



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!



COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
1	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass	St Rose of Lima Church
1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	NO K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting (Holiday)	Knights Hall
2	8:30 AM	10:00 AM	First Friday Adoration and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Chapel
2	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Holy Hour w/Adoration, Rosary and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Church
2	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner	Parish Hall
3	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Ave & Dogwood
8	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
8	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KofC Council Meeting	Knights Hall
11	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	KofC Breakfast	Parish Hall
13	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	COR - Men's Prayer/Study Group	St Rose of Lima Room
19			Rev Dr Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)	
20	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	KofC Assembly Meeting	Knights Hall
24	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	District 3 Mid Year Meeting at St Paul's	Sindik Hall
25	6:00 PM	8:00:PM	KoFC Special Dance	Parish Hall
31	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	KofC Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima Church
31	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	KofC Exemplification (TBD)	St Rose of Lima Church
31	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	KofC Reception after Exemplification	TBA
			February	
5	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
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7	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Ave & Dogwood
8	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	KofC Family Breakfast	Parish Hall
10	6:00 PM	8:30 PM	COR - Men's Prayer/Study Group	St Rose of Lima Room
12	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
12	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KofC Council Meeting	Knights Hall

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Epiphany January 4





Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

As we welcome 2026, our council reflects with gratitude on the blessings of the past month and looks ahead with renewed purpose. December was filled with meaningful service, joyful celebration, and the strengthening of our brotherhood — a true witness to the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

We are proud to welcome the newest members of our council, Sean Bryans, David Bush and Ean Couch, who completed their exemplification in December. Their commitment to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism enriches our parish and strengthens our ability to serve. Please join us in congratulating them and supporting them as they begin their journey as Knights.

Our first annual Boston Butt Drive was a tremendous success. Thanks to the dedication of Deacon Jeff Massey and Mike Hamel and their amazing team of volunteers and the generosity of the St. Rose community, we raised funds that will directly support our charitable outreach in the months ahead. From preparing the cookers to greeting parishioners with a smile, every brother who contributed helped make this effort a blessing for those we serve.

The 2025 Council Christmas Party brought together families, parishioners, and friends for an evening of warmth, laughter, and festive joy. The Parish Hall was filled with the spirit of the season as we shared a meal, exchanged gifts, and celebrated the bonds that unite us. Special thanks goes out to Deacon Jeff Massey and his kitchen warriors, and to the Ladies Auxiliary, led by Debra Stafford. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, decorate, cook, and clean —

your efforts created a memorable night for all.

January begins with two important solemnities that speak directly to the hearts of Catholic men committed to service:

January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

As we honor Mary under her greatest title, we are reminded of her example of humility, courage, and unwavering faith. For Knights, she is a model of discipleship and a guide in our mission to serve Christ through service to others.

January 4 – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi's journey to encounter Christ invites us to seek Him with the same devotion and to offer our gifts — our time, talents, and charity — for the good of the Church and our community. This feast encourages us to begin the year with renewed purpose and spiritual clarity.

As we move into the new year, we encourage all brothers and families to check the council calendar regularly for upcoming events, including:

COR Men's Prayer and Study Group – Strengthening our spiritual lives together
KofC Family Breakfast – Fellowship and service to the parish

District 3 Mid-Year Meeting – Planning and collaboration with our brother councils
Special Dance – A joyful and inclusive celebration for our special needs community

Your presence and participation make these events meaningful and successful
May Christ guide our work and strengthen our brotherhood in the months ahead.

Vivat Jesus,
Jim Gaus, Grand Knight



From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey
Beginning 2026



Brothers, Blessing of Peace as we enter the New Year **2026**.

Closing out 2025

We are still in the Christmas Season, which will end on 11 January, 2026, The Baptism of the Lord. As well as the Jubilee Year of 2025, which will end on 6 January, 2026.

Looking toward 2026

First we have:

1 January

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy day of Obligation) which is also The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

4 January

The Epiphany of the Lord

Often called Little Christmas, it is on this day when gifts are exchanged to correspond with the Visit and Gifts of the Magi.

11 January

The Baptism of the Lord

Which, again, closes the Christmas Season.

On 3 January we welcome the first full moon of the year "**The Wolf Moon**" or "**The Moon After Yule**" (from the Old farmer's Almanac).

The New Year often seems like a good time to foster or embrace a

positive change. The New year is also a good time to put aside past troubles, letting go of past mistakes, past slights, past reasons for anger.

This may be the best thing one can do as we begin 2026.

So what will 2026 Bring?

A deepening of Spiritual Life, making more time for Prayer. Perhaps not in a quantity amount, but in a quality increase. 2026 might be a good time to embrace "The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)" or other guided studies.

Hopefully, it will bring an increase in Faith, Hope and Charity.

Whatever 2026 brings, I pray for Blessing be upon all my brother Knights and their families.

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Deacon Jeff Massey



Life

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Happy New Year's to all. This is an opportunity to encourage you all to expedite our efforts to acquire the needed funds to purchase an ultrasound machine for Life Options clinic. The one they have is eight years old and does not give that good of a picture that a new one would. If anyone can donate personally or help organize fundraisers, the need to have a new machine is important. February 10 through the 12th is Catholic days at the capital in Tallahassee, Florida,

hosted by the Florida conference of Catholic bishops featuring legislator briefings, advocacy, and fellowship with bishops and fellow Catholics throughout the state of Florida. Registration deadline is January 23 at bonea@ptdiocese.org. You will be able to meet with state legislators and also attend the Red Mass at the end of the event. A very rewarding time to assist legislators to choose life issues.

Sick & In Need Prayer List

We hold the following individuals in prayer, asking for healing, peace, and strength in their time of need. If you know someone who should be added to this list—or if a name listed here needs to be updated—please let us know at info@kofc7027.com:

Jack Arndt. Claudia Barrett, Emily Botner, Rusty Bradberry, Emily Botner, Rusty Bradberry, Joe Burgos, John Burkhalter, Dave & Donna Byers, Norm Champagne, Richard & Hilda Connolly, Mother of Joey Davis, Leanna Delabruere, Sharon Dipkin, Dean Dizon, Louise Egler, Robert Erisman, JP Fane, Vinny Gallo, Ben/Paul Gentry Steve Gentry, Bill Glover, Walter Gross, Joan Haring,

Paul Hicks, David & Sharon Hinkle, MaryEtta Hinkle, Ed Horne, Saveria Husslein, Larry Johnson, Todd & Suzi Jones, John Juul, Mike Kassinger, Thatcher Kerzie, Family of Molly Leonard; Karen Lewis, Ron Livorno, Sylvia Mabley, Paul Madifila, Barbara Mason. Heidi Massey, Family of Ed McCarthy. Beth & Bill McDonald, Ian McDonald, Susan McDonald, Thea McDonald, Jennifer & Greg Micklos, Bob Miller, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Tom Peck, Mark Puno, John & Margo Recke, Jim and Marianne Richardson. Jerry Sciple Art Sobilo, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Dale Sorgor and family, Ed Stanislawczyk, Sterling VanGrowski, Carol Waugh.

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.



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2025-26		
July, 2025	Robert Browder	John & Jane Garton
August, 2025	Richard Sturgis	James & Marianne Richardson
September, 2025	Barry Gooden	Ivan and Alicia Rosado
October, 2025	Ivan Delabruere	David & Roxanna Lambert
November, 2025	Paul Mangiafico	Bill & Mary Rohan
December, 2025	Jace Fincher	Audrey & Bill Gibson
January, 2026		
February, 2026		
March, 2026		
April, 2026		
May, 2026		
June, 2026		



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHP OF PRAYER

January

UNITED STATES

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2026>



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK Cesar Mascardo, PGK, FDD, RA1



Sir Knights,

The New Year comes to give us fresh hope for a better future and success. It gives us a dream that we will face challenges with confidence in this New Year and that our dreams and hopes will come true with the blessings of God. As men of the Knights of Columbus, as men of faith, we are called through Baptism to grow and increase in faith. We are, therefore, summoned to serve as witnesses to our faith in our daily lives, in the lives of our families, and in the lives of others throughout our communities.

May the coming New Year bring you everlasting happiness, peace, success in whatever you do, prosperity to you and your family, and fill your home with joy and spirit. The New Year is on the way that makes yesterday a memory and tomorrow a dream. Our first and primary responsibility as Knights of the Knights of Columbus is to ensure continued growth and sustainability of our Order. And our Catholic faith should be a source of unity, reconciliation, and renewal. As brothers, we are united in a faith that will continue growth and visibility through the good works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Catholic citizenship and service to God and country and the honor title of being called "Sir Knight".

As we welcome 2026, our goal as Sir Knights is to become a stronger right arm of the church and, in our case, strength comes from our members. Thank you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus. And thanks in advance for all you will do to make the coming year a success for the Order. I look forward to working with you all to make this a great year with service to our church, engaging in

community service, supporting the military and promoting Catholic values.

We reflect on what we have accomplished this past year. Such programs as VA Hot Dog at the VA Clinic on the second Wednesday of each month where we provide 146 free hot dogs, drinks and chips to the veterans to thank them for their service. We also march at the Milton Veterans Parade on September 11th by honoring the veterans on Veterans Day and donating a wreath honoring a fallen soldier. In addition we host a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on November 15th to thank and honor those veterans present and those that are not with us. Another event is providing a Spaghetti Dinner, free of charge after Holy Hour/ Adoration on the First Friday of each month. And, our fourth degree was represented at the procession at the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.

I want to congratulate Sir Knight Vic Van Growski as he received the Sir Knight of the Quarter for his body of work for last quarter. Congratulate him when you see him.

I want to personally thank my brother Sir Knights for your dedication, your time, and talents that made last year a successful year. I look forward to the new year with anticipation! Hope this new year brings lots of new adventures, sweet memories and family fun together.

Lastly, I hope your holidays were wonderful and wishing you all the best in the New Year. As we enter a new calendar year, please keep in mind that all blessings come from the Almighty and are our source for all happiness and joy. Happy New Year from my family to your family!



Boston-Butt Fundraiser Recap

What can be said but thank you, thank you, **Thank You!**

To all who helped with Pre-Sales, after the various Mass times

Our Financial Secretary, Bill McDonald: setting up online ordering via "Square" (Close to 50% of our sales were online.)

Ray Kutch: ordering the meat, bringing a truck-load of wood, moving the meat over, helping light our way, and so many other things.

Pit Crew (for providing the 3 Pits to smoke 60 Butts)

Our Field Agent: Ivan (the terrible J) Delabruere,

Deputy Grand Knight: Mike Hamel

The 6PM Prep & Seasoning Crew: you know who you are!

Opening the cryo-packs, Bruce Donatelli: rinsing all of them in the sink,

2 Lines running...

Patting them dry; then the Seasoning Stations: into bowls of Olive Oil & Rub, followed by runners moving them to the Pits.

What a great way to start, with Father Ray helping at the Seasoning Station.

We did eat well that night.

Heidi smoked Brisket, Picanha, & Boneless Lamb, as well as provided sides.

The 3AM Wrapping Crew: you know who you are as well!

What can I say but, Wow! 12+ Folks at 3AM!!!!

2 Lines running...

Pull from Smoker, Drop, Sauce, 360 coverage, Foil Wrap, back to the smoker.

You may not have realized it, but we did 60 Butts in less than 45 Minutes.



Distribution Crew

starting at 8am... Moving the meat, matching the names, smooth and efficient.

We had 4 butts that were not picked up by the following weekend,

SO... They were then donated to various dinners including Friday's dinner for

"Our Lady of Guadalupe" and for the "K of C Christmas Party" on Saturday.

As of this writing I do not have final amounts...

but they will be announced as soon as they are available.

Again

Many Thanks!!!

to all who helped in any way making this event, fun and successful.

In Service

Deacon Jeff Massey



KofC 7027 Membership Milestones

January 2026 Honorees: Celebrating Years of Faithful Service

We gratefully recognize the following members of Knights of Columbus Council 7027 who mark their anniversary of joining in the month of January. Their years of dedication reflect a legacy of fraternal commitment and service to our parish and community.

Name	Years of Service
Gerald Langille	61
Richard James	37
Edward Podgurski	37
Harve Shiplett	37
Nonito Villanuel	32
Timothy Evans	31
Clyde Shonk	28
Brian Kassinger	27
Adelbert Lozario	27
David Glendinning	24
Richard Connolly	23
James Gentry	15
William Gibson Sr	15
John Berry	11
Hermann Wendorff	6
Benjamin Paul	3
Benedict Urnick	3



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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Council 7027 Officer Fraternal Year 2024-2025		Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2025-2026	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed
Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hamel	Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley
Chancellor	Michael Gaus	Faithful Pilot	SK Gilbert Saenz
Recorder	Bernie Schlutz	Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis
Treasurer	Ray Kutch	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Purser	SK Brian McGuire
Advocate	Dcn Jeff Massey	Faithful Scribe	SK Arturo Ojeda
Warden	Justin Paul	Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Joe Pascal
Inside Guard	Vincent Mauro	Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Bob Bezick
Outside Guard	Alex Wilson	Color Guard Commander	SK Bruce Mabley
Lecturer	Walter Gross	Patriotic Liaison	SK Joey Davis
One Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 3 Year	SK Dan Walker
Two Year Trustee	Mike Stafford	Trustee 2 Year	SK John Recke
Three Year Trustee	Mike Simoneaux	Trustee 1 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter

BIRTHDAYS

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



Michael J Canzoniero	01/01
Christopher Manor	01/01
Robert Bezick	01/03
Todd Jones	01/03
Douglas Blau	01/07
Ralph Crago	01/09
Michael Gaus	01/09

Tracey Hudson	01/09
Brian Casey	01/11
Arthur Sobilo	01/13
Ivan Delabruere	01/19
Jason Doty	01/22
Joseph Paschal	01/22
Paul Hicks	01/23

Donald Tomer	01/23
Mark Engley	01/26
Ronald Bradberry	01/29
Sean Canning	01/29
Patrick Cooley	01/29