

# CROSS AND COMPASS

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## Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ: Vivat Jesus !

The holy season of Christmas is upon us, and we have so much to be grateful for thanks to our Savior Jesus Christ. His birth transformed the world. He gave us hope and the pathway to salvation and everlasting life. The real magic of Christmas is not in the presents but in His presence.

You will get this Cross & Compass on December 1st and our Christmas party is on Friday, December 9th. Thanks to the hard work of Jackie Briguglio and other ladies of the CCW, along with some of our brothers, we will have a wonderful celebration of Christmas. On December 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be an RE family Christmas class breakfast. Dave Kristie and his crew are once again preparing the breakfast.

Our monthly meeting is December 13th so please plan to attend. I have the February gala tickets for sale for \$125.00 each so please plan to purchase them from me.

Our next blood drive is January 15<sup>th</sup>, 8AM - 1PM.

Father Jay has enthusiastically approved a fundraiser for Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The great Irish American entertainer Andy Cooney from N.Y. is coming again after selling out at Pelican Pointe CC last year. This will be a parish fundraiser for a much-needed renovation for our kitchen which our knights use the most. I'm asking you now to please volunteer for this effort.

Finally, we need for everyone to recruit good Catholic men into our council. Currently we are without a membership chair so please step forward to fill this critical position. Wishing you all a happy holy Christmas.

Ron Bowes, GK



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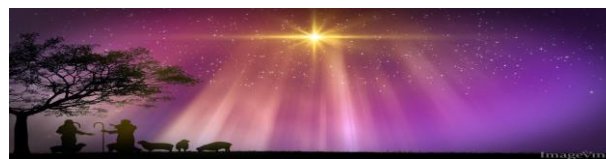
*Michael Costanza 941-400-7416*



## **Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed**

Dennis Putman  
Mike O'Brien  
Dick Maier

Scott Sheldon  
Ray Callahan  
Patrick Burke



## **Remembering Our Deceased**

**John J. Horgan Jr.**

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

### **A place for those close to us**

**Ellen Sheldon, wife of Dick Sheldon, recovering from an illness**

**Bob Eyers**

**Dear brothers in Christ, at our meeting on DECEMBER 13, we will hold a special memorial mass from 5:30pm to 6pm in the church. Fr. Saji, our Chaplain will preside, and brother Bob Rueger will say a few words. Please make every effort to attend to honor one of our dedicated council members.**

# Obituary

## JOHN JOSEPH HORGAN JR



November 11, 2022

We are sad to announce the death of John J Horgan Jr , age 84, of North Port Fl. Formerly of Dorchester and Braintree Ma. He passed away peacefully on November 11, 2022. Beloved husband of 60 years to Marie (Beninati) Horgan, Devoted father to John Horgan and his wife Rhoda, Jim Horgan, Donna Galvin and her husband John, and Debra Horgan. Most importantly John was Handsome Papa to Jonathan , Jenna, Jared, Jessie, Ally, Caitlin, Courtney, and Abbey Horgan, JT and Kyle Galvin, Nicholas, Dominic and Talia Tantillo. He is also survived by many nieces , nephews, family and friends. John was born in Dorchester where he started his family with Marie before moving to Braintree. He was a Teamster Truck Driver and Local 718 Boston Firefighter. After retiring he remained active driving the Carney Hospital shuttle bus and as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Towns of Braintree and Needham. John enjoyed his time as Exulted Ruler of the Braintree Elks and as President of the All Souls Men's Group. He loved being Mayor of the Hamlet of Braintree and Ringing out his neighbors of Diamond View NH. Whether at work or play he made us all laugh. He was an endearing character that won the hearts of all he met earning him many Nicknames along his way , most notably "the Commish" . His most precious title of all was "Handsome Papa" for he was truly at his best with his Grandchildren. A 10 AM Mass will be held on Friday, November 25, 2022 at St Gregory Parish , 2215 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester Ma, 02124. Followed by a celebration of life at the Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Dorchester, Ma 02124. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in John's memory to St Jude Childrens Research Hospital.

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

*PREGNANCY SOLUTIONS*

*Dear Friends,*

*Each year Hundreds of  
families are changed by  
the care and education  
you support through our  
centers.*

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*We could not do this  
without you.*

*Thank you for your  
generous support!*

*With great gratitude,*

*Jacqueline Zdrojewy*

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## **Venice Area Pregnancy Center**

**Thanks to the council and your board for the continued generosity this year. May God bless all of you this year.**

**Susan Rohman**

**President**



# CELEBRATIONS



## BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Armand Padula	93
John Reilly	91
Robert Chapman	90
Salvatore Trofi	87
Peter Rodriguez	86
Joseph Grossi	83
John Janisse	83
John Chiumento	80
Samuel Mattoni	80
Denis Merchant	79
Gregory Walsh	78
James Young	78
Ronald Bowes	77
George Counes	76
James Gillio	76
Rick Presley	74
Edmund Cassidy	73
Robert Burhoe	73
Bruce Callahan	73
Thomas Davis	73
James Schmidt	72
James Schuchart	71
Robert Whiting	70
Larry Smith	69
Robert Di Vito	69
Paul Galitskie	68
Michael Suhowolak	68
Don Freiburger	65
David M Donnell	64
Joseph Indelicato	63
William Kovacs	62
Antony Lukka	57
Perry Patete	56
Orlando Priede	53
Stephen Swanson	43

## ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Years
Gerard	St Germain	56
Douglas	Piper	55
Robert	Subach	52
Larry	Keener	50
John	Gallagher	35
Peter	Spagnuolo	21
Scott	Frank	19
Vincent	Hagerty	13
Rick	Presley	13
John	Raymond	13
James	Bennett	9
James	Collins	7
Dennis	Putman	6
Joseph	Mrusko	4
Michael	O'Kane	4
Armand	Padula	4
Victor	Romano	4
John	Tosado	1

**Red denotes Life Members**

## SERVICE PROGRAMS

**Director** – Nick Catone 717-818-3167

**Community** - Dan Dacey 493-9107

**Faith Director** – Bob Burhoe 617-899-3109

**Family Director** - Nick Catone 717-818-3167

**Blood Donor** – Henry Von Salzen 631-672-1803

**Membership** - Armond Padula 941-786-6316

**Retention** – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

**Culture of Life**- John Yaglenki 941-408-7558

**Publicity** - Jim Palermo 941-493-7918

**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 941-380-7248

**Insurance Promotion**

**Vocations Chairman** - Greg Walsh 941-681-2438

**Council Prayer Tree** - Robert Evers 614-946-4225

**Fourth Degree** - Ed Farrell 941-445-5697

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



## November Food Collection

**\$3,786 in donation and 960 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods, and money.**

## December Food Collection

*December 17-18 Weekend*



# Knight of the Month

**Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, presents *Knight of the Month Award* to Dave Tura, pictured with members of the golf committee.**





# Knight Times

## Volunteers

Proverbs 11:25 The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

**Help us achieve our goal of 15 new brothers for this fiscal year. As Grand Knight Ron Bowes has stated on several occasions, talk to people you see in church and invite them to join us and experience the joy and rewards of giving and brotherhood. We are all recruiters! We have 3 new members so far.**

**We are always in need of ushers for most masses, volunteers for food collection and readers for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.**

**For the Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup>, we need help with the clean up and two brothers to slice ham.**

**Peter Spagnuolo has volunteered to continue as our Advocate.  
Thank you, Peter for your dedication and service.**

# **Knight Times**

## **Transfers**

**Scott Early  
Rick Miller  
Daniel Stanley  
Lee Hendrickson**

## **Welcome to Council 9924**

**We are looking forward to your contributions!**

# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9 Christmas Party 5-9pm	10
11 RE Family Breakfast 11am-1pm	12	13 Council meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 mass for Bob Eyers 6:00 dinner 7:00 members	14	15	16	17 Food Collection
18 Food Collection	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31

# One Blood Drive Results

## Message from One Blood Representative:

Fantastic turnout at Our Lady of Lourdes! Thank you, Henry, and your fellow Knights for supporting our lifesaving mission. An enthusiastic, dependable blood drive chairperson is one of the keys to a blood drive's success and we want to take this opportunity to thank you for helping with coordinating the drive and saving lives in our community.

We are pleased to share with you that the recent blood drive resulted in 22 units of blood. Remember, each donation can save up to three lives, so that means 66 patients could benefit from the lifesaving efforts of blood donors from your organization. We encourage you to share the drive results with the rest of your team and please pass along our gratitude. To note, while there were only 12 appointments, there were many who came out and walked in. The hurricane and subsequent recovery have shifted everyone's lives in very different ways. But, despite it all, heroes in the community keep coming out to donate and give the best gift that can be given, the gift of life.

Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at your blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant.

**Our next scheduled blood drive is Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Copy and paste the link below to reserve a time.**

**<https://donorportal.oneblood.org/donate-now/donation-centers-list-select-time?type=md&driveID=1234499&driveStart=1673787600&driveEnd=1673807400>**

We look forward to working with you again and thank you for your dedication and commitment to our lifesaving mission. Wishing everyone with the Knights and Our Lady of Lourdes a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, and a merry & bright holiday season!

**Henry Vonsalzen**



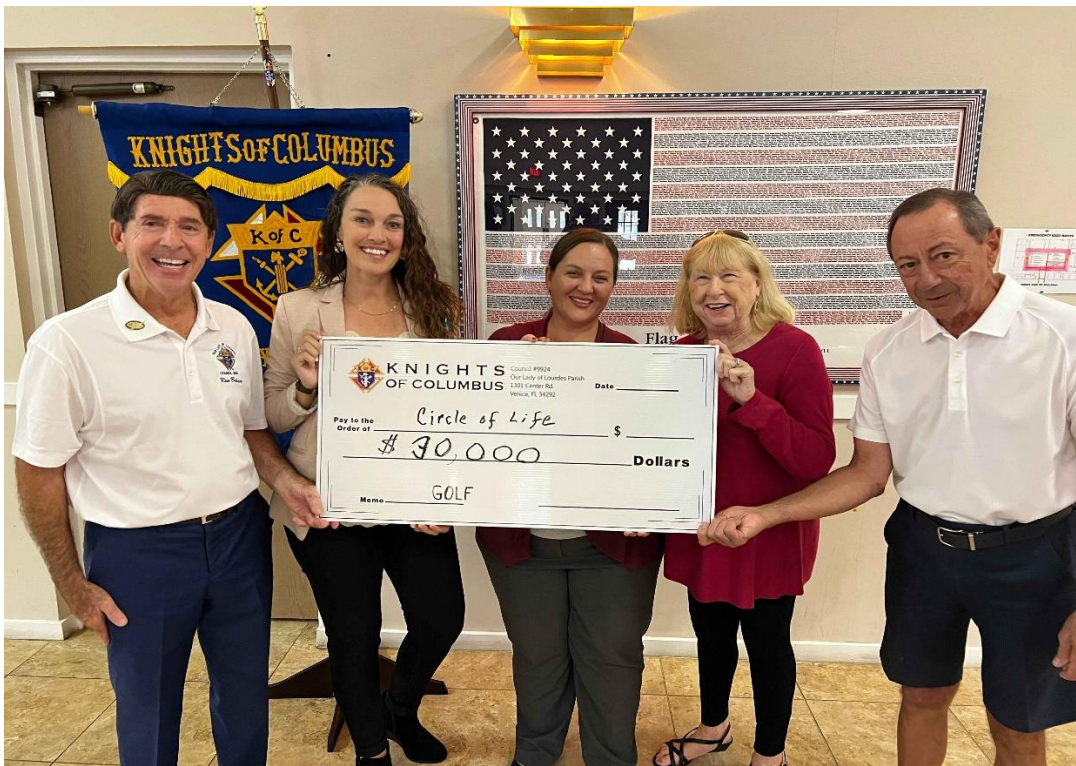
Thank you for participating in the blood drive at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Parish on Sunday, November 20, 2022

SWEET CLAUDIA  
DEIMLER EILEEN  
WEDGE GREGORY  
TIMPSON JAMES  
MARRONE JANINE  
CREWS MARK  
MATTIAZZI MARY-LOU  
BERRY MICHAEL  
GRELEWICZ ROBERT  
CREWS SUSAN  
HAGERTY VINCENT

YONKO JR DANIEL  
LARAMY GEOFFREY  
VONSALZEN HENRY  
BANKS JANET  
BABCOCK KATHRYN  
PALERMO MARSHA  
BEARD MICHAEL  
COOK MICHELE  
ALBANESE RONALD  
BARENZ THERESE  
GEMPP WILLIA



# Annual Circle of Life Golf Tournament



Check presentation to the three charities; Pregnancy Solutions, Our Mother's House, and The Venice Area Pregnancy Care Center. Special thanks to Dave Tura and all the members that contributed their time and money to make this special event an enormous success. \$30,000 was raised for the three charities to provide many services to women in need who have chosen life!

Over the past six years, more than \$130,000 has been raised by Council 9924.



















# Christmas Party

## December 9<sup>th</sup>

Our Lady of Lourdes Council of Catholic Women and the Knights of Columbus are co-hosting a

### Christmas Party

for all members and their spouses on

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 9:00pm  
in the Parish Center

Cost is \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of the live entertainment (Dick and Kammie), and turkey and ham will be provided for dinner – guests are asked to bring either an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share!

Water, coffee and tea will be provided –  
any other drinks is BYOB

RSVP via Sign-Up Genius by Monday, 12/5/2022



**We need a Knight to step up to assist with the planning of the Christmas party in partnership with CCW.**

December 9th (FRIDAY) – Our Lady of Lourdes CCW and Knights of Columbus are co-hosting a Christmas Holiday Party from 5:00pm – 9:00pm in the Parish Hall and will include a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish or side dish or desert (need to specify what for each category). BYOB. There will be a band and dancing.

Please sign up to attend!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ba4ad2ba6fb6-christmas2>

# Religious Education Family Breakfast

## December 11<sup>th</sup>



11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please click below to sign up to volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ba4ad2ba6fb6-breakfast1>

Dave Kristie

# Night on Broadway Gala

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Tickets \$125 each



Contact Ron Bowes for tickets

# Feast of the Immaculate Conception



A very important pillar of Catholic teaching is celebrated on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. There is a popular idea that the day refers to the conception of Jesus by the Virgin Mary. It doesn't. As a matter of fact, it is actually the conception of Mary herself that is referred to here. Although she was born in the natural biological manner, her conception is believed to be 'immaculate' by Catholics because God intervened, relieving Mary of original sin. When Catholics celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we are celebrating the extraordinary abundance of grace that God gave Mary at the moment of her conception, preserving her soul from the hereditary stain of Original Sin.

# Pray For Ukraine

