

THE COMPASS



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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...

Brother Knights:

Our new officer installation on Thursday, July 15, presided over by our new District Deputy, Tim Malone, also included the installation of the new officers of the Saint Joachim Circle of the Columbian Squires and was a very memorable evening.

One of our themes this year will be involvement. The more we succeed at getting all of our brother knights involved in the activities of the council, the better the activities will be. The more we succeed in getting our brother knights, especially the new brothers, involved in the activities of the council, the more fulfilling their knighthood will be. The better our activities are and the more fulfilling our knighthood is, the more positive impact we have on our families, parish and community, the better examples of the practical Catholic gentlemen we are and the more attractive the Knights of Columbus will be to other men.

Watch our for these and other upcoming events:

- Business Meeting on August 5 – Fraternal Year Budget will be presented
- Social on August 19
- Second Degree / August 2 / 7pm / Council 616 / 707 South Highland
- Second Degree / August 8 / 2pm / St. Francis Parish Life Center.
- Third Degree / August 21 / 12noon / St. Francis Parish Life Center.
- Fourth Degree Exemplification / September 11
- St. Francis Parish Life Center.

Remember the State Deputy’s theme for this year is **“Responsibility: If it is to be, it is up to me.”** That motto can apply to most of what we do – attending meetings and socials, putting on events, recruiting and retaining members, etc. If each of us doesn’t do his part, the whole is the less for the loss.

Watch out for notices about lots of events in the works for the upcoming year, among them the return of the Silver Rose.

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Zavodny

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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 AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

JOHN ANGOTTI
C. J. BURTI
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NORM SOBOTA



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month!

Tim McCaffery

Congratulations to our Family of the Month!

The Michael Padilla Family

Thanks for all that you do for our council and church.

Congratulations to our Council Family of the Year, **Frank and Jeri Hess and Family**

Congratulations to our Knight of the Year! We appreciate all that you do.

Bryan Watson

Deputy Grand Knight Report

One of my brother Knights asked my wife, (Sally) "How long has Mark been the spiritual leader of the household?" Of course she promptly answered always. It is not very often I will contradict her but I have to admit she is wrong. Sally has always been the spiritual leader of the house. I learned from her how to be a better Christian and Catholic.

If you look at the time of Christ it looked like men are the leaders but if you noticed when things got tough it was the women who stuck by Christ right to the end. They are much stronger and more willing to show it. But this question did make me think.

Let us ask ourselves another question, "Why did we join the Knights?" Fellowship, good breakfasts, or was it to be the spiritual leader. This leadership comes in many ways. We do not have to be out there preaching and spouting the good word. Volunteering for projects is another way. I think that is one of the main reasons most of us joined the Knights, to try to make a difference in our church and community.

Volunteering does not have to take up every day of your life. If you are shy and do not like to be in the spot light, there are many tasks that need to be done on the back side. We have almost 300 Brother Knights that belong to

our council. We have far less show up for meeting and participate with our projects.

Let us make this our year of being the Spiritual leaders of our family and community. Look around you and if you know a Brother Knight that is not attending meetings, please invite them back. Those of you who are reading this and are afraid to come to meetings because we are going to hound you to volunteer stop and think for one second. With 300 Knights, if each one of us just volunteer for one project, look at what we can accomplish. Look how little time you really need to work if we all just work on 1 project. Think of the impact we can make and how little time it would take. Yes I am going to ask for volunteers throughout this year but I will not hound you. Examine your own conscious and ask yourself "Who is the leader in your household and why did I join the Knights?"

May God be with you,

Mark Nidzgorski

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Deputy Grand Knight.



website update

Brothers,

Check out the **NEW 7170 WEBSITE kofc7170.com**! There are many new pages including Squires, a Historical Archive, Adult Catholic Education Information, Secure Event Payment and Business Directory among others! Please contact Doug Grokulsy with any suggestions or comments on ways to make our site more robust! grokulskyd@gmail.com or 901.493.7836.

divine office & 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 5:45 pm for evening prayer followed by a divine mercy chaplet with Adoration continuing till 10:30 p.m.

Life is Hard! Pray HARDER!

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

Life is Hard! Pray HARDER!

fishers of men

Brothers,

What better way to start a long work day? Come join the men of St. Ann in the Chapel every Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m. for reflection, study, mass and fellowship. We are out by 7:30 a.m. SHARP! Bring a friend!

Life is Hard! Pray HARDER!

fight for life

In Columbia, Missouri, volunteers continue to pray on a weekly basis at a Planned Parenthood facility where 40 Days for Life vigils have taken place.

Last Thursday, people came to pray -- some 50 volunteers throughout the course of the day, including two priests, a deacon and two seminary students.

The number of women with appointments was 13, which was surprisingly low. And of those, one simply left without saying a word ... and two told the prayer volunteers that they'd changed their minds and would NOT be having abortions!

One of the prayer participants in Columbia tells of a woman in a parked car who said she wanted to talk. This woman said that months ago, she had her mind set on having an abortion. But three times she arrived for her abortion appointment, and all three times there were people outside praying.

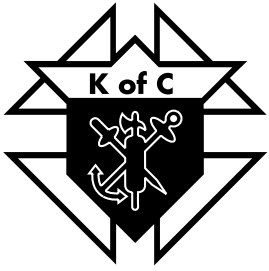
Three times, she turned around and went back home without going in.

Still, she made a fourth appointment.

There were people praying again this time, but she went in anyway. But the Planned Parenthood staff said she was anemic, so they could not do the abortion.

She had never been anemic -- ever -- but it just seemed that this abortion was NOT meant to happen. Then she said, "I want you to see the joy of my life -- my three-week-old baby boy!" She pointed to her baby in the back seat.

"Yes, God is working even when we don't know it," said Kathy in Columbia. "How many babies are living in the womb -- or have been born -- because people stood on the sidewalk?"



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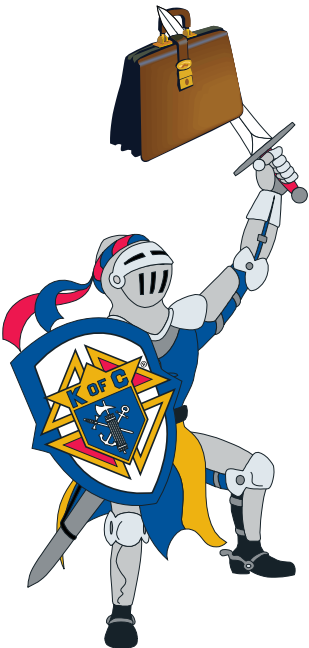
Brothers,

Great tickets and a special event T-Shirt (included with every ticket purchased) are available now for the Redbirds Game, Saturday, August 14 @ 6:05 p.m. (with Fireworks show after). Tickets are available online at www.kofc7170.com or contact Tony Mulrooney 901.240.3501.

Date/Time: Sat, Aug 14 2010 at 7:05 PM
 Home Team: Memphis Redbirds
 Opponent: ROCKIES (Colorado Springs)
 Venue: AutoZone Park
 Seats: Section 116 "Down the Third Base Line"
 Rows K thru T

Tickets will go fast! Come on out and join the fun!

knights business directory initiative



Brothers,

Unemployed?
 Underemployed?
 Looking to hire?
 Want to bolster your business? Get a resume, business card or other information to Doug Grokulsky and/or e-mail him your core business/service(s) along with any contact information. We are all in this together!

community report

Brothers,

With summer almost over, it is not a bad time to reflect on the events we had this past fraternal year. Let's see...we had the breakfasts, the MR Drive, the soccer challenge, the Rosary/Soup and Sandwich, the Special Olympics, the Dog Show, the Trunk-r-Treat, corn toss, the Fayette Cares Turkey Drive, Breakfast w/Santa, Xmas pot luck, the free throw contest, the Mardi Gras Dinner, the Lenten Fish Dinners, the Block Party, the recently completed Bartlett Police/Firemen Honor Breakfast, and the clergy and ladies dinner.

Some great events made great by all the Knights who participated and led the events. Yes, leaders, we need them and appreciate those who stepped up and lead the show. Must give a big THANKS to some Brothers like Carl Heinrich, Joe DeGeorge, Brad Bradley, Bryan Watson, Frank Hess, and Tony Mulrooney, who continue to give their leadership on many community projects. Without their planning and presence, many of the projects would not happen or go smoothly. Pat Casey again worked hard behind the scenes for several months to ensure us a truly honorable event for honoring the service and sacrifice of our Police and Firemen backed up by a great breakfast crew who had to get going early in the morning to set the spread out in Madonna Hall.

I don't want to forget to thank all of the brother knights who volunteered, showed up, set up, cooked, served, cleaned up and also help build a bond between Knights. We had fun working together to get the projects up and done.

Vivat Jesus,

Gary Tircuit

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