



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	5:45 PM	Chosen Dialogue Each Wednesday in March	Risen Lord Room
2	7:00 PM	Planning Meeting	Knight's Building
3	4:30 PM	Fish Fry-6:30 PM Fridays During Lent	Parish Hall
3	7:00 PM	Stations Noon Traditional, 7PM Media	St Rose of Lima Church
4	11:00 AM	4th Degree Exemplification	St Sylvester Church
4	12:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park & Dogwood
4 & 5		Membership Drive After All Masses	St Rose of Lima Church
6	5:30 PM	First Monday Confession	Chapel
7	6:00 PM	Praying thru Lent Each Tuesday Except 3/21	St Rose of Lima Classroom
9	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel
9	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Knight's Building
10	7:00 PM	Stations Noon Traditional, 7PM Media	St Rose of Lima Church
12	8:00 AM	KofC Breakfast -10:00 (Set-up at 6:00 AM)	Parish Hall
16	6:00 PM	4th Degree Assembly Meeting	Knight's Building
16	6:00 PM	Bishop,s Charity Gala	Hilton Pensacola Beach
17	7:00 PM	Stations Noon Traditional, 7PM Media	St Rose of Lima Church
21	7:00 PM	Lenten Penance Service	St Rose of Lima Church
23	6:00 PM	Special Dance -8:00 PM	St Rose of Lima Church
24	7:00 PM	Stations Noon Traditional, 7PM Media	St Rose of Lima Church
25	4:00 PM	Corporate Mass & Communion	St Rose of Lima Church
31	7:00 PM	Stations Noon Traditional, 7PM Media	St Rose of Lima Church
April			
1	7:30 AM	Spring/Easter Clean-up	St Rose of Lima Church

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The Annunciation to Mary
Domenico Bruschi (1886)

Metropolitan Cathedral of Mdina, Malta

March 25



Grand Knight's Report

Michael Stafford

We mourn the loss of brother SK Richard Opiela who passed away on the 6th of February, 2023. Grant him eternal rest O Lord and may Your Perpetual Light shine upon him and remain with him forever. Amen. Please pray for the consolation of the Opiela family.

Lent is upon us and we all have probably heard of the 3 points of lent: Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving. Lets see...I'll add a couple of prayers, maybe a rosary; I'll give up sweets; and drop some pocket change in the rice bowl box; that ought to do it. **NOT!** I saw at the bottom of my EWTN calendar a quote from Pope Saint John Paul II: "Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for those in need." What struck me was the word "intense." Referring to Webster; Intense: "marked by or expressive of great zeal, energy, determination or concentration." Well that changes things. I have thought and prayed about what St John Paul II said and while I am not able to say exactly what I am going to do, I know it has to be done with love of God and neighbor and that I need to get away from myself and grow closer to God through Jesus his son. I hope that all of you have a fruitful Lent.

Next weekend the 4th and 5th of March, 2023, is our council membership drive at all masses. I ask all my brother Knights to wear your knight name tags and shirts etc. so we will be visible as knights among our parishioners. We will have a

table set up with KofC information and will be handing out the KofC prospective member cards. Those men interested in signing up will have the option of filling out the form 100 or joining online as an e-member and choosing the on-line CUF Exemplification or live with our council CUF team.

We had a great crowd at the Special Dance on Thursday the 23rd of February. It was Mardi Gras night and everyone had a great time. Thank you to the ladies and knights who came and participated in a good time and helped configure the parish hall after the dance for the Fish Fry. I encourage you, if you haven't been to a Special Dance to do so. You won't be disappointed by the experience.

Prayer: O St. Joseph, my loving father, I place myself forever under thy protection. Look upon me as thy child, and keep me from all sin. I take refuge in thine arms so that thou mayest lead me on the path of virtue and assist me at the hour of my death. Amen. (prayer of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer)

St Joseph, pray for us.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!



Field Agent's Report

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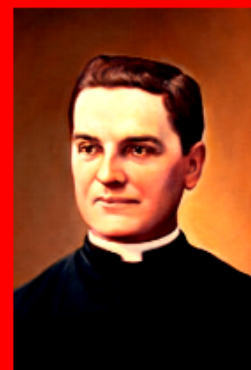
March this year, to me, means Spring and Spring cleaning, Lent and preparing for Easter, and the day when we're all a little bit Irish, St. Patrick's Day. Let me start with St. Patrick's Day. It's a nice break from the doldrums of winter and a brief respite from Lenten preparation. To all of my members, Irish or not, I say "Sláinte!" This year we're immersed in Lent for the entire month as we look forward to Easter on April 9. This is a time of renewal and preparation for Holy Week, Christ's Passion, and his conquest over death in the Resurrection. May your focus be on generous giving and spreading peace to everyone you encounter. Spring...we've been through the toughest part of winter and we begin to think about Spring. And Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal: trees may begin to bud and flowers begin to poke through in search of warmer temperatures. The Spring equinox means that daylight lasts as long as night with the earth spinning toward that summer solstice. Maybe, just maybe, winter is behind us. While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and doing the annual spring cleaning, now is a great time to take a fresh look at your family's financial security. With a wide range of products—life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help you look at your family's financial situation now and for the years to come. All this while you deal with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church social teaching. As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent I've been trained to help you through that important process. Sit down for a short meeting with me and we can use our newest and most advanced financial

needs analysis platform that the Order has ever had. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those.. As always you're under no obligation. I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and



virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Deacon's Teaching

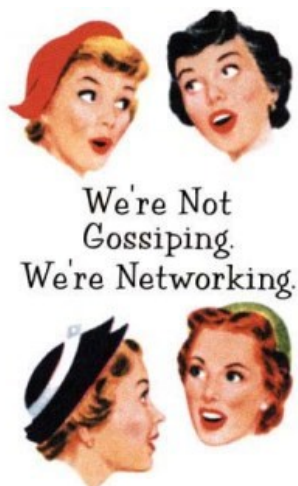
By Deacon Chris Christopher

A LENTEN RESOLUTION

Brother Knights,

The Great Season of Lent is upon us. Assuming you've already broken your New Year's Resolution, the following may be a second chance at improving your life, spiritually and/or temporally. May the sacrifice you impose on yourself this Lenten Season bring you closer to God and strengthen your resolve to continue it.

A Message from Mildred



Mildred, the parish gossip, was always pointing out deficiencies in other people's lives and behavior. Church members were unappreciative of her activities but feared her enough to maintain their silence so that she wouldn't turn her attention to them when they weren't around.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member of the congregation, of being an alcoholic after seeing his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She commented to George, and of course to others, that everyone seeing his truck there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny anything; he said nothing. Later that evening, however, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house and walked home. He left it

there all night!

Our friend Mildred was obviously very cruel in her gossiping. Although she is to be commended for confronting George to his face about her judgment of him, she didn't do it with an attitude of charity. She gave him a chance to explain his position (A lesson we can all learn when we have "a beef" about someone).

Brothers, when we became Knights, we pledged obedience to our constitution's Laws and Rules. Before that moment we were "Strangers", but for whatever reason, we desired to be Knights. With eyes wide open and of free will, we pledged to be good Knights and remain "Practical Catholics".

We must remember that the first and foremost principle upon which our Order is founded is Charity, the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of the Christian life. When we gossip about and with each other, we are not *exemplifying* this virtue. We read in St. Matthew's Gospel, ^(7:3-4) **"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye?"**

As "Practical Catholics" we are duty-bound to **grow** in holiness, not to stagnate or regress in it. We cannot strive to grow in holiness if we hide in the crowd and throw stones at others. Like Mildred, if we have "a beef" with a Brother in our ranks (or any of God's people), we are obligated to discuss the matter with that Brother, not gossip about him.

"Father, help us keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit so that we can turn aside from evil, do good, and strive after peace in our Order. Amen."

Next month we'll ask, **"Why Do Catholics Genuflect in a Church?"**



Sick & In Need Prayer List

The Opiela family, The Cruz family, Paul Hicks, Carol Cox, Ian McDonald, The Barrett family, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Bob & Joan Haring, The Baker Family, Mary-ETTA Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, The Hinkle Family, Joseph and Antonette Paterna, Sterling VanGrowski (Vic's Grandson), Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Ben Paul, The

Livorno Family, Dean Dizon, The Paschal Family, John & Margo Recke, Joe Burgos, Dani Massey, Thea McDonald, Sharon Polchowski, Linda Davis, Christa Gross, Valerie Stanislawczyk, Ed Horne, Beth McDonald, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Dave McFadden, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, people of Ukraine, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Pope Francis, Bishop Wack, Msgr Reed, Father Christian, our deacons, religious, and seminarians.

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus! Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day.

Amen.

To submit a prayer request to be included here please send an email to info@kofc7027.com



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\$55,000

Charity Raffle

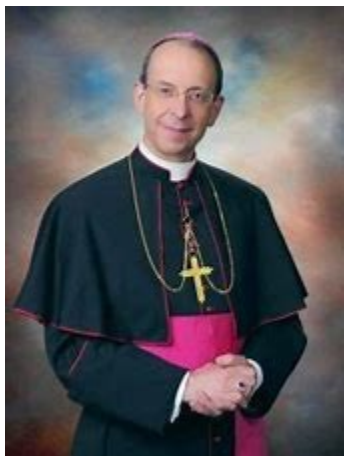
FIRST PRIZE - \$25,000

2nd Prize: \$15,000

3rd Prizes: \$5,000 (3)

Get Your K of C Raffle Tickets!

Our council has raffle tickets for sale. Grand Prize is \$25,000, second prize is \$15,000, and three third prizes are \$5,000 each. This raffle is a fundraiser for both the Florida State Council and for our council. Tickets are only \$5 each, and half of the money raised stays with our council! Get your raffle tickets at the council meeting, or ask a council officer!



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Gospel for March 5, Mt 17:7)

"Do not be afraid" — we read these words often in Scripture. Here, Jesus speaks to the apostles, awestruck at his Transfiguration. In a similar way, the angel told St. Joseph, "Do not be afraid" to take Mary, who had conceived the Christ Child, as his wife. The knowledge that God is with us should encourage and strengthen us. Sometimes, as with the apostles, we are overwhelmed by the mysteries of faith; at other times the challenges of living our faith in a secular culture seem daunting. Yet Christ continually empowers us as he calls us: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, I challenge you to watch the documentary *St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father* (available for free at kofc.org/stjoseph), reflecting on St. Joseph's courage. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Pilgrim Icon program, which features an icon of St. Joseph.

Questions for Reflection:

What are you afraid of? Do your fears prevent you from fully following God's will in your life? How can you imitate the courage of St. Joseph?

(From kofc.org select "Who We Are", "Our Faith", and "Monthly Challenge")



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

MARCH

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2022-23		
July, 2022	Dean Dizon	John & Aine' Canning
August, 2022	John Recke	Jeff & Rose Fischer
September, 2022	Richard Connolly	Michael & Brittany Hamel
October, 2022	Tom Peck	Ed & Valerie Stanislawczyk
November, 2022	Walter Gross	James & Rachel Hull
December, 2022	Larry Hehr	Ben & Margaret Urnick
January, 2023	Sid Roussell	Ernie & Mary Beth Cyr
February, 2023	Bruce Donatelli	Todd & Sue Jones
March, 2023		
April, 2023		
May, 2023		
June, 2023		

Knight of the Month Grand Knight Michael Stafford presented the Knight of the Month for February to Bruce Donatelli on February 25, 2023, at the 4:00 PM Mass. Pictured are GK Michael Stafford, Gerry and Bruce Donatelli, and Msgr Michael Reed.



Family of the Month Grand Knight Michael Stafford announced the Family of the Month for February as Todd & Sue Jones at the 4:00 PM Mass on February 25, 2023. They were not available to accept.





Community

Bill McDonald
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In the food pantry for the month of January 2023 we fed 1327 people. We could not run this pantry without the help of our volunteers. And our crew of brother knights that help with the food pick up from both Winn Dixie and Feeding the Gulf Coast.

We have received close to 1300 pounds

of food donations from our partner Winn -Dixie. We also must thank our generous parishioners for donations of rice, beans, cereal, peanut butter and other staples that help us feed the hungry.

At our last breakfast we raised around \$800.00 for our Knights Funeral Assistance Fund!



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK James Fane

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Brothers,

I regretfully have to state that we did not have a quorum at our last scheduled meeting. With that being said we were unable to conduct any official business. Our Worthy District Deputy had hoped that we would be able to vote on contributing to the Catholic Charities program. His hope was to have all council's and assemblies in the district to contribute so that we could have 100% involvement. I hope we can take this up in the future.

I had an opportunity to speak with Msrg. Reed. To say the least he is very happy with the activity of the Knights and is very appreciative of all that we do. He would like us to continue our current activities and is supportive of the idea for the 4th Degree to be present at the funerals of our brothers who have passed. We are in need of Sir Knights with Regalia to support the March 4th

exemplification. Please check with your members to see who is willing to help with this event. For those that can assist, please be at St. Sylvester's Church between 10 and 10:15AM on the 4th. Assignments will be handed out upon arrival. Be mindful that registration starts at 11, and you need to be in place before then. Let us show support for our own honoree Kris Elliott. Again, thank you for your help with this request. Tony Jette, Vice District Marshal

I would hope that any members that currently have the new regalia help in this request. This event doesn't happen in our area often so please help show our support.

Vivat Jesus

JP



Council and Assembly Officers

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>

Invocations monthly publication of the Florida State Council.
<https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocation-State-Newsletter>

Knightcast An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics.
<http://kofc.org/knightcast>

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K of C Council 7027 2021-22 Officer Elections		Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2021-2022	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Navigator	SK James Fane
Grand Knight	Michael Stafford	Faithful Captain	SK Sid Roussel
Deputy Grand Knight	Douglas Blau	Faithful Pilot	SK John Recke
Chancellor	Tom Kubalewski	Faithful Admiral	SK Daniel Arndt
Recorder	Larry Burkhalter	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald
Treasurer	Dale Sogor	Faithful Purser	SK Dale Sogor
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Scribe	SK Thomas Kubalewski
Advocate	Walter Gross	Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK George Elliott
Warden	Justin Paul	Faithful Outer Sentinel	
Inside Guard	James Gaus	Trustee 3 Year	SK James Gaus
Outside Guard	Michael Gaus	Trustee 2 Year	SK Bruce Donatelli
Lecturer	Dcn Phillip Czajkowski	Trustee 1 Year	SK Michael Stafford
One Year Trustee	Greg Micklos		
Two Year Trustee	Raymond Kutch		
Three Year Trustee	George Elliott		

BIRTHDAYS

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



Edgar Bennett IV	03-01	Richard Fisher	03-13	William Glover	03-23
Cesar Mascardo	03-01	Dr Ernie Cyr Jr	03-15	Daniel Marzluff	03-23
Michael Michulka	03-03	William Bercot	03-18	Daniel Casey	03-26
Rev Richard Schamber	03-05	Harve Shiplett	03-19	James Cox	03-26
Stanley Sufflbeam	03-05	Phillip Barrett	03-21	Arturo Ojeda	03-28
John Shaddock	03-06	Nicholas Dees	03-22	Thomas Kubalewski	03-31
Kevin Smitely	03-08	William Lewis	03-22		
Allen Pegg	03-09	Richard Connolly	03-23		