

# CROSS AND COMPASS

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**CHARITY—UNITY**  
**FRATERNITY—PATRIOTISM**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924**  
**April, 2017**



Brothers All,

We are in the Lenten season and soon will be celebrating the defining time of our Catholic faith. We start with the high expectations of Palm Sunday, then the beautiful ceremony of Holy Thursday which marks the first Mass, next the great sorrow of Good Friday and then the culminating joyful event – Easter. The following Sunday is the Ceremony of Divine Mercy, a feast day that Christ himself directed Saint Faustina to initiate. What better time to reflect on the blessings God has given us and join with your Brothers in celebrating these marvelous days.

This month marks the start of the last quarter of our fiscal year. It's been quite a year and is winding down quickly. Normally in this column we recall all the activities just completed and inform you of those coming up. I'll do some of that later but I want to take some time to address those many Knights we have that cannot participate in our activities.

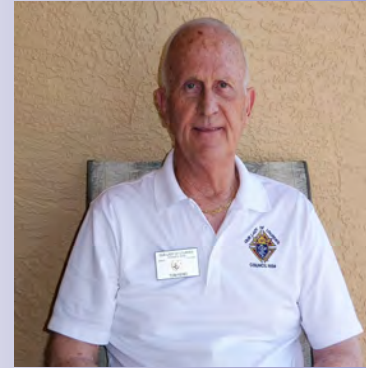
Our average age is 72.3 years. We have 9 men in their 90's, 48 men in their 80's, 49 men in their late 70's. Some of these men are still active (I fall in one of these categories). Many of these Knights were previously very active but are now just unable to participate. We also have many that donate all of their time to other parish ministries. I want you to know that all of you are just as valuable to us as those who work on our projects. Just being a Knight shows what you stand for and believe in. Just by your membership you add your voice to those of 2 million other Knights in proclaiming our beliefs. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We wish you well and hope you can at least join us in our Church activities that are quite passive.

For those of you that participate in our activities, thank you! Last month we had our Membership Drive, a Parish Breakfast, Irish Coffee on St. Patrick's Day, our Corporate Communion and breakfast with the CCW, a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification and a visit to Jacobson Veterans Home. As always, we conducted a food drive, 2 Backpacks and 2 Taylor Ranch pantries. As I said, we're a busy bunch.

April is almost an instant replay except we add a Blood Drive, Holy Thursday service, a Divine Mercy Sunday service and a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary. Just to top it off, several members will receive their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree at an Exemplification in Sarasota. Whew!! We all will be involved in something.

Next month we can begin to coast. We will bid farewell to our Snowbirds and elect our next Board. It's been quite a year!!

Tom Reno  
Grand Knight



## Special Points of Interest

In case of serious need, sickness or death notify Tom Reno at 941-496-8068

To have yourself or someone remembered on our Prayer Tree please contact Bob Eysers at 614-946-4225

If you know of a homebound brother or is residing in a nursing facility please contact Joe Maguire at 493-2784. Joe heads up our Visitation Group. A visit can mean so much!

If you need to receive communion at home, contact Carol Addona at 497-2931. A brother knight will be advised and bring you communion.

Billy Graham has had a major impact on many people. He has introduced many people to Jesus Christ. If we look at the history of Christianity, he certainly would rank high in terms of bringing people to Christ, maybe even in the top 10. We are all called to do what Billy Graham has done. We are called to bring people to Christ. Jesus instructed us to go to the ends of the earth, baptizing people. Billy Graham has certainly been a great evangelist.



Albert McMakin is also a great evangelist, although not too well known. Albert McMakin was a twenty-four-year-old farmer who came to faith in Christ. He was so full of enthusiasm that he filled a truck with people and took them to a meeting to hear about Jesus. There was a good looking farmer's son whom he was especially keen to get to a meeting, but this young man was hard to persuade – he was busy falling in and out of love with different girls, and did not seem to be attracted to Christianity. Eventually, Albert McMakin managed to persuade him to come by asking him to drive the truck. When they arrived, Albert's guest decided to go in and was 'spellbound' and began to have thoughts he had never known before. He went back again and again until one night he went forward and gave his life to Jesus Christ. That man, the driver of the truck, was Billy Graham. Since then Billy Graham has led thousands to faith in Jesus Christ. We cannot all be like Billy Graham, but we can all be like Albert McMakin – we can all bring our friends to Jesus.

Invitations are powerful things. Despite the potential impact of an invitation, many shy away from extending them. But since extending an invitation is of such great value, here are a few encouragements. First of all, God is with us! At the end of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus assures us that He will be with us till the end of the age. When we try to connect people with God, we can be assured that God also favors the relationship. He is on our side. The second encouragement is that people are more interested than we expect. They are just waiting for the invite. I asked a guy I met while hitting golf balls at the range up north why he never went to church. He told me that no one had ever asked him to go. Third, what's the worst response? – "No". That answer won't harm anyone except the speaker. Fourth, I would like to define what constitutes a successful invitation. A successful invitation is not when we invite someone to something and they come; rather, a successful invitation is when we simply invite someone to something; a successful invitation is an issued invitation. The fact is that we have little control over their response—that is between them and God. However, we *do* have control over whether we issue the invitation. Even if the invitee refuses, we have still stepped out in faith, and have made the other person think a bit.

In the beginning of the Gospel of John we read that Andrew was so impressed with Jesus that he then offered an invitation: he found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah"... He brought him to Jesus. Simon Peter went on to become the first Pope. We may never be a Simon Peter or a Billy Graham, but we can be an Andrew or an Albert McMakin. Why not challenge ourselves to invite someone to church at least once every three months in 2017? Once they are practicing Catholics, we can also invite them to join the Knights!

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## Florida K of C Charities

K of C sponsors many important charities, two of which are:

Vocations

Helping Life

These charities are funded solely by donations from members.

In September each member received a letter requesting \$12 and \$15 respectively for these charities. To date they have received a TOTAL of only \$400 from all of our members. Please review your gifting priorities and consider a donation to K of C Charities.

The easiest way to donate is on-line via the K of C State web site. You can also write a check to Florida K of C Charities and mail it to Ronald Sawchuk, FL K of C Charities, 11834 Island Lakes Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33408. You can write one check and enclose a note specifying the amount each charity is to.

## Raffle Drawing Winners

### \$100 Winners:

**Ms. Lonnie Andrews**  
**Tom Donnelly**  
**Shawn Martin II**

### \$200 Winners:

**Mark Kovolak**  
**James Chisman**  
**Guenther Hennig**

### \$300 Winners:

**Gerry & Joan McIlmoyle**  
**Ed Farrell**  
**Greg Rodgers**

**(Unfortunately we had 51 unsold tickets)**

**Pray for the Sick and Distressed**

TJ Hannaway  
 Bob Martin  
 Barbara O'Connor  
 John Heim  
 Dick Pillart  
 Joe Maguire  
 Bob Subach

Pat Ewing  
 John Smith  
 Normand Pouliot  
 Larry Fischer  
 Ed O'Connor  
 Anne Lynch

Jean Stewart  
 Michelle Piontek  
 E.J. Ewing  
 Robert High



**Our Brothers  
 Anniversaries  
 For April**

**Our Brothers  
 Birthdays For  
 April**

Marc Stahl	37
Herman Schmitt	25
Peter Rodriguez	23
John Hric	20
Gerald McIlmoyle	19
Tom Meehan	11
John Reilly	10
Charlie McGowan	06
Ed O'Connor	04
Lucky Haynes	03
Al Meyer	02
Glen Seifred	02
Guillermo Cardenas	01
John Dalla Mura	01
Ed Kurpaska	01
Peter Rots	01
David Salise	01

James Giarrusso	01
James Krueger	02
Pat Rapp	04
Frank Lofaro	06
Sam Lombard	08
Michael Polinchak	08
Michael Nevinger	09
Herman Schmitt	20
Dan Shaughnessy	20
Mike O'Brien	22
Frank Filosa	23
Matt Soldano	23
Elphege Beaulieu	27
Tom Festa	28
James Winslow	28



**Honorary Life Members**

Roger Reid	55
John Smith	53
John Powers	53
Tom Kanapky	49
John Chiumento	26

**Honorary Members**

Bruce Simon	49
Kevin Lynch	44

**Blood Drive**

**April 2, 2017 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

**No Appointment Needed**

**Bus Will Be At Parish Center**

**Sponsored By Knights of Columbus**

**Details Available at Parish Center and In Church Lobby**

*"Give everything you do your best shot and sleep well at night." C.R. Lewis*

**April, 2017**

Sunday, 2.....Breakfast Buffet  
 Sunday, 2.....8:30 to 12:30 Blood Drive  
 Monday, 3.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry  
 Saturday, 8.....Walk For Life, Maxine Barret  
 Tuesday, 11.....5:45 Officers Meeting  
 Tuesday, 11.....7:00 Council Meeting  
 Thursday, 13...7:00 Holy Thursday Mass  
 Monday, 17....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry  
 Thursday, 20....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052  
 Sunday, 23. ....3:00 Divine Mercy Ceremony  
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....Food Collection  
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....5th Sunday Rosary

**May, 2017**

Monday, 1.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry  
 Monday, 8 .....6:30 Officers Meeting  
 Tuesday, 9.....7:00 Council Meeting  
 Monday, 15....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry  
 Tuesday, 16.....Second Degree  
 Thursday, 18....7:00 4th Degree @7052  
 Sat/Sun, 27/28.....Food Collection

**June, 2017**

Monday, 5.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry  
 Monday, 12.....6:30 Officers Meeting  
 Tuesday, 13.....7:00 Council Meeting  
 Thursday, 15....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052  
 Thursday, 15.....7:00 First Degree  
 Sat/Sun, 24/25.....Food Collection

**Mobile Pantry at Garden  
 Elementary School on  
 Thursday, April 13  
 @4:15 PM  
 PLEASE HELP**

**.....Along The Way**

Here are some thought starters about the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.

Faith enables us to know things that we otherwise could not know.

Hope is the future tense of faith. We believe that promises will be fulfilled.

Love is the greatest force in all of creation. A dynamic energy which is expressed in works of charity.



The results of our food collection this weekend were approximately 1494 pounds of food and \$1304.12. There were fifteen brothers and one spouse helping on the collection. I think that we did very well even though the collection was not publicized from the pulpit last weekend.

Thanks goes out to all the brothers who helped out in this very important ministry!!

*Vince Concannon, Food Collection*

***(Anyone seen the two magnetic signs for food collection that were there two months ago?)***



Membership Chairman Palermo and Grand Knight Reno prepare to sign-up new knights during the parish Ministry Fair

### Honor Our Veteran's This Memorial Day

Last year, members from our Council joined thousands of volunteers from across the country, to undertake the mission of Flags For Fallen Vets:

*Placing an American Flag on each of the 800,000 interred American Veterans in our National Cemeteries that are not given this hallowed honor. Through private and corporate donations, volunteerism, and the education of our next generation, Flags For Fallen Vets will work towards NEVER allowing Americans to forget those who have served and sacrificed throughout our country's history for the freedoms we enjoy today.*

This opportunity is open to all, your neighbors and friends alike, but you do need to register in advance to receive your ticket. Their website is listed below.

If you would like to participate with our Council, please contact Paul Krause, [basecampk@hotmail.com](mailto:basecampk@hotmail.com).

We will be placing flags on Saturday, May 27th, meeting at OLOL at 7:30 am.

If you can not participate but would like to support this nonprofit organization you can contribute either by logging on to the website [www.flagsforfallenvets.org](http://www.flagsforfallenvets.org)

or by mailing a check to:

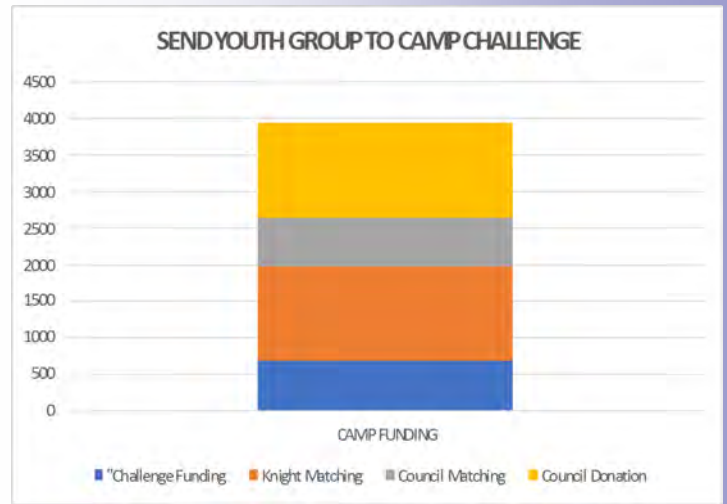
Flags For Fallen Vets  
1002 Davis Street  
Cleburne, TX 76033.



### KIDSTO CAMP CHALLENGE

Several Knights “challenged” Council members to donate funds to send some of our Youth Group to summer camp. They would match donations up to \$675. The Council also agreed to match them and donated even more money. All told, we raised \$4,000 – enough for 6 kids to go to camp.

The Youth Group is delighted. Without this they could not have raised the needed funds.



### CORPORATE COMMUNION

The Knights and the CCW held their annual Corporate Communion on Sunday, March 19. There were about 25 Knights & Spouses and about the same number of CCW ladies. Following Mass the CCW served a wonderful breakfast and Fr. Vince gave us a very informative presentation. He recounted the history of the parish and the construction of the campus and Church. Hope you were there – it was a very pleasant morning!



**ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
&  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF  
PROGRAM CHAIRMEN  
AT MAY MEETING**

**WE STILL NEED CANDIDATES FOR:**

I Key Office-Deputy Grand Knight

Program Chairmen:

Food Collection Coordinator

Cross and Compass Editor

Breakfast Coordinator

**WE CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT A DGK  
AND CANNOT DO OUR PROGRAMS W/O  
LEADERS.**

Any 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight can volunteer for any of-  
fice. We have a candidate for all offices EXCEPT  
DGK. We need a volunteer! Contact Tom Reno  
or Kevin Lynch if you have questions or want to  
step up and be an officer.

Our Food Coordinator – Vince Concannon – is  
moving in August. We need a replacement for  
him and for Jim Palermo who has done the C&C  
for 6 years. Contact Tom, Kevin, Jim or Vince for  
information.

**2016/2017 K of C Awards**

At the State convention awards are given for excellence  
in numerous categories. Our Council has submitted 4  
applications for consideration:

**Publicity Activities**

We have a top-notch Newsletter edited  
by Jim Palermo. It has been entered in  
the competition for best bulletin.

**Service Program Award – Church**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, organized by Bill  
Sanchez, is a bit unique. We say it  
BEFORE EVERY Mass and thus reach a  
much larger audience than saying it just  
once after a Mass. We also invite others  
to help by leading a decade.

**Youth Activities**

Coordinated by Nick Catone, we do all  
the requisite programs (Soccer, basket-  
ball and Poster Contest) PLUS we held a  
barbeque after soccer, sponsored a Faith  
Formation Family Breakfast and a Faith  
Formation Family Picnic. Additionally,  
and perhaps uniquely, we conducted a  
Challenge Fund to send Kids to Camp  
and will send at least 5 of them this sum-  
mer.

**Family of the Year**

We have in our Council a tireless family –  
John & Kathy Yaglenki. They work  
endlessly for pro-life projects. They  
serve on Boards, go to marches, organize  
the toiletries drive, etc., etc., etc. They  
were named the Pro-life Couple of the  
year for the Venice Diocese. They will  
be strong candidates to win this award.

We all can be very proud of what our council  
achieves every year!

**PREGNANCY SOLUTIONS WALK FOR LIFE**

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Registration: 8:00AM Walk starts: 9:00 AM

Maxine Barrett Park (next to Sharkey's)

Continental Breakfast & Snacks!!!

OLOL will be represented by our Confirmation Class.

Join us in the walk!!

Pictures taken at Gazebo around 8:30

*Oh THE Places  
We'll GO!*



**Walk for Life**  
*Saturday, April 8, 2017*  
Check In: 8:00 am • Walk Begins: 9:00 am  
Maxine Barrett Park





It was a great day for the Irish - and for those that wish they were Irish. About 100 parishioners joined us after morning Masses for "special coffee" and Soda Bread. Irish music filled the hall and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Kirby Meagher who organized it and John Marino & Pat Reno who were the leprechauns that helped.



Tootsie Roll Drive was a huge success. \$6800 was collected and resulted in total donations of \$5700

Checks were delivered to Venice Elementary Sp. Ed., Special Olympics, Loveland Center, Instride Therapy and Autism Speaks. It is a humbling and inspirational experience to visit these organizations. The work they do with the intellectually disadvantaged is amazing. Better yet, the way they cooperate with each other further multiplies their value. What we do means a lot – but it pales in comparison to what these organizations do. These charities are truly worthy of our support!



(Top left.) Check Presentation to Venice Elementary School Special Ed.  
(Top right) Loveland Center



(Bottom left) Special Olympics.



(Bottom right). Instride Therapy



# April 2017

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2 8:30 AM to 12:30 Blood Drive Breakfast Buffet	3 1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry	4	5	6	7	8 8:00 AM Walk For Life Maxine Park
9	10	11 5:45 PM Board Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting	12	13 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass	14 Good Friday	15
16 Happy Easter	17 1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry	18	19	20 7:00 PM 4th Degree At 7052	21	22
23 3:00 Divine Mercy Ceremony	24	25 First Degree	26	27	28	29 Food Collection
30 Food Collection Rosary						