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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	11:00AM	KNIGHTHOOD DEGREE	SAINT ANNS
6	7:00PM	PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
7	8:30AM	FIRST FRIDAY	CHAPEL
9		PALM SUNDAY	SAINT ROSE
9	8:30AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
13	7:00PM	Holy Thursday Mass	CHAPEL
13	8:00PM	KOC BUSINESS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
14		GOOD FRIDAY	SAINT ROSE
16		EASTER	SAINT ROSE
19	8:30AM	VA HOT DOG	PARISH HALL
20	7:00PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
26	12:00AM	NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE	KNIGHT'S HALL
28	5:00PM	SMOKIN in the SQUARE APPRECIATION DAY	PAVILLION
28	5:30PM	NO SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
29	9:00AM	PARK AVE CLEAN UP	PARISH HALL
30	4:00PM	CORPORATE 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
Apr, 2017	8	15	21	28
May, 2017	6	13	19	26
Jun, 2017	3	10	16	23





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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights In Christ:

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.

April is the month that many of us are celebrating the coming of spring but what we are really celebrating is nature. But the celebration of nature falls short when we experience the season of Easter on a personal level. Easter is celebrated during nature's season of spring. Easter is about new life. In our Christian faith, it's about new life all year round especially in Easter.

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 a while and check on them. Please, find it in your heart to do what you can. We are stronger united!

This is a celebration of Christ's resurrection, Easter marks Christ's triumph over death. This is our new birth into a living hope. It's a time to reflect on salvation, redemption, and the future coming of Christ's kingdom.

Easter is the holiday that symbolizes the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the week that precedes Easter, as one can conclude, is known as the day of joy and purification. It is full of miracles that bring rebirth of natural world as well as by human spirituality, faith and belief.

As followers of Jesus our purpose is to love God and serve God which means our chief purpose is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. There is a great joy in heaven whenever a sinner repents. As we looked forward to the joy that would result from each good work done by believers in obedience to God and motivated by love. It is by his love and grace that he brings us to faith and reconciliation. God has even planned our good works. The Lord rewards good works and there is joy in hearing him say, "Well done, my faithful servant." This is my ultimate reward as a Knight.

**Your Brother in Christ,
Cesar Mascardo
Grand Knight, Council 7027**



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Raising Awareness About Life Insurance

Each September since 2003 has been designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. Like most awareness-raising campaigns, Life Insurance Awareness Month was created because there is an overwhelming lack of understanding of life insurance, its uses, its benefits, and its variations among the general public. Each year, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) puts out the results from a recent survey, and unfortunately, the numbers they report continue to be discouraging.

A recent survey found that more than 75 percent of people polled did not have a personal financial advisor, even though 68 percent of them said their opinion of the current economic conditions was somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable. In other words, a majority of those surveyed were uncomfortable with the economy and the uncertainty it brings, yet they did not seek professional assistance. Maybe they spoke with their friends and family. Maybe they hoped the instability would go away on its own. Maybe they did not know to whom to turn.

If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's life insurance, retirement and long-term care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones. I want to help.

Another LIMRA statistic said 43 percent of people did not buy life insurance because they worry about "making the wrong decision." Talk with me, your agent, and, afterwards, you'll understand that the only wrong decision was not purchasing sooner to protect your family's future.

May God Bless You All,



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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



Why are Catholics Required to Attend Mass?

The powerful Babylonian empire conquered the people of ancient Judah, and nearly all of them were exiled from their land. The city of Jerusalem and the great temple within its gates were ruined. No longer able to worship there as their ancestors had done, the Jews were forced to live in a faraway pagan culture that knew nothing of their God.

Only many years later were the surviving exiles and their children allowed to return home at last. The books of Ezra and Nehemiah report what happened upon their arrival in Judah.

Not surprisingly, those who were serious about their faith made it their priority to rebuild the temple so they could worship there again. They wept and shouted with joy at its restoration. Having been deprived so long of the freedom to worship God as he had instructed them, they had learned to treasure their sacred assemblies in the house of the Lord (Ezr 3:1-13).

These ancient events illustrate why the Catholic Church requires attendance at Mass on Sundays and certain annual holy days. Worship is a primary duty owed to God by his creatures, which receive from him not only their very existence, but also every other good gift well. Worship is also a privilege, a precious opportunity to encounter the great King of the universe who loves his people beyond all telling.

The ancient Jews who recognized this awesome duty and privilege made every effort to go to the temple and offer their sacrifices of grain and animals. How much more, then, should Catholics be eager to attend Mass, where the glorious sacrifice of the Lamb of God himself is re-presented on the altar (Heb 9:13-14).

In the time of Moses, God had commanded his people "to keep holy the [weekly] Sabbath day" by setting it apart for worship and rest (Ex 20:8-11). The Church now applies what we might call that "Sabbath principle" to Sundays and holy days of obligation, when Mass attendance is an obligation.

Just as under the Old Covenant God required proper observance of the Sabbath, under the New Covenant the Church requires proper observance of Sunday, "the Lord's day" (Rv 1:10), the day of Resurrection. In fact, among the formal "precepts" (rules) of the Church, this one is the very first.

We must keep in mind that the Church has an obligation to guide its flock. With the authority extended to it by Jesus, it has set minimums (not maximums) for the faithful in maintaining their faith. Attending Mass regularly is one of those disciplines designed to aid us in keeping our faith alive.

Next month we'll look at: **Can Catholics Be Buried in Non-Catholic Cemeteries?**



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Blackwater Pyrates Annual Blessing of the Fleet Saturday 20 May

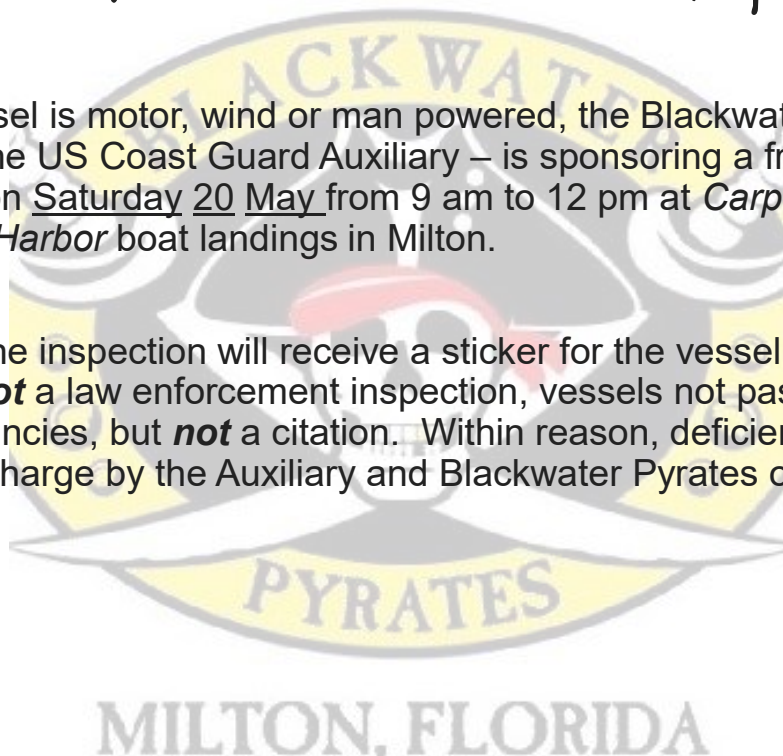
The Blackwater Pyrates in conjunction with The Knights of Columbus of Milton, are sponsoring a **Blessing of the Fleet** that will take place at the Memorial Park Boardwalk in downtown Milton on Saturday 20 May at 1:00 pm.

Vessels for the **Blessing** - all watercraft whether a motor, man or wind powered - should circle in front of the Milton Memorial Park boardwalk until the Blackwater Pyrate lead boat begins the slow, single file pass-by for individual blessings. Bagpipers and 4th Degree Knights of Columbus in regalia will accompany Msgr. Michael Reed on the boardwalk for the **Blessing**.

Blackwater Pyrates Annual Free Vessel Examination Day Saturday 20 May.

Whether your vessel is motor, wind or man powered, the Blackwater Pyrates - in conjunction with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary - is sponsoring a free water vessel examination day on Saturday 20 May from 9 am to 12 pm at *Carpenter's Park* and *Russell Harbor* boat landings in Milton.

Vessels passing the inspection will receive a sticker for the vessel acknowledging the pass. As this is **not** a law enforcement inspection, vessels not passing will be given a checklist of deficiencies, but **not** a citation. Within reason, deficiencies will be corrected free of charge by the Auxiliary and Blackwater Pyrates on the spot.





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Pro-Life by Dan Arndt

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WOW!! What a month!! Starting with our council's day to pray at the at the abortion mill on March 3 at the start of this campaign of The 40 Days of Life. Thank-you for all who participated, now, in the past, and in the future. You make a difference to mothers and their babies. Our next day will be Friday April 7, 6am - 6pm.

In a few short months our council was able to raise 1/2 the cost of an ultra-sound machine and Supreme the other, to have it installed at the Milton PRC in March. On March 24 the Milton PRC had a ribbon cutting and Blessing of the new machine by Monsignor Reed. In attendance was DD John Recke, GK Cesar Mascardo, FN Ron Winn, and Pro-Life Director Dan Arndt. Rep. Matt Gaetz was not able to attend so he was represented by his District Aide Sara Lefever along with 30+ in attendance celebrated the occasion.

Lastly, in recognition of "The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child", a Pro-life Rosary was held on March 25 at the Memorial Tomb of the Aborted Child directed by Fr. Hank Lech. 30+ parishioners along with Assemblies Color Guard were in attendance. At the tomb we have 40 crosses for the 40 Days for Life campaign along with 139 flags representing how many babies are aborted each hour.

On April 6 the Milton PRC will have their annual fund raising banquet. It will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church Pace FL. The meal is free and the speaker is Dr. George Grant. There is still time if you would like to attend. You can call Dan Arndt at 850-207-8779.





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4th Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Worthy Sir Knights,

March was an active month, with the ***Smokin In The Square*** event taking place in Seville Square in Pensacola. Those of us involved as SK's were equally important to the events' success as anyone else from the Council. I witnessed a lot of tireless work and marveled at the cooperation and teamwork exhibited by everyone involved. The event is a huge undertaking. My deep thanks and appreciation for all your hard work!

As we unwind from the ***Smokin In The Square***, the Council and Assembly must again pull together and take on another event in our own "backyard". ***Milton In May*** will take place on May 19-20 along the Riverwalk in Milton. This is a city event, but we have been asked to manage the planned BBQ Cook-off (backyard only), arrange for food vendors and set up beer sales. The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Rose will do coffee and pastries early on Saturday morning (the 20th) for the planned car show.

So, worthy Knights, take a deep breath, rest up a bit, and then join in again to work this event. It will be greatly scaled back from ***Smokin*** and our participation is limited. Our goal is to assist the city in making this a successful event for our local community. We may actually enjoy this!

NOTICE: There is an appreciation cook-out event taking place on April 28th, 5pm for all the volunteers that worked on ***Smokin In The Square***. Ivan, myself, and a few others will be doing the cooking (scary huh?), so plan on enjoying yourself - no work for you folks! We will be on the Pavilion next to the Knights Building. More details in coming days.

REMINDER: The next assembly meeting will be on Thursday, April 20th, 7pm. All Sir Knights please attend.

Vivat Jesu,

Ron Winn
Faithful Navigator
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Sir Knight of the Month

SK Bobby Gable, March Sir Knight of the Month, is flanked by FN Ron Winn and Msgr. Michael Reed.





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Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2016	Philip Germain	Gene & Martha Skalsky
August, 2016	Fr. Richard Schamber	Norman & Melba Champagne
September, 2016	Ralph Crago	Joey & Linda Davis
October, 2016	Logan Bradberry	James & Renate Gentry
November, 2016	Ed Kulikouski	Ed & Sandy Faxlanger
December, 2016	Victor Rhodes	George, Nina, & Valentina Elliott
January, 2017	Philip Germain	Walter & Christa Gross
February, 2017	Bruce Donatelli	Tom & Sandy Tomas
March, 2017	Robert Haring	Michael & Debra Stafford
April, 2017		
May, 2017		
June, 2017		
Year 2016-17		

Knights of the Month

Family of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, SK Robert Haring,
Msgr. Michael Reed



GK Cesar Mascardo, Michael & Debra Stafford,
Msgr. Michael Reed



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Easter



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



Bob Haring	4/1
Gene Skalsky	4/2
Christopher Gay	4/5
Billie Hinkle	4/10
John Juul	4/14



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER UNITED STATES

APRIL Young People.

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

<http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/2017-intentions>



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The Feast of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday



**“And who knows anything about this feast?
No one!”**

That's what our Lord said to St. Faustina about Divine Mercy Sunday, which this year is April 23rd. In St. Faustina's *Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul*, this conversation between St. Faustina and Jesus Christ is recorded (with St. Faustina's words in regular type, and Our Lord's words in boldface):

I am very surprised that You bid me to talk about this Feast of Mercy, for they tell me that there is already such a feast and so why should I talk about it? And Jesus said to me, **And who knows anything about this feast? No one! Even those who should be proclaiming My mercy and teaching people about it often do not know about it themselves. That is why I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it** (*Diary*, 341).

According to the *Diary* of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus Christ made a special promise, which she was to communicate to the whole world:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy (*Diary*, 699).

In three places in her *Diary*, St. Faustina records a promise from our Lord of specific, extraordinary graces He will make available through the devout reception of Holy Communion on this Feast Day; truly a "whole ocean of graces" is contained in these promises:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).

Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

Submitted by George Elliott



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We're going to do it again NEXT YEAR?
EEEEEEEEEEEEOOOW!



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College Scholarship Opportunity for St. Rose High School Seniors

The Knights of Columbus, Council 7027 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church will be offering three college scholarships to High School Seniors who are "registered" members of St. Rose of Lima parish and will be attending college in the fall of 2017.

Three scholarships will be awarded ... One \$1,400 Scholarship and two \$1,300 scholarships, based on the "thoroughness and effort" in completing the application packet... as evaluated by an eight man Scholarship committee.

Application packets can be picked up at the Parish Office (6451 Park Ave) beginning 27 February 2017 between 8:30am and 5:00pm on Monday - Thursday (closed for lunch 12:00 -1:00)... and between 8:30am and 12:00 noon on Friday.

To be considered, the scholarship application packet MUST BE completed and received (via mail) by the Scholarship Committee Chairman by Saturday 15 April 2017.

Scholarship winners will be notified by phone - with scholarship certificates being presented at the 4:00pm Life Teen Mass on Sunday April 30, 2017.

For additional information, contact John Juul at 850-261-8851.





MAY 20, 2017
MILTON IN MAY
BACKYARD
BBQ
COMPETITION

A Cook-off for our local area BBQ-ers! Sign up and show Milton what you can do with a slab of ribs and a pork butt! Come enjoy the entire *Milton In May* event and add your own “flavor” to this city-wide celebration! BBQ Registration forms on website by April 1st.



Milton In May

19-20 May 2017

**Cash prizes and
awards to the top
“Q-ers”**

**We want you to
“bring your best”!**

**Also a “People’s
Choice” Award**

**Proceeds go to
local charities**

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