

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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*Council 9924*

**December 2021**



## Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ,

As we begin the Advent season anticipating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ let us reflect on our accomplishments this past year.

We raised over 100,000 dollars between 2 raffles and the golf tournament. Our food, blood and clothing drives were incredibly successful. Our brothers participated in every ministry possible at Our Lady of Lourdes and we are poised to do so much more in 2022. During this holy and joyous season let us remember our brothers who went on to their heavenly reward and those who are sick and suffering. Please keep them in your prayers.

I hope you are planning to attend our meeting on Tuesday December 14th at 6:30pm for the rosary followed by the meeting in our parish center. We've a great deal to discuss going forward including finding a new golf tournament chairman and new officers including the Grand Knight. We are having a super 50/50 raffle with 4 prizes including a grand prize of a foursome at Plantation Golf & CC that can be used any time.

Wishing you all a blessed a Christmas and a Happy New Year full of hope, faith and charity.

Ron Bowes GK



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### Trustee 2 Year

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## Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Keep the sick in your prayers

Steve Delaney	Peter Spagnuolo
German Gutierrez	George Abel
Dick Bates	Scott Sheldon

## Necrology

Remember our Deceased Brothers  
In Your Prayers

## Our Brothers Birthday



## Our Brothers Anniversary

Thomas Barry	65	James Palermo	14
Raymond Benkosky	58	James Schuchart	14
Douglas Banting	56	Samuel Lombard	12
Richard Rudin	45	Dennis Strittmatter	12
John Nastasi	39	George Bevis	12
Gerald Lietz	38	George Counes	11
John Cullinan	37	Dan Griffith	11
Stephen Mcentegart	32	Joseph Gallo	10
Robert Mello	28	Stephen Marrone	8
Lawrence Baranick	24	Joseph Cunningham	7
Peter White	24	Guiseppe Ragozzino	7
Bryan Zapf	24	Charlie Murdock	6
John Tehan	23	James Quinnan	6
Edward Pollock	19	William Srofe	6
Dennis Koopman	19	Thomas Parsons	5
James Schmidt	19	Joseph Indelicato	5
Richard Rosenbach	15	Robert Moran	2
Mike Kot	14		

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Bryan Zapf	24	Charlie Murdock	6
John Tehan	23	James Quinnan	6
Edward Pollock	19	William Srofe	6
Dennis Koopman	19	Thomas Parsons	5
James Schmidt	19	Joseph Indelicato	5
Richard Rosenbach	15	Robert Moran	2

## Meditation For The Month

"Walking by faith, let us do good works. In these let there be a free love of God for His own sake and an active love for our neighbor. For there is nothing we can do for God. But because we have something we can do for our neighbor, we shall by our good offices to the needy gain the favor of Him Who is the source of all abundance. Let us then do what we can for others; let us freely bestow upon the needy out of our abundance."

— St. Augustine, p. 144

## LAUGH OF THE DAY

While driving home a road was shut down and a detour had me driving thru a cemetery. I didn't mind that till my GPS blurted out "you have reached your final destination". Then my radio played "Nearer My God to Thee"

## Activities

December, 2021

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**Rosary**  
**Mondays @ 8:00 AM Mass**

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**Sunday, December 5**  
**Christmas Concert**

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**Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 14**  
**Officers 5:30**  
**Rosary 6:30**  
**Meeting 7:00**

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**Sunday, December 11**  
**Pancake Breakfast**

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**Saturday, Sunday, December 11 & 12**  
**Clothing Drive**

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**December 18 & 19**  
**Food Collection after all Masses**

## Service Programs

### **Director**

Larry Fischer 480-0214

### **Community**

Dan Dacey 493-9107

### **Faith Director**

Open

### **Membership**

Armond Padula 408-9819

### **Retention**

Bill Morris 214-244-9464

### **Culture of Life Director**

John Yaglenski 408-7558

### **Food Service**

Victor Romano

### **Cross & Compass**

Dick Maier 496-8181

### **Backpack**

Jim Palermo 403-3424

### **Publicity**

Jim Palermo 493-3424

### **Food Collection**

Eric Bisighini 860-899-8785

James Collins 917-837-8698

### **Family Director**

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

### **Insurance Promotion**

Mark Ueblacker 268-1565

### **Vocations Chairman**

Greg Walsh 681-2438

### **Health Services**

Henry Vonsalzen 631-672-1803

### **Council Prayer Tree**

Robert Eysers 614-946-4225

### **Fourth Degree**

Ed Farrell 445-5697

### **Visitation**

Joe Maguire 493-2784



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENT**

**000000** *The First*  
*Brass of Sarasota*



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**3:00 pm**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Parish Hall**

Brothers!

Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for 3PM Sunday afternoon, December 5th. Please tell your fellow parishioners, friends, and neighbors!! See flier on previous page.

The Concert will be a fun interactive family Christmas Concert featuring "The First Brass 5 of Sarasota" with a vocalist. Refreshments during intermission are included.

Tickets are available online and at the Church Office. \$20 for adults, \$10 for Students (12 and under). To purchase online go to: <https://kocvenice.weshareonline.org/>

As we get closer to this event, we will send an email asking for volunteers to sign up to help with the Concert.

Jim Quinnan

## REFLECTIONS

**“For it is good to  
be children  
sometimes, and  
never better than  
at Christmas,  
when its mighty  
Founder was a  
child himself.”**

**CHARLES DICKENS**

*A Christmas Carol*



**Dynamic Catholic**





. . . Along The Way

High on the list of what we are most thankful for should be the gift of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Sin is really damaging to many of our faculties and to be healed we need to practice virtue. When we sin, the spiritual weapons we need to stop sinning become weakened and our minute-to-minute awe for God's goodness and creation is dulled. Our power to access the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us at baptism and confirmation decreases and it becomes more difficult for us to break away from our sinful actions and thoughts. Only by God's mercy do we have a prayer of breaking free.

We can choose to help the rescue by cultivating virtue. Gradually the virtues will replace the sinful tendencies. We will see creation in its glory once again and our spiritual muscles will be strong and enduring in the ongoing struggle against temptation.

### Knights of Columbus Why Do We Recruit

To grow our Order in the council:

- For new leadership
- For new ideas & prospective
- Establish and offer new programs
- Build fraternity among our Catholic Community
- To invite Catholic families to join



We all must do our part to recruit new members for our council. The strength of our council is membership. Please contact Armand Padula, Membership Director at 941-408-9819 for more information.



**Food  
Collection**

**November**

For a summer collection, we did very well. On top of it being summer we had to deal with lightning and a downpour at the 5:00 Saturday Mass.

Thanks to all who assisted!

**2084 Pounds of Food**  
**\$2873 CASH**  
**SUPER!!**

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL CIRCLE OF LIFE GOLF OUTING, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13**



**Co-Chairs of the Event  
Jim Palermo & Dave Tura**



**Skip Meagher, Charlie  
Fitzpatrick, Fr. Jay,  
and John Murphy**



**Susan Rohman discusses the pro-  
grams for Venice Area Pregnancy  
Care Center**



**Joyce Scott discusses the programs for  
Our Mothers House**

**Jacqueline Zdrojowy discusses the  
programs for Pregnancy Solutions**



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**Thanks to the many financial sponsors, the local businesses support and the 192 golfers who participated, the Knights of Columbus Council 9924 netted over \$30,000 from the event.**

## Letters of Appreciation

Dear Brothers – Once again, thank you for your generosity! Please be assured of my prayers for all of you. God bless you

From Rev. Marcial Garcia, pastor of St Joseph the Worker Parish (we donate to their Food Pantry)

Greetings to all the members of OLOL KofC. It is my wish upon receiving this letter that you are in good health. On behalf of St Joseph the Worker Food Pantry I want to express my gratitude for your recent donation to feed the needs of the Glades area. May the Lord reward you kindness and generosity.

From Religious Ed Students re. the October Parish Picnic (just a small sample of many notes !)

Thank you so much for the festival. My family had the best time ever. Thank you so much. Thank you Knights of Columbus for the water slide, obstacle course, food, ice cream, and face paint. Woo hoo!

Dear Knights of Columbus –

Thank you KofC for the fair! I know that every single person that went to the fair is so happy that you made the fair happen. We are all so glad that you were able to make this fair because it made everybody happy!

Dear Knights of Columbus -

thank you so much for the festival. Thank you for your time and dedication! Me and my friends had so much fun and the food was great. Thank you for the festival I enjoyed the water slides. I probably went on it 50 times. I also enjoyed eating the burger and chocolate ice cream.

Dear Knights of Columbus –

You guys are the best for the festival. My friend and I had the best time of the year. Again Thank You



# December 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3	4
5 3:00 Christmas Concert	6	7	8	9	10	11 Clothing Drive
12 Pancake Break- fast Clothing Drive	13	14	15	16	17	18 Food Drive
19 Food Drive	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	