



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
6	7:00PM	Planning Meeting	Knights' Hall
7	8:30AM	First Friday	Chapel
9	8:00AM	K of C Breakfast	Parish Hall
13	6:00PM	Vespers	Chapel
13	7:00PM	Business Mtg	Knights' Hall
15	6:00PM	St. Valentine's Dinner-Dance	Hilton Garden Inn
17		Presidents' Day	
20	7:00PM	Assembly 2823 Meeting	Knights' Hall
23	8:00AM	Corporate Communion Mass	St. Rose of Lima
26		ASH WEDNESDAY	
27	6:00PM	4th Thursday Special Dance	Parish Hall
28		NO K of C SOCIAL (during Lent)	Knights' Hall

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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>



District Deputy Caser Mascardo presents the Columbian Award 2018-2019 to Grand Knight George Elliott at the January 9, 2020, Business Meeting.

Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Feb, 2020	1	15	21	6
Mar, 2020	28	14	20	5
Apr, 2020	25	11	17	2, 30



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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

GEORGE ELLIOTT

“This crisis calls for Knights.” The words of our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, emphasize the need for each of us to respond in our council, our parish, and our community. We, as the Knight of Columbus, are uniquely positioned to reverse downward trends in Mass attendance and reception of other sacraments. Think about this: Catholics who are actively engaged in practicing their faith are less likely to stop participating in their sacramental life, right? So as Knights, we support and strengthen each other when we participate in our Faith, Family, Community, and Life programs. We become more engaged, and that engagement carries over to our families and friends. And when we share the Knights of Columbus opportunity to other Catholic men, we’re helping more men and their families stay engaged in their faith. I encourage you to read the full text of the Supreme Knight’s report on page six in the January *Columbia* magazine.

Please plan to attend our annual St. Valentine’s Dinner-Dance on Saturday, February 15, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pensacola. Ask any council officer for tickets, which are \$15 each.

Having started in January of 2019, our Fourth Thursday Special Dances are going strong. A special thank you goes out to Dean Dizon, who continues to provide the DJ music and equipment each and every month since the first dance. And the Ladies’ Auxiliary has been simply amazing with their support and participation. The ladies make sure that everyone has a great time. Our next dance is Thursday, February 27, at 6 pm. Come on out and join us!

Before we know it the Lenten season will be upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 26. We should all reflect on what we can do to make this Lent more spiritually beneficial so that we can grow closer to God. **Vivat Jesus!**

Park Ave Cleanup



Knights of Columbus Council 7027, Boy Scout Troop 427, and other parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church participated in Park Avenue Cleanup on Saturday, January 25, 2020. The group met at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall just before 9 am for orange juice and donuts, and then picked up trash while leisurely walking along Park Avenue (in front of St. Rose of Lima Church) from Dogwood Drive to Stewart Street. They were done shortly after 10 am. The next Park Avenue Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 25.



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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Love is in the air! We spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones during the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day. Technically, it's St. Valentine's Day, originally the feast day of a Roman saint from the third century. There is much speculation about the origins of the feast and even some discussion about the identity of the saint. We do know that this St. Valentine was martyred on February 14, 269 and the feast day was instituted by Pope Gelasius I in 496. But how did St. Valentine, a martyr, come to be associated with love and romance? Again, there is much speculation and one popular story is that he cured the blind daughter of his jailer. Before he was led off to his death, he wrote her a note and signed it "Your Valentine."

Unlike St. Valentine, most of us are not called to martyrdom, but we do think about our loved ones...and we write love notes and greeting cards. Gifts are commonly given to the ones we love. But have you ever considered some special gifts for the ones you love?

That's really what insurance is all about. People buy insurance because they love someone. I bought life insurance because I love my wife and children. If I'm not here to provide for them I want to make sure they can stay in the same home we love. Many say, "I want to make sure that my children will have the college education they will need; I want my family to continue to live the lifestyle I've been so fortunate to be able to provide." My policy even has living benefits that I can enjoy!

More to consider. I want to make sure that if I am sick or hurt and can't work, my family

still has money coming in to pay the bills. Disability Income Insurance helps provide for that. I've been able to provide a certain lifestyle for my family, but sometime down the road, I'll take the assets I've accumulated and retire. Long Term Care Insurance helps me protect those assets in case of an extended care event. You shouldn't have to spend down all that you've saved to pay for care...you can shift that risk to the Knights. My retirement annuities will help my wife and me enjoy our golden years. With a lifetime minimum interest rate guarantee I know I'll always be in the black with my account.

All the products we have available are centered around protection; protection for me, for my family and for what I've been able to save. Is your protection where you want it to be for your loved ones?

At this Valentine's Day, let's sit down; you, me and your wife and see where you stand. Make sure you have insured your love. Go ahead and buy that greeting card, write her a love note...maybe even get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses. But remember, the gift of protection will be there when it's needed most.

May God bless all,

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DEACON'S TEACHING By Deacon Chris Christopher A LENTEN RESOLUTION

Brother Knights,

For those of you who 'hang onto every word' in this column, I apologize for not submitting the previously announced article on *"Does the Church Teach That Only Catholics Can Be Saved?"* As the Great Season of Lent begins at the end of this month, I am submitting this article in its place.

In assuming you have made and already broken your New Year's Resolution, the following may be a second chance early in this new year at improving your life, spiritually and/or temporally. May the sacrifice/s you impose on yourself this Lenten Season bring you closer to God and strengthen your resolve to continue it from now on.

A Message from Mildred



Mildred, the parish gossip and self-appointed arbiter of morals, kept sticking her nose in the other people's private lives. Church members were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member of the congregation, of being an alcoholic after seeing his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She commented to George, and of course to others, that everyone seeing his truck there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny anything; he said nothing. Later that evening, however, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Mildred's house...walked home...and left it there all night!

Our friend Mildred was obviously very cruel in her gossiping. Although she is to be commended for confronting George to his face about her judgment of him, she didn't do it with an attitude of charity. She gave him a chance to explain his position (A lesson we can all learn when we have "a beef" about someone.)

Brothers, when we came into the Order we pledged obedience to our constitution's Laws and Rules. Before then we were "Strangers", but for whatever reason we desired to be Knights. With eyes wide open and of freewill, we pledged to be good Knights and remain "Practical Catholics".

We must remember from our 1st Degree Exemplification, that the first and foremost principle upon which our Order is founded is Charity, the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life. When we gossip about each other, we are not *exemplifying* this virtue. We read in St. Matthew's Gospel (7:3-4), **"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye?"**

As "Practical Catholics" we are a duty bound to **grow** in holiness, not to stagnate or regress in it. We cannot strive to grow in holiness if we hide in the crowd and throw stones at someone. Like Mildred, if we have "a beef" with a Brother in our ranks (or any of God's people), we are obligated to discuss the matter with that Brother, not gossip about him.

Let us pray: Father, help us keep our tongues from evil and our lips from speaking deceit so that we can turn aside from evil, do good, and strive after peace in our Order. Amen.

Brother Dcn. Chris

Next month we'll ask, **"Does the Church Teach That Only Catholics Can Be Saved?"**



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Life

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I would like to recap last month's activities performed during Sactity of Life month. January 10 was the Life Mass with the Bishop Wack followed the next day with the Pensacola Walk for Life. The walk was postponed because of weather but was still able to meet at Saint Paul's for some wonderful speakers on life issues. Next we were able to watch as hundreds of thousands of people attended the Washington DC annual March for Life as the current President of the United States became the first sitting president to attend the event in almost 50 years. We continue to have our special dance every fourth Thursday at the parish hall for special Olympic participants. Next, thanks to the US conference of Catholic Bishops, we were able to participate in a

required program in our Faith in Action of a Novena for Life. Lastly we had some members attend the Florida Catholic days at the capital in which they were able to meet with their political office holders and discuss current life issues. This month we have another 40 Days for Life campaign. It starts February 26 (Ash Wednesday) to April 5. With the reopening of the Pensacola American family planning abortion facility, it is urgent that we show a peaceful presence at the center. Do not wait to be invited. Check the dates that the facilities are open at 40 days for life Pensacola.com and stand and pray in front of the facility. **Please do your part for life.**



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

FEBRUARY

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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



JERRY L BROWN	2/3	DAVID K PARKS	2/14	STEVEN M HARTMAN	2/23
JASON L REQUINA	2/5	PETER R FIERRO	2/16	JOHN B DEL ROSARIO	2/25
DR JEFFREY C OTTLEY	2/6	BRYAN D MCLEOD	2/16	JOSEPH PATERNA	2/25
THEODORE G HOFFMAN	2/10	WILLIAM A MCDONALD	2/17	EDWARD J PODGURSKI	2/26
DCN CARL J CHRISTOPER	2/12	PATRICK C DAVEY	2/19	FRANCIS D FERRARO	2/27
RAMON T DUMLAON	2/12	JOEL C DUNHAM	2/20	TEODULO D LAPINA JR	2/29
TYLER J LEHRKE	2/12	JAMES M CASHMAN	2/23		



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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	Eugene Skalsky	Greg & Jennifer Micklos
January, 2020	Jeff Fischer	Dan and Barbara Nolan
February, 2020		
March, 2020		
April, 2020		
May, 2020		
June, 2020		
Year 2019-20		

Knights of the Month



Grand Knight George Elliott presented Knight of the Month for January at the 8:00 AM Mass on Jan 26, 2020. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Sk Jeff Fischer, and Msgr. Michael Reed.

Family of the Month

Council 7027 and St. Rose of Lima Parish selected as Family of the Month for January Dan & Barbara Nolan. They were presented at the 8:00 AM Mass on Jan 26, 2020. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Barbara & Dan Nolan, and Msgr. Michael Reed.





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Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Sir Knights,
Blessings upon you and your families
Looking Forward into February...
Some Housekeeping.
Several Ad Hoc Committees have met and will report and recommend.
Veterans' Dinner Committee will issue theirs.
Some of the Trustees along with 2 past and current Faithful Navigator(s) met to discuss Building Fund Fundraiser, and they will present recommendations as well.
As always other thoughts and ideas are welcome and will be entertained.

In our Liturgy, we are exploring the Gospel of Matthew, having exited the Christmas Season and entered "Ordinary Time" until the **Start of the Lenten Season.**
Ash Wednesday on 26 February, begins our time of Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday including the marking the head with ashes was established as the first day of Lent by Pope St. Gregory the Great (590 to 604). Lent is the period of six and one-half weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. During Lent, for 40 days, excluding Sundays, fasting is recommended for all Catholics according to the laws of fast.

This is reminiscent of the 40 days of our Lord's unbroken fast (Mt. 4:3-4).
The entire period of Lent is also a **time of spiritual preparation** for the **Passion, Death, and Resurrection** of Christ. It is observed as a time of **Penitence, Almsgiving**, along with **fasting / abstinence** and as a time of **Prayer**.

The Liturgy of the Church reflects the significance of this period of spiritual preparation: each day has a special Mass assigned to it; those Masses date back to the seventh and eighth centuries; there are no feasts observed on Sundays; **Purple Vestments** are the daily color...

Source: The Catholic Encyclopedia, revised and updated, edited by Robert Broderick, copyright 1987, published by Thomas Nelson Publishers

So, what happens during **Lent**?
Well, for one we enter into the mystery of Christ during Lent.
Christ's whole life is a mystery of redemption. Redemption comes to us above all through the blood of his cross, but this mystery is at work throughout Christ's entire life: already in his Incarnation through which by becoming poor he enriches us with his poverty; in his hidden life which by his submission atones for our disobedience; in his word which purifies its hearers; in his healings and exorcisms by which "he took our infirmities and bore our diseases"; and in his Resurrection by which he justifies us.
(CCC: 517)

But before we get to the Resurrection, we **must** pass through both the passion and the tomb. We must also prepare to go into the tomb with the Lord. We have to be ready to suffer and embrace the Cross. When we say "No!" to our appetites and our passions, in self-denial, we suffer.

We have to be aware of this fact and be disciplined about it. First, we fast, then we feast. The mystery of Lent brings us to experience, in a season, the pattern of our lives. Passion, Suffering, Resurrection.

Thus, by the solemn forty days of **Lent** the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (CCC 540)
I pray that all have a fruitful, reflective **Lent**
Until our next appointed meeting 20 February.
In Service,

Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey
Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823



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The Formula for a Long Life

by Walter Gross

Do we actually influence how long we live? Scientists say: "Yes!" God has given us the ability to determine this influence ourselves. Often it is even simple tricks that increase our life expectancy. And the nice thing is, we don't have to strictly adhere to all the rules.

With several small changes, medical research shows, we can live much healthier and, therefore, longer lives. But don't our heredity genes determine how much time we have? And can elderly people do anything to increase their life expectancy? Of course!

How long we live is only one third by our genes. That is now clear. The rest of it is our responsibility. This is the freedom God gave us. And that's why people can still do a lot in old age to stay healthy for a long time.

Especially since the influence of genes only increases sharply from around 80. But it is correct also: The life expectancy of a person depends largely on overall satisfaction whether from doing a meaningful job or having deep ties to other people. According to a representative survey, around 87 percent of humanity actively maintain friendships and social contacts. The belief in God is very important. People of this order have shown that they live happier.

Well, I am 80 years old that means I feel like 40 with 40 years' experience. If you ask me now, what can I do? This is my answer:

1. Laugh every day one minute to be relaxed.
2. 3 cups of coffee are protection against diabetes.

3. Only 5 minutes of a light exercise for a strong heart.
4. 2 apples a day lower the risk of cancer.
5. 20 seconds of hand washing keeps infections away.
6. This is very important also: Brother Knights at the end of each day kiss your wife and tell her, "I love you." Show her how important it is to be happy about the year you have won together.
7. 7 to 8 hours of sleep strengthen the immune system.

Important for us: The daily conversation with God makes our soul happy. The deep faith and the Sunday service bring us a lot of satisfaction.

God bless you all,



The Enthroned Written Word of God
(Sunday, January 26, 2020)



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Valentine's Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 15, 2020

5:30 PM – Social Time (no-host bar available)

6:30 PM – Buffet-style dinner

Hilton Garden Inn, 1144 Airport Blvd, Pensacola

*Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, music, and fun.
Tickets are \$15 each.*

Can't wait to see you there!!!

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Corporate Communion Mass

Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 8:00 am Mass

Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church

*Help us inspire our parish community with a strong showing
of knights and families as we worship God as a united group, and then
honor our Knight of the Month and Family of the Month.*



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January Fourth Thursday Special Dance

