

Columbus Crusader

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



January 2026

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 February 10th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center). Food and Refreshments will be provided

Welcome new **Brother Knight David Crockett**. Congratulations to **November Knight of the Month - Brother Bobby DuMont** and **November Family of the Month - Brother Don and Gerda Hanson**.

This past month our Council hosted "Breakfast with Santa." Thank you to **Dave and Brenda Ott** who were Santa and Mrs. Claus. We served 112 paid breakfasts and 45 free children's breakfasts. More than 200 stuffed animals were collected on the December 6th and 7th weekend Masses. They were delivered to San Carlos Park Fire and Rescue and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

JANUARY 6TH – Member Business Meeting – Tuesday, 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.
JANUARY 10TH – BINGO – Doors open at 6:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Games start at 6:30 PM. Tickets are available in the Parish Office for \$15.00 or \$18.00 at the door.

JANUARY 17TH – Setup for the Pancake Breakfast at Noon.

JANUARY 18TH – Pancake Breakfast – served after all the Masses. Help is always needed especially after the 10:30 AM Mass to serve and cleanup. Your help is always appreciated.

JANUARY 29TH – Planning Meeting – 7:00 PM in Classroom 302.

SAVE THE DATE – John Denver Tribute "Back Home Again" – Friday, February 6, 2026 in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM. Tickets \$30.00 per person in the Parish Office or **Brother Joe Ercolino** amjercolino@gmail.com or 561-801-0110.

Please return your Annual Fraternal Activity Survey ASAP. We will be submitting the Council report on



From the Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights,

Hello Brother Knights and welcome back Northern Brothers to Sunny Florida. "Thank You" to our **Chaplain, Fr. Reji Joseph, OSFS** for this past year as Administrator to Our Lady of Light. We appreciate all you have done for OLOL and our Council 10498. Good Luck in your next assignment and God Bless.

January 31, 2026 with a total of Council volunteered hours.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Brother Knight John Bradford** as he passed on December 9, 2025. His funeral Mass is on January 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Light. Please wear your red Council shirt.

He served as our Council Past Grand Knight and was a member of the Knights of Columbus for 29 years.

May you and your family have a Happy and Blessed 2026!

Fraternally,
Jim Mendolera, GK, PFN
Knights of Columbus Council 10498

“Listen, my child, to the instructions of the Teacher and attend to them with the ear of your heart.”



From the Chancellor

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year holiday with family and friends. Thank you to all who helped usher at the many Masses over the holidays. Many thanks to our kitchen staff for all their hard work this past year.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of two

outstanding Knights: SK John Kenneth Bradford, who was the Grand Knight of our Council in 2005 passed on December 9, 2025 (<https://www.fortmyersmemorial.com/obituaries/john-bradford-16/obituary>), and SK Robert Guillery of Council 11177, who passed away on December 28, 2025. He was our past Regional Director and helped our Council out when we did not have a District Deputy. Jim Mendolera has sent an email with Robert’s funeral arrangements. Please pray for John and Robert and for their families.

Continue to pray for all Brother Knights who have passed and for recovery of those who may be ill. I would like to send a special

thank you to our Chaplain Father Reji Joseph for all of his support of the Knights and our Church. Please pray for his success in his new assignment.

Mary Pray for us.

Bob Du Mont

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Please pray for the following brothers, family members, and significant others: Tony Almeida, 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



January

Daniel	F	Hauck		1/2	James	E	Corsino		1/28
Edward	R	Alegado		1/6	William	J	Kraska		1/28
Michael	A	Humin		1/6	Jes	H	Jensen	Jr	2/1
Lawrence	E	Augustyn		1/7	Thomas	J	Mac George		2/1
Justin	R	Lofranco		1/7	Brian	P	Copeland		2/5
Patrick	J	Becker		1/8	John		Abatecola		2/6
Lester	F	Mountain	Jr	1/8	Jeffrey	T	Maas		2/7
Robert	W	Boyd		1/13	Giuliano		Farina		2/10
John	S	Ries		1/13	Barry	C	Bratton		2/14
Larry	M	Sur		1/20	John	D	Carragher		2/14
Robert	E	Haug		1/21	Robert	G	Reynolds		2/14
Ernest	E	Brothers		1/25					
Lawrence	S	Wallen	Jr	1/27					

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.



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