



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MILTON COUNCIL 7027



COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1		HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
2	3:30 P.M.	FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION	CHAPEL
8	7:00 P.M.	CCMI & KC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
9	TBD	BLESSING OF THE FLOATS (REGALIA)	PENSACOLA
11	8:30 A.M.	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
13	6:00 PM	SITS meet	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	8:00 A.M.	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
14	9:30 A.M.	KOC LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
15	7:00 P.M	KOC BUSINESS MTG (VESPER @ 6 P.M.)	KNIGHT'S HALL
16	5:30 P.M.	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
17	9:00 A.M.	COUNCIL FREE THROW COMPETITION	MILTON HS
19		MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY	
22	7:00 P. M.	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
23	5:30 P.M.	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
24	TBD	VISION OF FAITH CONVENTION	FT. WALTON BEACH
25	8:00 A.M.	KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION	MASS ST. ROSE
		(Breakfast TBD)	
26		February Newsletter Articles Due	
30	5:30 P.M.	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
31	9:00 A.M.	PARK AVE CLEAN-UP	PARISH HALL

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

The Newsletter Editor

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Jan, 2015	17	24	2, 30	9
Feb, 2015	14	21	27	6
Mar, 2015	14	21	27	6



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Brother Knights;

Another year gone and only six months is left to our Fraternal Year. There are a lot of events coming up on us quickly, try to stay focused and work safely. Take care of your families and ask for help if you need it in whatever endeavor you're involved with. I've enclosed a couple of stories that do a good job of putting the New Year into perspective Enjoy please.

Recipe for a Happy New Year. Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

A Year of Time. Steven B. Cloud

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year. As we look into 2015 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The New Year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?

Your Brother in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Long-Term Care Plans Offer Peace of Mind

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. And, for our long-term care policy holders in the United States, there's an added bonus.

It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in. Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.



May God Bless You All,

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DEACON'S TEACHING **By Deacon Chris Christopher**



Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

One day as the Jewish general Judas Maccabeus and his men were burying comrade fallen in battle, they discovered that the slain soldiers had been secretly practicing idolatry (2 Mc 12:39-40). "Turning to supplication," Scripture says, "they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out" (12:42). Then Judas took up a collection for an expiatory sacrifice for them in the temple. "In doing this, he acted in a very excellent and noble way... Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin" (12:43, 46).

Why did the ancient Jews pray for the dead? For the same reason they prayed for the living: It was an act of fraternal charity. They recognized that the departed needed their help to be cleansed of their sins. And they were confident that such spiritual works would benefit those who had died, just as it would have benefited someone who was still living.

The first Christians, who were Jews, maintained this "excellent and noble" practice. For example, St. Paul prayed for a friend named Onesiphorus, who was apparently deceased (2 Tim 1:16:18). The apostle also noted, without objection, that the Corinthian Christians were being "baptized for the dead" (1 Cor 15:29). Though we know nothing more about that ancient rite, it almost certainly would have included prayers, and early believers apparently assumed that it would help the departed in some way.

Not surprisingly, then, many inscriptions on ancient Christian tombs ask the living to intercede for those buried within. Clearly, from earliest times the Church has offered prayers and sacrifices for the faithful departed – especially the most valuable sacrifice of all, the Eucharist sacrifice.

Some Christians object to praying for the dead. For those who are in heaven, they insist, our prayers are unnecessary. And for those who are in hell, our prayers are useless.

But there are faulty assumptions here. First, most people who go to heaven still require purification after they die before they are ready to live with God forever. Our prayers can help in that process. Second, we don't know for sure who is in hell, so we should still pray in hope for even the worst of sinners.

In short, charity demands that we should pray for the dead. And humility demands that we should ask others to pray for us when our day comes to depart this life.

Next month we'll look at, *Is Purgatory in the Bible?*



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Honors Honors



November Knight of the Month
SK Norman Champagne



Deputy GK Ken Paterna, November Family of the Month SK William and Marie Field, Msgr. Michael Reed



Deputy GK Ken Paterna, Mary and December Knight of the Month SK Ed Veronick, Msgr. Michael Reed



Deputy GK Ken Paterna, November Family of the Month Renata and SK Jim Gentry, Msgr. Michael Reed





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Knights at Christmas!





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Saint Rose of Lima Middle School Youth Group, Edge, Visits Milton area Community

On December 20, 2014, from 9am to 1pm, two youth from St. Rose of Lima Edge, Noah and Cade Fierro, accompanied by Youth Director Crystal Warren, Core Members Stella Pruitt, and SK Ed Veronick dressed as Santa, visited parishioners in area rehab, convalescent and retirement homes. The locations visited included Santa Rosa Health and Rehab, Sandy Ridge, Pruitt Healthcare, Berryhill Manor and Victoria Manor. The group brought some Christmas cheer and song, delivering presents provided by Monsignor Reed and other parishioners that participated in the Angel Tree program at the church.

