

# Columbus Crusader

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



## September 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 General Membership Meeting:** Tuesday October 7th at 7:00 p.m. (In Parish Center) Food and Refreshments will be provided

previous breakfasts. Thanks to all who helped cook, serve, and cleanup. It is greatly appreciated.

This past Fraternal Year, our Council fell just short of the honor of Star Council. I really believe we will qualify this coming year as Star Council. Now that we have an active Field Agent, we will be more involved in Fraternal Benefit Events (FBE) that **John Fischer** will help with. Some events that I think will be rewarding are the Coats for Kids, Pro-Life Events/Ultrasound Initiative Fundraising, Pilgrim Icon Program, and of course, the Disability Drive.

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....

**SEPTEMBER 2 Member Business Meeting** – 7:00 PM in

the Parish Center. Food and refreshments will be provided.  
**SEPTEMBER 9 -- Knights Night Out** – Tuesday 6:00 PM at Nino's RSVP Jim Mendolera at 440-446-9110 by September 7th.  
**SEPTEMBER 20 – Setup** for the Pancake Breakfast at 12:00 Noon.  
**SEPTEMBER 21 – Pancake Breakfast** – after all Masses. Help is always needed especially after the 10:30 AM Mass to serve, and cleanup. Your help is always appreciated.  
**SEPTEMBER 25 – Planning Meeting** – 7:00 PM in Classroom 305.  
**SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>** – Patriot Day. Remember our 1<sup>st</sup> Responders – Police, Fire, and EMS personnel in your thoughts and prayers on this 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the senseless terrorist attacks on our Country.



### From the Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights,

Welcome new member **Timothy Distler** to our Council.

This past month, the Council hosted a Pancake Breakfast on August 24<sup>th</sup> and served 99 paid breakfasts. Heavy rain conditions that day reduced the number in attendance that we have had at

Our Pro-Life advocate Bob Reynolds has offered the following thoughts:

"In this week full of sorrow and pain for Catholics, let us reflect on the words of Mother Teresa at the National Prayer Breakfast in Feb, 1994:

"But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by

the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ..."

Fellow Knights, be sure to read OLOL parish bulletin this week to see how you can learn to love more deeply, perhaps, by joining the Sidewalk Advocates for Life in private prayer, public prayer and even advocacy for mother and child."

Have a Blessed Labor Day Holiday.

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

*"Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."*



### From the Chancellor

I hope everyone is doing well. Time continues to move quickly as school starts and soon our snow birds will be here. That means we will have more events that we will need your participation. GK Jim has listed planned events for September. In

October we will have our first Bingo of the new fraternal year and Trunk or Treat, so read the newsletter for further information.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the loss of Brother Tom Valus' wife Sharon on August 22, 2025. Funeral arrangements are forthcoming. Brother Bill Corbett lost his wife Kathleen on August 19, 2025. Bill now lives in Texas with family. Kathleen's wishes were to be buried in Poughkeepsie Texas.

Please pray for the repose of soul of Sharon and Kathleen. Also, keep Brother Tom and Brother

Bill and their families' intentions in your prayers.

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



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



# September

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|---------|---|-----------|----|------|---------|---|----------|----|-------|
| Paul    | C | Calavitta |    | 9/1  | Henry   | G | Steil    | Jr | 9/21  |
| Michael |   | Canonico  |    | 9/7  | Gerald  | C | Meyers   |    | 9/22  |
| Paul    | D | Rogers    | Jr | 9/7  | Charles | M | Stellwag |    | 9/22  |
| Danny   | L | Mckee     |    | 9/10 | Ronald  | A | Molinaro |    | 9/23  |
| Frank   | J | Valvo     |    | 9/10 | Patrick | E | Maley    | Jr | 9/24  |
| Harold  | A | Rheel     |    | 9/12 | Matthew | J | Mullen   |    | 9/26  |
| John    | A | Scavelli  |    | 9/14 | William | C | Banfield |    | 9/29  |
| Frank   | J | Esposito  |    | 9/16 | David   | A | Erickson |    | 10/1  |
| Joseph  | R | Hanko     |    | 9/16 | Robert  | B | Bogacz   |    | 10/14 |
| Donald  | J | Hansen    |    | 9/19 |         |   |          |    |       |
| Jimmy   | V | Loor      |    | 9/19 |         |   |          |    |       |

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](mailto:jmendolera323@yahoo.com). Telephone (239) 390-0346  
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