

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924
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Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ:

August is a special month for me since my mother, Mary Lourdes McHale Bowes was born on August 15th, the Feast of The Assumption. Her two sisters were nuns in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Order out of Scranton, Pa. My mother prayed the rosary every day and had a special devotion to Mary. Thanks to brothers Peter Spagnuolo and Bob Rueger, we pray the rosary at every meeting. Let's make this month a time when we pledge to say a decade of the rosary every day for peace in the world.

When this Cross and Compass arrives, our semi-annual audit and annual IRS tax filing will have been completed thanks to our three Trustees, Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Jim Quinnan has volunteered to take over our annual retreat which we hope is October 10th, Columbus Day. You'll be hearing more about this at our next meeting.

We received a \$1,000 gift from a law firm in Ohio, Cash & Cash. They also gave \$500 to the parish. We do not have much information about this donation, but we are grateful.

We need a Brother to volunteer to help out with the Christmas party in December. Our Pastor, Father Jay, has approved us having a Christmas party if we decide to go in that direction.

I look forward to seeing you at our August meeting on Tuesday, August 9th so please plan on attending. Thank you for all you do to help build the Kingdom of God.

Vivat Jesus,
Ron Bowes, GK



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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

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Remembering Our Deceased

German Gutierrez

Thank you letters from those receiving donations from Council 9924. Here are the rewards of our charitable work and commitment to those in need.



St. Joseph the Worker Parish

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission

July 20, 2022

Our Lady of Lourdes
Knights of Columbus Council #9924 1301 Center Rd.
Venice, FL 34292

Dear Knights of Columbus,

24065 US Highway 27
P.O. Box 1109 Moore Haven, FL 33471

On behalf of St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry I want to inform you that we have received your generous donation of \$ 570.00 (Five hundred seventy dollars).

This opportunity is taken to thank all Knights of Columbus members and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes for your continued support and hard work to raise the funds to help our community.

Sincerely,

Rev. Marcial Garcia
Pastor



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Joseph Sciano	91
Kenneth Schiller	91
George Abel	85
Lawrence Baranick	84
Lionel Martin	83
David Scalise	82
Laurence Fischer	82
James Bennett	82
John Le Duke	80
Kirby Meagher	80
Thomas Lucia	78
Richard Sheldon	76
Dennis Charles	76
Lee Smutz	74
Michael Kusiak	72
David Kristie	71
Michael Davis	70
John Kopinsky	65
Dan Dacey	61
Vince Gelsomino	61
David Smith	56
Stefano Ragozzino	48

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
Terrence Grogan	60
William Tarr	55
Eugene Clifford	45
David Smith	37
Dennis Charles	33
J Robert Martin	27
David Mulvaney	27
Michael Davis	15
Charles Briguglio	10
Timothy O Connor	6
Ronald Rosalik	4
Ralph Mantello	3

***Note: Life Members**

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Director – Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Community - Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director - Open

Family Director - Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Health Services – Henry Von Salzen 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 – Mike Milak

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 - Rick Kuertz 513-430-4330



July Food Collection

\$2797 in donation and 500lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time and money.

Grand Knight Ron Bowes presents *Knight of the Month:* *Tim Collins*



Knight Times

Dues

Message from Bill Morris

Brothers – thanks to all who have paid their 2022/23 Council 9924 Dues!

If you have paid your dues but not received a new Membership Card, please let me know. I will send another one.

If you have not paid your dues, please click on this link and you can pay online. On the landing page, click on “Home” at the top.

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001756>



Knights of Columbus
OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL, No. 9924
1301 Center Road, Venice, Florida 34292

Council 9924 Dues Notice - July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023

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

[Give \(wesharegiving.org\)](https://wesharegiving.org)

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
Venice, FL 34293

Confirmation of Contact Information on File

Venice/SW Florida Address	Seasonal Address
Email Address	Cellphone Number
Wife's Name and Phone	Home Phone Number

New Transfers

Council 9924 welcomes new members:

Duffy Daugherty

Don Armagnac

Backpack Program

Message from Jim Palermo

As I announced at the July Council meeting, I have given up my Backpack Chairman position. I felt after 15 years and the changes happening within the program the time had come. Mike Milak has taken over the Backpack Chairmanship. Mike has been involved with All Faiths Food Bank for quite some time now volunteering frequently to pack or distribute food. At this juncture of the program, Mike is in a perfect position to work with AFFB as we move forward.

I am most grateful for all the support all of you packers have provided over the many years. I miss those mornings when we had an hour to solve the world's problems.

Thank you, Jim for your dedication to the program!

Knight Times

Volunteers

We are always in need of ushers for most masses, volunteers for food collection and readers for the 5th Sunday Rosary

Jim Quinnan is stepping down from organizing our Christmas Program. Thank you, Jim for your dedication and service. We need a volunteer to lead this event.

Council Retreat at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Columbus Day (Oct 10); Peter Spagnuolo needs help planning the retreat. Jim Quinnan has stepped up to take over this event.

Need to fill our Advocate Officer Position. Peter Spagnuolo stepped down. Thank you, Peter for your dedication and service.

Coming Soon

Adopt a classroom at Epiphany School for \$500. This donation will appear in future budgets.

Brothers - we will host a Blue Mass for our First Responder community on Sunday September 11th. Nick Catone and John Chiumento are leading this activity. Please let us know if you have any personal business relationship with First Responders. This will help us to personalize the invites.

August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 members meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 After mass food collection
28 After mass food collection	29	30	31	1	2	3

CHURCH LEADER LUNCHEON

2022



We are looking forward to this opportunity to gather together with local church leaders for fellowship, food and forward-thinking as we partner together for LIFE!

As a para-church ministry, Pregnancy Solutions has the privilege of serving the community alongside the church, and this year, with all that is happening in our nation around the issue of life, what better time to gather around this cause! We are seeing more clients than ever who are considering abortion or who have already made an abortion decision and are struggling to cope with the tumultuous feelings they are experiencing as a result. We want to help these clients find a church home, and we want to help equip the church to come alongside these women and men. We hope you'll join us! Don't miss this incredible opportunity to hear from the Executive Director of Relate and ARC, Mark Mateer. Mark and his wife serve as pastors at Bayside Community Church and are passionate about helping pastors and leaders impact their community for Christ! There is no cost to attend, and lunch will be provided.

To RSVP, visit the "events" tab at www.pregnancysolutions.org or, using your smart phone, scan the QR code at the bottom of this invitation.

Jacqueline Zdrojowy
Chief Executive Officer
Pregnancy Solutions

August 31st, 2022

390 FLAMINGO BLVD. PORT CHARLOTTE

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM



scan here to register

One Blood Donation Drive

September 11th



Message from Henry Vonsalzen:

Our next blood drive is scheduled for September 11. As this is Patriots Day, we will be offering our Limited Edition 9/11 T-Shirts with a \$20 e-gift card. We will also have our traditional September Cancer Awareness T-Shirt/Sock combo for those that prefer. Because this is Patriots Day, I would anticipate participation from outside the church as well. Our projection for this next drive is 16 again, but I will keep watch on the sign ups and request additional support if the appointments fill. Please let me know if, as it gets close, you hear chatter in the community indicating a large turnout. Our goal is always to collect what we hoped for, but we also don't want to turn away donors, especially when hospital needs are high.

Save the date:

KofC Annual Retreat

**Columbus Day (Oct 10) @ Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Retreat Center in Venice**



Welcome to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center

[Click Here to View Our Schedule of Events](#)

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The word “assumption” is rooted in the Latin verb *assumere*, which means “to take to oneself.” The doctrine of Mary’s Assumption teaches that Jesus took his mother to Himself in Heaven at the end of her life.

In discussing Mary’s Assumption, the Catholic Church teaches that Mary’s body was glorified immediately at the end of her earthly life. Thus, unlike other mortal beings who must wait until the end of the world for our bodily resurrection, Mary, as Jesus’s mother, was given the divine gift of being taken body and soul to Heaven upon her death.

Importantly, the Assumption of Mary is unlike the Ascension of Jesus. Jesus Christ ascended into Heaven by His own power. In contrast, Mary is believed to have been taken up into Heaven by God.

Pray For Ukraine

