



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## MILTON COUNCIL 7027



### Coming Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
2	6:30 PM	SITS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
4	7:00 PM	CCMI & KC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
5	3:30 PM	FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION	CHAPEL
5	9:00 AM	Keepers Team 3	Church
6	TBD	MILTON CHRISTMAS PARADE	
10	9:30 AM	KOC LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
10	8:00 AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
11	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG (CHAPEL @ 6 )	KNIGHT'S HALL
12	9:00 AM	Keepers Team 4	Church
12	6:00 PM	KOC CHRISTMAS PARTY	PARISH HALL
13	8:00 AM	DAY OF REFLECTION	CLASSROOMS
13	TBD	PARISH WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTY	
14	8:30 AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
16	7:00 PM	ADVENT PENNANCE SERVICE	CHURCH
16	TBD	BSA XMAS PARTY/COURT OF HONOR	PARISH HALL
18	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
19	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
20	8:00 AM	Keepers Team 1	Church
22		January Newsletter Articles Due	
25		MERRY CHRISTMAS!	
26		NO SOCIAL TODAY	
27	8:00 AM	Keepers Team 2	Church
27-30	TBD	BSA WINTER CAMP	CAMP EUCHEE
28	8:00 AM	KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION	MASS SAINT ROSE

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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 4th Sunday of the month to be published in the next month's newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor





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## Grand Knight's Report



### 'Twas a Florida Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the town no noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down. No children in flannels were tucked into bed, they all wore shorty pajamas instead.

To find wreaths of holly 'twas not very hard for holly trees grew in every back yard. In front of the houses, Dads and Moms were adorning the bushes and coconut palms.

The sleeping kiddies were dreaming in glee hoping to find water skis under the tree. They all knew that Santa was well on his way in a Jeep instead of a sleigh.

And soon he arrived and started to work he hadn't a second to linger or shirk. He whizzed up the highways and zoomed up the road in an old CJ-7 delivering his loads.

The tropical moon gave the city a glow and lighted the way for old Santa below. As he jumped from the Jeep he gave a wee chuckle he was dressed in shorts with an FSU buckle.

There weren't any chimneys, but that caused no gloom for Santa came in through the Florida room. He stopped at each house... stayed only a minute, emptying his sack of stuff that was in it.

Before he departed, he treated himself to a glass of papaya juice upon the shelf. He turned with a jerk and bounced to the car remembering he still had to go very far.

He shifted the gears and stepped on the gas and up Interstate 10 he went like a flash. I heard him exclaim as he went on his way . . . .  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS Y'ALL, I WISH I COULD STAY!"

I couldn't resist this when I read it. I Hope no one complains too much! We're coming up fast on a brand new very busy year so everyone make the best of what's left of 2014. Enjoy your families, both near and far and Keep Jesus Christ in your hearts. God Bless everyone and go easy on the egg nog.

Yours in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry  
Grand Knight



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## Field Agent's Report

### Protecting Your Family... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

May God Bless You All,



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## DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



### Why Do Catholics Genuflect?

Solomon was the most glorious and powerful king the nation of Israel ever knew. Not only his subjects, but foreign visitors as well would have knelt whenever they came into his presence. In the ancient world that was the universally recognized posture of reverence and submission.

According to 2 Chronicles, however, when Solomon entered the temple he had built, this great king himself knelt down before God's altar (6:12-13). He recognized that he was in the presence of the King of kings, the all-powerful, all-glorious Ruler of the universe.

Today our culture tends to scoff at the notion that anyone should ever kneel. To many, the gesture is a quaint leftover from medieval times, an act that is somehow beneath our modern dignity. But Catholics recognize that God is still God, and that "...every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil 2:10-11). So Catholics count it a privilege to kneel before him, because He is worthy of our reverence and submission.

Jesus is present in his Body and Blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. So when Catholics come before the tabernacle in a church where the Eucharist is reserved, they genuflect, that is, they bend the right knee to the floor and rise again. In this way they imitate the faith of the holy women when they encountered Jesus at the empty tomb and "did him homage" by falling at his feet (Mat 28:9). Their gesture gave glory, not only to God the Son, but also to God the Father as well (Phil 2:11).

Next month we'll look at, *Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?*



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## The Nativity of Our Lord



Window on the south wall of St. Rose of Lima.

### Gospel Midnight Christmas Mass

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, **“Do not be afraid;** for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes **and lying in a manger.”** And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: **“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”**

(Luke 2:1-14)



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Brother Knights:

As you may, or may not, know, I am the appointed liaison for St. Rose of Lima Parish to the Santa Rosa County Support Alliance For Emergency Readiness (otherwise known as SAFER Santa Rosa). The purpose of the Alliance is to provide needed support, or help, to people in need, after a disaster occurs in the county. You may recall that we had such a disaster on April 26<sup>th</sup> of this year, in the form of a flooding rainstorm, which left some people in the county without a home to live in, and MANY people with homes in dire need of repair and/or replacement of furniture, etc.

Unfortunately, we still have a number of families in dire need of items to bring their lives back to some semblance of normal living. Below is a list of items still needed by some of these families. If you have ANY of these items that you are no longer using, or no longer in need of, PLEASE consider donating them to these families, who are still suffering from the aftermath of that flooding rainstorm.

Except for the very last item on the list, if you have such items, and would like to donate them, PLEASE contact Karen J. Reed at [socialservicesdirector@unitedwaysrc.org](mailto:socialservicesdirector@unitedwaysrc.org) and find out where and how we can get it to the people in need.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Fraternally,  
GENE SKALSKY  
K of C 7027 Trustee

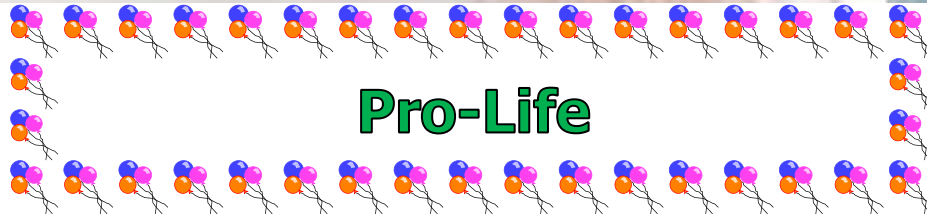
### NEEDS, REQUESTS, DONATIONS

THESE RESIDENTS FROM SANTA ROSA COUNTY ARE IN NEED OF ITEMS THAT WERE LOST DURING THE APRIL, 2014 FLOOD. THEY ARE DESPERATE TO RETURN TO THEIR EXISTING LIVES BEFORE THE FLOOD. THESE ITEMS WILL MAKE THE FAMILIES FEEL WHOLE AGAIN.

- (2) Bedroom dressers - Resident does not have enough money to replace all the furniture destroyed, but "two dressers would be a God-send, since all of my clothes are in plastic containers on the floor in my bedroom."
- (1) Desk or computer table - "I lost my computer, but my son-in-law is going to buy me a new computer, and I just need a place to put it on."
- (4) Queen Size Mattresses for four different clients - These residents lost most of their furniture, but, right now all they "care about is a mattress to sleep on."
- (3) Dresser Drawers - Resident lost most of her furniture and really needs some items to get back to her normal life again.
  - (1) Love Seat - Same Resident as the one needing the Dresser Drawers.
  - (2) Reading Chairs - These items go with the Love Seat and the three Dresser Drawers, to get the resident back to some semblance of pre-flood condition.
- (1) Refrigerator - Young family needs a working refrigerator. If you have a spare, please contact Veronika at 850-376-8939 to arrange pickup.



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## Pro-Life

### *Empty Manger Caroling*

Come one, come all and save a Life while singing joyfully of the Gift of all Gifts Jesus Our Lord. Pensacola / Tallahassee Diocese Knights of Columbus in cooperation with the Pro-Life Action League is sponsoring this event 6am each morning December 18 & 19 in front of the only Pensacola abortion facility at 6115 Village Oaks Dr. behind Hobby Lobby. So if anyone can come to this event around your office Christmas parties please do and You may be able to give the Gift of Life a chance. If you need any more information please contact Dan Arndt at [850-207-8779](tel:850-207-8779) or e-mail [prolifeman53@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeman53@gmail.com) .

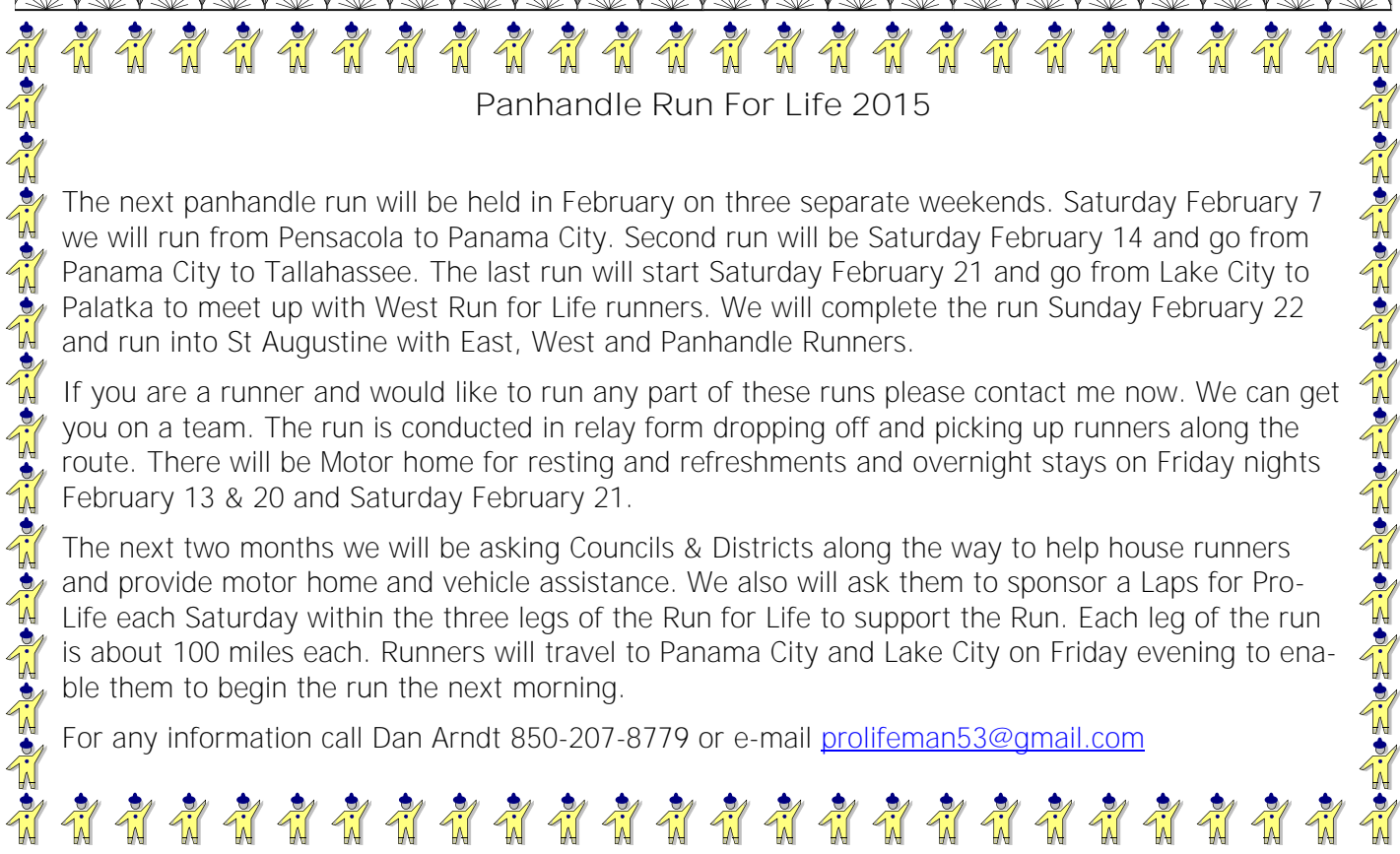
### Panhandle Run For Life 2015

The next panhandle run will be held in February on three separate weekends. Saturday February 7 we will run from Pensacola to Panama City. Second run will be Saturday February 14 and go from Panama City to Tallahassee. The last run will start Saturday February 21 and go from Lake City to Palatka to meet up with West Run for Life runners. We will complete the run Sunday February 22 and run into St Augustine with East, West and Panhandle Runners.

If you are a runner and would like to run any part of these runs please contact me now. We can get you on a team. The run is conducted in relay form dropping off and picking up runners along the route. There will be Motor home for resting and refreshments and overnight stays on Friday nights February 13 & 20 and Saturday February 21.

The next two months we will be asking Councils & Districts along the way to help house runners and provide motor home and vehicle assistance. We also will ask them to sponsor a Laps for Pro-Life each Saturday within the three legs of the Run for Life to support the Run. Each leg of the run is about 100 miles each. Runners will travel to Panama City and Lake City on Friday evening to enable them to begin the run the next morning.

For any information call Dan Arndt 850-207-8779 or e-mail [prolifeman53@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeman53@gmail.com)





### Bay Center Team

**“Know then...the basic principle of our Order is charity, the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian Life.”**

Please consider volunteering to help the Bay Center Team. This is one of our fund raising efforts for charity.



Four of the six volunteers who manned a concession stand at the Pensacola Bay Center on 21 November, 2014 (The Ice Flyers beat the Huntsville, AL Havoc four – zip).





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### Keepers of His House

The Keepers of His House are a dedicated group of members of our Council who have joined in the effort to keep the interior of our church clean. These Catholic Gentlemen take time from their busy schedules to ensure the House of God is kept in a manner befitting Him for whom it is built.

The different groups gather to clean on Friday or Saturday mornings. The cleaning involves dusting areas reachable from the floor, and polishing entrance door windows. The floors are swept and mopped. The altars, chapel, and sacristies are dusted, all rugs vacuumed, and bathrooms cleaned.

The Church is cleaned weekly by one of four dedicated groups of parishioners. The Friday teams start after the 8:00 morning Mass, and the Saturday teams start at 8:00. We were initially called in to support the long-enduring cleaning ladies of the parish whose numbers have waned for various reasons. The loss of workers caused the ladies to give up large parts of their days to ensure the church is kept clean.

Presently 20+ of your brothers have answered the call and show up 1 morning a month to enjoy the privilege of cleaning the House of God. Each team now works for about 1 hour every four weeks, allowing our fellow parishioners to better concentrate on services without being distracted with grit and dust.

We have weekend slots available on either Friday or Saturday mornings. The different days are selected to accommodate working schedules, (or in cases like mine...non-working schedules.) I have calendars set through December of 2015, so any volunteers knows what days they're scheduled.

We do need additional Catholic Gentlemen to join in and help. Spaces are available to accommodate almost any physical limitation, and we work inside the building.

If you are able to offer up 1 hour a month, while enjoying camaraderie with your brothers, Contact me at:

Jack Barrett

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	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Dec, 2014	20	27	5	12
Jan, 2015	17	24	2, 30	9
Feb, 2015	14	21	27	6
Mar, 2015	14	21	27	6
Apr, 2015	11	18	24	3
May, 2015	9	16	22	1, 29
Jun, 2015	6	13	19	26
Jul, 2015	4	11	17	24
Aug, 2015	1, 29	8	14	21
Sep, 2015	26	5	11	18
Oct, 2015	24	3, 31	9	16
Nov, 2015	21	28	6	13
Dec, 2015	19	26	4	11