



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MILTON COUNCIL 7027



COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
2	6:30 PM	CCMI & KC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
3		GOOD FRIDAY	
4		HOLY SATURDAY	
5		EASTER	
8	8:00 AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
8	9:30 AM	KOC LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
9	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG (CHAPEL @ 6 P.M.)	KNIGHT'S HALL
		(VOTING FOR KOY & FOY)	
10	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
11	TBD	PRESENT SITS DONATIONS	HILL KELLY DODGE
11	9-2	BSA CAR WASH	ADV AUTO PRK LOT
12	8:30 AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
16	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
17	4:15 PM	BAY CTR EVENT (E-WOMEN'S CONF)	LV PARISH HALL
17	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
24	4:15 PM	BAY CTR EVENT (DISNEY ON ICE)	LV PARISH HALL
24	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
25	9:00 PM	KOC PARK AVE CLEAN UP	PARISH HALL
26	8:00 AM	KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION	MASS SAINT ROSE
		(Breakfast at McGuire's)	
26	4:00 PM	KC SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED	MASS SAINT ROSE
27		May Newsletter Articles Due	
5/1	9-5	KOC CITIZENS W/DISABILITIES FUND DR	JUST A REMINDER
5/2	9-5	KOC CITIZENS W/DISABILITIES FUND DR	JUST A REMINDER

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Apr, 2015	11	18	24	3
May, 2015	9	16	22	1, 29
June, 2015	6	13	19	26

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 4th Sunday of the month to be published in the next month's newsletter.

The Newsletter Editor



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The following words were written by Joseph J. Mazzella on 3/18/15. I truly wish that I'd have written them myself because I can't think or say it any better.

"As I have gotten older one thing I have realized is that I really want more out of life. Now I am not talking about bigger bank accounts, more money, a bigger house, or a fancier car. What I really want more of are the things that money just can't buy. I want more of the things that strengthen the spirit and nurture the soul. I want more of the things that bring us closer to love, closer to others, closer to Heaven, and closer to God.

I want to watch more sunrises and more sunsets. I want to spend more time smelling the flowers in the Spring and looking at the leaves in the Fall. I want to listen to more music and sing more songs. I want to read more books and gain more wisdom. I want to give more hugs and kisses to my children and hopefully one day to my grandchildren. I want to spend more time watching my dog play and listening to my cats purr. I want to pray more to God and listen to His voice in the silence of my heart, mind, and soul. I want to think more inspiring thoughts and share them with others. I want to speak more words of encouragement. I want to do more acts of kindness. I want to help others more. I want to lift more people up and let more people lift me up as well. I want to share more smiles. I want to enjoy more laughter. I want to select more joy, create more happiness, choose more peace, and then give it to others. I want to spread more sunshine, eliminate more darkness, and make Earth more like Heaven. I want to write more truth, let more people know that God loves them, and show them that they can love too. I want to do more and more to make this world a better place for everyone.

I pray too that all of you spend your days getting and giving more of what is essential in this life. May you have more Love; may you share more Joy; may you get more Wisdom; may you give more Goodness and may you forever grow more in oneness with God."

Your Brother in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.475 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

May God Bless You All,



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DEACON'S TEACHING **By Deacon Chris Christopher**

Aren't Statues a Form of Idolatry?

In the book of Deuteronomy, God warns the Israelites against “fashioning an idol to represent any figure, whether it be the form of a man or of a woman” or of other creatures (4:15-18). Joining biblical passages such as these with the divine commandment against “*an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth...*” (Exodus 20:4 “graven images”) many Christians insist that all statues of religious subject are forbidden.

We must note, however, that as the rest of the commandment makes clear, God has forbidden only the making of such images *with the intention of worshipping them*, as the pagans did. He has by no means banned the creation of all religious images.

On the contrary, the Lord actually *instructed* the Israelites to store those very commandments, carved in stone, within a sacred container, The Arc of the Covenant, to be decorated with golden images of angelic beings called cherubim (Exodus 25:10-22). He also commanded the people to decorate the places where they worshiped with gold, bronze, and wooden images of animals and plants (Exodus 25:33; 26:1; 1 Kings 6:23-7:51; 2 Chronicles 3:10-4:22).

Why do Catholic churches, schools, and homes display religious statues and other images? Such images are an aid to remembering and honoring our Lord, his mother, the canonized saints, and the angels.

No Catholic who knows his faith has ever worshiped a religious image. When Catholics kneel to pray before a statue, or burn a candle, or place a flower before it, they aren't worshipping the image, they are expressing love and honor for the person represented by the statue.

Think of how most people display photos of their loved ones in their homes and workplaces, or carry them on their person. They may occasionally even kiss a picture. When they do, are they worshipping these images? Of course not. The affection they show to the photos is directed toward those the photos portray.

Does venerating saints and angels in this way somehow “steal” honor from God or Jesus? No. They are his “handiwork” (Ephesians 2:10). Our praise of God's masterpieces redounds to the glory of the Artist who created them.

The Christian controversy of iconography, images depicting Jesus, the saints, etc., came to a head at the 2nd Council of Nicaea in 787. The question was whether they should be allowed or not.

The decision in favor of having icons in the Church was decided on the difference between an image and an idol. An image is a spiritual ‘visual aid’ that is used by the faithful to increase their spirit of prayerfulness and devotion to God. An idol, on the other hand, is an image that is worshipped by the unfaithful in place of the one true God, i.e., the ‘golden calf’ (Ex. 32:7-8).

In the Old Testament, images of God were forbidden because folks had not yet seen God in human form. In the New Testament, God HAS taken on human form...an image that we can see:

Colossians 1:15 “He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God...”

Colossians 2:9 “For in Jesus dwells the whole fullness of the Deity, bodily...”

1 John 1:1-2 “What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life – for the life was made visible...”

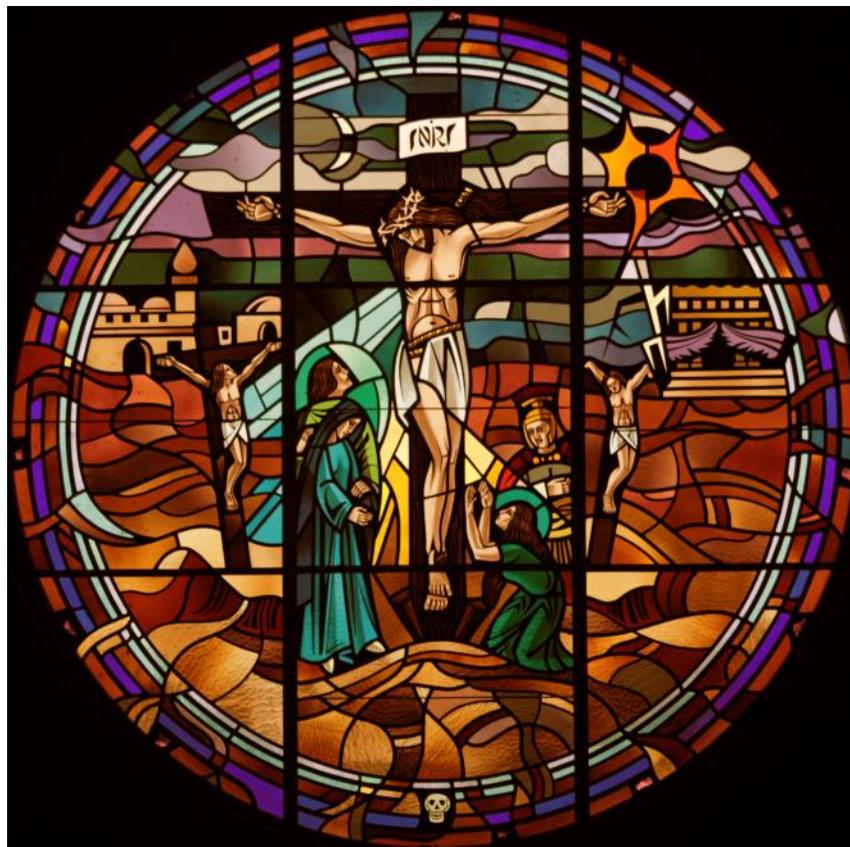
Jesus, therefore, is an icon of God.

Next month we'll ask, **Why Does the Church Have So Many Rules?**



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The Crucifixion

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, "This man was innocent beyond doubt." When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events. (Luke 23:33-49)

The Crucifixion window is located on the north wall of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Milton, FL.



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Honors of the Months



KOM SK Chris Gay



GK Rusty Bradberry, FOM SK Dn. Chris & Zee Christopher, Fr. Richard Schamber



The Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Competition was held March 14th in Haines City Florida. Originating from Council 7027 in Milton, FL, Marquis Allen (Boys age 12), competing against other boys from across the state placed **FIRST** with a score of 21 out of 25 Free Throws. Congratulations are in order.



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Knights of Columbus offer College Scholarships to our High School Seniors!

The St. Rose Knights of Columbus Council 7027 is again offering three \$1,000 college scholarships to high school seniors who are registered members of St. Rose Parish. These scholarship are offered to any of our high school seniors who are planning to attend college starting in the fall of 2015, to assist them with the expenses associated with attending college. These scholarships are budgeted for and offered each year as part of the Council's St. Rose parish support programs. Those applicants selected for these scholarships represent some of our parish's finest young high school students and, in every case, highlight to quality of our young parishioners.

A selection committee, chaired by Brother John Juul and consisting of seven other experienced Knights, is currently collecting application packages in preparation for the evaluation and selection process which is scheduled for 15 April 2015.

Applicants are screened and selected based on their completed application, a 250 word essay on why they deserve the scholarship, and the contents of three references submitted as part of the package. Evaluation and selection will consider the quality and thoroughness of all parts of the application package ... where applicant identities are secured ... and each part of the application is viewed and graded independently by all eight members of the selection committee.

All high school seniors who are registered members of St. Rose parish are invited and encouraged to complete an application and submit it for consideration. The deadline for submission of these scholarship application packages is Friday, 10 April 2015.

Scholarship application packages are available for pick-up at the parish office during normal office hours ... 8:30am - 5:00pm on Monday through Thursday and 8:30am - 1:00pm on Friday.

Brothers,

For what it is worth, I got pulled over by The Florida Highway Patrol on my way to the Council meeting this month. My offense? The tinting on my truck`s windows was too great.

The officer put a light-measuring device over my driver`s window and it measured 15%; the law requires at least 28% of light to pass through the tinting.

The trooper let me off with a warning but said that if I get stopped again and fail the test I`ll be subject to over a \$100.00 fine.

I`m just saying...

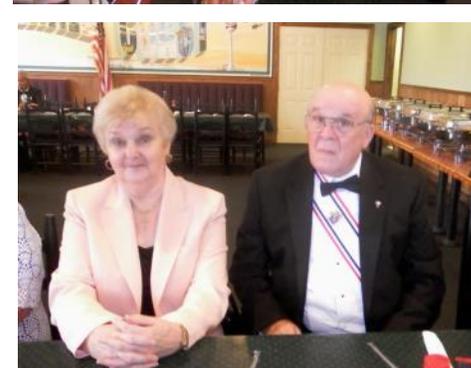
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Founders' Day





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