

Columbus Crusader

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



December 2025

Charity, Unity, Fraternity,
Patriotism

Officers for 2025-2026 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: John Fischer
District Deputy: Steve McPhillips
Chaplain: Fr. Reji Joseph, OSFS

Next Month General Membership Meeting: Tuesday January 6th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center) Food and Refreshments will be provided

Craft Show. We were able to serve more than 150 breakfasts with the additional customers from the craft show. We also had our first **Corporate Communion** since COVID. 16 Sir Knights from the 4th Degree Color Corps participated in the Mass along with several Council Brother Knights and the Knights on Bikes. We received many compliments from OLOL parishioners. Our next **Corporate Communion** will be Sunday May 31, 2026 along with the 5th Sunday Rosary. We also had the 5th Sunday Rosary this past Sunday, November 30th.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

DECEMBER 2ND—Member Business Meeting in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH – Stuffed Animal Collection in the church narthexes. All new stuffed animals will be donated to the Lee County Sheriffs Office, San Carlos Park Fire Rescue, and the Estero Fire Rescue. These stuffed animals will be given to children involved in emergency incidents.
DECEMBER 20TH – Setup for the Pancake Breakfast at Noon.
DECEMBER 21ST – “BREAKFAST WITH SANTA” Pancake Breakfast served after all the Masses. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive after the 10:30 AM Mass.
DECEMBER 30TH – Planning Meeting at 7:00 PM in Classroom 302.

SAVE THE DATE... Friday, February 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center – Tom and Michelle Becker **“BACK HOME**



From the Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights,

Congratulations to **November Knight of the Month – Brother Patrick Becker and Family of the Month – Joe Ercolino.**

This past month the Council hosted the Pancake Breakfast on November 23rd and shared the Parish Center with the 2nd Annual

AGAIN, A JOHN DENVER

TRIBUTE” Ticket cost is \$30.00. **BYOB** No children.

Dessert served during intermission. Tickets available in the Parish Office. For more information contact Brother Joe Ercolino amjercolino@gmail.com or 561-801-0110. Bring family and friends and enjoy an evening of music and great company.

From Knights of Columbus Council 10498 – May you and



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights I hope everyone is doing well. Please help if you can with our Christmas events listed by our Grand Knight. I could also use your help to usher at the many

your family have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2026.

Masses during the holiday. Just check in with the lead usher at the Mass you attend and they can let you know how you can help. Thank you for your help. Brother Bob Bailey just had his 95th Birthday on November 27th and would love to have some visitors. For those wishing to visit Bob, he likes visitors after 12:30 at the Preserve in Fort Myers 14750 Hope Center loop, Room 3207. I hope everyone has a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please continue to pray for souls of all Brother Knights who

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

“Let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus to assist us in drawing closer to her Divine Son as we journey in faith toward our Eternal Destiny”

have passed and for recovery of those who may be ill.

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, 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



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
Tim	J	Luebbers	12/4	Charles	M	Paternoster	12/28
Joseph	M	Conroy	12/5	Neil	T	Shecrallah	12/28
John	A	Garner	12/5	Richard	W	Uhart	12/31
Raymond		Corder	12/6	Daniel	F	Hauck	1/2
Kevin	H	Rielly	12/10	Edward	R	Alegado	1/6
Sean	C	James	12/14	Michael	A	Humin	1/6
Ralph	A	Lacivita	12/14	Lawrence	E	Augustyn	1/7
Jerry	P	Tant	12/14	Justin	R	Lofranco	1/7
Jeffrey	G	Estler	12/16	Patrick	J	Becker	1/8
Dean	V	Hinderman	12/18	Lester	F	Mountain	Jr 1/8
David	W	Williams	12/18	Robert	W	Boyd	1/13
John	J	Ryan	Jr 12/19	John	S	Ries	1/13
Dan	W	Farrell	12/20				
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.