



# CROSS AND COMPASS

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**Council 9924**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**

**Venice, Florida**

**March, 2018**

## Grand Knights Message

Brothers

This edition reaches you at the time of our most critical effort and concentration on recruiting new members. As Brother Jerry McIlmoyle so eloquently put it at our February meeting, just ask someone to join. Twelve hours after he spoke those words, he approached a gentleman (Ash Wednesday morning) who agreed to join. Brother Jerry gave him the Form 100 and our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Tim O'Connor went to this gentleman's home and picked it up. We are getting 2-3 transfers in a month, however those give us no credit for recruiting..



You and I are sponsoring an open house for perspective members on Monday, February 12 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. We'll serve beverages and cake. We are having a guest speaker (author of books on veteran interviews) if the diocese approves him. This will be very informal I'd like to have guests sit at tables and have one or two Knights at each table to discuss their experiences as a knight, answer questions, and "cultivate" some Form 100's. PLEASE BE THERE if you can...and thanks to those of you who will recruit after all the masses. Due to the GALA on Saturday night, I'm low on help for the 5pm Mass on Saturday.

For any "Form 100's" that are turned in, we'll vote on them Tuesday night.

I believe right now we have 3 First Degree Applicants to be voted on. I spoke at all masses in the Parish Center in 1989. I can't recall how successful that was because we got many transfers as well as new members.

The election of new officers will take place at the May meeting. So it's time to come up with nominations. The position of Deputy Grand Knight will open as our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight moves to Worthy Grand Knight. **Someone STEP FORWARD**

Have any questions? Talk to Tim!!!!

Other events in March:

12: Open house for perspective members.

15: Assembly 1818 Meeting @ Council 7052

17: Irish Coffee in the Parish Center after the morning mass. Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Tim and Mrs. Jane O'Connor will be sharing their trips to Ireland.

18: Corporate Communion; will need servers and clean up crew.

29: Holy Thursday

Thanks for your time, talent, and prayers!!!

Let's go!!!!!! Kevin



## Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future



There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once, such as our recent tragedies in Ft Myers and Cape Coral. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

You need to evaluate your life insurance coverage yearly and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page. This applies to your adult children as well; they probably believe that accidents don't happen to them.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

For us Knights, the answer is easy.

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

Don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

Call me and let's discuss it together. If you are properly prepared, then let me meet your adult children and make sure that they are prepared.

Dan Stanton (941) 830-1189

## 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 Eyers 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**

At the recent mission held at Our Lady of Lourdes the Dominican preachers gave outstanding presentations. One of them, Fr. Bill, was an accomplished musician and set up his synthesizer on the altar. The sounds that device exuded were astounding. He was able to produce an angel chorus to back up “Adam, Where are You?”, bagpipes for “Amazing Grace”, harmonica and guitar picking for his Randy Travis songs.

That versatility led me to think about how versatile we Catholics are called on to be in living out the gospel. At various times we are asked to give advice, service, consolation, prayer support, financial support, physical support, listening, and on and on. We can do these many things because of God’s supporting us. We ought to pray that God continues to supply us whatever we need as we are called upon to serve His people.

We are, as Mother Teresa says, “Pencils in the hand of God”. He will use us to write the story of salvation, each in his own unique penmanship.



Bob Burhoe (pictured) and Patrick Ewing were named Knights of the Month for their work coordinating the Tootsie Roll Drive. It was a very successful drive and raised \$6859 for charity. We will net \$5900 to distribute to Venice Elementary Sp. Ed., Instride Therapy, Special Olympics of Sarasota, Challenger Baseball and Loveland Center.



Harold & Marvin Bumb & their wives were named family of the month for their work together on the Tootsie Roll campaign. It is great to have a father and son together in our Council and even better that they all work together as a family to help out.

**Council 9924 Board**

**2017-2018**

**Grand Knight**

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Nick Catone 717-818-3167

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**Treasurer**

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**Advocate**

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**Trustee 2 Year**

Paul Krause 412-4418

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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 Eysers at 614-946-4225

**Pray for the Sick and Distressed**

Gallagher Family  
Barbara O'Connor  
Scott Sheldon  
Ed O'Connor

TJ Hannaway  
Betty Weiss



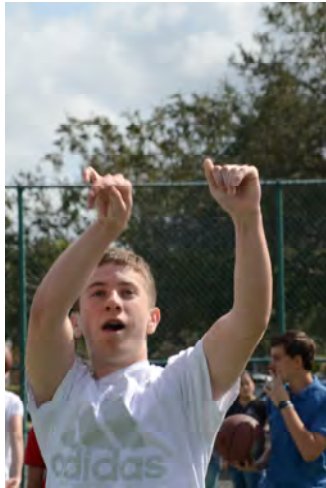
**Corporate Communion**  
Sunday, March 18 at the 8:00 AM Mass. We will meet with the Our Lady of Lourdes CCW for mass and breakfast. Please wear your knights shirts and meet in the lobby at 7:45 AM. Brother Paul Krause and Kathryn will be preparing breakfast.  
**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

**Our Brothers Birthdays For March**

**Our Brothers Anniversaries For March**

Stephen Delaney	01
John Smith	01
James Stevens	01
Joseph Craven	03
James Placek	04
Deacon Steve Beck	05
William Finer	07
Francis Conwell	09
Charles Short, Jr.	11
William Srofe	16
James Jerome	17
Thomas Barry	19
Eugene Clifford	21
Lucky Haynes	24
Michael Santoro	24
Frank Wheatley	27
Robert Tann	30
John Vidas	31

Stephen Ambrose	24
Howard Schneider	23
David Smith	21
Allan Russell	18
Ed Farrell	14
Frank Wheatley	14
Joseph Esgro	13
Mark Iannotti	12
James Jerome	12
Peter Valenti	11
Vito Adamo	07
Bruce Callahan	07
Bob Hackmeister	07
Ivan Skoric	07
James Worth	07
Harold Bump	06
Marvin Bump	06
Joseph Craven	04
Joe Ferreira	04
Vinnie Ferris	04
Bill Finer	04
James Krueger	04
Hennig Guenther	03
Robert Stewart	03
Sam Vergona	03
Ed Gates	02
Robert Tann	02
James Young	02
Joseph Anselmo	02
Gerald Lietz	02
Larry Middendorf	01
John Ozimek	01
Michael Santoro	01
Charles Short	01



**Basketball Shootout**  
Thanks to the efforts of our Youth Director, Brother Nick Catone and his team the basketball shootout was a success!

**Congratulations to John Marino - he just became an Honorary Life Member.**

On being told he was diagnosed with Parkinsons Disease:  
*"Suffering is part of the human condition and it comes to us all. The key is how we react to it, either turning away from God in anger and bitterness or growing closer to Him in trust and confidence."*  
The Rev. Billy Graham



**Honorary Life Members**

John Horgan	56
Bill Weiss	55
Douglas Banting	35
Michael O'Brien	30



**March, 2018**

Saturday, 3.....K of C Gala Dinner Party  
 Tuesday, 13.....5:45 Officers Meeting  
 Tuesday, 13.....7:00 Council Meeting  
 Thursday, 15....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052  
 Friday, 17.Irish Coffee after Morning Ma  
 Sunday, 18.....Breakfast Buffet  
 Sat/Sun 24/25.....Food Collection  
 Thursday, 29.....Holy Thursday

**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  
 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  
 Thursday, 17.....7:00 4th Degree @7052  
 Saturday, 26.....Place flags at Sarasota Nat  
 Sat/Sun, 26/27.....Food Collection

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

**CLOTHING DRIVE**

The clothing drive for the migrant workers was fairly successful. We sent two loads of clothes to Wachula totaling about 50 large bags. Each bag weighed about 40 pounds so we collected a TON of clothes. Shown below is the send batch of clothes. Thank you to Dennis Tuszinski and John Gallagher for helping load the donations.



Buy  
 Raffle Tickets

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.

**So far we have done very little to sell tickets. Selling tickets is an easy way for the council to bank money. Please get selling and purchasing!**

## APPRECIATION DINNER

OLOL held an Appreciation Dinner for volunteers on Feb. 26. 305 people (capacity) attended. As you would expect, LOTS of Knights attended. Our presence was pervasive. A Knight gave the welcome (Fr. Jay). A Knight gave the invocation (Fr. Sheehy). A Knight's wife (and the Knight) organized and set up the dinner (Elisa & Dan Dacey). The parish appreciates the service of ALL volunteers and your service as a Knight means a lot.



Full House



Fr. Jay & Elisa

**Food Collection Weekend**

**Thanks to Brother Tuszynski and all of his assistants, \$972 and 1000 pounds of food was collected during the February Collection.**

**Thanks to all!**



Fr. Jay attempting to qualify as a breakfast server



Thank you to the many Knights, along with their friends and family members, who helped in collecting for those individuals with intellectual disabilities. Some Knights/family members took extra shifts. We solicited donations at three retail locations and after all of the Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, on the weekend of 1/12 – 1/14 and at one retail location on 1/26 & 1/27. We collected \$6860 and netted almost \$6600 for charity. The breakdown is: Florida K of C Charities - \$686. Instride Therapy, Special Olympics of Sarasota, Challenger Baseball and Loveland Center -\$1350 each. Venice Elementary Special Education- \$500

As a wrap-up to the collection, thank-you letters were hand delivered to the merchants that allowed us to collect at their stores. We informed them of the local charities that benefited from our collection and told them we would return next year.

Special thanks to Bob Burhoe and Patrick Ewing who co-chaired the event and Bob Rush who counted the money – every last cent!



## WALK FOR LIFE

The Pregnancy Solutions Annual Walk for Life was held on 2/24/18 at Maxine Barrett Park. Our Council made a generous donation to help sponsor the OLOL Youth Group in the Walk. It was a glorious day and several Knights attended to show their support. The Youth team raised \$2200 – **FIRST PLACE** -a great showing.



Our Lady of Lourdes Youth Group led by Dawn Vitalis



Pat Reno and Dan Dacey



## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The February Breakfast was a HUGE success. We served over 230 people and netted over \$1000. Special thanks to all that helped. As always, we have lots of help to setup, serve and put away. The kitchen cleanup is a challenge. Thank you to Vinnie Ferris, who washed EVERYTHING. Also Bob Burhoe and John Gallagher who stayed to the end and Tim O'Connor who did mop detail.

# March 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 5:45 Officers Meeting 7:00 Council Meeting	14	15 7:00 Fourth Degree	16	17
18 8:00 Corporate Communion	19	20	21	22	23	24 Food Collection
25 Food Collection	26	27	28	29 Holy Thursday	30	31