

CROSS AND COMPASS

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



Brothers All,

As I reflect on the Grand Knight Messages, Council Updates, Minutes, etc. that I send out I realize that most of things we talk about and stress are the things we do for others. The list is long and impressive. Maybe it's time to reflect on what the Knights offer to help us improve ourselves.

As Catholics we all know we need to go to Mass every Sunday but there is so much more available to us that we may not be taking full advantage of. Here is a partial list:

- 5th Sunday Rosary
- Corporate Communion
- Living Rosary
- Holy Thursday Service
- Men's Conference
- Pro-Life Prayer Walks
- Divine Mercy Service
- Knight's Rosary before Meetings
- Exceptional articles in Columbia

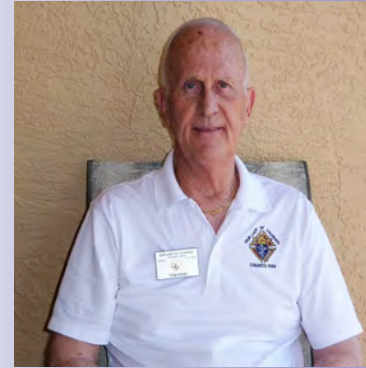
All of these offer an opportunity to pray together as Knights, show publicly our solidarity as brothers and grow and strengthen our faith. We mention all of these activities in our updates but participation is spotty. Do yourself a favor, come to them. You will feel good about it!

Our membership drive in the church is March 4 & 5. Please wear your knights shirt and stand for a moment when asked. We will need several volunteers to be at the doors after every mass to answer questions and distribute Form 100's.

Finally, An exemplification is scheduled for April 29 to be held in Sarasota. There seldom is one as convenient as this.

George Cunes has application forms and can provide you with details. You must be approved for the degree in advance so it is time to get started if you are interested!

Tom Reno, Grand Knight



Special Points of Interest

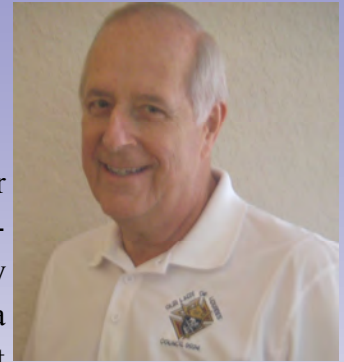
In case of serious need, sickness or death notify Tom Reno at 941-496-8068

To have yourself or someone remembered on our Prayer Tree please contact Bob Eysers at 614-916-4225

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.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.



We have come to the biggie. This beatitude is the next for our consideration. The reason this beatitude is a biggie is that purity is usually associated in this world with sexual purity. But, Scripture shows us that purity goes much deeper than sex. Matthew, chapter 15 reads, “What goes into a mouth is not what makes a man unclean, on the contrary, it is what comes out of the mouth that makes a man unclean. From the heart comes evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, and slander.” Sex is sure represented in this list but note the other items – evil thoughts, murder, theft, false witness, and slander.

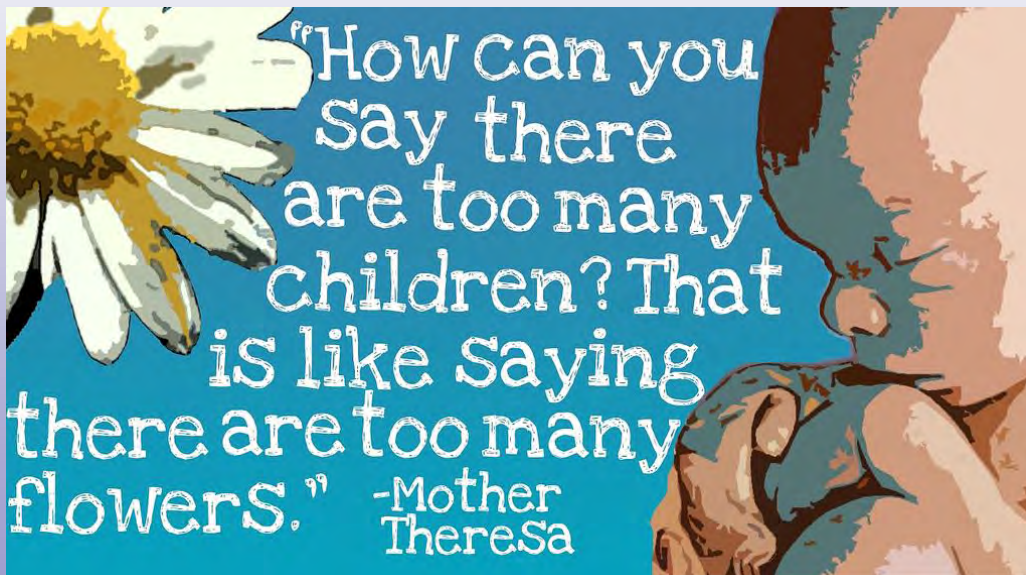
Purity is primarily a quality of the soul. The effects of that quality are observed by others in “what comes out of the mouth” and by a person’s actions. Purity is directly opposed to hypocrisy. Our experience tells us that there is a battle going on in our hearts. Purity is perfected through this spiritual battle when the heart is directed away from selfish love to self-giving love. This constant battle is not one we can fight alone. Only the Holy Spirit can help us win this battle.

Impurity is easy to come by. We sometimes have evil thoughts sneak up on us because we get in a situation we don’t like. We “murder” someone by ruining their reputation or excluding them from “our” circle. We steal paper clips from work without even realizing that it REALLY IS theft. We look at a woman and fantasize or worse. The list is endless.

We, as Knights, work hard to live by our principles, the principles of each degree. As hard as we try, we still come up short from time to time. We can do a better job only through prayer and frequent reception of the sacraments, especially the sacrament of reconciliation.

Deacon Lin

**SUPPORT OUR LADY OF LOURDES BILLBOARD!
SPECIAL COLLECTION IS FEBRUARY 26**



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Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members. Four men have joined the Knights over the last three months just because of our products. Members of councils shared their experience with the Knights and then had me talk with the prospect to explain what we have.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Dan Stanton
 Your Field Agent
 941-830-1189

Pray for the Sick and Distressed **Deceased**

TJ Hannaway
Jim Renz
Bob Martin
Guisepppe Raggozzino
Peter Arnold
Betty Totan
Marvin Kamerlander

Rich Pillart, Jr.
Pat Ewing
Barbara O'Connor
German Gutierez
Gene Dabroski
Bob Martin

Frank Stegner



Our Brothers Birthdays For February

Our Brothers Anniversaries For February

Living Rosary February 10

JOIN US AND OTHER PARISH MINISTRIES IN PRAYING THE LIVING ROSARY @ 6:00PM. EACH MINISTRY LEADS ONE DECADE A DIFFERENT PERSON LEADS EVERY HAIL MARY CONTACT BILL SANCHEZ (492-4666) TO PARTICIPATE

Congratulations to Bob and Betty Hackmeister who are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary

Food Collection

We collected \$2538.05 and 1494 pounds of food. We did have a very generous donor who gave a check in the amount of \$1200.00 which she said was for the whole year. We had 16 Knights and one wife and one daughter help with the collection this weekend. Thanks for all of the great help from everyone for the hungry of this area!!! *Vince Concannon*

“Try to be a Rainbow in someone’s Cloud.”
 Maya Angelou

Stephen Ambrose	01
Douglas Banting	01
Gerard St Germain	03
Gerald Lietz	04
John Kosiorek	09
Joe Gallo	11
James Connor	13
Ed Kurpaska	14
Harold Bump	15
John Nastasi	16
Richard Rudin	16
Joe Ferreira	21
Thomas Meehan	21
Michael Bosze	22
Bob Rush	22
Bruce Simon	22
John Hric	24
Jerry McIlmoyle	24
Bob Subach	24
John Walsh	25
Robert Rebey	27
Paolo Sanchez	27

Joseph Sciano	22 yrs
Bob Subach	13 yrs
Tom Davis	09 yrs
Deacon Steve Beck	08 yrs
Joe Maguire	06 yrs
John Nastasi	06 yrs
Tom Kirkpatrick	05 yrs
Mike Nevinger	04 yrs
John Staas	04 yrs
Kevin Staas	04 yrs
Ron Doorenbus	01 yrs
German Gutierez	01 yrs
Eddie Maura	01 yrs
Ron Scala	01 yrs

Honorary Life Members

John Walsh	63 yrs
Bob Sweeney	40 yrs
John Yaglenski Jr.	28 yrs
Doug Piper	26 yrs

February, 2017

Monday, 6,1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Sunday, 12.....Breakfast Buffet
 Monday, 13.....5:30 Appreciation Dinner
 Tuesday, 14.....6:00 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 14.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Thursday, 16....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052
 Saturday, 18.....Solve Gala Dinner
 Monday, 20....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Tuesday, 21.....Second Degree Program
 Sat/Sun, 25/26.....Food Collection
 Sunday, 26.....Breakfast Buffet

March, 2017

Monday, 6.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Sunday, 12.....Breakfast Buffet
 Monday, 13.....6:30 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 14.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Thursday, 16....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052
 Friday, 17. St. Patricks Day Irish Coffee
 Sunday, 19.80 ..Corporate Communion
 Monday, 20....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Sat/Sun, 25/26..... Food Collection
 Sunday, 26.....Breakfast Buffet

April, 2017

Monday, 3.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Saturday, 8...Walk For Life, Maxine Barret
 Sunday, 9.....Breakfast Buffet
 Monday, 10.....6:30 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
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....Food Collection
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....5th Sunday Rosary

**Mobile Pantry at Garden
 Elementary School on
 Thursday, February 9
 @4:15 PM
 PLEASE HELP**

.....Along The Way

Another new term has arrived on the American scene; “Fake News”. The term means news stories that are all or mostly false being propagated to the public. Worse, there are a many people who are willing to accept the lies because these people have decided to believe only those things that they already agree with. Jesus warned us that only the truth would set us free.

We Knights of Columbus can be a shining light of truth in our personal circles. We must always seek and speak the truth and not pass on stories that don’t reflect objective truth. We must refute lies where we can and contribute to the bottom up restoration of respect for the truth in our country.

There is much turmoil in America and the world, mostly because we have turned away from God. We, Knights, may wonder, ”What can I do to help?” The answer is, at our personal level we simply follow the strategy of Jesus, “Seek first the kingdom of God.” And His kingdom is, that love permeate every aspect of our lives. God is love and love on earth is His kingdom. We can do that. Start today. “If not us, who? If not now, when?”



THANK YOU BROTHER KNIGHTS!!!

Approximately 75 Knights worked about 100 “shifts” of Tootsie Roll collections to assist individuals with Intellectual Disabilities.

Final results are being tabulated but the total will be nearly **\$7,000.**

Special thanks to Stefano Ragozzino and Patrick Ewing for chairing this undertaking and for Bob Rush who counted the mountain of money collected.

A GREAT JOB BY EVERYBODY!!



Brothers Nick and Dan (l) discuss the K of C Basketball Shootout



Past Grand Knight Frank Stegner receives the full military tradition at his funeral.



PGK George and Brother Sam receive a special recognition award on behalf of our council for the work we do with the Backpack and Food Pantry Programs

The Prayer Walk to end abortion was held on January 22. It started with a Mass at St. Martha's celebrated by Bishop Dewane. Busses then ran continuously from Church to Planned Parenthood where we walked and prayed. There were over 500 people who walked . About 7 of our Knights, most with spouses, participated.



Our pastor, Fr. Jay, paid a visit to our January council meeting



Our guest lecturer, Fr. Art, surprised us with a visit to our January council meeting



Bob Stewart receives his 2nd degree



Pete Rodriguez receives Family of the Month



Larry Baranick receives Knight of the Month (Dec.)



Dennis Koopman receives Knight of the Month (Jan)



Peter Boffa receives his Third Degree

February 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
12 <i>Breakfast Buffet</i>	13 5:30 <i>Volunteer Dinner</i>	14 6:00 <i>Officers 7:00 Council</i>	15	16 7:00 <i>4th Degree @ 7052</i>	17	18 <i>Solve Maternity Homes Gala</i>
19	20	21 <i>Second Degree OLL</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Food Collection</i>
26 <i>Food Collection</i>	27	28				