



CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Venice, Florida

December, 2017

Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

This fraternal year is sliding into second base. Safe again! The first six months was certainly anything but routine. A project to secure an instrument to help women to choose life – a hurricane that really hit – a cancelled monthly meeting – the church closed down for a week – no District Deputy or District Warden, and breakfast dates given up for the rescheduled Blue Mass, and two Faith Formation events where we served our Faith Formation families. Sadly, lost a few brothers, and were unable to hold exemplifications like we used to. The Taylor Ranch food pantry was closed down since the “store” was converted back to a classroom... with no replacement location.



Our work went on – collecting food and funds – an awesome golf outing in conjunction with SOLVE that saw a net of over \$21,000. We put our time into Forty Days for Life, a visit to the Douglas Jacobson Veterans' Home, and Fifth Sunday Rosaries. A new state raffle format, and a Christmas Concert brings us into December.

The State Council is field-testing a membership program in Florida where men can join *on-line*, keep their membership *on-line* and not participate in person. They will have the option at any time to join their parish's council. I wish I knew more about it. The Fourth Degree was rocked by the changing of the chapeau and cape regalia. The deadline to change over to the new uniform is now June 20, 2019.

We have had several functions lately in which knights and spouses were separated. Unless you hear differently, please sit together with your spouse at all functions when we come together as a group.

If you're traveling this holiday season, Anne and I include you in our prayers and very best wishes for a safe and meaningful Christmas. In January we'll start monthly breakfasts through Lent. Don't forget the bus trip to Ave Maria on January 24. Have fun- rest up. Thanks for a very interesting 2017!!! Let's see what third base looks like.....

Kevin



Worthy Brothers,
 We have been asked, will you answer the call? There is a need for ushers at all Masses. Can you help at the Mass you normally attend? If so, please call Mary Hagarty Simek, 496-9222 or T J Hannaway 484-8939.

Epiphany School Raffle

If you plan to buy an Epiphany \$100 Raffle ticket it would help some of our Faith Formation teachers if you "sponsored" one of their children. It doesn't cost anything - you just put the student name on the ticket application. Contact Tom Reno for a name.

- Service Programs**
 - Director**
Tim O'Connor 915-6259
 - Backpack**
Jim Palermo 493-3424
 - Community**
Jack Kosiorek 423-3865
 - Church Programs**
Bill Sanchez 492-4666
 - Cross & Compass**
Jim Palermo 493-3424
 - Prayer Tree**
Bob Evers 614-946-4225
 - Membership**
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 - Retention**
Larry Baranick 492-6820
 - Pro Life**
John Yaglenski 408-7558
 - Visitation/Historian**
Joe Maguire 493-2784
 - Food Service**
Bob Errico 497-3824
 - Food Collection**
Dennis Tuszynski 485-3870
 - First Degree**
Ed O'Connor 716-238-5001
 - Second Degree**
Bob Burhoe 460-6546
 - Youth**
Nick Catone 717-818-3167
 - Taylor Ranch Pantry**
Sam Vergona 493-3313
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- 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



ULTRASOUND UPDATE

It is all **very good** news regarding our Ultrasound Initiative.

At our request, Pregnancy Solutions obtained a quote for the latest and greatest new Ultrasound machine. The technology has gone UP and the price has come DOWN. A new machine costs approximately \$26,000 so our contribution needs to be \$13,000.

Response has been very good to our request for donations. 21 Knights have donated \$4,800. Together with the proceeds from the Golf Tournament that went towards the machine, we are almost there with a current total of \$11,330. Council money will put us over the top but we hope additional donations will cover the remainder so that the Council will have some money remaining for our other charities.



Sign-ups are doing well but we still have openings that must be filled. FS Tom Reno put together a mailing to all of you to sign up for specific locations, days and times. If you still have the online document use it and sign up. Or you can click the desired link below.

Publix Commons: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ba4ad2ba6fb6-tootsie1>

Walmart: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ba4ad2ba6fb6-tootsie>

Winn Dixie: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ba4ad2ba6fb6-tootsie2>

Publix at Village Shoppes ([CLICK TO SIGN-UP FOR PUBLIX AT VILLAGE SHOPPES](#))

Masses: [CLICK TO SIGN-UP AFTER MASS](#)

If neither of these work, or if you have received a paper copy,, copy the website and paste it into your browser and you will be all set.

If you have questions about the event, or don't want to use the on-line sign up, you can contact Bob Burhoe at [941-460-6546](tel:941-460-6546) or rb14148@comcast.net . You can also sign up at Dec 12 Meeting.

Council 9924 Board

2017-2018

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Nick Catone 717-818-3167

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Paul Krause 412-4418

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John Chiumento 426-9043

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Fr. Martin

Lecturer

Deacon Lin 257-8464

Financial Secretary

Tom Reno 496-8068

In case of illness, serious need or death please contact Kevin Lynch at 493-4376

To put anyone on our Prayer Tree contact Bob Eyers at 614-946-4225

Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Deceased



John Greer, DD
 Barbara O'Connor
 Patrick Ewing
 John Smith
 Bill Weiss

TJ Hannaway
 John Janisse
 John Hric
 Betty Weiss
 Deacon Steve Beck

Bill Madden
 Dick Pillart

Our Brothers Birthdays For December

Our Brothers Anniversaries For December

Joe Grossi	03
Sal Trofi, Jr.	03
John Chiumento	06
Bob Burhoe	07
Paul Galitskie	08
Joseph Piazza	09
Enrico Scala	09
Bob Eyers	11
James Schmidt	11
Bruce Callahan	13
Michael Debitetto	13
Tom Kapfhammer	13
John Reilly	15
John Janisse	17
Peter Rodriguez	17
Perry Patete	20
Joe Indelicato	22
Robert DiVito	25
George Counes	26
Douglas Clark	27
Gregory DeNinno	28
Robert Chapman	29
Tom Davis	29
Dennis Merchant	29
James Young	30

John Gallagher	29
Denis Merchant	19
Mike Didyk	18
Peter Spagnuolo	15
Bob Rush	13
Scott Frank	13
John Raymond	07
Al Beaulieu	06
Larry Fischer	05
James Bennett	03
Kirby Meagher	03

Honorary Life Members

John Stanis	41
Gerard St Germain	30
Rev. Piotr Zugaj	14

Weekend Food Collection

Cash \$1,383

Food 1,696 lbs.



Brother Dick Pillart received full military honors after his funeral mass



“There is nothing so powerful as truth, and often nothing so strange.”
 Daniel Webster



December, 2017

Sunday, 3....Parish Christmas Concert
 Sunday, 10..Faith Formation Breakfast
 Tuesday, 12,5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 12.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Thursday, 21.....7:00 4th Degree@7052
 Sat/Sun, 30/31.....Fifth Sunday Rosary
 Sat/Sun, 30/31.....Food Collection

January, 2018

Tuesday, 9.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 9.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Thursday, 18....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052
 Wednesday, 24...Bus Trip to Ave Maria
 Sat/Sun, 27/28.....Food Collection

February, 2018

Sunday, 11...11:15 Basketball Challenge
 Tuesday, 13.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 13.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Wednesday, 14.....Ash Wednesday
 Thursday, 15...7:00 4th Degree @ 7052
 Sat/Sun, 24/25.....Food Collection

**Mobile Pantry at Garden
 Elementary School on
 Thursday, December 14
 @4:15 PM
 PLEASE HELP**



K of C Gala open to K of C and Guests. (Semi-formal)

Date: March 3, 2018

Place: Jacaranda West CC 1901 Jacaranda Blvd., Venice

Time: 5:30 to 10:00 Dinner will be at 6 PM. Choice of Carved Sirloin or Salmon

Entertainment: "Sony and Sable"

Cost: \$45.00 per person, Cash Bar

Checks made out to Assembly 1818. There will be five councils invited

.....Along the Way

It's almost time for the season of Advent to begin the count-down to Christmas. We are blessed that the Church defines such seasons because they help us continue to grow in holiness. Advent gives us the opportunity to think about the end times by the selections of readings for mass. God hopes that by reminding us of the alternatives for life after our death we will get serious about how we choose to live whatever is left of our present life. There are only two outcomes, heaven or hell. There are only two choices for our lives, love God and our neighbor or live selfishly.

The other theme of Advent is the waiting and preparation to celebrate the incarnation. Here, along with Baby Jesus, the hope is born that we can be given whatever strength we need to live for God and His people. Perhaps our first step in Advent renewal is to pray for the enlightenment, guidance, strength and consolation that the Holy Spirit offers us for the asking. Then we will be armed and ready to grow toward Christmas and celebrate with our brothers and sisters the coming of our Savior.



Bill Sanchez has been an enthusiastic and active Knight for years. He recently coordinated the All Souls Day cemetery Mass and was ably assisted by his wife Carmen. He and Carmen also are regular members of the group that visits the veterans at the Jacobson Home. Bill also coordinates the 5th Sunday Rosary. He and Carmen were named Family of the Month and Bill was the Honoree for the Formation (2nd) Degree exemplification. He is shown receiving both certificates.



Again this year the Blue Mass was a big success. Al Adam has been the main mover of this function since its inception. A bound hard-copy of the pictures from this year's event was prepared by Peter Spagnuolo and presented to Al by our GK



Our K of C / SOLVE Golf Tournament was a HUGE success. As reported last month, we raised over \$21,000 for charity. It is a massive undertaking and involved many people. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Bob Smith and Charles Dawson (seated), John LeDuke and Tom Reno (standing). Missing are John Janisse, Denny Strittmatter, Gene Clifford, Jim Palermo and the Chairman - Larry Baranick. Certificates will also be presented to non-Knights - Carolyn & Curt Norton and Kathy Yaglenski.



Ron Beech received his Formation (2nd) Degree on November 7th. He is receiving his Certificate from GK Lynch and DGK O'Connor.



What would a Knights meeting be without FOOD? Bob Errico is awarded Knight of the Month for his effort (and expertise) in preparing our meals. This month we had a turkey dinner with all the trimmings!!!



We have in our Council a genuine war hero - Jerry McIlmoyle. The Herald published a tribute to Veterans on Veterans Day and Jerry was featured on a front page article. A framed copy of the article was presented to Jerry by our GK.



GK Lynch presents the Certificate of Condolence to the entire Pillart Family

December 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Christmas Concert 3 PM	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Faith Formation Breakfast	11	12 5:45 Officers Mtg 7:00 Council Mtg	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Fourth Degree Meeting	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30 5th Sunday Rosary Food Collection
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