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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	4:00 PM	First Friday Chapel	Chapel
2	8:00 AM	Barn Raising for Festival Booths	Festival Grounds
2	12:15 PM	3rd Degree	St Ann's Gulf Breeze
7	6:30 PM	CCMI Meeting	Knights Hall
7	7:00 PM	KOC Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
10	6:00 PM	KofC Breakfast	Pensacola
13	9:30 AM	KofC Ladies Aux Meeting	Knights Hall
13	8:00 AM	VA Hotdog Day	PARISH HALL
14	6:00 PM	Vespers	Chapel
14	7:00 PM	KofC Meeting	Knights Hall
16	9:00 AM	Wacky Bingo Ladies Aux	PARISH HALL
21	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	Knights Hall
24	8:00 AM	Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Apr, 2016	9	16	22	1, 29
May, 2016	7	14	20	27
Jun, 2016	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

My brothers all,

I would like to personally thank each and everyone who contributed to Smokin in the Square. Without your continued support this event would not be a success. It is your giving of self that makes the difference.

Thank you for your prayers and wishes for my Mom. She is in rehabilitation center now and we are praying for her will and strength to pull her through. As things unfold I will be in and out of town taking care of her. Please continue to give out Deputy Grand Knight your support during my absence.

Spring is here and now is a good time to check on those who may need assistance. If you know of a brother who is in need please address it to the council so we can see if we can help. Also please keep those who can't attend out meetings in your prayers. Make calls to those you have not seen in awhile and check on them. Please do what you can. We are stronger united!

Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee and their continued support of our programs: They work hard to ensure the most deserving men and women of our parish get the support they need while pursuing their education.

If you are interested in helping clean the church on a Friday or Saturday, please contact Brother Jack Barrett by email jncb42@gmail.com or call him at 850 723-2093. It only takes about an hour and your services help support our community and keep our church clean. You can make a difference; you just need to take the first step and call.

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,

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

May God Bless You All,



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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH DECLARATION ON MASONIC ASSOCIATIONS

It has been asked whether there has been any change in the Church's decision in regard to Masonic associations since the new Code of Canon Law does not mention them expressly, unlike the previous Code.

This Sacred Congregation is in a position to reply that this circumstance is due to an editorial criterion that was followed also in the case of other associations likewise unmentioned inasmuch as they are contained in wider categories.

Therefore the Church's negative judgment in regard to Masonic association remains unchanged since their principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the doctrine of the Church and therefore membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful who enroll in Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion.

It is not within the competence of local ecclesiastical authorities to give a judgment on the nature of Masonic associations which would imply a derogation from what has been decided above, and this in line with the Declaration of this Sacred Congregation issued on 17 February 1981 (cf. AAS 73 1981 pp. 240-241; English language edition of L'Osservatore Romano, 9 March 1981).

In an audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect, the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II approved and ordered the publication of this Declaration that had been decided in an ordinary meeting of this Sacred Congregation.

Rome, from the Office of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 26 November 1983.

Joseph Card. RATZINGER
Prefect

+ Fr. Jerome Hamer, O.P.
Titular Archbishop of Lorium
Secretary

As the declaration of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on Masonry says, no Catholic may be a Mason. By grave sin the Church means that to continue as a Mason in contempt of this decision of the Supreme Pontiff, Pope John Paul II, is grave matter, which together with knowledge of that fact and free choice makes for mortal sin. Such a person would be unable to receive Holy Communion until such time as he renounced Masonry and went to Confession. Notice that the statement



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of Cardinal Ratzinger says that the local priest or even a bishop has no authority to change this.

Someone who was not aware of these facts would, of course, not be guilty of mortal sin. However, once a Catholic is aware of the Church's position, he is obliged to follow it. From that point forward, to disregard the judgment of the Church would be, as the Congregation declares, seriously wrong.

Some have tried to say that American Masonry is different from European Masonry, which has a history of plotting against the government and the Church. The basic problem with all Masonry, however, is that it is a society that fosters a religious - philosophical attitude of indifference to religious truth, even substituting its own naturalistic dogma and rituals for those of Christianity. Such indifference is incompatible with belief in the Holy Trinity and the Incarnation. We may not "play-act" in the lodge of the Great Architect on Thursday night, then worship "in spirit and in truth" on Sunday morning at the altar of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the unique Lord and Redeemer of the Universe, the Word-made-flesh who reveals the Father, and who together with the Father sends the Holy Spirit. The Creed and the Masonic oath are irreconcilable!

Masonry is not the Jaycees, in which people of all religions and philosophies come together to work on local business problems. Masonry has its own religious and philosophical worldview, its own religious language, its rituals and its morality.

In the library of every lodge you will find Albert Pike's *Morals and Dogma*. A top American Mason, he is the greatest writer on the real meaning behind Masonic beliefs and rituals. Even the title of his book shows that Masonry has a morality and a doctrine. If they are not Catholic morality and Catholic doctrine, and in fact they aren't even Christian, a Catholic or any Christian may not follow them. This is why, since the 1700s the popes have consistently rejected Freemasonry as incompatible with the faith. The motives and works of most masons may be good and benign, but this does not change the choice that the Catholic has to make between the religious philosophy of masonry and that of Catholicism.

To learn more, go to any Protestant or Catholic bookstore and find books and pamphlets that show why Masonry and Christianity is incompatible. Not only Rome, but also the Church of England and the Southern Baptists have so ruled. Read also Pope Leo's encyclical letter available from the Daughters of St. Paul in Boston (1-800-876-4463).

Next month we'll look at CATHOLIC TEACHING ON ABORTION.



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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
December, 2015	Bob Haring	Gene & Martha Skalsky
January, 2016	Vic Vangrowski	Michael & Debra Stafford
February, 2016	Gene Skalsky	Dan & Donna Arndt
March, 2016	Rusty Bradberry	Dennis & Maria Flores

Knight of the Month
Rusty Bradberry

Family of the Month
Dennis & Maria Flores

Because the date for our corporate communion conflicted with Easter the monthly honors will be presented next month. Pictures will appear in the May issue of the March and April honorees.



Pro-Life by Dan Arndt

March was very busy for Pro-Life. We wrapped up another 40 Days For Life with our Council day of prayers on March 11th and our prayer service for "The K of C Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child" on March 25th. The Milton PRC had their annual fundraiser banquet to raise needed funds to support Women and Children in our area.

The month also brought out some Pro-life legislation. One case that was voted on last year has been established that requires a women to wait 24 hours before she has a abortion. Another one that has been signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott is HB1411 Regulation that require an abortion Dr. to have local hospital privileges and also defunds any clinics that perform abortions. Also lawmakers handed down a decision that found the Florida system for sentencing a person to death unconstitutional, because it allowed a judge, not a jury, to find the facts necessary to impose a death sentence. The legislation also requires that at least 10 out of 12 jurors agree when recommending death.

We are having a lot of wins that have come our way but we have a long way to go and we can not do it without prayers. Please always pray for the Unborn that they may enjoy the right to life. It takes you. It takes me. It takes God. Always remember "We are Knights, We are Pro-Life".