

# Columbus Crusader

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



## January 2024

Charity, Unity, Fraternity,  
Patriotism

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**General Membership Meeting:** Next meeting Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center)



### From the Grand Knight

Greetings Brother Knights,

I would like to wish all brother Knights and your families a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year. Please help promote the Mr. Romantico concert on January 12<sup>th</sup>. To reserve a table or RSVP please contact Joe Ercolino. Thank you for all your help in 2023 and keep a lookout for upcoming events in 2024.

Brother Sir Knight Leon Quesnette, Sr. funeral Mass is

confirmed for Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM at Our Lady Of Light. There will be reception afterwards at the Club House of Marsh Landing (where Leon lived). Burial will be taking place on Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, at Sarasota National.

**Friday, January 12,** Mr.

Romantico Concert

**Thursday, January 25,** Planning Meeting, 7 PM room 301

**Saturday, January 27,** Set up for breakfast

**Sunday, January 28,** Breakfast Buffet

**Tuesday, February 6,** Business meeting at 7 PM

God Bless,

Felix De Los Santos Jr.

Grand Knight Council #10498

S/K Leon was a Navy Vietnam veteran and his Interment will be at the Sarasota National Cemetery on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 1:00 PM. Color Corp should arrive no later than 12:15. I am sure many Knights and CC members can carpool. The National Cemetery is located at 9810 Hwy #72 Sarasota, Fl. Take I-75 North to Exit #205 and head East about 4 miles. The Cemetery will be on your right. Follow signs to the burial site. Brothers, I realize it is long trip to see Leon laid to rest but he has been a Knight for 61 years, he is a Past Grand Knight, a Past Faithful Navigator, Former District Warden, 1st and 2nd degree team member, a member of Our Lady of The Rosary Assembly Color Corp for as long as I can remember. Leon always showed up when the Color Corp was called out, now we have to show him the respect he has long ago earned. Please do your best to attend. God Bless,  
Richard M. Cain CCC



**From the Chancellor**

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope everything is better for everyone. Thank all of you who helped usher for the many Masses we had during the Christmas holidays.

It is with profound sadness to inform you of Brother Knight Leon Quesnette Sr. passing on December 22, 2023 at midnight at

Gulf Coast Hospital. Leon was a Knight for 61 years and the heart of Our Lady of Light Council 10498 and the Fourth Degree Assembly 2542. He helped develop our Council and the Fourth Degree Assembly and focused on helping military veterans by raising funds for Hearts and Homes and purchasing hundreds of wheel chairs for the Veterans Hospital. He has touched every one with kindness and leadership to become better Catholics and Knights. He brought me into the Knights and many others and will always be missed. Please pray for his sister Margaret, Leon Jr. and family.

It is with great sadness to also inform you of the passing of Brother Glen A. Sabatka on December 23, 2023. He was a Brother Knight for 19 years. His funeral was on December 29, 2023 at Our Lady of Light. Please pray for his wife Antoinette and his family.

Please continue to pray for all Brother Knights who have passed or are sick and recovering.

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.), 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



**From the Pro Life Office**

Happy New Year to All!!!

May we approach this year with a lively faith and great hope and trust in the Lord, as we seek to do His will.

The schedule for the early new year is filled with pro-life related activities. Please consider participating in some of these to extend your understanding of what our church teaches and why it teaches us to build a ‘Culture of Life’ in the midst of sometimes dark, worldly events.

**January Respect Life Events**

A '9 Days for Life' novena is sponsored by the US Catholic Bishops from January 16-24. You can enroll in English or Spanish at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

The Ave Maria Respect Life committee is sponsoring the third annual March for Life at the University Football Stadium on January 20, from 10AM to 1PM. Speakers include Bishop Frank Dewane and leaders of the local pregnancy centers who offer hopeful alternatives to local women and men. See attachment for details. If anyone is interested in carpooling to Ave Maria, please let me know with reply email or text (Bob (267) 733-2737 -text/voice).

### **February Respect Life Events**

A favorite pro-life event of the OLOL community is the annual banquet and fundraiser at St Leo Catholic Church in support of the Immokalee Pregnancy Center. This year's event will occur on February 15, starting at 6:30 PM. Remember there is no charge for the dinner and speaker but a donation will be solicited for the work of the center.

Please contact Bob (267-733-2737 -text/voice or [rgrcons1@gmail.com](mailto:rgrcons1@gmail.com)) for early seat reservations or to join an OLOL table. I have attached information about the dinner and speaker and a reply form to complete and return if you wish to build your own neighborhood table(s).

Also, save the date of February 22, from 11AM to 1PM at St John XXIII for a free luncheon and presentation entitled "Saving Women and their Babies". More on this later.....

Two paid events in February include an opportunity to hear in person the foremost international advocate of the "Theology of the Body" Catholic perspective on human sexuality at St. John the Evangelist parish in North Naples on February 29, 7PM. Tickets can be purchased at \$25 at TOB Inst. Contact Natalie with any questions.

Another paid event provides insights into the moral and ethical dilemmas our Catholic medical professionals face in the US today. "Catholic Medicine in a Secular Society" is available in person or online at St. Leo Catholic Church in Bonita on February 17 from 9:15AM to 6:45PM. Contact Ellen Santoro or call 832-779-1070 for more information.

### **Pro-Abortion Florida Constitutional Amendment Ballot Initiative - Florida Bishops Respond with "Decline to Sign" campaign**

Latest signature numbers indicate there is a real possibility that this constitutional amendment will appear on the 2024 November ballot. Please continue to pray for the members of the Florida Supreme Court, which is embroiled in this ballot initiative and faces critical decisions regarding the legality of recently passed Florida state legislation that limits the commission of abortion in our state. Please visit the FACT sheets published in OLOL parish bulletin to inform yourself and others of the details of this amendment and prepare to vote according to your conscience, informed by our Catholic faith.

Bob Reynolds

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# January

Daniel	F	Hauck	1/2	Jes	H	Jensen	Jr	2/1
Terry	E	Kelly	1/5	Thomas	J	Mac George		2/1
Lawrence	E	Augustyn	1/7	Leonel	H	Rios		2/2
Justin	R	Lofranco	1/7	John		Abatecola		2/6
Patrick	J	Becker	1/8	Jeffrey	T	Maas		2/7
Hugh	J	McGuigan	1/11	Giuliano		Farina		2/10
Robert	W	Boyd	1/13	James	E	Scialabba		2/12
John	S	Ries	1/13	Barry	C	Bratton		2/14
Douglas	G	D'Angelo	1/20	John	D	Carragher		2/14
Larry	M	Sur	1/20	Robert	G	Reynolds		2/14
Robert	E	Haug	1/21	Thomas	J	Kukla		2/15
Ernest	E	Brothers	1/25					
James	E	Corsino	1/28					
William	J	Kraska	1/28					

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:patbecker50@yahoo.com) Telephone: (239) 948-7534