

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

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Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ,

I continue to be amazed at how many dedicated brothers we have who step up and ensure we meet all of our goals and objectives. It is so encouraging to have a group of younger men join our council and they have immediately taken active roles.

February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family so this would be a good time to pray for all our families. In particular, we need to reach out to our children, many of whom have lost their faith. We know that God never abandons us as this is clearly demonstrated in the story of the Prodigal Son. We need to trust God and continually demonstrate our unconditional love for our children and grandchildren. We must also be good Christian examples for them and hope and pray that they come home to God's house. This month we will honor a knight family for their contributions to the church.

Please mark your calendars for our monthly meeting February 8th at 7:00pm, coffee and donuts February 13th and food drive February 26th and 27th. Please keep in mind that we are also having a fundraiser for Catholic Charities at Pelican Pointe CC on Tuesday, March 8th at 5:00pm where America's number 1 Irish tenor Andy Cooney is entertaining. It should be a great pre-St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Please continue to pray for our sick brothers and sisters, especially Bob Rueger our treasurer.

Vivat Jesus,
Ron Bowes GK



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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

George Abel	Bob Rueger
Dick Bates	Scott Sheldon
German Gutierrez	Ginny Spagnuolo
Mike O'Brien	

Remembering Our Deceased

Frank Lofaro
Steve Delaney



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Joseph Brisch	98
Stephen Ambrose	97
Robert Rush	87
Harold Bumb	86
Douglas Banting	84
James Connor	81
Thomas Meehan	81
Gerard St Germain	80
Robert Subach	80
Joseph Gallo	78
Charles Briguglio	78
Gerald Lietz	76
Robert Moran	76
Richard Rudin	76
Joseph Tain	76
John Kosiorek	72
Bruce Simon	72
Robert Carrano	71
John Dean	66
Jeffrey Drop	64
John Nastasi	61
Joe Ferreira	55
Joseph Esgro III	24

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
Robert Elie*	62
David Tura*	55
Robert Smialek	51
Richard Gray*	40
John Yaglenski Jr*	34
William Kovacs	32
Daniel Lanktree*	32
Robert Rush	32
John Harrison Jr	20
William Morris	20
Antony Lukka*	18
Thomas Davis	15
Steve Beck	14
Lionel Martin	14
Lucky Haynes	12
Joseph Maguire Sr	12
Gregory Walsh	11
Michael Nevinger	10
John Staas	10
Richard Kuertz	10
Frank Mayle	10
Ronald Doorenbos	7
German Gutierrez	6
Frank Bertoni	2
William Blanchard	2
Robert O'brien	2
Orlando Priede	2
Eric Skleder	2
William Szyper	2

***Note: Life Members**



... Along the Way by Bob Evers

Ahead of us this new year is an inspired project planned by the USCCB Bishops . . . a three-year “Revival of Belief of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist”! It is set to kick off in June 2022 on the feast of Corpus Christi, literally, the Body of Christ.

- The first project year will focus on what each diocese can do.
- The Second year will be for what each parish can do.
- The third year will be for what the families, organizations, and groups within the parish can do. The bishops are hoping for creativity at all levels including public processions with the Holy Eucharist. Two Bishops discuss the project at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dckEVrvX1Nc> .

To help set the stage, the bishops have already published a document about the Real Presence entitled “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church” at:

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/The%20Mystery%20of%20the%20Eucharist%20in%20the%20Life%20of%20the%20Church.pdf>

Our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori, in the December issue of Columbia says, “Each of us can play our part in supporting this effort by reviving and strengthening our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, by attending Sunday mass, as well as Daily mass when possible, and by participating in eucharistic adoration.”

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Director - Larry Fischer 480-0214

Community - Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director - Open

Family Director - Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Health Services – Henry Vonsalzen 631-672-1803

Membership - Armond Padula 408-9819

Retention – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life Director - John Yaglenski 408-7558

Publicity - Jim Palermo 493-3424

Food Service - Victor Romano

Food Collection - Eric Bisighini 860-899-8785

James Collins 917-837-8698

Cross & Compass – Ray Pronko 858-880-8376

Backpack - Jim Palermo 403-3424

Insurance Promotion - Mark Ueblacker 268-1565

Vocations Chairman - Greg Walsh 681-2438

Council Prayer Tree - Robert Evers 614-946-4225

Fourth Degree - Ed Farrell 445-5697

Visitation - Joe Maguire 493-2784

January Food Collection

736 lbs and \$7212 including a generous \$5000 donation from a parishioner

Thank You!

**Special Thank You from Fr. Jay
Dear Brother Knights!**

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift, your service to Our Lady of Lourdes, and many local charities. I am blessed to be your Brother Knight and your Pastor as well. Vivat Jesu

Andres Cordero – Seminarian: Thank you very much for your support. May the love of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus bring us peace and joy! Merry Christmas.

Patrick Long – Seminarian: Thank you for your generous support, both financial and prayers. I am grateful for all you do for us Seminarians and for the church. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you at Our Lady of Lourdes. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Season.

Deacon Jose Grullon – Seminarian: Thank you for your generosity! Many blessings to you and your loved ones during this Christmas season!

Aundria Castleberry – All Faiths Food Bank: Our Hunger Heroes that who the Knights of Columbus are. Thank you for your recent generous donation to continue to help feed our neighbors in need. It has been a beautiful journey working with such a beautiful organization that cares about our community. Today I am retiring after 23 years. I will continue to follow your support to All Faiths. With love and admiration.

Pregnancy Solutions – Jacqueline Zdrojowy: Each year hundreds of families are changed by the care and education you support through our centers. We could not do this without you. Thank you for your generous support!

All Faiths Food Bank – Andrea: Our Hunger Heroes – that's who you are. Thank you for your generous donation for so many years to feed our community in need.

St Joseph the Worker Parish – Rev. Marcial Garcia, Pastor: ON behalf of St Joseph the Worker, I want to express my gratitude for your recent donation to hel with our Food Pantry. Your continued support so SJtW Food Pantry helps us feed the needs in our community. Wishing you and your families a blessed and healthy 2022.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. ONCE YOU REALIZE HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE
AND HOW MUCH YOU HAVE GOING FOR YOU, THE SMILES WILL RETURN,
THE SUN WILL BREAK OUT, THE MUSIC WILL PLAY, AND YOU WILL FINALLY
BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD THE LIFE THAT GOD INTENDED FOR YOU WITH
GRACE, STRENGTH, COURAGE, AND CONFIDENCE.

~OG MANDINO

Grand Knight Ron Bowes presents *Knight of the Month*: Ray Pronko



Grand Knight Ron Bowes presents *Family of the Month*: Pete Spagnuolo



PLAN AHEAD

The Venice Knight of Columbus presents
A Magical Irish Pub Night
Proceeds going to the Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice
Dinner & Show
starring
Andy Gooney

AND HIS BAND

featuring
EMERALD FIRE IRISH DANCERS

Pelican Pointe Country Club
TUESDAY, MARCH 8
5:00 PM Cocktails
6:00 PM Dinner followed by Show
TICKETS \$65 PER PERSON
CASH BAR AVAILABLE
For Tickets and More Information Call
Our Lady Of Lourdes 941-497-2931 OR Ron Bowes 412-965-1983
Register online, www.catholiccharitiesdov.org and click "Events"
Donations are Tax-Deductible
Premium Tables for (4) = \$1,000 table for (8) = \$1,500 or (10) = \$2,000
Buffet Sponsor = \$ 700 (buffet signage)
Bar Sponsored by J. J. Taylor Companies, INC.

February 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6 11:30 Basketball Free-throw Contest	7	8 Respect Life – Planned Parenthood Walk Council Meeting 5:30 Officers 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Membership	9	10	11	12
13 After Mass(es) Coffee & Donuts	14 	15	16	17	18	19 5:00 OLOL Gala
20	21	22	23	24 Our Mothers House Fundraiser	25	26 After Mass(es) Food Collection
27 After Mass(es) Food Collection	28				TBD: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner; March for Life; 25 SOLVE Maternity Homes Gala; Tootsie Roll Drive	