

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

January, 2021



Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ

Happy New Year to all my brother knights and may our Lord bless you and your family this coming year. We accomplished a great deal in 2020 which culminated in our council being named Star Council for our many achievements. We do not do these service projects to be rewarded but rather to follow Christ's teaching "whatever you do to the least of these brothers of mine you do unto me." As your Grand Knight I want you to know how blessed I am to have such dedicated and committed Catholic men in Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924. No wonder our District Deputy thinks so highly of us and counts on us to help him achieve his goals. Please continue to do all you can in 2021 to keep our tradition of excellence going.



We are embarking on an exciting fundraising effort to help our Pastor, Father Jay, meet the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) goal.

Other councils in the Diocese of Venice mount successful campaigns so I am confident we too can achieve our goal. You'll be given information regarding this shortly.

Our first council meeting of this year will be Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 pm with the officers meeting at 5:30 pm and rosary at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend following all COVID-19 parish protocols including a mask and social distancing. **There will be no food served.** We will sanitize the tables and chairs after the meeting. Finally, please remember our rosary after 8:00 am mass on Monday's and our food collection January 30th and 31st. Our virtual officers meeting is Tuesday, January 12th at 4:30 pm.

Yours in faith, hope and charity.

Ron Bowes, Grand Knight

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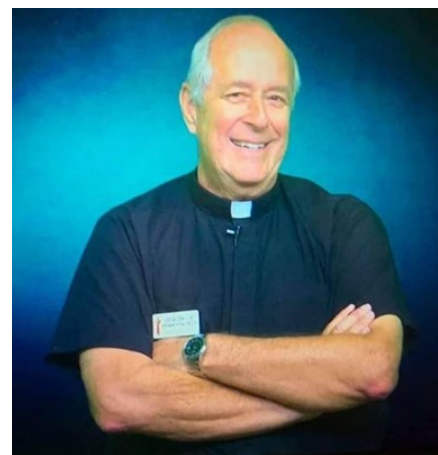
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Brothers,

*I had published the Cross & Compass for at least 10 years prior to turning over the responsibility to Dick Maier. Deacon Lin was our Spiritual Director at a time when I published the Cross & Compass. Month after month he wrote very inspiring and thought provoking articles for Page Two of the Cross & Compass. Here I am subbing for Dick this month so I decided to create PAGE TWO as a Memorial to Deacon Lin for this issue. Tom Reno did some research on Deacon's articles and **you must read very carefully what he wrote for the May, 2017 issue.***

*Vivat Jesus
Jim Palermo*



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



Circle of Life Golf Outing



Altar Server Awards



Fourth Degree Installation

Our Challenge for the New Year

This year I challenge our council to meditate on Mary's *fiat* to say yes to pray the Holy Rosary every Monday to end of this dreadful pandemic. I challenge you to join with your brother Knights and Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes in the *FAITH IN ACTION* program to help our parish and community rid us of this virus.

Mary's *fiat* her yes to the Angel Gabriel at the annunciation models perfect discipleship. What Faith our Blessed Mother exemplified... Because Mary unreservedly said yes to God, Jesus became man in order to redeem the world from sin.

God can work wonders, may each of us take up this challenge and place our unconditional trust in the will of God so that he may work His wonders through the intercession of the Rosary.

Peter Spagnuolo PGK

Advocate 9924

Correspondence Recently Received

Card or letter from:	Message
Christmas card from Catholic Charities – Diocese of Venice. Philomena Pereira, CEO	Merry Christmas ! Blessings for a happy and healthy New Year!
Catholic Charities – Diocese of Venice	A gift has been made in memory of Deacon Lin Pennypacker to the Christmas Appeal of Catholic Charities. A Mass is being offered for your intentions during the Christmas Season
Diocese of Venice. Fr. Shawn Roser, Vocations Director	Brother Knights, May the peace that comes this season light our path to a beautiful new year. God bless you! In Christ, Fr. Shawn Roser
All Faiths Food Bank	Knights of Columbus family. Very thankful hearts for being our Hunger Heroes! Much Love, Aundria Castleberry
Pregnancy Solutions	Christmas letter including a case history of a client advocate working with a client to save a baby from abortion. Acknowledgement of our \$2,000 contribution.
Fr John Hoang, our Council Chaplain	Dear Brother Knights. Just want you to know that you're warmly remembered and thought of with a Special thanks to God. May He richly and lavishly Bless all Council members of 9924 and your loved ones at Christmas and in the New Year. Your Brother Knight, Fr. John Hoang
Thank you card from the family of James Giarrusso	The family of James Giarrusso thanks the Knights for their presence at Jim's funeral. Your attention to this is most appreciated. Connie Giarrusso.

Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Keep the sick in your prayers

Ron Bowes	Susan Catone
Fr. Vincent Sheehy	Steve Delaney
Rose Rodriguez	Sam Mattoni
Tom Kanapky	Jerry McIlmoyle

May God send his healing graces upon you.

Amen

Necrology

Deacon Lin Pennypacker

Larry Kavolak

Charles McGowan

Keep these departed Brothers in
your prayers

Our Brothers Birthday

German Gutierrez	87	Guiseppe Ragozzino	71
William Stahl	82	David LaLiberte	70
Edward Gates	81	Dennis Tuszynski	70
Herbert Ziefel	80	Robert Moore	65
Kieran Day	79	Timothy O'Connor	62
Joseph Mrusko	78	Dennis Koopman	57
Raymond Benosky	77	Robert Lauser	54
Robert Martin	75	Linn Spiller	53
John Cullinan	74	John Hoang, Rev.	50
Wayne Vuolo	74	Mark Iannotti	43
Nicholas Catone	73		

Our Brothers Anniversary

Victor Dina	68	Life Member
Frechette Theophane	56	Life Member
John Reilly	55	
Alfred Roy	46	Life Member
Samuel Mattoni	43	Life Member
Lin Lymburner	37	Life Member
Christopher Clair	37	Life Member
Donald Maselli	34	Life Member
James Kelly	32	
Michael Wohlrab	31	
John Marino	28	Life Member
Patrick Rapp	22	
James Connor	20	
Don Freiburger	18	
Dennis Veldman	17	
Isabelo Sanchez	14	
Thomas Reno	10	
Theodore Drabin	10	
Robert Eysers	07	
Nicholas Catone	07	
Joseph Connors	07	
Henry Von Salzen	04	
John Vidas	04	
Daniel Smith	04	
Daniel Bocan	03	

Our Council purchased 47 complete ham dinners for Christmas for our backpack kids families. I would like to share with you an email sent to the guidance counselor from Taylor Ranch School. This is why you send me backpack donation checks.

"I just want to say thank you very much, I cannot show you enough gratitude for what you have done for my daughter and I for these holidays! You've put so much warmth and happiness into my daughter's Christmas and it means the world to me !! So when I got into the parking lot I kind of teared up. I just wanted to say thank you very much and Merry Christmas!"

January, 2021

Rosary

Mondays @ 8:30

January 16/17
Membership Drive

January 30/31
Food Collection

We recognize the outstanding service of some of our brothers during this pandemic.

Knight of the Month: John Le Duke for his work on the 50/50 Raffle

Knight of the Year: Dennis Tuszyński is Knight of the Year for his tireless work on the food drive.

Knight of the Pandemic: Jim Palermo is the first Knight of the Pandemic for volunteering to take over the Cross & Compass, Dick Maier is moving to a new home and will resume his duties in February.

Our Knights Council was very successful in putting together a raffle to support our Circle of Life Charities. Without the Parish Gala, which netted \$61,000, Fr. Jay has asked us to see what we can do to assist in putting something together to offset our potential Catholic Faith Appeal shortfall for 2021. Some sort of a raffle seems to be the way to go. If you have contacts to have a new car donated for a raffle, timeshare, etc., please contact GK Ron Bowes. We are open to any and all ideas.

Service Programs

Director

Larry Fischer 480-0214

Lecturer

(Unassigned)

Community

Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director

Bill Sanchez 492-4666

Membership

Sam Mattoni 239-220-0876

Retention

Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life Director

John Yaglenki 408-7558

Initiation Degree

Bob Burhoe 460-6546

Cross & Compass

Dick Maier 496-8181

Publicity

Jim Palermo 493-3424

Family Director

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Insurance Promotion

Mark Ueblacker 941-268-1565

Vocations Chairman

Greg Walsh 941-681-2438

Health Services

John Dean 473-0126

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

Joe heads up our Visitation Group. A visit can mean so much



Thank you Brothers for a very successful Clothing Drive. Thank you to Tom Reno for once again taking charge of this very important event. We had a great turnout of Knights to help load all the clothes. There were 9 knights and it really made the loading fast. We formed a transfer line and were done in less than an hour. Raniner and the Driver also worked. The collection was the same or slightly larger than last year. It was a huge success.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

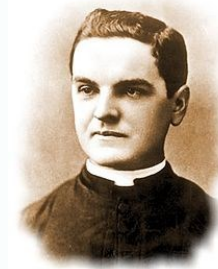
Please report all favors received:

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... Along the Way

Happy New Year 2021!

For most of my life, I thought that after confession, all sin and traces of it were erased when the priest pronounced absolution. Of course, my sins were forgiven and I would again have sure access to heaven.

But as I became more mature, I learned that there are residue effects of those forgiven sins that also need to be addressed. The three I have learned so far are Reparation, Ransom, and Residue. Each of these require more of God's mercy to erase.

Reparation requires us to repair any injury to others that may have resulted from our sinning. Examples are restoring stolen money, making amends to others we have offended, doing our best to restore and damage we have done to another's reputation, correcting any bad example we have set, and so on. The small penance we are assigned by our confessor is just a general down payment.

Ransom acknowledges that our sins have merited time in the state of purgatory after we die. But our merciful God has offered us a way shorten or completely eliminate that debt through the use of indulgences. Partial indulgences wipe out part of the debt and plenary indulgences can wipe out the whole thing.

Residue is the habitual patterns we have set up by habitual sin. The behavior tracks are now part of our neurological programs. Something triggers our sinful behavior and the program takes over, making it easier for us to fall into the same sinful patterns of behavior. Here is where we need God's mercy and our own deliberate effort to lay down new patterns of responding to temptation.

The point is that after absolution there is still much work and prayer to clean up the disorder our sins have caused.



Florida State 2021 Charity Raffle

This year, the Florida State Council has reduced the number of books printed to 35,000, making the odds better for each book of tickets sold. Also, the proceeds received from the Raffle, net of printing costs and prizes, supports the Charities initiatives such as Special Olympics, Helping Life, Vocations, Citizens with Disabilities, Food for Families and many more. There is only **one (1)** drawing this year as follows:

There is a total of \$30,000 in Cash Prizes:

1st. Prize - \$15,000

2nd Prize - \$10,000

3rd Prize - \$ 5,000

Each book has (10) tickets at \$1.00 each. Five dollars (\$5.00) is kept by the Council for each book sold and \$5.00, with the Raffle Book stubs, is sent to the Florida State Council. You need to complete each item that has an asterisk * next to it. Tear off the right side of each ticket for your records. Only one name is allowed on each ticket stub... i.e. no Mr. & Mrs. etc. Either one or the other.

All ticket stubs, along with cash/checks, should be returned to Bob Burhoe no later than May 1, 2021 so that I can forward them to our Financial Secretary Bill Morris so that he can forward them to the State Office in a timely manner. **Make checks payable to K of C 9924.**

*Drawing will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2021 @ the Florida State Convention.

FOOD COLLECTION

DECEMBER 19/20



Thank you to all of the knights who assisted with this collection.

A hearty thank you also to all supporters of this program.

Collecting over \$2,000 when the masses are socially distanced says quite a bit for Our Lady of Lourdes

**1006 Pounds of
Food**

\$2073 CASH

SUPER!!

*Happy
New Year!*