

Columbus Crusader

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



August 2024

Charity, Unity, Fraternity,
Patriotism

Officers for 2024-2025 Fraternal Year

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Jr.
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Lecturer: Pat Becker
Field Agent: Chase Ross
District Deputy: Steve Hill
Chaplain: Fr. Hugh McGuigan

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday August 6th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center)

McGivney Feast Day. Watch this 27 minute video of Father McGivney.

[Father McGivney Video](#)

The 2024 Audit was approved by the Trustees and submitted by our Financial Secretary Ron Kuhnen this past month. Also, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother Mary. Upcoming events in September includes the Blue Mass, Pancake Breakfast, and the 5th Sunday Rosary. Next month's Business Meeting is on Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Please, all members, log in to the Florida State Council website and upload your photos (head and shoulder) wearing council shirts. Website address is:

[Knights of Columbus Florida State Council](#)

After you log in, you can look up any member of the Florida Knights of Columbus by name or membership number. Please call or email Pat Becker who pulls together this newsletter and whose phone number and email address is shown on the last page.

God Bless,
Jim Mendolera, GK
Knights of Columbus Council
10498

"Blessed Michael McGivney - Apostle to the Young, Protector of Christian Family Life, and Founder of the Knights of Columbus, Intercede for Us"



From the Grand Knight Brother Knights,

Our last Pancake Breakfast was a success. We served more than 140 parishioners and guests, about 45 were children. "Thank You" for all that helped set up and serve. Our next Pancake Breakfast will be on August 18, 2024 with the Parish Center set-up on Saturday, August 17th at 12:00 Noon. August 13th is Father Michael

The Knights are Pro-Life

See website at:
[Knights Pro Life](#)

Vote **No** on Amendment 4

Titled “Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion,” Amendment 4 would enshrine **unregulated abortion** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **most pro-abortion states** in the nation. The amendment language is **misleading** and its proposed outcomes are **dangerous**.



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights,

Time continues to fly by. School is starting in a few weeks and soon we will start our planned events for this coming season.

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Alexis Costa (mentioned in last month's

According to the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops: “An extremely grave amendment has been placed on the November 2024 ballot that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution prohibiting regulation of abortion. The amendment would allow late-term abortions, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. "We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion”.

newsletter) lost her baby girl Aurora to an infection. Please continue to pray for her twins and Mom and Dad. They thank you for your prayers and contributions.

We also lost Brother Knight Peter D' Elia June 5th 2024. Peter was 101 years old and helped us when he could many years ago. Peter's obituary is attached to this newsletter

Brother Bob Bailey needs our prayers. He has been in Gulf Coast Hospital since last week.

For more information please visit:

[Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

[Informed Church Video](#)

[Florida Amendment 4 Info](#)

Continue to pray for all Brother Knights who have passed and those who are sick and recovering.

Mary Pray for us

Bob Du Mont

630-352-1979



Please pray for the following brothers, family members, and significant others: Tony Almeida, 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



August

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| William | B | Shikany | 8/4 | Ronald | J | Kuhnen | 8/29 |
| James | W | Sauerwald | 8/8 | Lawrence | D | Becker | 8/30 |
| Raymond | C | Lachapelle | 8/8 | Joseph | F | Klempka | 8/30 |
| Henry | J | Pasterz | 8/10 | Paul | C | Calavitta | 9/1 |
| Russell | S | Klare | 8/12 | Michael | | Canonico | 9/7 |
| Michael | C | Bursztyn | 8/15 | Paul | D | Rogers | Jr 9/7 |
| Tab | A | Custer | 8/17 | Frank | J | Valvo | 9/10 |
| Mark | E | Petrites | 8/18 | Danny | L | Mckee | 9/10 |
| Donald | J | Fiscella | 8/21 | Harold | A | Rheel | 9/12 |
| James | M | Whealan | 8/24 | John | A | Scavelli | 9/14 |
| Horace | P | Fichera | 8/26 | | | | |
| Aubert | S | Giles | Jr 8/27 | | | | |

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: Jim Mendolera. Email: jmendolera323@yahoo.com. Telephone (239) 390-0346
 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. Patrick Becker. E-mail: patbecker50@yahoo.com Telephone: (239) 948-7534

Peter A. D'Elia

July 22, 1922 — June 5, 2024
Westwood, MA & Estero, FL



Peter A. D'Elia passed away peacefully at home in Westwood, MA after a brief illness at age 101. He is survived by his loving wife Margaret Rinaldi, sister Ann Rosenthal, his children Len D'Elia and wife Karen, Peter D'Elia Jr of NJ and Christopher D'Elia of AL, Tom Holcombe of NJ, Carol Rinaldi of RI, Jean Rinaldi, Tom Rinaldi and partner Sharon of MA along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Peter was predeceased by his children Donna and her husband Patrick Forsyth, Bill and Debbie D'Elia, brother John D'Elia, brother-in-law Harry Rosenthal, Peter's wife Edna D'Elia and step children Howard Holcome all of NJ, as well as Janet and Ann Rinaldi of MA.



Peter was born in Orange, NJ and graduated from Millburn High School. He then proudly served in the Navy during World War II. After the war, he earned a Bachelor's Degree at Illinois Institute of Technology in Architecture. He then moved back to New Jersey, raised a family and enjoyed a long successful career as a self-employed architect. Peter enjoyed golf, reading, music, dance, travel and, above all, spending time with family and friends. He also enjoyed spending winters in Florida. He was a member of the Lions Club for over 50 years and a member of the American Legion. Peter was a devoted husband to Margaret.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours at the Holden, Dunn and Lawler Funeral Home, 55 High Rock St., Westwood, MA Tuesday, June 11th from 4-7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday morning, June 12th at 10am in St Margaret Mary Church, 845 High St Westwood. Interment private.
