

Columbus Crusader

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



November 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 December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center) Food and Refreshments will be provided

Family of the Month **Brother Mitch Pappas.**

During this past month, we hosted BINGO on October 11th for our first Bingo of the Fraternal Year. 135 people played Bingo in the Parish Center. On October 19th we held our monthly Pancake breakfast in which we served 99 paid breakfasts and 49 free breakfasts. On October 25th, more than 200 children and more than 25 decorated cars participated in Trunk or Treat. This year, our **Field Agent John Fischer** sponsored the Game Changers Video Truck in honor of the recent canonized saint St. Carlo Acutis. Many children enjoyed playing video games while parents learned about the safety of online video games. Our Council donated \$200.00 to the St. John the Worker Parish Food

Pantry in Moore Haven, Florida. Also, \$400.00 to the Annual Veterans Day Mass Ceremony at the Sarasota National Cemetery which will be on November 11, 2025. We donated to Our Lady of Light the annual donation that the church will use towards the Catholic Faith Appeal.

Retention Committee Chairman Brother Don Fiscella submitted the Council 10498 Final Report as of October 22, 2025 the unpaid status of 27 of the 34 Brother Knights has been resolved. 7 Knights have been notified and placed in the Notice of Intent to Retain status.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS....

NOVEMBER 4 – Member Business Meeting – 7:00 PM in



From the Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights,

Welcome transfer Brother Knights **John Leahy, John “Tom” Valus, and Garry Richetelli** to our Council.

Congratulations to September Knight of the Month **Brother Chuck Collins** and September

the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.

NOVEMBER 16 – Corporate Communion at the 10:30 AM Mass. It has been more than 5 years since the last Corporate Communion was held. It was discontinued due to Covid.

Knights of Columbus Color Corps will be in attendance. Please wear your Red Council Shirt.

NOVEMBER 22 – Setup for the Pancake Breakfast at Noon.

NOVEMBER 23 – Pancake Breakfast after all the Masses. Help is always needed especially at 7:00 AM to help cook and serve and again after the 10:30 AM Mass to help serve and

cleanup. Your help is greatly appreciated. **NOTE** – We will share the Parish Center with the 2nd Annual Craft Show.

NOVEMBER 26 – Planning Meeting – at 7:00 PM in Classroom 302

NOVEMBER 30 – 5th Sunday Rosary – in the church at 10:00 AM.

NOVEMBER 20 – BACK TO THE BASICS – at St. Columbkille Parish Hall 12171 Iona Rd., Ft. Myers at 6:00 PM. Meet our State Deputy as we go over the basics and values of the Knights of Columbus. RSVP to me by November 18th if you plan to attend.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

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

“The Eucharist, in fact, is the true, real, and substantial presence of the Savior who transforms bread into himself in order to transform us into himself”



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights
This month finished with Trunk and Treat which was a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped. Please help with the many upcoming events scheduled. Please pray for Brother Rich Nuckols' mom, Brother Frank

Valvo, wife Connie Valvo, and Brother Kenneth Thom. Continue to pray for all Knights who have passed and those who may be ill. If you would like to become an usher please see me at our next meeting or stop by at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and talk to me. You can also see Thomas Copmann at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday.

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



November

Victor	A	Rossetti	11/1	Brian	F	Farrar	11/22
Albert	A	Almeida	11/2	Timothy	P	Farley	11/25
Edward	A	Sedillo	11/2	Steven	L	Pierson	11/25
Dominic	R	Lesniewski	11/4	Jared	C	Larson	11/26
Robert	C	Gordon	11/6	Robert	S	Bailey	11/27
Richard	J	Malone	11/6	Jeff		Debacco	11/28
Marlyn	E	Markusson	11/7	Robert	J	Connor	12/1
James	K	Courtney	11/9	John	L	Benoit	12/2
Henry	L	De Genova	11/11	Bill		Dabaldo	12/2
Jaroslav	T	Sniosek	11/11	Zachary	A	Maas	12/2
Thomas	C	Wolfe	11/12	David	S	Ged	12/3
Gregory	C	Arabie	11/13	Tim	J	Luebbers	12/4
Stefan		Gehrold	11/14	Joseph	M	Conroy	12/5
Peter		Thompson	11/15	John	A	Garner	12/5
Mark	A	Trenkamp	11/15	Raymond		Corder	12/6
Reji		Joseph	11/16	Kevin	H	Rielly	12/10
Michael	T	Adams	11/17	Sean	C	James	12/14
Gary	F	Krueger	11/17	Ralph	A	Lacivita	12/14
Joseph	D	Ercolino	11/18	Jerry	P	Tant	12/14
		De Los					
Felix		Santos	Jr 11/20				
Rex	W.G.	Fernando	11/21				

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.