

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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of Columbus*

*Council 9924*

**May, 2021**



## Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Our Supreme, Patrick Kelly, in a letter dated April 21, 2021, advises us to be cautious as pandemic restrictions are lifted on events, gatherings and activities. We have done an excellent job being patient but at the same time doing what's necessary to meet as many of our goals as possible.

Looking forward, brothers Jim Palermo and Dave Tura are getting ready to initiate our annual Circle of Life Golf Outing at Pelican Pointe Country Club on November 13, 2021. This will enable us to continue our support for three pro-life charities.

Our Pastor, Father Jay, has asked us to continue our scholarship program for students involved in various ministries. We have already set aside funds in our budget for this program. Brother John Chiumento will present the scholarships at a later mass.

During this month of May please do all you can to find new members for our council. We still need a membership chair although I am grateful to Brother Tom Reno for setting up the exemplifications and doing such a great job.

Please sign up to volunteer for the food drives, Big Parish Raffle after mass and the rosary after 8:00am mass every Monday. The Big Raffle is our greatest challenge ever and we are halfway there so please purchase a ticket if you haven't and encourage others to do the same!

One final note, with June coming up it is the end of our fiscal year and the election of new officers. Please consider stepping up in a leadership position since all will be available.

May Our Lord continue to protect you and your family during this difficult time.

Vivat Jesus,  
Ron Bowes, GK



## Council 9924 Board 2020-2021

### Grand Knight

*Ron Bowes 412-965-1983*

### Deputy Grand Knight

*Larry Fischer 941-480-0214*

### Chancellor

*Open*

### Treasurer

*Robert Rueger 941-493-4927*

### Advocate

*Peter Spagnuolo 941-786-6638*

### Recorder

*Robert Burhoe*

### Warden

*Bill Szyper 704-776-0041*

### Inside Guard

*John Chiumento 941-426-9043*

### Outside Guard

*Nick Catone 717- 818-3167*

### Trustee 3 Year

*Frank Mayle 330-575-6828*

### Trustee 2 Year

*John Harrison 941-408-4955*

### Trustee 1 Year

*Dave Tura*

### Chaplain

*Open*

### Financial Secretary

*Bill Morris 214-244-9464*

### Field Agent

*Mark Ueblacker 941-268-1565*

### District Deputy

*Michael Costanza 941-400-7416*

## Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Keep the sick in your prayers

Ron Bowes	Steve Delaney	Sam Mattone
Tom Kanapky	Scott Sheldon	Joe Grossi
Joe Gallo	Joseph Anselmo	Dick Bates
German Gutierrez		

## Necrology

Keep these departed Brothers in your prayers

Roger Reid  
Jerry McIlmoyle

## Our Brothers Birthday

Roy Alfred	89	Bernard Lanza	74
Normand Pouliot	88	George Bevis	71
Ed Farrell	83	Robert Errico	64
Michael Didyk	83	Karl Anderson	64
Theophane Frechette	82	John Raymond	62
Robert Sweeney	80	Dennis Vance	59
Joe Browne	79	Bryan Zapf	59
Richard Rosenbach	78	Joseph Hayduk	57
Douglas Piper	77	Keith Chasse	52
Joseph Schmenk	76	Richard Kuertz	51
Michael O'Kane	74	Antonio Cardenas	51

## Our Brothers Anniversary

<b>Life Members</b>		Denis Merchant	53
Joseph Brisch	75	Robert Moore	47
Joseph Sciano	58	David Smith	36
Richard Maier	48	Kirby Meagher	34
Charles Dawson	44	Giuseppe Biancaniello	26
William Barrett	36	Larry Smith	24
Fr. Jay	33	Douglas Clark	12
James Winslow	29	Dennis Tuszynski	10
Hugh MacDonald	64	Steven Schlegel	10
Matt Soldano	60		
Joseph Anselmo	60		



Advocate Peter Spagnuolo presents Knight of the Pandemic Award to Nick Catone and Knight of the Month award to Bob Burhoe

Council 9924 welcomes our new Chaplin, Fr. Antony Lukka

## Activities

May, 2021

**Rosary**

**Mondays @ 8:30 AM**

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**Council Meeting**

**May 11**

**Tuesday 7:00**

**Officers 5:30**

**Rosary 6:30**

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**May 22/23**

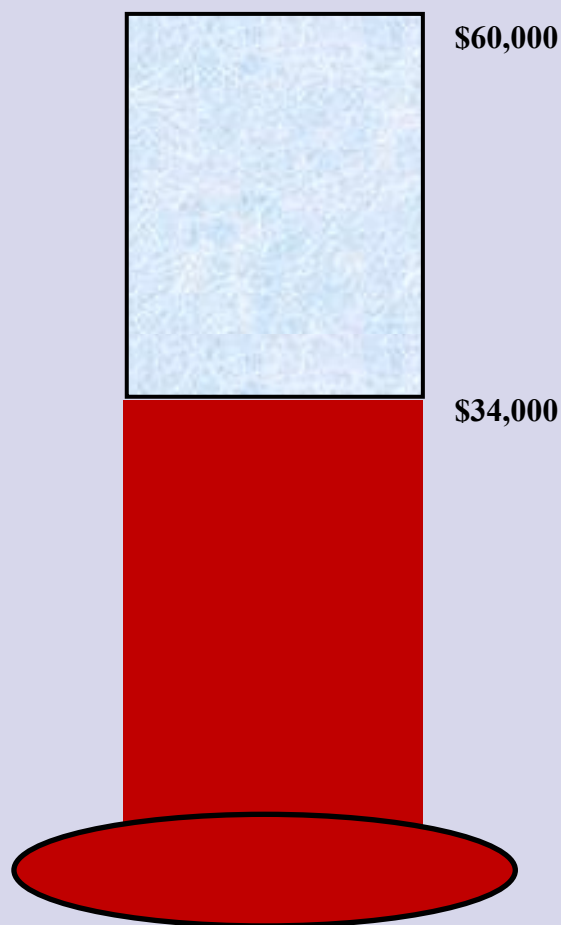
**Food Collection**

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**May 29/30**

**Fifth Sunday Rosary**

**PARISH RAFFLE**



**As of April 27,2021**

## 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*

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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

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





### Pray the Rosary to end the Pandemic

Mary is present in these days of the pandemic, near to the people who, unfortunately, have concluded their earthly journey all alone, without the comfort of or the closeness of their loved ones. Mary is always there next to us, with her maternal tenderness. Prayers said to her are not in vain. The Woman who said “yes”, who promptly welcomed the Angel’s invitation, also responds to our supplications, she hears our voices, even those that remain closed in our hearts that haven’t the strength to be uttered but which God knows better than we ourselves do. She listens as Mother. Just like, and more than, every good mother, Mary defends us from danger, she is concerned about us even when we are concentrated on our own things and lose a sense of the way, and when we put not only our health in danger, but also our salvation. Mary is there, praying for us, praying for those who do not pray. To pray with us. Why? Because she is our Mother. We pray the Rosary every Monday morning after the 8 AM Mass, won’t you come and join us

Vivat Jesu -Peter Spagnuolo



Our Diocese has instituted a new marriage preparation program called "Witness to Love." As part of this preparation program, those engaged couples under 55 years old are matched with Mentor Couples - married at least 5 years and actively practice the faith. Witness to Love is a virtue based program that not only helps the engaged couple but the mentor couple as well grow in their marriage commitment. You do not need to have a theology background or a perfect marriage. Your being a mentoring couple is what's most important. Workbooks as well as a mentoring handbook are provided. You can learn more about becoming a mentor couple here: <https://witness to love.org/couples/witness-to-love-mentor-couples/>



If interested contact John & Joanne Raymond, OLL Marriage Prep Coordinators, at [johnraymond6701@comcast.net](mailto:johnraymond6701@comcast.net) or 941-447-5063.

### ..... Along the Way

Several of my married children and grandchildren have been posting videos of their various gardening projects. There is a quality of elemental grounding to prepare soil and plant seeds that has a parallel to spiritual life.

When our lives are directed by humility before God and farmers' trust that the elements will enable an abundant crop, the people around us will be touched by our hope. Then we plant the seed of belief by including our own beliefs in our words and actions. If God then provides the gift of faith the seeds can sprout and thrive.

Our country is in desperate need of Christian truth and justice to regain our democratic underpinnings. When lies and injustice infiltrate our government, return to Christian values is the only redemption we can hope for.



## Knights of Columbus

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL, No. 9924**

**1301 Center Road, Venice, Florida 34292**

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 K of C Council 9924), please mail to:

William Morris, Financial Secretary

1606 Monarch Drive

Venice, Fl. 34293

## THANK YOU CORRESPONDENCE

### Joan McIlmoyle, wife of Gerald McIlmoyle

*"Thank you for expressing your sympathy with the council's memorial Mass for Jerry. Your support means a lot to me. I will miss reading the Cross & Compass with Jerry."*

### Agnes Reid, wife of Roger Reid

*"Thank you very much for your kind donation of Masses for Roger He was proud to be a member of the K of C. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.."*

### Catholic Charities – Helen Hughes, Development Office

*"Go to the poor, you will find God." St Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your most recent donation. With your help we can continue to help those in need in our community."*

### Catholic Charities for Desoto County Food Bank, Philomena Periera, CEO

*"Thanks you for your donation....we 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. Your donation will help us in assisting those we are privileged to serve."*

### St Michael Church Food Pantry, Sister Gemma de Jesus

*"Father Jay – I want to express my deepest gratitude to you and your generous parishioners, especially the KofC in your parish who do tremendous good work in providing for the needs of our community. I want to thank you for the monthly food collection as well as for the monetary donation we received to maintain the food pantry...the number of households we served this year spiked to 16,993. We only served 10,741 in 2019...during the summer when our numbers peaked, we unloaded and organized up to 21,000 pounds of food weekly....We are in the planning stages of transforming our old thrift store into a "choice food pantry"....I invite you to come and see this project as we adapt our current building to better meet the nutritional needs of our community...Thanks again for supporting us."*

### Jose Grullon – Seminarian, ordained to the Diaconate 4/17/21

*"Thank you for your most generous gift! It is much appreciated and comes very handy as it will help me to cover some expenses due to my Ordination to the Diaconate. The Lord has been good to me during my journey....I appreciate your prayers for me....please know of my prayers for all of you and the great work you do for the Church."*

### St Joseph the Worker Parish – Rev. Marcial Y. Garcia, Pastor

*"On behalf of St Joseph the Worker Food Pantry I want to thank you very much for your recent donation for the poor of our community. Thanks to your generosity and the generosity of other donors like you we continue feeding low-income families every week here in the Glades area."*



## APRIL

Thank you to all of the knights who assisted with this collection. In May, Jim Collins, the Food Collection Co-Chair, will be taking over the Monthly Food Collection when Eric heads North for the summer, returning in early October. Eric will continue to coordinate the Sign-Up Genius for the Food Collection and Raffle Ticket Sales and both will be in communication throughout the summer to minimize any confusion.

**860 Pounds of Food**  
**\$1679 CASH**  
**SUPER!!**

## Our Lady of Lourdes

1301 Center Road

Venice, FL., 34292

### Parish Raffle

Drawing will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2021

Immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass

\$100.00 donation per ticket

Two lucky winners will receive \$5,000 each

Only 600 tickets will be sold

**We have over 200 knights in our council. If every knight purchased just 1 ticket we would easily hit our goal of 600 tickets.** Since we will not have our 2021 Parish Gala this year somehow we need to make-up for that loss of revenue. All proceeds from this raffle will go directly to our parish Catholic Faith Appeal quota. Keep in mind all funds over our quota remain in our parish. Tickets are being sold after all masses. Tickets may also be purchased in the parish office during regular business hours. Checks are to be made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes with Raffle written in the memo section. **We need to make a big push in the month of May!** You may also purchase tickets online at:

<https://ollvenice.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/cfaraffle2021>

### Congratulations to Our Knights

Greg Young received his First, Second & Third Degrees. Welcome to the council!

Brothers Eric Bisighini and James Bosley participated in our new Exemplification Ceremony and were advanced to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

Richard Ventresca received his First, Second & Third Degrees. Welcome to the council!

Brother Tom Reno is handling the exemplification program. Any First or Second Degree knights wishing to become Third Degree please let your wishes be known.

# May 2021

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<i>9</i>	<i>10 8:00 AM Mass, Rosary</i>	<i>11 7:00 Council Meeting</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>17 8:00 AM Mass, Rosary</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22 Food Collection</i>
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