



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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### COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
2	6:30PM	CCMI PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
2	7:00PM	KOC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
2	6:00PM	ADMISSIONS (1st Degree)	ST JOHNS
3	8:30AM	FIRST FRIDAY	CHAPEL
8	8:00AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
9	6:00PM	VESPER	CHAPEL
9	7:00PM	KOC BUSINESS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
11	6:30PM	KOC VALENTINES PARTY	HILTON GARDEN
12	8:30AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
16	7:00PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823 MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
24	5:30PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
26	8:00AM	KOC CORPORATE MASS	ST ROSE OF LIMA
26	12:00AM	NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE	

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### Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Feb, 2017	11	18	24	3
Mar, 2017	11	18	24	3, 31
Apr, 2017	8	15	21	28

#### 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.



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

### Brother Knights In Christ:

Here we are in February already which is the shortest month of the year, it often feels like the longest in cold, freezing climate.

The month of February reminds us of Ground Hog Day on the 2nd, the Super Bowl Sunday on the 5th and Valentine's Day on the 14th.

The U.S. Greeting Card Association estimates that approximately one billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making the day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. The association estimates that women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.

The tradition of Valentine's Day is a time to exchange cards or small gifts, chocolates, flowers, jewelry and romantic dinners are big hits of this special day.

As a reminder, our special Valentine's Party is February 11, 2017 at the Hilton Garden. Please join us in fellowship.

Valentines are wonderful expressions of affection, affirmation, and acceptance. Every one of us needs those things, as well as an occasional reminder we are accountable to a higher authority. We are reminded of our duties, but not as often given a reminder of God's warmth and love.

Keep your faith in beautiful things and don't take for granted the blessings we receive from God.

Walk through life and let love bring the sweet relief of charity in our hearts. In your love is the charity of spring that embraces us the blessings of unity.

Love is firstly, God never giving up on us. We are no means or measure a perfect person. We need to work on loving God more and choosing Him above other things, but He is always willing to listen to us and I know that he will always forgive us, be there for us, and has a perfect plan for our life.

As you open this "valentine" from God, do so knowing you are a loved member of His family. When you receive God's love, it affects how you show love to others. This day, I encourage you, reach up as if giving Him a return embrace of His reach toward you and declare, "Lord, I receive Your love, and I welcome it."

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



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## FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

### Protecting Your Family... Business?

**Y**ou already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

May God Bless You All,



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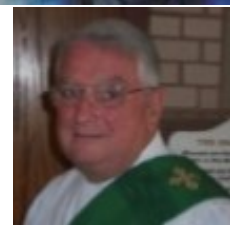
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## DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



My apologies, Brothers, for not writing about ***"Why Does the Church Contain So Many Sinners?"*** as I promised last month. Being caught up in recent events and now visiting grandchildren in Tennessee, I'm away from my office and am substituting this article in its place. I will cover ***"Why Does the Church Contain So Many Sinners?"*** in next month's newsletter.

Have you ever wondered how many infallible statements popes have made in the last 2000 years? Catholics generally know that the pope can make such statements, but often don't know how many of them have been made (A good question for a Trivia Night?). The following are all the infallible statements that popes have made in the last 2000 years:

### INFALLIBLE PAPAL STATEMENT #1

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### **Ineffabilis Deus** - God Ineffable (*inexpressible, beyond words, beyond description*)

Apostolic Constitution issued by **Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854.**

The Catholic Church, guided by the Holy Spirit of God, is the pillar and foundation of truth (1 Timothy 3:15) and has ever held as divinely revealed and as contained in the deposit of heavenly revelation this doctrine concerning the original innocence of the august Virgin...

On February 2, 1849,<sup>[27]</sup> we sent an Encyclical Letter from Gaeta to all our venerable brethren, the bishops of the Catholic world, that they should offer prayers to God and then tell us in writing what the piety and devotion of their faithful was in regard to the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God. We likewise inquired what the bishops themselves thought about defining this doctrine and what their wishes were in regard to making known with all possible solemnity our supreme judgment.

We were certainly filled with the greatest consolation when the replies of our venerable brethren came to us. For, replying to us with a most enthusiastic joy, exultation and zeal, they not only again confirmed their own singular piety toward the Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin, and that of the secular and religious clergy and of the faithful, but with one voice they even entreated us to define our supreme judgment and authority the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin.

Accordingly, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for the honor of the Holy and undivided Trinity, for the glory and adornment of the Virgin Mother of God, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, and for the furtherance of the Catholic religion, by the authority of Jesus Christ our Lord, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own: ***"We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."***<sup>[29]</sup>

Given at St. Peter's in Rome, the eighth day of December 1854, in the eighth year of our pontificate.

**Pius IX**



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## INFALLABLE PAPAL STATEMENT #2

### THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

#### ***MUNIFICENTISSIMUS DEUS*** (The Most Bountiful God)

Apostolic Constitution issued by **POPE PIUS XII** November 1, 1950

4...According to the general rule, God does not will to grant to the just the full effect of the victory over death until the end of time has come. And so it is that the bodies of even the just are corrupted after death, and only on the last day will they be joined, each to its own glorious soul.

5. Now God has willed that the Blessed Virgin Mary should be exempted from this general rule. She, by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.

Following the example of [Pope Pius IX](#) who canvassed Catholic bishops before proclaiming the dogma of the [Immaculate Conception](#), Pius XII asked all bishops for their opinion:

We earnestly beg you to inform us about the devotion of your clergy and people toward the Assumption of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. More especially we wish to know if you, Venerable Brethren, with your learning and prudence consider that the bodily Assumption of the Immaculate Blessed Virgin can be proposed and defined as a dogma of faith, and whether in addition to your own wishes this is desired by your clergy and people.<sup>[3]</sup>

11. Hence, on May 1, 1946, he asked the bishops of the world, ***"Do you, venerable brethren judge that the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin can be proposed and defined as a dogma of faith? Do you, with your clergy and people, desire it?"*** The response was an almost unanimous affirmative response to both these questions.

(This was also promulgated by almost two hundred fathers in the [Vatican Council](#), 1869–1870.

28. Thus, the earliest period of scholastic theology held that the Virgin Mary's flesh had remained incorrupt--for it is wrong to believe that her body has seen corruption--because it was really united again to her soul and, together with it, crowned with great glory in the heavenly courts.

Finally, since the Church has never looked for the bodily relics of the Blessed Virgin nor proposed them for the veneration of the people, we have a proof on the order of a sensible experience.<sup>(36)</sup>

This revealed dogma states that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, ***having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.***

48. Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, in the year of the great Jubilee, 1950, on the first day of the month of November, on the Feast of All Saints, in the twelfth year of our pontificate. **PIUS XII**



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### YOUR'RE INVITED

### SUPER BOWL 51 PARTY



**Who:** Brothers, Wives, and significant others of K of C Council 7027.

**From:** Chris & Z Christopher

**What:** Watch **Super Bowl 51** (Or shoot pool, play board games, people watch if that's your thing) with the Christophers.

**When:** Sunday, 5 February, in time for the 5:30 kickoff. Come early enough to reserve your seat section:

Socializing fans,

Casual fans, or

No-kibitzing-serious-students-of-the-game fans.

**Where:** 3749 Ward Basin Road (two miles south of Interstate 10, on the right, look for illuminated driveway) Milton, FL 32583.

**Eats:** Please contribute food to share during commercials and halftime.

**Let us know:**

*Who you are,*

*How many you are, and*

*What you are bringing.*

Drinks will be provided.

**RSVP:** Zee Christopher (850) 384-0995 or [cjchristopher2010@gmail.com](mailto:cjchristopher2010@gmail.com)



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**Pro-Life** by Dan Arndt

### We are Knights, We are Pro-life

It is truly remarkable how much transpired last month. January being Pro-Life month gave us the usual Marches for Life with an added one here in Pensacola lead by the Emerald Coast Coalition for Life. Also for the first time in 43 years we had a sitting Vice President speak at the Washington DC March with the President telling the media that it would be ethical for them to recognize the March in there news reports.

Also with the inauguration of a new administration has proved to be beneficial for the Pro-Life efforts. We need to let them know of our satisfaction . It is not difficult to acquire their contacts so you could thank them for their decisions for LIFE now and in the future. We are "The People". Please, this is a battle and this is one weapon we all can use. There is a saying "Kill them with kindness". What we want to kill is the idea that the Right to Life does not include the unborn child. Be involved, be educated, be prayerful and remember

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**The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**  
 APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY

### Comfort for the Afflicted.

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

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



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### 4th Degree —Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



**Worthy Sir Knights,**



With the flurry of activity we had in the fall and into December, we were able to get a bit of a “breather” in January. But, Spring is just around the corner. With that, comes the **“Smokin’ in the Square”** BBQ cook-off in Seville Square on March 17-18, 2017. Although this is billed as a Council event, we are all involved in this one. I encourage you to volunteer to help us on this big event. We usually see about 15-20,000 people walk thru this one! It is a B-I-G event. So, please help if you can. Contact any of the officers in the Council or the Assembly to see how you may be able to contribute.

And, new this year, for the Council and the Assembly, will be the **“Milton In May”** event taking place 19-20 May 2017. This will include a Backyard BBQ competition, food vendors and a beer tent, all managed by the Knights. We are presently working out details with the City of Milton, so more to come on this one in February and March. Please mark the dates and plan to pitch in where needed.

Now, just for us, I would like to propose an evening on the pavilion for us SK’s and our families. Let’s call it a “Bring Your Own Steak Nite”. We’ll all bring our own favorite grillers, a side dish and we will furnish the beverages. We have a grill, so that is taken care of. Let’s do this after Saturday Mass, and look at April 22<sup>nd</sup> as a possible date. I will check the schedule at church, the council schedule and make sure we aren’t in conflict with anything. We can finalize this (if we decide to do it) at the February meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Again, my deep appreciation for all the work and assistance rendered by our Sir Knights on the events we have conducted. I need to mention that I received an in-depth briefing by the Past Faithful Navigator, Will Field back in July. He was very helpful and passed a lot good information to me, allowing us to execute our fall schedule successfully. Thank you, Bro. Will.

And, as a personal invitation to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree knights in our council, I invite you to join us in the Patriotic Degree. We welcome you to join our ranks. Talk to any of us about getting a Form 4 to join.

Vivat Jesu,  
Ron Winn  
Faithful Navigator  
Tel: 850.712.8935



### **Sir Knight of the Month**

Deacon Chris Christopher, January 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 Kulikowski	Ed & Sandy Faxlanger
December, 2016	Victor Rhodes	George, Nina, & Valentina Elliott
January, 2017	Philip Germain	Walter & Christa Gross
February, 2017		
March, 2017		
April, 2017		
May, 2017		
June, 2017		
Year 2016-17		

#### Knight of the Month

#### Family of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, Lourdes & Phillip Germain Sr.,  
Msgr. Michael Reed

GK Cesar Mascardo, Christa & Walter Gross,  
Msgr. Michael Reed



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## Council Membership

**W**hen was the last time you asked a fellow Catholic gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus? Why are YOU a member of the Knights of Columbus? Is it only because someone asked you to join? Is it just so that you can say "I am a member of the Knights of Columbus"?

If you really understand - and believe in - who we are (as the largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization in the world) and what we stand for, then you should be motivated to share our vision and ideals with other Catholic men and their families. You should be proud to be a Knight, and you should also be proud of our Council and its programs.

It is important that we bring "new blood" into our Council every year. Organizations that do not grow eventually wither and die. Bringing fresh faces into our Council is a great way to get new ideas and to increase the number of members "actively" participating in our projects. Recruiting for new members is EVERY Member's responsibility, not just that of the Membership Director.

Those of you who attended our January' Council business meeting were each given a tri-fold yellow flyer with a picture of Father Michael McGivney on the front. It contained a list of activities in which our Council is currently involved. This can be an excellent tool (when talking with a prospective member) to describe just a few of our Council activities. PLEASE USE IT! For those of you who are not able to attend the Council business meeting regularly, a copy of the flyer will be e-mailed to you for your perusal.

Finally, we should remember that, as Knights, we are constantly observed - and judged - on how well we live up to our Catholic faith and the Principles of the Order.

Fraternally,

GENE SKALSKY

Chancellor/Membership Director





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# Council 7027 Happenings

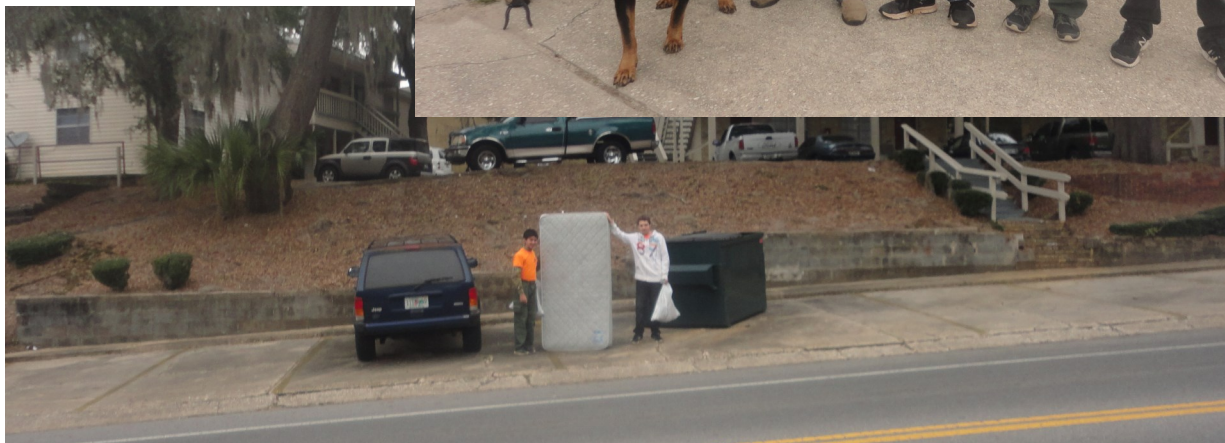


Victor Rhodes receiving December, 2016, Knight of the Month certificate.



Walter Gross receiving a Certificate of Appreciation.

### January Park Avenue Cleanup





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## Catholic Radio

**George Elliott**

Do you listen to Catholic Radio? Do you know we have Catholic Radio? On both FM (103.3 FM) and AM (1230 AM), we are blessed to have Catholic programming transmitted to our area from Pensacola.

In October of 2015, the Guadalupe Radio Network, acquired the broadcasting rights from Divine Word Radio, a network operated by Gene Church. Guadalupe Radio Network is the largest EWTN radio affiliate. Much of the programming comes directly from EWTN, and additional programming comes from Ave Maria Radio, Catholic Answers, and others.

What will you hear on our Catholic radio stations? There is a wide variety of programming. Here are some highlights for Monday through Friday:

6:00 AM – “Morning Glory”, an EWTN daily radio talk show with news, sports, weather and commentary from a Catholic perspective, “Catholic from the start”, as they say.

7:00 AM – Daily Mass from the EWTN chapel in Irondale, Alabama.

2:00 PM – “Open Line”, a radio call-in show with hosts and topics varying each day of the week. Monday is John Martignoni (apologetics), Tuesday is Barbara McGuigan (chastity/pro-life), Wednesday is Father Mitch Pacwa (Bible and Church questions), Thursday is Father Larry Richards (The New Evangelization), and Friday is Colin Donovan (theology).

3:00 PM – The Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:00 PM – “Catholic Answers”, a call-in show that covers a wide variety of topics.

8:00 PM - “EWTN News Nightly”, a radio broadcast of the TV news show.

8:30 PM - “The Rosary is a Place”, a recording of the rosary mysteries of the day with musical accompaniment, by the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel and Simonetta.

In our area, we tend to get much better reception of the FM signal. You can also listen to it online at GRNOnline.com, with GRN standing for Guadalupe Radio Network.

After comparing this programming to mainstream programming, why not leave your radio tuned to 103.3 FM all the time?



Breakfast at Ryan's Steak House after Corporate Communion on January 29, 2017.



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The Grand Knight is inviting each of you and your spouse to our monthly Friday evening Social at the Knights of Columbus Building, located on the St. Rose of Lima Festival Grounds. The Social will begin at **5:30 p.m. on February 24th.** You are asked to bring a side dish to share with at least 20 people.

Fourth Friday Night Social at the Knight's Hall, January, 27,2016. A good times was had by all!



## CCMI

Brother Knights,

At the direction of the State Council the Articles of Incorporation for the Columbia Club of Milton, Incorporated (CCMI) are being amended. Following this page the amended articles are presented for your inspection. They will be voted on by the membership at the February Business meeting of Council 7027, February 9. All members of Knights of Columbus Council 7027 in good standing are members of CCMI. We want to encourage as many members as possible to attend for this very important vote.

Ron Winn

President CCMI

# AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COLUMBIA CLUB OF MILTON, INC

## ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this Corporation is “COLUMBIA CLUB OF MILTON, INC, a Home Corporation.

## ARTICLE II – Purpose and Powers

**Section 1: Purposes:** The Corporation has been incorporated as a not-for profit corporation and is formed to:

Hold interest in and operate the building and property located at 5470 Dogwood Drive, Milton FL 32570 for the members of the Corporation for the members of the Father Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 of the Knights of Columbus.

Promote charitable activities that will benefit the Roman Catholic Church, the Parish of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 and the order of the Knights of Columbus.

Facilitate the civic, charitable, fraternal and patriotic activities of the Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027.

**Section 2: Powers:**

The Corporation shall have the powers to sue and be sued, to hold, receive, lease and purchase such real estate and personal property as may be requisite and expedient for its purpose, and to sell, lease, encumber, and dispose of such property.

The Corporation shall have the powers to carry out the charitable, civic, fraternal and patriotic activities to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation set forth in Section 1.

To hold events, activities and other fund raising activities to facilitate the operation of the facilities and to promote the charitable activities of the Council.

The Corporation is authorized to make charitable donations to IRS Code Section 501 © entities, pay all debts incurred by the corporation, including normal business expenses, and make other payments as authorized by the Officers, Board of Directors and Members.

## ARTICLE III – OFFICES

The Corporation shall continually maintain a registered office and agent in the County of Santa Rosa, State of Florida, at 6451 Park Av, Milton, FL 32570, or other designated place officially established. The President of the Corporation shall be the official designated as Corporate Agent for the acceptance of process.

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERS

**Section 1: Membership:**

The membership of the Corporation consists solely of Members in good standing of the Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027, Knights of Columbus. Termination of membership in the council for any reason shall immediately and automatically terminate corporation membership. A member so terminates will have no rights, privileges, title or interest in this Corporation.

**Section 2: Non-Transferability:**

Membership in the Corporation is not transferable or assignable

**Section 3: Voting:**

Each member shall have one vote at the annual meetings of the Corporation and other special meetings when the issues are addressed to the membership.

## ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

### Section 1: Annual Meeting:

The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held in in the month of June each year, beginning the year of 2017, for the purpose of electing Directors and Officers of the Corporation and to transact other business presented by or to the Members. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by written communication, announcement at the next earliest meeting of Council 7027, or by direct mailing to the members at least fifteen (15) days, but not more that forty-five (45) days before the meeting. If mailed, the notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the Unites States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation, with postage prepaid. If it is not feasible, to hold the annual meeting in June, the Directors shall call a special meeting for the purpose of electing Directors and Officers of the Corporation and general business of the Corporation as soon after, or thereafter as practicable, bearing in mind the need to give proper notification as set forth herein.

### Section 2: Special Meeting:

A Special Meeting may be called by the President, the Board of Directors, or by not less than one-tenth (1/10<sup>th</sup>) of the members of the Corporation. The place of the meeting for the Annual and Special Meetings shall be included in the meeting notification and shall be at the Columbia Club of Milton facilities located at 6451 Park Ave, Milton, FL 32570, provided they are available.

### Section 3: Notice of Special Meeting:

Notice shall be accomplished as set forth in Section 1 at least three (3) days before the meeting and shall include a clear statement of purpose(s) for which it is called. No unannounced business shall be conducted such a meeting.

### Section 4: Attendance:

Only accredited members are entitled to attend the meetings of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may approve guest attendance if requested in advance and approved by a majority of Directors present at the meeting. An elected Director, appointed by the Board, shall check each member's accreditation. The Knights of Columbus traveling card issued by Council 7027 shall be adequate to establish membership in the Corporation.

### Section 5: Matters to be Brought Before the General Membership:

All matters affecting the viability of the Corporation shall be brought before the general membership of the Corporation for a vote. This includes all major contracts, mortgages, liens, loans, or other commitment of funds or creation of debts; sales of facilities, lands, and other major projects including remodeling, expansion and upgrades of the premises or land, or buildings and facilities thereon, and the elections of new officers, directors, or establishment of standing committees, shall be accomplished soled upon the approval of a majority of the membership present at the Annual or Special Meeting called by the corporation in accordance with these articles.

## ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section 1: Composition, Number and Ex-Officio Directors:

The Board of Directors shall consist of: Seven (7) Directors elected by the membership. The elected Directors shall consist of four (4) Corporate Officers and three (3) Directors. The Corporate Officers shall be as stated in **Article VII**. All members of the Board of Directors shall have the right to cast a single vote on all matters brought before the Board of Directors.

### Section 2: Election of Directors and Duration of Term:

The Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected by a majority vote of the members of the Corporation in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The voting shall be by written ballot for contested positions. The Corporation Secretary shall record the votes and the President shall announce the winners. A quorum for the Annual Meeting shall be fifteen (15) members. The Board of Directors shall be elected upon adoption of these Articles to serve the balance of the Corporate fiscal year, and annually thereafter for the period 1 July through 30 June.

### **Section 3: Vacancies:**

If the elected Directors' positions are, for any reason, unable to be filled at the Annual Meeting, or if a vacancy for one of the Directors occurs, or if an inability of an officer to serve is reported to the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting, a Special Meeting shall be called within one month after notice of the vacancy is received. A vacancy shall be declared if a member of the Board of Directors fails to attend three consecutive meetings, without acceptable cause to the Board of Directors. Vacancies shall be filled at a Special Meeting announced to the membership, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting, for all vacancies except those occurring during the last quarter of the fiscal year. Publication of the Meetings' purpose, date and time by written communication or publication, as does a direct mailing, notice of which is complete on the date of mailing to the last known address of record of the members in good standing. For vacancies occurring during the last quarter of the fraternal year, the Board of Directors, by majority vote, may appoint a Director to fulfill the position for the remainder of the year.

### **Section 4: General Powers:**

The Board of Directors shall have the responsibilities and authorities usually entrusted to a Board of Directors, including the management of the Corporation and control of its financial affairs.

### **Section 5: Regular and Special Meetings of the Board of Directors:**

The Board shall meet monthly for the transaction of any business that may be presented to the Board. Two-thirds (2/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be called by the President or upon the request of three (3) Board members. Meetings shall have a quorum of a majority of the Board and may be called with three (3) days' notice to all Board members for the transaction of urgent business.

At any regular or special meeting, any business presented to the Board will be accomplished by a majority vote of the Directors present and voting.

### **Section 6: Compensation:**

Directors shall receive no compensation for services as Directors. They may, however, be compensated for any authorized expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

## **ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS**

### **Section 1: Officers:**

Officers of the Corporation shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. No elected officer of Council 7027 shall be permitted to hold a position as an officer, or on the Board of Directors in the Corporation simultaneously.

### **Section 2: Duties of Officers:**

The **President** is the chief executive of the Corporation and shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation Directors. He shall have the power to appoint committees as may be necessary, with the approval of the Board of Directors. He shall supervise and control the business operations of the Corporation. He has the authority to sign, with the Secretary of the Corporation, deeds, mortgages, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed. The President shall sign all checks together with the Treasurer by original signature. No stamped or facsimile signature is authorized. Both signatures must be on the checks for them to be validly executed. The President shall take all necessary actions to preserve the assets of the Corporation including emergency actions necessitated by fire, flood or other natural disasters, accidents, criminal activity, etc.

The **Vice President**, in the absence of the President, or in the event of his inability to fulfill the duties of his office, shall perform all the duties of the President, subject to all restrictions of the President. He shall also perform all other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Board of Directors, except those specifically reserved herein to another designated officer.

The **Treasurer** shall have charge of, and is responsible for, all funds and securities of the Corporation. He shall deposit all funds



in the name of the Corporation in such banks or financial institutions as directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall sign all checks together with the President, by original signature. No stamped or facsimile signature is authorized. Both signatures must be on the checks for them to be validly executed. In addition to the general duties of Treasurer, he will perform any other duties assigned by the President or the Board of Directors, except those specifically reserved herein to another designated officer. The Corporation shall furnish bond for the faithful performance of his duties in an amount determined by the Board of Directors. An alternate to the Treasurer from the elected Directors may be appointed by the Board of Directors in case the Treasurer is unable to serve for particular activities.

The **Secretary** shall keep minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors. He will ensure that all notices required by these Articles be given in the manner prescribed. The Secretary shall ensure that all required forms and submittals are completed in a timely manner and filed as required by State or Federal licensing agencies, including the annual filing of the tax Form 990. The Secretary is the custodian of the Corporate Seal and of all corporate records. He will ensure that the Corporate Seal is affixed to all official documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Corporation is duly authorized in accordance with the rules of these Articles. The Secretary shall keep a register of each member's postal address and phone number, which shall be furnished to him by the Council Financial Secretary. He shall ensure a record of attendance of the members to the facility and at events put on in the facility, as well as a guest register, is faithfully completed. He shall perform any other duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors, except those specifically reserved herein to other designated officers.

#### **Section 7: Vacancies:**

A vacancy in any office caused by death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, may be filled by special election called in accordance with **Article V, Section 5**.

## **ARTICLE VIII – CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

#### **Section 1: Contracts:**

The Board of Directors may authorize the President to enter into contracts or to execute other instruments on behalf of the Corporation not covered by **Article V**. Such authority may be general (such as rental agreements) or specific (such as mortgages, bank accounts, or loans).

#### **Section 2: Checks, Drafts or Payments:**

All expenditures of funds, other than standard business expenses (utility bills, etc) shall be made only after approval of the Board of Directors, such motion to be made and seconded and approved by a majority of the Directors present. The Secretary shall provide a sequentially numbered voucher for all expenses to be paid to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall draft the checks and sign together with the President by original signatures as outlined in **Section VII**. In the absence of the President, the Vice President may be authorized to sign, and in the absence of the Treasurer, an elected Director may be authorized to sign. Cash payments may only be made when no other form of payment is practicable and then only after proper approval.

#### **Section 3: Mortgages, Loans, or other Long Term Financial Commitments:**

Long term commitments may only be presented to the membership after discussion and approval of the Board of Directors. Such instruments may only be authorized, and entered into, after the approval of the General Membership at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting called for the purpose of presenting such requirement.

#### **Section 4: Deposits:**

All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited to its credit in such banks or other financial institutions as the Board of Directors may select.

#### **Section 5: Gifts:**

The Board of Directors may accept, on behalf of the Corporation, any contribution, gift, bequest, or device, provided such gift does not carry with it restrictions or purposes in conflict with the intent of the Corporation.

#### **Section 6: Fund Retention:**

The Corporation is authorized to retain such funds as are necessary to maintain the facilities of the Corporation and pay all day-to-day operational expenses.

The Corporation may establish such accounts as are necessary for the retention and accumulation of capital necessary for disaster relief. Such funds shall be retained in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the current value of the building and appurtenances thereto.

The Corporation, by direction of the Board of Directors, may establish accounts for the capital improvement or repair or replacement of capital items of equipment, e.g., kitchen expansion or replacement of major appliances, building additions and/or renovations, and repair or replacement of the roof, air conditioners, etc.

#### **Section 7: Budget:**

The Corporation shall publish an annual budget to its members detailing the major categories of expenses expected for the next fiscal year. The budget shall contain a depreciation schedule for all major items of capital investment; see **Section 6**, and all major improvement projects to be undertaken. The budget shall be presented and approved by the Membership at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE IX – FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be 1 July through 30 June.

### **ARTICLE X – CORPORATE SEAL**

The Board of Directors shall provide a Corporate Seal, which shall be an impression seal containing the name and date of the incorporation of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE XI – BOOKS AND RECORDS**

#### **Section 1: Corporate Books:**

The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of all accounts and shall also keep minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors. All books and records may be inspected by any member at the corporate facility. Non-Member review of the books of the Corporation may only be permitted upon request to, and with approval of, the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 2: Financial Audit:**

The financial books of the Corporation shall be independently audited semi-annually each year by a financial firm if the gross receipts of the Corporation exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Such audit shall be used for the tax reporting requirements each year. If the gross receipts from all sources are under twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00), the Board of Directors, at its discretion, may appoint three directors, excluding the Corporate Officers, to complete an audit of the financial records of the Corporation. The results of these audits shall be reported to the Board of Directors at the meeting following the completion of the audit.

### **ARTICLE XII – ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Section 1: Order of Business for Directors' Meetings**

Call to Order

Presentation of Member's Credentials

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes from Previous Meeting

President's Report

Secretary's Report and Reading of Bill and Communications

Treasurer's Report

Report of Committees

Old Business  
New Business  
Closing Prayer

## **Section 2: Order of Business at the Annual Board of Directors' Meeting**

Thru 6: Same Format as above  
Vice President's Report  
Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Report of Committees  
Election of Directors  
Presentation of Financial Report  
Presentation of Budget for Ensuing Year  
Old Business  
New Business  
Closing Prayer

## **ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These articles may be altered, amended or repealed, and new Articles may be adopted by two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Meeting. The Articles of Incorporation shall also constitute the By-Laws of the Corporation on their adoption and approval.

## **ARTICLE XIV – TERMINATION OF CORPORATION**

Upon termination of the existence of this Corporation, all of the funds, assets, and property of any kind owned by the Corporation shall be turned over, in full, after payment of all its outstanding liabilities, to Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027, for donation to a Catholic Organization recognized under the Internal Revenue Code as a Section 501(c) entity; provided the council does not have imminent plans on acquiring a new facility and the creation of a new Corporation within five (5) years, in which case the Council shall maintain individual accounting of all funds and property received from the Corporation. Upon the expiration of the five-year period, all then remaining property shall be converted to cash and combined with the funds of the Corporation and shall be donated as described above to a Catholic 501(c) entity.

## **ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These By-Laws were approved by unanimous consent of all members present at a Special Meeting held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, which was called for the specific purpose of amending the By-Laws of the Corporation.

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Secretary  
Attest:

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President

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Vice-President

### **General Notes:**

The books are internal to the Corporation and are not releasable to the general public or persons representing the members, unless the Board of Directors chooses to release them in the interest(s) of dispute resolution, etc. Members are allowed to review the books at any time by request to the corporate officers or Board of Directors.

The record of attendance at the events of the Home Corporation (HC) are needed to ensure that no more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the income of the HC is generated from outside sources, e.g. bingo, bar, dances, etc. This does not include charitable events as all receipts are charity, so long as the event is adverted for that purpose.

If the HC has a paid manager, be careful if the individual serving is a member of the Corporation, as this could have very serious tax implications.

The purpose of a home corporation is to hold an interest in land, which the Council cannot do. Therefore, this is the primary purpose of the HC.

Sales tax must be collected on all events where there are sales of tickets, meals or merchandise. Donations are not taxable. EIN numbers must be obtained for the Corporation as well as the Council and 990's (full form) or the 990 EZ (postcard) must be file annually to prevent automatic loss of tax exempt status, no matter the amount of annual gross receipts achieved.