

# 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.

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Charity Fraternity Unity Patriotism

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### 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:



Once again we have been very busy with all of the activities on the calendar for December and January, and I wish to thank all of you who have participated and worked so hard to make our events the successes that they surely were!

We end January and begin February with the Handicap Drive. From there, the committees meet for planning in the San Carlos Storage Meeting Room on US 41 across from the Shell Gas Station and next to NAPA

on the west side. Decisions made at that meeting will be announced to all soon. If you are not currently on our E-mail lists, please call me or Gary Kroeger and get them in to us, so you will be up to date.

Our Corporate Communion will be at the 10:30 Mass on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Please try to be a part of the council; wear your red council shirt or A red shirt and process in and sit with all of the Knights and their families as we usually do. We really need to make a good showing with all that is going on in the parish.

First Degree is as usual on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please come and give moral support to your Degree Team and to the new candidates.

We are hosting the "Run For Life" dinner at the parish center on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. It is open to the parish and posters should be around already. If you are not working the dinner, it is \$15.00 per and \$5.00 for the youngsters. Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

We will end the month with the February Committee Planning Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Bonza Grand Knight

**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 Deputy Grand Knight



Brothers, we indeed have two full months of events coming up. The Business meeting on the 5th, the Handicap drive at the church the 14th and the 15th after all masses.

A Big Thanks goes to Brothers Sean James, Don Hansen, and Ed Weil for chairing the drive and doing such a good job. We need Knights and their families to cover all entrances of the church. Please sign up for the early Masses, and try to be there for the Corporate Communion at the 10:30 Mass. See Sean for sign up.

First Degree is on the 17th from 6-9pm . The Run for Life dinner 6pm at the Parish Center. We need help in the kitchen, for clean up and serving of the meal.

Working on a Pancake dinner for the Faith Formation group on the 24th; committee meeting the 26th .

We also need a crew for the St. Patrick's dinner dance 3/14 and the Golf Tournament on the 28th .

Sign up sheets are available. See Don 948-9680 or Ed 947-2812.

We also have a Pancake Breakfast coming the 3/29. So many events and the need for help! I know Brother Knights will step up to the plate and do what they can.

Brother Leon DGK.

### From the Chancellor



At the present time it seems that we had a very successful Tootsie Roll drive on the last weekend of January. Congratulations to all those involved. The drive will continue outside church on February 15. This is also the date of our Corporate Communion.

As usual February will be a full month with our general meeting, first degree exemplification, run for life dinner, faith formation pancake dinner. committee meetings, etc. See the calendar for dates and times. We will need the help of all our brother Knights. Looking forward to March, the two outstanding projects are the St. Patrick's Day dance (date depends on parish mission) and the annual golf tournament. Again we will need many volunteers for these events.

*Be involved - Be a Knight*

Fraternally,

John Dinneen (Spike)

Chancellor

### Committees Reports

#### **Committee #1**

Admissions, Retention, Membership, Insurance Promotion, Recruitment

We had only one new member last month, Bill Banfield took his 1st and 2nd degrees on Jan 20th at OLOL. Please welcome him at our next meeting. We will have a first degree again on Feb 17th. All Knights are responsible to bring in new members. The only way our fraternal order can thrive is if we continually obtain new members. If you have Catholic friends who are not Knights; please invite them to join us. There will also be a 1st and 2nd degree exemplification at St. Agnes on Feb 12th.

Efforts continue to keep on our active rolls 19 members who are delinquent in their dues. If you have not paid your 2008 / 2009 dues which were due on 7/1/2008, please send your check to Gary Kroeger Financial Secretary at 9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL 33928 ASAP.

If you are; or know of a brother Knight in distress, please let either our Grand Knight Bob Bonza or Financial Secretary know. Telephone numbers are listed at the top of this and all newsletters.

#### **Committee #2**

Communications, Public Relations, Youth Information

The annual Run for Life Benefit is the major event this month. Our committee is in need of volunteers to work at the Dinner on the 21st and to provide support along the running route through our Council area. The run will go from Marco Island to Zephyrhills (200 miles), volunteers are needed to provide water to the runners and to display the flag. Knights not working this event are asked to support the effort by attending the Benefit Dinner on Saturday February 21st at Our Lady of Light Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Dinner includes; Hardy Beef Stew, Green Beans, Rolls w/ Butter, soda, coffee, & tea and Pie & Ice Cream. Donation is \$15 per adult and \$5 for children under 12. Entertainment provided by "Randi Aldrich" for your listening & dancing pleasure. Tickets may be obtained from Bob Bonza at 239-948-3381. Tickets must be purchased by February 18th. Call Gary Ray at 239-596-4976 for reserved tickets and tables.

#### **Committee #3**

Pro Life, Family, Vocations, Health

Respect Life Update.....

The Anti Freedom of Choice Act Campaign was launched on the weekend of January 24th & 25th.

Knights Acted as coordinators for 5 of the 6 weekend Manses, the exception was the Youth Mass at 5 PM on Sunday which was coordinated by the Youth Group Ministry.

At the 5 Masses we had a total of 53 volunteers, Knights (19) and wives (8) made up the total volunteer group. We appreciate the support of Our Lady's Society in this important effort.

9300 cards were distributed and 66.5% (6180) were returned and delivered to the dioceses for consolidation and forwarding to the respective legislators.

Sean C. James coordinator

**Committee #4**

Program Directing, Council Activities & Events.

Our committee is busily engaged in making arrangements for our Annual Golf Tournament. This years event will be held at the Plantation Golf Club in Fort Myers on Saturday March 28th and will be a shotgun start at 1:30 PM. The course is a championship par 72 course which provides a thought provoking and fun experience.

Our committee is in need of volunteers to work on the course during the tournament. About 20 Knights, Friends, and/or Family members are needed to place signs, man closest to the pin holes, etc. We also need Knights to contact various businesses to become sponsors and to donate prizes.

If you can volunteer or wish to play golf, contact Don Hanson at 239-9680 or Ed Weil at 239-947-2812

Tom Owens, Dave Erickson  
Chairmen

**Upcoming Events**

Tootsie Roll Drive 1/30thru 2/15  
Business meeting 7:30PM 2/05  
Corporate Communion 2/15  
1st Degree Exemplification 2/17  
Run for Life 2/21  
Run for Life Dinner 6:00PM 2/21  
Committee Meeting 2/26

No Social Evening or Pancake Breakfast this month.

**Council News**

**Notice**

Our council is proposing to donate funds to Our Lady of Light to purchase a commercial dishwasher for the Parish Center Kitchen. The cost will be approximately 5 or 6 thousand dollars. This post will serve as notice of the officers intention to vote on this expenditure at the March business meeting. Please attend this meeting so your voice is heard and your vote counted.

**Knight of the Month Jan**

**Cass Swamba**

**Family of the Month Jan:**

**Brent & Erin Labreche**

**Knights and Others in need of our prayers:**

Jim Stathopoulos

Jim McDonough

Richard Krohn

Patricia Cilluffo

**New Member Receiving 1st & 2nd Degree:**

William Banfield 01/20

**Happy Birthday!**

Alvin J. McCarthy 02/01  
Cam E. Aucremanne Sr 02/02  
Jeffery T. Maas 02/07  
Sotero D. Diaz 02/10  
Rev Leon V. Bonikowski 02/11  
Derrick J. Kahl 02/13  
Glenn A. Sabatka 02/16  
Julian P. Komeshak 02/16  
Thomas H. Owens 02/21  
James L. Ripley 02/22  
Robert E. Ott 02/25  
Edward C. Weil, III 02/28  
Daniel H. Beiter 02/28

**Events**

Our council participated again this year along with other area councils, area Perkins Restaurants, and NBC 2 in Fort Myers in the annual "Christmas Giving Tree" project.

This project annually collects and distributes over 5,000 Christmas gifts to seniors in area nursing and assisted living centers. In many cases these are the only gifts received by these seniors who do not have family in the area.



**Knights in action at the annual Giving Tree -- Project bringing gifts to area nursing and assisted living centers.**

**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.

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