

Columbus Crusader

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



October 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 November 4th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center) Food and Refreshments will be provided

Congratulations to **August Knight of the Month Brother Chuck Collins** and **August Family of the Month Brother Mitch Pappas**.

This past month, the Council hosted a Pancake Breakfast on September 21st and served 96 paid breakfasts and 41 complimentary breakfasts (children under 12 yrs. old). Also, we had a "Knights Night Out" at Nino's Italian Restaurant. Everyone had a great meal and a great time.

"40 Days of Life" began on September 24th and goes through November 2nd. Our Lady of Light has been assigned Saturdays – October 11th, October 18th, October 25th, and November 1st, from 11:00 AM -3:00 PM to pray near the Planned Parenthood 6418 Commerce Park Dr., Ft. Myers.

Contact Brother Bob Reynolds rgrcons1@gmail.com if you would like to participate in prayer.

Anyone who is a 3rd Degree Knight and would like to become a 4th Degree Knight, there is a 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Wildwood, Florida. Please contact me ASAP. All paperwork and applications MUST be completed and submitted by October 20, 2025.

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS....

OCTOBER 7TH - Member Business Meeting – 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.
OCTOBER 11TH BINGO – Doors open at 5:00 PM and



From the Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights,

Welcome Brother Knights – **Brother Richard Mathson**, transfer from Des Moines, Iowa; **Brother Martin Kenney**, transfer from Long Beach, New York, and **Brother Christopher Smyth**, transfer from New York, New York.

games start at 5:30 PM in the Parish Center. Tickets are available in the Parish Office for \$15.00 or \$18.00 at the door.

OCTOBER 18TH - Setup for Pancake Breakfast **AT 5:00 PM (NOTE THE TIME – the Parish Center will be occupied until 4:30 PM on this day)**
OCTOBER 19TH – PANCAKE BREAKFAST – after all the

Masses. Help is always needed especially after the 10:30 AM Mass to serve and cleanup. Your help is greatly appreciated.

OCTOBER 23RD – Planning Meeting – 7:00 PM in Classroom 305.

OCTOBER 25TH – TRUNK OR TREAT – 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM in Parking Lot #4. Hot Dogs and

refreshments will be provided. Music by DJ Rich Nuckols.

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

“We can build unity by working together. Just as unity is essential for charity, charity deepens unity.”

kitchen at our monthly breakfast and Mitch Pappas for Family of the month for their help with the Disability Drive.

Please say special prayers for Brother John Bradford and Brother Frank Valvo’s wife Connie to get well soon. Continue to pray for all Brother Knights who have passed or are ill and recovering.

Mary Pray For Us

Bob Du Mont
630-352-1979



From the Chancellor

Welcome back to all Brother Knights returning for coming season. Please read our Grand Knight’s schedule of events and help if you can. I would also like to thank August Knight of the month Brother Chuck Collins who works very hard in the

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





October

David	A	Erickson		10/1	Victor	A	Rossetti	11/1
Robert	B	Bogacz		10/14	Albert	A	Almeida	11/2
Everett	J	Foster		10/16	Edward	A	Sedillo	11/2
Gerard	A	Loftus		10/16	Dominic	R	Lesniewski	11/4
Louis	E	Frattarelli	Sr	10/17	Robert	C	Gordon	11/6
Leonard	J	Yanazzo		10/19	Richard	J	Malone	11/6
Brent	J	Labreche		10/20	Marlyn	E	Markusson	11/7
Robert	M	Mast		10/20	James	K	Courtney	11/9
Gil		Ricardo	Jr	10/20	Henry	L	De Genova	11/11
Arthur	M	Mc Auliffe		10/22	Jaroslav	T	Sniosek	11/11
Theodore	F	Pizza		10/23	Thomas	C	Wolfe	11/12
Tim		Webster		10/23	Gregory	C	Arabie	11/13
Stephen	L	Ferrante		10/26	Stefan		Gehrold	11/14
Roland	W	Boyd		10/27	Peter		Thompson	11/15
Bruce	G	Fedor		10/28	Mark	A	Trenkamp	11/15
Kenneth	J	Thom		10/28				
Alfred	J	Delago		10/30				

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.