



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
1		Advent Begins	
5	7:00PM	Council Planning Mtg/Prepare parade throws	Knights' Hall
6	8:30AM	First Friday	Chapel
7	10:00AM	Advent Day of Reflection	St Rose of Lima
7	6:00PM	Milton Christmas Parade	Milton
8		***No K of C Breakfast***	
9		Feast of The Immaculate Conception	
10	7:00PM	Parish Advent Penance Service	St Rose of Lima
11	8:00AM	VA Hot Dogs by Assembly 2823	VA Clinic Pensacola
12	6:00PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast	St Rose of Lima
12	7:00PM	Business Meeting (after Mass)	Knights' Hall
13		Mid-year Meeting (FL State Council)	Down South
13	6:00PM	Council Christmas Party	Parish Hall
14		Mid-year Meeting (FL State Council)	Down South
14	5:15PM	Parish Christmas Party	Festival Grounds
16	6:00PM	Admission Degree (tentative)	Knights' Hall
19	6:00PM	CCMI Board	Knights' Hall
19	7:00PM	Assembly 2823 Meeting	Knights' Hall
25		Christmas Day	
26	6:00PM	Fourth Thursday Special Dance	Parish Hall
26	12:00AM	Newsletter Articles Due (Really!)	
27		***No K of C Social***	Knights' Hall
29	10:30AM	Corporate Communion Mass	St Rose of Lima
29		Consecration to the Holy Family	St Rose of Lima

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Knights of Columbus Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

<http://www.kofc7027.com>

State Council is important information about Knights in Florida.

<https://floridakofc.org/>

National contains something for everyone.

<http://kofc.org>

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

<http://www.knightsgear.com>

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

<http://kofc.org/knightline>

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Dec, 2019	7	21	27	13
Jan, 2020	4	18	24	10
Feb, 2020	1	15	21	6



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

GEORGE ELLIOTT

Happy New Year! With Advent upon us, a new liturgical year begins for our Holy Church. Let's take the time to reflect on what this season means. At Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church, there are several events to help us, including the Advent Day of Reflection on December 7 and the Advent Penance Service on December 10. Please take the time to review the newsletter calendar so you don't miss out.

In November, thanks to Brother Knight Jim Cashman's inquiry, we learned that a member of our council, Father Edward McMahon, had passed away. Father McMahon's obituary lists some very interesting things about his life. I am sorry that I never met him. Please check out the feature about Father McMahon in this issue (page 8).

Also last month, Brother Knight Clayton Gremillion joined our council at the Admission Degree on November 18. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Brother Clayton and welcome him.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas Party is Friday, December 13. Doors will open for us to socialize at 5:30 pm, and our traditional buffet-style Christmas dinner will begin at 6 pm. The main dishes (turkey, ham and such) will be provided. We ask that you bring a side dish based on the first letter of your last name. If your last name begins with the letters A through H, please bring a dessert. If you are in the I-Q group, please bring a vegetable. And if your last initial is R through Z, please bring a salad.

As usual, if you would like to participate in the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange, please bring a wrapped gift. Men bring men gifts, women bring women gifts. The cost of

each gift should not exceed \$20.00 and can be significantly less.

Don't forget – we **will** be having our Fourth Thursday Special Dance on December 26 in the Parish Hall. If you haven't been to one yet, you have to check it out. If you have been, I don't have to tell you how much fun it is. Last month, one of the parents told me that our volunteers don't realize how much these dances mean to the kids and their families. Throughout each month, these kids are simply left out of many other activities. But, this father told me, at these dances the kids can fully participate, and brings joy to them and their families.

As the year winds down, I ask that you take the time to fill out the enclosed Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – Individual Member Worksheet (page 9). The information gathered from individual council members is vital as the council prepares its annual report to Supreme Council. The compiled data serves several important purposes, including protecting our tax-exempt status and telling our story as the premier Catholic family-centered fraternal organization in the world. When our story is told, men want to be a part of it. You can turn in the survey at our December or January meeting, mail it to the council's PO box (PO Box 951, Milton 32572), or email it to info@kofc7027.com. Thanks in advance for turning it in.

Thank you for all your charitable deeds, words of encouragement, and prayers for the benefit of our council, our Church, and our community. My wife, Nina, and I wish you a very holy and happy Advent and Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus!



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT



We seem to say it ever year, "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only-begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts, but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver. Some gift-givers aren't so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember "Say it with flowers," the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give. As I look back at 2019, I can't help but think of all of the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in his address at the Supreme Convention just a few months ago we are "Knights of Charity." And we prove this every day with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke about the disaster relief provided by our Knights of Charity; \$4.2 million supporting hurricane victims alone. The one thousandth ultrasound machine has been placed in service to help save more unborn children. He talked about our mission of charity to the Middle East and the Christian community there that faces extinction. More than \$20 million has provided food, shelter, clothing and a new 140 unit apartment building for Christians and those of other religions who

need our help. Knights of Charity helped provide coats for more than 105,000 kids who will now stay warm this winter.

Knights are known for their generosity. We are indeed, Knights of Charity.

All of these important initiatives help many others, but don't forget about your own family... and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your particular situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)

May God bless all,

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher

What Is The Millennium?

What exactly is the nature of the "*millennium*" – that is, the "thousand-year" reign of Christ with his saints as described in Revelation (20:1-10)?

I. Some Christians, among them a few of the ancient Church Fathers, have taken what is called the "premillennial" interpretation of the verses. This position holds that after Christ returns to the earth in glory, He will reign for a thousand years in a literal earthly kingdom before judgment Day and the end of the world. Premillennialists teach that this period will be a golden age of natural, social, moral, economic, and political conditions.

The Church, however, eventually rejected this interpretation. In one statement on the Church's position, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith replied in 1944 to a formal query about the teaching "*that Christ the Lord before the final judgment...will come visibly to rule over this world.*" The Church's answer to the question was: "This notion *'cannot be taught safely.'*"

II. "Postmillennialists," under the influence of the Protestant reformer John Calvin, teach that the kingdom of God is now being extended throughout the world by preaching the gospel, social activism, and the work of the Holy Spirit through conversions. Through this process, the world will eventually be Christianized. Then at the end of this "*millennium*" (figuratively 'a long time'), Christ will return to earth at the climax of

a long period of righteousness and peace.

The Catholic Church rejects this view as well. As the *Catechism* (677) teaches: "*The kingdom will be fulfilled, then, not by a historic triumph of the Church through a progressive ascendancy, but only by God's victory over the final unleashing of evil, which will cause his Bride to come down from heaven* (Rv 13:8; 20:7-10; 2:2-4)." "

III. Since the time of St. Augustine, most Catholics have tended toward the so-called "amillennial" ("no millennium") position he made popular. Amillennialists might more accurately be termed "present millennialists," because they do believe in the "*millennium*" referred to in Revelation Ch. 20. But they insist that the "thousand years" refer symbolically to the present age between Christ's two advents rather than to some era in the future.

St. Augustin's views on this issue, though they have dominated Catholic thinking for many centuries, have not been officially adopted by the Church. In fact, the magisterium has never defined the "*millennium*" that St. John saw in his vision; it has only rejected certain interpretations of the term.

Next month we'll ask, Are Catholics 'Born Again'?



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Life

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December is important for many things, but mainly we recognize the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We know that life is important to God and as we honor the birth of Jesus we are equally appreciative of all life.

One of our "Required Programs " under "Faith in Action", is a novena for life. To comply with this program we ask you all to register for the weekly Call to Prayer at prolife@usccb.org. Text your name and Call to Prayer when you join to 850-207-8779 or email prolifeman53@gmail.com.

Also please donate for your return address labels or mobile unit for Tallahassee by going to

www.floridakofc.org and click donate now.

To promote life among your family and friends place a note on their Christmas cards that you will be donating to a life program of your choosing. Please register for the next Catholic days at the Capitol January 28-29 Tallahassee. There will be public policy briefing, legislator meetings, legislative breakfast, group photo with Bishop and ending with Red Mass of the Holy Spirit. Register at www.flccb.org/cdac.

This is wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas for Life.



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

DECEMBER

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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

BIRTHDAYS



JAMES E MAHER	12/7	TIMOTHY S EVANS	12/23
H ADRIAN CUYUCH	12/8	MICHAEL L STAFFORD	12/26
THEODORE E REESE	12/11	KENNETH A YOUNG	12/28
DENNIS R MAYEAUX	12/12	DANIEL F ARNDT	12/29
LARRY E BURKHALTER	12/13	JOHN F BARRESI	12/31
LOGAN M BRADBERRY	12/14	LOGAN P LANDRY	12/31
EUSEBIO J TOMAS	12/15	TIMOTHY MAHAN SR	12/31
DR LARRY J SCOTT	12/16	ROBERT D McGINN	12/31
PHILIP J GERMAIN SR	12/20		



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Honors of the Months



Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2019	John Recke	John & Lexy Aine Canning
August, 2019	Ralph Crago	Jerry & Jenny Craft
September, 2019	John Marchal	Karen & Ronald Bradberry
October, 2019	Charles J. "CJ" Russell	Barry & Gayle Brecke
November, 2019	Sean Canning	Christopher & Diana Root
December, 2019		
January, 2020		
February, 2020		
March, 2020		
April, 2020		
May, 2020		
June, 2020		
Year 2019-20		

Knight of the Month



Grand Knight George Elliott presented Knight of the Month for November at the 8:00 AM Mass on Nov. 24, 2019. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Sean Canning, and Msgr. Michael Read.

Family of the Month

Council 7027 and St. Rose of Lima Parish selected Family of the Month for November as Christopher and Diana Root. They were presented at the 8:00 AM Mass on Nov 24, 2019. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Christopher and Diana Root, and Msgr. Michael Reed.





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Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Sir Knights,

Blessings upon you and your families.

First some housekeeping...

Veterans dinner has been postponed, until the Spring.

A Committee with Sir Knights: John Recke, Ron Winn, Gene Skalsky and Bob Browder have agreed to look into Spring dates and possible new directions, we look forward to hearing from them and their recommendations.

The Trustees have agreed to explore ways to help with Monsignor's request for help with the Capitol Campaign for the Building projects, again we look forward to hearing from them and their recommendations.

December Dates

1 December: First Sunday of Advent, Begin Gospel of Matthew

5 December: Float, Throws prep; Following 7027 Planning Meeting

6 December: First Friday, come spend some time before the Eucharist

7 December: **Advent** Day of Reflection, Parish Hall 10am

7 December: Milton Christmas Parade. **ALL** Knights and Ladies are invited. Meet at the Parish Hall at 3pm

7 December: **Please** return Angle Tree Gifts

10 December: **Advent** Penance Service, 7pm

Please go if you can, as the Graces and Gifts from the Sacrament are beyond measure

14 December: Parish Christmas Party on the Festival Grounds. 5:15pm

Some Thoughts on **Advent**

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, **Advent**: (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to")

The season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

The **Advent** season is a time of

preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas.

The final days of **Advent**, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Some traditions and **Advent** devotions including the **Advent** Wreath, which remind us of the meaning of the season.

An **Advent** calendar also can help as well to fully enter in to the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

One can be found at the USCCB's website. <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>

I encourage all Sir Knights to spend some time during this **Advent** Season, AWAY from the distractions, the sporting events, the food, the shopping, all of which are in themselves not bad, but can become a distraction from our much needed **Preparation** for the Nativity of our Lord ; Christmas, which is the reason for the Season.

I wish all a Blessed and fruitful **Advent** Season and a Merry Christmas

Until our next appointed meeting, 19 December

Deacon Jeff Massey

Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823



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McMahon, Edward J.

Died 16 July 2014

Jesuit Father Edward J. McMahon died on July 16, 2014, at Murray-Weigel Hall in the Bronx, New York. Aged 84, he was born in Bergenfield, New Jersey, of Arthur and Lillian (Smith) McMahon on Nov. 19, 1929. A Jesuit for 66 years, after completing his secondary school at Xavier High School in New York City, he entered the Society of Jesus on Sept. 7, 1947, at the Jesuit novitiate of St. Andrew-on-Hudson in Poughkeepsie, New York.

He professed his first vows there two years later and then continued his college studies in the juniorate from 1949-51. He studied philosophy at West Baden College in Indiana (1951-54) and then returned to Xavier High School where as a seminarian he taught Latin and English from 1954-57. For the study of theology in preparation for priesthood he moved south to Woodstock College in Woodstock, Maryland (1957-61). He was ordained to the priest-

hood by Cardinal Spellman at the Fordham University Church on June 18, 1960, and thus served as a priest for 54 years. His final year of Jesuit formation, tertianship, was at Port Townsend in Washington, 1961-62. His first assignment was to be assistant director of the Jesuit Seminary and Mission Bureau in New York (1962-65). His service to the missions led him to volunteer and then travel to the newly established mission in Nigeria. From 1965-67 he served as chaplain at the University of Nigeria in Nsukka, Nigeria. The civil war there forced his return to the U.S. From 1967-70 he directed retreats at Gonzaga Retreat House in Monroe, New York.

In 1970 he began a long career, 21 years of service, as a chaplain in the United States Navy, retiring in 1990 as Commander and Chaplain in the United States Navy of Seal Team One.

He returned to retreat ministry in 1991 based at Auriesville, New York. In 1993 he was assigned to the Jesuit community at Xavier High School in New York. He was the director of the Catholic Medical Mission Board (1994-95) and then engaged in pastoral ministry, including part-time chaplain to veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in New York City. Always eager to be of service, he then served as chaplain to the New York Yankees baseball team for eleven years, celebrating Mass for team members and staff (and an occasional umpire) before Sunday games at Yankee Stadium. He remarked that it was "a great treat to work with the Yankees," and described them as "a great bunch of guys." In April 2013, due to declining health, he was assigned to the Jesuit infirmary, Murray-Weigel Hall, where he passed away.



ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

20 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES / FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS / BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20__.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) HOURS OF SERVICE

- a. RSVP Program
- b. Church Facilities
- c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries
- d. Religious/Vocations Education
- e. Prayer & Study Programs
- f. Sacramental Gifts
- g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

- a. Food for Families
- b. Family Formation Programs
- c. Keep Christ in Christmas
- d. Family Week
- e. Family Prayer Night
- f. Miscellaneous Family Programs

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

- a. Coats For Kids
- b. Global Wheelchair Mission
- c. Habitat for Humanity
- d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief
- e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities
- f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care
- g. Hospitals/Health Organizations
- h. Columbian Squires
- i. Scouting/Youth Groups
- j. Athletics
- k. Youth Welfare/Service
- l. Scholarships/Education
- m. Veteran Military/VAWS
- n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities

LIFE ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

- a. Special Olympics
- b. Marches for Life
- c. Ultrasound Initiative
- d. Pregnancy Support
- e. Christian Refugee Relief
- f. Memorials to Unborn Children
- g. Miscellaneous Life Activities

OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:

- Visits to the Sick
- Visits to the Bereaved
- Number of Blood Donations
- Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families

TOTAL 0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) HOURS OF SERVICE

- a. RSVP Program
- b. Church Facilities
- c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries
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