

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924
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Grand Knights Message

Greetings, Brothers!

Welcome to the November Edition of the Cross & Compass. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. It is hard to believe that we are in November already and Thanksgiving is only a couple more weeks away. As we enter this time of year, let's pause for a moment and think about what we are most thankful for this year. This year as Grand Knight, I am most thankful for all our members. I am amazed at the things you accomplish. The time, talents, and resources that our members contribute on an almost daily basis is simply amazing and this can be seen by the calendar of events we have coming up this month. If there was ever a time to get involved in the council, that time is now.



Our annual Golf Outing at Pelican Pointe Country Club will be November 4th. If you can help in any way, please contact Dave Tura or a member of the Golf committee. Our regular meeting for the month has been moved and it will be on **Wednesday November 8th** starting at 5:30 with the Rosary. We should be back on our regular schedule in December or January. Our inaugural Italian Night is on November 10th and will take place in the Parrish Center. Tickets are still available, and all proceeds are going to our Veterans, hope to see you there. Bishop Dewane has invited all Knights to the Veterans Day Mass at Sarasota National on November 11th at 2:45 pm. If you can join, please wear your council golf shirt. I was able to attend this last year and it is an impressive ceremony. On Sunday November 12th we will be hosting a pancake breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Please come and have breakfast after mass, and if you can volunteer that would be great as well. Also, on November 12th we will be holding a Membership Drive. There will be tables set up outside of the church and in the Parrish Hall. If you have someone interested in joining, please bring them to the pancake breakfast and we can sign them up for membership. Then moving towards the end of the month we will be having our Food Drive on November 25th and 26th.

As you just read, we have a lot of activities going on in our Council and I am asking for some help. We need someone to help with the Clothing Drive moving forward as well as the Pancake Breakfast. Tom Reno has been running our Clothing Drive for a long time and he needs some help and would like to turn this over to someone. As well Dave Kristie, who leads our Pancake Breakfasts, is stepping down as well. If you feel called to lead either of these important committees, please reach out to me or one of the officers and let us know. Both Tom and Dave are more than happy to guide you through so you can be successful. I would like to say **THANK YOU** to both Tom and Dave for all your hard work and dedication, your efforts are appreciated.

Lastly, let's remember that November is a special month for us as we celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1, and All Souls' Day on November 2nd. All Saints' Day is a day where we honor all the saints, known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It's a day for us to remember and celebrate the lives and contributions of these holy individuals. All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of the departed, especially those in purgatory.

Vivat Jesus

Rick Kuertz, GK

Council 9924 2023-2024

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Lecturer

Jay Junkus 630-842-3618

Trustee 3 Year

Ron Bowes 412-965-1983

Trustee 2 Year

Bill Szyper 704-776-041

Trustee 1 Year

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Prayers for Our Sick & Distressed

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Armand Padula
Dick Maier
Jack Stass
John LeDuke
Patrick Burke
Bob Burhoe

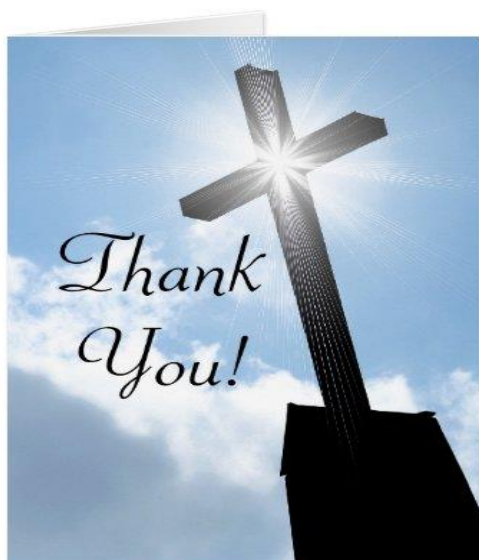


Remembering Those Close To Us



Prayers For Those Close To Us

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.





St. Joseph the Worker Parish

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission

24005 US Highway 27
P.O. Box 1109
Moore Haven, FL 33471
Phone: (863) 946-0696

**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 Food Pantry I would like to inform you
that we have received your recent donation of \$533.00.**

**Thank you for Our Lady of Lourdes
Knights of Columbus Council #9924
1301 Center Rd.**

**Venice your prayers and continued support month after month to
nourish the needy in Glades County. Thanks to your donations and the
donations of others we keep feeding low-income families and elderly
every week.**

**Please know that we also keep the council and parishioners of Our Lady
of Lourdes in our prayers. May the Lord reward your kindness and
generosity towards our community.**

Blessings,


Rev. Marcial Garcia
Pastor



CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Name	Age
John Marino	93
Ivan Skoric	90
Donald Maselli	89
Robert Rueger	87
Richard Maier	86
Don Morra	84
Howard Schneider	82
Della	82
Joseph Penna	80
Cornelius Carr	79
David Warren	78
John Unnerstall	76
Albert Petera	75
Dennis Dahm	74
Martin Reis	72
John Ozimek	72
Paul Cacciatore	72
Ronald Nodzon	71
Ralph Mantello	68
James Fox	64
Eric Bisighini	49
Andrii Romankiv	33
James Loggins	

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Years
Joseph Della Penna	63
Robert Sweeney	62
James Gillio	59
Thomas Festa	52
Robert Carrano	47
John Kosiorek	43
Michael O Connell	42
Francis Conwell	39
David Warren	36
Vincent Sheehy	35
Stanislaw Pierog	35
John Unnerstall	32
Dennis Dahm	26
James Placek	25
David Schwartz	20
David Kristie	17
Michael Milak	11
Bernard Lanza	11
Thomas Lucia	11
Normand Pouliot	11
Thomas Donnelly	9
Robert Atkins	8
Willard Straub	8
Peter West	8
John Peters	2
Kevin O'brien	1

Red
Denotes
Life
Member

SERVICE PROGRAMS

Director – Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Community - Dan Dacey 493-9107

Faith Director – Bob Burhoe 941-460-6546

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

Recruiting – Eddie Jones 240-507-0800

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 – Pat Burke 914-953-9307

Visitation – Bob Burhoe 941-716-3243



October Food Collection

\$3,517 in donations and 650 lbs of food collected. Thanks to all who donated their time, goods and money.

Knights of the Month

**Grand Knight Rick Kuertz,
presents John Chiumento
and Nick Catone as
Knights of the Month**



District Deputy Michael Costanza, and District Warden Dr. Rich Zahn, present former Grand Knight Ron Bowes, the McGivney and Columbian Awards



New Member

John Schaefer



Honorary Members

Larry Smith
Mark Crews

Honary Life Member

James Daugherty

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

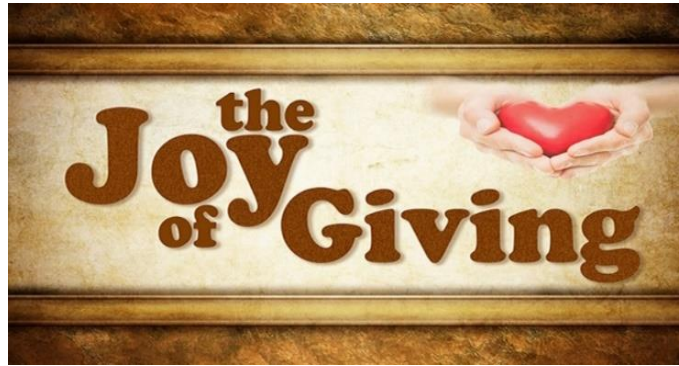
Knight Times



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.

We need new leaders to step up to handle the clothing drive and pancake breakfast event.



Sock Drive



Father Jay has challenged us to collect 10,000 pairs of socks to help workers in need. So far, we have collected 3181 pairs. Ollies Bargain Outlet has low prices on work socks. They can be collected at the monthly meeting. This will be an ongoing effort.

Marty Reis

mkreis5375@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus 9924 Backpack Program Update



Since The Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Venice was approached by AFFB 15 years ago to get involved with the Backpack Program, Jim Palermo was the KofC Chairman. The Council handled Oak Park at the Middle School and Taylor Ranch School. Oak Park no longer exists. It has been a very meaningful 16 years knowing and seeing the good we have done for the kids and families in this area. Since Covid the involvement of the Knights has been drastically reduced. Also, as more and more donors have turned to QCD's from their IRA's we felt it appropriate to alert all donors and all Knights to send donations directly to AFFB, a 501c3 charity. There is no need for the knights to be the middleman since we turned over all donated backpack money to AFFB anyway. We ask that in the future you mark your donations to AFB and in the subject line that you note FOR Benefit of the Knights of Columbus.

Over the past 2 years we have been blessed with a few significant donations that have allowed us to support 100 students at Taylor Ranch School with weekend lunch bags as well as providing 75 Turkey Dinners for their families at Thanksgiving and 75 Ham Dinners for Christmas. But as with all programs the needs in our communities continue to grow and the need for more volunteers and donations along with it. **Volunteering can be done in one of two ways:**

1. **Warehouse Packing of Back Packs and Case goods. Sessions last 2-3 hours have both morning and afternoon shifts. AFB is located in Sarasota off Fruitville Road.**
2. **Mobile Food Pantries. These are held at multiple locations and include about 6 to 8 locations around Venice. You help setup and work a drive thru distribution of a variety of food products to prequalified families. In any given shift a locations will serve 100-200 families.**

So How do we volunteer. Its easy. Once you are registered (you can follow the link below) you will receive an email once a month listing available/shifts that you can sign up for. Teams normally have 12-15 volunteers and wife's are highly encouraged. Volunteer opportunities include sorting and packing food, distributing at pantries, participating in our nutrition education and cooking classes, helping in our offices, lending a hand at events and more!

<https://allfaithsfoodbank.org/volunteer-application/>

Be a hunger hero -- DONATE!

When you donate to All Faiths Food Bank, your gift provides meals to children, families and seniors in our community. Donate today! Your tax-deductible gift feeds children and families right here at home. Food is the first step to help families gain stability, gives students the opportunity to achieve academic success, ensures that senior citizens can afford medication, and lets our veterans know they are not forgotten. Please mail your donation to:

Victoria Hasselbring
All Faiths Food Bank
8171 Blaikie Ct.
Sarasota FL 34240

Hope you find a way to either donate your time or donation or both. Questions, please contact me.

Mike Milak; Backpack Coordinator
Mmilak33@gmail.com
941-380-7248

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. Many brothers have stepped up ensuring success with this effort so let's continue to make progress on both sponsors and personal donations.

We have successfully received commitments for volunteers for the registration, hole-in-one and raffle tickets. All volunteers are invited to join us for lunch at 1:00 pm. Attending will be the three charities as well as the Venice Gondolier, which will help create more recognition for the event.

Dave Tura

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day	2	3	4 Circle of Life Golf Fundraiser
5	6	7	8 Council Meeting 5:00 officers 5:30 rosary 6:00 dinner 7:00 meeting	9	10 Fundraiser Italian Wedding Night	11
12 Blood Drive 8am-1:30pm Membership Drive and Pancake Breakfast After masses	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 Food Collection
26 Food Collection	27	28	29	30		

One Blood Drive



Sunday November 12th

8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Ctrl + click to make a reservation online

[OneBlood](#)

All donors will receive*:

- 20 eGift Card
- OneBlood Blanket
- Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Henry Vonsalzen

Fundraiser for:

Operation **Warrior** Resolution



www.operationwarriorresolution.org

Italian **Wedding** Reception



Friday evening, November 10, Parish Hall

Tickets \$55 each

Available at the parish hall or at

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

Click home and scroll down

5:30 mingling

6:00 appetizers and dinner

6:45 live entertainment

7:30 intermission – words from OWR,
recognition of all veterans
Italian wedding reception

8:15 live entertainment

Enjoy the sounds of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra via live entertainment and Italian wedding songs.
There will be plenty of room on the dance floor.

Starters: bruschetta, charcuterie board
Family Style Italian Dinner: Italian Salad, Focaccia Bread
Rigatoni Bolognese, Meatballs, Chicken Scallopini
Dessert: Italian Wedding Cake

All food provided by Ristorante San Marco – Venice

BYOB

Dress Code slacks/jackets

We Need More Brothers to Attend!

Pancake Breakfast

November 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
AFTER THE 8:00 & 10:00 MASSES
Support the Knights who Support our Parish



Christmas Party



December 7th

6 – 9 pm

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

Christmas Party

for all members and their guests on

Thursday, 12/7/2023 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm
In the Parish Center

Cost is \$25.00 per person and includes a catered dinner.
Water, coffee, tea provided – any other drinks is BYOB.

RSVP and checks are due NO LATER than Friday, 12/1/2023

Please make checks out to OLOL CCW
and turn in to the Parish Office

Annual Clothing Drive

December 9-10th

9am – 5pm



Clothing Drive

What's in your closet?

CLOTHING COLLECTION
SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12/9 & 12/10
9:00 – 5:00

DROP OFF CLOTHES AT PAVILION
IF NO ATTENDANT, JUST
LEAVE THEM IN PAVILION

WE ACCEPT CLOTHING, LINENS, TOWELS, COMFORTERS
PLEASE PLACE THEM IN PLASTIC BAGS WEIGHING 25
LBS OR LESS

BAGS OVER 25 Lbs NOT ACCEPTED!!!

BAGS AVAILABLE IN PAVILLION
TO "SPLIT" UP BIG BAGS

We need a volunteer to serve as Co-Chair.
In addition, we will need volunteers to collect the items at the pavilion.

Please contact Tom Reno

tomrenovenice@gmail.com 941-539-0230

Pro-Life Update



Prolife Report:
By Ray Ross

The Impact of Cohabitation on Abortion and the Family

In this article I want to look at the several causes of cohabitation (there are many) and follow that up next month with a look at what we as Catholics can do about it.

Why are so many couples where one or both partners were raised as Catholics deciding to cohabitate? Here are just a couple of reasons:

Social: It's pervasive and commonly accepted. There are no societal penalties.

In the past couples would date and in the dating process they'd determine whether they had shared values, morals, religion, family goals etc. Today young people communicate by texting. In many cases they don't know how to date, but they

do know how to quickly hop into bed with someone they don't know. Courtship has been lost. Does each person know whether they align politically, morally, religiously with the other person? In so many instances, couples make the decision to cohabitate without weighing the difficulties and problems that may entail.

Forty-five percent of couples cohabitating breakup before the relationship is long-term and more than two-thirds of couples that do go onto marry end up divorcing.

Financial: Many couples are graduating from college with huge debt. There are more women graduating than men and when these women graduate, they expect to start a career. Companies are eager to promote women to prove they don't discriminate. Today, women are progressed faster than men and often find they're making more than their male partner. Yet most want a partner who is at their level or better in their career.

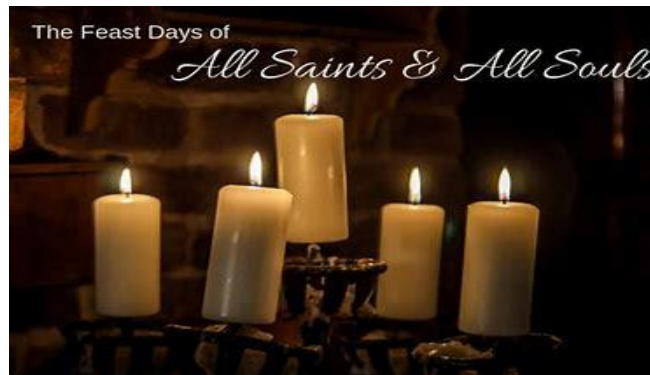
Usually, when a couple cohabitates, they have agreed to share expenses. This may include a huge college debt, inflation adds to their difficulties. Typically their priorities are save for a house, save for a suitable diamond, save for a big wedding All while paying off the college debt. It can take years before they marry. Yet, there's still no true commitment, no contract between partners, no to have and to hold, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health.

In this situation pregnancies are occurring. Now the whole dynamic has changed. A pregnancy can throw a wrench in their priorities. This means one or both partners need to make a commitment that was never intended. In all too many cases this leads to a decision to abort or, best case, the woman decides to keep the child resulting in a single mother family.

Next month I'd like to explore the Church's response to cohabitation and how we can help. Between now and then, I'd appreciate hearing your thoughts –

rayfross@yahoo.com.

November



“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.” Psalm 116:15

The month of November each year is dedicated to commemorating those who have died and departed to their heavenly home. It begins with All Saints Day celebrated on November 1 to remember all the numerous holy souls who died and are believed to have entered into Heaven. As only some of the popular saints have specific dates dedicated as feasts for remembering them, this day is celebrated to mainly honor all the hundreds and thousands of holy souls that have entered into Heaven and do not have any specific day dedicated in their honor. In most countries this is a day of holy obligation when Holy Masses are offered for the dead. This practice began in 1261 when the Church began to honor martyrs on this day. Later, all those holy souls who lived a life of extraordinary holiness on earth also began to be remembered on this day.

November 2 is celebrated as All Souls Day to remember all the faithful departed. This practice of remembering all the dead is believed to have been instituted by St. Odilo of Cluny in the year 1030. He was the fifth Benedictine Abbot of Cluny and is believed to have instituted the annual commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2 every year in Cluny and his monasteries. He called for the day to be observed by the members of his community with almsgiving, prayers and sacrifices for the relief of the suffering souls in purgatory. This was eventually added to the calendar of the Catholic Church and today is celebrated to honor all the dead.

[Catholic - Month of November: Dedicated to the Holy Souls \(afcmmedia.org\)](http://afcmmedia.org)

Pray For Ukraine

and

Peace in the Middle East.