



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MILTON COUNCIL 7027



GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Elections for council 7027 will take place Thursday June 13, 2013. The election will take place during the June Business meeting.

Get active in your Council. Consider a position remember the Council Members make 7027 great.

May you and Your Family have a Holy and Happy Easter Season.

Fraternally,

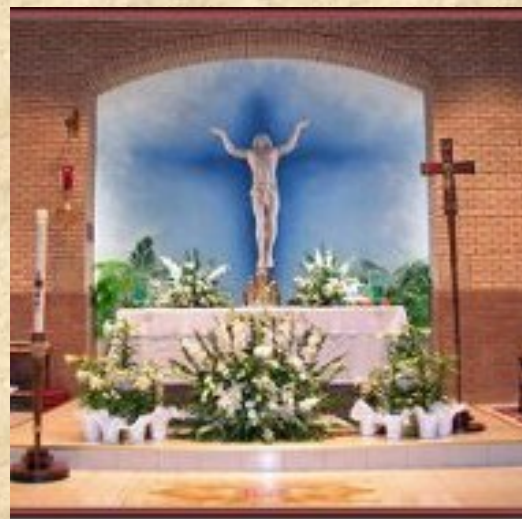
John Recke, Grand Knight

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Event
3/22 & 23	Tootsie Roll Drive
3/25	Rosary for Life at Holy Cross Cem 5:30
4/13	Park Ave. Cleanup 9 AM
4/19 & 20	Tootsie Roll Drive
5/11	Dcn Kennell Ordination 25th Aniversary
5/18	Family Picnic





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DEACON'S TEACHING



Brothers,

As we come to the close of our Lenten Season we reach its climax during Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with the Easter Triduum. If you feel you haven't made much progress growing in holiness during this period, make an effort to enter this final week with renewed enthusiasm, and maybe, just maybe, you'll catch on fire.

Palm Sunday commemorates our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem just days before the completion of his earthly ministry of redemption for mankind. Holy Thursday begins the Easter Triduum, meaning three days: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Liturgically, though, it is one day beginning with the Mass of Holy Thursday and ending with the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. As evidence of this, you'll notice that there is an opening of Mass as usual, but no final blessing or dismissal after it. The Good Friday service is just that, a service and not a Mass. At the Easter Vigil on Saturday night you'll notice that there is no opening of mass as usual, but there is a blessing and dismissal at its end, which completes the Triduum.

Holy Thursday is commonly known as the Mass of the Last Supper. On this day we remember that Jesus gave himself in the Eucharist, chose his apostles to serve and lead the Church, and then washed their feet. Our pastor will reenact this foot washing ritual on some parishioners. Holy Thursday is a special day for all priests since it is a day to mark the beginning of the ordained priesthood. The Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose where Eucharistic adoration is encouraged. The main altar is then stripped.

Good Friday recalls the passion and crucifixion of Jesus; parishioners venerate the Cross. Since Mass is not celebrated, communion is distributed with consecrated hosts in reserve from Holy Thursday. Images of saints may, in accordance with local custom, be veiled and votive lights before them are not lit. Crucifixes that are movable are hidden, while those that are not are veiled until after the Good Friday service.

Holy Saturday is a commemoration of the day that Jesus lay in his tomb and **Masses** are never offered. **Easter Vigil** is a celebration from Darkness to the Light of Christ, the Resurrection, and is held after night-fall on Holy Saturday or before dawn on Easter Sunday. The paschal candle, representing Jesus' resurrection as the "return of light into the world," is lit. People receiving full initiation in the Church are given the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Hopefully with the aid of this short outline, you'll be better able to see the continuity and significance of Holy Week and benefit from becoming more fully engaged in it. May you have a fruitful conclusion to Lent.

Deacon Chris



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT



We stand strong on ethical ground

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side of capitalism.

At the Knights of Columbus, we know this business model is incorrect. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very highly. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said the Supreme Knight. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality and not money-making. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order sound financially for generations to come.

"Faithful Catholics have choices when buying life insurance," said the Supreme Knight. "But they know that at the Knights of Columbus their policy is supplied by an insurer that shares their moral and ethical values and is guided in all of its investment and sales practices by those values."

To learn more about our products, contact me today.

May God Bless You all,

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