

CROSS AND COMPASS

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Council 9924

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Venice, Florida

August, 2017

Grand Knights Message

Brothers,

I hope you and your loved ones are managing to enjoy the summer. Many of you have or are traveling the country. Thanks to the internet you get to be kept informed of what's going on here on the home front.

Invitations have been sent to 35 agencies and officials for the Seventh Annual Blue Mass. This will be on September 10 at the 10:00 a.m. mass. Knights and their families will be seated on the right side of the nave, and guests on the left. If you know any retired first responders, please invite them. Please gather outside the front entrance so you and your family may be seated together. The procession will start at 9:45. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. I will be setting up "firematic" and first responder memorabilia on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday. We welcome anything that can be displayed in on tables. Very special thanks to PGK Al Adam for all he has done to make this program so well known throughout the diocese. I have set up a special e-mail address for RSVPs: BlueMassVenice@AOL.COM.



The Sugar Bowl "Show of Shows" – always a sell-out – will be presented at the Venice Performing Arts Center on Sunday November 12. "The No Where Band" will be performing hits of the Beatles. Invite your grand-kids to come hear what Paul McCartney used to sing when you were a kid. The Sugar Bowl has morphed into a sizeable project with the addition of New Paradigm and Our Mothers house via Catholic Charities. Thank you PGK Dick Maier for years of hard work to keep this program vibrant. Check it all out here: <http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org/news/newsletter/Spring%202017.pdf>

Our district (51) is still without a District Deputy and District Warden. This is holding us up from having degree ceremonies and our installation. It's also my excuse for not publishing the annual fraternal calendar.

Dates to save:

November 11: Sarasota National Cemetery Annual Mass with Bishop Dewayne. December 3: Christmas Concert with the First Brass. And.....

On Wednesday, January 24, 2018, our council, along with the Council of Catholic Women will be making a pilgrimage to Ave Maria, FL. We will be meeting in the parking lot in front of the Parish Center at 8:30 a.m. and departing by 9:00 by coach (All Around Charters). Ave Maria is a city, a parish, a university, and a law school. There are two councils; one at the university and one at the church (oratory). We will arrive by 11:00 a.m. and be greeted by members of council #14697 who will provide a tour of the church. I've seen hundreds of photos and I can't wait to see it in person! We will attend mass at noon. Buses hold 47 or 55 passengers. Due to the cost of the buses, we need to take full buses only. The bus cost will be approximately \$20 per person. The CCW will be joining us. Since they won't be meeting as a group until October, please help spread the word about this trip!

I am doing research on how to handle a meal after the mass. We may have to break up among restaurants, but I'm working on that now. I will call for RSVPs later in the fall. We are scheduled to leave at 3:00 p.m. and arrive back at OLOL by 5:00 p.m. The trip is 99 miles. I welcome participants to take their own vehicles so they may stay longer or enjoy a modified itinerary.

This city was built by Domino's Pizza founder Tom Mognahan. I'm not sure what the population is of the city right now but we'll find out! The church has transformed from a quasi-parish to a full parish and is part of the Diocese. Save your questions!

Vivat Jesus,

Kevin Lynch

Breaking News: We have a District Deputy, John Greer. We are part of District 51 with four other Councils. 7/31/17 at 11:21 AM

DAY 4 HOPE

I just returned from working the security and safety morning shift for Day 4 Hope at The Venice Presbyterian Church. What I was involved in and what I experienced certainly made an impression on me and since we are in transition this month between Chaplain and Lecturer I have this space in this issue for my personal comments and observations.

Our Lady of Lourdes is part of the Community Assistance Ministry headed up by Todd Miller, Director, CAM. Todd is associated with The Trinity Venice Presbyterian Church where our monthly collection of toiletries are sent. Since the Day 4 Hope is for Backpack Kids, Todd got my name from Lourdes and contacted me for volunteer assistance. I passed the information on because the need for help was beyond just our knights. Other ministries can also pitch in.

Today 125 students with their guardians, parents or grandparents came to receive the following:

- A haircut
- Have their pictures taken for ID use
- Pick up crafts so they can be a kid
- Get a medical check-up by physicians
- Have their vision checked
- Receive reading books
- Get a dental exam
- Receive a blessing and a gift
- Receive bags of food
- Receive a backpack filled with school supplies
- A full breakfast
- A full lunch
- Ice Cream from an Ice Cream truck
- Watch a puppet show

These are things most of us take for granted as we entered a new school year. Not these kids, they are not sure of the location of the bed or couch they will sleep on night after night. In the Venice Presbyterian Church website, they indicate there are 885 designated homeless children in Sarasota County and approximately 125 right here in Venice. In case you wonder if your financial contributions to the backpack program or your volunteer hours for packing make a difference-**IT SURE DOES HELP.**

Today over 200 volunteers escorted the kids to all of the services and staffed every room with a service. Two Venice Police Department Resource Officers were available for the kids to tell them what they do.

The Venice Fire Department had a truck onsite along with the Emergency Rescue Paramedics. "Venice Cares" was cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and all sorts of Venice company's provided water, snacks, breakfast, and lunch food.

I know our knights were shocked, as Venice residents, when we were approached about the Backpack Program seven years ago as to the need in Venice and from what I heard and saw today the situation is not getting any better. Sad, very sad! In fact

one of the volunteers told me their pastor told them Sarasota County has one of the highest student homeless rates in the Country.

GK Kevin Lynch, John Chiumento, Robert Cordero, Bob Martin and I worked the event. (Rt. Three of the finest security officers, complete with walkie talkies, were reporting for duty.)



Service Programs

Director

Tim O'Connor 915-6259

Backpack

Jim Palermo 493-3424

Community

Jack Kosiorek 423-3865

Church Programs

Bill Sanchez 492-4666

Cross & Compass

Jim Palermo 493-3424

Prayer Tree

Bob Evers 614-946-4225

Membership

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Larry Baranick 492-6820

Pro Life

John Yaglenski 408-7558

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Joe Maguire 493-2784

Food Service

Bob Errico 497-3824

Food Collection

Dennis Tuszyński 485-3870

First Degree

Ed O'Connor 716-238-5001

Second Degree

Bob Burhoe 460-6546

Youth

Nick Catone 717-818-3167

Taylor Ranch Pantry

Sam Vergona 493-3313

If you know of a homebound brother or is residing in a nursing facility please contact Joe Maguire at 493-2784. Joe heads up our Visitation Group.

A visit can mean so much

RSVP PROGRAM

Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life can only flourish in a spiritual soil that is well cultivated.

Through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) the Knights of Columbus has cultivated this spiritual soil for more than 30 years. RSVP is the primary program through which councils, assemblies and circles provide financial and moral support to men and women preparing for the priesthood or religious life, and every council, assembly and circle is encouraged to participate.

RSVP allows councils, assemblies and Squires circles “adopt” one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support.

Money provided by RSVP is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel during vacations, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support though; members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the council and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

We have participated in this program for many years and once again were awarded for our participation in 2016 – 2017. There is a plaque on our Display Board.

The Seminarian we support is Michael Scaramucci. He visits our parish occasionally during the year and participates in our liturgies. He is also a 3rd Degree Knight.



Food Collection

Great weekend! Mid-summer, numerous collectors, generous donors, \$1187 and 960 pounds of food. Thanks to all of you who participated in the food collection for this past weekend!!

Council 9924 Board

2017-2018

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In case of illness, serious need or death please contact Kevin Lynch at 493-4376

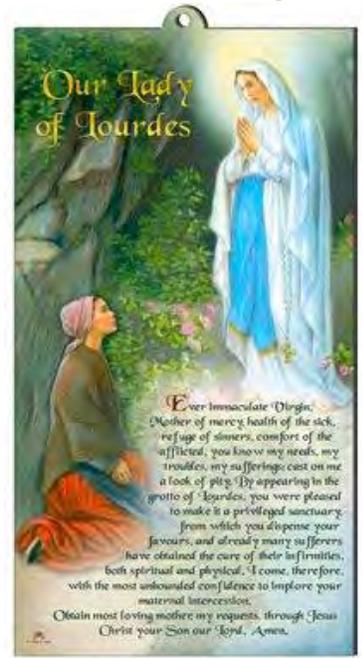
To put anyone on our Prayer Tree contact Bob Evers at 614-946-4225

Pray for the Sick and Distressed **Deceased**

TJ Hannaway
Bob Hackmeister
Bill Weiss
Carolyn Smith
Richard Austin
John Moyhan
Mary Moyhan
Dick Paquin
Gene Dabroski

John Smith
Barbara Eyers
Wesley Tomhave
 Lucy Maimberg & Family
Robert High
Maureen Timmy
Barbara O'Connor
Jack Hughes
Dave Burger

Charles Quigg



Our Brothers Birthdays For August

John LeDuke 02
 Raul Puyod 02
 Daniel DePodesta 03
 Kirby Meagher 03
 David Scalise 04
 George Abel 05
 Lee Smutz 07
 Stefano Ragozzino 08
 Bob Hackmeister 09
 Joseph Sciano 10
 Larry Baranick 12
 Dennis Charles 17
 Larry Fischer 18
 Dave Kristie 19
 Tom Lucia 25
 Dan Dacey 26
 James Bennett 27
 Ken Schiller 27
 David Smith 31

Our Brothers Anniversaries For August

Victor Dina 23 yrs
 Bob Martin 21 yrs
 Deacon Dave 21 yrs
 Al Adam 17 yrs
 Vince Concannon 2 yrs
 Tim O'Connor 1 yr
 James Kelly 1 yr

Honorary Life Members

Terrance Grogan 54 yrs
 Dick Pillart 51 yrs
 Gene Clifford 39 yrs
 Dennis Charles 27 yrs



John & Christie Chiumento are the Family of the Month

Thank You to all Knights (and spouses) who had quick responses to signing up for the published Backpack dates. The 2017 calendar is just about complete. As the year moves on a request for 2018 assistance will be published.



“The tragedy of abortion is experienced by some with a superficial awareness, as if not realizing the extreme harm that such an act entails, many others, on the other hand, although experiencing this moment as a defeat, believe that they have no other option.” Pope Francis

August, 2017

Tuesday, 8.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 8.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Friday, 11.....10:00 TRS Mobile Pantry
 Thursday, 17.....7:00 4th Degree @7052
 Sat/Sun, 26/27.....Food Collection

September, 2017

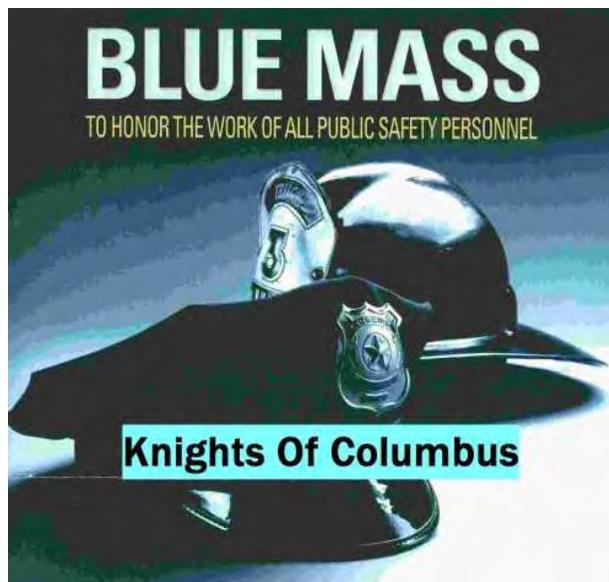
Sunday, 10.....10:00 Blue Mass
 Tuesday, 12.....5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 12.....7:00 Council Meeting
 Monday, 18...Taylor Ranch Food Pantry
 Thursday, 21....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052
 Sat/Sun, 23/24.....Food Collection

October, 2017

Monday, 2....Taylor Ranch Food Pantry
 Tuesday, 10.5:45 Officers Meeting
 Tuesday, 107:00 Council Meeting
 Thursday, 19....7:00 4th Degree @ 7052
 Sunday, 22 ...Coffee & Donuts, 9 and 11
 Monday, 23...Taylor Ranch Food Pantry
 Sat/Sun, 28/29.....Fifth Sunday Rosary
 Sat/Sun, 28/29.....Food Collection

**Mobile Pantry at Garden
 Elementary School on
 Thursday, August 10,
 @4:15 PM**

**Mobile Pantry at Taylor
 Ranch School
 Friday, August 11,
 @ 10:00 AM
 PLEASE HELP**



Sunday, September 10, 2017, at the 10:00 AM mass we will celebrate our annual Blue Mass. Please ask your friends, relatives and neighbors who are retired or current first responders to join us. There will be a catered reception following the mass in the Parish Hall.

Please attend and wear your Knights shirt.

.....Along the Way

Recently, during a stay in Sarasota Memorial hospital, we noticed that at seemingly random times, the strains of Brahms Lullaby would be broadcast throughout the hospital. We wondered why that was done and a patient nearby told us that it was a gentle announcement that a baby had just been born in the maternity ward. What a beautiful practice. We remember that angels' singing announced the Savior's birth.

I wonder if would make a difference to any of us if there were some signal that a death had occurred that moment. Or that a hopeless soul had just entered hell. St Faustina described her vision of hell as souls falling like snowflakes into eternal punishment. If each of us could experience hell for just a moment would we immediately revise our life so as to avoid it at all costs?

Or if we received some signal that a blessing from God had just happened in our life would we come to greater gratitude and to love Him more and more?

SAVE THE DATE



The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. have put together another fun packed day to support The Sugar Bowl Fund. This year's 10th annual show, featuring The Nowhere Band, a Beatles Tribute Band, will be held at the Venice Performing Arts Center on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are \$25 and \$35. All seats will be reserved. The \$35.00 preferred seats are in the Center Section of the auditorium. The \$25.00 seats will cover the remainder of the auditorium. Tickets go on sale September 1

PURCHASE TICKETS ONE OF THREE WAYS:

Go Online

Veniceperformingartscenter.com/ and select the 'Buy Tickets' option for your desired event. Follow the prompts to complete your purchase. You can choose to print your ticket at home, select the 'Will Call' option, or simply bring your smartphone and the ushers will scan your ticket at the door on the day of the event.

Visit the VPAC Box Office

To purchase your ticket in person, please visit the VPAC main lobby box office, which is open Monday to Friday, from 10AM – 3PM The VPAC main lobby box office is located to the right when entering through the main doors.

Call

During the above business hours, you may call the VPAC box office at 941-218-3779 and select option #6. If you call outside of box office hours, please leave a message and someone will get back to you during box office hours.



Knights In Action

Twenty one knights and spouses went to All Faiths Food Bank and packed a record setting 2141 backpacks in two hours. Our GK Lynch is holding the record breaking pack. We also presented AFFB with a \$2,000 check for the summer program which was matched by an anonymous donor. A job well done!!!!





John Harrison receives his wedding vows certificate



Bob Burhoe receives Knight of the Month Certificate



Dennis Stoll receives his First Degree Certificate



Jim Bosley receives his First Degree Certificate



Skip Hansen receives his First Degree Certificate



Larry Middendorf receives his Second Degree Certificate

Charity Golf Event

Proceeds Benefiting

SOLVE Maternity Homes

Our Mother's House & Pregnancy Solutions

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus #9924

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2017

Course: Pelican Pointe Golf & Country Club, 941-496-4653
499 Derbyshire Dr., Venice, Florida 34285

Time: Registration: 7:00 to 7:45 AM, Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM, Lunch: 12:45 PM
COFFEE AND PASTRY DONATED AND PROVIDED BY WAWA

Format: Scramble with flights determined after completion of play.

Teams: Put together your own foursome of men, ladies, couples or enter individually.

Cost: \$80 - Non-Pelican Pointe Member
\$70 - Pelican Pointe Golf Members
\$50 - Pelican Pointe Golf Members with prepaid trail fees
Includes: Green fees, cart, range balls, lunch, prizes, coffee & pastries at registration
\$25 - Lunch only

Raffle: For cash and prizes

Questions: Larry Baranick 941-492-6820 or lbaranick@verizon.net
John Janisse 941-497-0172 or john@jjanisse.com

Entry Must Be Received By October 7, 2017

Please make your check payable to Knights of Columbus #9924

Mail with this completed form to:

John LeDuke, 1316 Highland Greens Drive, Venice, FL 34285

Name: (please print) Fee: Phone # E-mail Address:

YES, I would like to be a sponsor by making a contribution. (Please enclose check)

Sponsorship levels: Bronze-\$50, Silver-\$100, Gold-\$250, Platinum-\$500, Diamond-\$1,000

Name/Business _____ Phone # _____

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 5:45 Officers Mtg 7:00 Council Meeting	9	10	11 10:00 Taylor Ranch Mobile Pantry	12
13	14	15	16	17 7:00 Fourth Degree At 7052	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Food Collection
27 Food Collection	28	29	30	31		