

CROSS AND COMPASS

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



Brothers All,

As our year draws to a close I am sure we all wonder “where did the time go”. It probably went by quickly because we were a VERY busy council. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find our Activities Summary for 2016/2017. It’s amazing to look through it and see the number and variety of things we do. There are lots of activities in all the basics of the Knights: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I won’t list them – you can read them.

These achievements didn’t just happen. They were the result of big hearts and willing hands by all of you. I have to thank our Officers who orchestrated all of this. But it is all the members who rolled up their sleeves that made it happen. Thank you to all who participated, supported or just rooted for our success.

It looks like we earned a Star Council Award from the Knights of Columbus again this year. That is a fine accomplishment and a recognition of what we do. However, I think the real important recognition comes not from the Knights but from our Parishioners, our Clergy and the people we help. I am proud to be a Knight and you should be too. We get nothing but plaudits from everyone we deal with. If they had a vote, we would be a 5 Star Council!

We made a conscious decision to do more for our Parish this year, and it has paid dividends.

We did a LOT for the youth. They are the future of the Church and the Knights and hopefully this work will bear fruit in future years.

We did a LOT for CFA and that helps not only the parish but those that CFA helps.

We were very active in Church ceremonies and that benefits the Parish and us. We each are better for having participated.

Finally, we had many Parish social events that help the Parish grow as a community, and that helps us as we make more friends.

We did all of this and still continued all our charity work for others: Food Collection, Backpack, Pantries, Tootsie Roll, Clothing Collection, Pro-life Support, Veterans and more!

I hope you are getting my point. The more we do and give - the more that comes back to us. We don’t do what we do for praise or recognition, but it comes anyway from us doing good for others. Thank God every night that he led you to the Knight’s. By helping others, you are also helping yourself!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead this fantastic group for the past year. I hope I met your expectations. I leave the post confident that the team you elected for next year will serve you well and continue our tradition of excellence.

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.

I was thinking the other day that I wish there was more hours in the day. It seems like there is so much to do and so little time. Every so often, however, I find myself in a position where there is nothing pressing that I **have** to do. But most often, I try to find ways to **save** time when I'm doing some task. I try to be efficient.



SAVE TIME!! We really can't save time. We either spend it wisely or we spend it badly – waste it. The same thing goes for our talents, skills, education, and experiences. They are most satisfying when they are **used** and exercised rather than being hoarded. In fact, some of them will atrophy, fade away, and become un-usable if we try to hoard them.

There is a commercial on TV where people keep things in their pristine state (rather than use them) because these items are so special to them. Nothing that we have, nothing that we will have really belongs to us. We are merely custodians of God's creation. We are merely custodians of the time and talents that He has **loaned** to us. This fact puts the burden on each of us to use what He has loaned to us to further His kingdom here in earth. As Knights, we live that obligation by participating in the various programs we sponsor. And in my opinion, we live it well!

The greatest gift that God has entrusted to us is our faith. This very special gift is remarkable in that the more we use it and the more we “give it away”, the more of it we have. Passing our faith on to others – giving it away – has the effect of increasing our faith. The more we pass it on to others, the deeper our own faith becomes. As Knights, our faith is of utmost importance. Each of us knows someone who could “benefit” from a little more faith. Let's make it a goal for each of us to find someone to give our faith to.

Deacon Lin

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2016-2017

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BACKPACK PROGRAM

The school year has come to a close. I want to thank all of you who provided your assistance in packing for our kids. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

I would like to give a special thanks to Brother Pat Rapp who picked up the empty tubs from Taylor Ranch School every other week and re-delivered them full of backpacks. Pat runs a fulltime business so his free time is very limited.

Our work is not totally complete for the summer. On Friday, June 9, July 14 and August 11 from 10:00 AM to Noon the All Faiths Food Bank Mobile Pantry will be at Taylor Ranch School. Volunteers are most needed.

Please call Heather Cline at 941-549-8156 or log onto:

<http://cerv.is/m?0259c35> to sign up.

Please continue to discuss the backpack program with your friends and neighbors. The dollars donated all go to a worthy cause, "our kids".

Jim Palermo, Backpack Chairman



**ALL MARRIED COUPLES ARE INVITED TO
 RENEW THEIR MARRIAGE VOWS ON**

JUNE 18 AT THE 10:00 AM MASS.

**COFFEE & CAKE RECEPTION IN THE
 PARISH CENTER AFTER MASS.**

*Personalized Certificate Of Renewal Available At
 Reception or By Request From Office.*

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Pray for the Sick and Distressed **Deceased**

TJ Hannaway
Madeleine Beaulieu
Dick Pillart
Sue Lord-Allen
Camille Cenicola
Carolyn Smith
Patrick Kavanagh
Paul Soltis

John Smith
Betty Weiss
Gallagher Family
Carole Della Penna
Joy Lavery
Norman Lewis
Jack Hughes
Eric Jacalich

James Enright



Our Brothers Birthdays For June

Our Brothers Anniversaries For June

Peter Spagnuolo	05
Al Adam	08
Ed Pollock	08
Robert Brauer	13
John Stanis	13
Rev. Vincent Sheehy	14
Joe Cunningham	15
Lin Lymburner	15
Leon Waclawski	15
John Dalla Mura	19
Robert Mello	20
Roger Reid	20
Joe Maguire, Sr.	22
Lee Cravotta	23
Marvin Missig	25
John Busse	26
Kevin Lynch	27
Rev. Jay	30

Stephen Feldman	21 yrs
Gary Tessitore	21 yrs
Robert DiVito	15 yrs
Paul Galitskie	15 yrs
Leon Waclawski	15 yrs
Frank Filosa	11 yrs
Paul Krause	06 yrs
Robert Brauer	01 yrs
Robert Errico	01 yrs



Brothers Reno & Lynch presented a Resolution of Condolence to Linda Enright on May 23 in memory of her husband, Brother Jim Enright.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence



Honorary Life Members

Wayne Miller	38 yrs
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Mark Your Calendars

Our Council's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 8:00 AM. Teams can be made up of couples, men and ladies. Solve Maternity Homes, Our Mother's House and Pregnancy Solutions are counting on us for a good turnout. Please support in any way you can. Details to follow.

June, 2017

Tuesday, 13.....5:45 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

July, 2017

Tuesday, 11.....5:45 Officers Meeting
Tuesday, 11.....7:00 Council Meeting
Thursday, 20.....7:00 4th Degree @7052
Thursday, 20.....8:00 Summer Backpack
Sat/Sun, 29/30.....Food Collection

**Mobile Pantry at Garden
Elementary School on
Thursday, June 8,
@4:15 PM**

**Mobile Pantry at Taylor
Ranch School
Friday, June 9
@ 10:00 AM
PLEASE HELP**

.....Along The Way

The Movie musical, "1776", reminds viewers of the birth of our democracy. This was a unique rebellion in that unlike middle east countries of today, we did not seek to overthrow and replace an existing government. We formally institutionalized the notion that government power comes from God and the will of the people.

The premise of individual freedom was that everyone is free to make decisions to do good. Freedom did not grant the right to do anything wrong especially if such an act trampled on anyone else's rights, It assumes that everyone has a basic code of moral ethics so that promises are kept, truth is honored, and selflessness to support the country and others above one's own self is assumed and practiced.

And for 200 years the formula worked. But little by little selfishness has crept in and in some cases has been legalized. The notion of telling the truth has become quaint. The notion of putting family or almost anything above self is eroding the dwindling number of solid families. Our mission as true Americans is to build morality back into society by ourselves being truthful and compassionate to every person we interact with. God has truly blessed America all through the two centuries and must be disappointed at how we have misused the precious gift of freedom. Our systematic removal of God from our government and from our daily lives can only lead us to fail as a democratic society.

Please pray for our country, her people and her leaders to return to the true freedom to choose what is right and honor the Creator as a fact of existence.



Annually The Knights of Columbus present an Altar Server Award to the "Best of the Best". This year (l) Nicholas Polaszek and (r) Nevin Madathialate were the award winners. Chaplain Martin, Altar Server Coordinator Dan Dacy and Deacon Lin made the presentation.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL 9924

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**ACTIVITIES JULY 2016 – JUNE 2017**

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternity whose mission is to promote Catholic values, support our parish and our priests and help the needy in our community. We have over 230 Knights in our Council working on this mission. All men are invited to join. See contact info in Bulletin.

Council activities in the past 12 months encompassed 87 “events” resulting in over 5200 Man-hours of local volunteer work, raised \$30,000 for charity, led a community-wide effort on an additional \$35,000 and collected 15,000 pounds of food and \$38,000 for the hungry. These activities supported 35 charities and included:

Service to Liturgical Events

Provide honor guards (Knights in Tuxedos, plumed hats & swords) at many services:

* Blue Mass * Chrism Mass * Divine Mercy Service * Holy Thursday Service * Veterans Day @ Natl Cemetery * Funerals

Participate in Corp. Communion, Living Rosary, Sponsor 5th Sunday Rosary, Pilgrimages to Holy Doors

Organized and hosted All Souls Day Mass at cemetery.

Parish Fellowship

To foster Parish Fellowship we hosted:

6 Buffet Breakfasts serving 1300 breakfasts and raising \$4,200 (1 for Faith Formation Families, 1 for Ministry Fair)

A Blue Mass & Reception honoring 1st Responders attended by 200 people.

A “Christmas Concert” for 325 people. Proceeds of \$2,000 went to Folds of Honor Foundation & CFA.

St. Patrick’s Day Irish Coffee after Mass attended by 100 people.

Renewal of Marriage Vows and Reception on Father’s Day

Community Service

To assist the needy in our Community we:

- Hold a monthly food drive. 15,000 pounds of food and \$15,000 were distributed this year to 4 Catholic Food Banks.
- Sponsor a “Backpack Program” to provide weekend and summer lunches to 90 poor children. \$14,000 was donated.
- Established a semi-monthly Mobile Food Pantry at Taylor Elementary School serving 35 needy families.
- Received Knights of Columbus State “Food for Families” Award of \$500 for our food programs.
- Sponsor a “Tootsie Roll Drive” for special needs children. 200 Man-hours volunteered raised \$6,800 for:
 - * Autism Speaks * Sarasota Special Olympics * Loveland Center * Instride Therapy * Venice Elementary Sp. Ed
- Donated \$4,000 to sponsor 6 Faith Formation Children at summer camp
- Co-Sponsored Golf Outing w/Solve for 204 golfers, 232 dinners and raised \$24,000 for local charities:
 - * Solve* Boys and Girls Club * Challenger Baseball
- Sponsored a Parish Blood Drive in cooperation with One Blood. Excellent results—14 donors
- Assisted at Special Olympics Bowling
- Contributed \$1900 to Veterans causes and visited and supported veterans at Port Charlotte Veterans Home
 - * Frequent visits * Lunch Outings * Toiletries donations * Ice Cream Social

Archdiocese Support

- Co-sponsored with 5 local councils the 8th annual Sugar Bowl Show of Shows that raised \$35,000 to help local intact Families with children survive a one-time financial crisis. We supply 2000 man-hours. 1000 people attended
- Contribute \$500 annually to support a Seminarian
- Miscellaneous donations totaling over \$6,000 were made to:
 - *Our Mothers House * Parish Ministries * Patriots Park Memorial * Memorial Day Flags * Xmas Wreaths
 - * Altar Server Award * Catholic Charities * Catholic Faith Appeal *Walk For Life * Parish Youth Group

Assist & Advance Our Brothers

- We maintain a monthly Prayer Tree for sick Brothers, Family & Friends. We assist families of deceased brothers.
- We hosted 5 Initiation Programs and 4 Formation Programs for new and advancing Knights
- Hosted Estate Planning & Fraternal Benefits Seminar for Families from 3 Councils

Support other Parish Ministries

Our Knights individually participate in many other Parish ministries. These include:

11 Ushers 14 Eucharistic Ministers 6 Lectors 20 Right to Life 5 Sacristans 3 Deacons 3 Priests

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Election of Officers for 2017 / 2018 was held at the
May 9 General Meeting. The new officers are:

Grand Knight	Kevin Lynch
Deputy Grand Knight	Tim O'Connor
Chancellor	Sam Vergona
Recorder	Bob Smith
Treasurer	Jim Quinnan
Advocate	Larry Fischer
Warden	Nick Catone
Inside Guard	Ed O'Connor
Outside Guard	Jack Kosiorek
Trustee 3 Yr.	John Yaglenski
Trustee 2 Yr.	Paul Krause
Trustee 1 Yr.	John Chiumento

Appointed Positions:

Chaplain	Fr. Martin
Spiritual Advisor	Deacon Lin
Financial Secretary	Tom Reno

The Council thanks all the officers that served in 2016 / 2017, especially those who are “retiring”, some after many years of serving: John LeDuke, Joe Grossi, Ron Doorenbos, Dennis Koopman, Tom Davis and Bob Martin.

THANK YOU !!!

2017/2018 DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT

Please remit your dues promptly to simplify our collection process.

To minimize costs, dues notices were sent via e-mail whenever possible.

If you have not received your notice, contact Tom Reno or John Leduke.

Food Collection for May

We collected a total of 1104 pounds of food and \$1202.25. Thanks to all who assisted with the weekend collection



Larry Middendorf receives First Degree Certificate



Bob Elie receives Honorary Life Certificate



DGK Kevin Lynch receives May Knight Of The Month Award



Jim Palermo receives Family of the Month



Ed O'Connor receives Knight of the Month for April



Leaders of our 5th Sunday Rosary, Peter Valenti, Pat Banning, Vince Concannon and Bob Burhoe

On Saturday, May 27, our council was well represented at the Sarasota National Cemetery. More than 15,000 gravesites received flags.



BACK TO SCHOOL FOR BACKPACK KIDS

We have received a call from an organization called Hope for Communities asking for help and participation. Numerous Churches in the area participate – none of them Catholic that we know of. Our Toiletry Drive donates cash and supplies to Venice Presbyterian and it is through them that we were contacted.

Several local Churches work together to get Backpack kids ready to return to school. Through their work, they found that MANY of the kids are homeless and so the event they are planning will be for homeless children. They expect 100 – 130 kids. As much as we were stunned by kids needing Backpack, this data is almost more stunning. All numbers are approximate but very close:

- 74,000 - homeless kids in Florida
- 639 - homeless kids in Sarasota
- 78 - homeless kids w/o a guardian in Sarasota
- 323 - homeless kids in South County
- 10 - homeless kids at Taylor Ranch

The Event (“Back to School for Backpack”) is an all-day event. They give the kids haircuts, on-site dental care, medical exams, free school photos, food, clothing, gift cards, etc. **The date is July 29.**

Venice Presbyterian is hosting the event, doing all the cooking, providing security, etc. Other volunteers will help with the kids. Some of the older children in our Youth Group could help if so desired. They expect to need 100 to 130 volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer to help please contact either Kevin Lynch or Tom Reno to sign up. We need many volunteers.

(Editor’s note: Having been involved with the backpack program for seven years my understanding of the term homeless for students was incorrect. This is the official State of Florida definition. “The definition of homelessness for students is broader than for the general population. Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless, according to the state Department of Education. “)

June 2017

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