

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924
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Grand Knights Message

Dear brothers in Christ:

Here it is May, and the snowbirds are moving north. I saw a license plate the other day that read "Welcome to Florida, now go home."

We will surely miss our brothers who go back home but it is also nice to have less traffic and be able to go to a restaurant without a long wait, not to mention playing golf at half the price.

The Church makes the month of May dedicated to Mary the mother of our Savior Jesus Christ. She is the perfect example of devout faith, obedience, humility, and love. We should do all we can this month to honor Mary by saying the rosary often.

I recently met with Father Jay, our pastor and he would like us to help him again with the CFA by holding our raffle which was so successful two years ago. The starting date will be October 2023, and the ending date will be March 2024. Our goal will be to raise \$60K which we were able to do previously. I will help with this effort even though I will no longer be Grand Knight.

Finally, please pray for our brothers who are ill and who recently passed away including their spouses and families.

Thank you for all you do to build the Kingdom of God.

Ron Bowes, GK

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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

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Remembering Those Close To Us

Irene Fischer, wife of Larry, who recently passed.

Norma Pronko, mother of Ray, suffering from pneumonia, liver and gall bladder issues.

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.

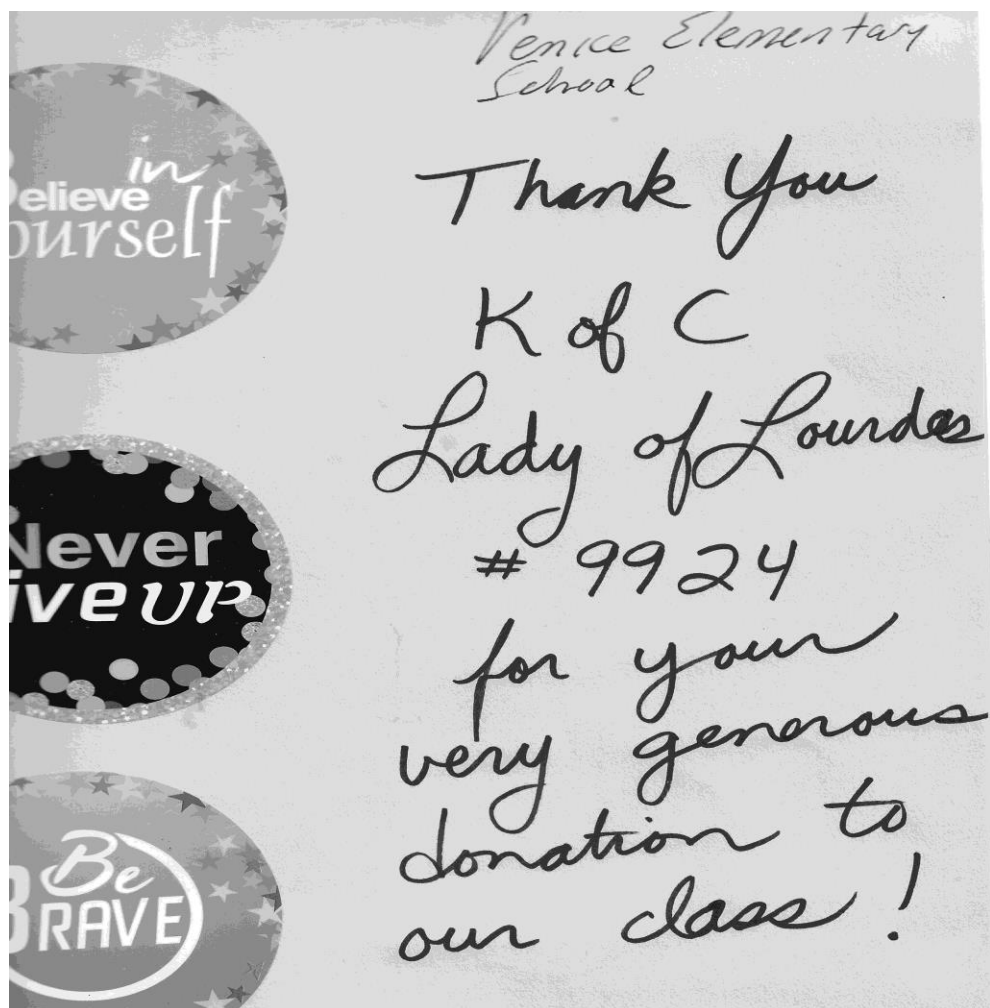
Seminarian Thank
You Letter

3/31/23

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you for your prayers
and support. I hope and pray
that you all are doing well.
May the Lord Our God and
King Jesus Christ in His resurrection
brings you wisdom and peace.

In Christ,
Andres Cordero





St. Joseph the Worker Parish

24065 US Highway 27
P.O. Box 1109
Moore Haven, FL 33471
Phone: (863) 946-0696

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission

April 12, 2023

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

Dear Knights of Columbus,

On behalf St. Joseph the Worker I want to thank you very much for your recent donation of \$942.00 for our Food Pantry.

Thank you very much for your continued support to this great cause. Thanks to your contributions and the donations of others we continue feeding the needy and most vulnerable in the Glades area.

May the Good Lord reward your generosity and may you have a blessed Easter Season.

Sincerely,

Rev. Marcial Garcia
Rev. Marcial Garcia
Pastor



March 23, 2023

William Morris, Financial Secretary
1606 Monarch Dr
Venice FL 34293

Dear Mr. Morris,

Thank you for continuing to make a significant difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by supporting the Loveland Center. Your recent gift of \$2,300.00 will help give our participants critical life skills in efforts to achieve greater independence.

We greatly appreciate your generosity over the past years. We could not serve our participants without supporters like you!

With deep respect and appreciation,

Camille Cline
Chief Advancement Officer

cc: file

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Special Olympics
Florida



"Let me win.
But if I cannot win,
Let me be brave in the attempt."
~ Athlete Oath ~



April 12, 2023

Mr. William Morris, Financial Secretay
Florida K of Charities
1606 Monarch Drive
Venice, FL 34293

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for supporting the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Florida with your recent gift of \$1,405.

Your generosity helps us provide year-round sports training, crucial health services, and life-changing leadership programs to children and adults with intellectual disabilities across the state. You are now part of a movement that demands inclusion, acceptance, and opportunity for all people.

Thanks to you, nearly 60,000 athletes each year have the chance to make new friends, learn new skills, and experience the joy of competing in sports. You are truly making a difference in the lives of our athletes.

In the spirit of gratitude,

Sherry Wheelock
President & CEO

Special Olympics Florida is a 501(c)(3) organization. No goods or services were provided to above donor for this contribution.

Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Registration number: CH681. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (800-435-7352) within the State.

K C,
my husband and I
go to our lady of Lourdes
I am so thankful for
your thoughtfulness and
generosity
I ND Paraprofessionals

Thank you so much
MS. Jaime

T J
Hanna
Laine

Maiya
Age 7

age 9
Isabella

Thank you so much,
Ms. Starkey Cuartas
sophia





CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Normand Pouliot	89
Edward Farrell	84
Michael Didyk	84
Theophane Frechette	83
Robert Sweeney	81
Joe Browne	80
Richard Rosenbach	79
Douglas Piper	78
Joseph Schmenk	77
Justin Junkus	76
Thomas Galek	76
Daniel Stanley	76
Michael O'Kane	75
Bernard Lanza	75
J Scott Hiltgen	73
George Bevis	72
John Early	70
John Raymond	63
Vincent Hagerty	61
Bryan Zapf	60
Joseph Hayduk	58
Peter West	58
Keith Chasse	53
Richard Kuertz	52
Antonio Cardenas	52
Michael Cleary	50
Saj Ellickal	49
Marcin Koziola	46
Robb Costa	46

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
Hough Mac Donald	65
Matthew Soldano	61
Joseph Sciano	59
Denis Merchant	54
Richard Maier	49
Charles Dawson	45
William Barrett	37
Kirby Meagher	35
Janusz Jancarz	34
James Winslow	30
Giuseppe Biancaniello	27
Larry Smith	25
Richard Anderson	18
J Scott Hiltgen	17
Marcin Koziola	17
Dennis Tuszynski	11
John Early	10
Dan Dacey	10
James Loggins	6
James Bosley	6
Andrii Romankiv	5
Paul Driscoll	4

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 – Ed Jones 240-507-0800

Retention – Bill Morris 214-244-9464

Culture of Life- John Yaglenski 941-408-7558

Publicity - Jim Palermo 941-493-3424

Food Service – John Tosado 610-428-9292

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

April Food Collection

\$2,040 in donations and 760 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods and money.

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, presents the Knight of the Month Award to Eric Bisighini



New Members

Stewart Myers - Holland, MI

Michael Chiaramonte – Chicago, IL

Frank Guglietta - Queens, NY

Ross Cortino

Carl Follmer

Jeff Curtis

Joseph Stasolla

George Barbiero

New Transfer

Gary Costello

Welcome to Council 9924. We look forward to your contributions!

Ed Jones – Membership Chairman

Council 9924 Nomination of Officers

May 9th Meeting

We are looking for the next generation of Knights of Character and conviction who are driven by their faith and conscience to selflessly serve their families, Church and community. Men who are ready to make a commitment to lead our council and live up to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, a trait that thrives within our Council to this day. With that said, I nominate the following brother Knights:

For the offices of :

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Warden

Chancellor

Advocate

Treasurer

Inside Guard

Outside Guard

Eric Bisighini

Frank Bertoni

John Tosado

Peter Spagnuolo

Robert Rueger

Bob Whiting

Larry Middendorf

Lecturer (Appointed)

Recorder (Appointed)

3 year Trustee

2 year Trustee

1 year Trustee

Jay Junkus

Bob Burhoe

Ron Bowes

Bill Szyper

Dave Tura

Presented by Peter Spagnuolo.

Other nominees welcome.

Knight Times

Volunteer

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

**Congratulations to Council 9924 especially
Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, and Membership Chairman,
Ed Jones, for leading us to 16 gain new members
this year.**

Our goal was 15!

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

The Joy of Giving

“And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.” Thessalonians 3:13

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church, we have two very special areas that's dedicated to greeting parishioners and offering religious items that enhance our knowledge of the catholic faith. Volunteers are doing what Our Lord has asked us to do and to go out and spread word of our faith.

We need your help in the Upper Room and the Basement.

Please consider giving a little of your time to volunteer before and after mass. The commitment of time is minimal but it so rewarding.

You will have the opportunity to meet with parishioners that are searching for information for themselves or for someone else.

You don't have to have any special qualifications to volunteer only be willing to greet other parishioners and show them what we have.

Please call or text Cheryl Palmer 518-527-0812 to learn how you can help.

The following brothers volunteered for April activities.

April Food Collection

29th & 30th

Eric Bisighini
James Collins
Kieran Day
Lawrence Tobias
Bob Whiting
Jerry Lietz
Bob Breen
John Prisco
Ed Cassidy
Vince Hagerty
Thomas Festa
Paul Cacciatore
Michael Milak
Justin Junkus
Stefano Ragozzino
Robert Moran
Rick Anderson
Frank Bertoni
Chuck Woodrum
Tony Dolejs
Paul Cacciatore
Jim Quinnan
Cornelius Carr
Bob Smialek
Tom Reno
Rick Anderson
Bernie Lanza
Frank Bertoni
Bob Whiting
Peter Spagnuolo

Fifth Sunday Rosary

April 29th – 30

Paul Cacciatore
Jim Quinnan
Cornelius Carr
Bob Smialek
Tom Reno
Rick Anderson
Bernie Lanza
Frank Bertoni
Bob Whiting
Peter Spagnuolo

April Pancake Breakfast

Sunday April 23rd

George Bevis
John Harrison
Stewart Myers
George Counes
Tom Davis
Eddie Jones
Daniel Lanktree
Eric Bisighini
Nick Catone
Paul Cacciatore
Greg Young
David Russell
Bob Breen
Giuseppe Ragozzino
Scott Hiltgen
Michael Oconnell
Bob Moran
Scott Early
Vinnie Ferris
Tom Reno
Ron Galiano
Ed Guskowski
Michael Chiaramonte
Willard Straub

Pancake Breakfast

Over \$1,000 in Donations and terrific attendance on April 23 illustrates our church community.

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

One Blood Drive

May 21 8:00 am – 1:30 PM

Appointments are Encouraged. Hit Ctrl + click on the One Blood link to reserve a time.

[OneBlood](#)

All donors will receive:

- \$20 eGift Card**
- Water Bottle**
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.**

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.

Henry Vonsalzen

Pro-Life Update

Choose Life

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* reversed *Roe v. Wade* by determining that any abortion decision rightfully belonged to the states. Now for the first time, we have the opportunity to protect the pre-born through our state laws.

Since that decision, twenty-four states have banned abortion or are likely to do so. As John Yaglenki explained in our last meeting, Florida Republican lawmakers on March 16 voted to advance bills in both houses that would ban abortion after six weeks. This would tighten the existing 15-week ban on abortions that was passed last year. The proposed bills would also prohibit the use of government or educational funds to finance abortion travel outside of Florida. Please contact your state legislators and let your voice be heard.

On Monday, March 22, 2023, the Supreme Court by an 8-1 vote struck down the ruling that allowed abortions for minors without parental notice.

While this was another positive step forward, the pro-abortion forces are unrelenting. Currently, the biggest threat to the unborn is the Food and Drug Administration's push to distribute the abortion pill through the largest pharmacy chains in the country (CVS, Walgreen's and Rite Aid). Thus far, letters and petitions to these large corporations, except for Walgreen's, have fallen on deaf ears. Walgreens, a couple of weeks ago, took these pills off the shelves in 20 states. While 16 of the 20 states have banned the use of the pill, four have not. In short, some progress has been made.

Medicine abortion involves the use of two drugs (mifepristone and misoprostol) which supposedly, can be used up to 12 weeks of pregnancy. Over half of all current abortions involve the use of these drugs.

Mifepristone blocks the action of progesterone which the mother's body produces to nourish the developing child. When progesterone is blocked, the lining of the uterus deteriorates and blood and nourishment are cut off. The baby then dies inside the mother's womb.

Misoprostol (also called Cytotec) causes contractions and bleeding to expel the baby from the mother's womb.

Live Action founder, Lila Rose, said about these pharmacies, "They are no longer a healthcare company but an abortion company. It is disgusting and repulsive to the American people that a pharmacist preparing allergy and blood pressure pills will now be packaging and handing out deadly poison intended to kill children."

This change to medicine induced abortions in so many ways escalate the threat to the unborn. The Knights of Columbus and the pro-life movement now must deal with this monumental challenge.

There is a pill available which will reverse the abortion pill if taken shortly after a woman takes the abortion pill. If you would like to learn more about the abortion pill reversal go to WWW.40daysforlife.com. You can also learn about the serious side effects from taking the abortion pills.

Ray Ross

Knights of Columbus

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

Council 9924 Dues Notice - July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

To pay with a Credit Card online, click on the link below and then click on “Home” at the top

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

ANNUAL DUES	\$35.00	\$35.00
Optional - Seminarian Support	\$15.00	<u>\$15.00</u>
		\$50.00 (recommended)

Our Council supports 3
Seminarians, with a
quarterly donation of \$300,
or \$1,200 per year. Your
donation of \$15 will help
ensure that our Council can
continue to support our

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May: Month of Mary



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Bishop's Column: In Truth and Charity

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

In this Year of Faith, it is good to consider the faith of Mary. At the Visitation, Elizabeth said to Mary: *Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.* When we think of our Blessed Mother, we recognize that she is indeed *blessed*, not only because she was the Mother of Jesus, but because she believed in the Lord's words. She believed with all her heart and said "yes" to become the Mother of the Messiah and Son of God. She allowed herself to be led by God's grace throughout her life, a life rooted in a deep faith in God. She became her Son's first and most perfect disciple.

In our pilgrimage of faith, we walk always with Mary at our side. She is our model of faith and she helps us with her prayers to live by faith. She teaches us to believe as she believed.

During this month of May, we pay special honor to our Blessed Mother. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May. He wrote that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven.

During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."

I recommend the observance of May as a Marian month. Many churches and schools have

celebrations of the crowning of images of Our Lady. This is a beautiful custom that expresses our love for the Mother of God as our Queen. Other Marian devotions are particularly fitting in the month of May. Of course, the holy rosary is always a wonderful prayer to enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ's life with Mary. It is a Gospel prayer.

All honor that we give to Mary is ordered to, and leads to, the adoration of God. Devotion to Mary fosters within us a faithful adherence to her Son. When we crown images of Mary, we are honoring her. In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her.

We all probably have our favorite images of Mary as well as our favorite devotions: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mother of Perpetual Help, the Miraculous Medal, etc. The many images and devotions express various aspects of Our Lady's vocation and mission. They help us to know the virtues of Mary and remind us to turn to her for her intercession. I invite you to pray with Mary during this Marian month. Let us especially commend to her our prayers for life, marriage, and religious liberty. Let us all place ourselves in the school of Mary to learn from her how to love God more fervently and to love one another as her Son has loved us.

**May the Blessed Virgin Mary
intercede for us and draw us
closer to Christ her Son!**

Pray For Ukraine