

Columbus Crusader

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



August 2026

Charity, Unity, Fraternity,
Patriotism

Officers for 2026-2027 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight: Stefan Gehrold
Deputy GK: Frank Esposito
Chancellor: Jeremy Brown
Recorder: Bob Lehman
Treasurer: Joe Ercolino
Advocate: Don Fiscella

Warden: Ron Molinaro
Inside Guard: Brent Labreche
Outside Guard: Frank Valvo
Trustee 1yr: Todd Junker
Trustee 2yr: Felix De Los Santos,
Jr.

Trustee 3yr: Bob Dumont
Fin Secretary: Ron Kuhnen
Lecturer: Pat Becker
Field Agent: Todd Camron
District Deputy: Steve McPhillips
Chaplain: Fr. Michael Young

Next Month General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.



From the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Congratulations to the July Knight of the Month, David Crawford, Jr., who will start his college career soon. May the Lord guide and accompany him in his academic and professional career. Also, congrats to our Family of the Month, Brother Pat Becker and his wife Bonnie.

We already expressed our gratitude to Past Grand Knight Jim Mendolera last month. Two other officers cease to serve in their previous capacity: Brother Bobby DuMont, who steps down as the Chancellor, a function he has had for 13 years. He is replacing 3 Year Trustee and Brother Mitch Pappas, who leaves the board. We are thankful for their help and dedication through their tenure.

Besides myself as the new Grand Knight, Brother Frank Esposito was elected in June to be the new Deputy Grand Knight and Brother Jeremy Brown as the new Chancellor.

We had no official events in July, and the events for August were

listed in the July Crusader Newsletter, also shown below.

If you want to join our Council please contact any of our officers or go to:

<https://www.kofc.org/>

on the Web and click Join to sign up.

Vivat Jesus

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August 4th—Business Meeting
— 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.
Food and refreshments will be provided.

August 15th —Setup for Breakfast ---12:00 PM in the

Parish Center. Your help is appreciated.

August 16th---Pancake

Breakfast--- Served after all Sunday Masses. Help is always

needed and appreciated especially after the 10:30 Mass to serve and cleanup.

August 27th —Planning Meeting
— 7:00 PM in the Classroom 302.

August 30th---Fifth Sunday
Rosary 10:00 AM in Church



From the Chancellor

Dear Brother Knights,

This month we are pleased to award Pat and Bonnie Becker the Family of the Month award, and

we honor David Crawford with our Knight of the Month award. Congratulations for work well done, brothers! Let us also pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Rex Winston Godfrey Fernando, who passed in January. Brothers Ron Kuhnen and Bob Lehman can also use your prayers as they regain their health. Let us continue to pray without ceasing for these and every Brother Knight who has passed into eternal rest, and for those of us

who may be currently ill or facing hardship.

Vivat Jesus!

Jeremy Brown

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Please pray for the following brothers, family members, and significant others: Tony Almeida, Bob Dumont, Jim Culley, Jackie Erickson (daughter of brother Dave), Jack Horan, Horace "Bud" Fichera, Jes Jensen, Greg Mitchell, Ron Molinaro, Pat Neville, Jim Scialabba, Ron Kuhnen, Robert Lehman, Ed Sedillo. Also, remember Ed Sleyzak, who passed away on July 31st and his family in your prayers. Brother Ed was our Florida Knights of Columbus secretary. May God's comfort and peace surround his family, and may Ed's memory be a blessing to all who knew him. He will be profoundly missed.



August

William	B	Shikany	8/4	Ronald	J	Kuhnen	8/29
James	W	Sauerwald	8/8	Lawrence	D	Becker	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	Martin	J	Kenney	9/7
John		Ryan	8/15	Paul	D	Rogers	Jr 9/7
Tab	A	Custer	8/17	Danny	L	Mckee	9/10
Mark	E	Petrites	8/18	Frank	J	Valvo	9/10
Donald	J	Fiscella	8/21	Harold	A	Rheel	9/12
Timothy		Distler	8/23	John	A	Scavelli	9/14
Daniel		Macnin	8/24				
James	M	Whealan	8/24				
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: Stefan Gehrold Email: dr.gehrold@gmail.com. Telephone (239) 221-9181. 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 Patrick Becker. E-mail: patbecker50@yahoo.com.