

Columbus Crusader

Newsletter of Our Lady of Light Council 10498 in Estero, FL
Roman Catholic Brothers in Christ, Chartered in 1990



February 2024

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General Membership Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center)



From the Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights,

Our Business meeting is Tonight, Tuesday February 6th at 7 PM in the Parish Center.

I would like to thank all for attending Brother Leon Sr, service at Our Lady of Light, gathering at Marsh Landing, and specially to the Color CORP and 4th Degree brother for joining us in Sarasota for the service there. I'm sure Brother Leon Sr. is proud of you as well.

This month we just have Breakfast when it comes to activities, next month we will have Bingo Night on March 16th, Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th and 5th Sunday Rosary on March 31st. also on February 13th we will be providing dinner during Footsteps in Faith Mardi Gras celebration. Also having

Knights Knight out, Mario's Pregame Meet February 8th - Thursday 4:30. Grande Oaks Shoppes Dr #108 then, Florida Gulf Coast University - Support Women's Basketball February 8th - Thursday 7:00 Team vs. Central Arkansas Cost: \$10.00 (includes admission seating and an FGCU hat)

As always thank you for your help, greatly appreciated

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, Feb 6 Business meeting 7 PM

Sat & Sun, Feb 17 & 18, Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses

Saturday, February 24 Set up for Breakfast

Sunday, February 25 Breakfast Buffet after all masses

Thursday, February 29 Planning Meeting, 7 PM Room 301

Tuesday March 5th Business Meeting 7 PM, PC

God Bless,

Felix De Los Santos Jr.
Grand Knight Council #10498



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights,

Ash Wednesday is February 14.
There will be a 6:30 a.m. service,

Masses at 8:30 a.m, 12p.m and 7 p.m.

Thank you to all the Brother Knights who attended Leon Quesnette Funeral at Our Lady of Light and Burial at the Veterans Cemetery in Sarasota Florida. He was a great man and a Navy Veteran who served in Vietnam. He also was a Knight for 61 years and was the reason our council at Our Lady of Light was so

successful. Please continue to pray for him and his family. We need to continue to pray for all Brother Knights who have Past or are sick and recovering at home.

Mary pray for us,

Bob Du Mont 630-352-197



Please pray for the following brothers, family members, and significant others: Tony Almeida, Kathy Boss (wife of Joe Boss Jr.), John Bradford, Kathy Corbett (wife of Bill Corbett), Joe Drago, Bob Dumont, Jim Culley, Jackie Erickson (daughter of brother Dave), Jack Horan, Horace “Bud” Fichera, Jes Jensen, Joe Klempka, Ray Lachapelle, Greg Mitchell, Ron Molinaro, Pat Neville, Jim Scialabba



From the Pro Life Office

Greetings, Brother Knights:

January Respect Life Events

We personally drove a car of parishioners to the Ave Maria March for Life. Bishop Frank Dewane and leaders of a local pregnancy center CPCI (Community Pregnancy Center, Inc) were hosts to two wonderful pro-life youth who gave heart-warming testimony to an audience of about 1100.

The parish hosted an ecumenical fellowship of the two chapters of the national Sidewalk Advocates for Life organization on Jan 25. We welcomed new members of the chapters, and reviewed procedures and new recommendations for our public witness and prayer at two Planned Parenthood facilities in Ft Myers and Naples. All who attended were very appreciative of the space provided by OLOL.

February Respect Life Events

A favorite pro-life event of the OLOL community is the annual banquet and fundraiser in support of the Immokalee Pregnancy Center at St Leo’s. This year’s event will occur on February 15, starting at 6:30 PM. There is no charge for the dinner and speaker; there will be a solicitation of donations to support the ongoing work of the center through the new year. Please contact Bob (267-733-2737 -text/voice) or email rgrcons1@gmail.com for reservations with the

OLOL group (30 + parishioners). You can also self-register at this [site](#). If you wish to sit with OLOL parishioners, simply key in 'OLOL' in the "I request to sit with" field.

Two paid events in February include an opportunity to hear in person Christopher West at St. John the Evangelist parish in North Naples on February 29, 7PM. Christopher is the foremost international advocate of the “Theology of the Body” Catholic perspective on human sexuality. Tickets can be purchased at \$25 at [TOB Inst.](#) Contact Natalie@sjecc.com with any questions.

Another paid event provides insights into the moral and ethical dilemmas our Catholic medical professionals face in the US today. “Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society” is available in person or online at St. Leo Catholic Church in Bonita on February 17 from 9:15AM to 6:45PM. Contact Ellen@forlifeandfamily.org or call 832-779-1070 for more information.

LOVE THEM BOTH, PROTECT THEM BOTH - State-wide Prayer Campaign

A Novena of Prayers is offered by the Bishops of Florida starting Jan 30 until Feb 7, when the Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments on the appeal to deny ballot access to the proposed constitutional amendment for abortion on demand in Florida. Please pick up the Novena in progress if this is the first you learn of it or offer your ongoing prayers for the success of this appeal. Click [here](#) for the Novena prayer.

Bob Reynolds

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February

Jes	H	Jensen	Jr	2/1	Robert	E	Ott	2/25
Thomas	J	Mac George		2/1	Raymond		Axberg	2/27
Leonel	H	Rios		2/2	James	P	Hamilton	2/28
John		Abatecola		2/6	Fernando		Ochoa	2/28
Jeffrey	T	Maas		2/7	Edward	C	Weil	III 2/28
Giuliano		Farina		2/10	William	T	Boyd	2/29
James	E	Scialabba		2/12	Frank	P	Ragonese	3/1
Barry	C	Bratton		2/14	Thomas	J	Costin	3/3
John	D	Carragher		2/14	Kenneth	J	Corr	3/5
Robert	G	Reynolds		2/14	Robert	J	Dumont	3/5
Thomas	J	Kukla		2/15	Joseph	W	Boss	Jr 3/10
Glenn	A	Sabatka		2/16	John	K	Bradford	3/10
Charles	J	Collins	III	2/18	James	H	Harlow	3/12
Charles	E	Marshall		2/19	Joseph	G	Plesko	3/13
Sal	P	Dassaro		2/21	Edward	J	Riley	Jr 3/13
James	L	Ripley		2/22				
Michael		Vanden Bossche		2/24				

In Case of Death: At the death of a Brother Knight, notify the Grand Knight or the next in charge, who will then contact the family and offer sympathy and help from the Council. The Council member contacting the family should ask whether a wake will be held and if so, whether the family would like the Council to do a rosary service. If a Mass will be offered, the family should be asked if they would like a resolution of condolence to be presented. Any ceremonial presentation requested should be done only with permission of the clergy. If the deceased Brother is a 4th Degree member, the Grand Knight will notify the Insurance Field Agent and the Faithful Navigator of the Assembly. Grand Knight: Felix De Los Santos. Email: FDELOSSANTOS@OUTLOOK.COM. Telephone (973) 449-2412. Please visit our website at <http://www.kofccouncil10498.org/> for additional information and upcoming events. Please contact our Financial Secretary Ronald Kuhnen (715) 215-0408, kuhnen10498@gmail.com, to make updates to your personal profile (change of address, change or added phone, email address, etc.) To add or delete from the prayer list above, or correct birthday and/or name please contact Pat Becker. Publisher: Patrick Becker. E-mail: patbecker50@yahoo.com Telephone: (239) 948-7534