

# Columbus Crusader

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



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**December 2008** Final Edition

Charity Fraternity Unity Patriotism

Grand Knight: Bob Bonza (948-3381)  
Deputy G.K. : Leon Quesnette (947-9780)  
Chancellor: John Dinneen (267-3774)  
Recorder: Tom Owens (454-1564)  
Treasurer: Gary Krueger (947-1845)  
Advocate: Tony Cilluffo (390-2897)  
Warden: Bob Haug (437-1247)  
Fin. Secretary: Gary Kroeger (992-1165)  
Inside Guard: Chuck Yelle (947-4399)

## Officers for 2008- 2009 Fraternal Year

Outside Guard: Dave Simmons  
Chaplain: Fr. Hugh McGuigan (267-7088)  
Trustee 3 yrs.: Derrick Kahl (225-1409)  
Trustee 2 yrs.: Pat Mullen (267-9611)  
Trustee 1 yr.: Pat Becker (948-7534)  
Lecturer: Pat Fortuna (498-6836)  
Field Agent: Henry Rampone (415-5495)  
District Deputy : Dave Erickson (267-1418)

### General Membership Meetings:

1st Thursday of each month 7:30  
PM Business, 8:30 PM Social at the  
Parish Center of Our Lady of Light  
Catholic Community.

### From the Grand Knight:



It has been a very interesting and busy few months. I am very proud of so many of our Knights who were right there when we needed you for all of our events and activities. It strengthens our Unity, and Fraternity, when more and more Knights come forward, to help and join one of our committees!

We certainly need this kind of cooperation in the up coming months as we are once again very busy in our works of Charity, and cooperation with parish events.

Please, come to Business meeting, Dec. 4th, or sign up for the following: Membership BLITZ on Saturday and Sunday the 6th & 7th of Dec., (we will hand out the revised brochure with the interest card enclosed), our Christmas Party, Dec. 13th, the First Degree Exemplification needs your support on Dec. 16th, and note the change in the Committee Planning meeting on the 18th (due to Christmas), and especially our "Day of Recollection Retreat" on Saturday, Dec. 20th, Breakfast with Santa (and the kids of our Faith Formation Group) on Dec. 21st. and lastly, our own Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 28th. (this is certainly a "mouthful" and you can easily see where we need your helping hands !)

Brothers, YOU are the cause of the success of our Council.  
Thanks for keeping it up!

Bob Bonza  
Grand Knight

### From the Deputy Grand Knight



It is my wish that all Brother Knights and their families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We have had a busy six months and we are looking forward to the next six months of the council year. With the help of brother Knights and their families, we will have a successful year. We have some important charity drives coming up and we need all the help we can get.

Do not forget the Giving Tree in December, our golf tournaments, the Handicap Drive in February, the dinner dance on St. Pat's, and the Poker Run on the 18th of April.

We need to support these events as they will take care of the charities that we support. Come to the business meetings and get more information and a small social at the end of the meetings.

One other important note, if any brother knows of a Brother Knight in need or distress, let Bob – GK and Leon – DGK know, so we can help them in confidence.

Let's help a brother in need in some way. We do have a small fund set aside to help them. Thanks!

Brother Leon DGK.

**Member dues are past due. If you have not yet paid your 2008/2009 dues, please send check immediately to; Financial Sec. 9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL. 33928**

### From the Chancellor



The holidays are upon us already. What a glorious time to be involved in the Knights!

Read the Grand Knight's report and check the December schedule. There must be at least one function in which you can become involved! "One Knight – One Job!" Come and help with our pancake breakfast. Listen to the exemplification of new members. Attend our retreat and prepare for Christmas.

Use our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity to enhance your

lifestyle. To become involved, come to our regular meeting on December 4th or give me a call at 267-3774.

Our wish to all of our Brothers and their families for a Merry and Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Fraternally,  
John Dinneen (Spike)  
Chancellor

### Committees Reports

#### **Committee #1**

Admissions, Retention, Membership, Insurance Promotion, Recruitment

23 Brothers are still delinquent in their dues. Efforts are continuing to keep these brothers in good standing. Two new members received their 1st degree exemplification on Nov.19th. Our committee discussed implementing an open house for potential new members. The annual member survey was discussed and will be attached to this newsletter. All brothers are asked to complete the questionnaire and return it to Gary Kroeger - Financial Secretary at 9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL. 33928 or Fax 239-494-4873

#### **Committee #2**

Communications, Public Relations, Youth Information

Chuck Yelle and Rich Dittus are recruiting six (6) students to help for Pancake Breakfasts and also are exploring the possibility of students helping on the Handicap Drive (tootsie roll)

We are making a request to any member of the K of C who owns a business to forward a card to the council or call Bob Haug (437-1247). This information will be added to a book of "Brother Knights" and will be distributed throughout the parish. This is a new project from our committee.

Brent Labreche has submitted a letter explaining the "Christmas Giving Tree." Kick off will be November 28th and the first packages will arrive at the San Carlos Storage facility around the 7th or 8th of December. WE NEED HELP! Sign up with Leon - DGK or Bob – GK. , as soon as you can.

#### **Committee #3**

Pro Life, Family, Vocations, Health

#### VOCATION FUND

All Knights in Florida have recently received a mailing from Florida K of C Charities as part of their annual fundraising drive in support of the Vocations Fund. The Vocations Fund which, was established in 1973, provides funding of programs which promote vocations in all the dioceses throughout Florida.

This fundraising event requests a minimum \$5 contribution from each and every knight in Florida. It is difficult to envision a situation, even in these difficult economic times, where each of our Knights cannot afford the minimum of \$5. Just in case you are thinking that "its hardly worth the effort to write a check for \$5", please rethink this attitude. There are 210 Knights in council 10498. If each of us contributed \$5 to the vocation fund, it would amount to \$1050. There are 4 councils in our district

and 67 districts in Florida. If we assume that our council and district are representative and each of the estimated 56,280 knights in Florida donated \$5, then The Knights of Columbus in Florida could raise \$281,400 to promote and support vocations. It's the power of numbers!

So, as you read this, NOW, WITHOUT PROCRASTINATION OR DELAY, write a check for at least \$5 and mail it to:

Don Vettorel, Vocation Fund, 5271 N.W. 90<sup>th</sup> Tce. Coral Springs, FL33067

**Committee #4**

Program Directing, Council Activities & Events.

Nothing to report this Month.

Tom Owens, Dave Erickson

Chairmen

**Upcoming Events**

Business meeting 7:30PM 12/04  
 Christmas Giving Tree All Month  
 Membership Blitz 12/06 -12/07  
 Christmas Party 12/13  
 1st Degree Exemplification 12/16  
 Committee Meetings 12/18  
 K of C Retreat 8:30 Mass 12/20  
 Breakfast w/Santa 12/21  
 Pancake Breakfast 12/28

**Council News**

**Knight of the Month Oct**

Leon Quesnette

**Family of the Month Oct:**

Tom & Judy Owens

**New Members Receiving 1st**

**Degree:**

Scott Caycedo 11/19  
 Richard Krause Jr 11/19

**Members Receiving Shining**

**Armor Award**

David Williams

**Happy Birthday!**

Robert L. Lyons 12/01  
 John L. Benoit 12/02  
 David S. Ged 12/03  
 Bruce D. Labreche 12/05  
 Thomas R. Zettler, II 12/07  
 Richard A. Krause Jr 12/09  
 Vincent A. Scola 12/12  
 Sean C. James 12/14  
 Ralph A. Lacivita 12/14  
 Jerry P. Tant 12/14  
 Jeffrey G. Estler 12/16  
 Dean V. Hinderman 12/18  
 David W. Williams 12/18  
 John J. Ryan 12/19  
 William A. Stanley 12/20  
 Natale J. Ippolito 12/23  
 Joseph R. Enos 12/24  
 Charles M. Paternoster 12/28  
 Merle Giallonardo 12/31

**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.

**Our Newsletter Boosters**

James M. Angers, Lawrence E. Augustyn, William P. Baker, William T. Bannon, Patrick J. Becker, Daniel H. Beiter, Joseph T. Bell, John L. Benoit, Jack H. Berg, Leo E. Berger, Robert J. Bonza, Joseph W. Boss II, Roland W. Boyd, John K. Bradford, Glenn F. Bright, John J. Brown, George W. Brush, Joseph J. Buch, Stephen G. Burmeister, Michael C. Bursztyn, Dennis J. Cantwell, Lawrence E. Cantwell, Bruce A. Carr, Scott R. Caycedo, Anthony F. Cilluffo, Norman C. Colby, John Colletti, Michael J. Conley, James A. Corneillie, John Costa, Gary V. Crawford, James K. Culley, Steven E. Cunningham, Peter A. D'Elia, David Diaz, John J. Dinneen, Joseph R. Drago, Peter J. Ennis, David A. Erickson, Paul T. Farr, Brian F. Farrar, Jeffrey A. Feasel, Patrick S. Fortuna, Everett J. Foster, Louis E. Frattarelli Sr, Timothy F. Freeland, Michael T. Gederberg, Arthur Habighorst, Joseph W. Haley, Donald J. Hansen, Robert E. Haug, James P. Hawkins, Dean V. Hinderman, Robert F. Hoffman, William G. Hoogland, James E. Howell, Ralph Hutchins, Natale J. Ippolito, Sean C. James, Gordon E. Jirak, Donald L. Joerger, Roland P. Jolie, Derrick J. Kahl, Eugene J. Kelly, Daniel A. Kerinuk, William J. Kienle, Donald J. King, Thomas J. Kinsella, Kenneth H. Kirgin, David T. Klare, Joseph F. Klempka, Julian P. Komeshak, Richard A. Krause, Gary A. Kroeger, Gary F. Krueger, Bruce D. Labreche, Bruce J. Labreche, Brent Labreche, Ralph A. Lacivita, Anthony E. Leonardi, William H. Lewis, John A. Liprie, Ronald J. LoFranco, Robert L. Lyons, Jeffery T. Maas, Dennis Madden, Patrick E. Maley Jr, Richard J. Malone, Herman J. Mancini, Jerry D. Martin, Mc Clure G. Mathews, Alvin J. McCarthy, James C. McDonagh, John B. McGrellis, Edward E. McQuillan, Wyman L. Miller Jr, Alexander R. Miller, Matthew J. Mullen, Thomas A. Nerney, Richard J. Nuckols Jr, Robert E. Ott, Thomas H. Owens, Charles M. Paternoster, Gregory K. Pearl, Dr Anthony G. Pietroniro, Theodore F. Pizza, Raymond J. Pothier, Kevin M. Powers, Leon R. Quesnette Sr, Frank P. Ragonese, Edward Riley, Joseph F. Roach, Edward J. Roggemann, Fritz Roka, Raymond C. Ross, John E. Ruegg, John C. Ruehl, Glenn Sabatka, James W. Sauerwald, Sydney F. Schofield, Kent Schmitt, Lloyd J. Schultenover, Vincent A. Scola, Edward A. Sedillo, James P. Seymour, David C. Siler, Dave C. Simmons, Phil Simonsen, Roderick J. Stanley, William A. Stanley, Michael H. Stanton, Jim Stathopoulos, John E. Sullivan, Cass T. Swamba, Jerry Tant, Peter Thompson, Edward Trimmer, Javier Ubarri, John J. Uzdilla Jr, George A. VanNest, James O. Wahlig, Roland S. Walker, Edward C. Weil, III, Scott Weiss, James E. Welling, David W. Williams, Ronald J. Willing, Charles D. Yelle

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**ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET**

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$145 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 69 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. **To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting or return it to Financial Secretary Gary A. Kroeger (9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL 33928--email:gkroeger@comcast.net) or fax to 239-494-4873 by January 15, 2009.**

This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2008.

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Number of visits you made during 2008
  - Sick - caring for the sick /nursing homes/ hospitals..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Bereaved - visits of condolence..... \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2008..... \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2008
  - Church Activities - service in all Church related activities..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Community Activities - service in all community related activities.... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Youth Activities - service in all youth related activities..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Habitat for Humanity - service in all related projects..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - Miscellaneous Activities - service in areas not outlined above..... \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2008
  - Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc..... \_\_\_\_\_