



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
4	7:00PM	KOC PLANNING MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
4	7:30PM	FRATERNAL ACTIVITY MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
5	8:30AM	FIRST FRIDAY	CHAPEL
10	8:00AM	KOC VA HOT DOG DAY	PARISH HALL
11	6:00PM	VESPER	KNIGHT'S HALL
11	7:00PM	KOC BUSINESS MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
14	8:30AM	KOC BREAKFAST	PARISH HALL
18	6:00PM	CCMI MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
18	7:00PM	KOC ASSEMBLY 2823 MEETING	KNIGHT'S HALL
20	9:00AM	FREE THROW COMPETITION	MILTON HS
26	12:00AM	NEWSLETTER DUE	KNIGHT'S HALL
26	5:30PM	KOC SOCIAL	ST ROSE OF LIMA
27	9:00AM	PARK AVE CLEAN UP	PARISH HALL
28	8:00AM	CORPORATE MASS	ST ROSE OF LIMA

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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

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Jan, 2018	14	20	26	5
Feb, 2018	10	17	23	2
Mar, 2018	10	17	23	2, 30

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:

Special thanks to everyone who helped and contributed to making the 2017 KOC Christmas Party a fabulous success! Thank you for the fellowship, fun and enjoyment that we share with your family and friends.

Another year has passed and we are thankful for all your works and sacrifices. Your time and efforts have helped many in our community, our church and those in need.

We had a great year last year as we established unity and increase recruitment. We are now already into what promises to be a great year.

As we welcome 2018, I would like to share with you some thoughts about how we can enter the coming New Year with a profound sense of God's presence. This will give us the faith to face all of the many challenges that shall come our way in this coming year.

Pray that the Lord will lead us each step of this new year, that He will guide our decisions, and turn our hearts to deeply desire Him above all else.

Let's ask for His wisdom, for His strength and power to be constantly present within us. Pray that He would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

Pray for the Lord's protection over our families and friends and ask Him for his hand to cover us and keep us distant from the evil intent of the enemy.

Take the time to look back over the past year and identify those times in which you had evidence of faith in overcoming doubt, sin, unbelief or anything else. Identify those times you saw yourself go from despair to courage in the midst of suffering or situations that seemed insurmountable. As you look back and see how the Hand of God was at work in your deliverance, take the time to give Him thanks for all that He did.

As you take the time to meditate on these things and give God thanks for His many blessings in your life, you will experience a fresh sense of His presence preparing you for what's yet ahead in this coming new year.

Take stock of yourself, look at your relationship with God and with others, and your stewardship over all that God has given to you. Hold each area of your life alongside God's standards and pray to grow in faithfulness and holiness.

God is number one in my life and should be yours too...

**Your Brother In Christ,
Cesar Mascardo
Grand Knight Council 7027**



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Insurance Check-Up for 2018

Where did 2017 go? It seems like it was summer last week and Christmas was yesterday.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2017. Now, the first quarter of 2018 is upon us.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to

obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

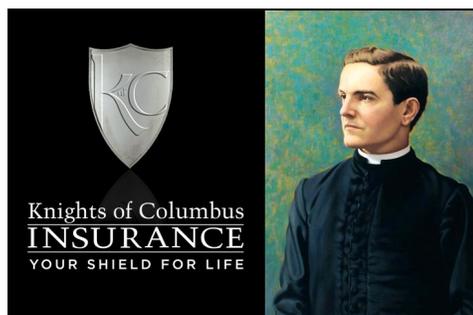
Happy New Year,

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

What's the Difference Between Sanctifying Grace and Actual Grace?

Sanctifying Grace is the very life of God. It is *intrinsic* (interior) grace, which dwells in the soul and transforms it, making it holy. *It is the means by which* Christians are

transformed into the adopted children of God. This share in the divine life that God offers created persons is a real regeneration, a second birth. Christians possess a new life which is their own (Rom 6:4); they are new creatures (2 Cor 5:17), new men and men re-created in justice, holiness, and truth (Eph 4:24). This new life is "grace" because it is a divine gift - and - "sanctifying" because it really transforms a person with the holiness of divine life.

Sanctifying grace is a state in which God allows us to share in his life and love. When we speak of being in the state of grace, we mean the state of sanctifying grace; there is no mortal sin in us. This grace comes to us first, of course, through baptism. The ordinary way we receive sanctifying grace is through the sacraments.

Actual grace is supernatural help from God, sort of like nudges. It is *extrinsic* (external) grace, working on us from the outside only; it does nothing to change the state of our soul. Everyone receives actual grace, and it comes to us when we need it. We have the free will to cooperate with it or ignore it.

Let's go into a little more detail about each.

Sanctifying Grace

First, an analogy that may be helpful: We all know that our human nature is not equipped to live in the ocean. We will die there unless we have something outside of (or beyond) our nature to sustain us. Scuba gear is an apparatus that allows us to transcend our human nature and live underwater. Similarly, our human nature is not equipped to live in Heaven. Sanctifying grace is the "apparatus" that allows us to transcend our human nature and live in Heaven. We need sanctifying grace because in our merely human state, we are simply not equipped to live in the presence of God.

When God created our first parents, Adam and Eve, He immediately infused them with the extraordinary gift of sanctifying grace, i.e., a sharing of His divine life. This undeserved gift elevated them above their own human nature and allowed them to live in the direct presence of God. Unfortunately, Adam and Eve lost this supernatural gift when they "fell from grace" by choosing to sin. Without sanctifying grace, they were separated from God, and Heaven was closed to them.

Since their Fall, humans are no longer given the gift of sanctifying grace at their creation. However, thanks to Jesus Christ and His atoning death, we are able to receive the gift of sanctifying grace through the sacraments of His Church. At our baptism, our souls are infused with sanctifying grace, God's very life, and we become fit for Heaven. Assuming we continue to live in God's friendship and not commit mortal sin, this grace can continue to grow in our souls throughout



our lives through prayer, acts of mercy, love, penance, etc., making us increasingly holy. We hope to die in a state of grace.

Actual Grace

An easy way to understand actual grace is to remember that it enables us to *act*. It is the strength that God gives us to act according to his will. Actual grace is like little nudges from God. These nudges can take many different forms and come to us from many different places (and people). Actual grace could come in the form of your mother reminding you not to miss Mass on Sunday, or a friend telling you that you should get to confession. It could be a catastrophic event that leaves you on your knees before God, when before you wouldn't have gone near Him. It could be the promptings of your own conscience when confronted with your sins. It might be a class you took or a book you read which compelled you in the direction of justice or righteousness or humility. It could be the unexpected presence of a holy person or the feeling of awe you get when you look at a coastal sunset. It could be just about anything that moves you closer to the Lord.

Actual grace can be acted on or it can be ignored in exercising our free will; but just like a train, there will always be another "nudge" coming around soon. God never abandons anyone, and every human being on the planet receives as much actual

grace as is necessary to prompt one to seek out salvation. Unlike sanctifying grace, actual grace does not touch the interior of a person, but only works from the outside. Actual grace does not change the state of a person's soul, but is merely the agent that pushes a soul to seek out and receive sanctifying grace.

If you want to dig deeper about what grace is, try some of these:

HABITUAL GRACE - Constant supernatural quality of the soul that sanctifies a person inherently and makes him or her just and pleasing to God. Also called sanctifying grace or justifying grace.

See Also: ACTUAL GRACE, EFFICACIOUS GRACE, GRATUITOUS GRACE, JUSTIFYING GRACE, SACRAMENTAL GRACE, SANATING GRACE, SANCTIFYING GRACE, SUFFICIENT GRACE

Next month we'll look at Jesus saying, **"Call No One On Earth Your Father."**

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

EMERALD COAST Walk For Life

Walk For Life

JANUARY 13th 2018

RALLY AT SEVILLE SQUARE PARK

FEATURING NATIONAL AND LOCAL PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS

RALLY BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M.

WALK FOR LIFE BEGINS AT 11:45 A.M.

SEVILLE SQUARE PARK 311 EAST GOVERNMENT ST, PENSACOLA

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Adoption & Parenting

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Culture of Life by Dan Arndt

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Before Christmas no one was there to sing a song at the abortion mill. I get it, the weather was cold, it was early and maybe it wouldn't have made a difference. But now we are in the new year with new and old challenges. The Truth is hundreds of babies are killed each day, thousands every week and millions each year. In the near future we need to commit. Prayers may be the only way this evil can stop, but it needs our commitment to be active in prayer, protests and participation. January 13 you can join the Pensacola Walk for Life at Seville Square. If you are able you could attend the March for Life in Washington DC January 19. If you are not able to attend you can watch it on EWTN Television. January 30 - 31 you could attend Catholic Days at the Capital. Two days of meeting with Catholics from all over the state and talk with Legislators about issues of life. The two days end with a Red Mass with every Bishop in the state attending. Please start out the New Year with a pledge to do more for the Unborn Child. **Don't wait to be asked. The children have no voice. Let their voices be yours.**



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

JANUARY

Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

<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		
February, 2018		
March, 2018		
April, 2018		
May, 2018		
June, 2018		
Year 2017-18		

Knight of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, Bro. Ron Wark, Fr. Hank Lech

Family of the Month



GK Cesar Mascardo, Jacob Faxlanger (grandson), Sandra & Edward Faxlanger, Don Faxlanger (son), & Fr. Hank Lech

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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



KENNETH ARNDT	1/16	RALPH CRAGO	1/9
RONALD BRADBERRY	1/29	SCOTT GOLEY	1/31
SEAN CANNING	1/29	RONALD SHOOK	1/9
MICHAEL CANZONIERO	1/1	DONALD TOMER	1/23
BRIAN CASEY	1/11		



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Fourth Degree St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Worthy Sir Knights,

The Thomas G. Lorigan Council 7027 and Saint Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823 just participated in the Milton Christmas Parade (Dec 2nd). We had a float with our "Keep Christ In Christmas" banner as the main feature of the the float. It is our effort on the State's KCIC initiative. We also had a Nativity set and a Christmas tree on the float with Christmas music playing. Several Knights, SKs, and family members participated, walking and riding the float. We threw small candies (over 4,000 pieces!) to the hundreds and hundreds of children lining the parade route. Plans are being formulated to improve and enhance the float for next Christmas.



The St Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823 hosted their annual Veteran Appreciation Dinner on November 11th. The event was sold out for the catered dinner and program honoring our military veterans, their spouses and the sailors and marines from Whiting Naval Air Station. The honored guest speaker was SK Dick Anci, the Florida State Council VAVS Director. Our veterans were presented with a replica World War I

"Battle Beads" (rosary), blessed by Msgr Read at the dinner. Each veteran was called by name, presented the special rosary and a Patriotic Service Certificate, honoring their military service to our country. The spouses were presented with a bouquet. Widows of deceased Sir Knights (veterans) were presented special certificates and a bouquet, recognizing their service and devotion to their husbands and our community. We then presented awards to our local Sailors of the Year at Whiting Field. The Commanding Officer, Capt Todd Bahlau, with several other Squadron Commanders and senior enlisted were also honored guests at the event.



The Assembly also marched in the local Veteran's Day Parade that morning in Milton, with some SK's in full regalia.



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The Assembly, once again, participated in the annual Wreaths Across America in December, with the purchase of 30 Christmas wreaths to be laid on the grave markers in Barrancas National Military Cemetery. One of those wreaths was reserved for SK Chuck Brewer, who is interred at Serenity Garden, here in Milton. On Friday, December 15th, a few of our Sir Knights gathered with Frances Brewer, the widow of SK Brewer, at his grave site and laid the wreath. A prayer for the peaceful rest of our brother was offered.

And for all our deceased brothers: *Dear Lord, grant to our deceased brothers a peaceful rest until your return.*

**Respectfully,
SK Ron Winn, Faithful Navigator**



Sir Knight of the Month

SK Deacon Jeff Massey, December Sir Knight of the Month, is recognized by FN Ronald Winn and Fr. Hank Lech.



Christmas Banquet 2017





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*Knights of Columbus Council 7027 is Sponsoring a
Youth Basketball Free Throw Competition
Saturday, January 20th at Milton High School Gym
8:30 a.m. **ABSOLUTELY FREE***

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Snacks, refreshments and prizes will be provided.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. ALL boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 175,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions. All contestants on the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event.

For additional information contact Michael Johnson at (281) 795-0620 or email: maj91ice@aol.com. Entry forms may be filled out Saturday morning prior to the event.





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**Make the trip.
Make a difference!**

Catholic Days at the Capitol January 30-31, 2018

Each year Catholics from around the state gather in Tallahassee to participate in Catholic Days at the Capitol. This two-day event provides the opportunity to put into action our faith's call to political responsibility and allows us to strengthen the presence of our Catholic values in the public square. By joining with Floridians who share our faith to advocate for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity, we can give a voice to some of the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our state and help promote the common good for all of Florida's residents.

Catholic Days Activities include:

- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers
- A luncheon for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators
- Group photos of each diocesan delegation with their bishop
- Tours of the current and historic capitol buildings
- The opportunity to view the legislative process in action during committee meetings or floor sessions
- Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by the bishops of Florida to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government

On Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/events/367155137030359??ti=ia>

On the web <http://flaccb.org/cdac>