



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## MILTON COUNCIL 7027



### COMING EVENTS

Sept	Time	Event	Location
5	6:30 PM	CCMI & PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
6	4:00 PM	FIRST FRIDAY CHAPEL	CHAPEL
7	4:00 PM	BLUE MASS	CHURCH
7	8:30 AM	1ST AND 2ND DEGREES	ST. ANNES BELLVIEW
8	8:30 AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
11	9:30 AM	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
11	8:00 AM	HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
12	6:00 PM	VESPERS	CHAPEL
12	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG	KNIGHT'S HALL
13	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	8:00 AM	DIOCESAN RETREAT	CATHEDRAL
19	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
20	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
21	9:00 AM	KOC SOCCER CHALLENGE	MILTON H.S
25		40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGINS	
27	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
28	1:00 PM	KOC GOLF TOURNAMENT	TANGLEWOOD
29	11:00 AM	CORPORATE COMMUNION	CHURCH
29		<b>October Newsletter Articles Due</b>	

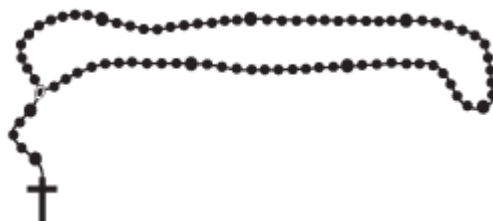
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#### Editor's Note

It's your newsletter. Officers and committee chairmen are encouraged to submit articles. **Anyone** who would like to contribute an article please send it to [7027newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:7027newsletter@gmail.com) by the last Sunday of the month to be published in the following month's newsletter.

**The Newsletter Editor**





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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Sir Christopher Wren designed and built more than 50 church buildings in London during the late 1600s. His design style had two prominent features - the first of which was sturdy, tall steeples. The second, however, was more profound. Wren was convinced that all of the windows in his churches must use clear glass as opposed to the stained glass so popular in churches of that era. In part, his reason for the clear glass is found in words attributed to him: "God's greatest gift to man is light." Allowing light to bathe people as they worshiped was, to Wren, a celebration of that gift. In the Genesis account, on the first day of creation God made light (1:3). The light God created is even more than just a means by which to see. It's a picture of what Christ brought when He entered this darkened world. In John 8:12, our Lord said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." To the follower of Christ, light is one of the great reminders of the character of our Savior and the quality of the life He has given us through His sacrifice on the cross. Wren was right. God's greatest gift to man is light - and we as Knights of Columbus and followers of Jesus Christ should strive daily to open our hearts to his light through the principles of our order; Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Vivat Jesus, the Light of the world! (Taken from an excerpt from "Our Daily Bread".)

Yours in Christ,  
**Rusty Bradberry**  
 Grand Knight

## FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

### A.M. Best reaffirms A++ rating for Knights of Columbus

#### No North American insurer is more highly rated

For the 38th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus has earned the A.M. Best Company's highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A Best's Financial Strength Rating is assigned after a comprehensive quantitative and qualitative evaluation of a company's balance sheet strength, operating performance and business profile. This rating shows the Order's continued ability to protect its members and their families.



#### Let Our Strength Be Your Shield

May God Bless You All,  
**Jeff Fischer**, FICF, LUTCF  
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## DEACON'S TEACHING

By Deacon Chris Christopher

### What is Original Sin?



**M**uch of the language in Genesis' opening chapters is figurative. Nevertheless, the Catholic Church affirms that we find there a reference to a real event in time that took place at the very beginning of the human race – a tragedy unequalled in history known as the Fall (Gn 3:1-24). We know few details, but the basic realities surrounding that fateful development are clear from the teaching of Scripture and Tradition.

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Their disobedience – a turning away from the Source of all life and order – necessarily brought death and disorder into the world, and above all within themselves. So they “fell” from their previous condition to a state of sinfulness, misery, and ignorance (Gn 3:14--24). Their human nature was deeply wounded, though not totally corrupted.

Our first parents, having lost their original wholeness, could not pass on to their descendants what they themselves no longer possessed. This deprivation is consequently inherited by all human beings and is called “original sin” (Rom 5:12--19).

Unlike personal sin, resulting from the wrong choices of individuals, original sin does not result from our own doing. It is contracted, not committed; we are conceived with it (Ps 51:7)

The sacrament of Baptism cleanses us from original sin. It restores us to original righteousness and fellowship with God (Acts 2:38; 22:16). But after baptism we are still left with a moral and spiritual weakness (concupiscence), so that even though our wills are free, we are inclined to sin – an inclination we must continually overcome by God's grace (Rom 6:19; 7:15--24).

The only two human beings, after our first parents, to be conceived without original sin are our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:21) and his blessed mother, whose immaculate conception was possible through the merits of her sinless Son (Lk 1:28).

**Next month we'll ask: Was Mary without Sin?**



## History of the Sword

### St Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823 Milton, FL

Since the first fourth degree exemplification in 1900, there have been three major styles of swords with black grip. The first major type had a flying eagle on the pommel (grip cap) and the Emblem of the Order on the guard. This type of sword was made until at least the early 1930's. All swords thereafter had the head of Christopher Columbus on the pommel.

Assembly 2823 came into possession of its Flying Eagle Sword and Service Baldric as a donation by Mrs. Kateri Baker, widow of Sir Knight Rob Baker. The sword has been handed down through three generations of Sir Knights and is on permanent display in Assembly Chambers. (Prepared by Dn Chris Christopher, SK Assy 2823Milton, FL)



## Blue Mass - September 7th at 4pm

St. Rose of Lima Knights of Columbus Council 7027 extends an invitation to all Santa Rosa County Emergency Responders. This Mass will commemorate the 12th anniversary of the September 11th attacks on U.S. soil, and is in honor of those citizens who place themselves in harm's way daily on our behalf. This invitation extends to St. Rose parishioners who are or have been First Responders. Please wear your uniform, or some article distinguishing you as a responder. A reception follows in the St. Rose Parish Hall.



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## John "Rob" Baker

Memorial Golf Tournament

September 28, 2013

\*\*\*\*\*\$10,000 HOLE IN ONE\*\*\*\*\*

Hole #8

Tanglewood Golf Club

5916 Tanglewood DR.

Milton, FL 32570

(850) 623-6176

September 28, 2013

1:00 PM Tee Time

Four Person Scramble

Shotgun Start

\$45.00 Per Person

\$180.00 Per Team

FEE INCLUDES

Golf Cart

Range Balls

Food:

Hot Dogs/Hamburgers

Beans, Chips

Tea/water



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## Welcoming and Retaining New Members

### I Was

Six months ago, after Mass, I decided to have a cup of coffee in the parish hall. After getting my coffee, I noticed a table with a young couple sitting alone and thought this was a great opportunity to recruit. So I asked if I could sit with them, and I started up a conversation. Eventually, this led to the question "Are you a Knight"? This young man, whose name was Mike, looked at me, then looked at his wife, and then said something I have never heard before in 20 years as a Knight: he said "I WAS". I was floored because I had never before heard that response, so I said I didn't understand. He went on to explain over the next 30 minutes.

"For about 6 months, a gentlemen from the church named Bob had constantly asked me to become a Knight. Finally one Sunday, at this very same table, my wife said to me 'Why don't you join? You have been saying for a while that you want to do something in the church, and I understand that the Knights do a lot of good for this church.' So I signed up to become a Knight. I received a phone call about one week later asking me to come to the church for an interview. So I got dressed up, went in, and spoke with several guys, but NO Bob. Oh well, no big deal, I figured it probably was not his job.

"That night, before I left, I was told about taking a 1st Degree the following Tuesday night. When I told my wife, she got more excited than I did. On Tuesday, when I got home from work a little tired, she reminded me of my commitment, so I dressed and went to take my 1st Degree. Still NO Bob. Oh well. It was nice, it was different, but I enjoyed it.

"Two weeks later, I attended my first Council meeting. I went in, showed my card, signed in and took a seat. Bob was on the other side of the room. I waved, but I don't think he saw me. The meeting went for about 2 hours, with lots of talk about what was going to take



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place in the future. After it ended, I went home and was grilled by my wife as to how the meeting went and what I was going to take part in. I told her that it was quiet, but that I felt it was unfriendly. I told her I sat there for two hours, and no one said hello to me, but I was not going to give up yet.

"Another month passes, and the time comes for the next meeting. I signed in and sat in the same chair, waved to Bob again, but still no recognition. Maybe he has bad eyesight. The meeting ends, and I go home and talk with my wife. I told her I don't think that this is for me and I have never returned, thus I WAS."

What went wrong? Bob failed to do his job—he should have been with Mike at the interview process helping him along. He should have been there for his 1st Degree to congratulate him and welcome him into the Knights. He should have taken him under his wing and introduced him around to all the Brothers to make him feel at home and comfortable - BUT BOB FAILED HIM AND THE COUNCIL!

But the responsibility does not lie solely with the sponsor. Do you, as Grand Knight, go out and meet and greet new and visiting members before your meeting? Or are you stuck behind a wood podium? Imagine the impact if you, as the Grand Knight and leader of your Council, take the time to say hello and chat with new faces—or old faces that haven't been around for a while. Such a display of fraternalism can go a long ways in helping to retain members.

I sincerely feel that if Bob had done his job, but more so if the Grand Knight had taken the time to see who was at his meeting, and taken the time to MEET AND GREET or even introduced Mike to other Council members, things would have turned out differently for this new Knight.

And instead of the answer I WAS.

It would have been I AM.

State Retention Director, Al Thompson



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## August

### Knight of the Month



GK Rusty Bradberry, John Thaler, Msgr. Michael Reed

### Family of the Month



GK Rusty Bradberry, Jack & Claudia Barrett, Msgr. Michael Reed

## Boy Scout Troop 427 Court of Honor, August 20



Numerous Scouts advanced in rank and received merit badges they earned from Summer Camp. (Left) A Scout receiving merit badges. (Right) Scout Leader Donald Dean receives appreciation pin from Scout.