



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!



COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
1			ADVENT BEGINS	
2	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	First Monday Confession	St. Rose of Lima Chapel
5	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Officers/Planning Mtg	Knights Hall
6	8:30 AM	12:00 PM	First Friday w/ Benediction	St Rose of Lima Chapel
6	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Holy Hour and Benediction	St. Rose of Lima Church
6	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Spaghetti Dinner aftr Holy Hr	Parish Hall
7	8:00 AM	12:00PM	Advent Day of Service	St Rose of Lima Church
7	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
8	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast (Asst Fund)	Parish Hall
9			Feast Immaculate Conception	
10	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	COR Meeting	St Rose of Lima Room
12	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
12	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Knights Hall
12	8:15 PM	9:15 PM	Assembly Meeting	Knights Hall
14	6:00 PM	10:00 PM	K of C Christmas Party	Parish Hall
16	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Parish Retreat w/Msgr. Bosso	St Rose of Lima Church
17	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Parish Retreat w/Msgr. Bosso	St Rose of Lima Church
17	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Advent Penance Service	St Rose of Lima Church
18	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Parish Retreat w/Msgr. Bosso	St Rose of Lima Church
23	8:30 AM	2:00 PM	Christmas Decorating Church	St Rose of Lima Church
24	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Bilingual Christmas Eve Mass	St Rose of Lima Church
24	11:45 PM	1:00 AM	Midnight Mass	St Rose of Lima Church
25			CHRISTMAS DAY	
25	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass	
26	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	K of C Special dance	Parish Hall
28			Consecration to the Holy Family	
28	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	K of C Corporate Communion	St Rose of Lima Church
29			Consecration to the Holy Family	

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Join us for Advent Evenings of Reflection at 6PM on December 16-18 at St. Rose of Lima with special guest presenter MSGR. STEPHEN BOSSO. The topic is **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL: OLD TESTAMENT AND NEW TESTAMENT ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST.**

On Tuesday night, December 17, a Penance Service will follow the presentation, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Don't miss this beautiful opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas!

All are welcome—invite your family and friends!

Early January is on page 3.



Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

Why is Advent Important to us as Knights of Columbus?

Advent is a season of profound significance for us Knights of Columbus, intertwining deeply with the principles and values that define this global Catholic fraternal organization. As a period of anticipation, reflection, and spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas, Advent provides an opportunity for us to enhance our commitment to faith, charity, unity, and fraternity.

Advent is a time for spiritual reflection and renewal, aligning perfectly with our dedication to promoting and living out our faith. During this period, we as Knights are encouraged to deepen our spiritual practices through prayer, meditation, and participation in religious services. This helps us to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, fostering a stronger connection to our faith and the teachings of the Church.

The Advent season also emphasizes the importance of charity, one of the core principles of the Knights of Columbus. This time of year calls for a heightened awareness of the needs of others and offers many opportunities for us to engage in charitable activities. From organizing food drives and fundraising events to providing support for those in need within our community, the Knights of Columbus embody the spirit of giving that Advent inspires. Our acts of charity not only provide tangible support but also spread the message of hope and compassion that is central to the Advent season.

Advent is a time for fostering unity and fellowship, both within the Knights of Columbus and our parish community. The

traditions and communal activities associated with Advent—such as lighting the Advent wreath, attending Mass, and participating in parish events—strengthen the bonds between us. The Knights' commitment to unity is further demonstrated through our collective efforts to support one another and our local communities. This solidarity enhances the sense of brotherhood and shared purpose that defines us as Knights of Columbus.

As Knights of Columbus, we place a strong emphasis on family involvement, and Advent offers a meaningful opportunity to bring families together in faith and celebration. Families are encouraged to observe Advent traditions at home, such as praying together, reading scripture, and engaging in acts of kindness. The Knights' programs and events during Advent often include family-focused activities, reinforcing the importance of family unity and the transmission of faith values from one generation to the next.

For the Knights of Columbus, Advent is not just a time of waiting but a season of active engagement in faith, charity, and community. It is a period that calls for renewed dedication to our principles and offers a unique opportunity to live out our mission more fully. By embracing the spiritual, charitable, and communal aspects of Advent, the Knights of Columbus continue to inspire and serve as a beacon of faith and hope within the Catholic Church and beyond.

Have a Blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas! Vivat Jesus!



Field Agent's Report

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Brothers,

As Knights, we emphasize the importance of keeping Christ in Christmas. In fact, keeping Christ at the center of everything we do is a year-round mission. Whenever we serve our parish or community, we serve Christ. I also see my service to families as a way to honor him. When I sit down with a family and help them ensure their financial protection, I am serving his Church. I think about this often, and as I look back on the year – reminiscing on all of the relationships I have made with Knights and the security I have helped provide them and their families, I am incredibly grateful.

Now, I ask you – as we close out 2024 and as you spend additional time with your family, consider how any changes from the past year might affect your life insurance portfolio. Even joyous occasions like buying a new house or sending a kid to college this fall can

impact your insurance needs. Are you certain your current coverage is adequate and up to date? What would your family's financial situation be this time next year if the unimaginable happened to you or your spouse?

If your answers to these questions are not certain, I encourage you to set up time to meet with me. Let's work together to create a plan that would not only help protect your family but give you the peace of mind and security you all deserve.

Meanwhile, may you each have a holy and peaceful Christmas season with your loved ones. Let's continue to focus on Jesus through the end of this year. And let's pray for one another — especially for those who may be struggling in any way during the holidays.

If there is any way I can offer help, please reach out to me.

May God bless you and your family. Merry Christmas!

January				
1			SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	
1	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Mass for the Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary	St Rose of Lima Church
1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Mass for the Holy Day, Solemnity of Mary	St Rose of Lima Church
2	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
3	8:30 AM	12 noon	First Friday Adoration and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Chapel
3	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction	St. Rose of Lima Church
3	7:15 PM	8:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner after Holy Hour	Parish Hall
4	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
5	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Three Kings Mass (Spanish)	St Rose of Lima Church
5	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	Three Kings Celebration	Parish Hall
6	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	First Monday Confession	St Rose of Lima Chapel
9	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Vespers	St Rose of Lima Chapel
9	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Council Meeting	Knights Hall
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From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey



My brothers, Greetings and Welcome as we begin our **Advent** Journey.

Along with Advent, we have the beginning of the Church's new Liturgical Year. We will study and hear from Saint Luke's Gospel; as well, this week we will have lighted our first **Advent** Candle.

Traditionally each of the Four **Advent** candles has deeper meaning:

1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Hope** with the "**Prophet's Candle**" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Faith** with the "**Bethlehem Candle**" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Joy** with the "**Shepherd's Candle**" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.

4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Peace** with the "**Angel's Candle**" reminding us of the message of the angels:

*"Glory to God in the highest;
and on earth peace to men of good will."*

We also note that the days are growing shorter.

Now, as we enter into December, with the Hurricane Season behind us, we may also ask; where has the Year Gone? We have less daylight; it gets dark earlier and we have less time to enjoy the day.

And so while we might look forward to the longer days and more daylight that are to come, until then, we enter this Season of **Advent**.

Advent, with its increasing darkness and shorter days, causes LONGING for the light of Christ and a new eternal day promised to those who believe!

And so we might long for longer and warmer days. And yet now as we begin

the Season **Advent** we are called to Long for God.

One stands when awaiting something or someone. We await Jesus and we wish to await him in prayer which is closely linked to vigilance.

Praying, awaiting Jesus, opening oneself to others, being mindful, not withdrawn in ourselves.

But if we think of Christmas in the light of consumerism, Jesus will pass by and we will not find him. We await Jesus and we wish to await him in prayer which is closely linked to vigilance.

But what is the horizon of our prayerful anticipation?

The call of **Advent**: **Be awake!**

Do not put off the opening of your life to God.

The purpose of Advent is to wait.

With patience.

If there was nothing worth waiting for, then patience would indeed be silly.

The birth of Christ into this world and into our hearts is well worth the wait.

We know that his birth has happened already—but also, in a surprising way, it has not happened at all.

We still have countries at War, social unrest, political division. Many are still mean to their neighbors. We see that there is horrendous evil all around us in this twenty-first century.

We need the birth of Jesus into our hearts, into the world.

And so, we welcome with

Advent Prayer, **Advent** Patience, **Advent** watchfulness.

I pray all have a watchful, prayer-filled **Advent**.

In Service

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Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

(Gospel for Dec. 1, Lk 21:36)

To remain watchful is a frequent exhortation of Jesus, for we do not know when the end will come. For most people, their end will come at the moment of their death. We trust in God's grace, but grace requires our response: We must not grow lax and presume we have plenty of time to repent. We must pursue holiness and seek God's will at all times so that we stand ready to meet him at any time.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I challenge you to meditate on the poor shepherds who watched over their flocks on the night he was born and identify one way you can better incorporate watchfulness into your own life.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you maintain a practice of daily prayer, regular examination of conscience and frequent confession, or do you sometimes grow spiritually lazy? Do you commit yourself to steady growth in holiness and virtue as preparation for the final judgment? Do you teach and encourage your loved ones to do the same?

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



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

APOSTLESHP OF PRAYER

December

UNITED STATES

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2024>



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
Year 2024-25		
July, 2024	Michael Stafford	Ray & Kim Kutch
August, 2024	Arturo Ojeda	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
September, 2024	Ben Urnick	Nathan & Mary West
October, 2024	Walter Gross	Patty & Kenny Borne
November, 2024	Bernie Schultz	Bob and Meg Browder
December, 2024		
January, 2025		
February, 2025		
March, 2025		
April, 2025		
May, 2025		
June, 2025		

Knight of the Month
Grand Knight James Gaus presented the Knight of the Month for November on November 30, 2024, at the 4 PM Mass. Pictured are GK James Gaus, Bernie Shultz, & Msgr Michael Reed.



Grand Knight James Gaus presented the Knight of the Month for June to Dale Sogor on November 30, 2024, at the 4 PM Mass. Pictured are GK James Gaus, Dale Sogor, & Msgr Michael Reed.





Life

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Brothers,

As we enter the season of advent, we answer the call to protect all human life and entrust this task to the Virgin Mary. As stated last month, we still have to be vigilant for Life. Even though amendment 4 didn't get the 60% it needed to pass, it did get 57% of the vote. There is still a lot of work to be done. After staying in

Alaska these last three weeks you understand that advent is the darkest days of the year. Before the birth of Jesus the world was in a dark place as it is today. Into the darkness, God sent an angel to Mary in Nazareth. We need to continue to educate the other 57% of Florida at least, to recognize the gift of children, born and unborn.

Sick & In Need Prayer List

Rusty Bradberry, Ron Livorno, Mike Stafford, Paul Hicks, Ian McDonald, Claudia Barrett, Gene & Martha Skalsky, Ed McCarthy, Bill Glover, Mike Kassinger, Joan Haring, MaryEtta Hinkle, David & Sharon Hinkle, Antonette Paterna and family, Sterling VanGrowski, Dave & Donna Byers, Jim and Marianne Richardson, Jennifer & Greg Micklos, Norm Champagne, Jim Gentry, Ben Paul, The Livorno Family, Dean Dizon, The Paschal Family, John & Margo Recke, Joe Burgos, The Massey family, Heidi Massey, Thea McDonald, Linda Davis & family, Walter and Christa Gross, Ed Horne, Beth & Bill McDonald, Sharon Dipkin, Jerry Sciple, Nicole - sister of Justin Paul, Sylvia

Mabley, Saveria Husslein, Robert Erisman, Bob Miller, Steve Gentry, Todd & Suzi Jones, Karen Lewis, Thatcher Kerzie, Mark Puno, Art Sobilo, The Ferraro family, Ann Smith and Family, Vinny Gallo, John Burkhalter, The Germain family, Larry Johnson, JP Fane, Richard & Hilda Connolly, John Juul, Tom Peck, Louise Egler, Barbara Mason, the Schnitker family, people of Ukraine, people of Israel, people of Haiti, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Pope Francis, Bishop Wack, Msgr Reed, Father Christian, our deacons, religious, and seminarians (especially Deacon 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



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823

SK Cesar Mascardo, PGK, FDD, RA1



Sir Knights,

Blessings, blessings, and more blessings: that is my prayer for you all. I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. As for me on Thanksgiving Day, I am blessed and thankful to the officers that took positions in the assembly as their commitment to the Fourth Degree and the Order.

I want to thank the assembly officers and members for attending the meetings so we can proceed with the business at hand. Our progress has continued to be successful each month for the goals we set at the beginning of the fraternal year. It takes all of us to be successful.

I want to thank Sir Knight Tom Kubalewski, Sir Knight Brian McGuire, Sir Knight Arturo Ojeda, Bruce Mabley and Sir Knight Gilbert Saez for volunteering in the Veteran's Parade on November 11, 2024 even though it got canceled due to rain. Brian and I were present for the wreath presentation as the assembly donated a wreath at the Ceremony at

Veterans Memorial. Channel 3 was televising the presentation and it was covered on the news.

Thank you again Sir Knights Vic VanGrowski, Bruce Mabley, Michael Stafford, John Recke, Bill McDonald, Bob Bezick for volunteering for the VA Hot Dog Day which is held the second Wednesday of each month.

The Holy Hour will continue every month on the First Friday at 6pm except during the Lenten season. Afterwards, spaghetti dinner will be served in the parish hall by the assembly. It is donation only. I want to thank Vic VanGrowski for cooking and preparing the spaghetti dinner. Thank you to Bruce Mabley and Arturo Ojeda for helping me serve the food.

And as we bring the calendar year to a close, remember to be thankful for the graces we receive everyday. Merry Christmas to you all! May the Christmas Season bring only happiness and joy to you and your family.





2024 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

This time of the year is a truly wonderful and magical one and Christmas is a holiday with a beautiful spirit and traditions. The spirit of giving, expressing love and gratitude, and a celebration of life help make Christmas a very special time of year. Please come and enjoy fellowship with one another, have some food, and be merry. Join us at the **2024 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14th at 5:30 PM (5:00pm Social)** at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Hall. Traditional Christmas Dinner(provided by the council): Turkey, Ham, Shrimp Creole, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Dinner Rolls, Tea, and Coffee. Wine and beer provided (donations only).

We would ask that you bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share as the council will be providing the main course. If your last name starts with A-H, vegetable; I-Q, salad; and R-Z, dessert.

If you would like to participate in the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange (Cost of Gift Not to Exceed \$10.00), please bring gifts for the number of people in your family that will be playing. Example: Husband and wife...bring one male gift and one female gift.

Please RSVP to me by December 11, 2024, by email at cmascardo@aol.com or call (850)748-8788 confirming the number of people that will be attending so we can have the appropriate amount of tables and food.

Fraternally,

Cesar Mascardo FN/DD/PGK

KOC Christmas Host

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

PRESENTED BY:
Msgr. Stephen Bosso

**EUCCHARISTIC
REVIVAL:**

OLD TESTAMENT AND
NEW TESTAMENT ROOTS
OF THE EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 16, 17, 18 @ 6:00PM

PENANCE SERVICE TUESDAY 7PM

FOLLOWING PRESENTATION



DISTRICT 3 SHINING ARMOR CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE PERIOD:

JULY 1, 2024–FOUNDER'S DAY MARCH 29, 2025

Qualifications:

- 1) Work on 3 council Faith in Action Programs
- 2) Attend at least 3 council meetings
- 3) Attend a Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification
- 4) Meet with council insurance representative or attend fraternal benefits event
- 5) Sponsor at least one new member



Earn the Shining Armor
Pin and Certificate



Presented To

For his Outstanding Accomplishments
in _____ Council _____ of the
Knights of Columbus

Patrick E. Kelly
Supervisor

Patrick T. Mason
Assistant Secretary



Signed Knight

Date



Complete the Challenge by
Founder's Day, March 29, and
be entered into a district
drawing for this custom
**Knights of Columbus
Watch!**

(In addition to earning the pin and certificate)



Council and Assembly Officers

Council 7027 Officer Fraternal Year 2024-2025		Assembly 2823 Officers Fraternal Year 2024-2025	
Chaplain	Msgr Michael Reed	Faithful Friar	Msgr Michael Reed
Grand Knight	James Gaus	Faithful Navigator	SK Cesar Mascardo
Deputy Grand Knight	Mike Hamel	Faithful Captain	SK Bruce Mabley
Chancellor	Michael Gaus	Faithful Pilot	SK Brian McGuire
Recorder	Bernie Schlutz	Faithful Admiral	SK Joey Davis
Treasurer	Ray Kutch	Faithful Comptroller	SK Bill McDonald
Financial Secretary	Bill McDonald	Faithful Purser	SK James Hull
Advocate	Dcn Jeff Massey	Faithful Scribe	SK Michael Hamel
Warden	Justin Paul	Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK George Elliott
Inside Guard	Sean Canning	Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Bob Bezick
Outside Guard	John Thayler	Color Guard Commander	SK John Recke
Lecturer	Dcn Phillip Czajkowski	Patriotic Liaison	SK Joey Davis
One Year Trustee	George Elliott	Trustee 3 Year	SK John Recke
Two Year Trustee	Ben Urnick	Trustee 2 Year	SK Stephen Schaffter
Three Year Trustee	Mike Stafford	Trustee 1 Year	SK James Gaus

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. <http://kofc.org/knightcast>

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BIRTHDAYS

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



Shawn Galloway
Jerry Sciple
Adrian Cuyuch
Dennis Mayeaux
Larry Burkhalter
Kevin McDonald
Logan Bradberry
Philip Germain Sr
Jason Ybarra

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Timothy Evans
Emmanuel Guico
Michael Stafford
Jeremy Gengo
Daniel Arndt
John Barresi
Loren Landry
Robert McGinn
Michael Simoneaux

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