

Knights of Columbus Council 9924
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Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ:

During the month of February let's treasure our principle of fraternity. Recently, our brother knight, Ed Farrell, gathered the Color Guard together and attended the funeral for a knight from another council. The family of the deceased was so grateful that these men honored their relative. This is what fraternity is all about. So let us remember that we should truly care about one another and reach out to each other this month and always.

Please remember our monthly meeting will not be February 14th, Valentine's Day, but instead Wednesday, February 15th at the same time as usual. At this meeting we will discuss sending 2 delegates to the Florida State Convention which is May 26th-28th, 2023.

There is still the need for some volunteers for Irish Pub Night on March 22nd. There should be a setup team and a cleanup crew so please reach out and sign up when Eric Bisighini sends the information. Remember to try and find new members for our council since this is the one area we need to improve to make Star Council.

Thank you for all you do to make our council one of the best in the state. And finally, please remember to keep our brothers who are ill in your prayers.

Ron Bowes, GK



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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

Dennis Putman
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Remembering Our Deceased

Brotherhood

The Color Guard, led by Ed Farrell, assembled for the funeral of a knight from another council to illustrate fraternity and brotherhood.



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

Know it is my great
privilege and joy to
help you in anyway I
can.

Love,
Renee

Dear Knights of Columbus
Friends!

Thank you so very much for
your generous Christmas gift,
but thank you most of all for
thinking of me during the special
season of Christmas! It was so
unexpected and meant the world
to me! You all do so much for
so many and are an inspiration!
Thank you again from the
bottom of my heart and please.

Renee Owens
OLOL Staff

Elisa Dacey
OLOL Staff



J M J

Dear Kay C,

Thank you so much
for your generous Christmas
gift & for thinking of
me, but it should be I thanking
you for all you do for
me & the Families in our
program. Please thank
everyone for their work
& dedication to the Community
& the Parish!!

May God Bless You
& your Families!!
In Christ,
Elise Dacy

May our Saviour guide you safely Home



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Robert Rush	88
Harold Bumb	87
Douglas Banting	85
James Connor	82
Thomas Meehan	82
Gerard St Germain	81
Robert Subach	81
Joseph Gallo	79
Gerald Lietz	77
Robert Moran	77
Richard Rudin	77
John Kosiorek	73
Bruce Simon	73
Robert Carrano	72
John Dean	67
Jeffrey Drop	65
John Nastasi	62
John Prisco	61
Joe Ferreira	56

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
Robert Elie	63
David Tura	56
Robert Smialek	52
Richard Gray	41
John Yaglenski	35
William Kovacs	33
Daniel Lanktree	33
Robert Rush	33
Justin Junkus	23
John Harrison	21
William Morris	21
Antony Lukka	19
Thomas Davis	16
Steve Beck	15
Lucky Haynes	13
Joseph Maguire	13
Gregory Walsh	12
Lee Hendrickson	12
Michael Nevinger	11
John Staas	11
Richard Kuertz	11
Frank Mayle	11
Daniel Stanley	9
Ronald Doorenbos	8
Robert Mickiewicz	7
Frank Bertoni	3
William Blanchard	3
Robert O'brien	3
Orlando Priede	3
Eric Skleder	3
William Szyper	3
Arthur Sech	1
Manny Delgado	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 VonSalzen 631-672-1803

Membership - Armond Padula 941-786-6316

Retention – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life- John Yaglenski 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 -

Fourth Degree - Ed Farrell 941-445-5697

Visitation - Rick Kuertz 513-430-4330



January Food Collection

\$2,556 in donations and 804 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods and money.

Knight of the Month

Deputy Grand Knight, Nick Catone, presents the Knight of the Month Award to Jim Palermo



January Meeting



Jan Smith spoke at the council meeting to discuss the generous \$50,000 donation from Barbara Diehl. As a result, the council has formed the **Barbara Diehl Charitable Scholastic Giving Committee to determine how to best maximize the donation.**

The six volunteers for the committee are:

**Frank Bertoni
John Chiumento
Rick Kuertz**

**Ron Bowes
Jim Palermo
Peter Spagnuolo**

**Eric Bisighini
John Yaglenski
Bob Rueger**

Council Merchandise



If you would like to order a Council shirt or ballcap, please click on the link below. We have sizes Small through XXXL.

Shirts are \$25 or \$28 depending on size and optional embroidery of your name on the shirt is \$3. Ballcaps are \$20.

If you have misplaced your name badge, please let me know.

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

Bill Morris, FS

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 5th Sunday Rosary.

Volunteers needed for set up and clean up for Irish Pub Night on March 22.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3 Tootsie Roll Drive	4 Tootsie Roll Drive Night on Broadway
5 Basketball FT tourney 11-11:30	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Council meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Food Collection
26 Food collection	27	28	1	2	3	4

One Blood Drive Results



Thank you for participating in the blood drive at

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish on Sunday, January 15, 2023

HAWKINS ANDREA
BARDO CHRISTOPHER
OKONIEWSKI DEBORAH
BISIGHINI ERIC
IZARRA HUGO
QUINNAN JAMES
DAVIS JILL
LABONTE JOEL
SVOBODA KATHLEEN
PARADISO LAURA
CREWS MARK
BENKOSKY RAYMOND
OBRIEN ROBERT
HEBERT FLANAGAN SUSAN
GARANT TIMOTHY

SCUDERI-KILBANE CAROLINE
YONKO JR DANIEL
HASKIN DENISE
VONSALZEN HENRY
HAWKINS JAMES
BANKS JANET
THORNHILL JOANNE
PUCCI JOSEPH
STEWART KAY
ABBOTT MARION
QUINNAN MARY
PRONKO RAYMOND
CREWS SUSAN
RENO TIMOTHY



Message from One Blood on January 15th Drive

Fantastic turnout at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish!

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. Moreover, the Knights of Columbus helped organize 5 blood drives in 2023 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, helping the Big Red Bus collect 145 units, saving as many as 435 lives in our community. That is community service you and your Knights should be proud of! Thank you so much!

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.

We look forward to working with you again and thank you for your dedication and commitment to our lifesaving mission.



Our next scheduled blood drive is Sunday, March 19th

8:30 am – 1:00 pm at OLOL

Click on this link to reserve a time.

[OneBlood](#)

Henry Vonsalzen

Clothing Drive Results

The Clothing Drive was a HUGE success. We surpassed last year's collection by 20%. Two organizations received clothes: St. Michael's in Wachula and Jesus Loves You, an organization that serves the homeless, in Port Charlotte. They both took all they could load and there were over 100 bags left. These were taken to local organizations. Thank you to all those who participated in the collection and the loading!



Tom Reno

Tootsie Roll Drive



February 3rd & 4th

All slots have been filled. Thank you, brother knights for donating your time. Results will be available in the next issue.

Bob Burhoe - Co-Chairman

Mike Milak - Co-Chairman

Night on Broadway Gala

February 4th

Tickets \$125 each

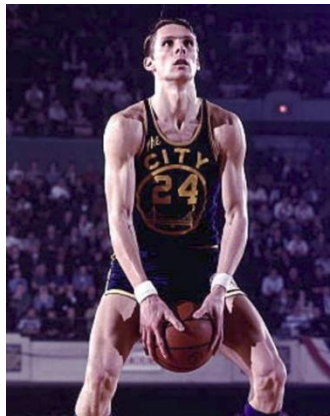


Contact Ron Bowes for tickets

ronbowes44@yahoo.com

Basketball FT Tourney

February 5th
11-11:30



Our annual K of C Basketball Free Throw tournament is this Sunday.

We need some volunteers for the basketball free throw contest that will be held on the courts at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pass the word - Any child between the ages of 9 and 14 is invited to participate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4BA4AD2BA6FB6-basketball>

Nick Catone

Irish Pub Night

March 22



The Knights of Columbus Presents

IRISH NIGHT

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Center

Starring
ANDY COONEY
"IRISH AMERICA'S FAVORITE SON"
The New York Times

and The Irish Guinness Band
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 • 7PM

with Special Guest
KATHY DURKIN

It's "Irish Night"!

Andy Cooney once again brings a show surrounded by the finest in Irish Entertainment! This is a show that showcases Ireland's Music, Song, Comedy and Dance as only Andy Cooney can bring it as he has for over 25 Years! Ireland's King of Blarney George Casey will have the audience bellied over in laughter as we warm up for the greatest month for the Irish!

1301 Center Rd, Venice, FL 34292
BYOB, Food or Snacks • Tickets: \$45 (Tables of 8)
Purchase Tickets online: ollvenice.org
Call the Parish Office: 941-497-2931 or Ron Bowes: 412-965-1983

All Italians encouraged to attend!

St. Valentine



In the early martyrologies, three different St. Valentines are mentioned, all sharing Feb. 14 for a feast day. Unfortunately, the historical record is sparse. The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He along with St. Marius and his family comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II, the Goth. Eventually, St. Valentine was also arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on Feb. 14, AD 270. He was buried on the Flaminian Way. Later, Pope Julius I (333-356) built a basilica at the site which preserved St. Valentine's tomb. Archeological digs in the 1500s and 1800s have found evidence of the tomb of St. Valentine. However, in the thirteenth century, his relics were transferred to the Church of Saint Praxedes near the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where they remain today. Also, a small church was built near the Flaminian Gate of Rome which is now known as the Porta del Popolo but was called in the 12th century "the Gate of St. Valentine," as noted by the early British historian William Somerset (also known as William of Malmesbury, d. 1143), who ranks after St. Bede in authority.

The second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome). Under the orders of Prefect Placidus, he too was arrested, scourged, and decapitated, again suffering persecution during the time of Emperor Claudius II.

The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions. However, nothing further is known about this saint. In all, these men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

The popular customs of showing love and affection on St. Valentine's Day is almost a coincidence with the feast day of the saint: During the Medieval Age, a common belief in England and France was that birds began to pair on Feb. 14, "half-way through the second month of the year." Chaucer wrote in his "Parliament of Fowles" (in Old English): "For this was on Seynt Valentyne's day, when every foul cometh there to choose his mate." For this reason, the day was dedicated to "lovers" and prompted the sending of letters, gifts, or other signs of affection.

Another literary example of St. Valentine's Day remembrances is found in Dame Elizabeth Brews "Paston Letters" (1477), where she writes to the suitor, John Paston, of her daughter, Margery: "And, cousin mine, upon Monday is St. Valentine's day and every bird chooseth himself a mate, and if it like you to come on Thursday night, and make provision that you may abide till then, I trust to God that ye shall speak to my husband and I shall pray that we may bring the matter to a conclusion." In turn, Margery wrote to John: "Unto my right well beloved Valentine John Paston, Squyer, be this bill delivered. Right reverend and worshipful and my right well beloved Valentine, I recommend me unto you, full heartily desiring to hear of your welfare, which I beseech Almighty God long for to preserve until His pleasure and your heart's desire." While speaking of the amorous flavor of Valentine's Day, no mention is made of the saint.

While it seems that the exchange of "valentines" is more the result of secular custom rather than the memory of St. Valentine, and that the celebration has been further paganized with cupids and the like, there is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor. Clearly, St. Valentineno matter which one showed such a love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and in the offering of his own life in martyrdom. On this Valentine's Day, looking to the example of this great saint, each person should offer again his love to the Lord, for only by doing so can he properly love those who are entrusted to his care and any other neighbor. Each person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them, and thanking them for their love in return. Never forget Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

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