

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924  
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## Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers of Council 9924:

It was the Holy Spirit who called upon me to step forward and be your Grand Knight. He also guided me to remind all of you to do the same and become more active in your council. Our three precepts of **Charity, Unity & Fraternity** are intertwined with our **“One-for All and All-for One”** credo, in that the easiest way for us to achieve our precepts is to come together as one, by participating in one or more of our various programs. If you don’t see a fit with a Council 9924 activity, consider one of the other 25-odd ministries here at OLOL. Your heart and soul will be spiritually rewarded by that warm inner feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment by helping others. I have never ceased to be amazed by watching the brothers in this council come together in support of our many programs – you’ll get that same feeling too. Call (941-426-9807) or email (bob\_coastal@aol.com) me.



I’d like to make another point regarding this year’s Catholic Faith Appeal, which kicked off this past February: if any of you have an IRA but have been supporting the CFA with cash or checks, you are using after-tax dollars. You can make a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) tax-free and whatever you give counts towards your RMD (Required Minimum Withdrawal) as well. You’ll be able to either save tax dollars and reward yourself or you could give more to the CFA by adding the amount of taxes you’ve been paying on withdrawals. Also note that this should work out better for most of us because of the new IRS code and its new deductions helping the low and middle-class taxpayers. Talk to the Holy Spirit first and then contact whom-ever handles your IRA to make a QCD directly to the CFA in your name and that of OLOL..

I look forward to working for and with all of you starting right now,

Robert J. Smith, Grand Knight

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“ Today.. I am handing you the Rosary beads. Through prayer and meditation on the mysteries, Mary leads you safely towards her Son! Do not be ashamed to recite the Rosary alone, while you walk along the streets to school, to the university or to work, or as you commute by public transport. Adopt the habit of reciting it among yourselves, in your groups, movements and associations. Do not hesitate to suggest that it be recited at home ... because it rekindles and strengthens the bonds between family members. This prayer will help you to be strong in your faith, constant in charity, joyful and persevering in hope.”

+Pope John Paul II, 8 March 2003





## Food Collection Sunday

**June 29 & 30**

Before and after the Masses



**May collection: 960 lbs. & \$1249**

**June collection: 960 lbs. & \$1045**

**The Food Collection Needs YOU!**



.. Along the Way

. A little girl was learning the Lord's Prayer. Her mommy said," OK, Honey. Say it for me now." The little girl had it just right until the end where she said, ". . . lead us not into temptation but deliver us some e-mail!"

In our search for what God's plan is for us we might like to have an E-mail laying it out for us. But that will probably not happen. So how do we figure it out.

Some years ago, Richard Bolles wrote a book called "What color is your parachute." It was advice on how to find your ideal job. Buried in the back was a section called "An Appendix for Believers." Here, Bolles imagines a group of newly created souls in heaven waiting to be infused in a new baby. God calls the next in line and explains exactly what He wants this soul to accomplish on earth. He invites the soul to tell Him what conditions he would like in order to get the job done. The soul describes the kind of parents, physical and mental abilities and so on. God arranges all the conditions but before He dispatches the soul, He removes the memory of what the plan is.

As the soul goes through life he must reflect on the peculiar conditions of his existence and try to deduce what sort of mission requires these attributes. He listens to his internal promptings and checks with those who love him to see what they think he is best at. All the while his guardian angel and the Holy Spirit are prompting him toward his true calling.

Good luck in your search.

Not a Fourth Degree Knight? Why not?



See SK Ed Farrell or SK George Counes



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 Marcia Harrison     Lisa Taylor  
 John Hrick  
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 Eric O'Brien

**Deceased**

Al Adam  
 John Smith  
 Please keep all the faithfully departed in your Prayers



**Our Brothers Birthdays For July**

David Burger	92	Ronald Doorenbos	61
Thomas Kanapky	91	John Luchansky	59
James Kelly	90	Patrick Ewing	58
Guenther Hennig	88		
Robert Crowley	86		
Vito Adamo	95		
Peter Rots	85		
Theodore Drabin	83		
Robert Elie	82		
Edmund Guszkowski	81		
Stephen Feldman	78		
John Staas	77		
Peter Valenti	76		
William Barrett	76		
Salvatore Vergona	74		
James Quinnan	73		
Thomas Kirkpatrick	68		
John Gallagher	67		
William Morris	64		



**Our Brothers Anniversaries For July**

<b>HONORARY LIFE</b>		Dennis Vance	1
Frank Lofaro	64	Ronald Beech	1
		Dennis Stoll	1
James Stevens	49		
Lee Smutz	14		
Robert Lauser	9		
John Luchansky	9		
James Fox	9		
Joe Browne	1		

Thought of the Day

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible."

— St. Thomas Aquinas

"God wishes us to be meek even toward ourselves. When a person commits a fault, God certainly wishes him to humble himself, to be sorry for his sin, and to purpose never to fall into it again; but he does not wish him to be indignant with himself, and give way to trouble and agitation of mind; for, while the soul is agitated, a man is incapable of doing good."

— St. Alphonsus De Liguori, p. 259

**July, 2019**

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**Tuesday, July 9**  
**Officers Meeting 5:30**  
**Rosary @ 6:30**  
**Council Meeting 7:00**

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**Thursday, July 18**  
**7:00**  
**Assembly 1818 Meeting**

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**Saturday, 27**  
**5th Sunday Rosary**

**Food Collection**  
**After Mass**

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**Sunday, 28**  
**5th Sunday Rosary**

**Food Collection**  
**After all Masses**

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**Service Programs**

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*Ron Bowes 412-965-1983*

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*Dan Stanton 830-1189*

**Vocations Chairman**

*Greg Walsh 941-681-2438*

**Health Services**

*Henry VonSalzen 631-672-1803*

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If you know of a homebound brother or is residing in a nursing facility please contact Joe Maguire at 493-2784 or

[Salmac1057@verizon.net](mailto:Salmac1057@verizon.net)



Fr. Jay looks on as Brother John Chiumento presents the Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924 Scholarship to Claudia Marie Mendez

Claudia Marie Mendez is the first recipient of the Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924 \$1000 scholarship. Immediately after receiving the award Fr. Jay announced, from the pulpit, that he was going to add another \$1000 to the scholarship.

You have probably seen Claudia on the altar at mass participating as an Alter Server, a Lector, or even as a cantor. Claudia also sings in the youth choir and is a leader at the summer camp.

Claudia graduated from Venice High School with a 4.6 GPS and was president of the French Honor Society and a member of the school choir.

In her spare time Claudia teaches art at the Jacaranda Library is involved in the Aftercare program at Taylor Ranch Elementary School.

Claudia will be attending USF, majoring in Education and plans to earn her PHD.

We wish Claudia Marie well in her future endeavors.



In June the Knights of Columbus/Catholic Charities Sugar Bowl Fund helped 6 families, 21 children, with \$5120.72

To date the Sugar Bowl has helped 27 families, 56 children, with \$20,609.07. ( \$781.789 average per family)

These are families who have fallen on hard times due to an unexpected crisis such as illness, or an unexpected expense, that interrupted their ability to normally keep up with their expenses.. Please support the Sugar Bowl Fund.

Welcome our new First Degree members



Grand Knight Mike O'Brien presents the Admission Degree certificate to newly installed Brother Joseph Hayduk



Keys to Membership Recruiting Success

Article 9. Involve young people

Ask young men to join our council. Recruiting a wide range of age groups will provide our council with greater reach within our community. Use targeted advertising, especially social media, to reach younger prospective members

Until next month,

Vivat Jesus!

Sam Mattoni



### Did You Know-----

At the entrance of a quiet subdivision in Venice, there are no monuments signaling that one of the residents played a leading role in protecting the United States during the Cold War. Which is the way Gerald E. “Jerry” McIlmoyle prefers it. “I’m nobody special, just a hayseed from McCook, Nebraska,” he says.

His 30-year career in the U.S. Air Force tells a different story. He began by piloting U-2 spy planes 13 miles above the earth, capturing photos of the Soviet Union installing nuclear missiles in Cuba in 1962, a provocation that nearly escalated into nuclear war. In the 1970s, McIlmoyle commanded the 341<sup>st</sup> Strategic Missile Wing, the largest component of the U.S. arsenal. He also was a top planner for the Strategic Air Command and upgraded the “nuclear football”, the codes given to the president to authorize a nuclear strike. McIlmoyle, now 89, retired from the Air Force in 1981 and for the past 2 years lived in Venice.

“I came from a little town in the middle of nowhere, but the experiences I had as a child and the integrity and honesty I learned from my parents stayed with me my whole life. One day in gym class the teacher put up ropes from floor to ceiling and said, ‘Boys, I want you to climb these to the top’. I was scared of heights, but I was the only one who made it. ‘Look at him’, the teacher said. ‘He isn’t bigger or stronger than you other boys. But he was determined. He wasn’t going to quit.’

“My parents made us dress up every week and go to Sunday school. I hated it. On Sunday, my mother gave me a dime for the collection box. I threw the dime in the grass and marched off to the park, a real rebel. But then I started thinking how hard my dad worked for that dime and what it was meant for and how terrible it was that I had thrown it away. It took me 30 minutes digging through the grass to find that dime. I have thought about that dime many, many times in my life.

“When I was flying the U-2 during the Cuban Missile Crisis, I was fully aware that we were on the precipice of nuclear war. Fidel Castro was crazy, and President Kennedy and (Soviet Premier Nikita) Khrushchev knew it. The Soviets lied about what they were up to in Cuba, but the pictures we took proved what was happening. I’ll never forget President Kennedy telling me eyeball to eyeball, ‘I’ll never be able to thank you enough for bringing back those pictures and allowing me to peacefully settle this crisis.’ I knew he wasn’t just talking to me. He was talking to America.

“Most people have heard of the nuclear football. It’s really a book, a decision matrix, to be used to launch a nuclear strike. I was assigned to put the book together, a flip chart in a briefcase that never leaves the president’s side. I briefed President Reagan on it in Blair House two days before he was inaugurated. It was like feeding him quantum mechanics through a fire hose.

“I learned as commander not to succumb to anger or retribution. Once we had a missile crew member get caught throwing something over the fence of the Russian Embassy. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs asked me, ‘What are you going to do, Jerry?’ I said, ‘Grant him immunity. It’s more important that we learn what he threw across that fence than it is to punish him.’ We got the information we needed; it was a code book, but an old one not in use. Still, it led us to change our codes. We made that crew member finish his service, in a menial job, and we made sure everyone knew what he had done. He was shunned.

“My wife put all my medals up there on the wall in a fancy frame, but do you know how much they mean to me? Zilch. The honor that meant most to me was our base winning Best Mess Hall in the Air Force two years in a row. That made me happy because it made the people I worked with happy.

“It does not surprise me that we have had these weapons for so many years and we have not annihilated ourselves or the world. I have seen nuclear weapons detonated. Know what they can do. I also have confidence that our nation’s mindset is that we will not be the first to launch a nuclear weapon. But if we get some kook in there [the White House], everything I’ve said is out the window.”

From Sarasota Magazine

## Be Active ...A letter from Tom Reno

June 10, 2019

Brothers,

Greetings from cool Michigan,

As many of you know, for reasons of health, my wife and I became “Sunbirds” this year. We had to leave the heat of Florida summers for cooler temps in Michigan. As a side benefit, we are now near a couple of our children and are enjoying some long missed “family events”.

We are enjoying our new adventure very much. We live on the St. Clair river which is the boundary between Michigan and Canada. It is a “working” river with numerous freighters passing us every day. Some of them are 1000’ long. We even had a warship, the USS Billings, go by on its way to Florida. We never get tired of watching these ships.

The only things we miss are our Parish and the Knights. We have “tried” 3 or 4 churches and none of them meet our expectations. The Mass is fine but the “Celebration” part is lacking. We don’t know a soul in Church. Also, they all have a K of C Council but there is no mention of any activities in the bulletin. It is very hard to make contact.

Why do I mention this? I want to remind you of the wonderful opportunity you have at OLOL to become a part of a really vibrant parish. Going to the Celebration of Mass where you don’t know anyone takes the “Celebration” out of it. Being an active Knight changes everything. You will surely meet other Knights at Mass and have friends with you. Being “active”, you will meet more Knights, help those in need and have more friends at Mass. You will also get the warm feeling of satisfaction from helping others.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity you have. It has changed my life for the better. It can be a boon to you too! GET ACTIVE!

Tom Reno  
PGK 2016/2017



## Grand Knight

The grand knight is the highest ranking officer of his council, and is responsible for the welfare of the council. He presides over council meetings, acts as an ex-officio member of all committees, appoints membership and program directors, convenes officers for a monthly meeting, and ensures all necessary reports are submitted to the state and Supreme Council. He should also be aware of the council’s financial status and ensure that his signature appears on all checks drawn. Additionally, the grand knight must ensure the membership, insurance and programming growth of his council and the involvement of all its members. For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Grand Knight’s Handbook (#915).

# July 2019

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 7:00 <i>Assembly 1818 Meeting</i>	19	20
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28 <i>Fifth Sunday Rosary Food Collection</i>	29	30	31			