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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	4:00 PM	First Friday Chapel	Chapel
7	6:30 PM	CCMI	Knights Hall
7	7:00 PM	KOC Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
7	7:30 AM	Meeting for Fraternal Activity 1728	Knights Hall
8	5:30 PM	KOC Social	Knights Hall
10	8:30 PM	KOC Breakfast	PARISH HALL
13	8:00 AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
13	9:30 AM	KOC LADIES Aux Meeting	Knights Hall
14	6:00 PM	Vespers	Chapel
14	7:00 PM	KOC Business Meeting	Knights Hall
15	5:30 PM	KOC Social	PARISH HALL
16	9:00 AM	PARK AVE CLEANUP	PARISH HALL
21	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	Knights Hall
22	5:30 PM	KOC Social	Knights Hall
23	9:00 AM	Free Throw Competition	Milton HS Gym
*23	9:00 AM	District 3 Meeting St Rose	PARISH HALL
	*	Above may change due to conflict	
		with free throw!	
24		Newsletter articles due	
31	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
Jan, 2016	16	23	1, 29	8
Feb, 2016	13	20	26	5
Mar, 2016	12	19	25	4

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 in Christ,

Another year has passed and we are thankful for all your works and sacrifices. Your time and efforts have helped many in our community, our church and those in need.

As we reflect on this year's activities let us think about the ways we gave unselfishly of ourselves and those that benefitted directly from the works of charity that you do!

This past year has been challenging for some and we must always keep our brothers and sister in prayers who are with us and those that have gone back to be with our heavenly father.

Life is about growth. Learning new things about ourselves and understanding that it's all part of Gods plan... which makes us stronger and available to help those in similar situations or dilemmas.

It should never be about us...being Self-centered or making our selves look good at the cost of another. What it's about is putting your best foot forward, loving your neighbor, helping those less fortunate, and most important loving your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Love is the outward sign of Christ...but we must first Love ourselves even with our imperfectness before we are capable of loving another.

As we start this New Year let us center our lives on Christ's Love and show those around us by our actions and words that we are Disciples of Christ.

If you died today and stood before our Lord, would he be impressed by your actions or would he shake his head and tell you how foolish you were to be given so many opportunities in life, yet ignored the love over your own selfishness.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ...May you and your families be blessed by a renewal of understanding of self and the love of Christ. Do what our Lord would want of us...we all have a choice to be kind to one another or continue on another path. In the end everyone will see your heart through your actions good or bad...I pray that each one of you be touched by the Mercy of Gods hand.

Rememberwith Christ nothing is impossiblefor we are never alone!

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,

Where did 2015 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2015. Now, the first quarter of 2016 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is **free** of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

May God Bless You All,



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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

What Does the Church Teach About War?

2nd Samuel details the many military exploits of King David (2nd Sam 8:1-14) who was divinely appointed as commander of God's people (1st Sam 13-14). Other biblical books tell how God sometimes gave instructions for the Israelites to go to war (Judges 1:1-2). In light of such passages, it is difficult to justify a strictly pacifist position – that is, the stance that war is always forbidden to God's people.

Christian pacifist communities often insist that the New Testament standard replaces the Old Testament example in this regard. They cite, for example, Jesus' gospel command to *"offer no resistance to one who is evil"* (Mt 5:39), and his warning, *"all who take the sword will perish by the sword"* (Mt 26:51-54).

Nevertheless, the New Testament also contains St. Paul's statement that the civil state *"does not bear the sword without purpose; it is the servant of God to inflict wrath on the evildoer"* (Rom 13:4). The natural law allows for self-defense, and Scripture commands us to *"Defend the lowly and fatherless; render justice to the afflicted and needy. Rescue the lowly and poor, deliver them from the hand of the wicked"* (Ps 82:3-4). In this light, Christians have reasonably argued that sometimes war is justifiable – in fact, that justice and charity may demand our engagement in war to defend both our own people and the innocent victims of aggressors in other nations.

As the Catechism teaches, on occasion war can indeed be just, and public authorities can *"impose on citizens the obligations necessary for national defense."* But *"the strict conditions for legitimate defense by military force require rigorous consideration"* (CCC 2310 and 2309, emphasis in the original). For instance, all other means to resolve that issue must have proven futile (CCC2309 for a summary of all the conditions).

Meanwhile, the Church urges all people, especially governments, to work for peace – not just the avoidance of war, or the uneasy balance of power between adversaries, but the creation of just conditions that lead to social and political tranquility. *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"* (Mat 5:9).

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



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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

Knight of the Month



SK Robert "Bob" Haring

Family of the Month



GK Ken Paterna, Msgr. Michael Reed, SK Eugene "Gene" & Martha Skalsky

An Exhortation by St. Jane de Chantal on the Beginning of a New Year

We are about to bring another year to an end, a year like so many years which have come before it.

Time passes by. The years come and go, and some day we, likewise, will pass and come to an end as well. We must make a strong and absolute resolution that, if Our Lord should gift us with yet another full year, we will make better use of it than those years that have come - and gone - before. Let us walk with a new step in God's divine service to our neighbor and to our greater perfection. Let us take great courage to labor in earnest.

Please take this to heart. What is the point of being gifted with a new year if not to recommit ourselves to the task at hand? Otherwise, we should not be astonished to find ourselves in the same place at the conclusion of this year with little or nothing to show for it. I desire that this not happen to you; rather, consider how you can make good use of every day that God is pleased to give you. Let us embrace the responsibilities and challenges of life in the best way that we can; let us employ the time that God gives us with great care. While we hope in God's divine goodness, may we also remember to aspire to actually do what is good.

So, then, let us live this New Year in the name of our Lord. Let us redouble our efforts at serving God and one another faithfully, especially in small and simple ways. God only expects what we can do, but what we can do God clearly expects. Therefore, let us be diligent in giving our best to God, leaving the rest in the hands of God's infinite generosity.

(Based upon St. Jane de Chantal's Exhortation for the last Saturday of 1629, On the Shortness of Life. Found in Conferences of St. Jane de Chantal. Newman Bookshop: Westminster, Maryland. 1947. Pages 106 - 107)



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Pro-Life by Dan Arndt

As stated last month Pro-Life means we are for Life. As we have just celebrated the Birth of Jesus, it was not without its problems. Mary was told that she would become pregnant without knowing man. In those days women who became pregnant without being married could be stoned to death. Today that would be considered a crisis pregnancy. Pregnancy is not a crisis, abortion is. Pregnancy is a gift.

January recognizes 43 years since the decision from the Supreme Court to legalize abortion. Because of this Decision some 55 million babies have been killed. Stand up for our children and communicate to your Representatives of the problems with abortion and the importance of respecting life.

You may also be interested in attending the March for Life on January 16th in St. Augustine or January 22nd in Washington DC. What ever you do, don't be afraid to stand up for the Unborn Child. It is our responsibility and duty to do the right thing and the moral thing. There is nothing more worthy than to protect a Life. We are Knights, we are Pro-Life.

God Bless and Viva Jesus

Brother Knights, I have a question for you. When was the last time you had a meeting with our Knights of Columbus Field Agent? Have you EVER met with him?

If you haven't met with him; Why Not? He is the one person; the ONLY person that will be there for your family, WHEN THEY NEED HIM THE MOST! And THAT is at the time of your death!

I Guarantee that NO OTHER PERSON CAN, or WILL, do what our council's Field Agent does for the family of any council member that happens to die.

As soon as he finds out that you have died, he calls on the surviving spouse, or other significant family members, to help them arrange funeral services, and take care of ANY final needs, including submitting claims for ANY life insurance, or other benefits, that the spouse or family may be entitled to.

I know of NO OTHER PERSON that will do that for your family. So. If you haven't had him in your home yet, I encourage you to call him, and ask him to come and see you. He is here to SERVE you! You don't have to wait until he gets around to calling you! We have over 250 members in our council; and he serves eight (8) other councils besides ours, so it could be TOO LATE by the time he gets around to calling you.

If you think you don't need his expertise, your family could be in for a RUDE AWAKENING when you die! So, PLEASE, do what is right for them.

**Fraternally,
GENE SKALSKY
Council 7027 Trustee**



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Thank God for our Seminarians!

Our diocese is blessed to have sixteen men on the path to the priesthood. Four of them are transitional deacons who anticipate being ordained priests this spring.

The four transitional deacons are **Dustin Feddon, Michael Hartley, Thomas Kennell, and Paul Moody**. All four are at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Also studying at St Vincent de Paul are **Jack Campbell, John Daniel, Hunter Ernde, Luke Farabaugh, Troy Fulford, and Jacob Jaks**, who is in his Pastoral Year serving at St. Ann's in Gulf Breeze. At St. John Vianney College Seminary (in Miami), we have **William Goble, Brent Gordon, Richard Graham, Ray Herard, Paul Hughes, and Kevin Wessa**.

These men need our support as they answer God's call. There are many ways we can support them. First, we should pray for them often. We should also communicate our support to them by writing to them or speaking in person if we have the opportunity.

We also have opportunities to support them financially. At our parish, the Burse Club collects a dollar a month, on the first Sunday of every month. The Florida State Council of the K of C also has a Vocations Fund, and each member is encouraged to donate \$12 a year, which can be done easily through the state web site at floridakofc.org.

The addresses for the seminaries are as follows:

**St Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary
10701 S. Military Trail
Boynton Beach, FL 33436**

**St. John Vianney College Seminary
2900 S 87th Ave
Miami, FL 33165**

Each of us has a role in helping these men be our future priests. Let's all do our parts now for the future of Our Church!

-George Elliott, Vocations Chairman



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The History of our Holy Rosary.

In the beginning, the Christians prayed the 150 psalms which were later replaced with simple memorized prayers.

According to our Catholic tradition, our Holy Rosary, that we pray now, was given to Saint Dominic in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary and then later promoted by the blessed Dominican, Alanu Rupe (1428-1475), testified about the natural origin.

1571, the Moslems were defeated at the Battle of Lepanto. The following year, Pope Saint Pius V, known as the Pope of the Rosary, established the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7th. The faithful would not only remember this victory, but also give thanks to the Lord all of his benefits and remember the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother. Pope St Pius V issued a papal document, Consueverunt Roman Pontifices, in which he secured the uniformity of the Holy Rosary.

Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort (1673-1716) was a French Roman Catholic priest and confessor, was made to a missionary apostolic by Pope Clement XI. As well preaching, Montfort was also known for his particular devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the practice praying the Rosary.

Pope Paul VI (1963-19780): There is no doubt that, after the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, the high point which family prayer can reach, the Rosary should be considered as one of the best and most efficacious prayers in common that the Christian family is invited to recite.

Pope John Paul II proclaims the "YEAR OF THE ROSARY"

On October 16, 2002, the 24th Anniversary of his election as Roman Pontiff, Pope Paul II signed the Apostolic Letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae" (The Rosary of the Virgin Mary) that presents the rosary as an outstanding way to contemplate the face and mysteries of Christ. He also proclaimed a "YEAR OF THE ROSARY" which extends from October 2002 to October 2003

Joachim Cardinal Meisner, Bishop from Cologne, wrote this:

If we take the Rosary in our hand, we touch the hem of Jesus garment. This is caused by the centuries praying hand - a relic of the Lord - it is sanctified by the believing prayers of millions of God's children and powerfully proven throughout history.

The Joyful Mysteries were chosen because world peace with the birth of the Savior. Let us pray that the Prince of Peace is born more fully into our world, especially in places of violence.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name.....
Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.....

Walter W. Gross
Warden, Council 7027





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Keep Christ in Christmas



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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
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- 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