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### Brother Knights and Ladies:

It is time to close another chapter in the history of Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 of the Knights of Columbus. Together, we have had many worthwhile accomplishments, as well as a few setbacks, during the two years I have been Grand Knight.

I am proud that we have one of the most 'active' councils in the state of Florida. There isn't hardly a week goes by, that our council isn't involved in some kind of activity or service program. I hope and pray that we will continue this trend. A council without activity is a non-productive council.

We may not have won many awards at the State level, but we will certainly qualify for the Columbian Award. For those of you who are not familiar with that award; it is given to a council that accomplishes at least four major activities and/or service programs in each of the six major Activity categories. Those categories are: Church, Council, Community, Family, Pro-Life and Youth activities. We've been there, and done that! Two years in a row!!

The seventh category on which we are graded is Membership. All in all, we've done pretty well in that category too. During the council year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, we initiated 26 new 'quality' members. That is, members who are willing to be part of a working 'team', not just dues paying members. Our membership goal (which is established by the Supreme Council) was 18 new members, in addition to the members we already had. Unfortunately, we also had to suspend 18 existing members (because they no longer felt that being part of the world's largest organization supporting the Catholic Church - and, an organization noted for helping people in need - was important to them.) So, we ended the year 10 members short of our assigned goal.

I wish to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all of you, for the support you have given me and the rest of the Council Officers and Committee Chairmen during the past two years. Please continue to give that support to the new Grand Knight, John Recke, and his team. As your new Council Trustee, I will do my best to support them, and offer whatever guidance to them that I can. Hopefully, my 42+ years of continuous membership, and accumulated knowledge of the Knights of Columbus, will be of some value.

Let us ALL continue to keep Council 7027 as one of the most vibrant and active councils in the state of Florida. Vivat Jesus!!

Fraternally, Gene Skalsky - Grand Knight 7027

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## CHAPLAIN'S PAGE

Dear Members of the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary,

Before I move to Ecuador, I wish that I could spend a few minutes with each of you to thank you. Since that is not possible, I write the following.

I consider myself blessed to be able to serve the Knights and the Ladies Auxiliary in different parishes around the diocese. One of the benefits is to watch how you serve the People of God. I enjoy being in your presence when you have meetings to decide how you can help seminarians, the poor and those with disabilities. Members with many years of service show me dedication and perseverance. Younger members show me enthusiasm and idealism. I learned from you and continue to learn. Your example motivates me to work hard and not to give up. Your example reminds me to be prayerful.

Thank you for letting me join you on your spiritual journey and to share in the dream of Father McGivney. Recently, I found a short article that resonates with my desire to serve another 5 years in the missions. I wish that I wrote it.

### Discipleship

"Ours is the pain of constantly pitching our tent and folding it up again, of befriending strangers and bidding them good-bye, of loving the world but never being truly satisfied with it, of pouring our heart and soul into a project others have begun and still others will finish. If we would not be torn in two by the tension of this truth, we must learn to live provisionally -- to measure the road well. We need to make the most of occasions when we can gather by the roadside to break bread and compare directions. Joy must be discovered in the going as we never really arrive, not even in a lifetime." (Kristine Malins, Medical Missionary Magazine, Vol. 42, #6, 1968, p. 192).

Please remember me in your prayers. You can count on my prayers for you. I will not forget you.

Your brother in Christ, Father Dennis O'Brien A Proud Knight

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### Why Are There Four Gospels?

by Deacon Christopher

The New Testament begins with four books that proclaim "the gospel [good news] of Jesus Christ" (Mk 1:1), Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Though they are not biographies of Jesus in the strict of the word, they provide accounts of his earthly life and an interpretation of its meaning for the world.

Why are there four such accounts instead of one? Jesus wrote no autobiography, nor did he designate any of his followers to write an "official" biography. Rather, the primary mission he gave his apostles was to "*make disciples of all nations*" (Mt 28:19) through preaching, teaching and providing the sacraments of the Church (see also Mk 16:15-18; Jn 20:21-23; 21:15-17). This first "*witness*" to Christ (see Acts 1:8) was thus oral rather than written, with an emphasis on the demonstration of its truth through the holy lives of believers and the wonders worked among them (see 1 Cor 2:1-5).

In time, however, several of the first Christians concluded that it would be useful for the new community to have a written account of Jesus' life and works. Luke's statement of method and intention in producing his gospel suggests how they were about the task:

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you...so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received (Lk 1:1-4).

Notice that St. Luke says, "Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of events..." This implies that from among the "many" narratives of Jesus' life, only four were deemed as being inspired by God and thus to be included in the canon of scripture. This is telling because most, not all, of the accepted canon of scripture wasn't promulgated until the 4th Century. Someone or some authoritative institution had to discern which of those books would and and would not be included as one of the gospels. Since there was no uniformly accepted bible up until that time, there could not have been "bible only" Christians either.

Not surprisingly, the four evangelists (gospel authors), used some of the same sources. But each seems to have drawn as well from sources not employed by the others, and each arranged his material in a distinctive way. At the same time, no one of the could tell the whole story; as John's gospel notes: "There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written" (Jn 21:25).

The result is that the four gospels, though telling essentially the same story, differ in many ways in content, perspective, emphasis, and style. The resulting variety provides the Church with a wonderful richness of insight that would be lacking if only one of the gospels had come down to us.

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# Grand Knight Report

My Brother Knights. Thank You for honoring me with the position of Grand Knight I do accept. My focus this year will be on the Knights of Columbus Council 7027. We are second to none. Santa Rosa County will see a lot of us this year. We have a great name and reputation and we will build on that. Get ready.

We all owe Grand Knight Gene Skalsky a great "Well done" for the job he has done for the Knight's and the Council. He worked everyday this last two years for us. Everyone should be very proud of what he has done for us.

The ladies Auxiliary also deserves a lot of credit. They did some tremendous work for us. They are gearing up to help us again this year.

The Council will hit the ground running and we will not stop. Remember we meet the 1st. and 2nd Thursday of every month. Please attend all the meetings. Your input and ideas are very important to us.

May God Bless you and your family.

Fraternally Yours,

John Recke in coming Grand Knight

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# Membership

Remember everyone is on the Membership Committee. KoC Council 7027 is growing. We need to do more. We start a new year July 1st. So start beating the bushes for new Knights.

Council 7027 will be having a 1st Degree Exemplification at least every other month or each month if we have enough candidates.

We are also looking for someone to be Membership Director. He has to get all the forms together, interview the perspective Knights. You will also have to attend all exemplifications be it 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree were ever held. Please consider this position.

Fraternally Your's,

John Recke Membership Director

### The 24-Hour Knight

Imagine if you were able to tell a man that if he could just give 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus, he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of the Order:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, Columbia magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council websites.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at a council charity activity.
- 2 hours a year attending, with his family, two council religious activities.
- 2 hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council, family or youth project of his choosing.
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting.
- 3 hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.
- 1 hour a year visiting with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent to ensure that your family is protected now and in the years to come.

Presented this way, joining is not intimidating at all.





### 4th Degree

The 4th Degree exemplification at Saint Sylvester's was outstanding Assembly 2823 had six (6) new Sir Knight's join our ranks. We are pleased and honored to have them join us. The new Sir Knight's are Robert Boykin, Larry Burkhalter, William Field, Daniel Gerencser, Victor Van Growski and John Thaler.

The last four years as your Faithful Navigator have been extremely rewarding. Assembly 2823 is filled with many outstanding Sir Knight's. I may be stepping down as Faithful Navigator but I will not be leaving. We will grow larger and stronger. Please give the new Faithful Navigator Dan Arndt the same support you gave me.

Sir Knight Bill Glover will be stepping down as Color Corp Commander; due to bad feet. He will be donating his purple cape and chapeau to Assembly 2823. We all say "Thank You" I will be taking over as Color Corp Commander.

Fraternally Your's,

John Recke FN





I would like to welcome our new Sir Knights that have recently been bestowed the honor of Knighthood and continue their journey in learning the lesson of Patriotism. The primary purpose of your Fourth Degree membership is to foster the spirit of Patriotism in members and the community at large and encourage active Catholic citizenship.

With that said I would also like to state that we also hold true the values of the Order of charity, solidarity with our Priest and Pro-Life. If all our prayers are answered this year we will be welcoming a new Bishop. We need to be ready if we are asked to be Color Guard at this event. We are asking Sir Knights to purchase their Regalia so we can have a good showing.

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is September 17, 2011, at Jacksonville Marriott Hotel. Degree honoree is Dennis J. Stoddard PSD, FSD, Supreme Master. We have a lot to accomplish this year. Come join us.

Faithful Navigator,

Dan Arndt

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# Lazy Days of Summer

Have you ever heard the expression "lazy days of summer?" While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it's easy to forget about such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me, your Knights of Columbus agent, before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I'll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you've had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I'll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

Call me to set up an appointment.

When we meet, you'll discover that time spent with your

Knights of Columbus agent is time well-spent.

But, make the call today.

Because summer is not only busy, it's also coming to an end.

May God bless you all,

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#### **LADIES AUXILIARY NOTES:**

Well, Summer is finally in full swing and the summer heat has appeared early this year.

Who would ever think that we would have 100+ degrees in the first part of June. That's Florida for you.

Our membership is on the rise. On July 1, 2010, we had 25 paid members. Today we have 44 members.

Included in this number are new members, Chris Clark, Sharon Hinkle, and Louise Egler.

Welcome to our Auxiliary.

As we reflect back over this past auxiliary year (2010-11), we all began to realize just how active we have been. Joan did a super job in putting together all the Bake Sales. Linda Burkhalter did fabulous with the making of Cheeseballs as well as promotion and sales. The Veterans Dinner, the Valentines Dinner, and the Fr. Dennis O'Brien Roast were all a major success. Under Margo Recke leadership The Crazy Fun/ Dirty Bingo was our first and was very successful. For the First time, in many years, you ladies took on doing a Seder Meal. What an education in Biblical Culture from Jesus time. It was well received by all who attended, with an expressed desire for us to do it again. Marianne and her crew of helpers are commended for a job well done.

President Kateri Baker initiated two new things for us Ladies to do this past year.

First, we began with keeping track of our Volunteer Hours. Each month we turned in our Volunteer Hours Sheet with totals. This past January we turned our Hours into the Council to be included in their Annual reports.

We had a Total of 7,780 hours. Way to go Gals!!!!

Second, our President promoted the Widows Fund. Each month she passed around a Treasure Chest for anyone who wishes to put a donation in. At the end of June, we will make a contribution to the Council to be included in the Widows fund Account.

As we end our Auxiliary and Council year (which is 1 July to 1 July), we are preparing for the farewell of Fr. Dennis and Fr. Nicholas. They have been such a major part of our lives, not just as our Chaplains, but as our mentor, confidant, friend and Pastor. They will be greatly missed and we wish them well.

As we begin our new Auxiliary and Council year, we begin with a Welcome to Msgr. Bosso and Fr. Schambers. A great way for us to Welcome and get to know our new Pastors is to come and share in the festivities on July 3rd after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

At our June meeting, we decided that we would do a Pot Luck - picnic.

Now there is a time change, we will began this festivity at 11:00 a.m. Bring your Spouse or significant other with you and lets have a good time. If it is really hot we will use the Knights Building.

Don't forget to bring food too.

For more information contact Kateri Baker, 995-0159.

Let's not forget that one of St. Rose of Lima's major functions is looming on the horizon. FALL FESTIVAL. If you can help with anything please contact Kate Lewis at 982 - 4345.

Please be safe, stay cool this summer. God Bless, Martha Skalsky, Publicity Chairman



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