

Columbus Crusader

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



December 2024

Charity, Unity, Fraternity,
Patriotism

Officers for 2024-2025 Fraternal Year

Grand Knight: Jim Mendolera
Deputy GK: Stefan Gehrold
Chancellor: Robert Dumont
Recorder: Bob Lehman
Treasurer: Joe Ercolino
Advocate: Don Fiscella
Warden: Ron Molinaro

Inside Guard: Frank Valvo
Outside Guard: Brent Labreche
Trustee 1yr: Todd Junker
Trustee 2yr: Mitch Pappas
Trustee 3yr: Felix De Los Santos,
Jr.
Fin Secretary: Ron Kuhnen

Lecturer: Pat Becker
Field Agent: Chase Ross
District Deputy: ?
Chaplain:

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center)

- Reception of the Body and Viewing 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday December 6, 2024

- Viewing 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Mass of the Christian Burial 11:00 AM
- Reception after the Funeral Mass in the Parish Center

“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen”.

Please wear your Red Council shirt.

The month of November was a busy month. Over 220 people attended BINGO. This has been the largest Bingo crowd since we started 4 years ago. Thanks to

Brother and Past Grand Knight Felix De Los Santos for providing the games and music, all Brother Knights who helped sell Bingo cards and raffle tickets, and serve hot dogs and refreshments.

Our Pancake Breakfast was also a big success as we served more than 210 breakfasts. We shared the Parish Center with an Arts and Crafts group from OLOL and that helped both the Knights and vendors with increased sales. Thanks to ALL who helped cook and serve.

The First Responders’ Prayer Service was well attended by more than 175 people as we gave “Thanks and Appreciation” to police, firefighters, and EMS personnel who serve our community. Our guest speakers – Village of Estero Councilman and retired Broward County Deputy Sheriff Raphael Lopez and North Naples Fire Department Chaplain



From the Grand Knight

We all continue to pray for Fr. Hugh and the repose of his soul, his family, and friends as they navigate through the loss of our Pastor and Brother Chaplain. Please take time to attend memorial services as listed in the following funeral details:

Thursday, December 5, 2024

and retired CIA Agent Tony Scire spoke about their jobs and how it changed their lives and the decision to “give back” to the communities they had served. A delicious light fare was provided by Haney’s Café following the Prayer Service.

The “Knights Night Out” at Duffy’s was attended by 24 Knights and their guests. Fun was had by all.

December Calendar of Events....

December 7th and 8th the Stuffed Animal Drive after all the Masses will be collected and given to the Lee County Sheriffs Office and the San Carlos Park Fire and Rescue for children involved in emergency incidents.

December 14th at 1:00 PM - Setup for the Pancake Breakfast.



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving. If you have not been at Mass or have not come

December 15th – Pancake Breakfast with Santa after all the Masses with Mr. and Mrs. Claus arriving after the 10:30 AM Mass. Help is always needed especially after the 10:30 AM Mass to serve and cleanup.

Next Planning Meeting is Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 PM in classroom 305.

Knights on Bikes will be delivering toys to the Golisano Children’s Hospital on December 14, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Please buy a new toy and bring it our next Business Meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd. The toys will be collected and given to the Knights on Bikes. They will also be delivering toys to the Mission in Clewiston on January 5, 2025. Time TBA. Let us support the **Knights on Bikes** by purchasing

back for season I have some unexpected sad news for you.

It is with heavy hearts we share the news of the passing of our beloved Pastor, Father Hugh McGuigan, who was called to his eternal rest on Sunday morning 11/24/2024.

His leadership, kindness, and spiritual guidance of us all will be missed. We must all try to continue the warm and happy

new toys and attending the delivering of toys on the above dates. More information to follow.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Mendolera, Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus Council
10498

“Like the seed buried in the ground, you have produced the harvest of eternal life for us, make us always dead to sin and alive to God”

experience we have at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community.

Please pray for Father Hugh and his family and continue to pray for all brother Knights whom we have lost or are sick and recovering.

Mary Pray for us

Bob Du Mont

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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



December

Robert	J	Connor	12/1	Mitch		Pappas	12/23
John	L	Benoit	12/2	Guillermo	E	Barbosa	12/26
Bill		Dabaldo	12/2	Matthew	R	Cochran	12/26
Zachary	A	Maas	12/2	John	A	Gill	12/27
David	S	Ged	12/3	Jason		Molinaro	12/28
John	A	Garner	12/5	Charles	M	Paternoster	12/28
Raymond		Corder	12/6	Neil	T	Shecrallah	12/28
Richard	L	Hall	12/7	Richard	W	Uhart	12/31
Kevin	H	Rielly	12/10	Daniel	F	Hauck	1/2
Sean	C	James	12/14	Edward	R	Alegado	1/6
Ralph	A	Lacivita	12/14	Michael	A	Humin	1/6
Jerry	P	Tant	12/14	Lawrence	E	Augustyn	1/7
Jeffrey	G	Estler	12/16	Justin	R	Lofranco	1/7
Dean	V	Hinderman	12/18	Patrick	J	Becker	1/8
David	W	Williams	12/18	Hugh	J	McGuigan	1/11
John	J	Ryan	Jr 12/19	Robert	W	Boyd	1/13
Dan	W	Farrell	12/20	John	S	Ries	1/13
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: 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 Patrick Becker. E-mail: patbecker50@yahoo.com.