



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	11:00AM	Crowning of Mary	St. Rose of Lima
1	4:00PM	KofC Scholarship Awards	St. Rose of Lima
4	7:00PM	1st Degree-St. Thomas More	Pensacola
5	6:30PM	CCMI Meeting	Knights Hall
5	7:00PM	KOC Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
8	6:00 AM	KofC Breakfast	Parish Hall
11	8:00AM	VA Hotdog Day	Parish Hall
11	9:30AM	KofC Ladies Aux Meeting	Knights Hall
12	6:00PM	Vespers	Chapel
12	7:00PM	KofC Business Meeting	Knights Hall
13	5:30PM	KOC Social	Knights Hall
19	7:00PM	KOC Assembly 2823	Knights Hall
20	5:30PM	KOC Social	Knights Hall
22	8:00AM	Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima
25		June Newsletter Due	
27	5:30PM	KOC Social	Knights Hall
27-29	9:00AM	KofC State Convention	Orlando
30		Memorial Day	

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### Keepers of His House Schedule

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	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
May, 2016	7	14	20	27
Jun, 2016	4	11	17	24
Jul, 2016	2, 30	9	15	22

### 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](mailto: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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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

To My Brother Knights:

**A**s we get close to the end of the fraternal year. It has been an honor and privilege to service you.

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.

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.

As we reflect back and remember that our Knights of Columbus principle reasons are charity in which our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself. And as 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. Second is unity so we stick together and 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. Third is fraternity in which 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. And fourth is patriotism in which the Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are all the same whether we 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 among the greatest citizens.

We are Brother Knights in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity answering the call to be the best Catholic gentlemen that we can.

And to thank the members and their families who volunteer their service to our Catholic Church, their communities, families, and young people by donating their time, talent, and treasure to fill specific needs.

**Your Brother in Christ**

**Cesar Mascardo**

**Deputy Grand Knight, Council 7027**



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## FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

**Brother Knights,**

### Have You Insured Your Most Valuable Asset?

Is your income protected if you become sick or injured and cannot work? Your ability to work and earn an income is your most valuable asset. Yet a disability could prevent you from earning that income. Just one year of a disability could eliminate your savings.

Income Armor, an individual disability income insurance product from the Knights of Columbus, should be a key part of your overall financial plan and family's protection.

If you are ill or injured, Income Armor provides tax-free monthly benefits to help you meet living expenses and maintain you and your family's standard of living. Your monthly benefits help you pay your mortgage and other monthly bills, while your savings and retirement assets remain intact. In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

May God Bless You All,



**Jeff Fischer**, FICF, LUTCF

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## Keepers of His House

**Dear Knights,**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Knight who has been faithful to this important ministry.

In preparation for the First Mass Reception on June 5<sup>th</sup>, Keepers of His House workers will be doing our annual spring cleaning:

Tu May 31 We will be washing the woodwork on the pews

W June 1 We will be washing the woodwork on the pews and steam cleaning the pews

Th June 2 We will be steam-cleaning the upholstery on the pews and steam-cleaning the rugs

Fr June 3 I need someone to clean the outside glass with the hose & cleaning solution

Please call me and let me know if you will be able to help so that I can coordinate crews and the necessary equipment and cleaning supplies. May God bless you always for all your good works.

**Maureen Young**, Coordinator

Keepers of His House

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*(See Page 1 for normal monthly schedule.)*



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## DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



### CATHOLIC TEACHING ON ABORTION

Importance of human life: It is a medical fact that human lives begin at conception as taught in all medical and nursing schools. From this scientific consensus about when and how human life begins, it follows that we should all respect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Catholic theology teaches that a soul enters a human body at the moment of its conception. Hence, all types of abortion kill human persons. As our Holy Father put it, the first right that everybody has is *"the inviolable right of every innocent being to life"* (*Donum Vitae*). *"All human beings, from their mother's womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow..."* (Pope John Paul II's 1995 Pro-life Encyclical *The Gospel of Life* – *"Evangelium Vitae."*, #61).

The pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church are not based only on sacred Scripture in which God reveals to us the divine creation and the divine destiny of human life. They are also based upon what is commonly called "natural law," the divine law written in our hearts and knowable by human reason. *"From the time that the ovum is fertilized, a life is begun which is neither that of the father nor the mother; it is rather the life of a new human being with his own growth...Modern genetic science offers clear confirmation. It has demonstrated that from the first instant there is established the program of what this living being will be"* (ibid. #60).

Scripture: Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God. *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you"* (Jer 1:5). Hence, the life of every individual, from its very beginning is part of God's plan. Expressions of awe and wonder at God's intervention in the life of a child in its mother's womb occur





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again and again in the Psalms (Pss. 22:10-11; 71:6; 139:13-14).

It is God's commandment, **"You shall not kill"** (Exodus 20: 13). The circumstances of how the baby was conceived do not change the evil of abortion; it is still a baby who is killed. Any tiny human embryo can grow into a child, and modern medical technology can enable it to survive outside its mother's womb after three months. At two weeks pregnancy, the "fetus" can move alone. The embryo's heart starts beating from the 25<sup>th</sup> day and its brain starts functioning on the 40<sup>th</sup> day.

The Bible never uses anything less than human terms to describe the unborn (Exodus 21:22-23). In Luke, chapter one, verses 36 and 41, we are told that Elizabeth conceived a **"son"** and that the **"babe"** leaped in her womb. God does not say that a "fetus" leaped in her womb! Elizabeth greets Mary in her early pregnancy as **"my Lord's mother."** If God allows a child to be conceived, then God obviously has a plan for unborn children (Jer. 1:5; Lk. 1:13-17; Gen. 4:25; Jud. 13:3-5), and so to abort an unborn child is to stop a plan of God. **"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works"** (Psalm 139: 13).

Tradition: The earliest Christian manual of discipline, the second-century *Didache*, clearly rejects abortion. The Church Fathers do the same. Every major Council to consider abortion has condemned it. Vatican II called abortion a **"disgrace"** (*Gaudium et spes*, #27). In a passage which retains all its relevance today, the Second Vatican Council forcefully condemned a number of crimes and attacks against human life: **"Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction...all these things and others like them are infamies indeed."** In Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, our Holy Father says: All of sacred Scripture shows such profound respect for human life, as the work of God's hands, that it **"requires as a logical consequence"** that the commandment **"You shall not kill"** be extended to the unborn, even if abortion is not mentioned by name in Scripture. How else could one read that marvelous revelation in Genesis that all humans are made in God's image (Gn 1:26)? How else, he asks, could one read the Psalms— references to God's love for human life forming in the womb? (Pss 1:4-5;



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71:6; 22:10-11).

What should a Christian do? They need to:

- 1) Respect and protect all forms of human life from conception to natural death; we need to work and pray vigorously to end the culture of death,
- 2) Speak and act against abortion in private and public forums. Protecting human life is no more a sectarian creed than the Declaration of Independence is a sectarian document. Because all rights depend on life, the right to life is the most fundamental issue of all; if that is eliminated, the rest will follow,
- 3) Work to have the government enact anti-abortion, anti-euthanasia and anti-Physician-assisted suicide laws; these killings violate justice, and therefore the command of God to love one another,
- 4) Give real care, support and assistance to mothers with unwanted pregnancies, contemplating abortion. Helping a woman choose life affirms and empowers her, and
- 5) Teach the Church's doctrines on abortion.

The Church cares about the women who have had abortions, forgives them, heals them, and brings them peace with God, with their lost children and with themselves. The Church promises any woman who has had an abortion that if she truly repents of her sin, she will find welcome and forgiveness. However, she has to understand the fact that abortion is a mortal sin, and it brings an automatic excommunication upon those who procure it, perform it, or cooperate in it. But because abortion has become legal and so commonplace in the US, bishops have delegated the lifting of any ex-communication due to abortion to priests in the confessional.

Although the Church opposes all *direct* abortions, it does not condemn procedures that result, indirectly, in the loss of the unborn child as a "secondary effect."

Next month we'll ask, **“Why Does the Church Oppose Euthanasia?”**





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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
April, 2016	Mike Stafford	Bruce & Silvia Mabley

#### Knight of the Month

#### Family of the Month



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DKG Cesar Mascardo, Rusty Bradberry, Msgr. Michael Reed

DKG Cesar Mascardo, Dennis & Maria Flores, Msgr. Michael Reed



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DKG Cesar Mascardo, Mike Stafford, Msgr. Michael Reed

DKG Cesar Mascardo, Courtney, Bruce & Silvia Mabley, Msgr. Michael Reed



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### Pro-Life by Dan Arndt

The most important part of May is for all of us to appreciate our Mothers and the sacrifices they have made. Also remember the Mothers who struggle with the decision to keep their child till birth. Pray for them, stand for them, or take a Step for them. As a last ditch effort to salvage the **"Run for Life"** we are attempting to have a **"Virtual Steps for Life"** during this month. More information will be sent out, but if everyone could try and participate so we can help those Mothers keep her child.

May also contains everything that our Faith aspires to as we celebrate Pentecost, The Most Holy Trinity, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All these events and more cry out for the Unborn Life. I know I'm talking to the choir, but you are the ones that care. You are the ones being called. You are the ones to make a difference. I don't have to tell you what that is. You already know in your hearts. Remember **"We are Knights, We are Pro-Life"**

## Call to Action – Conscience Protection Act of 2016!

Our efforts to urge Congress to enact common-sense protections for pro-life health care workers continue. The policy of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act is now found in the **Conscience Protection Act of 2016**. Please contact your member of the House of Representatives now to urge her or him to co-sponsor H.R.4828.

Tell your member that you expect him or her to uphold the right of conscientious objection to abortion by enacting this much-needed legislation. The bill, introduced on March 22 by Rep. John Fleming, MD (R-LA) and Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO), contains the policy of what in past years has been called the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA). Our goal is to have at least 200 co-sponsors.

On March 31, Cardinal Timothy Dolan and Archbishop William Lori, chairing the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty respectively, wrote to House members urging them to support and co-sponsor H.R. 4828. "When government... mandates involvement in abortion as a condition for being allowed to provide life-affirming health care services," they wrote, "it not only undermines the widely acknowledged civil rights of health care providers but also limits access to good health care for American women and men." Most health care providers do not perform abortions and choose to respect vulnerable life at its earliest stages. The government must not force them from the healing profession.

Thank you for taking action and for sharing this alert with all those you know who stand with us in defense of life and liberty.

Together we will be heard!

Amy McInerny  
Executive Director, Human Life Action



<https://www.humanlifeactioncenter.org/action-alert/urge-support-conscience-protection-act-2016>





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Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 7027

### **Proposed Slate Of Officers**

For Council Year 2016—2017

Chaplain Fr. Richard Schamber  
Grand Knight Cesar Mascardo  
Deputy Grand Knight Bruce Mabley  
Chancellor Gene Skalsky  
Treasurer Victor Rhodes  
Warden Walter Gross  
Recorder George Elliott  
Advocate Dcn. Jeffrey Massey  
Inside Guard James Gentry  
Outside Guard Philip Germain  
Trustee 3rd Year(1 year left) Daniel Arndt  
Trustee 2rd Year(2 year left) Ronald Bradberry  
Trustee 1rd Year(3 year left) Kenneth Paterna

**Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting. Elections will be at the June meeting.**

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### **Installation of Officers Banquet**

Knights of Columbus Council 7027 and our Ladies Auxiliary will hold our annual Installation of Officers Ceremony & Dinner on Saturday, June 25, 2016, in the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a Prime Rib Dinner will be SERVED at 6:00 p.m. Please be advised that attendance at this Free Dinner WILL BE BY RESERVATION ONLY - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Reservations can be made by calling Gene Skalsky at (850) 995-8890 or Cesar Mascardo at (850) 748-8788, and leaving your name and the number of people who will be attending with you. Deadline for Reservations is 9:00 p.m. Sunday, June 19, 2016. NO EXCEPTIONS.



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### C.C.M.I. Board of Directors

Brother Knights:

Some very important changes were brought about by the TERMS OF USE OF HOME CORPORATION FACILITIES BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUBORDINATE UNIT and the CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT recently promulgated by the Supreme Council Advocate and the Florida State Council Advocate, which were voted on, and approved, by the Council 7027 membership at the March, 2016, Council Meeting. These changes specify that a member cannot be an Elected Council Officer, and at the same time, serve as a member of the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors.

As a result of these changes, those members who were serving in both capacities have elected to remain as Elected Council Officers. Therefore, of the previous members of the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors, the following members still remain on the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors:

Donald (Kevin) Tully, currently serving as Secretary (has 1 more year remaining of his 3-year term, which ends on June 30, 2017).

Ronald L. Winn, currently serving as Alternate Director (has 2 more years remaining of his 3-year term, which ends on June 30, 2018). Due to his many years of past experience on the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors, it is my recommendation that he be appointed as C.C.M.I. President (for the 2016-2017 term), such appointment to be made at the General Membership Meeting (to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of June, in accordance with the C.C.M.I. By-Laws. In which is held for the sole purpose of electing members to serve on the C.C.M.I. Board of Directors.

In accordance with the remaining C.C.M.I. Board of Directors, there needs to be an election, at this General membership Meeting, for the following:

One member to serve for 1 remaining year;

One member to serve for 2 remaining years;

Two members to serve for 3 years

One member to serve as an Alternate Director for 3 years

NONE of these five members shall be Elected Council Officers.

It is also my recommendation that the C.C.M.I. By-Laws be updated to correct several Grammatik errors and to accommodate the Resolution at the end of the CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT, which is required to be part of the C.C.M.I. By-Laws.

Fraternally,

GENE SKALSKY  
Current C.C.M.I. President



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### Milton Knights of Columbus Blessing of the Fleet

Brothers All,

The Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2883 will be sponsoring a **Blessing of the Fleet** at the Memorial Park in downtown Milton on Saturday 14 May at 1:00 pm.

All watercraft, whether motor or man powered, should circle in front of the Milton Memorial Park boardwalk until the lead boat begins the slow, single file pass-by for individual blessings. Bagpipers and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus in regalia will accompany Msgr. Michael Reed on the boardwalk for the blessing.

**Free Boat Inspection:** On the same day, in conjunction with National Boating Safety Month, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be holding its annual, free **Vessel Examination** - whether motor or man powered - from 9am to 12pm at Russell Harbor Boat Launch Ramp in Milton.

Vessels passing the inspection will receive a sticker for the vessel acknowledging the pass. As this **not** a law enforcement inspection, vessels not passing will be given a checklist of deficiencies, but not a citation.

Happy, Safe Sailing

Deacon Chris Christopher





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*Excerpts from a front-page article that appeared in the April, 2016, issue of Knightline (a Supreme Council newsletter that goes to all Council Officers). The article is entitled "**One Word: Genocide**".*

Secretary of State, John Kerry declared genocide is being committed by ISIS against Christians in the Middle East. This decision came following a 280-page report produced by the Knights of Columbus and In Defense of Christians which was submitted to the State Department in early March. The report contained substantial material verifying what was/is occurring to Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East constitutes genocide. This information included eye-witness interviews, the names of Christians killed, estimates of the number of dead in various regions under ISIS control, statements of government and world leaders, and more.

Senior State Department officials had requested that the Knights of Columbus produce such a report - which is available online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and [www.StopTheChristianGenocide.org](http://www.StopTheChristianGenocide.org) - after the Order began co-sponsoring a petition to include Christians in the declaration of genocide at the hands of ISIS. The petition was signed by more than 100,000 people.

In presenting the report. Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, said the collective evidence and ISIS' own public statements make it clear that the group is targeting Christians with the intent of destroying the Christian religion.

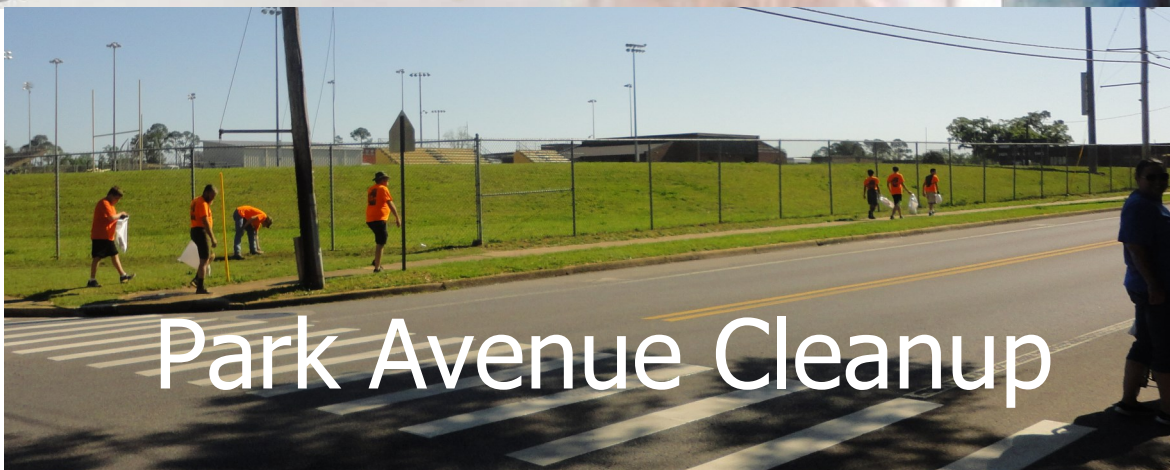
"While we believe this is the most comprehensive report on this subject to date, covering incidents in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt and Yemen, we continue to receive new reports and new evidence", said Anderson. With new information pouring in every day, he cautioned, "It may only be the tip of the iceberg."

He continued, "There is only one word that adequately, and legally, describes what is happening to Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East. That word is '**genocide**'".





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## Park Avenue Cleanup







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# Smokin' in the Square

## Seville Square, Pensacola, FL

### March 18th—19th, 2016

