



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
4	12:00AM	FOURTH OF JULY	ST. ROSE OF LIMA
6	6:30PM	CCMI PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
6	7:00PM	KOC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
7	8:30AM	FIRST FRIDAY	CHAPEL
9	8:30AM	NO KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
12	8:00AM	NO KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
13	6:00PM	ADMISSION DEGREE	KNIGHT'S HALL
13	7:00PM	KOC BUSINESS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
20	7:00PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823 MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
22	9:00AM	PARK AVE CLEAN-UP	PARISH HALL
26	12:00AM	NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE	ST ROSE OF LIMA
28	5:30PM	KOC SOCIAL	ST ROSE OF LIMA
30	11:00AM	CORPORATE MASS	ST ROSE OF LIMA

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### 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 date noted in the calendar to be published in the next month's newsletter.

### Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
July, 2017	1, 29	8	14	21
Aug, 2017	26	5	11	18
Sep, 2017	23	2, 30	8	15



Council 7027 won this award because **you** took the time to contribute articles for publication. Please keep them coming.



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

### Brother Knights In Christ:

This past fraternal year we have accomplished what we set out to do, which was to practice the four core principles of the order. We had **charity**. As Knights we 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. We had **unity**. We stick together and support one another. You can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in our parish and community. We had **fraternity**. As Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another. And we had **patriotism**. 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 nation and are among its greatest citizens. Now, as we move forward and start a new fraternal year, we must grow our membership by recruiting new and younger members. In order for our council to serve the church and community, we need enthusiastic members with fresh ideas and energy. We have already taken the first step by electing new and younger officers to our council that will give us fresh ideas and energy. Let's help rejuvenate our council by focusing on young members. Begin recruiting by identifying your prospects. Don't forget to consider the sons, grandsons and nephews of members and

parishioners. We must learn how to plan service programs that attract new men to the council.

We are called to be our brother's keeper and to look after the physical and spiritual well-being of those around us. We have to spread our faith in God, which compels us to action. There is no better way to show God's love than through recruitment to our own faith.

The things I do are for the glory of God. I have always asked advice and guidance from God because at the end He is the one who we have to answer to. God is good at what He does. God has given us an amazing tool to produce these necessary works. He has given us the Word. The Holy Spirit inspired these words to be written for the benefit and spiritual growth of our faith. Preach and teach the Word, and you will have more good works than you can handle.

Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as we work to make life better in our council and parish.

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



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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM**



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## FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

### The Value of Life Insurance for Children

**A**s a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase

coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

May God Bless You All,

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## DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



### THE VIRGIN MARY IN THE KORAN

Because we just remembered the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Virgin Mary's apparition to the three children in Fatima, Portugal, I thought a little peripheral **history** lesson on the event as well as its **significance** might be appropriate for today's discussion.

As was noted in last month's newsletter, this talk deals with the Virgin Mary and Islam.

From 1966 - 1969, I was working in Ankara, the capital of Turkey. On one of my many trips to 'Efsis, as the Turks refer to the city of Ephesus, I was shown a ruin that our tour guide said was **Miriam's** last dwelling place; **Miriam** being the Moslems' pronunciation of the Virgin Mary's name.

Not knowing one lick about Islam, I thought it curious that a Moslem would so proudly point out this historical spot. It wasn't until last night, 50 yrs. later, that I learned the significance of his pride.

My 1<sup>st</sup> trick question is this, "**Who is the only female mentioned in the Koran?**" Right, Miriam! And why,

one might ask? That's not a trick question because ... I shall explain. The Prophet Mohammad's favorite daughter was named Fatima, who was and still is, considered of the highest dignity in Islam - exceeded only by the Virgin Mary. At Fatima's early death at age 26, Mohammad wrote of his dead daughter, "***Thou shalt be the most blessed of women in paradise after Miriam.***"

The Koran also says, "***Every child is touched by the devil as soon as he is born and this contact makes him cry. Excepted are Mary and her Son.***"

Miriam is called **Maryam** in Arabic, and also **Umm Isa** – "***the mother of Jesus.***" She is revered as a righteous woman and as the most pious, chaste and virtuous woman in history.

Although the Koran affirms the virgin birth of Jesus, it also makes clear in its belief that her son was not divine. The 19<sup>th</sup> **sura** [chapter] of the Koran is named after Miriam and provides many details about her life. Scholars have long noticed that much of this 19<sup>th</sup> **sura** bears a



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striking resemblance to Luke's Gospel.

She is also one of only 8 people in the Koran to have a *sura* named after them.

The expression, "**Jesus son of Mary**" appears 13 times in the Koran, while "**Jesus, the Messiah, son of Mary,**" is found 3 times.

There are also 45 other references to Mary's name.

So, we can see that there is some common ground about the Virgin Mary between Catholicism and Islam.

Let's now shift our historical sights to Fatima, Portugal. In the middle of the 8<sup>th</sup> century Moslems had concurred almost the entire Iberian Peninsula. Gradually, the Reconquista of the Peninsula took hold and was finally completed in 1492.

But, in 1158 a knight along with his fellow warriors captured a Moslem princess named Fatima in what is today Portugal. She was the daughter of the last Moslem ruler in that region before being expelled. She, of course, had been named after Mohammad's favorite and the highly venerated daughter.

This princess Fatima and the warrior knight fell in love. She was

baptized, took the name Oureana, and was then married to the knight. As a wedding gift, the knight gave her a nearby town that she renamed Ourem in recognition of her new Christian name.

Unfortunately, she did not live long after the marriage, and to honor her memory further, her warrior knight changed the name of another nearby town to Fatima.

It was in the very village named after a Christian convert from Islam – a convert initially named after the Prophet Mohammad's favorite daughter - that the Blessed Mother chose to appear to the three-shepherd children on May 23, 1917.

So why did the Blessed Virgin Mary choose to visit Fatima, Portugal? Could it be that she is telling us Catholics, that just as she shows us the way to her Son, the path ahead in evangelization and overcoming the savagery of jihadism might also pass through her loving heart?

The late Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen thought so. In his 1952 book, *The World's First Love*, he devoted a chapter to Mary and the Muslims. He prophetically observed, "**At the present time, the hatred of the Moslem countries against the West is**



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**becoming a hatred against Christianity itself. Although statesmen have not yet taken [this] into account, there is still grave danger that the temporal power of Islam may return and, with it, the menace that it may shake off a West which has ceased to be Christian and affirm itself as a great anti-Christian world power."**

Archbishop Sheen, however, did not despair. Instead he looked to Fatima and to Mary, **"...Nothing ever happens out of heaven except with a finesse of all details. I believe that the Blessed Virgin chose to be known as 'Our Lady of Fatima' as a pledge and sign of hope to the Moslem people, and as an assurance that they, who show her so much respect, will one day accept her Divine Son, too.**

**"Missionaries in the future will, more and more, see that their apostolate among the Moslems will be successful in the measure that they preach Our Lady of Fatima. Mary is the advent of Christ, bringing Christ to the people. In any apologetic endeavor, it is always best to start with that which people already**

**accept. Because the Moslems have a devotion to Mary, our missionaries should be satisfied merely to expand and develop that devotion, with the full realization that Our Blessed Lady will carry the Moslems the rest of the way to her Divine Son.**

**"As those who lose devotion to her lose belief in the divinity of Christ, so those who intensify devotion to her gradually acquire that belief...Moslems should be prepared to acknowledge that if Fatima [Mohammad's highly exalted daughter] must give way in honor to the Blessed Mother, it is because she [the Blessed Mother] is different from all other mothers of the world and that without Christ she would be nothing"**

It appears that Archbishop Sheen's mantra is that if Catholicism is to make any headway in combating Islamic terrorism, it should be via the Blessed Mother with whom Catholicism has at least a modicum of commonality with Islam.

Next month we'll look at: **Hasn't Science Disproved Miracles?**



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**Pro-Life** by Dan Arndt

## We are Knights, We are Pro-life

Brothers, July begins the Knights of Columbus fiscal year and with that brings many changes. The main change for Pro life is that it is now referred to as Culture of Life and the state have asked me to be Regional Culture of Life Director. My region is from Pensacola to Lake City and along with other regional Directors throughout Florida we are tasked to support life from conception to natural death. I hope I have all of your support because Life is a primary issue in the Knights, Country and the whole world. As we have learned, as a Knight, a single string can be easily broken but if you join many strings you have a bond that does not break. We need your help. I will still

be our councils Pro life director and along with all other council directors we will help give Life a chance. Whether it is the unborn, death row inmates, or end of life issues. All life matters. Please contact me on any Life issues at 850-207-8779 or [prolifeman53@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeman53@gmail.com).

# PRAY FOR LIFE

## Fourth Degree in Enterprise, Alabama



June 10, 2017  
 Assembly 2823 has three new members. Pictured here (front row) SK Stephen Flowers, SK Bruce Donatelli, and SK Michael Scheeper. Looking on representing the assembly are (back row) SK Walter Gross, and FN Ronald Winn.





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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	Bruce Donatelli	Tom & Sandy Tomas
March, 2017	Robert Haring	Michael & Debra Stafford
April, 2017	Michael Johnson	Dan & Donna Arndt
May, 2017	John Juul	Bruce & Geraldine Donatelli
June, 2017	Ron Winn	Dcn. Jeff & Danielle Massey
Year 2016-17	Ralph Crago	Tom & Sandy Tomas

### Knight of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, Lindy Winn accepting for Ron Winn, Fr. Hank Lech

### Family of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, Dcn. Jeff & Danielle Massey, Fr. Hank Lech

### Knight of the Year



DD John Recke, Fr. Hank Lech, Ralph Crago, GK Cesar Mascardo

### Family of the Year



DD John Recke, Fr. Hank Lech, Sandy & Tom Tomas, GK Cesar Mascardo





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## Florida State Council Altar Server of the Year



Fr. Hank Lech and Grand Knight Cesar Mascardo present the Florida State Council Altar Server of the Year Award to Lorenzo Nolasco with his family. After Mass photo with Msgr. Michael Reed.



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

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



- David Cross 7/26
- Rodolfo Cruz 7/26
- Michael Guy 7/8
- David Hinkle 7/3
- Michael Johnson 7/31
- Steve Nader 7/27
- Kevin Tully 7/26
- Nonito Villaruel 7/6



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

### JULY Lapsed Christians.

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

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



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## Knights of Columbus

### Officers For Council Year 2016—2017

#### Council 7027

- Chaplain Father Hank Lech
- Grand Knight Cesar Mascardo
- Deputy Grand Knight Bruce Mabley
- Chancellor Bruce Donatelli
- Financial Secretary David Hinkle
- Treasurer Victor Rhodes
- Warden Philip Germain
- Recorder George Elliott
- Advocate Deacon Jeffrey Massey
- Inside Guard Michael Scheeper
- Outside Guard Michael Johnson
- Trustee 3rd Year(1 year left) Eugene Skalsky
- Trustee 2nd Year(2 year left) Kenneth Paterna
- Trustee 1rd Year(3 year left) Ronald Bradberry

#### Assembly 2823

- Faithful Friar Father Hank Lech
- Faithful Navigator SK Ronald Winn
- Faithful Captain SK Den Jeffrey Massey
- Faithful Pilot SK Cesar Mascardo
- Faithful Comptroller SK Ronald Bradbeny
- Faithful Scribe SK John (Jack) Barrett
- Faithful Purser SK George Elliott
- Faithful Inner Sentinel SK David Hinkle
- Faithful Outer Sentinel SK Arturo Ojeda
- Faithful Admiral: SK Daniel Arndt
- Faithful 1-YR Trustee: SK Den. Christopher
- Faithful 2-YR Trustee: SK Eugene Skalsky
- Faithful 3-YR Trustee: SK John Recke

### Installation of Officers Banquet





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## June Social



A large number of Knights and Ladies attended the last social event of the fraternal year. Grand Knight Caser Mascardo greeted all and during the evening presented plaques to the Family of the Year, Tom and Sandy Tomas, and Knight of the Year, Ralph Crago. Plentiful food was available, especially yummy deserts. All enjoyed food, hearty fellowship, the blessings of the past year, and a hopeful prayer for divine guidance in the future.



DGK Bruce Mabley, GK Caser Mascardo, Family of the Year Sandy & SK Tom Tomas, DD John Recke

DGK Bruce Mabley, GK Caser Mascardo, Knight of the Year Ralph Crago, DD John Recke

