# Columbus Crusader

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



# **May 2009**

**Final Edition** 

Charity

Fraternity

Unity

**Patriotism** 

Grand Knight: Bob Bonza (948-3381) Deputy G.K.: Leon Quesnette (947-9780) Chancellor: John Dinneen (267-3774) Recorder: Tom Owens (454-1564) Treasurer: Gary Krueger (947-1845) Advocate: Tony Cilluffo (390-2897) Warden: Bob Haug (437-1247) Fin. Secretary: Gary Kroeger (992-1165) Inside Guard: Chuck Yelle (947-4399)

## Officers for 2008-2009 Fraternal Year

Outside Guard: Dave Simmons (221-7734) Chaplain: Fr. Hugh McGuigan (267-7088) Trustee 3 yrs.: Derrick Kahl (225-1409) Trustee 2 yrs.: Dave Williams (432-9446) Trustee 1 yr.: Pat Becker (948-7534) Lecturer: Pat Fortuna (498-6836) Field Agent: Henry Rampone (415-5495) District Deputy: Dave Erickson (267-1418)

### **General Membership Meetings:**

1st Thursday of each month 7:30 PM Business, 8:30 PM Social at the Parish Center of Our Lady of Light Catholic Community.

## From the Grand Knight:



As we begin to wrap up the year with our meetings, Third Degree Exemplification, First Degree Exemplifications, and pancake breakfasts, let us not forget the very serious promises that we made in taking our degrees.

We are beginning to expand with younger members coming to join us, who need our support, expertise, and encouragement; but most of all, **OUR EXAMPLE**! It is easy to just sit back now after a very busy year of activities and events and to may-

be, coast through the next few months

Spent as some are, we still need to show tremendous enthusiasm to those coming in. They are eager to gain God's grace and love and to share their skills with their fellow members, the church and the community. Help them become a FULL part of our council! Encourage them to join the committees, and to be very active in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and to go on to Patriotism in the fourth degree.

The rare opportunities are there now for them to advance to Knighthood, and to hone their skills in our council and in our church. Be there for them, and they will be there for us when the time comes as the new, strong, and brave officers, leaders, and brothers that we hope we were for them. Fraternally,

Bob Bonza Grand Knight

## From the Deputy Grand Knight



BROTHERS, WHO ARE WE? "We are a United Fraternity of Catholic Family Men for God and Country." That is what we are in my whole heart and soul. Enough I say. It is what I do that counts. I labor for my wife and kids. I labor for myself and what I believe.

I labor for my faith in fellow man. I labor for my church and my country.

I labor for others in need.

Rewards are that I have accomplished these deeds, and others as well as I, have profited from my labor's.

This is what I believe a True Knight of Columbus is and I invite

all members to come and join us in our meetings or outings or fund raisers or socials, as a family. Just being a participant in any function is support of the council. Many people make the jobs easier and fun. "One Knight for one Job", or especially as a family, is our motto and our goal. We want the young and seniors alike, working together and helping each other.

Thank you for your support. Brother Leon DGK.

#### **From the Chancellor**



We will begin our Month of Mary with our general meeting in the Parish Center on May 7th.

On Saturday, May 9th we will be hosting a Third Degree Exemplification in the Parish Center. This degree brings you to full knighthood. All second degree members of this council should take full advantage of this opportunity for advacement. Contact any officer for details.

Our corporate communion will be held at the 8:30 Mass on May 17th. The Mass will be offered for our departed brother Jim McDonagh. Please wear your red shirt and let's have a large turnout.

Our monthly 1st degree exemplification will take place on Tuesday, May 19th. Have a friend join. If you need an application form, get one from any officer.

Committee meetings will be held off campus on May 28th.

Thanks to all for your prayers during my recent illness. Remember to pray your rosary during Mary's month.

Fraternally, John Spike Dinneen 267-3774

## **Committees Reports**

#### Committee #1

Admissions, Retention, Membership, Insurance Promotion, Recruitment

It is time once again for us to get our dues and annual assessment payments into the Financial Secretary for the fiscal year July 1st 2009 through June 30 th 2010. We are asking all brothers who's dues and or assessments will be due on July 1st to send their checks to Gary Kroeger at 9088 Whitfield Dr. Estero, FL. 33928 prior to our bill mailing date of May 20th. By paying early you will save our council the expense of mailing bills to you. We will be sending a separate email notice to everyone who has an email address listed with us. For regular members wishing to pay all dues and assessments, your check Should be made out for \$38 this year. Dues will remain at \$25 for all regular members and we will again have the voluntary donations of \$5 each for the newsletter booster and vocation funds. Additionally, this year we have a mandatory assessment of \$3 for our Culture of Life fund.

Honorary members dues remain at \$10 plus above assessments (\$23).

For Honorary Life members, no bills will be sent, if Honorary Life members which to contribute to any of the assessment funds, they may send a check in whatever amount they wish. Please specify where you would like your donations to go. Current membership cards will be sent as payment is received.

#### Committee #2

Communications, Public Relations, Youth Information

The youth group is finished for the remainder of the year.

Our committee's original idea of conducting a parish day for all faith groups to explain their purpose and to recruit new members was implemented on Sunday April 26th in the Parish Center after all masses. All faith groups manned booths to welcome parishioners not already involved in these ministries. The fair was conducted simultaneously with the Knights monthly pancake breakfast. Both were successful events in April. The one event supported the other. Our pancake breakfast exceeded expectations for this time of the year with 180 breakfasts served

## Committee #3

Pro Life, Family, Vocations, Health

To help promote the upcoming arrival of the bloodmobile at Our Lady of Light, Chick-fil-A at Estero has donated certificates for a free breakfast entree to be given to each person who gives blood.

#### Committee #4

Program Directing, Council Activities & Events.

Our first annual Poker Run conducted in April was considered a success by all even though we did not get the number of riders we expected. The lower than expected number of riders was because several other similar events were held on the same day. One of these events was a fund raiser for a slain police officer's family in Fort Myers and that event for good reason, took precedence over our Poker Run for many bike riders. We heard later that the event for the police officer drew over 400 riders.

22 knights and their families were heavily involved in the set up and help with conducting this new event on the knights calendar. Father Hugh was on hand to bless the event. In discussions with brother knights after the event the consensus was that "we learned a lot about this type event and look forward to next year."

For those brothers not familiar with this type of event, it is basically a poker game played by riding motor cycles around a planned 52 mile course. The riders pick up cards at predefined locations and try to get the best poker hand. Trophys and prizes are awarded, food served, and fun is had by both riders and workers.

Videos of this and other events have been placed on our council website. Check it out!

http://www.kofccouncil10498.org/

Tom Owens, Dave Erickson Chairmen

## **Upcoming Events**

Business meeting 7:30PM	5/07
Social evening	5/15
Corporate Communion	5/17
1st degree Exemplification	5/19
Committee meeting	5/28
Pancake Breakfast	?

Tentative date for pancake breakfast is May 31st however this is not firm as of this writing.

We will be voting for our 2009 - 2010 officers at the regular business meeting on June 4th. Please plan to attend so your vote will count. The following knights have been placed in nomination by the nominating committee;

Grand Knight	Leon Quesnette
Deputy GK	John Dinneen
Advocate	Tony Cilluffo
Chancellor	Robert Haug
Warden	Pat maley
Inside Guard	Dave Simmons
Outside Guard	Bill Banfield

All other positions will remain with current holders.
Other nominations may be taken from the floor.

## Please Remember in your Prayers our Brothers Knights and Others in need of our prayers:

Richard Krohn
Patricia Cilluffo
Don Joerger
Janet and Bob Haug
Pat Fortuna

Brothers, remember to stay in touch with your council and other Knights of Columbus functions, events, and happenings. A good way to do this is to visit our web sites frequently.

Our council web site is; <a href="http://www.kofccouncil10498.org/">http://www.kofccouncil10498.org/</a>

Florida State web site is; http:// www.floridastatecouncil.com/

Supreme's web site is; http://www.kofc.org/un/index.cfm

#### **Council News**

#### **Knight of the Month Apr:**

**Bob Haug** 

## Family of the Month Apr:

Gary & Melissa Krueger

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Leon R. Quesnette Sr	5/02
Rev Gerard A. Hadad	5/09
Herman J. Mancini	5/10
Thomas J. Kinsella	5/12
John Costa	5/14
John C. Ruehl	5/15
Gary A. Kroeger	5/16
David C. Siler	5/16
William T. Corbett	5/17
Joseph T. Bell	5/17
Bruce J. Labreche	5/17
James K. Culley	5/18
Dennis Madden	5/23
Ralph Hutchins	5/24
Ronald J. LoFranco	5/25
Thomas A. Nerney	5/29
Raymond C. Ross	5/30

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#### 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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