



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MILTON COUNCIL 7027



COMING EVENTS

Feb	Time	Event	Location
1	9:00 AM	PARK AVE CLEAN UP	PARISH HALL
1	5:30 PM	Smokin in the Square Meet	KNIGHT'S HALL
5	4:00 PM	LADIES AUX Soup Night	KNIGHT'S HALL
6	6:30 PM	CCMI & PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
7	4:00 PM	First Friday	Chapel
8	TBD	KOC FUNDRAISER	BAY CENTER
9	8:30 AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
12	8:00 AM	HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
12	9:30 AM	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
13	7:00 PM	BLACK MADONNA HOLY HR	CHURCH
13	6:00 PM	VESPERS	CHAPEL
13	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	7:00 PM	KOC VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER	HILTON GARDIN INN, PNCLA
16	TBD	KOC FUNDRAISER	BAY CENTER
18	7:00 PM	SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE	KNIGHT'S HALL
20	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
21	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
22	5:30 PM	Smokin in the Square Meet	KNIGHT'S HALL
23	8:00 PM	CORPORATE COMMUNION	CHURCH
23		March Newsletter Articles	

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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 by the 23 of February to be published in the March newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor



In the coming months the Council 7027 Newsletter will reprint the excerpts of the Apostles Booklet produced by Dolores Gardner. We will feature one apostle with the associated stained glass window in Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church. We hope this series will be a benefit to your spiritual growth. **See page 5.** — The Newsletter Editor



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



I hope this hits home to you as much as it did to me:

DON'T WE ALL

A man was parked in front of the mall wiping off his car. He had just come from the car wash and was waiting for his wife to get out of work. Coming his way from across the parking lot was what society would consider a bum. From the looks of him, he had no car, no home, no clean clothes, and no money. There are times when you feel generous but there are other times that you just don't want to be bothered. This was one of those "don't want to be bothered times." "I hope he doesn't ask me for any money," he thought. He didn't. He came and sat on the curb in front of the bus stop but he didn't look like he could have enough money to even ride the bus. After a few minutes he spoke. "That's a very pretty car," he said. He was ragged but he had an air of dignity around him. His scraggly blond beard kept more than his face warm. The man said, "Thanks," and continued wiping off his car.

He sat there quietly as he worked. The expected plea for money never came. As the silence between them widened something inside said, "Ask him if he needs any help." He was sure that he would say "yes" but he held true to the inner voice. "Do you need any help?" He asked. He answered in three simple but profound words that he would never forget. We often look for wisdom in great men and women. We expect it from those of higher learning and accomplishments. He expected nothing but an outstretched grimy hand. He spoke the three words that shook me. "Don't we all?" he said.

He was feeling high and mighty, successful and important, above a bum in the street, until those three words hit him like a twelve gauge shotgun.

Don't we all? He did need help. Maybe not for bus fare or a place to sleep, but he did need help. The man reached into his wallet and gave him not only enough for bus fare, but enough to get a warm meal and shelter for the day.

Those three little words still ring true. No matter how much you have, no matter how much you have accomplished, you need help too. No matter how little you have, no matter how loaded you are with problems, even without money or a place to sleep, you can give help. Even if it's just a compliment, you can give that. You never know when you may see someone that appears to have it all. They are waiting on you to give them what they don't have. Possibly it's a different perspective on life, a glimpse at something beautiful or a respite from daily chaos that only you through a torn world can see. Maybe the man was just a homeless stranger wandering the streets. Maybe he was more than that. Maybe he was sent by a power that is great and wise, to minister to a soul too comfortable in his self.

Maybe God looked down, called an Angel, dressed him like a bum, and said, "Go minister to that man cleaning the car, that man needs help."

Don't we all?

Yours in Christ,
Rusty Bradberry
 Grand Knight



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Insurance check-up for 2014

Where did 2013 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2013. Now, the first quarter of 2014 is speeding by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

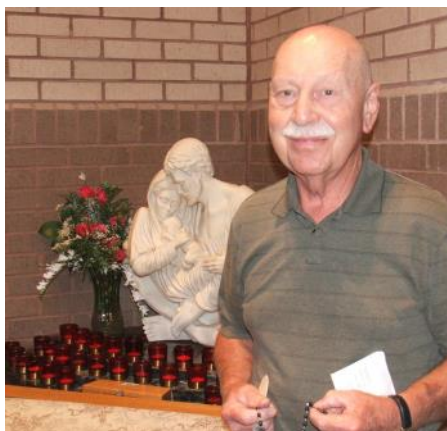
Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I should be among the first you sit with. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.



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Knight and Family of the Month



Knight of the Month Past GK Frank Ferraro



Family of the Month Linda and Larry Burkhalter



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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

Why is Mary Called Queen of Heaven?



Bathsheba was the mother of King Solomon of Israel (1 Kgs 1:28-30). As any loving son would do, he obeyed God's command to honor his mother (Ex 20:12). So even though the highest officials of the kingdom bowed when they came before his throne, Solomon himself stood and bowed before *her* when she entered the court.

Once he sat down again on his throne, **"a throne was provided for the king's mother, who sat at his right"** (1 Kgs 2:19), the highest place of honor he could give her. Then, when she interceded there with the king for his subjects, he gladly granted her request (1 Kgs 2:20).

Why did Bathsheba have her own throne at her son's right hand? Why did she receive such exalted honor at court? After all, she herself had not been born in a palace. Nevertheless, Bathsheba had borne this magnificent royal son. That made her the queen mother of the land, despite whatever humble circumstances from which she herself may have come.

Now consider this: Solomon may have been one of the most illustrious and powerful kings in biblical history. But his splendor pales to nothing beside the radiant glory of his descendant Jesus Christ, the **"King of kings and Lord of lords,"** ruler of all the nations (Rv 19:16; 15:4). Jesus fulfilled the prophecy that from David's throne would rule a Prince of Peace whose kingdom would be universal and everlasting (Is (:5-6). That throne is now **"in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power and dominion"** (Eph 1:20-21).

If Solomon honored Bathsheba so highly as his queen mother, how much more must Jesus honor Mary as his own? How much more exalted must be the woman – however lowly her original state (Lk 1:48) – who bore the Son of God, Sovereign of the universe? No doubt her throne, too, is at the right hand of her Son's throne in heaven. And no doubt, just as Solomon was eager to grant his mother's requests, so Jesus gladly responds to her intercession for his subjects.

Mary's exalted rule among the saints also reflects her extraordinary position as our great exemplar of faith, the prototype of the Christian disciple. With St. Elizabeth, we say to her: **"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled"** (Lk 1:45).

In St. John's vision of heaven, the **"woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars,"** bore a son **"destined to rule all the nations"** (Rv 12:1, 5). Is it any wonder that in such a portrait, Catholics from very early on saw Mary as Queen of Heaven?

Next month we'll look at: **From Where Does the Rosary Come?**



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The Apostles

St. James the Greater

About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword...~ Acts 12:1-2



Almighty ever-lasting god, who consecrated the first fruits of your Apostles by the blood of Saint James, grant, we pray, that your Church may be strengthened by his confession of faith and constantly sustained by his protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(The Roman Missal. English translation according to the third typical edition. 2011)

James was the brother of John the Evangelist. He was the first saint to be martyred, killed by the sword. He is represented by a pilgrim staff with a hook and scallop-shells. James's feast day is July 25th. He is the patron saint of pilgrims and laborers.

In November 1991 ground breaking was held for the present Church of St. Rose of Lima. On December 24, 1992 the then-Bishop, Most Reverend John M. Smith, dedicated the Church. The Church has served the spiritual needs of Catholics of the central and northern parts of Santa Rosa County. Part of the beauty of the Church consists in the stain-glassed windows which adorn and add to the spiritual experience of those worshipping and visiting the Church.

If one looks up towards the heavens, one can see twelve circular stain-glass windows. These represent the twelve apostles. These articles will examine the twelve stain-glass windows, explain the symbolism of the images, and give a short history of the saint, the feast day of the saint, along with the opening prayers from the Roman Missal for the feast day of the saint.

This information was originally presented to the parish as a booklet on Easter, 2013, at the request of the then pastor Msgr. Stephen C. Bosso and created by Mr. Richard Collins and Mrs. Dolores Gardner. Also, information was gleaned from the following sources:

Pope Benedict XVI, *The Apostles*. Huntington: Our Sunday Visitor Press, 2007.

Michael Walsh, Ed., *Butler's Lives of the Saints*. San Francisco: Harper, 1991.

(This summary was adapted from the forward to the booklet *The Apostles*.)



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A Note from the Ladies Auxiliary

The New Year began with looking ahead to a number of activities. Some are daytrips, some are social gatherings, and a mix of fund-raising for the various Charities (that both the Council and Auxiliary) support throughout the year.

By the time you read this we will have made our first excursion to Foley, AL, to the Old Time Pottery and the Outlet Mall and Lunch.

We are hosting a **Soup Night** at St. Rose Parish Hall on Feb. 5th. The soup is delicious and from what the Cooks say you don't want to miss out. This event is open to all parishioners, families and friends in our Community. Proceeds will go to help our Seminarians.

Again this year, we were asked to host a meal for the **Youth Antioch Retreat** on Feb. 8th. Chris Goebel-Clark, and her crew, will be fixing all the yummy food most young people like. It is our way of trying to help our youth in their journey of faith.

We are getting ready for the **Smokin in the Square BBQ Competition** on March 7th and 8th. Our Auxiliary does the Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Hot Tea and Baked Goodies for this event. So, it's baking time! If you can help, give Joan Haring a call at 981-1061. She appreciates all the help.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

God Bless
Martha Skalsky
President



Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. **Amen.**

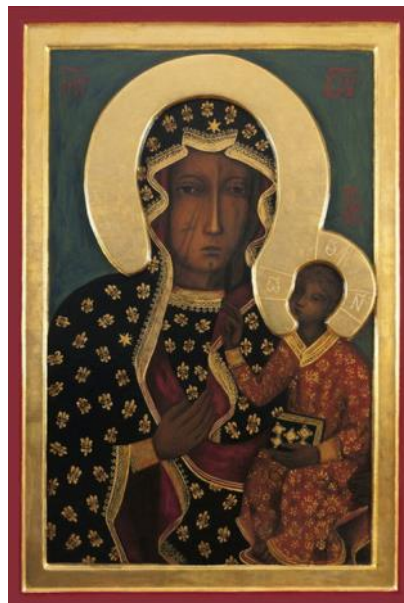


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**THE "BLACK MADONNA" TO VISIT ST. ROSE OF LIMA PARISH IN MILTON
PLUS PENSACOLA'S LAST REMAINING ABORTION FACILITY**



The icon of "Our Lady of Czestochowa" ("the Black Madonna") is reputed to have been "written" on Mary's table top from her house in Nazareth by Luke the Evangelist. She has been credited with numerous miracles and healings – both of a spiritual and physical nature. A beautiful copy of this icon has been blessed and consecrated at the monastery of Jasna Gora in Poland, where the original is kept, and entrusted to the defense of life and family. Now, after traveling 40,000 miles from Vladivostok in Russia through 24 countries in Europe, she will be visiting St. Rose of Lima Parish in Milton and the doorsteps of Pensacola's last remaining abortion facility on her global pilgrimage. Please join us as we welcome her to St. Rose of Lima Parish to ask for her protection of life and family as well as personal petitions. A special Holy Hour will be held at St. Rose of Lima Parish, 6451 Park Avenue, in Milton at 7 PM on Thursday, February 13th. The next morning, Friday, February 14th there will be a prayer vigil for life and family with the icon of Our Lady, in front of the American Family Planning abortion facility, 6115 Village Oaks Drive, in Pensacola, at 6:30 AM.

If some Knights could be available to assist with moving the icon at St. Rose and in front of the abortion clinic that would be great. Also, it would be nice to have some of the color guard available for both events.

Please call Ernie Cyr with any questions, 791-8169.



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New **3rd Degree** Knights Walter Gross, Edward Kulikowski, Cesar Mascardo, Phillip Germain Sr, Kevin Tulley, Dave Everett, and other Council 7027 members. The exemplification was January 11 th at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze. Hosted by Our Lady of the Sea Council 7272 the honoree was Sir Knight Joseph Pastucha.

LENTEN ABSTINENCE & FASTING

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to main strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.



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Knights of Columbus Crown Basketball Free Throw Champions

Two boys and two girls from Milton and Bagdad, ages 10-13, were named District Champions of the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, January 25th. Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 of Milton, FL sponsored the competition held in the Milton High School gymnasium. The winners advanced from a local Council Competition held earlier in the day. All boys and girls, ages 9-14, were eligible to participate.

Valentina Elliott was the champion of the 13-year-old girls division with Alyssa Gay placing first for 10-year-old girls. Zach Biggs was the boys' 13-year-old champion with Brayden O'Neill coming in a close second. Ryan Gay placed first in the boys' 12-year-old division. Each contestant at the district level was allowed 25 free throw attempts.



Each of these District winners is eligible to compete in the Regional competition to be held in March. The

specific date, time and venue is under negotiations. **We wish the best of luck to all competitors in their endeavors toward Regional, State and International levels.**



**Standing L-R Alyssa Gay and Valentina Elliot
Kneeling L-R Brayden O'Neill, Ryan Gay, and Zach Biggs**