



CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Venice, Florida

April, 2018

Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

I'm wondering if the annual northern flow of snowbirds will launch on April 2 or not. Easter is early this year, and the blizzards won't let up.....why leave Florida?

We have the pleasure of welcoming several new brothers! Transfers Sam Mattoni, Chris Clair, Jim Schuchart, Richard Michalak, William Tarr, Michael Daves, Joseph Schmenk, and Ron Albanese. Readmissions Joe Brigham and William Stahl. Members of the class of 2018: Dan Birck, Joe Tain, John Kopinsky, Wayne Vuolo, Robert Crowley, Richard Potson, Linn Spiller, Ron Nodzson, and Joseph Esgro.

Don't forget we are only partway to our goal for Star Council this year.

I have watched the Admissions Degree DVD and think it is great. The DVD has 4 places where it is paused so that we may physically accomplish a few steps. Ed O'Connor is leading the "digital" team.. We will execute this ceremonial on Tuesday, April 4. Candidates will report at 6:30 in the library.

Be a part of this historical moment and come welcome your new brothers. We have three brothers making their Knighthood degree (third) in Bradenton on April 7.

On the business side, our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Tim O'Connor will be unable to fill the position of Grand Knight due to professional commitments. So we now are looking for a Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight.

If you are **not** interested in one of these positions, then perhaps you can be of great help by taking other responsibilities. How? By taking responsibility for specialties such as our breakfasts and exemplifications. I've recently outlined various activities that need chairpersons. Thanks goes to Brother Peter Rots for volunteering to be the co-chair of our golf tournament! We need one more "co-." Thanks also to Brother Larry Fischer for his interest in this newsletter!!!!

If you're traveling in the days and weeks ahead, I hope your travels are smooth and happy.

Let's go!

Kevin





George Counes Knight of the Month



Sam Mattoni receives Honorary Life Certificate



Harold Bump Family of the Month Feb.



A thank you card from "our backpack kids" at Taylor Ranch School signed by all.

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

Tim O'Connor 915-6259

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 Tuszyński 485-3870

First Degree

Ed O'Connor 716-238-5001

Second Degree

Bob Burhoe 460-6546

Youth

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

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

... Along the way

Our Father in Heaven gave us our souls at the time that our parents gave us our bodies. And His intention from that moment on is that we be happy in this life. He doesn't tell us (usually) specifically what will give us that happiness but He does show us the way to live so we can attain it. Jesus is the Way.

In His love for us, our Father also sends the Spirit of love and life to our souls so as to inspire each one to search for and find his happiness. If we can live in imitation of Christ we have our best chance of being happy. Because that will open our souls to receiving the Spirit. And He can then lead us to the happiness that our Father so fervently desires for us.

And here is the way . . . "Love one another as I have loved you!"



March 17, 2018, The Knights held the St Patrick's coffee for the church community. The theme was one of education about St Patrick's life and included Irish music, power point presentation, and a handout. We served coffee, scones and cookies.

Tim, Jane and Peggy O'Connor along with Kathryn and Paul Krause planned and organized the event. It was a great success with over 150 people in attendance.

"Worshipping is stripping ourselves of our idols, even the most hidden ones, and choosing the Lord as the centre, as the highway of our lives."

Pope Francis

Council 9924 Board

2017-2018

Grand Knight

Kevin Lynch 493-4376

Deputy Grand Knight

Tim O'Connor 915-6259

Warden

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Chancellor

Sam Vergona 493-3313

Recorder

Bob Smith 426-9807

Treasurer

Jim Quinnan 445-8137

Advocate

Larry Fischer 480-0214

Inside Guard

Ed O'Connor 716-238-5001

Outside Guard

Jack Kosiorek 423-3865

Trustee 3 Year

John Yaglenski 408-7558

Trustee 2 Year

Paul Krause 412-4418

Trustee 1 Year

John Chiumento 426-9043

Chaplain

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

John & John
 George Fitzpatrick
 Tony Huml
 Tom Barry
 Jack Nevins/Family

TJ Hannaway
 Betty Weiss
 Jim Kelly
 Emmett Davis



Our Brothers Birthdays For April

Our Brothers Anniversaries For April

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| James Gianrusso | 01 |
| James Krueger | 02 |
| Pat Rapp | 04 |
| Larry Middendorf | 05 |
| Frank Lofaro | 06 |
| Sam Lombard | 08 |
| Michael Polinchak | 08 |
| Mike Nevinger | 09 |
| Russell Allan | 17 |
| Herman Schmidt | 20 |
| Daniel Shaughnessy | 20 |
| Christopher Clair | 22 |
| Mike O'Brien | 22 |
| Frank Filosa | 23 |
| Matt Soldano | 23 |
| Matthew Schiavone | 26 |
| Al Beaulieu | 27 |
| Thomas Festa | 28 |
| James Winslow | 28 |

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| Peter Rodriguez | 24 |
| John Hric | 21 |
| Gerald McIlmoyle | 20 |
| Tom Mehan | 12 |
| John Reilly | 11 |
| Charles McGowan | 07 |
| Ed O'Connor | 05 |
| Lucky Haynes | 04 |
| Al Meyer | 03 |
| Peter Rots | 02 |
| Guillermo Cardenas | 02 |
| John DallaMura | 02 |
| Ed Kurpaska | 02 |
| David Scalise | 02 |
| Kindred Hansen | 01 |
| Robert Rueger | 01 |
| Daniel DePodesta | 01 |

Honorary Members

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| Bruce Simon | 50 |
| Kevin Lynch | 45 |

Honorary Life Members

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| Roger Reid | 56 |
| John Powers | 54 |
| John Smith | 54 |
| Tom Kanapky | 50 |



Please join us at 6:30 PM prior to our Council Meetings for The Rosary



Food Collection
\$1177.00
1632 Pounds of Food
Thank you to everyone who worked the collection

April, 2018

Sunday, 8.....Breakfast Buffet
 Tuesday, 10.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 10.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Thursday, 19.....7:00 4th Degree @7052
 Saturday, 28..Fourth Degree Bradenton
 Sat/Sun, 28/29.....Fifth Sunday Rosary
 Sat/Sun, 28/29.....Food Collection

May, 2018

Tuesday, 8.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 8.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Sunday, 13.....Bloodmobile
 Sunday, 13.....8:00 Alter server award
 Thursday, 17.....7:00 4th Degree @7052
 Sat/Sun, 26/27.....Food Collection
 Monday, 28.....Memorial Day

June, 2018

Tuesday, 12.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 12.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Sunday, 17..Fathers Day, Vow Renewals
 Thursday, 21.....7:00 4th Degree @7052

**Election of Officers
 May 8, 2018**

**Paul Todd Christmas
 Concert
 December 2, 2018**



K of C Florida Council Raffle offers \$45,000 in prizes
 The state council is offering a raffle program to every council in the state. Tickets are \$1.00 each, or a book for \$12. The person who sold the book enters his name on the back flap of the book and turns the book in with the 12 stubs to raffle coordinators Bill Sanchez or Bob Burhoe, with the \$12.00. The council retains \$6.00!
 We were issued 2,200 tickets and thus should have \$1,100 profit when the last ticket is sold. Why do we need the sellers name? Because the seller is eligible for cash prizes as well.

Winners will be chosen at the annual convention in May. Please see brothers Burhoe or Sanchez for more information.

If you would like to take a book and sell it yourself, please see Brothers Burhoe or Sanchez.

Our Council 9924 Needs You

We are rapidly approaching a new council year with a new Board of Officers. As you read in the Grand Knights report on Page One, Tim O'Connor will not be able to move into the Grand Knights position. This means we need a Grand Knight and a Deputy Grand Knight for the years 2018-2019. On top of all of this, both of these positions have enough to keep them busy without having to worry about the Breakfast Buffets. We need two knights to co-chair the breakfast buffets. If this were not enough needs here is one more: Our Charity Golf Outing brings in a tremendous amount of money for local organizations. Fortunately Brother Pete Rots has stepped forward to co-chair this event. He needs another co-chair.

We are a very active council and do a great deal of good for many folks in our community. In order for this to continue we need more followers to become leaders to keep Council 9924 in the forefront of all Florida Councils.

TOOTSIE ROLL DONATIONS

GK Kevin Lynch, DGK Tim O'Connor, Bob Burhoe (Program Chairman) and FS Tom Reno delivered checks to the recipients of our Tootsie Roll Drive. It is always an inspiration to meet those who work with the youngsters that our donations help!



Loveland Center—Raphael Robles



Instride Therapy

(Sylvia thought it was great)



Tootsie Roll Presentation Check for Venice Elementary School Special Education Program



Special Olympics



Rich Carroll Challenger Baseball

April 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| 1 Easter Sunday | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Breakfast Buffet | 9 | 10 5:45 Board Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 7:00 4th Degree | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Food Collection 5th Sunday Rosary |
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