



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## MILTON COUNCIL 7027



### COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
3	6:30 PM	CCMI and KOC Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
4	4:00 PM	First Friday Chapel	Chapel
5	3:30 PM	Milton Christmas Parade (4th Degree)	PARISH HALL
5	4:00 PM	Hockey Game C2 7 People	PARISH HALL
9	8:00 AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
9	9:30 AM	KOC LADIES Aux Meeting	Knights Hall
10	6:00 PM	Vespers	Chapel
10	7:00 PM	KOC Business Meeting	Knights Hall
11	3:30 PM	KOC Social (ONLY One this Month)	Knights Hall
12	7:15 AM	Men's Fellowship Breakfast Crestview	PARISH HALL
12	6:30 AM	UWF Graduation, C2 7 People	PARISH HALL
13	8:30 PM	KOC Breakfast	PARISH HALL
17	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	Knights Hall
19	5:30 PM	Knights Christmas Party (Pot Luck)	PARISH HALL
20		Newsletter Articles Due	
27		No Social due to Christmas	

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### Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Dec, 2015	19	26	4	11
Jan, 2016	16	23	1, 29	8
Feb, 2016	13	20	26	5

### 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**



# GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

## My brothers in Christ,

*I would like to wish all of My Brothers and their families a Very Merry Christmas. Christ is the reason for this celebration and we must ensure that by our actions and words that it is preserved in his honor. During this month when you are out and about, wish someone a Merry Christmas and not Happy Holidays or Merry X Mass. It is by our faith and example to others that we may continue to spread the Joy of our Lord Jesus Christ and his love.*

*Make every effort to seek out those who may not have family around them and keep those less fortunate in your prayers. We may also offer our prayers to end the practice of Abortion and that someday people will stop hurting others and make peace with one another....maybe one day this world will be in better harmony with what Christ would want from us. We can change this world and our Government around if we the People vote for the principles and the values which Christ's Church has instructed.*

*Live your faith everyday and if you fall short, correct the behavior and press on. Our purpose here on earth is to help one another and be the outward example of Christ's love!*

\*\*\*\*\**Now for some Fun*\*\*\*\*\*

*Our Christmas Party will be held on 19 Dec 2015 in the parish hall. Please come and enjoy fellowship with one another, have some food, and be merry. Our festivities will start with a social at 5:30, dinner to follow, and some games.*

*We would ask that you bring a covered dish of your liking...the council will be providing the main course.*

*If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring gifts for the number of people in your family that will be playing. Example: Husband and wife...bring one male gift and one female gift.*

*We will be having a raffle during the Christmas party for \$1.00 EACH CHANCE for the following Smokin in the Square prizes good for March 2016 event:*

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize will be a VIP ticket for 2 to the Smokin In the Square BBQ competition (Valued at \$ 100.00)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize will be 2 books of raffle tickets (10 Tickets) for Smokin in the Square prizes (Valued at \$ 40.00)*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize will be a voucher for a Smokin in the Square T-Shirt for this year's event. (Valued at \$ 15.00)*

**May God Bless all of you and your families.**

**Kenneth J. Paterna  
Grand Knight, Council 7027**



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## FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

### Brother Knights,

I write to you today to share some wonderful news. On November 3, your Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 Billion of life insurance in force, further cementing our position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

It is a tremendous achievement, and one that we should all celebrate – let me tell you why.

It's not about the number. It's not that \$100 Billion isn't impressive – it is. It's not that it doesn't matter – it does. But it's about the purpose and the potential of those dollars, not the dollars in and of themselves.

It's \$100 billion of protection for brother Knights and their families. It's \$100 billion of real money, waiting to be paid out, to keep the hopes and dreams of Catholic families alive when a breadwinner suddenly dies. It's a \$100 billion promise that our members have entrusted to us.

I smile when I see that number. I smile, not because I like big numbers. It's not the number that impresses me. But the Supreme Council office tells me that on an average night that 74 brother Knights passed away. 74 of them. And yet only 30 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus. There are 44 widows somewhere out there to whom we have nothing to give. To be sure we have prayers, and dinners, and fundraisers. But we don't have enough. We don't have enough to send the children to school. We don't have enough to save the family home. We don't have enough to make a terrible time easier.

That \$100 billion number makes me smile because I know that bringing that number up, means bringing the number of unprotected widows down. I know that sometime in the not too distant future, 100 will become 150, and 150 will become 200, and subsequently the number of brother Knights left uninsured at the time of their death will decrease, the number of widows and orphans provided for will increase, and Catholic families will flourish, despite the odds, because of the diligent planning of a brother Knight – just as Father McGivney would have wanted.

What a tremendous number. What a point of pride for you and for me.

For those of you that have given the Knights of Columbus the privilege of helping to protect your family's financial future: thank you for your trust.

For those of you that haven't yet: there has never been a better time to turn to your Knights of Columbus. We are here to protect you, just as Father McGivney intended us to be. That is a claim that no other company can ever make. We are the premier Catholic insurance company, and we are yours.



May God Bless You All,

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## DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

### What Does the Church Teach About Divorce?

When the Song of Songs speaks of marital commitment as a love that *"deep waters cannot quench...nor floods sweep...away"* (8:7), it reminds us of an important reality to which the Catholic Church bears witness: A valid sacramental marriage between two baptized Christians is permanent. No power on earth can dissolve it. It remains until the death of one of the spouses.

This may be an unpopular position to take in our culture, but it's based on the explicit teaching of Jesus. He said with regard to married couples, *"They are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate"* (Mt 19:6). For this reason, the Catholic Church opposes divorce.

Jesus went on to say that those who have been validly married commit adultery if they attempt to remarry by taking another partner (Mt 19:9). Why? Because they are still married to the original spouse.

Nevertheless, Jesus noted a special exemption. He said when a first marriage is *"unlawful,"* the ban on remarriage doesn't apply because the first union was not valid: *"I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery"* (Mt 19:9). A true, "lawful" marriage didn't exist in the first place.

The words *(unless the marriage is unlawful)* is a translation from the original Greek word *"porneia"* (from where we get our English word pornography) and literally means "unlawful union" or something close to it. The Catholic position is that *"porneia"* refers to marriages that should never have taken place because of the prohibition/s against such marriage.

What may appear as a loophole is a consequence of misinterpretation or mistranslation of *"porneia"*. The King James Version, and others, translate this Greek word as fornication, unchastity, or adultery as an exception that permits divorce. *"Porneia"*, like our pornography, can have a broad meaning and include many different, specific things. If Jesus had meant to restrict this divorce clause to fornication or adultery, one wonders why St. Matthew didn't use the more restrictive Greek word *"moicheia"*?

Our Gospel verse in question here, however, does not use the Greek word *"moicheia,"* which is the ordinary Greek word for adultery. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 5:1 He does talk specifically about adultery but he uses the specific Greek word, *"moicheia"*.

The prohibition against 'illicit' marriages comes from the book of Leviticus Chapter 18 where God lists about 20 verses of marital relationships that are prohibited. They include relationships with one's mother, father, close family member, step sisters/brothers, animals, and so forth. Today we would call them impediments to marriage.

In this light, the Church recognizes that not all attempts at marriage are valid, even if civil authorities have legally recognized them. For example: a woman forced to marry against her will, a man attempting to take his sister as wife, a father and his own daughter or a mother and her son. Such marriages were not totally unheard of in regard to the pagans during the time of Christ.

The constant teaching of the Church has been that a valid sacramental marriage cannot be broken, even if one party sins after the marriage rite takes place. As Matthew 19:6 says, *"Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."*

Next month we'll ask: **What Does the Church Teach About War?**



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### Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2015	Walter Gross	Tom & Sandy Tomas
August, 2015	Jim Gentry	William & Marie Field
September, 2015	Bruce Mabley	Gene & Martha Skalsky
October, 2015	Mike Stafford	Eugene "Red" & Dorothy James
November, 2015	George Elliot	John & Margo Recke

#### Knight of the Month



GK Ken Paterna, George Elliot, Msgr. Michael Reed

#### Family of the Month



District Deputy John & Margo Recke



**Tina Faye** was recognized by the Knights of Columbus, on behalf of Escambia County by proclamation, for her efforts assisting Jennifer Tomas, daughter of Tom and Sandy Tomas, during a fatal accident on January 22, 2015. Her actions showed the outward sign of Christ's love for Jennifer during this tragic event. Tina was also struck by a vehicle and was hospitalized. She recovered from a coma and her injury and is thankfully with us today with family and friends.





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## Pro-Life by Dan Arndt

**PRAY** FOR THE

YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.  
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

BIRTH - what a beautiful word. A word needing celebration. This month of December our celebration wraps around the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Birth of Jesus was a gift to humanity. That Gift is repeated in all humans, because we are all created in His image. All life is a gift and we in the pro-life movement recognize that life begins at conception.

I ask all of you to share the gift of life with everyone you know. Let them know that all life is precious. You may get arguments. You may be hated, spit on or even killed, but know this, you will reap the benefits. We do not have to trade evil for evil so we will always be peaceful. We can change hearts and minds and do it with Love.

One way to get the message out is with your Christmas cards. This is a way to involve people in the Pro-Life movement. On the blank part of the card make a note that you will be donating to a Pro-Life organization in their honor. Don't mention any amount, that is up to you. You just want to educate them and involve them in this cause. I mention to them that I will be donating for them by giving to the "Run for Life" that raises funds to support Pregnancy Resource Centers.

Also we are trying to schedule Caroling in front of the abortion mill every Friday morning 6am till. It is the hope that the mother going in to the mill will hear traditional Christmas music and that it would change her heart to keep her child. If not, at least we are spreading the Christmas spirit of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ

This is wishing you and all a very Merry Christmas and in hope that you may be able to change the mind of even one mother to keep the gift that is given to her.

God Bless and Viva Jesus

## Park Ave. Clean Up







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## Veterans Day Parade





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**FATHERS FOR GOOD**  
AN INITIATIVE FOR MEN BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FathersForGood.org

### **A FATHER IS ... A Protector ... Involved ... A Loving Husband ... AND SO MUCH MORE.**

Welcome to **Fathers for Good**, an initiative for men by the Knights of Columbus.

Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about fatherhood, this Web site is for you.

There is a role only a father can fill and gifts only a father can give. In a culture that often does not favor fatherhood or masculine virtue, we wish to highlight the unique contributions of men, husbands and fathers. The world would be lacking without them.

We also welcome wives who want to support their husbands in becoming the best fathers they can be.

#### **On this Web site you will find –**

- Information
- Inspiration
- Expert Advice
- Answers to your Questions
- Interactive Features
- A Forum for Your Stories
- A Look at Living the Fatherhood Vocation
- Ways to Strengthen Your Marriage
- St. Joseph Booklet Series





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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



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

### Gospel Midnight Christmas Mass

**I**n 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.

**N**ow 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)