

CROSS AND COMPASS



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Council 9924

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Grand Knights Message



Dear Brothers in Christ,

We live in difficult times. No more difficult than World War I and the Depression, yet even then our faith sustained us. Our faith is the most precious gift from a loving God. We live in a divided nation and many of our young people are abandoning their faith for a more secular and material approach to life. So what can we do as knights? Do we just sit back and resign ourselves to these events? Our ancestors didn't. They did all they could by example to promote Catholic views into the social and political landscape. We are needed now more than ever. As brothers called by Our Lord to lead others by putting our faith into action let 2021 be our best effort yet. Let's continue every food drive, every clothing collection, every blood drive, every fund raiser and every membership to build up the Kingdom of God. Let's continue to help our church and our wider community as we have since Blessed Michael McGivney initiated our brotherhood in 1882. Our Council 9924 has 294 members. We need everyone to step forward and help meet our goals. So knights, let's pledge ourselves to doing the best we can this year to make a real difference and therefore be pleasing in God's eyes. Finally, let us pray for the end of this pandemic and a unified nation.

Ron Bowes, Grand Knight

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Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Keep the sick in your prayers

Ron Bowes

Susan Catone

Steve Delaney

Sam Mattoni

Tom Kanapky

Jerry McIlmoyle

May God send his healing graces upon you. Amen

Necrology

Br. Guillermo Cardenas, father of
Br. Antonio Cardenas

Gilbert J. Witte

Keep these departed Brothers in
your prayers

Our Brothers Birthday

Joseph Brisch	97	Charles Briguglio	77
Stephen Ambrose	96	Gerald Lietz	75
Gerald McIlmoyle	91	Robert Moran	75
Robert Rush	86	Richard Rudin	75
Harold Bumb	85	Joseph Tain	75
Douglas Banting	83	John Kosiorek	71
James Connor	83	Bruce Simon	71
Thomas Meehan	80	John Dean	65
Gerard St Germain	79	John Nastasi	60
Robert Subach	79	Joe Ferreira	54
Joseph Gallo	77	Joseph Esagro	23

Our Brothers Anniversary

LIFE MEMBERS		Gregory Walsh	10
David Tura	54	Michael Nevinger	9
Richard Gray	39	John Staas	9
John Yaglenski	33	Richard Kuertz	9
Daniel Lanktree	31	Frank Mayle	9
Robert Smialek	50	Ronald Doorenbos	6
Robert Rush	31	German Gutierrez	5
John Harrison	19	Frank Bertoni	1
William Morris	19	William Blanchard	1
Thomas Davis	14	Robert O'brien	1
Steve Beck	13	Orlando Priede	1
Lionel Martin	13	Eric Skleder	1
Lucky Haynes	11	William Szyper	1
Joseph Maguire	11		

Laugh and the world laughs with you!

I came.

I saw.

I forgot what I was doing.

Retraced my steps.

Got lost on the way back.

Now I have no idea what's going on.

Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924

Welcomes New Members

Rick Anderson

Jeff Drop

Michael Suhowolak

Bill Kovacs

Marty Reis

Dave Schwartz

Activities

February, 2021

Rosary
Mondays @ 8:30

Blood Drive
Sunday 8:30 - 12:30
February 7

Council Meeting
Tuesday 7:00
Officers 5:30
Rosary 6:30
February 9
Covid-19 restrictions apply;
Social distancing & Masks

February 26/27
Saturday & Sunday
Food Collection

Service Programs

Director
Larry Fischer 480-0214

Lecturer
(Unassigned)

Community
Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director
Bill Sanchez 492-4666

Membership
(Unassigned)

Retention
Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life Director
John Yaglenski 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

Why Pray the Rosary?



Most of us could remember receiving our first set of Rosary Beads at our First Holy Communion. Remember when the guys would receive Black Beads and a Black Missal, while the girls got a White set of beads and a White Missal. Most of us guys threw the beads in a drawer and ran off to spend the money they would get from their Aunts and Uncles at the Communion Party...

Then later in life we decided to join the Knights of Columbus, at our ceremonial degree we received our second set of Rosary Beads, taking a vow to pray to Mary. I ask you, "Are you going to throw them in a drawer, like you did as a kid?" or are you going to use them to pray to Our Holy Mother, will you fulfill your vow?

Will you join us on a Monday once a week after the 8AM Mass? Or will you leave it up to someone else?

My brothers I have asked you many, many times to join us; does my plea fall on deaf ears? Are you Mary's Knights? I ask you again, will you join us?

Our World needs Mary's intercession now more than ever to bring this pandemic to an end. My experience has been that praying the Holy Rosary is like having a key to an invisible door and when some sort of an opening does occur my prayers are answered...It is truly a very sobering moment, will you give it a try?

Vivat Jesu

Peter Spagnuolo

Advocate Council 9924

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 and Thank You card from one of our Seminarians – Nathaniel Nieves	I want to thank you for all the prayers and support you have given me throughout this most difficult year. Be sure that I will continue to pray for all of you. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.
Thank You card from Catholic Charities DOV – Hilles Hughes, Development Coordinator	Thank you for your generosity. We appreciate our community partners like you. Together we are helping our neighbors in need. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!
Catholic Charities Thank you for Food Donation – Philomena PerieraCatholic Charities seeks to empower all clients to self-sufficiency. Through case management for families and individuals, we guide and assist people in managing their life situations. K Please remember, we serve people in need regardless of race, nationality, or creed. Your donation will help us in assisting those we are privileged to serve. Again, we appreciate your gift.
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.Thank you for your continued partnership to serve our neighbors in need. Best wishes to you for a happy and healthy 2021. Hilles Hughes

.. Along the Way

Our new president has defined four crises we face as a nation; Covid, the economy, racial inequities, and climate change. But there is another over arching crisis that must be addressed, sinfulness. As the old Baltimore Catechism used to ask, “Why did God make you?” the pithy answer was “God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next.” The way we serve Him is to do His will. When we don’t try our best to do His will it is called sin.

When He created the universe, our Father set it in motion. All of our scientific learnings come from what engineers call “reverse engineering”. That is the process of taking something that already exists and trying to understand how it works. Science is only learning from God’s creation itself, how, it operates.

I often think of creation as building an automobile. The manufacturer has a plan for how it is to operate and puts that plan in the owners’ manual that comes with the car. Putting sugar in the gas tank Is “sin”. That act disrupts the plan and leads to the destruction of the vehicle’s mechanical power source.

The bible and the teachings of the church are our “owners’ manual”. We knights are charged to help ourselves and others to follow the instructions in order that creation may operate within the Manufacturer’s parameters.

If we can make any progress at all in this task, it will positively affect all the crises that we face.

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.

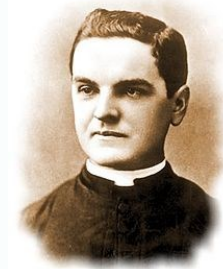
Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza

New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA

www.fathermcgivney.org

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I Was Hungry and You Gave Me To Eat

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused many difficulties for many people, some we know and some we do not know. People who had trouble making ends meet before the pandemic and people who no longer are no longer able to make ends meet. You may know some of them.

The government will be sending out relief checks to those in need. If you receive this check, and are fortunate to not be in need, would you consider to donate it to the Sugar Bowl to help those who do receive a check but who will still be in need after those funds are gone? Make your check out to Catholic Charities and be sure to write “Sugar Bowl” on the memo line, so it gets directed to the proper account.

“Wherever you find excellence, you find continuous learning. They go hand in hand.”

MATTHEW KELLY

Resisting Happiness



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!!



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.

Please contact Bob Burhoe at: rb14148@comcast.net or @ 941-716-3243 to obtain raffle books.

BLOOD DRIVE

February 7 8:30—12:30



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All successful donations will receive a Covid-19 antibody test in addition to a long sleeve shirt and a 410 E-gift card.

Due to social distancing, it is recommended that donors schedule appointments to reduce wait times. To schedule appointments call:

1-888-936-6286 and press 4

February 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1 8:00 <i>Rosary</i>	2	3	4	5	6
7 8:30 - 12:30 <i>Blood Drive</i>	8 8:00 <i>Rosary</i>	9 7:30 <i>Council Meeting</i>	10	11	12	13
14	15 8:00 <i>Rosary</i>	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18	19	20
21	22 8:00 <i>Rosary</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Food Drive</i>
28 <i>Food Drive</i>						