



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

WE ARE KNIGHTS, WE ARE PRO-LIFE!

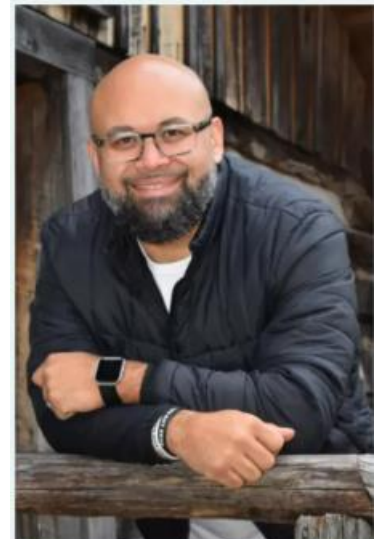


COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Until	Event	Location
1			SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	
1	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Mass Solemnity of Mary	St Rose of Lima Church
1	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Mass Solemnity of Mary	St Rose of Lima Church
2	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
2	8:00 PM	8:30 PM	Semiannual Audit after meeting	Knights Hall
3	8:30 AM	12 noon	First Friday Adoration & Benediction	St Rose of Lima Chapel
3	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Holy Hour Adoration, Rosary & 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
9	8:15 PM	9:15 PM	Assembly Meeting	Knights Hall
11	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Walk For Life T-Shirt Sales (all Masses)	St Rose of Lima Church
12	8:00 AM	5:00 PM	Walk For Life T-Shirt Sales (all Masses)	St Rose of Lima Church
12	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	K of C Family Breakfast	Parish Hall
14	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	COR Meeting	St Rose of Lima Room
23	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Special Dance	Parish Hall
			9th Annual Walk for Life Events	(www.eccfl.org)
24	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Pro-Life Mass with Bishop Wack	St Paul's Catholic Church
25	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Speaker Event - Steventhen Holland	St Joseph Catholic Church
25			Pro Life Witness Walking	Downtown Pensacola
25	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Corporate Mass	St Rose of Lima Church
25	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Exemplification Ceremony	St Rose of Lima Church
25	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Reception following Exemplification Ceremony	TBD

In This Issue

Coming Events	1
Grand Knight's Report	2
Field Agent's Report	3
From the Deacon's Bench	4
Honors of the Month	5
Supreme Chaplain's Challenge	6
Pope's Prayer Intention	6
Life	7
Prayer Request	7
Fourth Degree	8
Officers	10
K of C Online Resources	10
Council Birthdays	10



Steventhen Holland
Pro-Life Speaker

Early February is on page 3.



Grand Knight's Report

James Gaus

I hope you all enjoyed a joyful and blessed Christmas with your family and loved ones.

The Knights of Columbus Christmas party was a great success, thanks to all who contributed. Your efforts made the night truly special! Special thanks everyone who helped with food preparation, the Ladies Auxiliary for the wonderful setup, and Master of Ceremonies SK Cesar Mascardo for leading the evening's activities.

January is shaping up to be an active month with several upcoming events:

- Family Breakfast on January 12.
- COR Bible Study on January 14.
- Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale on January 17 and 18.
- Emerald Coast Walk for Life on January 25 in Pensacola.
- Exemplification Ceremony on the evening of January 25, following Corporate Communion at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Be sure to check the monthly calendar in

this newsletter for specific times and locations.

It's time for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. You can access it online by going to this link: (https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf). Please fill it out and return it at the membership meeting on January 9, 2025. You can also email it to me at jamesgaus@outlook.com or mail it to:

Jim Gaus
7884 Whiting Field Circle
Milton, FL 32570
(850) 686-9282

May the Lord bestow many blessings upon you in the new year. May your life shine brightly as a beacon of hope and faith, fulfilling God's calling for you. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16.

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

(850) 981-8207

jeff.fischer@kofc.org <https://www.facebook.com/KofCfischer>

Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we jump into 2025.

Beginning January 1, 2025, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies. This is in addition to the increased fraternal benefits announced last year. Inspired by our founder Blessed Michael McGivney, we continue to seek opportunities to help provide our members with financial security.

What does an increased dividend rate mean?

Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors.¹

These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.

- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium.*
- Reduce an existing loan.

Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$22 billion in dividends and insurance benefits.

I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please call me or chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet. Thank you! God bless & Stay safe

¹ Dividends are not guaranteed.

*This option is not available on all policies, and not available if policy is paying premiums via a monthly EFT

February	Begin	End		
1	Noon	1:00 PM	Rosary for America	Park Avenue & Dogwood
3	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	First Monday Confession	St Rose of Lima Chapel
6	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	KoC Officer's/Planning Meeting	Knights Hall
7	8:30 AM	12 noon	First Friday Adoration and Benediction	St Rose of Lima Chapel
7	6:15 PM	7:15 PM	Holy Hour with Adoration, Rosary and Bene-	St. Rose of Lima Church
7	7:15 PM	8:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner after Holy Hour	Parish Hall
9	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Knights of Columbus Family Breakfast	Parish Hall
11	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	COR Meeting	St Rose of Lima Room



From the Deacon's Bench

By Deacon Jeff Massey



The Christmas Season

In our Catholic Tradition, Christmas is not just one day but has its own **Liturgical Season**.

Starting on First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas Eve, extending **until** Vespers on the Baptism of Jesus, which this year is 12 January 2025, we celebrate the **Christmas Season**.

Within the **Christmas Season**, we have:

The Octave of Christmas (Octave from the Latin: Octavus=8)

The 8 Days begin on Christmas itself, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord and ends on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, on 1 January. During the Octave, the eight days of Christmas, clergy wear **White** during the Mass; but there are exceptions when clergy wear **Red**, the symbol of martyrdom.

Within the Octave we have:

Feast of Saint Stephen, 26

December

Feast of the Holy Innocents, 28

December

Feast Of the Holy Family, First Sunday after Christmas

Twelfth Night follows the Octave (also known as Epiphany Eve) on the last night of the Twelve Days following Christmas, marking the coming of the Epiphany, on or around 6 January.

Feast of the Epiphany is the Visit of the Magi, the 3 Kings. In days

past it was called "Little Christmas", and it was on this day that gifts were exchanged commemorating the gifts of the Magi.

Some trivia for the new year:

The term **"Magi"** is the basis for our English term **Magic**.

The New Testament does not give the names of the Magi. However, in our Catholic Tradition, they are commonly known as:

Melchior: Scholar / King from Asia

Caspar: Scholar / King from Europe

Balthazar: Scholar / King From Africa

And the Magi are bearers of gifts, each that **would** be given to a King:

Gold as a valuable commodity that any King would have.

Frankincense was a perfume used in processions of a King through a city or place being visited.

Myrrh commonly used as an anointing oil for Kings who were the anointed of God/the gods.

Over the centuries, the gifts mentioned by Isaiah and by our Gospel have received additional spiritual meaning.

Gold as a symbol of kingship and Jesus as King

Frankincense (an incense) as a symbol of deity and for Jesus the manifestation/incarnation of God



Myrrh (an embalming oil) a symbol of death, a reminder of the death that Jesus would suffer in order to destroy the power of sin and death, opening the gates of Paradise.

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/what-the-gifts-of-the-magi-tell-us-about-jesus/>

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Celebrated in the Catholic Church, Anglican and Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of

Our Lord (January 6).
After the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, clergy are to wear the **Green** vestments of **Ordinary Time**.
As the Church prays through the Christmas Season, I pray for my Brother Knights and their Families in a special way that they may receive Blessing and Graces as we enter 2025.
In Service
Deacon Jeff Massey SK

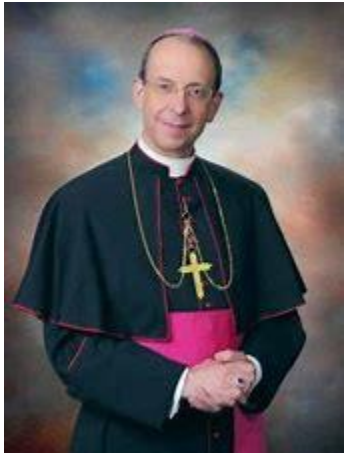
Honors of the Months

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	Daniel Walker	Trevor & Jackie Walker
January, 2025		
February, 2025		
March, 2025		
April, 2025		
May, 2025		
June, 2025		



December Special Dance





Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

by Archbishop William E. Lori

[A]nd on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:11a)

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recalls the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The Magi recognize the newborn king and offer him homage. This great feast occurs during the liturgical season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Eve and continues through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During Christmas time, we all remember and celebrate the reality that God assumed our human nature and became a little child. May this season also remind us to recognize the dignity of all children — including unborn children — today.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to work toward greater recognition of the sanctity of unborn human life by participating in a peaceful pro-life demonstration or supporting a pregnancy resource center.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you look upon the lives of children — and all people — with respect, recognizing the dignity of human life? What more can you personally do to protect and support life wherever it is threatened or in need? Are there ways you can witness to others — in word or deed — to foster awareness of the sanctity of life?

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



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

January

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2025>



Life

PGK Dan Arndt
prolifeman53@gmail.com



Brothers,

Welcome to the new year. As a norm we may all like to have some resolutions. We have many pro-life groups that need your financial resolutions. Majella House, MorningStar at Catholic High School, Life Options Clinic and Alpha Center to name a few.

Most of these groups need volunteers also. You can Google any of these centers to get information. Another, and maybe the most important, thing you can do is to pray for each of these groups.

Sick & In Need Prayer List

Walter Gross, Sterling VanGrowski, 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, 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,, 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,

As we enter a new calendar year, please keep in mind that all blessings come from the Almighty who is our source for all happiness and joy. The New Year comes to give us a fresh hope for a better future and success. It gives us a dream that we will face challenges with confidence in this New Year and that our dreams and hopes will come true with the blessings of God.

As men of the Knights of Columbus, as men of faith, we are called through Baptism to grow and increase in faith. We are, thereby, summoned to serve as witnesses to our faith in our daily lives, in the lives of our families, and in the lives of others throughout our communities. May the coming New Year bring you everlasting happiness, peace, success in whatever you do, prosperity to you and your family, and fill your home with joy and spirit.

A new year is on the way that makes yesterday a memory and tomorrow a dream. Our first and primary responsibility as Knights of the Knights of Columbus is to assure the continued growth and sustainability of our Order. And, our Catholic faith should be a source of unity, reconciliation, and renewal. As brothers, we are united in a faith that will continue growth and visibility through the good works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

As we welcome 2025, our goal as Sir Knights is to become a stronger right arm of the church and, in our case, strength comes from our members. Thank you for all you do for the Knights of Columbus.

And, thanks in advance for all you will do to make the coming year a success for the Order. I would point out that there is not much difference between a good year and a great year. We just have to stretch a little and aim high. I look forward to working with you all to make this a great year.

Of particular note is on January 25th, 2025 is the Fourth Degree Exemplification at Sylvester Catholic Church at 6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze, FL.

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE

Registration of Candidates.....9:30 AM

Exemplification.....11:00 AM

Banquet2:00 PM

Exemplification Mass.....5:00 PM

All applications for membership for the Fourth Degree and banquet reservations must be received by January 17th, 2025.

Lastly, there are some significant changes coming for the 4th Degree/Assembly ceremonial.

Thank you for your time, talents and dedication. I look forward to the new year with anticipation! Hope this new year brings lots of new adventures, sweet memories and family fun together.

Vivat Jesus,
Cesar Mascardo
Faithful Navigator



Knights of Columbus

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

REACH YOUR HIGHEST POTENTIAL

The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights, dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by their Catholic faith. These Knights, distinguished by exemplary deeds for God, for country, and the Order, are united by the Fourth Degree to support religious, civic, and charitable causes.

Fourth Degree members belong to local units called assemblies. Each assembly is involved in a wide range of public patriotic activities.

Each assembly maintains a Fourth Degree Color Corps and Honor Guard. Uniformed members wearing the Official Uniform, and swords participate in special civic and religious ceremonies. For this reason, the Fourth Degree is often called the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for the Fourth Degree, one must:

1. Be over 18 years of age.
2. Be a member in good standing with your Council.
3. Be a practical Catholic.

CHARITY★UNITY★FRATERNITY★PATRIOTISM

For Further Information Contact:

Robert Urrutia PSD, Master

Florida Jurisdiction

407-486-7883

Robert.S.Urrutia84@gmail.com

<https://www.floridakofc.org/January-Exemplification>

**January
25,
2025**

St. Sylvester
Catholic Church
6464 Gulf Breeze Parkway
Gulf Breeze, FL 33563



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>

The Newsletter is published by Knights of Columbus Council 7027, PO Box 951, Milton, FL 32572, and is for the distribution to members and friends of the Council.

BIRTHDAYS

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



Michael Canzoniero	01/01	Michael Gaus	01/09	Mark Engley	01/26
Christopher Manor	01/01	Brian Casey	01/11	Charles Newlan Jr	01/28
Mark Puno	01/01	Arthur Sobilo	01/13	Ronald Bradberry	01/29
Robert Bezick	01/03	Jason Doty	01/22	Sean Canning	01/29
Todd Jones	01/03	Joseph Paschal	01/22	Patrick Cooley	01/29
Douglas Blau	01/07	Paul Hicks	01/23		
Ralph Crago	01/09	Donald Torner	01/23		