

CROSS AND COMPASS

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



Brothers All,

Time flies! We are 2/3 of the way through our year with only 4 months to go. 2 of them will be really busy. The last 2 we can coast.

You have all been kept up to date on the events we had last month. A record Tootsie Roll. Two successful breakfasts. A huge Clothing Collection. A BIG food collection and the usual (but excellent) Backpack and Food Pantry. We continued our religious activities with a 5th Sunday Rosary, participation in the Living Rosary and the Knights' Rosary before our meeting. When Kevin had participants stand at the last meeting there was scarcely anyone left seated. We have a great Council. Your participation is noticed and appreciated by our parishioners!

The fun is just beginning. March is a BIG month and we need lots of help.

We start with the Membership appeal. We need to attract several new members to have a shot at Star Council. Come to the talks at Mass – talk with prospects – get Form 100's to submit. Do the man a favor, get him to join!

We are planning a visit to Jacobson Veteran's Home. This is an uplifting experience. Come along and put a little joy in a Vet's life. Call Peter Spagnuolo to volunteer.

There are Two breakfasts scheduled. As usual, we need LOTS of help.

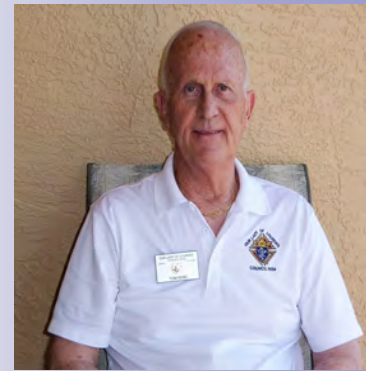
Everybody is Irish on St. Patrick's Day – March 17. We are hosting an Irish Coffee Social after the daily Masses. Kirby (Skip) Meagher is organizing and could use a good Irishman to help.

On March 19, at the 8:00 AM mass, we hold our joint Corporate Communion with CCW. "What is a Corporate Communion?" It's just an expression we use for Knights, CCW and their partners, sitting and praying together in church at Mass ('corporate' meaning united as a group, and 'communion' of course meaning the celebration of the Eucharist). What better way for the two largest groups in the parish to profess their faith and show their unity in serving their parish. This year the CCW will provide breakfast after Mass and we provide the speaker. I have invited Fr. Vince to speak. He, of course, is the founder of our parish AND of our council. We all owe him a debt of gratitude and I'm sure he will share some history and stories about our parish. Plan to attend both the Mass and breakfast.

This is the time of the year when we begin to assemble a roster of officers for next year. We need volunteers to fill several openings. If you have any interest, please contact me and we'll discuss what office might fit your interests and talents.

I hope to see many of you at our activities AND our monthly meeting on March 14 at 7:00PM.

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.

GIVE UP!!!



A recent RCIA meeting started with the question, “When you hear the word ‘LENT’, what do you think of?” This month’s title is the response that almost all gave – “Give Up”! When asked what they would “give up”, the answers ranged from food (candy, sweets, etc.) to giving up TV for some specified amount of time (for example - an hour a day). When we talked further about giving up sweets or some other food, mention would usually include the motivation of losing weight. When talking about giving up a particular activity, such as TV, the motivation usually came around to having time to devote to some other activity such as a hobby or creating some quality time with the family.

Giving Up for Lent is something that most of us have grown up with. Our parents, or maybe the nuns at school, or even our friends would question us to find out what we “Gave Up”. I also remember the conversations at school where we would try to figure ways around the “give ups” that we had made. “Sundays do not count. We can eat candy on Sundays.” “I think St. Patrick’s day is not ‘officially’ a day of Lent. We can eat cake that day too.” As kids we spent a lot of energy trying to “beat the system” or rationalize our failures.

But the real key, both then and now, is motivation. If we give up something with the idea that it will help our weight, our motivation is suspect. But if we give up something that we truly enjoy with the intention that we are helping develop our relationship with God, that motivation is pure. We are doing it out of pure and unselfish love.

Another thought for Lent – don’t give up something, add something on. Our Lady of Lourdes is packed with spiritual development activities. The list includes daily Mass, Penance Service (March 23), Stations of the Cross (every Friday at 5PM), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Fridays after 9AM Mass until 12Noon), Benediction (Fridays at Noon), Parish Mission (March 20, 21, 22), Men’s Conference (Bishop Verot High School – March 4).

If none of that appeals to you, add 10 minutes of prayer each day.

Deacon Lin

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Knights of Columbus Breakfast

March 12 8:00-11:30

**Heart Attacks Can Strike Anyone
Without Warning.**

We Would Like a Defibrillator in the Parish Center.

The Knights are raising money to purchase one.

The Board approved a proposal to target our charitable giving to larger, long-lasting tangible items. They also agreed that targeting proceeds from Buffet Breakfasts was a way to fund these items. The first example of this is an AED (defibrillator) for the Parish Hall. The breakfast on March 12 will go to this project.



Raffle Drawings

One on February 26

Two on March 12

**The first of 3 drawings was conducted at
the breakfast on February 26.**

**The remaining 2 drawings will be held at
the breakfast on March 12**

\$100 Winner: Ms. Lonnie Andrews

\$200 Winner: Mark Kovolak

\$300 Winner: Gerry & Joan McIlmoyle

Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Deceased

TJ Hannaway
 Jim Renz
 Bob Martin
 Gallagher Family
 Camille Cenacola
 Michelle Piontek
 Barbara O'Connor

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

Frank Stegner
 John Angiolini



**Our Brothers
 Anniversaries
 For March**

**Our Brothers
 Birthdays For
 March**

Stephen Delaney	01
John Smith	01
James Stevens	01
Joseph Craven	03
James Placek	04
Deacon Steve Beck	05
Bill Finer	07
Francis Cromwell	09
Willaim Srofe	16
Thomas Barry	19
Gene Clifford	21
Lucky Haines	24
Frank Wheatley	27
Robert Tann	30
John Vidas	31

Stephen Ambrose	23 yrs
Howard Schneider	22 yrs
David Smith	20 yrs
Frank Wheatley	13 yrs
Mark Iannotti	11 yrs
Peter Valenti	10 yrs
James Worth	06 yrs
Bob Hackmeister	06 yrs
Ivan Skoric	06 yrs
Vito Adamo	06 yrs
Bruce Callahan	06 yrs
Harold Bump	05 yrs
Marvin Bump	05 yrs
Bill Finer	03 yrs
Joe Ferreira	03 yrs
Vinnie Ferris	03 yrs
Joseph Craven	03 yrs
James Enright	03 yrs
James Krueger	03 yrs
Michael Bosze	02 yrs
Sam Vergona	02 yrs
Robert Stewart	02 yrs
Guenther Hennig	02 yrs
Guillermo Cardenas	01 yr
James Young	01 yr
Gerald Lietz	01 yr
Joseph Anselma	01 yr
Robert Tann	01 yr
Ed Gates	01 yr

Honorary Life Members

William Weiss	54 yrs
Douglas Banting	34 yrs
Mike O'Brien	29 yrs

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**



"Every kick in the behind is a boost!"

Francis E. Jenney



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. 8:00 AM 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
 Sunday, 23.....Breakfast Buffet
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....Food Collection
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....5th Sunday Rosary

May, 2017

Monday, 1.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Monday, 86:30 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
 Saturday, 27...Flags placed at Nat Cem.
 Sat/Sun, 27/28.....Food Collection

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

.....Along The Way

Once again our loving Father gifts us with the season of Lent. He calls us into His office and sits us down to remind us of the Christian values we all want to live by. The days are moving swiftly now and months and years fly into the past. Lent gives us permission to do a check up. Have we been living our lives to “seek first the kingdom of heaven”?

The lent practices are like going to the gym to strengthen our muscles and make us function better physically but Lent is to strengthen our will to choose good. We give up lawful things as exercise that strengthens us to be able to give up sinful things.

Decide now to join in parish lent activities especially stations of the cross, confession and Eucharistic adoration. Let’s use the gift of Lent to get us well prepared for the joy of Easter in six weeks.



We collected \$1169.00 and approximately 1692 pounds of food and two bags of clothes.

We had fifteen brothers and one wife collect all of the above.

Vince Concannon, Food Collection



Sam Vergona receives Family of the Month



Stefano Ragozzino and Patrick Ewing receive Knights of the Month



GK Reno leads the Rosary at the 5th Sunday Rosary



Henry VonSalzen receives First Degree



(left) PGK Krause and GK Reno present Mrs. Francis Stegner with a Certificate of Condolence on the passing of her husband, Past Grand Knight Francis Stegner.



(right) Preparation of the Council meals

March 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4 <i>Membership Weekend</i>
5 <i>Membership Weekend</i>	6 1:00 PM <i>Taylor Ranch Pantry</i>	7	8	9 1:00 PM <i>Jacobson Home Visit</i>	10	11
12	13 6:30 <i>Officers Meeting</i>	14 7:00 <i>Council Meeting</i>	15	16 7:00 <i>4th Degree at 7052</i>	17	18
19 8:00 AM <i>Corporate Communion</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Food Collection</i>
26 <i>Food Collection Breakfast Buffet</i>	27	28	29	30	31	