

CROSS AND COMPASS



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Council 9924

April, 2021



Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Our Lord and Savior has risen and this is the fulfillment of Gods promises to mankind. How blessed we are to be Christians and to be invited to Gods house where we will live forever. There is no greater gift than faith.

As more people get vaccinated there is greater hope that herd immunity will be reached and all of us can get back to our lives.

As knights we should be proud that we stepped into the breach and continued to help our parish and wider community with financial assistance, food and blood drives and other services.

On March 20th we initiated our Big Raffle to help Father Jay with the Catholic Faith Appeal. We are off to a great start but we need everyone to pitch in and donate at least \$100 for a ticket. Now of course we hope you get your family and friends to also get a ticket since the odds of winning are so high.

Please remember that our blood drive is Sunday, April 18th between 8am and 1pm in Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot. Our food drive is April 24th and 25th and our next meeting is Tuesday, April 6th at 7pm. The officers meeting will be held virtually at 4:30pm and the rosary is at 6:30pm.

Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and for our brothers and their family and friends in need. Thank you for all you do to build the Kingdom of God.

Vivat Jesus,
Ron Bowes, GK



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Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Keep the sick in your prayers

Ron Bowes	Pauline Fachetti
Susan Catone	Joe Gallo
Steve Delaney	Joseph Anselmo
Sam Mattone	Did Bates
Tom Kanapky	
Scott Sheldon	

Necrology

Keep these departed Brothers
in your prayers

Roger Reid
Jerry McIlmoyle

Our Brothers Birthday

Frank Lofaro	95	Patrick Rapp	61
James Giarrusso	88	William Alvarado	35
Matthew Schiavone	86		
Samuel Lombard	83		
Thomas Festa	80		
Matthew Soldano	77		
Michael O'Brien	76		
Daniel Shaughnessy	75		
Herman Schmitt	74		
Ronald Rosalik	73		
James Winslow	71		
Christopher Clair	70		
Michael Nevinger	68		
James Krueger	67		
Larry Middendorf	67		

Our Brothers Anniversary

LIFE MEMBERS			
John Powers	57	Guillermo Cardenas	5
Thomas Kanapky	53	John Dalla Mura	5
Bruce Simon	53	John Dean	5
Joseph Schmenk	47	Edward Kurpaska	5
Daniel Shaughnessy	44	David Scalise	5
Robert Chapman	37	James Young	5
Walter Pannone	32	David Burger	5
John Chiumento	30	Robert Rueger	4
Herman Schmitt	29	Michael Santoro	4
John Hoang	6	Daniel Birc	3
Salvatore Trofi	17	Robert Crowley	3
Thomas Meehan	15	Joseph Esagro	3
Thomas Kirkpatrick	10	John Kopinsky	3
Laurence Fischer	10	Ronald Nodzon	3
James Krueger	7	Richard Potson	3
Albert Meyer	6	Wayne Vuolo	3

Meditation for the Month

"Habits are being formed here under the pressure of temptation and difficulty that unfold in perfect form and beauty when the soul that has developed these habits passes into its true home. Those very temptations that made it so difficult to persevere were really the means of developing these powers. The spirit of prayer and worship grew on; hampered and oppressed by the distractions of life, it fought its way in spite of them and thus gained strength; then, when all these were removed, it opened out unhindered in its perfect growth. Now, there is one fundamental principle of the spiritual life that has to be learned and practiced here, mostly with suffering, often with the very keenest suffering, although so closely associated with it that it almost seems a necessary part of it, is indeed only accidental, and one day will altogether cease, while the grace that has been fought for and developed in so much agony will live on forever, and be the delight of the soul through eternity."

— Fr. Basil Maturin, p. 44-45

Laugh

and the world laughs with you!



I thought growing old would
take longer

Activities April, 2021

Rosary
Mondays @ 8:30

Blood Drive
Sunday April 18
8:30 - 12:30

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

April 24/25
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



All About the Numbers

I was at Mass this morning thinking about, what was the percentage of brother Knights praying the Rosary on Monday mornings after the 8 AM Mass. It was amazing to think that a council with almost 300 members only 1.7% of our Knights has stepped up to fulfill a request from our Pastor to “Bombard Heaven” with prayer to end this dreaded Virus. 1.7% equals 5 dedicated Knights, where is the rest of our council?

There is, No “Star Council Award”, No Trophy, and No Embossed Certificate for this request, only the realization that this pandemic needs Divine Intervention that only our Lord can give. Just think about how many Mondays there are in the year 2021 only 52 of them. Just think if only 52 brothers would volunteer to pray the Holy Rosary for just one Monday. That my brothers would be a “Star Award”!!

I used these numbers thyme for this months article to wake us up to what we should be doing as Knights of our Blessed Mother Mary. We are always talking about numbers at our meeting, for membership, for fund raising, for clothing drive, for food drives.... So let’s talk about numbers... 5 decades of the Hail Mary, one Monday of the year ...Volunteer Now!

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the new members of Our Lady of Lourdes Council 9924

Newly Installed

Bill Salomone

Larry Tobias

Transfers

Peter White

Peter White

Thomas Parsons

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

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



BOB BURGER

KNIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC



TOM RENO

..... Along the Way

What Do I Ask of God?

In confession some years ago, the priest asked me, for my penance, to think about what I would ask for if God offered me Solomon's choice. Here are my thoughts.

Each of us is created with a unique mission and we are given the attributes and circumstances that are best suited to its fulfillment.

In heaven, the Blessed do God's will effortlessly. His hosts of angels experience no further temptation to rebel but rather execute His will immediately and effectively

On earth, we all are called to be instruments of God's will. We do this by allowing His love to flow through us to those we touch in our everyday circumstances. Mother Theresa prayed to be "...a pencil in the hand of God" and Saint Francis prayed to become "...a channel of Your peace." So, fervently, I ask for a mind and heart that surrenders all that I am and all that I have to God's purpose, so that His love can flow freely through me to those He wants to bless with it.

I live in the hope that one day I will hear those triumphant words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"



Knights of Columbus

OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL, No. 9924

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Council 9924 Dues Notice - July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022

To pay with a Credit Card online, cut and paste this URL into your browser

<https://kocvenice.weshareonline.org/202122AnnualDues>

ANNUAL DUES	\$35.00	\$35.00
Optional - Seminarian Support	\$10.00	\$45.00
Optional - Newsletter Support	\$5.00	\$50.00
(recommended)		

If paying by check (payable to KofC Council 9924), please mail to:

William Morris, Financial Secretary

1606 Monarch Drive

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

All Faiths Food Bank – to Jim Palermo

Because of your compassion, a child won't go to bed hungry tonight...a family that is struggling due to the pandemic won't have to worry about putting food on the table.....Thank you for your donation of \$8,000, September through December, for the Taylor Ranch School Backpack program.

Jose Grullon, Seminarian

Dear Brothers – Thank you for your generous gift! I just came back to Seminary after my canonical retreat in anticipation of Diaconate ordination this April, God willing. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you and your families. God bless!

Pregnancy Solutions – Donation statement

We cannot thank you enough for your belief in the mission and vision of Pregnancy Solutions! Your generosity means everything! We truly believe the best is yet to come.

Jacqueline Zdrojowy.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Parish has received your contribution of \$500....Thank you for your generous support.

St Joseph the Worker Parish – Rev. Marcial Garcia

...take this opportunity to thank all the 290 members of the KofC for all the work you do to help our community. Your donations help us feed around 200 families every week...Please know that we also keep you in our prayers.

Catholic Charities – Hollis Hughes, Development Director

FOOD COLLECTION

March



964 Pounds of Food
\$3022 CASH
SUPER!!

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

Brigadier General Gerald McIlmoyle



May he rest in peace.



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

April 18 8:30—12:30



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

April 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 <i>EASTER</i>	5 <i>Rosary</i>	6 6:30 <i>Rosary</i> 7:00 <i>Coun- cil Meeting</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Rosary</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Blood Drive</i>	19 <i>Rosary</i>	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Food Collectio</i>
25 <i>Food Collectio</i>	26 <i>Rosary</i>	27	28	29	30	