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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	11:00 AM	SCOUT SUNDAY	MASS SAINT ROSE
5	6:30 PM	CCMI & KC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
6	3:30 PM	FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION	CHAPEL
7	4:30 PM	LADIES AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI DINNER	PARISH HALL
8	8:30 AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
11	8:00 AM	KOC HOT DOG DAY VA HOSPITAL	PARISH HALL
11	9:30 AM	KOC LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
12	7:00 PM	KOC BUSINESS MTG (CHAPEL @ 6 P.M.)	KNIGHT'S HALL
13	6:00 PM	SITS MEETING (NO SOCIAL)	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	TBD	PENSACOLA MARDI GRAS PARADE	PENSACOLA
14	6:00 PM	KOC VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER	PAUL'S ON THE BAY
16		PRESIDENT'S DAY (FLAGS)	
18		ASH WEDNESDAY	
19	7:00 PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
20	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
22	8:00 AM	KOC CORPORATE COMMUNION	MASS SAINT ROSE
23		March Newsletter Articles Due	
27	5:30 PM	KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Feb, 2015	14	21	27	6
Mar, 2015	14	21	27	6
Apr, 2015	11	18	24	3

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



Brother Knights;

A little inspiration for February:

If you are not happy with your life or whatever happens in it, discipline your disappointments; it is not external but a result of our internal way we view, believe, and do things in the world. The choices we make determine the quality of our lives, and whatever is happening in our lives, we use it to succeed or to fail, either it is good or bad, and it is mostly determined by our attitude.

Everything is mental; everything is a personal choice and a total responsibility of each one of us. Our attitude is the reason to do the necessary changes or the reason to blame others for our poor performances, for our mistakes or for our ignorance in certain topics. At the end, the quality of our lives is up to each one of us. The formula is simple and factual: When we choose to focus in negativity it is what we attract, and when we choose to focus in positivity it is what we attract. It is time to be honest with ourselves; nobody can make us miserable or happy, successful or failures but our attitude - the positive or negative way we choose to view the world.

The moment we take responsibility for our life, our life will definitely change. Take action now; there is no such thing as the perfect time or right moment. Choose to be happy, nothing is more important than feeling good. Life is too short - VERY, VERY SHORT. Don't let the opportunities and blessings of life fly from your hands.

We have some very busy times coming up on us quickly. Please try to stay positive and volunteer to help out when you can. As we've said many times in the past and it's proven to be true over and over again, "Many hands make light work."

Your Brother in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Protecting Widows – A Founding Goal

As a member of this council, you know how important spouses can be to the charitable works of the Order. If you're married, your wife is probably involved in a few of the many events that happen each fraternal year. This support adds great value and impact to what a council can achieve.

When the Order was founded in 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney and the other brave men were setting out to protect Catholic families, but especially wives and children. Today, we remain committed to this mission by offering insurance products and fraternal benefits designed with that goal in mind. One specific policy rider that you may not know about is called Spousal Waiver of Premium. This rider is unique to the Knights of Columbus philosophy of helping our widows.

This rider is available on most permanent and Discoverer plans purchased at standard rates by a member and his wife on the same day. When both spouses apply, the rider provides for waiver of premiums on the spouse's contract in the event of the insured's death. Best of all, for members and spouses ages 18 to 60, this waiver can be added for no charge. The rider stays in effect until the spouse attains age 65 or certain other triggering events occur.

Our products are designed with your needs and budget in mind. With a solid portfolio of life insurance, long-term care, disability income and retirement products, the Knights of Columbus can help you meet all of your financial goals. To learn more about these solutions, contact me today.



May God Bless You All,

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher



Is Purgatory in the Bible?

Every Sunday we express our faith that "*Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.*" What happens to us after we die, though, has a lot of us confused - non-Catholic Christians included.

The perennial question is, "What happens to me when I die? Do I go directly to heaven and dance with the angels, or directly to hell and dance with that other guy?" Well - it all depends.

Some of us may go directly to heaven, but because hell exists, it must be there for a reason. More-than-likely though, a whole bunch of us will go to a third place, a place of final preparation in order to enter into God's presence. How can this be said with certainty? Because this third place is referred to in Scripture – and – is part of the Church's teaching.

Scripture provides a plethora of citations referring to a third place other than heaven and hell after death—sheol, hades, gehenna, lake of fire, paradise, the grave, Tartarus, Abraham's bosom — but they are all the subject of much conflicting debate and can be confusing.

On the other hand, there are scriptural passages indicating that no one will enter into God's presence unless they are 'squeaky' clean, as clean as Adam & Eve on the day God created them. It is these passages that give us an insight that this *other world* is a place of purification:

In the 2nd Book of Maccabees (12:43) we read how Judas Maccabeus offered sacrifices and prayers for soldiers who had died wearing amulets which were forbidden by the law; "*Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out,*" and "*Thus, (Judas Maccabeus) made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin*" (12:46).

In the Book of Sirach (7:33) we read, "*Be generous to all the living, and withhold not your kindness from the dead.*" This is interpreted as imploring God to cleanse the souls of the dead, or at least to pray for them.

In St. Matthew's Gospel (Mt 12:32), Jesus' statement that certain sins "*will not be forgiven either in this world or in the world to come,*" at least suggests a purifying of the soul after death for those sins that can be forgiven.



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St. Luke's Gospel (12:59) Jesus says, *"I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny."* This implies a confinement somewhere other than heaven or hell.

In **1 Cor** (3:15) St. Paul tells us that when we die each righteous man's work will be tried. And what happens if a righteous man's work fails the test? *"He will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."* Now this loss, penalty, can't refer to consignment in hell since no one can be saved there. Heaven can't be meant since there is no suffering, "fire", there. The doctrine of purgatory alone explains this passage.

In **I Thes** (4:13-17) again St. Paul says, *"For the Lord himself... will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air."* As of this writing, Jesus was already raised from the dead and had taken those in sheol from Old Testament times with him. St. Paul here is talking about post resurrection Christians being asleep someplace other than heaven. -- If they were in hell, there would be no hope of them being with Jesus at some later date.

In the **Book of Revelation** (6:9-11; Rev. 21:27) We read, *"Nothing unclean can enter the presence of God in heaven."*

There isn't space here to cover so many other scriptural references referring to this third place of purification. Interestingly though, there are many extra biblical writings referring to prayers for the dead, but none in protest against the practice. God doesn't wave a magic wand to fix us; He requires our free will cooperation to break unhealthy attachments to this world (James 4:8-10; Matthew 5:29-30; 6:2, 16) before we can enter into his presence of pure love.

Another question often asked is whether we go directly to heaven after going to confession, being absolved of our sins, and die being hit by a car in the parish parking lot right after Mass. The answer again is - it all depends. It depends on the state of our souls.

Since we know that nothing unclean can enter in God's presence, we have to ask what is "unclean" about our soul after leaving the confessional? The answer is that even though the sins committed have been forgiven, the **roots** of those sins are still present and need to be overcome.

He's an example. I have a propensity for uncharitable gossip; I know it, sincerely keep trying to curb it, but still give-in to temptation when a juicy situation presents itself. Although God has forgiven me for the gossiping I just confessed, the **root** of that gossiping is still within me and must be removed before I can meet him face-to-face upon death. You see, I still want to



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gossip - even though I say I do not want to.

But what about Jesus' supreme sacrifice; wasn't his blood enough to cleans us of all our sins for direct entry into heaven when we die? Not if we still retain the unclean roots of our sinfulness.

Christ's blood does not remove the root of sin; it removes the sinful acts we commit. Christ's blood won our *redemption*, the possibility of entry into heaven, not necessarily our freedom from suffering before we get there. But that is not because Jesus' sacrifice was imperfect. It's just that it wasn't intended to remove the *root* of sin.

Continuing with the example, in gossiping what I am actually doing is putting myself above the other person. I'm saying that I am better than he or she because –dot-dot-dot – and each of us can fill in the blanks. The underlying *root* of this sin, though, is self-centeredness; I am putting myself above someone else because of my superior, judgmental attitude. If I'm so self-centered, God can't be first in my life – and that by the way, is also a sin against His 1st Commandment.

Our God is a loving, merciful father -- and loving, merciful fathers provide discipline to their beloved children (Eph 6:4). In this case, the final purification in **that other world** helps the believer approach spiritual perfection and eternal bliss with him. In God's infinite mercy, he desires us to be saved and has thus provided the means of being with him through eternity.

In knowing that Christ will *"come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,"* we should demonstrate our gratitude for his infinite mercy by living our lives in such a way as to expect him to say, *"Well done, my good and faithful servant! Come and share the joy of your master."*

Next month we'll look at, *Why Do Catholics Have Crucifixes?*



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JANUARY KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



GK Rusty Bradberry, Analyn Dixson, KOM SK Cesar Mascardo, Monsignor Michael Reed



Family of the Month Ed and Diana McCarthy, Monsignor Michael Reed



St. Valentine's Day



The popular customs associated with Saint Valentine's Day undoubtedly had their origin in a conventional belief generally received in England and France during the Middle Ages, that on 14 February, i.e. half way through the second month of the year, the birds began to pair. Thus in Chaucer's *Parliament of Foules* we read:

*For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day
Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate.*

For this reason the day was looked upon as specially consecrated to lovers and as a proper occasion for writing love letters and sending lovers' tokens.

Thurston, H. (1912). St. Valentine. In *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. New York: Robert Appleton Company. Retrieved January 31, 2015 from New Advent: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/15254a.htm>



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Brother Knights;

Once again we have an opportunity to express to our Wives, Significant others and Widows of our deceased brother Knights how much we think about them this upcoming Valentine's Day. Please join us on Saturday evening, February 14th, for a catered dinner at "Paul's on the Bay," 670 Scenic Highway. Tickets are only \$10.00 per person with no charge to widows of our deceased brother Knights. The following agenda/menu applies:

6:00 p.m. Social with a cash bar serving Wine, Beer and Champagne

Dinner will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Your choice of either:

Stuffed Roast Beef with a cheddar horseradish sauce topped with a red wine gravy or
Boneless chicken in a cream basil sauce

Mashed garlic flavored red potatoes with gravy; Golden Rice Pilaf; Grilled vegetables
Tossed or Cesar Salad; Rolls with butter; Tea

Ladies are asked to bring a dessert (serving only five or six) to share with everyone in our
Dessert Room.

There will be many opportunities for photos so please dress for the occasion. Our ladies always look fabulous, no matter the occasion but guys, we can try a little harder. Please wear a jacket (ties not mandatory); No jeans please.

Please contact me to reserve your places at what I'm sure is going to be a wonderful event. Be advised that seating is limited so don't procrastinate. My wife Karen is also taking reservations/payment in the Parish office. Our Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer, Martha Skalsky, is also taking reservations/payments. A little bird passed to me that there will also be a few door prizes. We can be reached at the following:

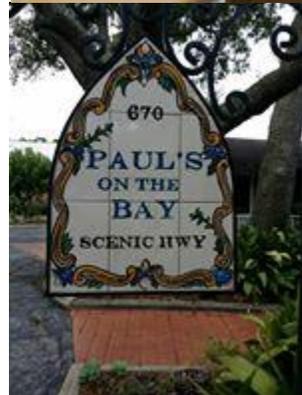
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Yours in Christ,

Rusty Bradberry
Grand Knight
KofC Council 7027





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On Sunday, February 1, 2015, Scouts all over the United States will celebrate National Scout Sunday. This Sunday is set aside to honor God and to remind us that we are all His Creatures and made in His Image or more precisely – to image (reflect) Him to the world.

The Girls Scouts celebrate their 103-year anniversary and the Boy Scouts celebrate 105 years. Both programs consider reverence and belief in God to be cornerstones for developing young women and men as leaders of their communities and their country. Scouts will wear their uniforms to church—a very visible sign that they are members of the scouting organization.

The Boy Scout Pledge has twelve points: A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. The final point – Reverent – ties the other eleven points together. Respect to family and others is important, but our relationship to God is paramount. Worshipping as we believe encourages us to live as His children.

Sponsoring a scouting troop or troops is a way that a parish can offer a safe, fun and exciting learning opportunity to our young people. There are probably adults in our own parish who were Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts and have learned valuable life lessons from their experiences.

Scouts are formed by their families—both biological and parish—in their earliest years. School teaches them how to comprehend and apply advanced reasoning skills. Scouting takes these skills and applies them to specific life experiences that will benefit them forever. As the Church, we are responsible for nurturing them and giving them Christian values that will transform these experiences and enable them to do “God’s Will on earth.”

Whether our parish starts a new troop, sponsors an existing one, or encourages young people to join another scouting troop, the results are a brighter future with more and certainly better leaders!



Boy Scout Troop 427

Scout Sunday 2/5/2014



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PANHANDLE RUN FOR LIFE

Panhandle Run for Life begins February 7th where a team of runners run in relay form to support Life. If anyone wants to help in support of the runners efforts please pledge or send check to Dan Arndt, 6339 Mockingbird Lane, Milton, FL 32570. Make checks out to:

KC CHARITIES / HELPING LIFE FUND. Donations do not have to be sent till May 1st. but please inform me now of any pledges. For any more information call Dan Arndt 850-207-8779 or e-mail prolifeman53@gmail.com .



The next 40 Days for Life will begin February 18th - March 29th. Our council will be having days that we can cover to peacefully pray in front of the abortion mill in Pensacola. For more information check out web site: 40daysforlifepen-

Blessing of the Floats

On January 9 a New Orleans style marching band and Town Crier led the procession down Palafox Street for the "Blessing of the Fleet" ending in the cutting of the King Cake.





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Milton Christmas Parade





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St. Rose of Lima window located left of main altar in St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Milton, FL.

Saint Rose of Lima

Virgin, patroness of America, born at Lima, Peru 20 April, 1586; died there 30 August, 1617.

At her confirmation in 1597, she took the name of Rose, because, when an infant, her face had been seen transformed by a mystical rose. As a child she was remarkable for a great reverence, and pronounced love, for all things relating to God. This so took possession of her that thenceforth her life was given up to prayer and mortification. She had an intense devotion to the Infant Jesus and His Blessed Mother, before whose altar she spent hours. She was scrupulously obedient and of untiring industry, making rapid progress by earnest attention to her parents' instruction, to her studies, and to her domestic work, especially with her needle.

After reading of St. Catherine she determined to take that saint as her model. She began by fasting three times a week, adding secret severe penances, and when her vanity was assailed, cutting off her beautiful hair, wearing coarse clothing, and roughening her hands with toil. All this time she had to struggle against the objections of her friends, the ridicule of her family, and the censure of her parents. Many hours were spent before the Blessed Sacrament, which she received daily.

Finally she determined to take a vow of virginity, and inspired by supernatural love, adopted extraordinary means to fulfill it. At the outset she had to combat the opposition of her parents, who wished her to marry. For ten years the struggle continued before she won, by patience and prayer, their consent to continue her mission.

At the same time great temptations assailed her purity, faith, and constance, causing her excruciating agony of mind and desolation of spirit, urging her to more frequent mortifications; but daily, also, Our Lord manifested Himself, fortifying her with the knowledge of His presence and consoling her mind with evidence of His Divine love. Fasting daily was soon followed by perpetual abstinence from meat, and that, in turn, by use of only the coarsest food and just sufficient to support life.

Her days were filled with acts of charity and industry, her exquisite lace and embroidery helping to support her home, while her nights were devoted to prayer and penance. When her work permitted, she retired to a little grotto which she had built, with her brother's aid, in their small garden, and there passed her nights in solitude and prayer. Overcoming the opposition of her parents, and with the consent of her confessor, she was allowed later to become practically a recluse in this cell, save for her visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

In her twentieth year she received the habit of St. Dominic. Thereafter she redoubled the severity and variety of her penances to a heroic degree, wearing constantly a metal spiked crown, concealed by roses, and an iron chain about her waist. Days passed without food, save a draught of gall mixed with bitter herbs. When she could no longer stand, she sought repose on a bed constructed by herself, of broken glass, stone, potsherds, and thorns. She admitted that the thought of lying down on it made her tremble with dread. Fourteen years this martyrdom of her body continued without relaxation, but not without consolation. Our Lord revealed Himself to her frequently, flooding her soul with such inexpressible peace and joy as to leave her in ecstasy for hours. At these times she offered to Him all her mortifications and penances in expiation for offences against His Divine Majesty, for the idolatry of her country, for the conversion of sinners, and for the souls in Purgatory.

Many miracles followed her death. She was beatified by Clement IX, in 1667, and canonized in 1671 by Clement X, the first American to be so honoured. Her feast is celebrated 30 August. She is represented wearing a crown of roses.

Aymé, E. (1912). St. Rose of Lima. In *The Catholic Encyclopedia*. New York: Robert Appleton Company. Retrieved January 29, 2015 from New Advent: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/13192c.htm>



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Celebrate Faith 2015: Hearts on Fire!



Park Ave. Cleanup





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Competition Champions Announcement

Knights of Columbus Crown Free Throw Champions

Nine boys and girls from Milton and Pace, ages 9-14, were named District Champions of the 2015 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday, January 17th. Fr. Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 of Milton, FL sponsored the competition held in the Milton High School gymnasium. The winners advanced from a local Council Competition held earlier in the day where eighteen youth competed. All boys and girls, ages 9-14, were eligible to participate.

Janay Beatty was the champion of the 10-year-old girls division with Alyssa Gay placing first for 11-year-old girls. Ansley Rust gave Alyssa a run for her money but came in a close 2nd. Brianna Goulet came out on top in the 12-year-old girls division. Dylan Figueroa was the boys' 9-year-old champion. Jordan Caasi placed first in the boy's 10-year-old category with Peyton Majors and Benjamin Cross coming in a close second and third. In the boys' 11-year-old division Josuha Phillips was the top shooter. The Boy's 12-year-old division was highly competitive with Marquis Allen shooting 18 of 25 to take top honors. Cam'ron Jaramillo and Owen Reese placed 2nd and 3rd respectively. Tyler Tracey was also a top shooter making 18 of 25 baskets. Ryan Gay was a close second with Andrew Cross coming in third. At the 14-year-old Boy's level Zach McNight come out on top with Jalen Whitfield and Zander Majors coming in 2nd and 3rd. Each contestant at the district level was allowed 25 free throw attempts.

Each of these District winners is eligible to compete in the Regional Competition. The specific date, time and venue is under negotiations. We wish the best of luck to all competitors in their endeavors toward Regional, State and International levels.





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Free Throw Champions (continued)

