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from the grand knight...

Brother Knights:

Ash Wednesday is past and we are in the middle of Lent, Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. We have a lot of work to do over the next couple of months. We need help with our final MR drive of the fraternal year April 2 & 3 at Kroger on Summer Avenue. Everyone should sign up for a shift. We have three more Friday Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross. Our Knights' Corporate Mass on Sunday, March 13th, at the 11:30 AM was successful but we really should have had a better turn-out. Remember, it is events were the knights turn out in a body that give us the most solid publicity.

I have a special request of all Brother Knights, whenever you come to Mass or an activity at church, please wear your name tag. If your name tag is lost or damaged, you can order a replacement on our website (kofc7170.com)

Council elections are coming up. It is time to decide whether it is time for you to serve as an officer or if you can think of someone who would make a good officer for the Council. Nominations will be open at the April business meeting on the 7th, the election is on May 5th. Also in May we will have our annual Fire and Police Breakfast on May 7 and our Ladies and Clergy Appreciation Dinner on May 14.

Throughout all of this remember our State Deputy's motto for this year: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Zavodny

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"The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings." — St. Francis de Sales

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TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY COMMITTEE, CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN. WE HAVE AN ACTIVE SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR THE YEAR, AND ALL ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

happy april birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

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scott r. reed
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Chaplain's CORNER

Brother Knights:

We just passed the Fourth Sunday of Lent but Lent is not over yet. We still have about two weeks before Easter. So, I decided to talk about three very important pillars of this season. The three pillars of Lent are very concrete: Prayer, fasting and acts of charity.

Lent is not pietistic, unpractical time. It's realistic, down-to-earth time. It's about ashes and the cross. It's about money, food and how we spend our time. It's about sin and sorrow. It's about life and death.

It seems strange that one of the Prefaces for Lenten Masses thanks God for "this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed." "Joyful"? This is Lent; a time for giving up the good things in life and getting on our knees and striking our breast. "Joyful"? Who wrote that Preface? A masochist? No. A realist. Make this a good Lent and we will find ourselves happier persons.

The days of Lent are like an exercise program. We are sore all over, but we also feel invigorated, energized, enlivened ... and we feel good about ourselves. Our body is made for this. We are on the right track.

So it is with Lent. Our lives, without us realizing it, can become flat. Lent is a time to take a long look at our life. If you didn't do this yet there is still time, think about it....

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jacek Kowal

Fr. Jacek Kowal
Chaplain

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Believe it or not Easter is almost upon us and so is the end of our fiscal year.

The nominating committee should be finish putting together their recommended list of nominees for next year's officers. If anyone out there is interested in an officer's position, during the meeting when they ask for any other nominations, please do not hesitate to recommend someone or even yourself. The committee's job is come up with an initial list. This does not mean it should stop you from stepping forward. This Council is everyone's and we want to hear from you. Also, if you were a past officer and want to take a position again, do not hesitate to come forward.

It looks like we may have about 5 new members from our membership drive the weekend of March 26 and 27. Make sure they feel welcomed and let us try to get them involved and being a part of our great team.

Remember look around you when you are at different functions and if there is someone there that you know and is not a Knight, invite them in for a look. If the person next to you is a Knight and you have not seen them at a meeting, ask them back.

Finally, the Air Show is back in town and we have asked for 10 booths this year. This will be our biggest fund raising project for us. It is in September 17th and 18th. Please take a look at your calendar and plan to spend a little time with us manning the booths. We will need about 80 to 100 people for 2 days.

Have a great month and may God be with you,

Mark Nidzgorski

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Deputy Grand Knight



the fight for life

Brother Knights,

One volunteer in Worcester got involved in 40 Days for Life after his wife asked him to pray.

He'd always been pro-life, he said, but "I have always kept my mouth shut." After all, he's a guy, and we're always told that abortion is a "women's issue."

Then he visited the 40 Days for Life web site and did a lot of reading. "I cried more than once," he said, "for the unborn, for their moms and for my inactivity in the past. I asked God to forgive me for being silent these last 40 years. I was wrong to keep quiet. I will not be quiet any longer."

This volunteer now has a plan. "I am going to fast as often as I physically can," he said. "I will pray every day. I will ask others to pray."

Thanks, he said, "to you all for standing up, speaking up and doing something positive for the little ones."

Are we too silent? God tells us to stand up and be counted! Can He 'count' on you?

Think about it.

God bless,

John Vetter

John Vetter

Lenten adoration

Brothers,

We need your help in supporting Friday Night Adoration in the St. Joachim chapel. The doors will now be locked (there is a new buzzer installed) at 10:00pm so parishoners will have to be let in. The feedback has been tremendous from those attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in support of our commitment. Come and spend an hour with your Lord and Savior.

vespers & divine mercy

Brothers,

What better way to end a long work day? Come join St. Ann parishioners in the Chapel for 20 minutes every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:40 pm for evening prayer followed by a divine mercy chaplet with Adoration continuing till 10:30 p.m.

Catholic family focus

Brothers,

What better way to bring Jesus into our family life than by gathering with other Catholic Families for an evening of prayer and fellowship followed by a great meal! There are several CFF groups at St. Ann, please contact Bryan Watson for more information

the boat is full! night fishers are here!

Brother Knights,

Can't make the 6:00 am Fishers of Men meetings? Now you can join the men of St. Ann in the Chapel every Tuesday evening at 5:40 p.m. for evening prayer, divine mercy, study and fellowship. We dismiss promptly at 7:00 p.m.! Bring a friend! Come join us.

REMEMBER...

Life is hard, pray harder!

*"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage; be strong."*

1 Corinthians 16:13



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membership

Brothers,

I have three questions I'd like you to consider.

1. **WHEN** was the last time you attended a Business Meeting?
2. **WHAT** was the last Knight event that you attended? (DONUTS on Sunday morning doesn't count)
3. **DO YOU** have a name tag?
... and do you know where it is?

If you've answered "NO", or "I CAN'T REMEMBER" then, Brothers, it's time to come back home and visit old friends and make new friends. All I'm asking is that you give us TWO HOURS a month. Who knows what doors may open to you? That new job may be waiting for you. That new customer you're looking for might be at the next business meeting. A 4th for your golf outing might be available this weekend.

TWO HOURS A MONTH – we can make a huge difference in our parish and community if everyone reading this gives just TWO HOURS.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Hunt

Bob Hunt

need a new OR replacement name tag?

Purchase your new or replacement FOLD OVER or MAGNETIC Name tag securely at the 7170 website: www.kofc7170.com



upcoming events

Be sure to watch out for these and other upcoming events:

- April 1 Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
- April 4 Officers' Meeting
- April 7 First Degree (6:00 pm)
& Business Meeting – Nominate Officers
- April 8 Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
- April 10 Breakfast
- April 14 Squires Meeting
- April 15 Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
- April 21 Holy Thursday (No Social this month)
- April 22 Good Friday
- April 24 Easter
- April 30 State Convention, Franklin, TN
(thru May 1)
- May 2 Officers' Meeting
- May 5 Business Meeting – Elect Officers
- May 6 & 7 Block Party
- May 7 Fire & Police Awards Breakfast
- May 12 Squires Meeting
- May 14 Ladies' & Clergy Appreciation Dinner

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"...the righteous gives and does not hold back." - Proverbs 21:26

ALL we have belongs to God.
 Stewardship is not how much of **WHAT I HAVE** do I give,
 but how much of **WHAT'S GOD'S** do I keep?
 The kicker...God knows whether
 we're 'holding out' or 'holding back'!