

Columbus Crusader

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



December 2023

**Charity, Unity, Fraternity,
Patriotism**

Officers for 2023-2024 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight: Felix De Los Santos, Jr
Deputy GK: Jim Mendolera
Chancellor: Robert Dumont
Recorder: Bob Bailey
Treasurer: Joe Ercolino

Advocate: Don Fiscella
Warden: Ron Molinaro
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Trustee 1yr: Jim Scialabba
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Trustee 3yr: Chuck Stellwag
Fin Secretary: Ron Kuhnen
Lecturer: Pat Becker
Field Agent: Chase Ross
District Deputy: Steve Hill
Chaplain: Fr. Hugh McGuigan

General Membership Meeting: Next meeting Tuesday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center)



From the Grand Knight
Greetings Brother Knights,

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. December will be a quiet month for activities. The next big event will be the concert with Mr. Romantico on Friday January 12th.

I would like to thank all the brother knights that helped and attended the Frank Torino Concert. We had a great turnout and were sold out. On Sunday December 17th we have breakfast

with Santa after all Masses.
Please help if you can!

At our next Business meeting on December 5th we will go over the January concert details.

At our next breakfast we will distribute the stuffed animals to the Sheriff's department and / or Fire and Rescue department.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all brother Knights for your help in 2023, and, as we look forward to 2024, I would like to wish all Knights and your families a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

December 2nd & 3rd Stuffed Animal Collection
Tuesday, December 5 Business Meeting 7 PM in the PC
Saturday, December 16 Set up for Breakfast @ 2 PM
Sunday, December 17 Breakfast Buffet after all Masses (w/ Santa after 10:30 Mass)
Thursday, December 21 Planning Meeting, 7 PM room 301
Sunday, December 31 5th Sunday Rosary
Tuesday, January 2 Business Meeting 7 PM
Friday, January 12 Concert at Parish Center 7 PM

God Bless and Happy New Year!

Felix De Los Santos Jr.

Grand Knight Council #10498



From the Chancellor

I hope everyone is well and getting ready for the holidays. Please contact us if you need any help. If you can, we could use help at our upcoming Christmas with Santa breakfast for all Masses on Sunday the 17th of

December. Prayers are needed for Jim Mendolera and Fr. Tim who are both having knee surgery next week.

Continue to pray for Brother Leon Quesnette, who is back in the hospital and for all Brother Knights who are sick. Also remember in your prayers all brother Knights who have passed. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on December 8th and we need ushers for 7pm vigil on 12-7 and 8:30am and 7pm on the 8th. Christmas Eve falls on Sunday which means there will be

six Masses on Sunday: 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am in the morning for Sunday and 4pm, 6pm, and 8pm for the vigil Masses. Christmas day will be 7am, 8:30 am and 10:30 am. We will need ushers to cover each Mass, so please help where you can. Merry Christmas to all and thank you in advance for all of your help.

Mary Pray For Us,

Bob Du Mont



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, Leon Quesnette, Jim Scialabba



From the Pro Life Office

Hello Brother Knights,

Pro-Abortion Florida Constitutional Amendment Ballot Initiative -

Remember, Floridian Catholics should NOT sign the petition to return to "Roe v Wade" abortion policy in the state through the proposed state constitutional amendment process. Spread the word!!!

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has appealed this petition drive to the Florida Supreme Court due to the ambiguity of the proposed amendment language. The Florida Bishops have also filed a brief with the state Supreme Court opposing the amendment language.

Finally, DOV Bishop Frank Dewane has asked that all diocesan parishes educate parishioners about this proposed amendment through their weekly parish bulletin. A series of 9 FACT sheets has been developed by the diocese this purpose. Please look for them in our parish bulletin.

USCCB reaffirms pre-eminence of resisting abortion

The U.S. bishops overwhelmingly approved a new introductory note to "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" during their General Assembly in mid-November. The note states: "The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent priority because it directly attacks our most vulnerable and voiceless brothers and sisters and destroys more than a million lives per year in our country alone."

For discussion of more pro-life issues, including the death penalty, assisted suicide, euthanasia, etc., please visit the Diocesan Respect Life page at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/offices/offices-departments/respect-life/>

For the Knights,
Bob Reynolds



December

Robert	J	Connor	12/1	Guillermo	E	Barbosa	12/26
John	L	Benoit	12/2	Matthew	R	Cochran	12/26
Bill		Dabaldo	12/2	John	A	Gill	12/27
Zachary	A	Maas	12/2	Jason		Molinaro	12/28
David	S	Ged	12/3	Charles	M	Paternoster	12/28
John	A	Garner	12/5	Neil	T	Shecrallah	12/28
Raymond		Corder	12/6	Richard	W	Uhart	12/31
Richard	L	Hall	12/7	Daniel	F	Hauck	1/2
Kevin	H	Rielly	12/10	Terry	E	Kelly	1/5
Sean	C	James	12/14	Lawrence	E	Augustyn	1/7
Ralph	A	Lacivita	12/14	Justin	R	Lofranco	1/7
Jerry	P	Tant	12/14	Patrick	J	Becker	1/8
Jeffrey	G	Estler	12/16	Hugh	J	McGuigan	1/11
Dean	V	Hinderman	12/18	Robert	W	Boyd	1/13
David	W	Williams	12/18	John	S	Ries	1/13
John	J	Ryan	Jr 12/19				
Lee	R	Hebert	12/21				
Natale	J	Ippolito	12/23				

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