



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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#### **COMING EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event	Location	
1	12:00 NOON	Rosary for America	Park Ave & Dogwood	
1-7	7:00 PM	Evangelization Mission through Friday 7 July	St. Rose of Lima church	
3	5:30 PM	First Monday Confessions	Chapel	
4		Independence Day		
6	7:00 PM	Planning Meeting	Knight's Building	
7	8:30 AM	Adoration with Benediction at Noon	Chapel	
13	6:00 PM	Evening Prayer	Chapel	
13	7:00 PM	Membership Meeting	Knight's Building	
13	Approx 8:15PM	4th Degree Assembly Meeting After Council Meet	Knight's Building	
27	6-8:00PM	Special Dance - Summer	Parish Hall	
29	4:00 PM	Corporate Mass and Communion	St. Rose of Lima Church	

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# One Nation Under God



Grand Knight Michael Stafford at the State Convention in Orlando, Florida.





## **Grand Knight's Report Michael Stafford**

Happy 4th of July everyone!

Welcome new Knight, Brother Bob Edwards; and transferring in, Brother Mike Prouty, and welcome back brother Mark Puno.

01 July, 2023 starts a new fraternal year and I will remain your Grand Knight again for this year. I want to thank Brother Doug Blau for his service as Deputy Grand Knight; Brother Larry Burkhalter for his two years of service as our Recorder; Brother Greg Miklos for 3 years of service as Trustee; Brother Tom Kubalewski for 2 years of service as Chancellor; and Brother Jim Gaus as Inside Guard.

New Council Officers for this fraternal year are: Brother Jim Gaus - Deputy Grand Knight; Brother Mike Hamel - Chancellor; Brother Tom Kubalewski - Recorder; Brother Doug Blau - Inside Guard; and Brother Ben Urnick - Three Year Trustee. The other officer positions remain the same as listed later in this newsletter with Second and Third Year Trustees moving up one position. Thank you to all remaining officers for your continued support of the council and welcome newly elected Brothers.

Council and Assembly Officers were installed at a ceremony following the 4PM mass on Saturday the 24th of June and we are set to begin the new fraternal year. At the installation there was an important announcement made by our District Deputy, SK Cesar Mascardo; Cesar will be moving up to Regional Administrator for Region 01 which encompasses 7 districts. Replacing Cesar

as District Deputy is SK George Elliott. Congratulations to these two knights in these important State Positions.

At the conclusion of Father's Day weekend the Baby Bottle Drive took in \$2031.00 which was presented to a very grateful Life Options Clinic on Tuesday the 20th of June. I left the bottle return box in the Narthex so if you didn't get your bottles in yet - please do, even if they are empty we need all the bottles back.

Once again I consecrate my term as Grand Knight to St. Joseph and ask his guidance to lead us all to a deeper love and appreciation for the Eucharist and the Real Presence in this the second year of the Eucharistic Revival in the United States. **Prayer: O dearest St. Joseph,** I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Devine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Vivat Jesus!



## **Field Agent's Report**



Jeff Fischer, FICF, LUTCF K of C Field Agent

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Welcome to the middle of summer! July means most are in full summer vacation mode. Kids are out of school (and parents are already counting down the days till they return!) and family vacations are planned or maybe already taken. For many it's the time to get outdoors and enjoy some good weather.

The temperature, much like Goldilocks and the Three Bears, for some will be too hot, for some too cool and for others...just right. I hope you get to spend some quality time with your family as the summer moves on. A shady spot in the yard or on the porch may be all you want or need. You might just get away all by yourself for some quality rest and relaxation. For some that might mean the family road trip, kids and parents driving to that favorite vacation spot. For some that are older it might mean the trip to see the grandkids. Whatever it is that recharges your battery and strengthens the family bonds, I hope you get to do it.

Speaking of driving, it isn't prudent to drive without proper auto insurance. Anyone who does could be in a bad spot should the unexpected happen. The same is true for the insurance coverages that the Order has available. The Knights of Columbus has the products to protect you and your family as you drive down the road of life. I appreciate the opportunity to meet with brother Knights and their spouses and continue the tradition of protection that Blessed Michael McGivney envisioned. Although I've met with many members of the council, my goal is to meet with each of you so you can take advantage of the free service I provide. The financial needs analysis tool that the

Order has provided will take a snapshot of where you stand today, what your goals and objectives are, and help identify any gaps in your coverage. Let's get together. I'll give you a call soon. This drive through life has many unexpected sharp turns, speed bumps and blind spots! Vivat Jesus!

\*This is a solicitation for insurance.

Vivat Jesus and May God bless you all.







## Deacon's Teaching

**By Deacon Chris Christopher** 

#### Independence Day

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was set aside to celebrate the gift of freedom made by those who

sacrificed for it. Our Founding Fathers experienced this firsthand and wanted to enshrine it within Christian values. George Washington in his Farewell Address to the Nation said, "Do not let anyone claim the tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics." Since the prevailing religion at that time was Protestantism, the question today is whether a Catholic can be a good American and at the same time a good Catholic.

Unfortunately, today America's ideal of freedom is that of self-determination. From this perspective, to be free means that one is captain of his ship: "It's my life and I'll do with it what I want."

This misunderstanding of Biblical freedom runs counter to the Christian sense of freedom – of one surrendering to God's will. From this perspective, we are truly free when we place our trust in Him. This trust in God prevents us from becoming slaves to our earthly values and their resulting privations. The irony is that in surrendering to God we become free to become fully human.

"How can this be?" Well, many of us are accomplished 'butchers, bakers, or candlestick makers.' But to be successful in any profession, one must surrender one's freedom to it, i.e., to follow the laws, rules, and procedures within their field. If not followed, one will not succeed and will have a lifetime of difficulties if

persisting in being a slave to one's selfcenteredness.

That is what St. Paul taught, "It is for freedom that Christ has set you free," (Gal 5:1) and "Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ." (Rom 1:1) St. Paul would never say, "It's my life and I will do with it what I want." He and all the great saints never declared their independence from God – going their own way. Neither should we as good Christians and as good Americans.

Our loyalty to the American way of life should not conflict with our loyalty to God. There are, however, times when it does. That's when one should *properly* exercise his conscience, and prayer, in deciding which is the right path to take. Jesus didn't tell us that surrendering to him would be a cakewalk through life; even He rendered to Caesar what was Caesar's while rendering to The Father that which was his.

One Catholic response to the question about Patriotism is our own 4<sup>th</sup> Degree whose primary purpose is to foster the spirit of Patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship, loyalty to country, and the love of God. Catholics should support by word and deed the duly constituted authorities of local, state, and national government, and recognize excellence in public life.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is much deeper than just parades, fireworks, and a day off from work. Let us be grateful for the gift of freedom that God bestows on us.

Next month we'll look at **The Great East/ West Schism of 1054** 



#### **Sick & In Need Prayer List**

The Cruz family, Paul Hicks, Carol Cox, Ian McDonald, Claudia Barrett, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Joan Haring and the Haring family, Mary-Etta Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, The Hinkle Family, Joseph and Antonette Paterna, Sterling VanGrowski, Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Ben Paul, The Livorno Family, Dean Dizon, The Paschal Family, John & Margo Recke, Joe Burgos, Dani Massey, Thea McDonald, Sharon

Polchowski, Linda Davis, Walter and Christa Gross, Valerie Stanislawczyk, Ed Horne, Beth McDonald, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Dave McFadden, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Sylvia Mabley, Ronald J Gaus, James Gaus, Saveria Husslein, Robert Erisman, Bob Miller, Steve Gentry, Cesar Mascardo, Suzi Jones, people of Ukraine, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Pope Francis, Bishop Wack, Msgr Reed, Father Christian, our deacons, religious, and seminarians (especially William Gibson).

#### Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now, and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!

Heal us according to Your Divine Will, Lord Jesus, and enable us to serve You with a healthy body, soul, and spirit. May Your Joy, O Lord, be our strength this day.

Amen.

To submit a prayer request to be included here please send an email to info@kofc7027.com

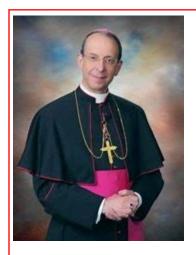
#### **Is Your Personal Information Accurate?**

Every member of the Knights of Columbus in the Florida jurisdiction is listed on the Florida KofC website. Financial Secretaries update council lists on the Supreme and State websites at least quarterly. To ensure your information is correct, please review the brief YouTube video link below to confirm that your personal information and your preferred contact information is correct.

The 5-minute video describes how to log on or gain initial access, and reviews how to correct or confirm your personal information. Please note that if you are a State, Assembly or Council officer, chairman or director, you must remain subscribed to the State Council's email list. Failure to do so will result in you missing important communications concerning your position and may result in your forfeiture of that position.

Follow the instructions on the video https:// <u>youtu.be/ IVS3XkgiUs</u> and while you are on the site, check out the other good news and information is available to you with just a click or two.





#### **Supreme Chaplain's Challenge** by Archbishop William E. Lori

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves." (Gospel for July 9, adoration. Second, I challenge you to Mt 11:28-29)

Rest often seems to be in short supply in our busy modern world, for our culture finds it hard to slow down and be still. We can and should spend time in leisure to refresh our bodies and spirits, but we need to go even deeper and take time to find true rest. Let's always keep in mind St. Augustine's words: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

#### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to turn to our Lord to find rest by spending at least one hour each week in eucharistic support the Faith in Action Holy Hour program.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you turn to Christ to find rest amid your labor and burdens? Do you observe Sunday as a day of worship and rest? Do you regularly spend time in prayer, seeking that interior peace that Christ has promised us?

(From kofc.org select "Who We Are", "Our Faith", and "Monthly Challenge")



#### For a Eucharistic life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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



#### **Honors of the Months**

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2022-23	Bruce Donatelli	Joey & Linda Davis
July, 2022	Dean Dizon	John & Aine' Canning
August, 2022	John Recke	Jeff & Rose Fischer
September, 2022	Richard Connolly	Michael & Brittany Hamel
October, 2022	Tom Peck	Ed & Valerie Stanislawczyk
November, 2022	Walter Gross	James & Rachel Hull
December, 2022	Larry Hehr	Ben & Margaret Urnick
January, 2023	Sid Roussell	Ernie & Mary Beth Cyr
February, 2023	Bruce Donatelli	Todd & Sue Jones
March, 2023	Raymond Kutch	Joey & Linda Davis
April, 2023	Brian McGuire	Carl & Lauren Antoine
May, 2023	Sean Canning	James & Marianne Richardson
June, 2023	Tom Peck	Tim & Liz Maynard

Grand Knight Michael
Stafford presented
the Knight of the
Month for June to
Tomas Peck on June
24, 2023, at the 4:00
PM Mass. Pictured are
GK Michael Stafford,
Tom & Bich Peck, and
Fr. Christian Plancher.



Family of the Month

Grand Knight Michael Stafford presented the Family of the Month for June to Tim & Liz Maynard at the 4:00 PM Mass on June 24, 2023. Pictured are GK Michael Stafford, Tim & Liz Maynard and Fr. Christian Plancher.



Grand Knight Michael Stafford presented the Knight of the Year to Bruce Donatelli on June 24, 2023, at the Officer Installation. Pictured are Debra & GK Michael Stafford, **Grand Knight Michael** the Knight of the Year Bruce & Geraldine Donatelli, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Family of the Year

**Grand Knight Michael** Stafford presented the Family of the Year to Linda & Joey Davis on June 24, 2023 at the Officer Installation, Pictured are Debra & GK Michael Stafford, Linda & Joey Davis and Msgr. Michael Reed.



#### Officer Installation 2023-24

Council 7027 and Assembly 2823 installation of officers for fraternal year 2023-24 was held at St. Rose of Lima after the 4:00 PM Mass on June 24, 2023. The following pictures were from that ceremony. Names and offices of those installed are on the back page. District Deputy Cesar Mascardo presided over the council installation and Vice Marshal Tony Jette presided over the assembly installation. (continued)





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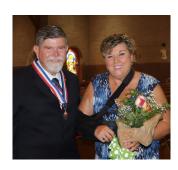
























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## Fourth Degree St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK Cesar Mascardo, PGK, FDD, RA1



Worthy Sir Knights,

With the recent elections, we have new leadership and new energies to guide and inspire the Assembly.

As is always the case this time of year, it is a time for renewal and refocusing of energies, looking forward to the new fraternal year.

I want to thank the past Faithful Navigator James for serving the assembly and the Order for this past fraternal year. I want to thank our Vice Marshal Tony for doing the assembly installation of officers and his wife, Rosemary.

My goals in Assembly 2823 is to promote and increase membership, unify the assembly and to increase the patriotic programs to follow the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism.

We have the officers, the leaders, the talents, the commitment and the dedication to make this happen.

I wanted to thank the new assembly officers for their commitment and dedication for the coming new fraternal year.

The Council and the Assembly, working together to achieve similar, symbiotic goals makes both stronger and more successful. Nothing is accomplished alone. We must always depend on each other and be aware and grateful for that support and brotherhood.

It is important, particularly in this day and age, that our Fourth Degree Assemblies encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in our members and the community at large.

Serving Those Who Served is a major initiative of the Fourth Degree supporting Veterans Affairs facilities.

The Fourth Degree has always supported priest, in particular those who go to serve as military chaplains. Through a special scholarship program, the Knights helped fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the armed forces.

The Fourth Degree assemblies should help Knights to put their faith, and their love of country, into action.

The fourth principle "Patriotism" commits our members to the preservation of our Church, our Order and to the many places where Knights serve.

Remember the Knights of Columbus assemblies should put their faith into action for God and country around the world.

Vivat Jesus.





#### **District Deputy Report for District 3**

SK Cesar Mascardo

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for his never-ending grace and blessing he has given me.

This will be my last District Deputy Report for District 3 as I am moving up to Regional Administrator for Region 1 effective July 1, 2023.

As most of you know, the new State Deputy, Rick Hughes wanted me to move up to Regional Administrator for Region 1. The current Regional Administrator Steve Zajac is moving up to Family Director and George Elliott will be the new District Deputy for District 3.

I will be over the District Deputies 1-7 which covers Panama City, Fort Walton, Navarre, Niceville, Mary Esther, Crestview, Santa Rosa Beach, Gulf Breeze, Pensacola, Cantonment, Milton and Tallahassee.

I would like to thank all the councils in District 3, 778 (Pensacola) St. Paul, 7027 (Milton) St. Rose, 7402 (Cantonment) St. Jude and 8450 (Pensacola) Nativity for all you do.

To my brother Knights, thank you for the fellowship, the volunteer times, working the charitable programs and your dedication to the Order.

My goals when I became a District Deputy for District 3 were to achieve Star District and for the councils to achieve Star Council. This was the ultimate goal for a district and council. This shows that you are a well oiled machine.

As District Deputy for 4 years, we have achieved Star District for 3 years and will be making it this year for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. All councils in our district have received the Star Council Award during the 4 years I have been district deputy. Council 778 has made it once, Council 7027 has made it 3 times and will make it for the 4th time,

Council 7402 has made it twice and Council 8450 has made it once but will make it the second time. I have accomplished the goal that I have set.

We are in Region 1 which represents the Panhandle and is #1 in new membership intake of 96.19 % versus the other 8 Regions in the State of Florida. The Florida State Council has made the Circle of Honor which is the ultimate award for the states. It hasn't been done since 6 years ago.

In summary, I am very blessed by the success we have in District 3 and it took all of us to make it happen.

In behalf of the Supreme and Florida State Council and myself, I want to thank you for all your hard work, commitment and dedication to the Knights of Columbus and for the Good of the Order.

I have a home council but District 3 is my home district and from time to time I will visit you because I consider you all as my home council. God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally, Cesar Mascardo Florida State Council Former District Deputy 3 Regional Administrator 1



#### 2023 Knights of Columbus Council 7027 Scholarship Recipients

The Knights of Columbus Council 7027 Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the recipients of the 2023 College Scholarships.

Elizabeth Root of Pace High School \$1,500 Bryanna Hahr of Milton High School \$1,500 Valarie Herrera of Pace High School \$1,500

These three outstanding young parishioners were selected and should be congratulated for this outstanding achievement.

PGK Cesar Mascardo KOC 7027 Scholarship Committee Chairman





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#### **Council and Assembly Officers**

	7027 Officer ear 2023-2024	Assembly 2823 Officers			
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Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed		
Grand Knight	Michael Stafford	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo		
Deputy Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley		
Kiligit		Faithful Pilot	SK Brian McGuire		
Chancellor	Mike Hamel	Faithful Admiral	SK John Recke		
Recorder	Thomas Kubalewski	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald		
Treasurer	Dale Sogor	Faithful Purser	SK Dale Sogor		
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Scribe	SK Thomas Kubalewski		
Advocate	Walter Gross	Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK George Elliott		
Warden	Justin Paul	Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK James Hull		
Inside Guard	Doug Blau	Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Michael Hamel		
Outside Guard	Michael Gaus	Color Guard Commander	SK John Recke		
Lecturer	Dcn Phillip Czajkowski	Patriotic Liaison	SK Joey Davis		
One Year Trustee	Raymond Kutch	Trustee 3 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter		
Two Year Trusteed	George Elliott	Trustee 2 Year	SK James Gaus		
Three Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 1 Year	SK Bruce Donatelli		

## **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** has important information about Knights in Florida. https://floridakofc.org/

**Supreme** 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

**Invocations** monthly publication of the Florida State Council.

https://www.floridakofc.org/Invocation-State-Newsletter

Knightcast An inspirational video series forming men on their journey to be better husbands, fathers, citizens, and Catholics. <a href="http://kofc.org/knightcast">http://kofc.org/knightcast</a>

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

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



David Hinkle	07-03	Daniel Gerencser Jr	07-19	Rev Christian Plancher	07-24
David Cross	07-06	John Klein	07-20	Larry Hehr	07-25 07-27
Rev Todd Hevia	07-06	Ruben Mallarino	07-20	Steve Nader	07-27
Nonito Villaruel	07-06	Jerry Nelson	07-21 07-22	Oscar Saenz	07-26
Michael Guy	07-08 07-10	Keith Ambrose	07-22 07-22	Jerry Ottley	07-30
Dale Sogor Hector Chavez	07-10 07-13	Omar Aquino	07-22 07-22	Michael Johnson Wesley Smith	07-31
Benedict Urnick	07-13 07-15	Joe Burgos Brian Goley	07-22	Wesley Silliul	07-31
Carl Heskett Jr	07-17	Romeo Munar	07-23		