



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	T:	F	1
Date	Time	Event	Location
3	7:00PM	K of C Council Monthly Meeting	Outdoor Bingo Pavilion/Online
4		First Friday	
4 & 5		Florida State Council Mid- Year Meeting	Orlando/Online
5	12:00PM	Rosary for America	Dogwood & Park
6		Second Sunday of Advent	
8		Feast of The Immaculate Conception	
10	7:00PM	Parish Advent Penance Service	St. Rose of Lima
12		Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	
13		Third Sunday of Advent	
17	7:00PM	Webinar: New Guidelines for Council Meetings	Online
20		Fourth Sunday of Advent	
24		Christmas Eve	
25	_	Christmas Day	
26	4:00PM	Corporate Communion Mass (Saturday)	St. Rose of Lima
27		Feast of The Holy Family	

Council 7027 Meetings for the Month of December

Please note date changes due to Parish Penance Service on 12/10/20 Planning Meeting: Canceled

Membership Meeting: Moved to Thursday, December 3, 7:00 PM

- ***Three Ways You Can Participate: In-person, by phone, or online***
 - In-person: At the outdoor Bingo Pavilion, using masks & social distaning
 - By phone: Call (872) 240-3412, enter Access Code 342-890-781#
 - Online by computer, smartphone, or tablet: **www.gotomeet.me/ GeorgeElliott8** (and turn on your microphone and/or web cam)

For any method, consider "arriving" up to ten minutes early Questions? Contact Grand Knight George Elliott, cell 908-487-8622 or email grejr13@gmail.com

Can't wait to "see" you! Be safe!

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Dec, 2020	5	19	24	11
Jan, 2021	2, 30	16	23	8
Feb, 2021	27	13	19	4

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Knights of Columbus Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

http://www.kofc7027.com

State Council has important information about Knights in Florida.

https://floridakofc.org/

Supreme contains something for everyone.

http://kofc.org

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

http://www.knightsgear.com

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

http://kofc.org/knightline





Grand Knight's Report George Elliott

Happy Advent! With all the secular focus on Christmas shopping, we all need to try to slow things down a little. Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of our Lord, and it's important that we truly prepare ourselves.

One free resource available to us is a series of live sessions on YouTube called Rejoice! Live. Each Sunday of Advent, at 7 pm Central Time, Father Mark Toups will join us live on Ascension Press' YouTube page. I'm not sure, but I think Sister Miriam James Heidland and Father Josh Johnson might also be participating. Each week, "we can come together and share in the Advent Wreath Tradition, unpack the Sunday Scripture reading, and prepare our hearts for the coming week of Advent" (quoted from the web site). The link to the invitation can be found here: https:// www.youtube.com/watch? v=Mskr7EvKEPs&feature=emb_title.

I am probably not alone in thinking this has been a crazy year. I am extremely thankful for my brother knights, who inspire and motivate me. Just spending an hour with the knights who participated in person and online at our last meeting really helped me, and so I want to say THANK YOU!

One of the knights who joined us at the last meeting was our newest member, Kevin McDonald. We welcomed him then, but I would like to formally recognize him now and invite each of you to introduce yourself to him when the opportunity presents itself.

The first year of membership is still free for anyone who joins by December 31. I am totally convinced that there is no reason that any Catholic man should not be a knight. Let's continue to extend the invitation first made by our Founder,

Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

If any of you want to become more involved, we have a few key positions in need of volunteers. Please let me know if you would like to know more about these opportunities.

It does not look like the COVID-19 pandemic is leaving us quickly enough. We will continue to creatively find ways to serve our parish and our community. If you have any ideas, please speak up. You'll be hearing about a few of these initiatives shortly.

During this Advent and Christmas season, please remember our seminarians. Especially, please remember seminarians Deacon Raymond Herard, Deacon Richard Graham, and Woody Gibson, with whom we have a special relationship. All three are attending St Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary, 10701 S Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL33436.

Nina and I wish each of you a Blessed Advent Season and a very Holy and Merry Christmas. May the peace and joy that Jesus brings fill your heart and soul. Vivat Jesus!





Field Agent's Report



In previous years this is the time we may have been shopping for that special present, getting a tree and preparing to cook the traditional Christmas meal. This year will be different. Many will be reluctant to travel, so many may be celebrating with just the household instead of a house-full! Instead of crushes of people at the mall, our Christmas presents will be dropped at the front door by UPS, USPS or Amazon Prime. No 22 lb. turkey this year for the family members visiting from far and wide; just a small one for the few of us. While this year may be different, it may get us to slow down a bit and perhaps savor the special time of year and what we really celebrate.

We turn our thoughts to themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We think of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. We think of family, both the ones we celebrate with this year in person and those who might only be present on Zoom. But we'll make it through the season; we'll have even more to celebrate next year.

Each year I remind our members of some important financial issues as we move through December and hit year end. As you slow down here are some financial issues to consider at the end of the calendar year.

- 1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.
- 2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do

you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.

- 3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.
- 4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, the Internal Revenue Service penalty is a hefty 50% of the amount you should have received!

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so don't go it alone. Give me a call and I will be happy to discuss any of these issues...and you can do it safely, virtually with me on the computer or from the comfort of your home.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:5

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Deacon's Teaching By Deacon Chris Christopher

Some Basics of Advent

I here are two great seasons in the Church's liturgical year:

Advent/Christmas, and Lent/Easter. Advent/ Christmas teaches us about the incarnation, God becoming one of us, whereas Lent/Easter teaches us about God's plan of salvation for us. Outside these two great seasons is Ordinary Time, but it is hardly ordinary in the sense of it being commonplace or routine. It is the season for showing us how to apply what we've learned from the great seasons to our everyday life. We'll discuss Lent/Easter and Ordinary Time in other articles.

Advent, from Latin adventus, "coming", begins the Church's liturgical year. It's the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas, but also, of preparation for his Second Coming! Some hold to actually three comings of Christ, the third one being his presence among us now through the Holy Spirit in preparation for his final coming at the end of the age.

During Advent we are encouraged to prepare ourselves to worthily celebrate the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love. We are to make our souls fitting abodes for the Redeemer coming in Holy Communion, and through grace thereby prepare ourselves for His final coming as judge at our death and at the end of the world.

Traditionally, all great feasts were preceded by a time of fasting in preparation of the eventful, joyful feast. The season's liturgical color is violet, a color associated with penance. Advent, however, is not as strict as Lent; there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The color violet reflects sorrow as the faithful await the arrival of the Savior, just as Judaism is still awaiting the arrival of their messiah.

Celebrating Advent involves spending time in spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Originally, though, it was not the coming of the Christ-child that was anticipated, but his second coming! Although most Christians celebrate December 25 as the birthday of Jesus Christ, few in the first two Christian centuries claimed any knowledge of the exact day or year in which he was born.

However, that does not deny the fact that the Incarnation actually did take place.

As Christmas is **not** a moveable feast day, it always falls on December 25. Thus, Advent begins on the fourth Sunday prior to Christmas Day, or the Sunday which falls closest to November 30; it lasts through Christmas Eve, December 24.

The readings of Mass on the four Sundays of Advent have distinct themes:

- On the First Sunday, they look forward to the Second Coming of Christ (the *Parousia* - an ancient Greek word meaning presence/ arrival/official visit).
- On the Second Sunday, the Gospel reading recalls the preaching of <u>John the Baptist</u> who came to "prepare the way of the Lord".
- On the Third Sunday (*Gaudete* Sunday) the Gospel reading is again about John the Baptist.
- On the Fourth Sunday, the Gospel reading is about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus.

The Advent Wreath. The Advent wreath plays a significant part of the season's liturgy during Mass. It is often circular, representing God's eternity, as well as our participation in his plan of salvation. It has 4 candles representing each Sunday of Advent which are lit accordingly in rotation.

As this is a season of preparation, the liturgical color is violet and thus three of the four candles are violet.

The three violet candles represent the penitential nature of the season. However, there is one rose colored candle that is lit on the third Sunday, *Gaudete* Sunday. That day takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), that is in the Entrance Antiphon of this day's Mass: "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, Gaudete", "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice."

Gaudete Sunday provides a break about midway through the season, which is otherwise of a penitential character. It signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised incarnation as well as when Jesus will come again. (Continued)



The candles on the wreath symbolize hope, love, joy and peace, and are lit in that order.

After saying that Advent wreaths contain four candles, it is now customary to include a fifth candle. It is white, representing the Light of Christ for whom the season is dedicated, and is placed in the center of the wreath. This candle is known as the Christ candle and is lit during the Christmas Eve service.

No Baby Jesus during Advent. As a visual aid for the importance of this season, a Christmas creche is usually set up in front of the altar, but you'll notice that there is no infant Jesus in the creche. The obvious reason is that we are in a spiritual preparation of his incarnation, therefore, he has hasn't yet arrived! He will be placed in the creche at Christ's Mass on December 25.

We've Got It Backwards.

Unfortunately, we seem to have this great Christ Event a bit backwards. Advent today has been usurped by "the Christmas shopping and partying season," so that by the time Christmas Day arrives, we are ready to take down the Christmas tree, put all the decorations and wrappings away, and carry on with life. Whereas, if we adhered to the biblical sequence of events, we'd celebrate the Incarnation on December 25 and mark the next 12 days of the Christmas Season (Christmas Tide) that lasts until Epiphany, when the magi arrive with their presents for the infant king. That would be the logical time for us to share our presents with each other.

In Conclusion. The focus of Advent should be on the humility of God. The one

who created everything seen-and-unseen, the one who always was and always will be, the one who humbled himself to become like one of us in the person of Jesus the Christ. In our lowly, unworthy state, He didn't come to judge or condemn us, but to be of service to all of us. As St. Paul says, "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, 'Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in the human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross."" Phil 2:5-8 This is why the scriptures tell us that He shall be called Emanual, "God is with us".

The message is clear. The Advent/ Christmas season is for us to be so grateful for the Incarnation, that we too should strive to give up ourselves for others just as Jesus did in striving to bring salvation and joy to others.

The theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between mere happiness and joy. "While happiness is dependent on external conditions, joy is 'the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away." Thus joy can be present even in the midst of sadness.

Next month we'll take a quick look at the short interval of Ordinary Time between the two great seasons of the Church.









December is always a time to celebrate Life. Mainly the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A gift from God. Since the creation of man, God has given us this gift of Life. We now face a time that this gift is not recognized, as abortions still continue. We must do our best to be kind to women who face the decision to abort. One way is offered by the Pro life Action League and the idea is to have caroling at abortion mills.

The idea is to sing Christmas songs that the mothers recognize and hope they would reconsider their decision to abort. Either way, we can sing of

God's praise. The League offers ideas for bulletin announcements and email template. Planning is needed now. Please volunteer by contacting the Grand Knight or Pro life Director. Dates will be announced after any planning and we hope to offer to the whole district and churches. Hoping you all have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. We need it!





December

Prayer intention for evangelisation - For a life of prayer We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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



SHAWN GALLAWAY	12/5
JAMES E MAHER	12/7
H ADRIAN CUYUCH	12/8
THEODORE E REESE	12/11
DENNIS R MAYEAUX	12/12
LARRY E BURKHALTER	12/13
KEVIN L MCDONALD	12/13
LOGAN M BRADBERRY	12/14
EUSIBIO J TOMAS	12/15
LARRY J SCOTT	12/16
PHILIP J GERMAIN SR	12/20

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JASON Q YBARRA TIMOTHY S EVANS EMMANUEL T GUICO MICHAEL L STAFFORD JEREMY W GENGO KENNETH A YOUNG DANIEL F ARNDT JOHN F BARRESI	12/21 12/23 12/25 12/26 12/27 12/28 12/29 12/31
LOREN P LANDRY	12/31
ROBERT D MCGINN	12/31



Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2020	Sean Canning	Jerry & Jenny Craft
August, 2020	Dale Sogor	Bill & Beth McDonald
September, 2020	Cesar Mascardo	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
October, 2020	Thomas "Turk" Tergliafera	Joey & Linda Davis
November, 2020	Michael Guy	Michael & Debra Stafford
December, 2020		
January, 2021		
February, 2021		
March, 2021		
April, 2021		
May, 2021		
June, 2021		
Year 2020-21		

Grand Knight George Elliott announced Knight of the Month for November at the 4:00 PM Mass on Nov 28, 2020. Michael Guy was not present.



Council 7027 and St. Rose of Lima Parish selected as Family of the Month for November Michael & Debra Stafford . They were presented at the 4:00 PM Mass on Nov 28, 2020. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Michael & Debra Stafford , and Msgr. Michael Reed.

December



Fourth Degree St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823





8 December: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy day of Obligation, one of 6 for the US)

12 December: Our Lady of Guadalupe Hurricane season is behind us.

First Comes House Keeping... Meetings are still suspended.

On a more personal note, I have been asked to teach GED Classes starting in 2021

Monday and Wednesday in Century, from 6 to 8:30pm

Tuesday and Thursday in Pensacola, from 6 to 8:30pm

Thus, I will be resigning as Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2823 effective 1 January 2021 as the teaching schedule precludes me from attending Assembly meetings (or Council meetings). It has been a blessing and humbling experience to serve as Faithful Navigator over the last 18 Months, and local Leadership is in the process of finding my replacement.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Saturday 6 February 2021 at Saint Sylvester's.

Bishop William Wack is the Honoree.

I extend an invitation to all Third Degree Knights to become a Fourth Degree Knight. I encourage all Sir Knights, to attend.

Advent

During the first two weeks of **Advent** we light the first two purple candles. The **Third Sunday** of **Advent** is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of

Jesus on Christmas day is almost over. We are so full if anticipatory Christmas Joy, we can scarcely hold it in. Now, Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy. Thus, on the Third Sunday of Advent. we light the single Rose candle. Then on the fourth Sunday of Advent, the final purple candle is lit to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait expectantly for the soon-coming birth of the King of Kings. Traditionally, each of the four Advent candles have a deeper meaning:

- 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes
 Faith with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes
 Peace with the "Angel's Candle"
 reminding us of the message of the
 angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will
 Toward Men."

So we mark the beginning of Advent, our new Liturgical Year "B" with Saint Mark's Gospels, as well as the close of 2020. I encourage all knights to make the best of this **Advent**: TO pray, to do all that we can to help others, to be open to the coming of the Christ Child not only into our lives, but to our world.

In Service Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823





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District Deputy Report for District 3 Cesar Mascardo

Worthies All,

My Brother Knights in Christ, I just wanted to take this moment to hope all is well through this time of crisis. We must bond together and ask our fellow neighbors to check on them.

The emerging situation with the COVID-19 coronavirus and the many news reports around us are creating anxiety and worry for the future and our well-being. In times like these, it is especially important to remember God's promise to be with us.

Prayer is not a last resort, but a loving promise from our Lord that he will hear us. Please join us in praying for those suffering from the coronavirus, those caring for the ill. Pray for those experiencing anxiety.

Encourage them to reach out if they need anything. Even in times of social distancing, we can safely reach out in mercy and love. God grant us a spirit to see these as avenues of service to others. God is at work in each of us and he is our refuge and strength.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the councils in District 3 which comprise of council 778(Pensacola/St. Paul), 7027(Milton/St. Rose), 7402(Cantonment/St. Jude) and 8450(Pensacola/Nativity) for your continued support and for donating their time to charity.

We have a lot to be thankful for during my first year of being District Deputy for District 3 for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. We had two Star Councils Awards to council 7027 and 7402. A Columbian and Founders Award to council 8450. And we also received the Star District Award that will be presented at the Florida State Council Organizational Meeting on December 5, 2020.

I want to thank you all for your dedication to the order and the church. Through your efforts we are conducting many charitable contributions. Thank you for all you do...

Faith makes all things possible, hope makes all things work, love make all things beautiful.

As you all celebrate the holiday season, may your home be filled with love, peace and joy. May the blessings follow you all throughout the New Year. Stay safe...

Your Brother In Christ, Cesar Mascardo Florida State Council District Deputy 3



Star Council

Grand Knight George Elliott Council 7027 (Milton/St. Rose)



Star Council

Grand Knight Michael Gaffney Council 7402 (Cantonment/ St. Jude)

Columbian/ Founders Award Grand Knight Lloyd Hamilton Council 8450

(Pensacola/ Nativity)







November 5, 2020

Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 951 Milton, FL 32572

To our Knights of Columbus friends,

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for participating in our October 24 Golf Tournament. We are happy to report that, due to your joining this fundraising event, we were able to raise almost \$6,000. During this year where so many non-profits, like us, have suffered financially due to the COVID pandemic, this fundraiser was very important to us. Your participation helps us to continue our services to families in our community.

We minister to the entire family, providing educational opportunities for prenatal, parenting, and life-skill classes. We also provide our clients with the necessary material supplies they need as they start the parenting journey; items such as diapers, wipes, baby beds, car seats, children's clothing, and much more. In addition to all of this, we do offer free ultrasounds to our pregnant moms. Our clients receive all of our services completely free of charge. So, thank you for helping us to continue providing these life-changing services in our community.

We would love for you to stop by our clinic at 5775 Berryhill Road for a tour and to learn more about what we do in the community. We are on the corner of Berryhill and Swanner. You can visit us Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. You can also visit our website at www.lifeoptionsclinic.org to learn more about what we do.

Again, thank you! We are grateful to you for your support.

In His Grip for Life,

Cynthia H. (Cindy) Roberts

Executive Director

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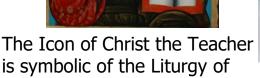
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Christ the Teacher







the Word. After the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass the Book of Gospels is placed on the podium open to the day's reading. After

the homily the preacher closes the book signifying that the teaching has concluded. This icon was purchased in Bethlehem, Israel, during the Holy Land trip in February. It was enthroned at the masses last weekend. (More about this icon in future issues).

Majella House

Council 7027: Maternity House Support (An Email to Council 7027 from Mary Beth Cyr, President, Majella House,Inc)

Dear George,

In March of 2019, with Bishop Wack's support, Ernie and I established Majella House Inc., as a 501 (c) (3) maternity home ministry for homeless, pregnant mothers and their children in the Pensacola, FL area, and we are working to open our safe haven for homeless, pregnant mothers to live before, during, and after the birth of their children.

Here's what Council 7027 can do to make Majella House a reality:

- 1. Watch the video about Majella House using this link (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9K3a5YXMRO)
- 2. Prayerfully consider becoming a Majella House financial partner
- 3. Provide an opportunity for Majella House leadership to speak to your Council about Majella House via an online meeting.
- 4. Review Bishop Wack's letter of support attached.

We look forward to your support.

In Christ, for their lives,

Mary Beth Cyr

President, Majella House Inc.

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October 2019

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Greetings. I write to let you know of a new initiative that is underway in our diocese. Earlier this year, several parishioners approached me with the idea of starting a ministry for women in crisis pregnancies. Those who approached me are already very involved with ministries working for alternatives to abortion. This initiative fits in well with our passion to be "pro-life".

On August 14, approximately 40 people gathered at the Pastoral Center to talk about "next steps" for this ministry known as "Majella House". The Majella House Ministry recognizes the dignity of God-given life from the moment of conception and the importance of fostering a nurturing and safe family environment for women and their children by providing the following;

- Providing a loving home for mothers and their children before, during, and after birth.
- Offering spiritual assistance and prayer.
- Providing educational and job readiness training.
- Connecting mothers with community resources to address her needs.
- Assisting with childcare for working mothers.
- Offering classes in pregnancy and fertility awareness through Natural Family Planning.

There is still much work to do. For additional information regarding this ministry, contact Mary Beth Cyr at MajellaHouseInc@gmail.com or at (850) 889-1035. I am in full support of this ministry and I know that Jesus will use this ministry to draw many souls to His Sacred Heart through the intercession of St. Gerard Majella, patron saint of pregnant mothers.

Your Brother in Christ,

Most Reverend William A. Wack, CSC

Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee