



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
4	7:00PM	K of C Officers/Planning Meeting	Bingo Pavilion/ Online
6	12:00PM	Rosary for America	Park and Dogwood
11	7:00PM	K of C Council Meeting	Bingo Pavilion/ Online
16	7:00PM	Parish Lenten Penance Service	St. Rose of Lima
20		Patriotic Degree Exemplification	Online - Zoom
26		April Newsletter articles are due	
27	4:00PM	Corporate Communion Mass (Saturday)	St. Rose of Lima
29		Founder's Day	

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Council 7027 Meetings for the Month of March

Officers'/Planning Meeting(*all knights are welcome*): **Thurs, March 4, 7 PM**
 Council Meeting: **Thursday, March 11, 7:00 PM**

*****Three Ways You Can Participate: In-person, by phone, or online*****

- In-person: Covered Bingo Pavilion by Knights Hall (masks/social distancing)
- 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!

The Annunciation—March 25

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. when the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Mar, 2021	27	13	19	4
Apr, 2021	24	10	16	1, 30
May, 2021	22	8	14	29





Grand Knight's Report

George Elliott

Congratulations to two of our brother knights who recently progressed to Fourth Degree Knighthood! On February 6, (now) Sir Knight William McDonald and (now) Sir Knight Michael Stafford underwent the Patriotic Degree exemplification and became members of St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823. Fourth degree knights belong to both their regular K of C council and their fourth degree assembly. Be sure to congratulate Bill and Mike!

The next Patriotic Degree Exemplification will be this month, and it will be a virtual one. Any third degree knight is eligible to join the fourth degree, and any first or second degree knight can become a third degree knight by undergoing the Charity, Unity, and Fraternity exemplification. See details for both ceremonies in this newsletter.

If you have not heard, we have a new Supreme Knight. With Carl Anderson retiring from office on February 28, Patrick Kelly's tenure as Supreme Knight begins March 1st. Our order is grateful to Brother Carl Anderson for his more than 20 years of service as our Supreme Knight.

In March, we'll meet for our Officers'/Planning Meeting on March 4. That's a very informal meeting where we discuss ideas and dates. All knights are welcome to attend and participate. Then our regular Council Meeting is Thursday, March 11. While that meeting is more formal, we strive to conduct business efficiently in under an hour. Your voice and your vote is most welcome there as well. Both meetings are conducted in person, on the phone, and online simultaneously, so you can pick how you participate.

Raffle tickets are still available for

the Florida State Council Raffle. Prizes are First \$15,000, Second \$10,000, and Third \$5,000. If you want tickets for yourself or to sell, please let me know. Remember, our council keeps fifty cents for every raffle dollar collected, so this raffle funds local charitable works.

We recently received correspondence from our three seminarians who we've sort of adopted for the last few years. The notes from Deacon Richard Graham, Deacon Raymond Herard, and Woody Gibson are published in this newsletter. They ask for our continued prayers.

Please continue to check in with your brother knights, fellow parishioners, and other neighbors as we live out the commitment to Leave No Neighbor Behind.

Vivat Jesus! Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

2020/2021
Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus

\$30,000 Charity Raffle

1st Prize - \$15,000
2nd Prize: \$10,000
3rd Prize: \$5,000

Donation \$1.00-
Donor need not be present to win.

**2020 Drawing will be held on
Saturday, May 29, 2021 at
the Florida State Council, State Convention**

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Florida K of C Charities, Inc.
Registration #: CH18054, www.floridakofc.org
All Prizes Paid by Florida K of C Charities, Inc.



Field Agent's Report

This month marks one year under COVID-19 restrictions. I remember when the news of shutting the Supreme Office was announced. I, like many I think, thought this would last a couple of months and all of us would get back to normal. The reality is much different. Maybe some of you are working from home...maybe some will be working from home for the foreseeable future. I realize this has not been easy for many of you. When it began I wondered how I would be able to help my brother Knights. But as restrictions were put in place, we were provided with a new way to meet with members virtually on our computers and we were given a number of tools to ensure that you, our members and your families, were served.

Using these new tools I have found that I am more efficient. I save travel time and can have more meetings in a day. I've found that many of you like the idea of meeting virtually. It's less stress for you to simply sit down in front of your computer, click on a few buttons and we can have a confidential conversation about your needs, wants and desires. For service issues I can meet much more quickly and have all the forms I might need to help you right at my fingertips... No more running out to the car to get a form only to find out my paper file is depleted.

We've had our eApplication process for a while, and with pandemic restrictions members have found it very valuable to be able to sign electronically when we meet virtually.

It's been a very different year: We missed much of the solemnity of Holy Week and Easter with many of us either

social distancing at church or live-streaming Mass; by summer we were able to get outside as long as we didn't get too close to others who were out. Vacations were pretty much out of the question—I know I had a "stay-cation" with my family. By fall we had figured out how to deliver candy from a socially acceptable distance to those few trick or treaters who braved the night. Thanksgiving traditions of large family gatherings were taboo and Christmas was so much smaller in 2020. Joyously we experienced the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney.

Now we've come full circle into 2021. The vaccine is on the way. Some of you have already received it. Looks like light at the end of the tunnel; but we still have to be vigilant, still have to protect each other.

I am most thankful to all of you. Many of you met with me this year and wanted to make sure your desire for financial security was up to date. It was my pleasure to take the time to analyze your situation and give you my recommendations. I look forward to meeting with many more of you in the months ahead whether virtually or face to face. Please contact me if you have any questions; I am here to serve you, my members, and your families.

I pray you will be safe and healthy.

May God Bless you all,

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Deacon's Teaching

By Deacon Chris Christopher

A Little Guide For Lent -The Catholic Register February 2021

Lent is a season marked by purification and penance in preparation for the summit of the entire liturgical year - the sacred Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of our Lord. In Latin it is called *Quadragesima*, "Fortieth". Our English word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten*, meaning "spring". It refers to the 'lengthening of the days' after the winter months.

The 40-day timeframe of Lent is no arbitrary number. Biblically, the No. 40 has always had a special significance regarding preparation and denotes a period of time that leads to something extraordinary:

- Noah endured the rains for 40 days during the Flood.
- Moses stayed on Mount Sinai and fasted for 40 days-and-nights as he prepared to receive the Ten Commandments.
- The Jews wandered for 40 years in the desert before arriving in the Promised Land.
- The prophet Elijah fasted for 40 days on Mount Horeb.
- Most importantly, Jesus fasted for 40 days before beginning his public ministry.
- "By the solemn 40 days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540)

The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday also has biblical origins. In Scripture, ashes symbolize mourning, morality, and penance – all things to keep in the forefront of our thoughts, prayers, and practices during Lent:

- It was common practice for a penitent sinner or city to return to God in sackcloth and ashes, as seen in such books of the Bible as Esther, Daniel, Jonah, and Job.
- Jesus himself said, "If the miracles worked in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented in sackcloth and ashes long ago." (Matthew 11:21)
- The practice of dressing in sackcloth and ashes as sign of conversion and sorrow for sins

continued in early Christianity. At times in the early Church, the priest would sprinkle ashes on the foreheads of the faithful as they were leaving confession.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. In the Latin Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 to 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal the full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards. (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

In the spirit of sacrifice during this 40-day period, a few suggestions might be helpful:

- Don't buy anything that's not necessary.
- Forgo soft drinks, desserts, coffee, lobster, or any other nice-to-have food stuff.
- Do not eat or snack between meals.
- Omit eating out.
- Cut out social media, television, radio, or podcasts – find time for silence.

In the spirit of growth and discipline:

- Daily Mass / Daily Mass readings / Holy Hour once a week / Spiritual reading / Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Daily Rosary or decade of the Rosary, particularly the Sorrowful Mysteries.

"What do the scars of Christ teach us? They teach us that life is a struggle: that our condition of a final resurrection is exactly the same as his; that unless there is a cross in our lives, there will never be an empty tomb; that unless there is a Good Friday, there will never be an Easter Sunday; that unless there is a crown of thorns, there will never be a halo of light; and that unless we suffer with him, we shall not rise with him." (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)



Life

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Brothers, we have made it to March 2021, and if you are reading this, have survived the year long pandemic. I would like to begin by announcing our commitment to Special Olympics. This is a Supreme recommended program. We have been asked to help with Bocce ball practice and also to be a unified partner. If you would like to volunteer to interact directly with athletes, you would be required to complete a class A and protective behavior tutorial. By conducting this program we will be awarded two credits toward the program category of Special Olympics. If you are interested in helping, please contact the Grand Knight or Life director.

Next, we would like to have you all go to your website, Flaccb.org and find the FLCAN Action Alert to register to tell congressional members to oppose the equity act that discriminates against people of faith and

threatens unborn life. Find and click "take action".

You can also go to your USCCB website for the parish webinar Thursday, March 4. The introductory webinar is for those who want to help their parish share Christ's message of mercy, especially with those who suffer from the wounds of abortion.

With everything going on in our country please try and keep active on these sites and show your support for life.

Lastly, we would like to remind you all about the 40 Days for Life commitment. We have committed for every Tuesday 6 AM to 6 PM. If you are able, also signed the form at Saint Rose. So come and pray at the abortion facility Tuesday, March 2, 9, 16 and 23. Please try to go to the facility anytime and pray. Just your presence could be enough to save a life.



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

MARCH

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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



CESAR M MASCARDO	3/1	EDWARD A FAXLANGER SR	3/18
MICHAEL K MICHULKA	3/3	HARVE P SHIPLETT	3/19
REV RICHARD L SCHAMBER	3/5	PHILLIP R BARRETT	3/21
STANLEY C STUFFLEBEAM	3/5	NICHOLAS E DEES	3/22
JOHN PAUL SHADDOCK	3/6	RICHARD P CONNOLLY	3/23
KEVIN S SMITLEY	3/8	WILLIAM P GLOVER	3/23
ALLEN B PEGG	3/9	DANIEL M MARZLUFF	3/23
RICHARD J FISHER	3/13	DANIEL P CASEY	3/26
ERNIE E CYR	3/15	JAMES E COX	3/26
RICHARD W BELANGER	3/16	ARTURO A OJEDA	3/28
WILLIAM C BERCOT	3/18	THOMAS A KUBALEWSKI	3/31



Honors of the Months

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	Edward A Faxlanger	Bob & Meg Browder
January, 2021	Dan Arndt	Ralph & Terisha (Terry) Crago
February, 2021	James Cashman	Jerry and Kay Ottley
March, 2021		
April, 2021		
May, 2021		
June, 2021		
Year 2020-21		

Knight of the Month



Grand Knight George Elliott presented Knight of the Month for February at the 4:00 PM Mass on Feb 27, 2021, to SK James Cashman. Pictured are GK George Elliott, SK James Cashman, and Msgr. Michael Reed.

Family of the Month

Grand Knight George Elliott announced Family of the Month for February at the 4:00 PM Mass on Feb 27, 2021, as Jerry and Kay Ottley. They were not able to attend for the presentation.



Community

Bill McDonald

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Food Pantry 2020


By the end of last year we had fed **10,040 people** from our Outreach Food Pantry here at St. Rose of Lima. As you may know we get all our meat and bakery items through a partnership with Winn-Dixie in Milton with the help of Feeding the Gulf Coast. Last year we received **36,153 pounds** of food from Winn-Dixie.

We also receive other food items from the generosity of our fellow parishioners. There are Knights who either work in the pantry or help with food pick-up and unpacking on Fridays as well.

If it wasn't for the help of our volunteers and Parish Staff we could not have such a successful food pantry.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity
Knights of Columbus
4th Degree
Exemplification
 February 6, 2021

Patriotism



St. Sylvester Catholic Church
 1107 Commercial Way
 Gulf Breezes, Florida
 John J. O'Toole,
 Master
 Florida District, De Soto Province



Upper Right: (l to r) Michael Stafford and Bill McDonald.

Right (l to r) DD Cesar Mascardo , Michael Stafford (7027), Jonathan Wallace (7402), Bill McDonald (7027), Norm Wallace(7402 lecturer and father of candidate), GK Sam Ridder(778) and Renato Abella(778).





District Deputy Report for District 3

SK Cesar Mascardo

My Brother Knights In Christ,
Now that we are in the month of March when spring officially begins and we change to Daylight Savings time. It can be a dramatic month with sometimes wild and shifting weather as Mother Nature tries to shed her winter coat. But as the seasons change from winter to spring, it's the perfect time to review the special days, holidays, awareness week and observances for March.

Knights of Columbus elected Patrick Kelly as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight effective March 1. Carl A. Anderson will retire February 28, after more than 20 years of service as Supreme Knight and upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70. He leaves a legacy of Christian witness and service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to communities throughout the world.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Exemplification was held on February 6, 2021 at St. Sylvester Catholic Church. There were 61 brother Knights that received their fourth degree. I want to congratulate our brother Knights from our district that received their fourth degree. They are Michael Stafford and Bill McDonald from council 7027, Sam Ridder and Renato Abella from council 778 and Jonathan Wallace from council 7402.

There will be a Fourth Degree Florida District/De Soto Province Live Virtual Exemplification on Saturday, March 20, 2021, using the Zoom platform. This is a unique opportunity for Third Degree members of the Knights of Columbus to advance to the Fourth Degree.

The 117th State Convention will be here soon. The 117th Convention will be in-person and virtual. This dual offering increases the convention costs. The Florida State Council requests every Brother Knight to be involved with the 2021 KofC Florida State Council Convention Advertising and Sponsorship solicitation effort. The time is now for the 2021 117th Florida State Council Convention Program Book District ads submission. Deadline April 3, 2021.

We must always work on membership. We must find new ways to bring the men we need and men who need us into our Order. Men who see in our principles of charity, unity and fraternity a path to leading a Catholic way of life.

God bless you all and stay safe..

Fraternally,

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



Thank You Cards

23 January, 2020

Dear George,

I hope that this letter finds you in good health and in Christ's peace. For the short time I was able to spend at home it was good to be back at the parish for Christmas. This semester has gone well with a good start and it is good to be back at the seminary.

I want to thank you and the council for the generous support which will go a long way for me. I am grateful for the work that you continue to do in the parish, and your prayers mean very much as well. Please be assured that all of you are in my prayers too.

In Christ,

Woody Gibson

THANK YOU.

Knights of Council 7027,

I am back at the Seminary. I had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed my time helping at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, serving as a Deacon. Also, seeing my family and assisting at my home parish (St. Dominic, Panama City) is always a joy during the Christmas season. I was glad to be able to stop by St. Rose of Lima on the first week of Advent. I was great to see some of you. As I begin my last semester at Seminary, I ask for your prayers as I prepare for the transition into priestly life. All of you are in my prayers. Thank you for your support and the Christmas card. It is a blessing to return to Seminary and see Christmas cards in my box.

Peace and Blessings,

Dcn.

Dcn. Raymond Herard



Dear Knights Council # 7027,

Thank you so much for your support! I am always thankful for your prayers and financial support! I have just returned to the Seminary for the new Semester (and my final semester!) which is why this thank you card is delayed. I am looking forward to finishing Seminary and being ordained a priest on June 5th 2021!

Yours in Christ,
Dcn. Richard Graham



A Message From *John J. O'Toole*
 Master of the Fourth Degree
 District of Florida



Fourth Degree Florida District – De Soto Province

Virtual Exemplification March 20, 2021

Fourth Degree Exemplification Instructions

Worthy Faithful Navigator,

I am happy to announce a very unique opportunity for Third Degree members of the Knights of Columbus to advance to the Fourth Degree. Our next Fourth Degree Exemplification for the Florida District will be held *virtually* on Saturday, March 20, 2021, using the Zoom platform.

This will be the first time that a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Florida will be held online. With the success of the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, all new Third Degree Knights have the opportunity to become a full-fledged Fourth Degree Knights. Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights are encouraged to share this information with their respective councils about this opportunity.

Obviously, there will be a number of different procedures. The registration fee is \$50.

Assemblies will be required to send in a registration form, **signed Form 4 (all four copies)**, and exemplification certificate by Saturday, March 13, 2021. We will in turn send the signed certificate, social baldric and pin to the Assembly, and we will also send the procedures for viewing online.

Unlike the Third Degree Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (which can be taken anywhere, and observed by family and friends), the online ceremony is for Candidates and Sir Knights only. We are encouraging each participating Assembly to hold a "watch party," attended only by Candidates and Sir Knights. The Faithful Navigator will do the actual knighting at the proper time. Candidates and Officers should wear coat and tie;

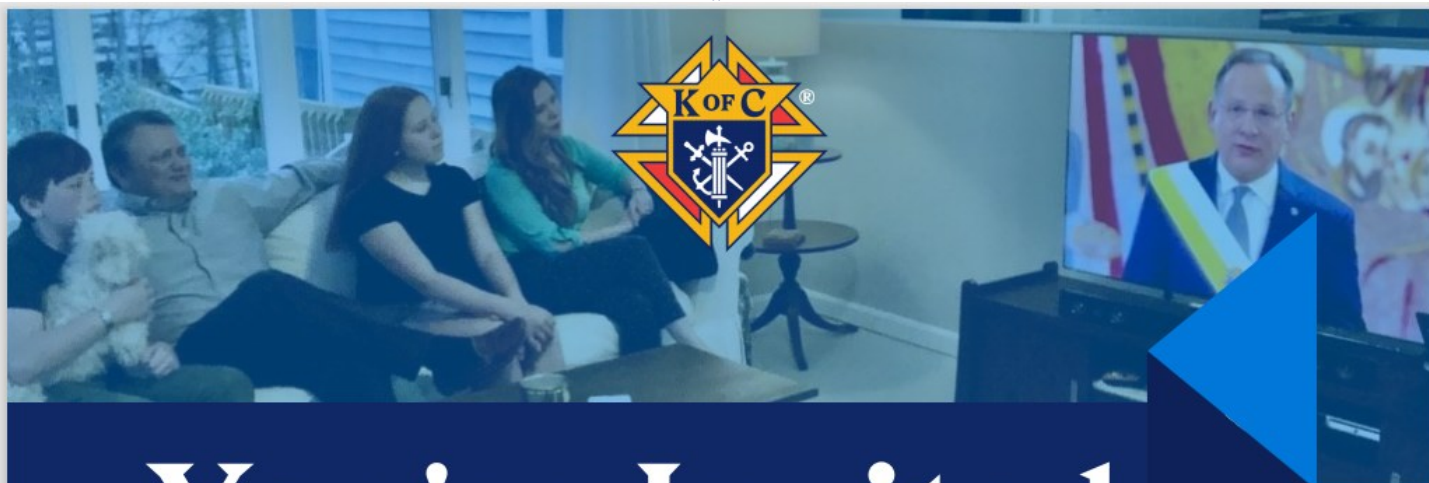
Fourth Degree members can wear coat and tie or Assembly/Council shirts.

The online ceremony will begin at noon, and end by 1:30 p.m. It will be held on Zoom, with links sent out prior to the ceremony.

The Florida District Degree Team will perform the Exemplification Ceremony at a remote location.

The next "live" Exemplification will be on April 24 at Holy Name Church in West Palm Beach.

Thank You and God Bless,
 John J. O'Toole
 Master, Florida District



You're Invited

Dear Brother Knight

We are pleased to invite you to a special, on-demand ceremony of admission and advancement. This Knights of Columbus ceremony advances new and existing members through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required of a Third Degree member.

These ceremonies, known as exemplifications, are normally done in person. However, due to current social distancing precautions, we now offer these ceremonies online.

By clicking the "View Now" link below, you will be able to register for and watch the ceremony, which takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. After viewing the ceremony, you will be a Third Degree Knight!

When completing your registration form, you will be asked for your Council Number

[VIEW NOW](#)

Instructions:

- Open the registration form by clicking the "View Now" link above.
- Provide the required information, including the council number you are joining.
- Watch the 30 minute ceremony.
- Please note that your family and friends are welcome to observe the ceremony.
- If you are unable to complete the ceremony, clicking the "View Now" link above will bring you back to the registration page where you can enter your email address in the "Already Registered" field and continue watching the ceremony.