

Columbus Crusader

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



February 2022

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General Membership Meeting: Next meeting Monday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center)



From the Grand Knight Greetings Brother Knights,

Worthy Brother's hope you are enjoying the nice cool weather. Don't worry, it won't be here for long enjoy it while it lasts. We didn't have a great turnout at our last pancake breakfast. The next will be better. Again, I want to thank all the brother knights that

make our events successful, and appreciate the hard work and hours you provide.

Our Business meeting will be on Monday February 7th in the parish center. I will send email with the next pancake breakfast details, as the calendar provided to us says date to be determined. In this winter months we don't have many events, so store that energy as spring rolls around we will start to get busy.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!, The Tootsie Roll drive is this month. We need a store captain the last 2 weekend of February at the Alico store. For detail please contact

Pat Maley. His email is : pjrfins17@comcast.net

We also need volunteers to collect contributions for the Tootsie Roll drive. Volunteering requires only 2 hours of your time at the store you choose or where needed.

We would also like to start a degree team so we can hold degree ceremonies in our parish center, rotating with other local councils.

God Bless

Felix De Los Santos Jr
Grand Knight Council #10498



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is doing well. This has been a good month. I do not have any bad news about anyone. We should continue to pray for every one on our prayer list.

Please consider assisting with the usher ministry at Our Lady of Light. If interested please contact Bob Du Mont at bobbydumont@yahoo.com or Giaco Scavelli at (239) 250-1422. We have a great need for ushers at the Masses Saturdays at 3:00 and 5:00 pm, and Sundays and 7:00 am, 8:30 am, and 10:30 am.

Mary Pray For Us,
Bob Du Mont
630-352-1979



Please pray for the following brothers, family members, and significant others: Tony Almeida, Kathy Boss (wife of Joe Boss Jr.), Leo Berger, Joe Drago, Bob Dumont, Jim Culley, John Fazackerly, Horace “Bud” Fichera, Joe Klempka, Charlie and Pat Neville, Jes Jensen, Ron Molinaro, Leon Quesnette, Jim Scialabba, Jackie Erickson.



From the Pro Life Office

Hello Brother Knights,

My name is Bob Reynolds, and I’ve been a Knight for 16 years, recently transferring to our Council from Pennsylvania. At my Council and parish in North Wales, PA, I served as both a Council and Parish Respect Life lead or co-lead for over 20 years, and had led several Pro-Life Marches. Here at Our Lady of

Light Council 10498 I have volunteered to help lead the Respect Life effort for our Council and will try to provide timely articles for the Crusader regarding pro-life issues and efforts.

I participated in the most recent March for Life in Washington D.C., because I was determined to return to participate once again after COVID had virtually “shutdown” the D.C. March for the past two years. This was especially important to me given this pivotal year for the fundamental right to life of the unborn, when the SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the US) is deliberating the Dobbs case from

Mississippi, challenging the federal law stemming from both Roe v Wade (1973) and Casey v Planned Parenthood (1992) that *effectively* established a “constitutional” right to abortion throughout a pregnancy. A summary of my trip included at the end of this issue of the Crusader.

In future Crusaders I will also include action items such as signing of petitions regarding protection of human life.



February

Jes	H	Jensen	Jr	2/1	Robert	E	Ott	2/25
Alvin	J	Mccarthy		2/1	Donald	E	Sauer	2/26
Leonel	H	Rios		2/2	Raymond		Axberg	2/27
Salvatore		Salamone		2/3	Edward	C	Weil	III 2/28
John		Abatecola		2/6	Fernando		Ochoa	2/28
Jeffrey	T	Maas		2/7	Frank	P	Ragonese	3/1
Giuliano		Farina		2/10	Kenneth	J	Corr	3/5
James	E	Scialabba		2/12	Robert	J	Dumont	3/5
Barry	C	Bratton		2/14	John	K	Bradford	3/10
Robert	G	Reynolds		2/14	Joseph	W	Boss	Jr 3/10
Glenn	A	Sabatka		2/16	Edward	J	Riley	Jr 3/13
Charles	E	Marshall		2/19	Joseph	G	Plesko	3/13
Sal	P	Dassaro		2/21				
James	L	Ripley		2/22				
Michael		Vanden Bossche		2/24				

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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Please visit our website at <http://www.kofccouncil10498.org/> for additional information and upcoming events.

Please contact our new 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.

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Long-Time ProLife Knight Returns to DC for the Annual National March for Life

We arrived in DC on Thursday evening, Jan 20 for the march scheduled on Fri, Jan 21 (Roe was passed on Jan 22, 1973). As expected, our hotel, which served as the headquarters for the national March for Life team, was buzzing with primarily young people and families preparing to attend the rally on the National Mall and march down Constitution Ave to the Capitol and Supreme Court buildings.

We awakened Friday at 5:45AM to a very chilly 23 degrees with an approximately 10 mph wind. Our plan included attending the National Prayer Meeting at the DAR Constitution Hall, which started at 7:30AM with a Catholic Mass offered by fellow prayer warrior Bishop Joe Coffey of the Archdiocese of the Military Services. Bishop Joe hails from the wonderful Coffey family of Philadelphia, he is a much decorated Navy chaplain, and a warrior who is surely not afraid to speak the truth about unborn life. His homily touched on the centuries-long teaching and tradition of the Catholic faith regarding the evil of procured abortion, from the 1st or 2nd century in the Didache to the 21st Century Catechism of the Catholic Church.

After a musical interlude, the prayer, praise, and awards session began. Special guests included the legislators from Texas and Mississippi. The latter were instrumental in passing the 15 week gestation ban that has led to the current Dobbs case before the SCOTUS. *I was very proud when Mississippi Senator Angela Hill, who professed to be a Baptist, took pains to call out the leadership of the Catholic Church for decades in teaching and witnessing to the truth about unborn life.* After a chilly half mile walk to the National Mall rally site, we had a very close view of the stage.

Photo of the Rally Stage

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ytUxTVuItojvW1FYsZl9XvcxFlMr28FC/view?usp=sharing>

After 1 hour of great Christian music by Canadian Jordan St. Cyr and others, we listened to one hour of wonderful speeches, climaxed by the witness of Downs Syndrome adult Katie Shaw (see link below) and Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Katie Shaw witness

<http://email.vervemail.com/ct/59345588:J7RTDEbN:m:1:3276741241:E0CAED56301EF634846EC7AA52091A4B:r>

Finally, to the march. It felt like former and very large marches. You can check it out here, using a time lapse video from you-tube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rfCDwyBiuo>

Several other videos on March for Life

<https://www.youtube.com/hashtag/marchforlife>