



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!

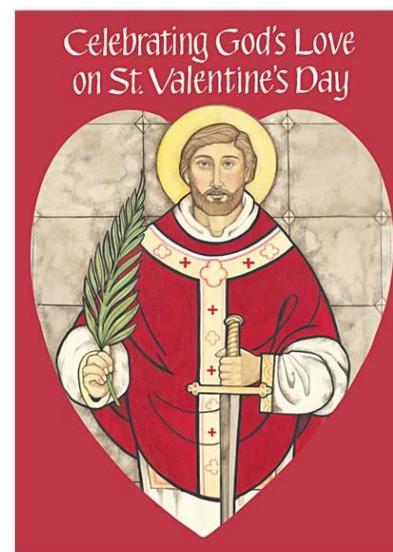


COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	7:00PM	KOC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
2	8:30AM	FIRST FRIDAY-ADORATION	CHAPEL
2	6:30PM	KOC VALENTINES PARTY	HILTON GARDEN
8	6:00 PM	VESPER	KNIGHTS HALL
8	7:00PM	KOC BUSINESS MEETING	KNIGHTS HALL
11	8:00AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
14	8:30AM	VA HOT DOG DAY	PARISH HALL
15	7:00PM	KOC ASSEMBLY MEETING 2823	KNIGHT'S HALL
23	5:30PM	NO KOC SOCIAL	KNIGHT'S HALL
25	11:00AM	KOC CORPORATE MASS	ST ROSE
26	12:00PM	NEWSLETTER DUE	ST ROSE

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Feb, 2018	10	17	23	2
Mar, 2018	10	17	23	2, 30
Apr, 2018	7	14	20	27

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 date noted in the calendar to be published in the next month's newsletter.



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Brother Knights In Christ:

Americans celebrate the birth of two presidents in February, as well as Black History Month.

February is also a time for families, especially in Canada, where Family Day is celebrated on the third Monday of the month in many provinces.

February is also an important month for sports fans, as two teams face each other in the Super Bowl on the first Sunday of February.

February frequently occurs in lists of the most commonly misspelt words in the English language.

In the best of all possible worlds, February 14 is a pleasant and sentimental opportunity to lavish your partner with attention or move your relationship to the next level.

As a reminder, our special Valentine's Party is February 2, 2018 at the Hilton Garden. Please join us in fellowship, enjoyment and fun.

Valentines are wonderful expressions of affection, affirmation, and acceptance. Every one of us needs those things, as well as an occasional reminder we are accountable to a higher authority. We are reminded of our duties, but not as often given a reminder of God's warmth and love. Keep your faith in beautiful things and don't take for granted the blessings we receive from God.

This holiday, also known as Saint Valentine's Day, was named after two early Christian martyrs named Valentine and is observed by Western and Western-influenced cultures. In the United States and some other countries, cards and gifts are given to friends, sweethearts, and family members to express love.

Valentine's Day is a great time of the year to encourage our children to share their faith in Jesus Christ with friends and family members. Valentine's cards for classmates, neighbors, or relatives can include references to God's love, or kind comments about prayer. Because this holiday is named after two early Christian martyrs, it is also a good time to remind our children to pray for the needs of the persecuted church around the world.

Just remember when we pray, the function of a prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.

Your Brother In Christ,
Cesar Mascardo
Grand Knight Council 7027



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CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

What you don't know can hurt you.

Are there gaps in your life insurance coverage and retirement plan?
Can you spot them? Get your free, comprehensive financial needs analysis
today, and be sure of your family's future. Don't let your insurance lag behind.

MIND THE GAP

Don't let your insurance lag behind. Contact me today to get your free, comprehensive needs analysis!

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

"CALL NO ONE ON EARTH FATHER." (Matthew 23:9)

There are some phrases in Scripture that, when literally lifted off the page falsely represent what Jesus was teaching. Such lifting-out-of-context often leads to bad theology. One such phrase is, **"Call no one on earth your father."**

Now in philosophy, one must have a valid premise, and, a sound deduction before arriving at a truth. Truth will not be found, however, if either one of them is lacking. In not calling any man on earth 'father,' proponents of this position are lacking both a valid premise and a sound deduction

Let's look a little more closely at the premise of this phrase. By that logic, when Jesus said, **"Call no one on earth your father,"** he meant our daddies, too, right? Did Jesus never call St. Joseph by his title father? Perhaps as a lad when he had a question about carpentry he asked, *"Hey dude who's married to my Mom, how do I make a mortise and tenon joint?"* We wouldn't think so.

No one would deny a little girl the opportunity to tell someone that she loves her daddy, or that she admires her father, or that she looks up to him. Common sense tells us that Jesus wasn't forbidding this type of use of the word "father" in this passage either. Furthermore, those opposed to calling anyone "father," themselves call their

dads, father.

In the Bible the concept of fatherhood is not restricted to just our earthly fathers or to God. It is used to refer to people other than biological or legal fathers, and is used as a sign of respect to those with whom we have a special relationship

For example, Joseph (Genesis 45:8) revealed himself to his brothers using 'father' in two ways: **"So it was not really you but God who had me come here; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh...Make haste and go up to my father and say to him that God has made me lord of Egypt."** In the *first* use of the word, father means a provider of necessities; in the *second* it means biological male parent.

Job (Job 29:16) indicates he played a fatherly role with the less fortunate: **"I was a father to the needy..."** And God himself declares that he will give a fatherly role to Eliakim (Isaiah 22:20-21), the steward of the house of David: **"On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah."**

This type of fatherhood not only applies to those who are wise counselors like Joseph or benefactors like Job or both, like Eliakim. It also applies to those



who have a fatherly spiritual relationship with one. Elisha for example, cries **"My father, my father!"** (2 Kings 2:12) to Elijah as the latter is carried up to heaven in a whirlwind. Later, Elisha himself is called a father by the king of Israel (2 Kings 6:21)

Those who object to the use of the term "Father" being applied to any earthly man might contend that what happened in the Old Testament was overturned with the New Testament. That is, while it may have been permissible to call certain men "father" in the Old Testament, since the time of Christ it is no longer allowed. This reasoning fails for several reasons.

First, the imperative, **"call no man father"** does not apply to one's biological or legal father. It also doesn't exclude calling one's ancestors "father," as in "the founding fathers" of our nation. Stephen (Acts 7:2) refers to **"our father Abraham,"** while St. Paul (Romans 9:10) speaks of **"our father Isaac."**

Second, a careful examination of the context of Matthew 23:8-10 shows that Jesus didn't intend for his words here to be understood literally. The whole passage referring to calling no man father reads, **"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah."**

The problem here is that although Jesus seems to prohibit the use of the term "teacher," in Matthew 28:19-20, Christ himself appointed certain men to be teachers in his Church: **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."**

Also, Paul speaks of his commission as a teacher: **"For I was appointed preacher and apostle (I am speaking the truth, I am not lying), teacher of**

the Gentiles in faith and truth" (1 Timothy 2:7). He again states: ...this gospel **"for which I was appointed preacher and apostle and teacher"** (2 Timothy 1:11). And he reminds us that the Church has an office of teacher: **"Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers..."** (1 Corinthians 12:28), as well as, **"And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers"** (Ephesians 4:11). There is no doubt that Paul was not violating Christ's teaching in Matthew 23 by referring so often to others as "teachers."

If one opposes calling any man "father" then one should fulfill everything else Jesus prohibits in these verses by not calling anyone teacher or master. But this too is not the case, for everyone refers to his or her family physician as "Doctor" or a college professor with a Phd as "Doctor." The term "Doctor" is derived from the Latin verb *docēre* [dɔk'e:rɛ], meaning 'to teach'. The titles "Mister" and "Mr." are derivations from Master used to describe the male head of a large estate or household who employs many domestic workers. The title "Mrs." is an abbreviation of "Mistress," as are the titles "Miss" and "Ms." which are all derived from the word "Master". Clearly anyone using these terms would be just as guilty of not following Jesus' admonitions as Catholics are in referring to their spiritual shepherds as "Father".

So, what does Jesus mean by saying **"call no man father?"** In the context of the beginning of Chapter 23, it is obvious Jesus is describing the scribes and Pharisees when he says, **"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses"** (v 2), and **"They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation**



'Rabbi' (vs 6 & 7). His admonition here is a response to the Pharisees' proud hearts and their grasping after marks of status and prestige.

Jesus was using a literary technique called hyperbole (exaggeration to make a point) to show the scribes and Pharisees how sinful and proud they were for not looking humbly to God as the source of all authority, fatherhood and teaching, instead setting themselves up as the ultimate authorities, father figures, and teachers.

Jesus often used hyperbole, such as when he declared, **"If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna"** (Matthew 5:29; 18:9; Mark 9:47). If Christians were to literally apply Christ's words about not calling any man "father" then all Christians would be blind amputees because we all are subject to **"sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life"** (1 John 2:16).

The New Testament is filled with examples of and references to spiritual father-son and father-child relationships. Paul regularly referred to men who were not his biological or legal sons, but emphasized his spiritual fatherhood with them:

"For this reason I am sending you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Timothy 4:17), **"...to Timothy, my true child in the faith: grace, mercy, and peace from god the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord"** (1 Timothy 1:2),

"...to Timothy, my dear child: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord" (2 Timothy 1:2),

"I entrust this charge to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophetic words once

spoken about you..." (1 Timothy 1:18),

"So you, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 2:1), and

"But you know his worth, how as a child with a father he served along with me in the cause of the gospel" (Philippians 2:22).

"...to Titus, my true child in our common faith: grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our savior" (Titus 1:4), and

"I urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment..." (Philemon 10).

Perhaps the most pointed New Testament reference to the theology of the spiritual fatherhood of priests is Paul's statement, **"I am writing you this not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. Even if you should have countless guides to Christ, you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel"** (1 Corinthians 4:14-15).

Peter followed the same custom, referring to Mark as his son, **"The chosen one at Babylon sends you greeting, as does Mark, my son"** (1 Peter 5:13).

The apostles sometimes referred to entire churches in their care as their children. Paul writes, **"Now I am ready to come to you this third time. And I will not be a burden, for I want not what is yours, but you. Children ought not to save for their parents, but parents for their children"** (2 Corinthians 12:14), and **"My children, for whom I am again in labor until Christ be formed in you!"** (Galatians 4:19).

John the Evangelist said, **"My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin"** (1 John 2:1), **"Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my children are**



walking in the truth" (3 John 4), **"I am writing to you, children, because your sins have been forgiven for his name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, children, because you know the Father"**, and **"I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning"** (1 John 2:12-14).

By referring to these people as their spiritual sons and spiritual children, Peter, Paul, and John imply their own roles as spiritual fathers. Since the Bible frequently speaks of this spiritual fatherhood, Catholics acknowledge it and follow the custom of the apostles by calling their priests "father." Failure to acknowledge this is a failure to recognize and honor a great gift God has bestowed on the Church, the spiritual fatherhood of the priesthood.

Catholics know that as members of a parish, they have been committed to a priest's spiritual care, thus they have great filial affection for priests and call them "father." Priests, in turn, follow the apostles' biblical example by referring to members of their flock as **"my son"** or **"my child"** (cf. Gal. 4:19; 1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 2:1; Philem. 10; 1 Pet. 5:13; 1 John 2:1; 3 John 4).

Whether we refer to our spiritual leader as "Father" or "Brother", a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet. These people are performing the same function of spiritual leadership...

See also:

1 Timothy 5: 1-2, **"...do not rebuke an older man, but appeal to him as a father."**

1 Maccabees 2:50, **"...be zealous for the law and give your lives for the covenant of our fathers;"**

v 54, **"Phinehas our father...;"**

v 65, **"Here is your brother Simeon who I know is a wise man; listen to him always, and he will be a father to you;"**

v 69, **"Then he blessed them, and he was united with his fathers."**

Next month we'll look at the **Iconoclasm heresy**.

Deacon Chris invites you to send him questions or suggested topics for the Deacon's Teaching column.

Please email them to cjchristopher2010@gmail.com or to the newsletter at 7027newsletter@gmail.com

The figures of the **Xinia Manger** depict the poor of Costa Rica where Xinia Marin was born and raised. It's beauty is found in the striking, detailed and simple faces of the poor, who have nothing but Christ. It is Christ alone who gives true meaning, purpose, and hope.

This manger centers around Christ, but pays special tribute to the Three Kings (*El Dia de Los*



Reyes), which in many Spanish speaking cultures is a day of great celebration and gift giving. There is Gaspar (*Europe/Greece*) bearing myrrh, Balthasar (*Africa/Saba*) bearing gold, and Melchior (*The Orient*) bearing frankincense. These are the gifts representing both the blessings and burdens of life.





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Culture of Life by Dan Arndt

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February holds so many events: Ground Hog Day, Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day), and Presidents Day. With all these events there is one event that needs all your attention. That is "40 Days for Life". Although we have had many 40 Days, let this be the one that closes the only abortion mill in Pensacola. Lent is a time to reflect , to reflect on what God wants. "to whom much is given, much will be required". God needs US to act. It can be in a walk, run, petition, protest or in Prayer. Don't ask

God what he can do for you, ask what you can do for him.

The next 40 Days will start Feb. 14 and our Council Day will be Friday February 16. Please pick a time to pray at the abortion mill or anywhere you may be. Do what you can to support the Mothers going into the abortion mill. Pray for them and their children. Your presence and prayers will make a difference. If you need any information on how you can help call or text 850-207-8779 or e-mail prolifeman53@gmail.com.

The Blessings of Brotherly Accord

How wonderful and delightful it is for brothers to live together in unity.
For there the LORD has bestowed his blessing.

Ps. 133:1,3b



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

FEBRUARY

Universal: Say "No" to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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



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Honors of the Months



Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2017	Robert Haring	Ronald & Lindy Winn
August, 2017	John Juul	Eugene "Red" & Dorothy James
September, 2017	Arturo Ojeda	Jim & Marianne Richardson
October, 2017	Dale Sogor	Kenneth & Maureen Young
November, 2017	Brian Kassinger	Walter & Krista Gross
December, 2017	Ron Wark	Edward & Sandra Faxlanger
January, 2018	Stewart Hoffman	David & Sharon Hinkle
February, 2018		
March, 2018		
April, 2018		
May, 2018		
June, 2018		
Year 2017-18		

Knight of the Month



PGK Stewart Hoffman

Family of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, David & Sharon Hinkle, Fr. Hank Lech

February BIRTHDAYS

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



Edward Cahill	2/03	Theodore Hoffman III	2/10
James Cashman	2/23	Marcel Landry	2/26
Deacon Chris	2/12	Ted Lapina	2/29
Davey Patrick	2/19	Rev Dennis O'Brien	2/25
John Del Rosario	2/25	John Netardus	2/6
Ramon Dumlaon	2/12	David Parks	2/14
Joel Dunham	2/20	Edward Podgurski	2/26
Francis Ferraro	2/27	Jason Requina	2/5
Peter Fierro	2/16	Raymond Robidoux	2/3
Steven Hartman	2/23		



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Fourth Degree St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Worthy Sir Knights,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome, among our ranks, five new Sir Knights, recently exemplified at the most recent ceremony held at St. Sylvester's Catholic Church. Presided over by the Worthy State Master Robert Read and the Vice Supreme Master for the Desoto Province, the Worthy SK Robert Anderson, the Florida 4th Degree Exemplification team inducted Dale Sogor, Philip Germain, Tom Kubalewski, Robert Erisman and Kelly Recke.

Congratulations to all our new Sir Knights.

In further news, I have recently completed the Fraternal Survey for the Assembly and our Assembly contributed some 15,705 volunteer hours during 2017. We did exceed the hours submitted last year. Thank you for your dedication, time, and talent.

I have also completed and submitted our Assembly for the 4th Degree "CIVIC AWARD" for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. Concurrently, I submitted application/nomination for the "TO BE A PATROT" award, based on our Veteran's Day Appreciation Dinner we held in November. I am hopeful we will receive the awards for your outstanding works and contributions.

As we enter into the new calendar year, we still have much work before us. Next

month, at our regular meeting, we must elect delegates to attend the Biennial Meeting for the 4th Degree, to be held in Orlando. We also must begin work on our "Backyard BBQ and Spring Fete" to be held in April at the church festival grounds. More details on that at the next meeting and by e-mails.

Finally, our Sir Knight of the Month was named and presented his Recognition Certificate at the 8am Mass on Sunday, January 28th. Join in congratulating SK Dale Sogor and our January Sir Knight of the Month.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Winn, FN 2823



Sir Knight of the Month

SK Dale Sogor, January Sir Knight of the Month, is recognized by FN Ronald Winn and Fr. Hank Lech.



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity

Knights of Columbus

4th Degree

Exemplification

January 13, 2018

Patriotism



Saint Sylvester Catholic Church

6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway

Gulf Breeze, Florida 32563

Robert W. Read, PSD

Master

Florida District, De Soto Province



Our newest Sir Knights:

Robert Erisman, Tom Kubalewski , Dale Sogor, Philip Germain, Sr. (l to r) Kelley Recke not available for the picture.





Park Avenue Cleanup



Free Throw Competition



January, 2018

