

Columbus Crusader

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



September 2016

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General Membership Meetings:

1st Thursday of each month at 7:00pm---In Our Lady of Light Parish Center.

The Monthly Business meeting will be held on Thursday September 8th this month. Not September 1st. Please plan accordingly.



From the Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights,
As you may already know, Fr. Hugh has offered to say a Blue Mass on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6pm. The "Blue Mass" is to show the community's support for our Police, Fire, EMS, and all First Responders. We have

contacted the Lee County Sheriff's Office and both the San Carlos and Estero Fire Departments and all have committed their support. We are also planning to have light refreshments available after the mass.

My hope, as well as the hope of our Board of Officers, is that there will be a large showing of support from our parish community – all are welcome to attend.

We ask and encourage our brother Knights and their families to attend. We would like Knights to serve as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, etc. Please contact me at

239-464-0897 or
jbgolden52@gmail.com.

Our show of support is especially needed during these times.

In our efforts to reach out to our youth, we will be holding a Free Throw contest in January – details will follow. Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 14 (starting in the fraternal year 2013-2014). Please contact us if you can offer your help.

Thank you,
Jim Golden
Grand Knight



From the Deputy Grand Knight

We are right on course based on our plan and a lot of volunteer work by our fellow brothers, thank you.

“THE WINDOW”

September 8th- K of C Business meeting, please attend. Our meetings are not too long nor are they boring, They are very informative and the fellowship is great!

September 14th- “Blue Mass”, the mass at Our Lady of Light will start Wednesday evening at 6:00pm with uniform local police officers,

fire fighters, and Knights Color Corps from our parish. The mass will be followed by refreshments.

September 17th- Saturday at 4:00 pm. Setup for Sunday’s Buffet, only need an hour of your time. Please join us so we can set up quicker.

September 18th- K of C Buffet Breakfast after all masses. Please plan on helping during or after the Buffet. Clean up is just as important as serving.

September 20th- K of C 1st Degree at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. We need more volunteers to help with the ceremony.

September 27th- K of C 4th Degree meeting combined with other parishes in the area at our Parish Center. If you are a 4th Degree Knight,

you should attend to show the other parish’s 4th degree members that we are visible and active in our parish. Please put this on your calendar and show your support.

September 29th- K of C Monthly Planning Meeting in classroom 306, 7:00-9:00pm. All are welcome to attend, especially committee members for the up and coming events.

NEW TOPIC-Ladies Auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Light Council 10498. This topic was brought up at our previous meeting and we are looking for input from all members as to if we should restart one up again. Please attend our meeting and voice your thoughts and opinions on this subject.



From the Chancellor

Hello Brother Knights,

August has been a busy month. We had a successful pancake breakfast for the kids on August 7th, Corporate Communion mass on August 14th, Buffet breakfast on August 21st and a hotdog lunch after the 10:30 mass on August 28th. We would like to thank all those who helped out to set up, serve, cook and cleanup. These events would not happen without everyone’s help.

We also enjoyed a get together at the Clam Bake Restaurant. There were over 25 knights with their spouses. Thank you Joe Ercolino for setting this up. We had a good time and the food was great. Please say a special prayer for those on the prayer list.



Prayer List

Tony Almeida, Robert Bonza, Robert Dumont, John Fazackerly, Don Joerger,

William Morea, Deacon Frank Camacho & his wife, Anthony Vocaire.

Article from Supreme

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. "Crowdfunding Funerals: What You Need to Know" by Kayleigh Kulp, *Fox Business*. Accessed August 15, 2016.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/features/2014/08/08/crowdfunding-funerals-what-need-to-know.html> Grieving families are left to deal with the

shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left up to a crowdfunding page.

Since life insurance guards against one of life's only certainties, it's a product that nearly everyone needs. The question is not "Do I need life insurance?" but rather "Who should I get it from?"

Who Should I Get It From?

Every life insurance company sells life insurance. There are hundreds of them in North America. But there's only one life insurance company that belongs to you.

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been determined to offer insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights and to uphold the Catholic commitment that has animated our Order since Father McGivney's time.

Today, our insurance

program protects hundreds of thousands of families, with more than \$100 billion in force. Last year alone, Knights of Columbus families received more than \$800 million in insurance benefits.

Being *your* insurance company also means that we have to be ethical, responsible, Catholic and charitable — just as you would expect.

Recently we received our third consecutive "World's Most Ethical" company designation by the Ethisphere Institute, and since 1975, the Knights of Columbus has been among the most highly rated life insurers in North America. As of Jan. 1, 2016, rated A++ (Superior) for financial strength by A.M. Best We refuse to invest in companies who deal in lines of business that run contrary to church teaching. We also use proceeds from our insurance business to donate to Catholic and charitable causes around the world.

The insurance business and local councils are the two primary sources for the more than \$1.55 billion the Knights of Columbus has donated to charity in the past decade.

Our strength cannot be beaten. Our ethical pedigree

cannot be questioned. And our Catholic commitment is never compromised.

Not every life insurance company can say that.

How Much Do I Need?

As a Knight, you have a full-time, professional brother Knight field agent to call your



September Birthdays

Please wish these brothers a happy birthday if you see them.

Kevin Powers-September 6th
James Golden-September 9th

own. His job — his mission — is to help you and your family evaluate your situation and determine how much coverage is needed to help meet your needs within your budget.

It's a proven fraternal system that has helped countless families when they need it most.

Walter Smith-September 13th
Paul Farr-September 14th
John Scavelli-September 14th
Joseph Hanko- September 16th
Donald Hansen- September 19th

Edward Strander- September 20th
Charles Stellwag- September 22nd

So, as we observe Life Insurance Awareness Month, don't leave your family's future to chance charity. Protect your family with the safety and guarantees of life insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

Gregory Pearl- September 23rd
Patrick Maley Jr-September 24th
Matthew Mullen-September 26th
William Morea- September 27th
Jack Berg- September 28th
Dr. Earl Smith-September 28th
William Banfield-September 29th

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 addition information and upcoming events.

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