

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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*Council 9924*

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## Grand Knights Message

Dear Brothers in Christ:

In June I will have served 2 years and four months as Grand Knight since brother Bob Smith left. It has been an honor to serve you. With our fiscal year ending in 3 months, I am asking you to think about serving as an officer. The positions available are:

1. Grand Knight
2. Deputy Grand Knight
3. Chancellor
4. Recorder
5. Treasurer
6. Advocate
7. Warden
8. Inside Guard
9. Outside Guard
10. Board of Trustees

If anyone is interested in any of these positions, please contact Peter Spagnuolo by May 15th, 2022.

The results will be announced by June 7th, 2022. Please think about stepping forward into one of these important positions.

Holy Week begins Palm Sunday April 10th and ends on Holy Saturday April 16th, with Easter on Sunday April 17th. I am sure that the vast majority of knights will attend services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and of course Easter Sunday.

Mark Sunday April 3rd for our next blood drive and April 30th & May 1st for our monthly food drive. Always sign up to help if you can.

Thanks to all of you we have reached our quota for new members and are on track for Star Council for our third year in a row.

Vivat Jesus,  
Ron Bowes, GN



## Council 9924 Board 2021-2022

### Grand Knight

*Ron Bowes 412-965-1983*

### Deputy Grand Knight

*Larry Fischer 941-480-0214*

### Chancellor

*Sam Mattoni*

### Treasurer

*Robert Rueger 941-493-4927*

### Advocate

*Peter Spagnuolo 941-786-6638*

### Recorder

*Robert Burhoe 941-460-6546*

### Warden

*Bill Szyper 704-776-0041*

### Inside Guard

*John Chiumento 941-426-9043*

### Outside Guard

*Nick Catone 717- 818-3167*

### Trustee 3 Year

*Dave Tura*

### Trustee 2 Year

*Frank Mayle 330-575-6828*

### Trustee 1 Year

*John Harrison 941-408-4955*

### Chaplain

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### Financial Secretary

*Bill Morris 214-244-9464*

### Field Agent

*Mark Ueblacker 941-268-1565*

### District Deputy

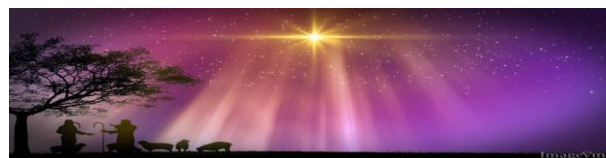
*Michael Costanza 941-400-7416*



## Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

Dick Bates  
German Gutierrez  
Mike O'Brien  
Ken Bonamo

Scott Sheldon  
Ginny Spagnuolo  
Ray Callahan  
Christine Bonamo



## Remembering Our Deceased

Robert Young



## . . . Along the Way by Bob Eyers

The Movie musical, “1776”, reminds viewers of the birth of our democracy. This was a unique rebellion in that unlike Middle East countries of today, we did not seek to overthrow but rather to form a new government. We formally institutionalized the notion that government power comes from God and the will of the people.

The premise of individual freedom was that everyone is free to make decisions to do good. Freedom did not grant the right to do anything wrong especially if such an act trampled on anyone else’s rights. It assumes that everyone has a basic code of moral ethics so that promises are kept, truth is honored, and selflessness to support the country and others above one’s own self is assumed and practiced.

And for 200 years the formula worked. But little by little selfishness has crept in and in some cases has been legalized. The notion of telling the truth has become quaint. The notion of putting family or almost anything above self is eroding the dwindling number of solid families. Our mission as true Christians is to build morality back into society by ourselves being truthful and compassionate to every person we interact with.

God has truly blessed America all through the two centuries and must be disappointed at how we have misused the precious gift of freedom. Our systematic removal of God from our government and from our daily lives can only lead us to fail as a democratic society.

Please pray for our country, her people and her leaders to return to the true freedom to choose what is right and honor the Creator as a fact of existence.

# Thank You!



February 24, 2022

Mike O'Brien, Grand Knight  
Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council #9924  
1301 Center Rd  
Venice, FL 34292-3810

Dear Mr. O'Brien and Friends,

As the pandemic has continued – along with the financial fallout – the generosity and compassion of our donors has been an inspiration to all of us at All Faiths Food Bank. Thanks to hunger heroes like you, students won't go hungry over the weekend or during breaks from school. With your gift of support, we will have the resources we need to lift children, families, seniors and veterans from poverty and help them enjoy a healthier tomorrow.

Your donation to All Faiths Food Bank is deeply appreciated. Your gift of \$7,000.00 for the Backpack Program at Taylor Ranch Elementary, which was received on January 11, 2022, will be used to provide healthy solutions to end hunger in Sarasota and DeSoto counties.

The pandemic has shone a bright light on just how prevalent food insecurity is in the country and our region, while deepening the economic crisis for those who were already at risk. Although hunger has long been an issue in our area, COVID-19 caused historic numbers of people to need food: in 2021, 17 million meals were distributed.

Our programs and initiatives not only provide nutritious food but also help families gain long-term food security, enjoy better health outcomes, and achieve self-sufficiency. Your generous support makes this important work possible.

With appreciation,

  
Sandra Frank, J.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

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## St. Michaels Church on Van Repair Assistance of \$2000

### Message from Eric Bisighini

When the van driver, Alfredo, picked up the food on Ash Wednesday, he was thrilled to receive this check for much needed repairs (and all the food we collected), and kept saying, "God Bless you guys for all you do" and gave me a big hug. I am passing on his thanks to everyone for making this all possible.

He then shared with me another reason these repairs were so important. While driving at night this past week, he was getting passed by several drivers honking their horns as they passed by him. Alfredo then pulled over to the side of the road, and one of the drivers stopped to tell him that the lights on the trailer were not working, and people were unsure whether he was turning or braking. So light repairs will be added to his repair list. I don't know about you, but I'm feeling a little divine intervention made this story possible.







# CELEBRATIONS


**BIRTHDAYS****Name****Age**

Frank	Lofaro	97
Matthew	Schiavone	88
Samuel	Lombard	85
Frank	Bertoni	83
Thomas	Festa	82
Matthew	Soldano	79
Michael	O'Brien	78
Daniel	Shaughnessy	77
Herman	Schmitt	76
William	Szyper	75
John	Finn	75
Ronald	Rosalik	75
Robert	O'Brien	74
James	Winslow	73
Christopher	Clair	72
Michael	Nevinger	70
James	Krueger	69
Larry	Middendorf	69
Patrick	Rapp	63
William	Alvarado	37

**ANNIVERSARIES****Name****Years**

David	Burger	67
John	Powers	58
Laurence	Fischer	55
Thomas	Kanapky	54
Bruce	Simon	54
Robert	Chapman	52
Salvatore	Trofi	52
Daniel	Shaughnessy	49
Joseph	Schmenk	48
James	Young	42
Thomas	Kirkpatrick	40
Walter	Pannone	33
John	Chiumento	31
Herman	Schmitt	30
James	Krueger	21
Thomas	Meehan	16
David	Scalise	15
Albert	Meyer	7
John	Dalla Mura	6
John	Dean	6
Robert	Rueger	5
Daniel	Birck	4
Robert	Crowley	4
Joseph	Esgro	4
Ronald	Nodzon	4
Richard	Potson	4
Wayne	Vuolo	4
John	Kopinsky	4
John	Negro	2
Chuck	Woodrum	2
Gregory	Young	1
Richard	Ventresca	1

**\*Note: Life Members**

## 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 Eysers 614-946-4225

**Fourth Degree** - Ed Farrell 445-5697

**Visitation** - Rick Kuertz 513-430-4330



## March Food Collection

**\$2,716 in donations collected and 1,136 lbs of food. Thanks to all who donated their time and money to make this a success especially Armand who pulled a double shift**

### Message from Elise Dacey:

Praying you all are doing well. I was wondering if anyone would be interested in providing a meal for the **Totus Tuus Missionaries** while they are in training here at Our Lady of Lourdes. We need meals for dinner each night from May 27 to June 2nd. The missionaries will be staying at the OLPH retreat house but they are not providing any meals for them due to the cost. Anne Chrzan, Diocesan Director of Religious Education has set up a meal train so anyone can sign up for a day. If you can drop off a meal and have time to stay, you are more than welcome to learn more about Totus Tuus and their mission.

Kindly click on meal train link below to help out.

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rq624w>

***Knight of the Month: Jim Palermo***



***Family of the Month: Mike & Kathy Malik  
Presented by Pete Spagnuolo***



# One Blood Donation Drive

**April 3rd- sign ups available from 8 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Check availability at link below**

**<https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now/donation-centers-list-select-time?type=md&driveID=1072950&driveStart=1648987200&driveEnd=1649007000>**



**Goal is 27 donors to break the record set in  
January.**



# Irish Pub Night



An exciting “k”night of wonderful people, delicious food, and world class entertainment.

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		29	30	31	1	2
3 Blood Drive 8 am-1:30 pm	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council Meeting 5:30 Officers 6:30 Rosary 7:00 Members	13	14	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter	18	19	20	21	22	23 After masses food collection
24 After masses food collection	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

# Easter

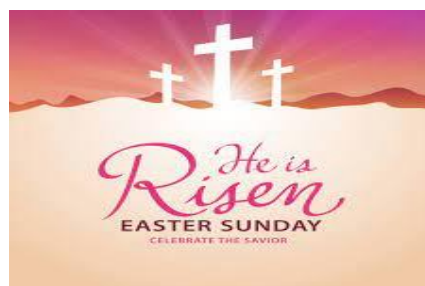


What is Easter? Without a doubt one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar, Easter is a holiday that celebrates the **Resurrection** of our Lord Jesus Christ. After his crucifixion, death, and burial, three days later, He rose from the grave. By this, He conquered death and redeemed us from sin.

"The word does not properly occur in Scripture, although the King James Version has it in **Acts 12:4** where it stands for **Passover**, as it is rightly rendered in the Revised Version (British and American). There is no trace of Easter celebration in the New Testament, though some would see an intimation of it in **1 Corinthians 5:7**. The Jewish Christians in the early church continued to celebrate the Passover, regarding Christ as the true paschal lamb, and this naturally passed over into a commemoration of the death and resurrection of our Lord or an Easter feast."

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the core of the Christian gospel. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and hope are in vain (**1 Cor. 15:14**). Certainly, without the resurrection, there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The apostles of Christ would have continued as the disheartened group which the Gospel of John depicts being in hiding for fear of the Jews. They were in total despair until they met the risen Christ (**John 20:19**). Then they touched Christ's wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the foundation of everything they said and did (**Acts 2-4**): "...for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (**Luke 24:39**).

The resurrection affirms Jesus of Nazareth as not only the prophesied Messiah of Israel but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.







For with  
God nothing  
shall be  
impossible.

Luke 1:37



# Pray For Ukraine

