



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	8:30AM	FIRST FRIDAY	CHAPEL
6	12:00AM	ASH WEDNESDAY	ST ROSE OF LIMA
7	7:00PM	KOC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
10	12:00AM	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	ST ROSE OF LIMA
10	8:00AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
13	8:30AM	VA HOT DOG DAY	P'COLA OPC
14	6:00PM	VESPER	CHAPEL
14	7:00PM	KOC BUSINESS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
17	12:00AM	HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY	ST ROSE OF LIMA
20	12:00AM	SPRING BEGINS	ST ROSE OF LIMA
21	7:00PM	NO ASSEMBLY 2823 MTG	KNIGHT'S HALL
26	12:00AM	NEWLETTER ARTICLES DUE	ST ROSE OF LIMA
28	6:00PM	SPECIAL DANCE	PARISH HALL
29	12:00AM	FOUNDERS DAY	KNIGHT'S HALL
29	5:30PM	NO KOC SOCIAL (LENT)	KNIGHT'S HALL
31	8:00AM	KOC CORPORATE MASS	ST ROSE OF LIMA

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LENT IS COMING

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ash Wednesday is on 6 March 2019
Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Mar, 2019	9	15	22	29
Apr, 2019	6	13	18	26
May, 2019	4	11	17	24

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights In Christ:

Many thanks to our brothers and sisters who came out to the 2019 KOC Valentine's Dinner Party that was held at Hilton Garden Inn on February 15, 2019! Your commitment and continued support is appreciated. This Valentines Party was a big success. I want to especially thank my Special Valentine Analyn Dixson who did the decorations and help me coordinate the event. I want to thank my Brother Knights and Sisters who helped in the event. Thank you to the Hilton Garden staff which includes Debra Rose, Assistant Food and Beverage Director, Ross Johnson, Executive Chef, and their server staff who have worked so hard to bring that day together. Thank you for your support, love and dedication you have shown us.

I want to congratulate Jennifer Ernst who won the Bottle of Hearts game who guess 1002 who came close to the number of candy hearts in the bottle which was 1007 hearts.

And the winner of the 2019 Mr. and Ms. Valentine was Gene and Martha Skalsky. Congratulations!

We had KOC Social on February 22, 2019 which was another successful event. Attendance was at full capacity. There was a lot of food, fun and fellowship. I provided the main course which was Barbecue Ribs. And everybody else provided their dish of their choice to share with everyone. Analyn and our Brother Knights and Sisters surprised me with a birthday cake as my birthday is on March 1. My Brothers and Sisters, you all are truly a blessing to have all of you there to share that moment.

Just remember March will be a busy time for the

Church, our parish, and our council. We will be in the season of Lent, and with that comes many activities in our parish that the Knights can participate in and not necessarily be the ones putting it on. This month we have Ash Wednesday on March 6, Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 10, St. Patrick's Day on March 17, Spring Begins on March 20 and Founder's Day on March 29.

Let's have all members wear council shirts or council aprons and have our council banner displayed proudly along with any current awards. This is an excellent tool to use at our next church drive, council events and parish fish fry. Let's make March count for us. Our council needs new members --more members to do the work of the Church. Don't just rely on the "old reliable" to do our recruiting. They need a break. Grow the Order is our theme this year. Every council needs to examine how they can grow, not just maintain. I have every confidence in our members that we can do it. Look for the opportunities.

I want to give thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember it's time of renewal and hope. Let this Lenten season become the breath of fresh air in your spiritual walk with Christ. Make a promise to yourself to improve upon who you are today for the person you will become tomorrow...

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



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

New members

New members are the life blood of our Order! I'll say that again: **New members are the life blood of our Order!** I think everyone agrees with that, don't you? New members give the council they join more manpower to accomplish the good works that the Knights are known for across the world. It gives the new member an opportunity to give back to his community and help his fellow man and maybe just as importantly, it infuses the council with new and fresh ideas.

Our approach to membership can be summarized in four points:

Lead with Faith—becoming a better Catholic man, father, and husband through prayer, study and encouragement from fellow brother Knights. Right here in this council you have a number of programs that speak to that.

Serve Others—This is where many of our councils excel...they do so much to support the local community needs. Your council does so much, councils like this one also help support our larger initiatives for the Order nationwide... even worldwide. Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission...it's a long, long list!

Defend Your Values—From the March for Life to Christian Refugee Relief to the Ultrasound Program, new members can get involved in issues that are close to their hearts and have a dramatic impact on our hurting world.

Protect Your Family—This includes the

Consecration to the Holy Family, our Family of the Month and Year and of course the protection afforded by our Order's highly rated insurance and saving products. Just last month I met with several of this council's members to update their Family Service Record and make sure the family is secure no matter what situation they face.

With so much good, why can membership be a challenge? I often assumed other men would want to join to help us, the council... But really, shouldn't I be inviting men to join to help them? Help them along in their faith journey...help them discover the joy of being of service to others...help them become a better Catholic man?

So the next time I ask a Catholic man about joining the Knights, I'm going to tell him about why I joined, what it's meant to me, how I'm better for it and how I hope I've made the world just a little bit of a better place because of my membership in the Knights. Then I'll ask him what he's looking for...I think no matter what he says, I'll have a solution for it...right here in this council.

Vivat Jesus!

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher Did Jesus' Resurrection Really Happen?

The claim that Jesus Christ truly died and truly rose bodily from the dead is not optional for Christian faith. It is central to the gospels and the witness of the

apostles (Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-14; Lk 24:1-49; Jn 20:1-29; Acts 2:22-36), the guarantee of our own resurrection (1 Cor 15:20-22). As St. Paul insists, if Christ has not been raised from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Cor 15:17).

Skeptics have dismissed Jesus' resurrection as a hoax or hallucination, a superstition or myth. But all of the evidence points the other way:

First, if it was a hoax perpetrated by his followers (Mt 28:11-15), would they have devoted the rest of their lives, and willingly suffered prison, torture, and death, for what they knew to be a lie (Acts 12:1-5)? If the tomb wasn't empty, why didn't Jesus' enemies simply produce the dead body?

Second, if it was a hallucination, how could so many otherwise sane men and women be convinced they had encountered Jesus alive – more than five

thousand witnesses on separate occasions and in various locations (1 Cor 15:3-8)? If the resurrected Jesus was only a hallucination, how could people touch his body and watch him consume the food they gave him (Lk 24:36-43)?

Third, as the scriptural account shows, first-century people were no more likely than we are to be superstitious or gullible about claims of returning from the grave. Even the apostles reacted with skepticism, not to mention others (Lk 24:9-11; Jn 20:24-25; Acts 17:32).

Finally, a myth takes generations to develop and take hold within a culture. But Jesus' followers were testifying to his resurrection within a few days after his death. Even the biblical accounts of the Resurrection were written within the lifetime of those who knew what had really happened and could decisively challenge their claims if they had evidence to the contrary.

For these reasons, non-Christians must take the Christian testimony that Jesus was indeed raised from the dead seriously.

Next month we'll look at, **How Has God Revealed Himself?**



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Guidelines for Lent and Easter Secretariat for Sacraments and Worship - Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

The annual observance of Lent is the special season for the ascent to the holy mountain of Easter. Through its twofold theme of repentance and baptism, the season of Lent disposes both the catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Catechumens are led to the Sacraments of Initiation by means of the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and catechesis. The faithful, listening more intently to the Word of God and devoting themselves to prayer, are prepared through a spirit of repentance to renew their baptismal promises.
(Ceremonial of Bishops # 249)

Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

NOTE: When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

So, Why Do Catholics Observe Lent?

The opening chapter of Baruch tells how on one occasion the Jewish exiles in Babylon "*wept and fasted and prayed before the Lord, and collected such funds as each could furnish*" (1:5-6). That one sentence summarized the common penitential disciplines of God's people since ancient times. During the season of Lent especially, Catholics continue to express sorrow for their sins, and a desire to draw closer to God, through *prayer, fasting, and almsgiving*.

So why should we set aside special days and seasons for these activities? Shouldn't we always be doing such things as a way of life? Of course. But with our human nature being weak as it is, the Church recognized that if we have not set aside time especially for these disciplines, many of us will be tempted to neglect them altogether.

In the life of ancient Israel, God himself set the precedent for designating special days for penance. Through Moses, he commanded the people to observe an annual Day of Atonement (*Yom Kippur*) "*on the tenth day of the seventh month*" (Lv 16:29). On this day, the people are to "mortify" themselves, that is, to eat no food and to do no work, so they could devote the day to repentance and prayer, asking God to cleanse them of their sins (Lv 16:29-34). In later times, the Jewish people set aside additional days and seasons of penitential fasting.

The practice of penitential days and seasons was continued by the early Christians (Acts 13:2-3) and became an established tradition in the Church. Lent, observed in the forty days before Easter, developed as a way of recalling our Lord's own forty days and nights of fasting in the wilderness while he prayed and battled with the Devil (Lk 4:1-13).

The value of prayer is immediately obvious. But why, we might ask, are fasting and almsgiving ways to holiness? When we make small sacrifices such as giving up food and giving away alms, we detach ourselves from the things that we tend to love too much (Ez 16:49) - thus making more room in our lives for God.



Faith in Action
 George Elliott
 Deputy Grand Knight/Program Director



As Lent approaches, I find myself reflecting on what I should do this year. Usually, that means thinking about myself and what I'm going to do or give up. In the past, I've told people I'm giving up the same things as last year: heroin and ballet. It occurs to me that perhaps my focus should be more outward, thinking about others and my relationships with them. I hope that by writing this I sharpen my focus and give you something to ponder, so that together we can put our Faith in Action.

In Divine Mercy in My Soul – Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, (paragraph 163) St. Faustina reflects that Jesus commands the exercise of three degrees of mercy: acts (deeds), words, and prayers. We should first act with mercy towards our neighbor. If we are unable to perform a work of mercy, we should help with our words. If we cannot help with our deeds or words, we should pray.

OK, so I missed an opportunity to perform a work of mercy promptly. The deadline for newsletter article submissions was February 22, and I'm writing this on the morning of February 23. Ralph, I apologize for making your job harder in this short month. Cesar, thank you for the reminder.

If we consider the three degrees of mercy, we'll find we are in a target-rich environment. We are surrounded by all sorts of opportunities to help others by our deeds, words, and prayers. Through God's grace, we can become more aware of the needs of others.

The author Matthew Kelly frequently says

that life is messy. People are constantly dealing with all kinds of challenges. Illnesses, the loss of a loved one, financial difficulties, relationship conflicts, addictions, sinful habits, and other situations are commonplace. So the chances are pretty good that each person we encounter is dealing with some sort of problem. That is our golden opportunity to help in some way. If someone is unkind to us, it might be a symptom of what they are experiencing.

I have been a Mary Kay husband of over twenty-seven years. I recall hearing the founder, Mary Kay Ash, say to imagine that everyone you meet has a sign hanging around their neck that says, "make me feel special." As each person has been uniquely created in the image and likeness of God, we should not squander any opportunity to treat each of God's creations with the love and dignity they deserve.

For me, focusing on relationships takes effort. I tend to focus primarily on tasks that need to get done. In the Army, the buzz words were "mission first – people always", but the mission first part got most of the attention. By God's grace, my wife Nina is a real people-person, and I'm learning from her to pay more attention to people and what's happening in their lives.

So, let's ask the Holy Spirit to grant us greater awareness of both the needs of others and the opportunities we have to help. Vivat Jesus!

-George

Grand Knights



At the February 22 Social five Past Grand Knights were present as was our current Grand Knight. Pictured left to right are PGK John Recke, GK Cesar Mascardo, PGK Rupert "Skeet" Fairfield, PGK Kenneth Paterna, PGK Gene Skalsky and PGK Ron Winn.



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Life

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40 Days for Life

From March 6th to April 14th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Here's how to take part in our community:

Attend the vigil at the American Family Planning abortion facility, located at 6115 Village Oaks Drive in Pensacola. Vigil hours are 6 am to 6 pm daily. Contact the Emerald Coast Coalition for Life for more information at 850-889-1035 or by email at 40daysforlifepensacola@eccfl.org

Learn more—get involved—and sign up for prayer times in the vestibule.

Catholic Days at the Capital

March 26, 2019 - March 27, 2019

Each year, Catholics from across the state gather in Tallahassee to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol. This two-day event provides an opportunity for the faithful to put a call to political responsibility into action and to strengthen the presence of Catholic values in the public square. By joining together to advocate for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity, Catholic Floridians can give a voice to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our state and help promote the common good for all Florida residents.

Catholic Days activities include:

- ☑ A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- ☑ Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers
- ☑ A luncheon for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators
- ☑ Group photos of each diocesan delegation with their bishop
- ☑ Tours of the current and historic capitol buildings
- ☑ The opportunity to view the legislative process in action
- ☑ Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit concelebrated by the bishops of Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government



For additional information for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, contact Deacon Ray Aguado at aguador@ptdiocese.org or 850-435-3531. You may also visit www.flaccb.org/cdac for more information.

Registration forms are also available at the Welcome Desk.



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Faith

Paul Hicks



I sit here and think of Faith in Action and how such a subject involves our lives. Looking all around in our every day living you can see Faith in Action all around. Let's take for example sports. Before a game, you can see the team pray for a successful winning game. In boxing or a MMA contest, the combatants make the sign of the cross before the bout, and if they win, the first thing they do is thank God for their win. I know that if it was me, I would also be praying for spiritual support!!

How can we use our Faith to strengthen our bond with God. Our faith supports our actions. We believe that God gives us his undying love and grace when we follow his greatest commandments; "Love God with all your heart, soul, and spirit, and Love your neighbor." When we do the right things out of love we feel

good. I saw a stranger who was in line to pay for his items look at the woman in front of him who was searching for the money to pay for her groceries. Seeing that she didn't have enough money, he stepped up to the cashier and gave the cashier his charge card to pay for the woman's groceries. Then the stranger said to the woman, "God loves you", and he disappeared. She started crying and told the cashier that she prayed that morning and asked God to help her in any way to help feed her family.

We can use our Faith and if everybody did we could change the world. Look around you and you will be able to see Faith in Action in many different ways.

**Your Brother in Christ,
Paul Hicks**



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

APOSTLES[†]HIP OF PRAYER

UNITED STATES

MARCH

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

<http://popesprayerusa.net/popes-intentions/>



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Community



No Community Activity in February.

Michael Johnson Appreciation Award



Michael Johnson received the Grand Knight's Appreciation Award after the Knights Breakfast. A Florida State Council State Pin was presented to him at the KOC Social on February 10, 2019.



BIRTHDAYS

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



JAMES AYALA	3/23	CHRISTIAN HANSEN	3/11
PHILLIP BARRETT	3/21	THOMAS KUBALEWSKI	3/31
RICHARD BELANGER	3/16	TED LAPINA	3/6
WILLIAM BERCOT	3/18	DANIEL MARZLUFF	3/23
RICHARD BOGOSIAN	3/5	CESAR MASCARDO	3/1
DANIEL CASEY	3/26	MICHAEL MICHULKA	3/3
RICHARD CONNOLLY	3/23	ARTURO OJEDA	3/28
JAMES COX	3/26	ALLEN PEGG	3/9
ERNIE CYR	3/15	ROGER RUSSELL	3/26
NICHOLS DEES	3/22	RICHARD SCHAMBER	3/5
EDWARD FAXLANGER	3/18	HARVE SHIPLETT	3/19
RICHARD FISHER	3/13	KEVIN SMITLEY	3/8
WILLIAM GLOVER	3/23	STANLEY STUFFLBEAM	3/5



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Honors of the Months



Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2018	Kevin Tully	Robert & Tammy Erisman
August, 2018	Ralph Crago	Michael & Debra Stafford
September, 2018	Michael Michulka	Tim & Liz Maynard
October, 2018	Bruce Donatelli	James & Marianne Richardson
November, 2018	Dale Sogor	Greg & Jennifer Micklos
December, 2018	Robert Browder	Michael & Debra Stafford
January, 2019	Tom Kubalewski	Miguel & Alma Barba
February, 2019	John Marchal	Michael & Emily Johnson
March, 2019		
April, 2019		
May, 2019		
June, 2019		
Year 2018-19		

Knights of the Month

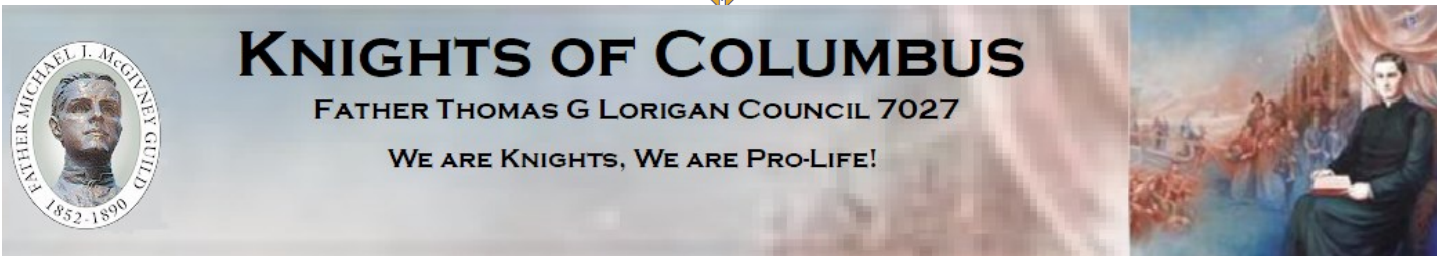


Grand Knight Cesar Mascardo presented Knight of the Month for February at the 8 AM Mass on February 24, 2019. Pictured are GK Cesar Mascardo, SK John Marchal, & Fr. Hank Lech.

Family of the Month

Grand Knight Cesar Mascardo presented Family of the Month for February at the 8 AM Mass on February 24, 2019. Pictured are GK Cesar Mascardo, Michael & Emily Johnson, & Fr. Hank Lech.





Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Sir Knights Blessings upon you and your families

Marching into March

First some housekeeping...

- 6 March Ash Wednesday. (No Meat and Fasting for those able).
- Stations of the Cross will be offered on Friday's.
- Fish Fry on Friday. (No Meat on Friday's for those able to Abstain).
- 16 March Lenten Day of Reflection with Monsignor Bosso.
- **Note well: NO** Assembly Meeting on **18 April, Holy Thursday.**

Final Thoughts on Grace: From The Catechism of the Catholic Church

Charism

Paragraph 2003

Grace is first and foremost the gift of the Spirit who justifies and sanctifies us. But grace also includes the gifts that the Spirit grants us to associate us with his work, to enable us to collaborate in the salvation of others and in the growth of the Body of Christ, the Church. There are sacramental graces, gifts proper to the different sacraments. There are furthermore special graces, also called **Charisms** after the Greek term used by St. Paul and meaning "favor," "gratuitous gift," "benefit." Whatever their character—sometimes it is extraordinary, such as the gift of miracles or of tongues

—charisms are oriented toward sanctifying grace and are intended for the common good of the Church. They are at the service of charity which builds up the Church.

So where am I going with all this? The Knights of Columbus has at the very core the Charism of Charity, we all were introduced to that because of our First Degree. We see from the Catechism a direct link with Charity and Service, which is why the Order has adopted this Charism, from the very founding, back in 1882.

Lent gives us an unique opportunity of Penance and Prayer, Fasting and Growth, ways to embrace the Charisms we already know and discover those still being made fruitful in our lives. Lent is not only just about giving up, but also about getting going, taking an active part in opening and availing ourselves to the many Graces being offered. I pray that all have a blessed, reflective, fruitful Lenten Season. Until our next appointed meeting 21 March...

In Service

Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 2823



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Transfiguring Our Life: A Lenten Day of Reflection

March 16, 8:30 - 4:00

Msgr. Stephen Bosso Speaker

Msgr. Stephen Bosso, former St. Rose of Lima Pastor and Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, will present a Lenten program on Saturday, **March 16**, starting at **8:30 AM**. A light lunch will be served. In addition to three talks, time will be allotted for discussion, Adoration, Confessions and Holy Mass. Register at the parish website or by calling the office.





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Social





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