



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MILTON COUNCIL 7027



COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	9:00 AM	CITIZENS W/DISABILITIES FUND DRIVE	VARIOUS PLACES
1	3:30 PM	FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION	CHAPEL
1		(NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER)	
2	9:00 AM	CITIZENS W/DISABILITIES FUND DRIVE	VARIOUS PLACES
7	7:00 PM	CCMI & KC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
8	5:30 PM	KoFC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
10	8:30 AM	KoFC BREAKFAST (MOTHER'S DAY)	PARISH HALL
13	8:00 AM	KoFC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
13	9:30 AM	KoFC LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	6:00 PM	FIRST DEGREE IN KNIGHT'S HALL	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	7:00 PM	KoFC BUSINESS MTG (No Vespers)	KNIGHT'S HALL
15	5:30 PM	KoFC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
17	TBD	BLESSING OF THE FLEET (Regalia)	DOWNTOWN MILTON
21	7:00 PM	KoFC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
22	5:30 PM	KoFC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
22-24	TBD	KoFC STATE CONVENTION	ORLANDO
25		MEMORIAL DAY (Flags)	
26		JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	
29	5:30 PM	KoFC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
31	8:00 AM	KoFC CORPORATE COMMUNION	MASS SAINT ROSE

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
May, 2015	9	16	22	1, 29
June, 2015	6	13	19	26
July, 2015	4	11	17	24

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

"Not Trying to Be Funny!"

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God, and then wonder why the world's going to hell.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven, provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says.

Funny how someone can say "I believe in God," but still follow Satan who, by the way, also "believes" in God.

Funny how we are quick to judge, but not to be judged.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but the public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week.

Are you laughing?

Funny how, when you relay a message like this, many will not share it with others because they're not sure what others believe or what they will think of you for sharing it with them.

Funny how we can be more worried about what other people think of us than what God thinks of us.

Are you thinking?

Share this sentiment with others... if you think it has merit. If not, then just ignore it. No one will know that you did. But, if you do ignore this meaningful thought process, don't sit back and complain about the sinful shape of the world!

Your Brother in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.5 billion to charity and provided in excess of 670 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

May God Bless You All,



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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



Why Does the Church Have So Many Rules?

Catholics are sometimes asked, "If Christian faith is all about having a personal relationship with God, why does the Church have so many rules and regulations?" The contrast between rules and relationship seems clear in two biblical books often placed side-by-side: the Song of Songs and the Book of Sirach. The former poetically celebrates the love between God and his people; the latter provides primarily a collection of rules for living, even going so far as to offer guidelines for table etiquette (Sirach/Ben Sira 31:12-31).

Are these two books in fundamental contradiction, then? Which of them more accurately describes "*religion that is pure and undefiled before God*" (James 1:27)? Is it "relationship," or is it "rules"?

The dilemma is solved when we recall our Lord's words: "*If you love me, you will keep my commandments*" (John 14:15). A genuinely loving, personal relationship with God must be more than devout feelings. We express our love for him by obedience to the "rules and regulations" he has given us for living.

This truth should not surprise us. Even in human relationships, following certain rules demonstrates the genuineness of our love. In marriage, for example, spouses express their love in part by obeying the divine commandments against adultery, lying, and coveting another person's spouse (Exodus 20:14, 16-17).

The gospel sums up the intent of God's commands in a brief statement: "*Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself*" (Luke 10:27). Simple enough – or so it seems. But we must unpack the meaning of those few words in order to apply them to all the various situations in which we find ourselves from day-to-day. To help, God has graciously given us Sirach and many other biblical books with the rich insights of their particular guidelines and ordinances. The Catholic Church makes use of these in formulating her precepts.

Certainly Christian faith is much more than a collection of "rules and regulations." A personal relationship with our Lord is essential. But the relationship doesn't dispense with the rules. Rather, the rules help to define the relationship, and our obedience to them is the clearest indicator of our love for God.

Next month we'll ask, **Why Does the Church Follow So Many Traditions?**



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Honors of the Months



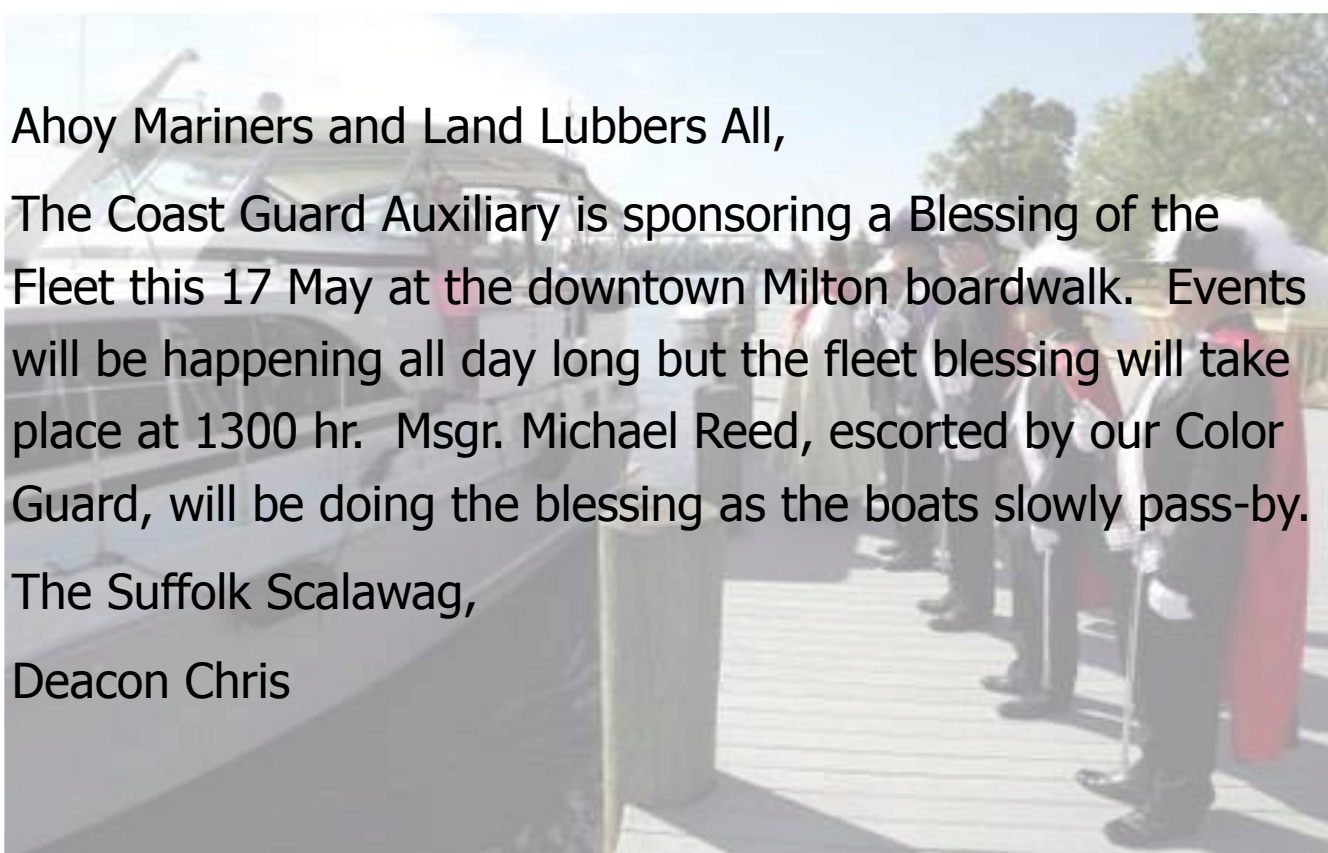
GK Rusty Bradberry, KOM Bill Weber, Fr. John Kovalcin

GK Rusty Bradberry, FOM Martha & Gene Skalsky, Fr. John Kovalcin

Ahoy Mariners and Land Lubbers All,

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is sponsoring a Blessing of the Fleet this 17 May at the downtown Milton boardwalk. Events will be happening all day long but the fleet blessing will take place at 1300 hr. Msgr. Michael Reed, escorted by our Color Guard, will be doing the blessing as the boats slowly pass-by.

The Suffolk Scalawag,
Deacon Chris





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High School Scholarship Awards



\$1000.00 Scholarship presented to Jackson C. Gardner of Pace High School

District Deputy Two John Recke, Grand Knight Rusty Bradberry, Tim Gardner, Jackson Gardner, Deborah Gardner, and Fr. Richard Schamber (L to R)



\$1000.00 Scholarship presented to William D. "Woody" Gibson of Milton High School

District Deputy Two John Recke, Grand Knight Rusty Bradberry, Bill Gibson, Woody Gibson, Audrey Gibson, and Fr. Richard Schamber



High School Scholarship Awards cont.



\$1000.00 Scholarship presented to Louis M. Everett of Pace High School

District Deputy Two John Recke, Grand Knight Rusty Bradberry, David Everett, Louis M. Everett, Marivic Everett, and Fr. Richard Schamber (L to R)



Louis M. Everett, Fr. Richard Schamber, Woody Gibson, and Jackson Gardner (L to R)



Smokin'-in-the-Square Charity Awards



\$10,000.00 Donation presented to the Emerald Coast Coalition for Life (A Pro-Life Organization), from funds raised by Knights of Columbus Council 7027's 2015 Smokin'-in-the-Square Charity Fundraiser.
 Back Row: District Deputy Two John Recke and Grand Knight Rusty Bradberry
 Middle Row: Jacqueline Cyr, MaryBeth Cyr (holding Genevieve), Ernie Cyr (Director ECCL), Ivan DeLabruere (SITS Chairman), Fr. Richard Schamber
 Front Row: Balin Cyr, Therese Cyr, Aidan Cyr



\$10,000.00 Donation presented to the St. Vincent DePaul Alfred-Washburn Center of Pensacola (An organization that provides food and clothing for the homeless), from funds raised by Knights of Columbus Council 7027's 2015 Smokin'-in-the-Square Charity Fundraiser.
 District Deputy Two John Recke, Grand Knight Rusty Bradberry, Connie Clark - Financial Director St. Vincent DePaul Alfred-Washburn Center, Patty Burns - CEO St. Vincent DePaul Alfred-Washburn Center, Fr. Richard Schamber



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Brunch at McGuire's Irish Pub after Corporate Communion

