

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Grand Knights Message

Greetings, Brothers!

Happy 4th of July! Welcome to the July edition of the Cross and Compass. It's hard to believe we are in July already, but you sure do know we are as soon as you step outside. With July comes the new fiscal year for our council. A new slate of officers has been chosen and the officers are looking forward to getting to work. As the new GK, I'd like to take a moment to recognize former Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, for his 4 years of service to our council. Ron, thank you for everything you and your wife have done for us, your hard work is greatly appreciated.



The reason I decided to serve as Grand Knight was sparked in part by a conversation my wife and I had a couple of months ago. When you turn on the TV or read the news, all you seem to see is despair. While talking this over with my wife, she simply said, "The world needs more God". What she said really hit my heart because that is precisely what we as Knights stand for and have the power to do as a group. Through all the different committee's and people, we interact with, we all have the ability to share the news that God is Good, and that Jesus died for all of our sins and we all can be redeemed. When you come to the meetings you can hear each month how we are affecting our church and our community at large. Last month, John Yaglenski shared how his group saved a baby as they counseled a mother to keep the baby instead of aborting it. He told us how they ring a bell each time a baby is saved. This is done to celebrate the mother's decision but also to let those at Planned Parenthood know of their success. This is what we all do when we touch someone's life. There is a bell that is rang in heaven to celebrate the success we have here on earth. Powerful stuff!

John's group is just one of many you can join, please consider getting involved. We cannot continue to grow as a membership or continue to bring God to our community without everyone's help. The monthly meetings are a good reminder of everything we are doing. I am so impressed by everything the Knights do for our church, from Food Drives, Blood Drives, Tootsie Roll Drives to Altar Servers, Liturgists, Ushers, etc., we are very involved at church and will continue to do so when we are called upon.

Lastly, please remember July holds a special place in our Catholic faith as it is dedicated to the Precious Blood shed by Jesus for the redemption of humanity. It is a time for us to contemplate the immeasurable love and sacrifice of our Savior, who shed his blood to cleanse us from our sins and to reconcile us with the father. As we start anew with our fiscal year let us all deepen our appreciation for the Precious Blood by contemplating upon it.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting and at mass.

Vivat Jesus

Rick Kuertz, GK

Council 9924 2023-2024

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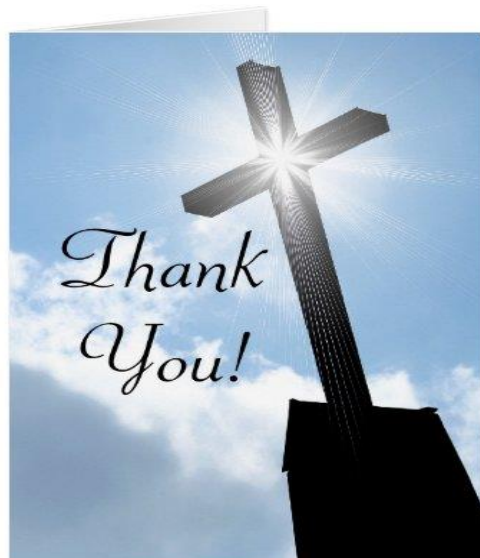
Remembering Those Close To Us

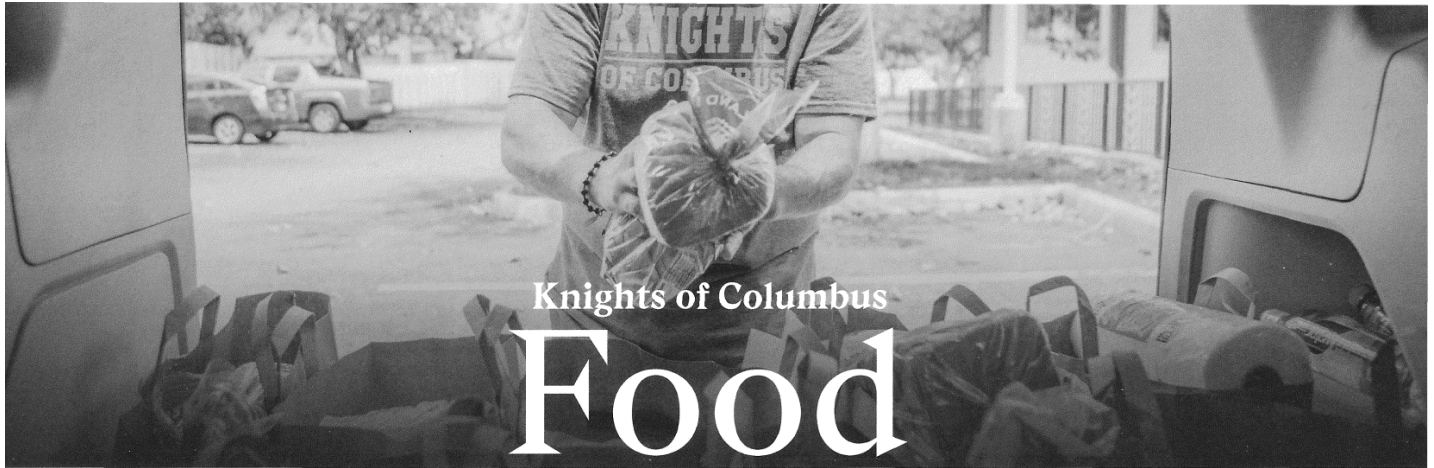


Prayers For Those Close To Us

Christine Bonamo & John Wozencroft
requested by Nick Catone

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.





for Families

In recognition of

Our Lady Of Lourdes Council No. 9924

For work towards the goal of ending hunger through the
Knights of Columbus Food for Families Program

2023

Fraternal
Year

Patricia Kelly
Supreme
Knight



*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers
of mine, you did for me." — Matthew
25:40*

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Faith in Action

Family



Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of Venice in Florida
Rev. Msgr. Stephen E. McNamara, V.F. - Vicar General
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Robert Farnham, Vice-Chair
Eduardo Gloria, Chief Executive Officer

May 30, 2023

Mr. John Yaglenski, Chairman
The KOC Barbara Diel Fund Committee
Knights of Columbus 9924
1301 Center Rd
Venice, FL 34292-3810

Dear Mr. Yaglenski,

Please accept this acknowledgment of your donation of \$2,000.00 supporting "Christmas in July", received on 5/23/2023.

Your gift supports single mothers and their children who would otherwise be homeless. Mothers joining the program must attend life skills, parenting, self-esteem, nutrition, and financial literacy classes. They must also agree to accept communal responsibilities and genuinely want to move on to independence. As a result of your contribution, we can continue to be a beacon of light and hope that better days are ahead.

One recent success story that comes to mind is a mother of a two-week-old infant that was suddenly forced into poverty by the abandonment of the baby's father. On the verge of living in a car and considering giving her newborn up for adoption, she found us, and we were able to offer help quickly. She entered Our Mother's House program and was provided with food and shelter; she learned financial responsibility and the power of education. During the 18 months that she resided at Our Mother's House, she finished her college degree, was offered a position with a major pharmaceutical company overseeing clinical trials, and can now provide for herself. She said it best: "Now I have a career, not just a job; it's like a dream come true."

The success of our programs is only possible with your support. Because of you and your generosity, lives are changed forever, and together, we can continue to *provide help, create hope, and serve all*.

Be Well,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eduardo Gloria".

Eduardo Gloria
Chief Executive Officer



Knights of Columbus

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES COUNCIL
W. 1115 Riverside Avenue
Spokane, Washington 99201

6-5-23

Dear Brothers;

Just a quick note to show our support & respect for your efforts that were recently featured in the Columbia magazine

those numbers are way beyond our humble, yet active, Council achieves. Congratulations!

Your Council's name caught my attention for obvious reasons. We are the only cathedral dedicated to Lourdes.

Again, our thanks for keeping the Knights in the public eye & service.

All for the greater honour & glory of God.

Andy "Swanee" Swanson
B, 14922



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
Thomas Kanapky	95
James Kelly	94
Guenther Hennig	92
Robert Crowley	90
Robert Elie	86
Edmund Guskowski	85
Thomas Parsons	81
John Staas	81
William Barrett	80
Peter Valenti	80
John Peters	79
Salvatore Vergona	78
James Quinnan	77
Michael O Connell	74
Thomas Kirkpatrick	72
John Gallagher	71
Robert Mickiewicz	69
William Morris	68
Ronald Doorenbos	65
John Luchansky	63
Patrick Ewing	62
Michael Pote	61

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
James Stevens	54
Kieran Day	36
Lee Smutz	19
Robert Lauser	14
James Fox	14
John Luchansky	14
Michael Suhowolak	7
Joe Browne	6
Thomas Galek	2

Red denotes Life Members

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Director – Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Community - Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director – Bob Burhoe 617-899-3109

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June Food Collection

\$2,325 in donations and 737 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods and money.

The grand total for the year of July 2022 – June 2023 is \$30,504 and 10,396 lbs of food

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight, Ron Bowes, presents the Knights of the Month Award to Bobby Whiting and Joe Pustizzi (not pictured)



New Members

John Pacheco – Plymouth, MA



Transfers

Kyle Hill – Syracuse, NY

Welcome to Council 9924. We look forward to your contributions

Ed Jones – Membership Chairman

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>

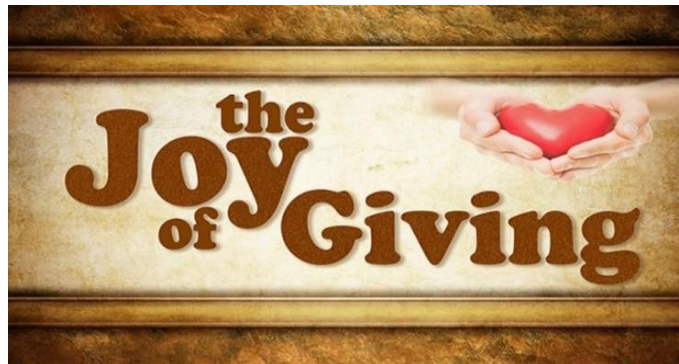
Bill Morris, FS

Knight Times



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

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



Circle of Life Golf Tournament

Our largest fundraiser of the year will be held on November 4th at Pelican Pointe



In order to achieve our goal of \$30,000 we need all brothers to successfully recruit one business to contribute funds or make a \$100 donation.

Dave Tura

July^a 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Council Meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 Food Collection	24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Food Collection

One Blood Drive



Our next scheduled blood drive is
Sunday, September 10th

In September, we offer donors a \$20 e-gift card and a OneBlood Cancer Awareness T-Shirt (subject to change).

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.

Henry Vonsalzen

Blue Mass September 17

12:00 Mass



All former first responders, retired or active, and their spouses & family are invited.

Retirees are encouraged to attend in uniform.

All denominations are invited.

If anyone has contact info about first responders organizations that would help us achieve a higher attendance, please contact me at 717-818-3167 via text only.

Getting too many robo calls 🙄

Or email me at

nickcat813@aol.com

Also, we will be hosting a luncheon in the church hall after mass.

Nick Catone

Italian Wedding Reception



Fundraiser for a “to be named” Military Charity
Saturday evening, November 11
Parish Hall

Enjoy the sounds of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra via live entertainment and other Italian wedding songs.

Preliminary Plan:

Dance floor, Hors d’oeuvres

Wedding cake

BYOB

Recognition of veterans

Irish need to apply

Pro-Life Update



Ray Ross

We have just celebrated the one-year anniversary of *Dodd v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* in which the Supreme Court nullified *Roe v. Wade*.

While this was a great victory for the pro-life movement, it was only a single battle in our long-running war against the culture of death.

During the summer months, I move back to my 2nd home in New Hampshire. Things are a lot different in the Northeast than they are in Florida. In the 2022 election the NH Democratic U.S. Congressional candidates swept the elections, running on a pro-abortion platform that claimed they were protecting female health (not including the health of girls still in the womb).

This month the local media has fed us a constant diet of LGBTQ and pro-Transgender propaganda. Many protestant churches are flying rainbow flags and banners.

I have 8 grandchildren in the public schools in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania. They're constantly fed teaching that is pro-LGBTQ and pro-Transgender with posters, books, even math questions that feed

the narrative. In one elementary school they stopped supporting Mother's Day and Father's Day. Lesson plans and materials developed by activist organizations "teach students the vocabulary and core concepts of the new belief system" that conflicts with the teachings of the church. My 13-year-old granddaughter told me that all her friends are sick of the constant propaganda.

A while ago, I took the pastor from the parish we attend here in N.H. to dinner. During our conversation, I asked him what his biggest problem as pastor was.

He told me he has five young people going through the transgender process and that he had to spend hours every week counselling these people. He was angry with the psychologists and doctors who had encouraged these kids to enter the process. He had one young person with whom he was working who was trying to reverse the process and said that she was a complete mess.

The Transgender ideology, in particular, rejects that human beings have been created as man and woman in God's image. The ideology threatens the health of women in locker rooms and public bathrooms. It's destroying women's sports. Parental rights are being denied and here in NH the majority Republican legislature sadly recently rejected a Parental Rights Bill.

In March 2023, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine issued a "Doctrinal Note on the Moral Limits to Technological Manipulation of the Human Body" stating "any technological intervention that does not accord with the fundamental order of the human person ... including the sexual difference inscribed in the body, ultimately does not help, rather harms the human person."

In an article entitled, "Our World has lost the Catholic understanding of human anthropology," Theresa Farnan in calling for a deeper understanding of Catholic anthropology wrote "A culture that doesn't understand what it means to be a human person inevitably treats actual people in dehumanizing and harmful ways. Further, a culture that lacks grounding in truth in human person typically fails to support families, protect the vulnerable or promote human flourishing."

If you have children or grandchildren, find out what's going on in their area. There are a number of excellent online sites where you can get educated on the issue, including [LifeSiteNews.com](https://www.lifesitenews.com), [40daysforlife.com](https://www.40daysforlife.com) and [eppc.org](https://www.eppc.org) (Ethics and Public Policy Center.)



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 1301 Center Road, Venice, Florida 34292

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

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ANNUAL DUES	\$35.00	\$35.00
Optional - Seminarian Support	\$15.00	\$15.00
		\$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**

If paying by check (payable to KofC Council 9924): mail to:

**William Morris, Financial Secretary
 1606 Monarch Drive
 Venice, FL 34293**

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Seasonal Address

Email Address

Cellphone Number

Wife's Name and Phone Home

Phone Number

July



Month of the Precious Blood

The Month of July is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost.

In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential:

Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Savior, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.

Excerpted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*

Pray For Ukraine

