



CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Venice, Florida

May, 2018

Grand Knights Message

Greetings Good Brothers!

We've come to a very special time of year for many reasons. First Communions, Confirmation, Mothers' Day, Fathers' Day, graduations, weddings, Flag Day, reunions, conventions, retirements, and anniversaries occupy the spring months.

Our Fraternal Year ends June 30. As of the time I write this, I'm working on getting three men to join us. Currently we are 5 short of meeting our Star Council Award. I'm sorry to be the GK who has to explain this.



I decided to remove several members whom we had not heard from for several years. Our best detective work could not find these men. To drop these brothers we had to satisfy many requirements of our Supreme Council. We pay per-diem fees for these brothers as long as they are on the roster and count them in our membership. I felt this wasn't right.

My last hurdle in my term as Grand Knight includes finding a Deputy Grand Knight. Most of your 2017-18 officers are staying on board. They will be joined by Lecturer-nominee Bob Burhoe and Trustee-nominee Joe Della Penna. I have to say that being Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight provided experiences I will enjoy forever. Personally I know I grew a lot. I'm a better person (I hope) for my experiences with all of you. If you have any interest in this, please contact me. Perhaps my prayers will be answered and I will have a volunteer by the time this goes to publication. Several "chair" positions are still open.

The election will be held at our next meeting. The annual convention will be held on Memorial Day weekend, and attended by our Worthy Grand Knight-nominee Mike O'Brien and Worthy F.S. Tom Reno.

The new Fraternal Year will reveal a few new projects on the horizon, for which I will invoke the "Cone of Silence" until we have more information.

God Bless you and your family!

Kevin

Memorial Day



Memorial Day is the day to honor the Veteran's who died in service to our country on our behalf. What will you do to pay your respects? Consider a moving and meaningful donation of your time by helping to place flags on every one of the 14,000 gravesites at Sarasota National Cemetery. Placement will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 26th. A ticket is necessary to be a volunteer. To obtain yours, please contact: Sarasota National Cemetery, Meshia Richardson at 941-448-6299.



Three of our Brothers received their third degree on April 7, 2018. Dan Smith and Bob Stewart are pictured with Grand Knight Kevin Lynch. Missing is Bob Rueger

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

Although there are many problems and scandals that we hear about every day there is also a growing re-birth of grass roots democracy evidenced in the women's movement, the "me too" movement and especially the Florida high school kids calling out congress for letting bad things continue to happen.

But of course we Christians know the real and lasting answer is for our nation and every person in it to turn to our loving Father for guidance, strength and perseverance and to re-calibrate our own moral compass. Make our grass roots honesty, self sacrifice, compassion, love. Together we can influence the world around us. After all, Jesus got His kingdom started with only a dozen good men.



In lieu of flowers,
the Knights of Columbus
is honoring all Mothers by making
a donation to
Our Mother's House



*"Hearing nuns' confessions is like being stoned
to death with popcorn."*

Bishop Fulton Sheen

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

Ken Lanza
 Al Bealieu
 MaryAnn Cardenas
 Kathy Gallagher
 TJ Hannaway

Beverly
 Bob Rush
 Bob Hackmeister



Our Brothers Birthdays For May

Our Brothers Anniversaries For May

Theophane Frechette	03
Bob 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
Deacon Lin	17
Dennis Vance	18
Karl Anderson	21
Gilbert Witte	21
Joe Browne	22
Bernard Lanza	25
Bryan Zapf	28
Antonio Cardenas	29
Fr. Marcin	30
Douglas Piper	30
Thomas Pokikuha	30

Robert Moore	43
James Winslow	25
Douglas Clark	08
James Giarrusso	06
Steven Schlegel	06
Dennis Tuszknski	06
Dan Dacey	05
Dea. Lin Pennypacker	05
William Welch	04
James Bosley	01

Honorary Life Members

Joseph Brisch	71
Richard Maier	44
Charles Dawson	40
Robert Chapman	34
William Barrett	32
William Marcoux	30
Rev. Janusz Jancarz	29
Rev Marcin Koziola	12



Paul Krause receives Family of the Month



Food Collection
 Food collected 1760 pounds
 Money donated \$1237
 A pretty good collection for the last weekend of the month. Many snowbirds have left paradise!

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

Knights of Columbus/Solve
Golf Outing
Saturday, November 3

Knights of Columbus
Sugar Bowl
Show of Shows
Sunday, November 25

Paul Todd
Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 2

The Catholic Difference

The two concepts — Catholic virtue and profitable business —may seem incompatible, but the Knights of Columbus has long been a shining example of how businesses can succeed by placing faith and values before financial gain.

Our Catholic heritage permeates our business. It’s part of what makes us so unique. We call it our Catholic difference. Our ethical practices, in fact, received international recognition for five consecutive years, when the Ethisphere Institute designated the Knights of Columbus as a World’s Most Ethical Company®. We do not invest in immoral businesses or in risky investment instruments. We do not believe that the potential for profit is worth jeopardizing our Catholic faith or our solemn promise to our members and their families.

“It is a principled approach to investing,” the supreme knight said, “that highlights the depth of our commitment to our faith. And while following these principles, our investment team has consistently achieved positive and competitive financial returns.”

We are different because of who we are. We are different because of what we believe. And we are different because of the way we act on those beliefs. It’s a difference that traces its way back to Father McGivney, and that ought to be a point of pride for all brother Knights and their families.

We are currently paying 2.5% on our new annuities, we do not charge any annual or maintenance fees. We have never raised the rates on our in force Long Term Care contracts. We have some of the industry’s lowest premiums for term and amongst the highest dividends on our whole life.

I sit with our families every day and help them see their actual financial situation and then offer advice and options on how to meet their goals in a secure and ethical manner.

Contact me today to find out more about how you and your family can benefit from our Catholic difference.



Dan Stanton
 Your Field Agent
 (941) 830-1189



**Council 9924 Dues for the Fiscal Year
July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019**

**ANNUAL DUES \$35.00 OPTIONAL:
FAYAK \$10.00 – Newsletter \$5.00**

The K of C State of Florida vocations support program, FAYAK, of \$10.00 or more to help offset the costs of the assessment we receive every year of \$10.00 per member.

Be a Newsletter Booster for \$5.00 (or more) to offset the costs of our Monthly Newsletter which exceed \$1,000 per year.

Please remit your payment promptly to save our council additional work and mailing expense. If desired, you may make the payment in person at our Council Meeting on May 8, 2018 or June 12, 2018.

Please make your checks payable to “Knights of Columbus Council 9924” and send your payment to Tom Reno (our Financial Secretary) at Tom Reno , 1630 San Silvestro Drive, Venice, FL., 34285.

If you support both, your total payment will be \$50.00.



Sam Mattoni receives Knight of the Month Certificate



Robert Rueger receives his First Degree Certificate



Welcome to three Knights who have become council brothers .

Divine Mercy Sunday



A beautiful ceremony was held on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Knights participated and had an Honor Guard plus several other Knights providing reverence to the Divine mercy painting.



Four Knights led the service:

Fr. Sheehy (our founder), Fr. Jay (our Pastor), Deacon Lin and John Raymond (server).

SERVICE PROGRAMS

	2017/2018	2018/2019
Programs Director	T.O'Connor	Open
Back Pack	Palermo	Palermo
Membership	T. O'Connor	Open
Community	Kosiorek	Kosiorek
Buffet Breakfasts		
Coordinator		Open (2) New
Pre-Work	Errico	Errico
Kitchen Crew	Gallo	Gallo
Cleanup	None	Open
Outside Area	Davis/Kristie	Davis/Kristie
C&C	Palermo	Palermo/Fischer
Prayer Tree	Eyers	Eyers
1st Degree	E. O'Connor	E.O'Connor
2 nd Degree	Burhoe	Burhoe
Sound Man	Koopman	Open
Food Service	Cardenas	Errico/Cardenas
Pro-Life	Yaglenski	Yaglenski
Retention	Baranick	Open
Food Collection	Tuszynski	Tuszynski
Tootsie Roll	Burhoe/Ewing	Burhoe/Ewing
Visitation/Historian	Maguire	Maguire
Youth	Catone	Catone
Church Programs	Sanchez	Sanchez
Golf Tournament	Baranick	Rots/Bowes
C&C/Publicity/Bulletin		Open
Raffle	Burhoe	Burhoe
Veterans Events	Misc.	Harrison
Blue Mass	Adam/Lynch	Adam/ Open
Christmas Concert	Lynch	Open
Blood Drives	Lynch/E.O'Connor	Open

The Officers can't do it all. Service Program Managers are critical to the success of our Council. Please step forward and assist

PROGRAM MANAGERS NEEDED

The Election of Officers will be held at the May meeting. Along with electing of Officers we also must fill the Program Manager positions for all the activities we conduct. Many of the Managers from last year have volunteered to "re-up" but we do have several openings that need to be filled. This is a great way for members to get involved and serve their community and our Council. Here is what we need.

Program Manager – This person coordinates the many Service Program Managers and reports at the Monthly General Meeting. Usually it is the Deputy Grand Knight but it could be anyone.

Breakfast Coordinators – We need **two** men to share the load of being the overall coordinator of our Breakfasts. We want to have more Breakfasts next year and ideally would have 2 crews to make it easier for everyone.

Membership Director – The Membership Director collects Form 100's, insures they are complete, interviews prospects and presents them to the membership for a vote. He insures they are inducted promptly.

Retention Director – The Retention Director follows the established procedure to follow-up on members that have not paid their dues. The objective is to contact them and try and retain them as members.

Publicity & Bulletins – There are so many notices that need to be placed in the bulletin that a person is needed to make sure they get in on time. Sounds easy – and it is. But, timing is everything! The notice must be submitted 2 or 3 weeks before the Bulletin is published and it must be in the Bulletin a week or two before the event. It just takes someone to do it on time.

– This person will coordinate the **Christmas Concert** getting the hall set up, ordering tickets and getting the tickets sold. The Hall is already reserved and the Singers are scheduled.

May 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 5:45 Officers Mtg. 7:00 Council Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 8:00 Altar Server Award Bloodmobile	14	15	16	17 7:00 Fourth Degree Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Food Collection
27 Food Collection	28	29	30	31		