



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!



COMING EVENTS

Council 7027 *Virtual* Meetings for the Month of May
NO CCMi MEETING IN MAY

Virtual Planning Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 7:00 PM
Virtual Business Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM

Two ways you can participate: by phone or online

-By phone: Call (978) 990-5000, enter Access Code 774101#

-Online: Go to join.freeconferencecall.com/grejr13 (and turn on your microphone and/or web cam)

For either 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!

VIRTUAL FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

Thursday, May 7, 7:30 pm

(immediately after the Virtual Planning Meeting)

Join Brother Knight and Field Agent Jeff Fischer for an informative online discussion of the benefits available to you and your family. There is no cost or obligation, and the presentation will take about 30 minutes.

Please **send Jeff an email** at Jeff.Fischer@KofC.org to **reserve your spot!** You will receive an email detailing how to attend the Virtual Meeting.

My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Eucharist. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine! (3 times)

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
May, 2020	23	9	15	29
June, 2020	20	6	12	26
July, 2020	18	4	10	24

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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/>

National 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>

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



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

GEORGE ELLIOTT

I hope you and yours are all well. These past several weeks have brought challenges to all of us, some more than others. If you find yourself in need, please let someone know. Call me, call someone. You are not alone.

As individuals, as a council, as The Church, and as a community have had to adapt. Between the Coronavirus pandemic and the recent severe weather, we've faced hardships. And yet there are so many examples of how people have innovated to get things done. I'm sure we'll be telling these stories for a long time.

One happy event happened on the evening of April 16, when our Supreme Council hosted the first-ever large scale online degree exemplification. Over two thousand men joined our order, and over seven thousand more existing knights advanced to Third Degree! For our council, three new knights joined and four others advanced. Please see the separate notice with the names contained in this newsletter.

In April, we held our

council's first online meeting. In May, our online Planning Meeting is May 7, and the regular Business Meeting is May 14. See the announcement in this newsletter.

It's that time of year again when we nominate candidates to serve as our council's officers for the new fraternal year that starts July 1. Please consider serving as an officer, and think about who might also be a good officer for our council.

Finally, we plan to put on a Fraternal Benefits Night, presented by our Field Agent Jeff Fischer, on May 7 after the planning meeting. Please plan to attend!

Please stay in touch with your Brother Knights and other members of our parish community. Let's look out for one another! Vivat Jesus!





FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Most of you know me as your Knights of Columbus Field Agent but before that I'm a Brother Knight and as such I wanted to send you a quick note that reflects the posture of the Knights of Columbus and my own commitment to serve you and your family in these unprecedented times.

As a framework, I want to employ the five pillars that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has pointed to as characteristics found in men who, in time of crisis, not only survive but lead.

First, **we remain rooted in the truth of the faith.** We pray for one another, for the sick and the dying, and for the Church and world. In this we remain true to Fr. McGivney's vision of protecting families within the sure tracks of the Catholic faith.

Second, the Knights can be counted on to **step into the breach.** When disasters strike, the Knights are there with prayer and work, supporting first responders, providing shelter and assistance to those affected. This time is no different. Working together, we remain united and strong.

Third, **a Knight stays at his post.** I understand that you have concerns about health, finances, job security, savings, retirement, and these have only increased in these days. I am here to help allay those concerns and to answer any questions you may have.

Fourth, we are ready **to suffer for the good.** It has fallen to us agents and our Supreme Council leadership to roll up our sleeves and get to

work so we can remain effective as we work remotely and maintain social distance. To that end, we are employing new technology that allows us to meet "virtually," using a secure video conferencing software. It allows us to see each other, and to share a screen that features forms and other graphics.

Finally, **a Knight maintains humble confidence.** My commitment to you, our members and families, remains steady and is built not primarily on my qualifications but on the strength of our Order, which has grown and strengthened over more than 135 years. Our Order is strong and our guarantees remain in place.

As always, I stand ready to help. If you or anyone you know are in need of assistance of any kind during these trying times, please feel free to contact me at 850-981-8207.

May God bless all,
Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF
K of C Field Agent

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

Do the Devil and Demons Really Exist?

The story of Job tells how Satan asked God for a chance to test Job (Jb 1:6-12). Are we to understand this as a symbolic reference to evil? Or do demons have a real existence as personal, but not human, beings?

Scripture, Tradition, and the Church's Magisterium [Latin, the office of a teacher or other person in authority, from magister, master] all consistently affirm that God has in fact created angelic beings to serve him. But some of the angels made a radical and irrevocable decision to reject God and his reign (Jude 6). Though created good by God, they became evil through their own free-will. So they were cast from his presence in heaven (Lk 10:18), and they now attempt to seduce human beings away from God as well (Gn 3:1-7).

The leader of these fallen angels, or demons, has many names in Scripture:

- The evil one, 1 Jn 5:18-19,
- The devil, from Greek meaning "*the one who throws himself across the divine plan*", Mt 4:1,
- "The ruler of the world", Jn 14:30,
- Satan, in Hebrew "adversary, accuser" Jb 1:6, and
- The serpent or dragon, Rv 12:9.

The great power and intelligence that belongs to angels by their nature, now perverted for wicked purposes by the diabolical rebellion against God, allow the demons to do great evil in the world. Nevertheless, as mere creatures they are by no means God's equal, and in the end their utter defeat is sure through Jesus Christ (Heb 2:14-15).

In the meantime, except perhaps in the case of a genuine demonic possession which

is rare, human beings cannot be forced by Satan against their will (Jas 4:7). His tactics instead are to tempt, deceive, and accuse (Mt 4:1-11; Rev 12:9-10; Zec 3:1-2). For that reason, our Lord has taught us to pray, "*Deliver us from the evil one*" (Mt 6:13).

We should take heart in knowing that the devil does not have unlimited power over us for in the Book of Job, Chapter 1, verse 12 in God's dialog with Satan we read, "*The Lord said to Satan, 'Very well, all that he (Job) has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on him.'*"

Next month we'll ask, **What Does It Mean to Fear God?**

Bring Flowers of the Rarest

Refrain:

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.

Bring flowers of the rarest
bring blossoms the fairest,
from garden and woodland and hillside and dale;
our full hearts are swelling,
our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Refrain

Their lady they name thee,
Their mistress proclaim thee,
Ah, grant that thy children on earth be as true
as long as the bowers
are radiant with flowers,
as long as the azure shall keep its bright hue

Refrain

Sing gaily in chorus;
the bright angels o'er us
re-echo the strains we begin upon earth;
their harps are repeating
the notes of our greeting,
for Mary herself is the cause of our mirth.

Refrain



Life

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"April showers bring May flowers," which brings up the plan for Mother's Day. For many years the Pro-Life team has provided flowers for mothers of our parish. This year may be difficult if we are still not having Mass, but we will provide the flowers if they do.

May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary our mother. She is mother of all and that includes the unborn child. She grieves over the millions of aborted babies and asks us all to pray for the end of abortion. If you have seen the recent email from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, you know that there is an Action Alert to urge the Trump Administration to insure ethically- derived COVID-19 vaccine free from abortion.

I would never underestimate the effects of this virus on the world, but I would be

dismissed if I didn't show the death rate compared to abortions. The virus is responsible for 210,000 deaths globally and 56,000 in the US. There have been 11 deaths in Escambia County. Abortions are responsible for 13,700,000 globally, 160,000 in the US, and almost 400 in Escambia County only in the last two months.

I asked this for all of us, that we all trust in God and pray daily for the end of abortion. Find the time each day to pray to our Mother, for our brothers and sisters in the womb. Say a Hail Mary each day for them. Remember **" We are Knights and we are Pro-Life "**.



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

May

Prayer intention for evangelization - For Deacons

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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



STEPHEN C FISHER	5/1
STEPHEN W FLOWERS	5/1
<u>REV MR THOMAS H KENNELL</u>	<u>5/1</u>
JOSE M SALAMANCA	5/8
JUSTIN D PAUL	5/9
AUGUST HUTER III	5/12
JASON B LANDRY	5/12

CHARLES J KOVACHICK	5/14
ADELBERT F LOZANO	5/16
JAMES A RICHARDSON	5/16
COY L WARRICK	5/16
<u>REV HENRY A LECH</u>	<u>5/18</u>
DAVID P MORRES	5/20
<u>MSGR STEPHEN C BOSSO</u>	<u>5/21</u>

DAVID C GLENDINNING	5/26
<u>MSGR MICHAEL V REED</u>	<u>5/29</u>
JOHN L MARCHAL	5/30
LOUIS JOHN VARGA	5/31



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2019	John Recke	John & Lexy Aine Canning
August, 2019	Ralph Crago	Jerry & Jenny Craft
September, 2019	John Marchal	Karen & Ronald Bradberry
October, 2019	Charles J. "CJ" Russell	Barry & Gayle Brecke
November, 2019	Sean Canning	Christopher & Diana Root
December, 2019	Eugene Skalsky	Greg & Jennifer Micklos
January, 2020	Jeff Fischer	Dan & Barbara Nolan
February, 2020	Frank Ferraro	Eusebio (Tom) & Sandra Tomas
March, 2020	Ed Faxlanger	Tim & Liz Maynard
April, 2020	Roger L Russell	Deacon Tom & Pat Kennell
May, 2020		
June, 2020		
Year 2019-20		

Knight of the Month

Grand Knight George Elliott announces Knight of the Month for April is Roger L Russell. The presentation will be made at a future time.

Family of the Month

Grand Knight George Elliott announces Family of the Month for April is Deacon Tom & Pat Kennell. The presentation will be made at a future time.



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Easter Blessing be upon you, Sir Knights, and your families.

May is upon us.

First some housekeeping.

As of this writing, large gatherings are still prohibited by the Governor of Florida; and as we are not allowed to come together as an Assembly, it is most prudent that we continue to take advantage of the opportunity afforded us within the Council meeting, as it may continue to be held remotely.

The only business we have, is to approve an expenditure for the State Convention requested by the District Deputy. This is something we have done in the past.

Zoom, Social Distancing, COVID-19, perhaps these are new words introduced into our vocabulary, necessitated by the current crisis. And as difficult as the current situation, perhaps it would serve us well to reflect on the crisis that turned to great joy that Jesus's followers experienced at that Resurrection Morn.

Jesus no longer is in the tomb. Perhaps we can ask Jesus to help US out of the tomb we might be in. Not just physical, isolated from family and friends, but spiritual tombs as well. For the Jesus that was seen in the locked room, is the same Jesus who comes into our hearts and lives, is the same Jesus who offers his communion, Spiritual and, hopefully soon, physical.

Jesus, the Son of God, is the same, giving us great gifts of Charity, Mercy and Grace. These gifts which see their fullness with the coming of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost.

So yes, May is upon us.

Starting with the Feast of Saint Joseph Worker on the First, Cinco de Mayo on the Fifth (obviously), and ending with Pentecost Sunday on the 31st with many days and opportunities in between.

So I suggest to use these opportunities as times of spiritual gathering, between you and the Saints, with you and the Holy Ghost, and especially between you and Jesus, for only through faith will we be sustained, just like the Early Church, sustained by the Divine Love offered freely because of the empty tomb.

Please pray for me as I pray for you; until we can meet again together.

In Service,

Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823





Welcome and Congratulations!

New Knights

Please welcome the following new Knights into our council:

- Jason Doty
- John Paul Shaddock
- Arthur Sobilo

These men joined our Order during the first-ever online exemplification put on by Supreme Council on April 16.

Advancing Knights

And please congratulate these other Brother Knights who advanced to Third Degree Knighthood during that same historic exemplification:

- Marco Caban
- Clayton Gremillion
- Michael Michulka
- Allen Pegg

"Congratulations to each and all of you!"

Six Future Online Exemplifications

All times are Central Daylight Time (CDT)

Thursday, April 30: 6 pm, 9 pm CDT
Thursday, May 7: 6 am, 1 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm CDT

These exemplifications are for new candidates and for current first and second degree members wishing to advance. If you are interested, please contact Membership Director Bruce Donatelli (215-280-1077) or Grand Knight George Elliott (908-487-8622), or send an email to info@kofc7027.com.

Congratulation to Our New Deacons



Rev. Mr. Raymond Herard III

On April 25, 2020, Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, ordained 13 men to the transitional diaconate at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, FL. Raymond Herard and Richard Graham were ordained for the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they begin their ordained ministry.



Rev. Mr. Richard Graham II