

CROSS AND COMPASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924
May, 2017



Brothers All,

As you recall, I wrote last month about the demographics of our council. We have many, many elderly Knights and we have a lengthy Prayer Tree each month. One of the responsibilities we all have as Knights is to help each other. Are we doing it? Are we calling our sick Brothers to say hello and cheer them up? Are we going to visit them and ask if they need anything? These are small things we can do to make life a little better for our Brothers.

We have a Visitation Program that Joe Maguire has chaired for several years. He sends cards, visits Brothers in the hospital and/or at home and makes many telephone calls. Take a few minutes and talk to Joe. Offer to accompany him on a few visits. Ailing Knights are very appreciative of visits and calls and you also will get a warm feeling if you make contact with them. Thank you, Joe, for what you do!

Even though the Fraternal Year is rapidly drawing to an end, we still have lots of “special” activities this month.

We hold our annual Election of Officers at our General Meeting on May 9. The slate of candidates is published in this C&C edition.

Sunday, May 14, is Mothers’ Day and we will present our annual Altar Server Awards at the 8:00AM Mass.

We host a 2nd Degree Exemplification for our District on Tuesday, May 16.

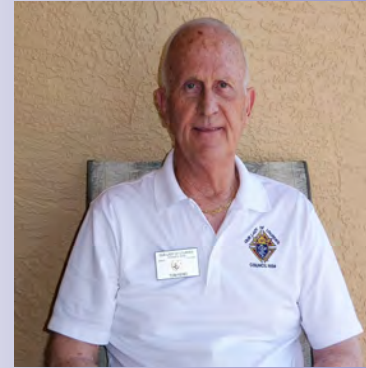
On May 17 we host a Seminar on Estate Planning and Fraternal Benefits in our Parish Hall. This is a good opportunity for those who do not take advantage of our K of C Insurance to learn about it. Hopefully a couple of Knights will become an Insurance Member and put us over the top for Star Council.

The K of C State Convention is held May 27,28. We submitted several programs for State awards and hopefully some of our activities will be “winners”.

Memorial Day is celebrated May 29. We will be placing flags at Sarasota National Cemetery on May 27. Contact Paul Krause for info.

As always, thanks to all who participate in these activities. We compile quite a record of accomplishment every year. Next month we’ll summarize the year on one page!

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.

We just finished Holy Week, Easter, and Divine Mercy Sunday. These several weeks have elicited a wide range of emotions; the joy of Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, the anguish of Good Friday, the quiet of Holy Saturday, the joy of the Easter Vigil, and the solemnity of Divine Mercy Sunday. Quite a range of emotions packed into a short period of time.



For some reason, Good Friday really had an impact on me this year. It made me reflect on the fact that life really is short, we all end up dying, and we're only passing through this place. We are pilgrims. This is not home. We're just passing through here. It is easy to forget that. It's easy to get caught up in life and forget that this is temporary.

Although that sounds a bit grim or depressing, I don't feel grim or depressed at all. I think that it is actually very, very healthy to spend some time thinking about death from time to time.

As we made the journey toward Easter this year, and especially when we got into Holy Week especially Good Friday, we spent some time thinking about death.

The Church, in her wisdom, challenges us to think about death because when we think about death, we actually live differently. When we come to church, God tries to rearrange our priorities. When we read the Gospels, it is impossible not to either accept the Gospel, or reject the Gospel. And, if we accept the Gospel, it tells us to overhaul our priorities.

When we fall in love, love rearranges our priorities. That's what loves does. And when we think about death, death rearranges our priorities. If we knew we had three years to live, what would we change on our schedule this year? If we knew we had three years to live, what would we change on our schedule this week? Death changes things. And so from time to time, it's just really healthy for us to think about death.

But more important than thinking about death, we need to constantly think about life – we need to make sure our lives are aligned with God's will for them. We have to keep our priorities straight!

Deacon Lin



Kids To Camp check presented to the kids of our parish. The money was much appreciated. Thank you council and our anonymous donors.

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Brother Joseph Piazza

Three members of the visitation committee, Bob Rush, Joe Maguire and Paul Krause, recently had the honor of visiting council member Joseph Piazza, at his current residence in St. Petersburg. Brother Joseph is ninety-six years young and formerly from Venice. He was a Marine Sargent during WWII and became a Knight in 1948. The visitors shared our Council Scrapbook which Joseph found impressive. The highlight of the visit was him sharing some very personal stories of his life and his faith.

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

May God bless your family and your efforts.

Dan Stanton

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Pray for the Sick and Distressed **Deceased**

TJ Hannaway
Madeleine Beaulieu
Dick Pillart
Michelle Piontek
Guillermo Cardenas
Jean Celano
Sue Lord-Allen

Pat Ewing
Normand Pouliot
Terri Wagner
Andrew Quinnan
Natalie Dellavia
Ewart Lewis

James Enright



Our Brothers Birthdays For May

Our Brothers Anniversaries For May

Sarasota National Cemetery



In preparation for the remembrance of the Memorial Day Holiday, two members of Council #9924, Ed Gates and Paul Krause, will lead a private tour of Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery on Thursday, May 25th at 10:30 am. The art installations at Patriot Plaza are both inspiring and touching with a goal to honor the men and women who serve and their families, while communicating their stories to future generations. This tour is open to all, family, friends and neighbors at no charge, but please register in advance: 941-412-4418

or basecampk@hotmail.com

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” Confucius

Theophane Frechette	03
Robert Errico	04
Ed Farrell	04
Bob Sweeney	11
George Bevis	12
Alfred Roy	12
Richard Rosenbach	13
Mike Didyk	14
Normand Pouliot	14
John Raymond	15
Bill Weiss	15
Deac. Pennypacker	17
Karl Anderson	21
Gilbert Witte	21
Bernard Lanza	25
Bryan Zapf	28
Antonio Cardenas	29
Doug Pelino	29
Fr. Martin	30
Douglas Piper	30
Thomas Pokikuha	30

James Winslow	24
Doug Clark	07
James Giarrusso	05
Steven Schlegel	05
Dennis Tuszynski	05
Deacon Lin	04
Dan Dacey	04
William Welsh	03
John McCarthy	01

Honorary Life Members	
Joseph Brisch	70
Richard Maier	43
Robert Chapman	33
Willaim Narcoux	29
Fr. Jay	28
Fr. Martin	11

May, 2017

Monday, 1.....1:00 Taylor Ranch Pantry
 Tuesday, 95:45 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
 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
 Sat/Sun, 29/30.....Food Collection

**Mobile Pantry at Garden
 Elementary School on
 Thursday, May 11,
 @4:15 PM
 PLEASE HELP**

.....Along The Way

“My Peace I give you”, Be not afraid”, “God is Love”. These are three familiar quotes from the gospels. I’d like to link them to each other.

What do you think being at peace is like? Probably means having no turbulence around you and no worries about either the past or the future. I think that peace means the absence of fear. Reflect on how your fears, big and small, drive your actions and disturb your peace.

But the scripture quote above instructs us to “Fear not”. How do we do that? The answer was in last month’s column about the theological virtues. Faith, believing that God is Who He says He is, and Hope, believing that God will do what He has promised. The grand exchange, God attends to our needs and we agree to live according to His will. And how do we fulfill our end of the bargain?

Look to the third quote, “God is Love” coupled with the third theological virtue, Charity. Charity is simply love in action. We are most like God when we act charitably toward others and also toward ourselves.

The fruit of this deal with God is peace. We are on track with our lives and God will take care of us.



In lieu of a flower
 for every mother,
 the Knights of Columbus
 is honoring all Mothers by
 making a donation to
 Our Mother’s House.



Michael Scaramuzzo is the seminarian we support. He was at OLOL for the Easter week and was the Master of Ceremonies for the church services during the Holy Week. A short slide show of the Holy Thursday service is on the OLOL web site. Michael did a great job and will make a great priest. We are fortunate to be affiliated with him.

Upcoming Exemplifications

2nd Degree, May 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes
 3rd Degree, June 21 at
 Fr. Michael Cottrell Council 7672
 5265 Placida Road
 Grove City, Florida
 Contact Tom Reno or Dennis Koopman to sign up

BACKPACK PROGRAM UPDATE

I have been asked many questions lately about our All Faiths Food Bank Backpack Program. I would like to take this opportunity to outline the reasons for the program, the workings of the program, its success and financial implications.

When we were approached by All Faiths Food Bank seven years ago to sponsor a school for the Backpack Program we were shocked to learn that over 50% of the students in Sarasota County were on free or reduced priced meals. This meant these students got nutritional food at school Monday through Friday for breakfast and lunch and most likely went hungry over the weekend. It did not take long for our Grand Knight and the board to say yes we would support the program. I accepted the position of chairman.

Every other week during the school year, a truckload of food is delivered to Venice United Church of Christ on Wednesday. Brothers Norman Pouliot and Dennis Tuszynski are there to assist others to unload the truck. Packing is done at this church by several organizations on Wednesdays. We pack on Thursday mornings every other week.

We pack food for the students for two weeks, every other week. Five Brothers pack on Thursday and Brother Pat Rapp then delivers the full tubs of food to Taylor Ranch. The students pick up week one food on Friday from the guidance office and repeat on the following Friday for week two food.

The program has evolved into more than just backpacks. Several years ago we were running a large financial balance in the backpack account so we decided to help out the backpack kids' families with a Thanksgiving Dinner (12 lb. fully cooked turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce and dessert.) After a couple of years of Thanksgiving Dinners, we are now also providing a Christmas Dinner (Boars Head Sliced Ham, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole and marshmallow delight.)

Hunger does not stop in the summer. Each July, 20 Knights and spouses go to All Faiths Food Bank to pack backpacks for the summer backpack program. We spend 2 hours packing and present AFFB with a check for the program.

From Day One we wanted "our kids" to have something they could open on Christmas morning. Thanks to Brother Paul Krause and Kathryn they hit all the local Dollar Generals for appropriate gifts. My wife, Marsha, then wraps all 90 or so and we deliver them to the school. You would be surprised what \$200.00 (from our Knights' general fund) can buy at Dollar General.

A recent enhancement to the program has been the addition of a mobile pantry at Taylor Ranch School which we also financially support. Brother Sam Vergona is the chairman of this program. This pantry is open twice a month. For whatever reason, perhaps embarrassment, we are **not** getting to a high percentage of students who qualify for the backpack program. To avoid the visible stigma of taking food home on Fridays, we have 35 backpack families who come to the food pantry.

Now, what are the financial implications of all of this? Way back when, our GK challenged us to fund the program with personal donations. It worked!! To date we have not used any Council 9924 funds to fund any of the programs outlined above with the exception of the Christmas presents. All donations are in a "lock box account" for the sole purpose of payments to All Faiths Food Bank.

This school year we began with 93 students from Taylor Ranch School in the program. Currently, due to transfers, we are at 88 students. Now for some sad data: Sarasota County still has over 50% of the student population qualifying for free and reduced meals. A positive sign is at Taylor Ranch School where the number is 41%, still depressingly high.

The cost to feed one student for an entire school year is \$160.00. Thanks to the contributions from Knights, neighbors, Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners, family members, our CCW and friends we have been able to meet the needs of the families at Taylor Ranch School. I must admit however that our bank account is shrinking and almost depleted. It will increase again in September when 2016 contributors receive my donation letter but in the meantime talk to your friends, neighbors and communities and mention the All Faiths Food Bank Backpack Program. It has received a great deal of press lately so it won't be hard to sell them on the program.

All tax deductible checks can be made out to Knights of Columbus 9924 with Backpack written in the memo section and mailed to Jim Palermo, 938 Chickadee Drive, Venice, FL, 34285. The kids thank you!

Jim Palermo, Chairman



Planning Your Estate Seminar

Join us for an informative seminar to discuss the essentials of maximizing the management of your estate.

When: 17 May 2017 at 6pm

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center

Light snacks and beverages will be provided afterwards

Opportunity to win prizes

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT MAY MEETING

Any 3rd Degree Knight can self-nominate for any office.

Anyone can nominate another 3rd Degree Knight for any office.

The Nominee must agree to accept the nomination.

Following are the Nominees proposed by the Board:

Grand Knight Kevin Lynch

Deputy Grand Knight Tim O'Connor

Warden Nick Catone

Treasurer Jim Quinnan

Recorder Bob Smith

Chancellor Sam Vergona

Advocate Larry Fischer

Inside Guard Ed O'Connor

Outside Guard Jack Kosiorek

Trustee 3 Year John Yaglenski

Trustee 2 Year Paul Krause

Trustee 1 Year John Chiumento

Appointed Positions

Chaplain Fr. Martin

Financial Secretary Tom Reno

Spiritual Advisor Deacon Lin Pennypacker





Divine Mercy Sunday: Nine Color Guards and about 20 other Knights attended the Divine Mercy Ceremony on Sunday, April 23. A slide show is available on the OLOL web site showing this beautiful service. Father Jay and the Ceremony Organizer were very appreciative of our participation.



The youth group cleaned our grills & refrigerators as a thank you for our support of their Summer

The Board approved the purchase of a defibrillator for the parish to be placed in the parish center. A Knight heard about the need and purchased the defibrillator on his own. Thank You for your generosity



226 Brothers received their 4th Degree at an Exemplification at Brother Rice High School. 8 Brothers from our Council advanced and several other current 4th Degree members attended and/or participated. Those advancing (shown left) were Tom Reno, Sam Vergona, Bernard Lanza, Bill Srofe, Kevin Lynch, and Lin Pennypacker. Also advancing were Dennis Charles and Ron Doorenbos – not pictured.



John Vidas receives his 1st & 2nd Degree Certificates



John Oznek receives his 1st Degree Certificate



March Family of the Month, Vince & Peggy Concannon



December Knight of the Month, Denny Strittmatter



April Family of the Month, Deacon Lin & Fran Pennypacker

We will be heading to All Faiths Food Bank on Thursday, July 20 to pack Summer Backpacks for the kids in our community. We will be there from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. I have committed to have 20 knight/spouses there. We need ten more to sign up. Please email me at: jspalermo@comcast.net to sign up.

FOOD COLLECTION

The results of our food collection weekend was approximately 2160 pounds of food which is a record as long as I have been doing the tally. Also we collected \$1144.00.

Please be sure to contact Dennis Tuszynski (the new food collection head) if you cannot make your appointed time. We do not always have enough Brothers to cover!! We had 15 brothers and one wife help this weekend.

Vince Concannon, Chairman

May 2017

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<i>28 Food</i> <i>Collection</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>			