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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
2	6:00 PM	SITS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
3	7:00 PM	SCHOLARSHIP TEAM MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
4	6:30 PM	CCMI & KC PLANNING MEETING (WED)	KNIGHT'S HALL
6	TRY	FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION	CHAPEL
6-7	6:00 AM	SMOKIN-IN-THE-SQUARE BBQ	SEVILLE SQUARE
8	8:00 AM	SITS CLEAN-UP	SEVILLE SQUARE
10	7:00 PM	LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	ST ROSE CHURCH
11	8:00 AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
11	9:30 AM	KOC LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
12	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG (CHAPEL @ 6)	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	9:00 AM	STATE BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST	HAINES CITY HIGH SCHOOL
14	TBD	ST PATRICK'S/ST JOSEPH'S DAY DINNER	PARISH HALL
17		ST PATRICK'S DAY	
18	7:00 PM	SCHOLARSHIP TEAM MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
19	5:00 PM	FOUNDER'S DAY MASS/DINNER	CHURCH / GROVER T'S
21	9:00 AM	LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION	ST ROSE CLASSROOMS
22	8:00 AM	KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION	MASS SAINT ROSE
24	TBD	20TH ANNIV MILTON PRC BANQUET	TBD
24		APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	
25	6:00 PM	DAY OF THE UNBORN ROSARY	TOMB OF THE UNBORN
27	8:00 AM	KOC CITIZENS W/DISABILITIES FUND DR	TBD
28	8:00 AM	KOC CITIZENS W/DISABILITIES FUND DR	TBD
29		PALM SUNDAY	

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Mar, 2015	14	21	27	6
Apr, 2015	11	18	24	3
May, 2015	9	16	22	1, 29

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



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Time

Imagine there is a bank, which credits your account each morning with \$86,400, carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dime, of course!

Well, everyone has such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the records of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow."

Therefore, there is never, not enough time or too much time. Time management is decided by us alone and nobody else. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do it.

Each of us has joined the Knights of Columbus for our own specific reasons, whether it is a desire to serve, just a need to keep busy or some other reason, you and you alone know ultimately why you do what you do. Sometimes the things we do as Knights takes time, your time, the precious time that you may otherwise use to spend with your family, but time none-the-less. Remember the words the Knights of Columbus is based upon, "Charity, Unity, Fraternity," they're not just space fillers; they're an ideal, a way of life.

We as Knights have chosen a higher standard to live up to and for most of us it takes great effort to achieve and maintain that standard of integrity. If one spends most of his precious time trying to determine whether others are living up to, "the standard," than he's liable to lose sight of himself. We're not perfect, none of us are, only Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior can make that testament, which he never did himself. He did say, however, "He who is without sin cast the first stone." Think about it.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.



May God Bless You All,

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

Why Do Catholics Have Crucifixes?

Many non-Catholic Christians are uncomfortable with the display of a crucifix – a cross with an image of Christ's crucified body. They prefer to display an empty cross. If Jesus was raised from the dead, they reason, why should we depict him still on the cross?

First, we shouldn't forget that Catholics also sometimes display simple crosses without the corpus (image of Christ's body). Next, we must note that historically, discomfort with the crucifix has often had more to do with anti-Catholic sentiment than with genuine concern that Jesus' resurrection is being forgotten. Despite clear references throughout the New Testament to the importance of the cross as a sign of Christ's victory over evil (1 Cor 1:17-18), many early Protestants rejected any use of the cross at all – even an empty one – as a sign of “popery”.

Nevertheless, those who are genuinely concerned that, in the crucifix, the resurrection is unduly overshadowed by the Crucifixion should read the messianic prophecy of Zechariah: ***“They shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son, and they shall grieve over him as one grieves over a firstborn”*** (Zec 12:10). St. John confirms that this passage represents a foretelling of Christ's crucifixion (Jn 19:37).

When the people look on their crucified Lord, the prophet says, God ***“will pour out”*** on them ***“a spirit of grace and petition”*** (Zec 12:10). Catholics have long found this to be true whenever they gaze with love on this image of Jesus' sacrificial death. The crucifix inspires in them the graces of a deeper gratitude for this greatest of gifts (Ps 116:12-13), as well as a more intense aversion to sin, which led him to the cross (Rom 6:1-12).

It is little wonder, then, that in the old legends and even to this day, the demons, vampires, and other evil creatures cannot bear to look at a crucifix. It reminds the forces of darkness that they have been defeated by Christ's death on the cross (Cor 2:13-15)!

Finally, we should note that when we are suffering, meditation on a crucifix comforts us by recalling that Christ suffers with us (2 Cor 1:5-7). Our sufferings have great value when we join them to his (Cor 1:24).

Next month we'll ask, **Aren't Statues a Form of Idolatry?**



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Honors of the Months



GK Rusty Bradberry, KOM SK Ron Winn PGK, PDD, & Monsignor Michael Reed



GK Rusty Bradberry, FOM SK Jeff and Rose Fischer with grandson Corbin, Monsignor Michael Reed

Our Principles

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. ***There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.***

Unity - None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that - together - we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. ***It does mean that - as a Knight of Columbus - you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.***

Fraternity - The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died - often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. ***In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.***

Patriotism - Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. ***Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.***



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Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Alfred-Washburn Center
Helping the Homeless in Pensacola, FL since 2000



EMERALD COAST
COALITION FOR LIFE

Knights of Columbus council 7027, Hill Kelly and Sonny's BBQ present

6th Annual Smokin' In The Square

Some of the greatest Pro BBQ teams along with a Backyard division duking it out for locally crafted trophies, cash prizes and points towards the highly coveted KCBS team of the year and more!

You will find entertainment, more food vendors than ever before, "Smokin' Cornhole Tournament" ([-pre register on our site](#)). Not to mention a BBQ fan favorite "Tips for Taste" where there will be 25 teams seeking your vote "Tip" for their best BBQ and even our 1st annual Rib eating contest.

New this year, our **all inclusive VIP area!** Mingle with other BBQ enthusiasts in the Alcaniz Courtyard at the Lee House on Saturday, March 7 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy Craft Beer, Wine and BBQ with a Twist prepared by Sonny's BBQ Pitmasters all with a fabulous view of Seville Square. (plus indoor bathrooms!) There is a limited entry for our VIP area so get your passes now! \$60 single / \$100 couple. VIP passes can be purchased online at SmokinInTheSquare.com or on our Face Book page Smokin In The Square BBQ.

Here's a sneak peek at the BBQ with a Twist Menu:

80 Lb Whole Pig, Competition Ribs, Smoked Prime Rib, Burnt Ends, Smoked Turkey, Hot Links, Smoked Shrimp, Pulled Pork Spaghetti, Jalapeno Cheddar Sausage topped w/Smoked Pimento Cheese, Stuffed Jalapeno Poppers, Pork Belly w/Bacon Jelly, Candied Bacon, Smoked Meatballs, Smoked Oysters, Black Eyed Peas, Cajun Slaw, and BBQ Beans

Go to SmokinInTheSquare.com or follow us on Face Book at Smokin In The Square BBQ

"Where Charity Meets BBQ In The Panhandle!"



GROUPON Smokin' in the Square

\$13 for four beers for two (\$20 value)

\$24 for eight beers for four (\$40 value)

On the internet go to www.groupon.com and search for Smokin' in the Square. Click the "View Details."

Don't forget to sell two books of tickets. Plan to come to work and play.

Remember this is our BIG fundraiser for local charity.



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PRO-LIFE

Catholic Days at the Capital is next week March 3-4 in Tallahassee. Registration can be made by calling Deacon Ray Aguado at 850-435-3531 or e-mail aguador@ptdiocese.org. It will be a great time with fellow Catholics from throughout the state, meet with Legislators and attend the Red Mass with all state of Florida Bishops.



40 Days for Life has begun and we need all who are able to come out and pray in front of the 6115 Village Oaks Drive abortion mill. Thanks to all who participated in our Council day to pray last Friday. Our next day to pray is March 27. Please sign up to pray during this 24 hour period.

March 25 is the "**K of C Day of the Unborn Child**" and we will have a Rosary at 6pm with 4th Degree Color Guard at the Tomb of the Unborn. Come out and help us pray for the most innocents.

Downs Syndrome Awareness week is the week of March 15th. If you are on face book I will be sending updates or you can go to Down's Syndrome Association. 90% of mothers who are told they are having a Downs baby will abort. The stories of the successes of many Downs individuals and the loving stories from parents and siblings are heart warming. Please help educate people on the gift of Life. No matter what we may judge as acceptable or unacceptable. God does not make mistakes.

[\\$1,000 Scholarship Opportunity for St. Rose High School Seniors!](#)

The **Knights of Columbus** Council 7027 is offering three **\$1,000** college scholarships to high school seniors who are registered members of our parish, and who will be attending college in the fall of 2015.

Application packets can be picked up at the parish office beginning February 23rd during office hours.

The scholarship application packet **MUST** be completed and delivered to the parish office **no later than** 1:00 pm on Friday, **April 10th** to be considered.

Winners will be notified by phone ... with certificates presented on Sunday, April 26th at the **4:00 pm Mass**.

Any questions? Call John Juul at 623-5337 or 261-8851.



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St. Martin de Porres window located right of main altar in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Milton, FL.

Saint Martin de Porres

MARTIN'S EARLY YEARS

Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, of Spanish and black parentage. Inheriting his mother's dark color, at times he was looked down upon by his aristocratic father, and, in early childhood, he was badly neglected. An intelligent boy, he was befriended by a doctor who taught him the art of healing.

Martin began developing his prayer life at an early age. He had a deep devotion to our Lord's Passion, and continually prayed to know what he could do in gratitude for the immense blessings of the Redemption. Deciding upon the religious life, he applied to the Dominican Convent of the Holy Rosary and was accepted as a servant. He gave himself to the lowliest duties in the house, and, finally, after many years, he was commanded by his superiors to accept the habit of a lay brother; he had considered that this was too great an honor for himself.

MINISTER TO ALL

The report of Martin's skill as a surgeon and healer soon spread abroad. As much by his prayers as through medical knowledge, he cured the most frightening diseases: bringing from near death a priest who had a badly infected leg; healing the fingers of a young student, who had feared that an accident had ruined his hopes for the priesthood; making whole again so many people afflicted with so many diseases that no one could attempt to count them. In addition to the gift of healing, he was endowed with that of bilocation; he was seen in Mexico, Central America, and even Japan, by people who knew him well, whereas he had never been out of Lima since entering the Order. He passed through locked doors by some means that was known only to himself and God; he appeared at the bedside of sufferers without being asked and always soothed the sick even when he did not completely cure them. Even sick animals came to him for healing.

Great as his healing faculty was, Martin is probably best remembered for the Legend of the Rats. It is told that the prior, who objected to rats, ordered Martin to set out poison for them. Martin did as he was told, but he was very sorry for the rats. He went out into the garden and called softly and out came the rats. He reprimanded them for their bad habits, telling them about the poison. He further assured them that he would feed them every day in the garden, if they would refrain from annoying the prior. This agreed upon, he dismissed the rats and forever after, so the stories go, there was no more trouble with rats at Holy Rosary Convent.

One time Martin was on a picnic with the novices, and having overstayed their time, they suddenly realized that, even with expending their best efforts, they could not be home in time for prayers. Martin bade them join hands, and, before they knew what had happened, they were standing in the convent yard, unable to explain how they had covered the several miles in a few seconds. These and many other startling miracles led to Martin being called a saint, even during his lifetime.

A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES

In our own day, the miracles continue. He lived a life of almost constant prayer, and he practiced unbelievable austerities. He worked at hard and menial tasks without ever losing a moment of union with God. His charity, humility, and obedience were extraordinary. Pope John XXIII raised Martin de Porres to the altar of the Church on May 5, 1962.

[This short biography of St. Martin was taken from Jean Marie Dorcy's book, *St. Dominic's Family*. Tan Books and Publishers, 1983]

- See more at: <http://www.opsouth.org/about-us/st-martin-de-porres/#sthash.pf67uSd8.dpuf>



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Fasting and Abstinence

It is a traditional doctrine of Christian spirituality that a constituent part of repentance, of turning away from sin and back to God, includes some form of penance, without which the Christian is unlikely to remain on the narrow path and be saved (Jer. 18:11, 25:5; Ez. 18:30, 33:11-15; Joel 2:12; Mt. 3:2; Mt. 4:17; Acts 2:38). Christ Himself said that His disciples would fast once He had departed (Lk. 5:35). The general law of penance, therefore, is part of the law of God for man.

The Church for her part has specified certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfill the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics [Eastern Rite Catholics have their own penitential practices as specified by the Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches].

Canon 1250 All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.

Canon 1251 Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conference of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon 1252 The law of abstinence binds all persons who have completed their fourteenth year; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Canon 1253 It is for the conference of bishops to determine more precisely the observance of fast and abstinence and to substitute in whole or in part for fast and abstinence other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety.

The Church, therefore, has two forms of official penitential practices - three if the Eucharistic fast of one hour before Communion is included.

Abstinence: The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products such as margarine and gelatin, which do not have any meat taste.

On the Fridays outside of Lent: The U.S. bishops' conference obtained the permission of the Holy See for Catholics in the US to substitute a penitential, or even a charitable, practice of their own choosing. They must do some penitential/charitable practice on these Fridays. For most people the easiest practice to consistently fulfill will be the traditional one, to abstain



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from meat on all Fridays of the year.

During Lent: Abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory in the United States as elsewhere.

Fasting: The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th Birthday (Canon 97) to the 59th Birthday (i.e. the beginning of the 60th year, a year which will be completed on the 60th birthday) to reduce the amount of food eaten from normal. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fast is broken by eating between meals and by drinks which could be considered food (milk shakes, but not milk). Alcoholic beverages do not break the fast; however, they seem to be contrary to the spirit of doing penance.

Those whom are excused from fast or abstinence: Besides those outside the age limits, those of unsound mind, the sick, the frail, pregnant or nursing women according to need for meat or nourishment, manual laborers according to need, guests at a meal who cannot excuse themselves without giving great offense or causing enmity and other situations of moral or physical impossibility to observe the penitential discipline.

Aside from these minimum penitential requirements Catholics are encouraged to impose some personal penance on themselves at other times. It could be modeled after abstinence and fasting. A person could, for example, multiply the number of days they abstain. Some people give up meat entirely for religious motives (as opposed to those who give it up for health or other motives). Some religious orders, as a penance, never eat meat. Similarly, one could multiply the number of days that one fasted. The early Church had a practice of a Wednesday and Saturday fast. This fast could be the same as the Church's law (one main meal and two smaller ones) or stricter, even bread and water. Such freely chosen fasting could also consist in giving up something one enjoys - candy, soft drinks, smoking, that cocktail before supper, and so on. This is left to the individual.

One final consideration: Before all else we are obliged to perform the duties of our state in life. Any deprivation that would seriously hinder us in carrying out our work as students, employees or parents, would be contrary to the will of God.

---- Colin B. Donovan, STL