Tom Przybyla



Our Welcome the New Year Family Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023 in the SMM Cafeteria. We will prepare and serve a pancake breakfast after the 8 am and 10 am Masses. Brothers, as Christopher Columbus would say to the crew of his ship the Pinta, **All Hands on Deck!**

To see the flyer, click on this link: [Pancake Breakfast flyer](#). We will meet starting at 7:00 am in the Annex storage room to bring materials over to the cafeteria followed by cooking and setting up the cafeteria. We are looking for 23 volunteers to help with this breakfast. Click on this link to volunteer:

<https://volunteersignup.org/74RHJ>.

There are 9 volunteer positions you can sign up for. After you open the link, you can see that each position shows the number of volunteers needed and the times when you need to be there. If the position you want to volunteer for is filled, you can still come to help support this event and your Brother Knights.

We need two **Money-Taker/Counters** who have a current security/finger print validation with SMM. The **Solicitors Before and After the two Masses** will stand outside of the Church front door and the Chapel entrance of the Church to promote the breakfast as people enter/leave the church. An A-frame sign will be positioned by each of the doors to advertise the event.

If you cannot volunteer, you can still support this event by attending the breakfast with your family and friends. Please support this community event!

Tootsie Roll Drive Signup - Mon Jan 9

By Dominick Fiorentino



When you see Knights in yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights are handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations around town, they are helping to recognize the dignity of every person. The "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" is referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive" and the funds raised help people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Next month, on Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19, our Council 5618 will be holding our own Tootsie Roll drive to help raise needed funds for the Morning Star Catholic School. The Morning Star Catholic School is an accredited not-for-profit, tuition-based school for special needs students located in Orlando, FL and was established in 1960 for children challenged by Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, and other intellectual disabilities.

The Volunteer Signup will go live on Monday, January 9 for those Knights and their family members and friends who wish to volunteer 2 hours of their time to stand with other fellow Knights and hand out Tootsie Rolls at the local Publix Supermarkets. We are blessed this year with having three local Publix allowing us to solicit donations. This also allows us to complete our annual drive over 2 days. The three Publix Supermarkets are: Publix at Palm Springs Crossing on East Altamonte Dr, Publix Casselberry Collection on US 17-92 in Casselberry, and Publix Maitland Place on N. Orlando Ave. We will need a total of 36 volunteers. Times are slots from 9 am to 3 pm at 2-hour intervals. People can volunteer for more than 1 slot on one or both days.

So, the next time you see a Knight in a yellow vest asking for donations outside a grocery store, and you receive a Tootsie Roll, remember it's more than a "Tootsie Roll Drive." It's a chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life.

Thank you all in advance and God Bless God's special children.

Council Meeting - Tue January 10

By Tom Przybyla



Our Council's next Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 10**. The time and location of the meeting will be announced in an email.

A Rosary will be recited starting at **6:00 pm** in the Grotto assuming we will meet on the SMM campus.

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) at this link :

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

2022 Annual Survey of Fraternal Reports - Tue January 10

Please complete and submit your 2022 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity - Individual Member Worksheet form **by Tuesday, January 10, 2023**. 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**. 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**.

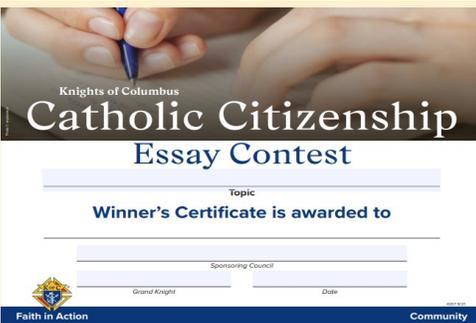
2. You can open the [2020_annual_survey_of_fraternal_activities.xlsx](#) Excel document. The link to open this Excel document is:

[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>

Essay Awards Mass - Wed January 11



Join Family Director **Ed Gallagher** as he presents our Council's Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest awards at a SMM school Mass on Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00 am. Come support Ed and show your support for this Knights of Columbus citizenship essay contest program which encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their Catholic faith through creative writing.

Donations for Needful Council Knights

By Ed Fleri



Brothers, as you know, we are assisting 3 families, 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 January 14

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 January 14. If you can attend our next event, please sign up 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 volunteers at the December event: **Alan Blackmon, Art Wright** 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)



March for Life Events - Sat January 14 & Fri January 20



The **Annual March for Life St. Augustine** will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2022. The March is open to all ages.

March for Life Saint Augustine is for anyone who is pro-life and believes in the sanctity of all human life. The event is a chance

to be a presence for those who cannot speak for themselves, no matter what your religious affiliation. If you are coming with a group, feel free to bring a banner to represent your church! For more information, visit the [March for Life St. Augustine](#) website.

The **National March for Life** event in Washington DC will occur on Friday, January 20. For more information on this event, visit <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>



NOTE: For more information on these two events, please contact **Jamie Taglia** at jtaglia@gmail.com.

Basketball Free Throw Competitions - Sat Jan 21 & Feb 11



Our Council will host our **Annual Basketball Free Throw Competition** on Saturday, **January 21** in the SMM Gymnasium with registration starting at 1:30 pm and the competition starting at 2:00 pm. Our Youth Chairman, **Ed Gallagher** will be coordinating the competition and needs help from 6 brother Knights. This is a fun event; your help is needed to help count and track the number of baskets made by each of the participants. Help our Council support the youth of our SMM parish!

Our Council will also host the **District 24** Free Throw Competition on Saturday, February 11 in the SMM Gymnasium with registration starting at 2:30 pm and the competition starting at 3:00 pm. All of our District Council's Free Throw winners can participate in this district level competition. Help support the youth of the councils in District 24. Ed will be coordinating both competition events and needs help from 6 brother Knights for each event.

Next Coalition Dinner - Wed January 25

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, January 25 and arrival time at the kitchen is 4:30 pm.**

There were 7 volunteers at the December dinner: (front row from left) **Tom Weninger, Jim Pandolphi**, Ferosa D'Abreu, Dorothy Gardella, **John Dsa, George Sheldon** and Diana Dsa. They served dinner to around **400** people. Thank you for serving the poor and the homeless of our community during the holidays!

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](#).



Fraternal Benefits Advisor

By Jonathan Knaus

Happy New Year to all my brothers and their families! I wish you peace, joy and good health this coming year! It's that time of year when we make resolutions. Have you made any yet? Maybe the realistic question is, "Have you already broken some of them?"

Here are 10 popular New Year's resolutions from the internet along with some of my own:

1. Get in shape; for some of us this means to lose some weight, exercise more and staying fit; to stop smoking or eat healthier foods.
2. Stop procrastinating; I don't know about you, but I'm going to put this off for yet another year!
3. Improve my prayer life; there's an app for that! The Laudate app claims it is the most downloaded Catholic app. It has an immense library of prayers, devotions, daily readings, podcasts and Vatican documents.
4. Improve on a skill or develop a new hobby; maybe you want to lower your golf handicap or learn to bowl. Go for it!
5. Be more thankful; God has blessed me in so many ways and sometimes I forget to thank Him for all of those things...usually because I'm too busy asking for something else.
6. Spend more time with the people that matter most; sometimes I get so busy working, keeping the house up or going to some meeting, I forget the ones I do these things for. I've got to set aside more time to just be with them.
7. Reduce stress; in this sometimes hectic and seemingly crazy world, it's easy to get swallowed up in the latest tragedy and worry all the time. Cutting out those sources of stress or learning how to deal with them more effectively means a more settled life.
8. Read more; with so much on the internet, TV and radio it's easy for me to get lost in those. Reading for pleasure has become something of a lost art.
9. Spend wisely; it's so easy to spend money on things we really don't need, buy on a whim or because we're keeping up with the Joneses.
10. Review your current financial situation; it's always a good idea to take stock on a yearly basis.

Now this last resolution I can definitely help you keep. My resolution is to contact each of you this year to check in and if appropriate, set up a time to meet. We can update your information and see where you stand. Your financial health is critical to your family's future security. We'll take a look at your goals and aspirations and help make sure you're on track to reach them.

Vivat Jesus!

If you need immediate assistance, please dial (561)-899-0778 to arrange a meeting.



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Brothers,

Happy New Year Brother Knights! We start with a busy new year.

- Rosaries will continue to be said in front of All Women's Abortion Clinic on the first and third Saturday January 7 and 21, as well as every Thursday after the 7:30 AM Mass.
- On Saturday, January 14, the Annual Florida March for Life will commence with a Mass at 9 AM at Our Lady of Leche in St. Augustine. There is a free bus going to the event. If you are interested in the bus, contact PGK John Rotolo at 321-695-2178 or johnjrotolo@aol.com



Laps News

Now I know you keep hearing about Central Florida Laps4Life ... but we have evolved to be the "host" Council and do most of the behind-the-scenes work.

- ◆ The Walk will return to Bishop Moore on **March 4** (always the first Saturday of March), beginning at 9 AM, ending at 1 PM. For those of you who find you are up and active around 5 AM, we could use some help with setup. It is not overly exerting. Later in the day we will need help corralling people to the registration desk, then to the table where they sign/decorate the name tags (this is a hospitality function).
- ◆ Volunteering is not limited to our Knights. You can bring your family. Children and grandchildren are welcome to help. For example, one of my grandchildren will be giving out stickers on the track so that we can count the number of laps completed and compute the number of miles walked.
- ◆ Speaking of volunteerism, Soccer Shots, Inc <https://www.soccershots.com/> will be offering tutelage for the youngest children. It is geared for children under 8 to help with the basics. The classes will run throughout the day in 15-minute increments (they recognize the attention span of Knights and expect our children/grandchildren to follow our path ... oh look there's a squirrel outside).
- ◆ TEAMS...we need at least another Team Captain for Council 5618. Brother Knight **Mel Franzen** is willing to help, but he resides in SC and it is unfair to him and the counsel to have him do so from there. Team Easy Ed is up and running.
- ◆ This past week, most all of you received an email from me. This was designed as a Year End State of Laps notice. As an information vehicle, it seems to have worked. Easy Ed received over \$1,000 in donations from the one email.
- ◆ The importance of Laps is that while Roe was overturned by SCOTUS with the Dobbs case, all they did is return the issue to the states. In Florida, women have 15 weeks to abort their child. This is absurd. Those poor children are still dying in the womb. They are our future. I can go into the abomination towards God, but we knew that already. How can a nation/world grow with a negative birth rate?

Join Easy Ed. Create a Team. We need your help both physically (there are things for everyone to do, even those with mobility issues) as well as fiscally. Our goal for 2023 is \$125,000 and we can donate to either the Ultrasound Initiative or Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP).

God Bless you Brother Knights. Our council is held as the preeminent one not only in the State but Globally with regards to the Ultrasound Initiative. No one group of Knights has done as much as we have with Laps. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,

James J. Taglia,
Culture of Life Director

Attendance Drawing



The winner of the last month's \$125 pot was **Esteban Rolon**, 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 **\$150**. 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.

The 50/50 drawing of **\$30** was won by **Tom Galaida**.

District Deputy's Message

By Michael Coleman

Brothers in Christ,

Please encourage brother Knights and faithful to read the Spiritual Testament of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, written 29 August 2006 and released by the Vatican upon his departure from earthly service on December 31, 2022:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2022-12/the-spiritual-testament-of-pope-emeritus-benedict-xvi.print.html> .

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Coleman
District Deputy 24



From Our Community Director

By Ed Gallagher



Brothers,

I encourage you to attend the SMM School Essays Awards Mass 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. I need 6 volunteers to help me with this event.

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 event too.

Vivat Jesus,

Ed Gallagher,
Community Director

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!



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On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

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

Any current 1st or 2nd Degree Knights can advance to the 3rd Degree at any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience. **To participate in the ceremony immediately, use**

the "On Demand" link and the 30-minute ceremony will start upon completion of your registration.

If you know of any Brother Knight who would like to advance to the Third Degree, please pass this information on to that Brother!

- Provide the required information including your council number (5618).
- Please note that your family and friends are welcome to observe the ceremony.

We look forward to you becoming a third-degree Knight of Columbus!

[On Demand](#)

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.

Knights and Men's Club Christmas Party

By Tom Przybyla

Our joint ministry 2022 Christmas Party with the Knights and the Men's Club was an enjoyable evening and was welcomed by all after a 3 year absence. There was a good turnout from both ministries. The food was delicious and the company even better. I heard comments from several people who said they were glad that we could hold this party again.

I would like to thank **Les Philip** for smoking the pork and **David Weisman** for helping me with preparations and all of the other Knights who helped with the setup for this party. See all of the pictures on our website's [Home page](#).



Congratulations Council 5618 Knights of Columbus!



Picture #1: Grand Knight **Tom Przybyla** presents the Knight of the Month award for November to **Alan Blackmon**. Alan is one of the most active Knights in our Council. He recently participated with all 5 of the last Helping Hands projects and he attends all Council events. In addition, he shows up to set up for these events and stays to cleanup afterwards. He consistently



attends all of the Sharing Saturday at the Sharing Center events. Alan is a dedicated workhorse who can be counted on to help the Knights, our parishioners and our community. We are blessed to have him as a Knight in our Council.

Picture #2: Grand Knight **Tom Przybyla** presents the November Family of the Month Award to Melissa and **David Weisman**. Melissa and David organized and made the annual Deceased Knights Mass a successful spiritual event. They coordinate many behind the scenes actions that are necessary for this Mass, such as inviting family members, creating the Mass booklets, scheduling the locations and participants and organizing the reception. They work as a close-net team to make sure all actions are completed. They do this for other events too, such as the Christmas Party and our Pancake Breakfasts.

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

Picture #3: Grand Knight **Tom Przybyla** (right) presented the Knighthood Degree certificate to **Art Wright** (left) at our December Council meeting and welcomed Art to our Council.

Congratulations Council 5618 Knights on your achievements!!

Council's Card Ministry

By Tom Przybyla

Brother **Beeler Gausz** continues to serve as our Council with his Card Ministry, sending 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.

In 2022 Beeler sent out 48 cards: 13 get well cards, 24 prayer cards, and 11 sympathy cards.

Beeler has worked behind the scenes for years performing this important ministry for our Council. I know that every Knight who receives a card from Beeler appreciates his blessed act of kindness. When you see him, please express your appreciation for his blessed work.

Brothers Celebrating January Birthdays

Jan 1	Dr. John F Tschieder	Jan 15	Edward J Slobodnik	Jan 28	Dominick Fiorentino
Jan 8	Mr Michael P Mckee	Jan 18	Gonzalo I Padilla	Jan 28	John M Zawistowski
Jan 10	Eugene D Herman	Jan 18	James D Pandolfi	Jan 29	Silvio Infante
Jan 13	Shane W Ramshaw	Jan 19	Joseph A Osisek	Jan 30	Gary J Moskop
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If you know of a Brother, or relative of a Brother in distress, contact any of your Council officers. We have many people who need your prayers as they suffer severe medical challenges. They know your prayers are a blessing. Please continue to pray all the Knights and their loved ones who are in need of prayers, especially those people on our [Council's Prayer List](#), which is found on our website.

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