



# THE COMPASS



August / September 2005

## Grand Knight's Log

**2005 / 2006 COUNCIL OFFICERS**

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	Bob Skinner	385-1437
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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

Brothers,

Is everyone as exhausted as I am just thinking about all of the activities we have coming up in the next 90-120 days? We definitely have a full plate – but one that is “plentiful”. We are doing the right things for the benefit of many. Funds from the “Steakout” dinner go to St. Ann to be used for parishioners in need. Our participation in Special Olympics and Habitat For Humanity helps so many who have such great needs. Certainly this applies to our providing assistance to the St. Jude Show Case Of Dogs. So many little ones suffering from cancer benefit greatly from the funds received from this fund-raiser. And, of course, we begin our first breakfast and Wednesday night dinner in September. The Mid-South Air Show, the last day of September and first two days in October, will keep us really hopping, but also raising funds for disabled youth! Whew! Much going on but I am proud of all of you for your great commitment to our Council, our Parish and our Community. And a special thanks to our wives who not only tolerate our many absences, but who also provide help in working side by side on many of our projects. God bless all of you.

Final Comment – I will be out of the state from September 9 through September 29. DGK Ray Meadows will assume council direction and responsibilities. Please give him your full cooperation. Thanks.

Vivat Jesus

*Patrick Casey*

### Notes From the Council Committee

Brothers Knights, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Vince Balla and am currently serving as Council Committee Chairman. I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Knight and a member of Council 7170 since June of this year. There are many good things happening within our council and community this year and I am very excited to be a part of it.

As you know, one of the things the Council Committee oversees is the Knight of the Month/Year program. Each month we will endeavor to nominate one of our own deserving Knights to be recognized as Knight of the Month. I would like to invite you to get involved in the nomination process by putting forth your brother Knights for this award. I will take nominations at any time. Be sure to give me a brief rundown of the accomplishments and involvement of the person you want to nominate. We want to present the Knight of the Month at the business meeting each month so I ask that you have your input to me by the first Monday of each month. You can send it to me via email or call me up or catch me at a meeting or around the parish if you see me. Recognizing our own is an important part of our brotherhood and I ask your help and participation in this important event.

Also I am soliciting input for our own Council 7170 Coin. This is something new for us and I think it will be very popular once we get the ball rolling. The history of the coin is vague but in recent times various organizations have created their own coin with their own logo to either commemorate certain special events or as an organizational memento to be presented at special occasions or as a token of esteem. The United States Military is one of the organizations today, which has adopted the unit coin with each command minting their own unique design representing their unit. VIPs within the organizations are renown for having their own special coin minted. Coins are usually presented to guests as a special token of the unit's appreciation or sometimes just as a memento from a visit. At other times the unit's commander may present a coin to someone from the unit itself or to someone outside the unit as a special recognition of appreciation or memento. Often times folks from different units will swap coins so that each may be collected by the other. Ideally, once we come up with our own coin logo it is envisioned that the council would procure these and then members who want coins can purchase them from the council for use. There could be many times when you might want to present a Council 7170 coin to a special person you come in contact with. For instance

## Insurance Corner — Plan For The Future

You have it pretty right now don't you? Some minor worries, but nothing you can't handle. You and your family are enjoying life. But how long will these carefree days last?



Your wife & family are your responsibility. Have you done anything to secure their future? Have you made any provisions to insure they are taken care of if you die?

I realize that you are healthy today and you feel

there is no hurry to get life insurance. You can always buy it some other time, right? Wrong. You may not be insurable tomorrow.

What if something happens to you? You are left with nothing. Even worse, your family is left with nothing. Buy life insurance today and protect your family's tomorrow.

Call me for an appointment....

*John Ross*—Field Agent

## From The DGK

**Jesus says, "The harvest is great, but the labors are few".**

Brothers, Jesus was referring to the spreading of the Good news about the Kingdom of God. That is still true today. We all have a responsibility to our Baptism and Confirmation to help spread the Good News about Christ. One of the most rewarding ministries available to you is the RCIA program. The RCIA program is a journey that is walked with you and a non-Catholic person seeking to learn more about our Catholic faith. We meet Tuesday evenings from late August to May. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Catholic faith and to share it at the same time. Please see the Church Bulletin or contact George Moore 372-2885 for more information.

Brothers, if you have looked at the calendar of events for the September and October, you will see that the harvest is great and the labors are few. We have two very large events along with the September Breakfast, and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification that will REQUIRE your time. The Mid-South Air Show, September 30 – October 2, needs over ninety volunteers a day. The St. Jude Dog Show, October 14-16, will require over sixty volunteers. Also, we are hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree exemplification on Saturday Oct 15. The Mid-South Air Show and the St. Jude Dog Show are two of our largest fund-raisers for the council. If you have not volunteered yet, please see the committee chairman for each of these events.

- ◆ Joe DeLuco, [jdelljr24@aol.com](mailto:jdelljr24@aol.com), Mid-South Air Show
- ◆ Paul Fratus, [pfratus920@midssouth.rr.com](mailto:pfratus920@midssouth.rr.com), St. Jude Dog Show
- ◆ Joe DeGeorge, [fmemphiam@aol.com](mailto:fmemphiam@aol.com), Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Breakfast
- ◆ Ray Meadows, [rcm3320@bellsouth.net](mailto:rcm3320@bellsouth.net), 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Setup

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*God Bless! Ray Meadows*

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let's say you pay a visit to someone recovering at the hospital on behalf of the Knights or you volunteer to visit some of our veterans at the VA hospital. These might be occasions to give someone our coin as a memento. Or let's say we recognize one of the Parrish youth members for something, this might be a time to present a coin. Or let's say you make contact with a prospective brother Knight and as a token (and reminder) you may give one to that person via a handshake, to signify the meeting. Actually, the uses are limitless and all promote good will for our organization. Right now, one side of the coin we think will be the national K of C logo of which we are all familiar with, but the other side is where we can personalize the coin with our own 7170 council logo. This is where you come in. If you have any thoughts on this please let me know, as we will be moving forward on this in the near future.

That's about it for this time around. By all means if you have any thoughts on how we can improve our Council please let me know as we are always looking to improve how we do things. Take Care, and all the best, *Vince*. [Veb38002@wmconnect.com](mailto:Veb38002@wmconnect.com) (901)857-7375



◆ **August 29**  
*Officer / Chair Meeting*

◆ **Sept. 1**  
*Business Meeting*

◆ **Sept. 2**  
*Eucharistic Adoration*

◆ **Sept. 12**  
*Admissions Committee*

◆ **Sept. 14**  
*1st Degree practice*

◆ **Sept. 15**  
*1st Degree & Social*

◆ **Sept. 18**  
*Parish Breakfast*

◆ **Sept. 21**  
*K of C Parish Dinner/  
Event w/ J. Angoti*

◆ **Sept 23, 24, 25**  
*Festival of Ministries  
(K of C booth in  
Narthex)*

◆ **Sept. 30**  
**Oct. 1 & 2**  
*Mid-South Air Show*

### Youth Committee

As another reminder, you all know that as members of the Knights of Columbus we are all required to participate in the Protecting God's Children Virtus Training. This is a requirement for virtually all Diocesan parishioners, and especially for those who have direct involvement with children. This certainly applies to all council members because of our numerous youth interaction activities. The schedules for the training are in the weekly bulletins. Please arrange to attend one.

### Family and Knight of the Month



A heartfelt congratulations to our Family of the Month for August, Brother Jim Hayes Family. So well deserved for their outstanding involvement in the Council activities, St. Ann Church and numerous other family activities that brings them together as a unified body in Christ.

And congratulations to Rick Rossmeissl for his selection as Knight of the Month. Rick, of course, is our new membership chair and along with that involvement, he has hit the ground running on numerous other activities and functions for the Council. Job well done! Rick was unavailable for a photo.

### K of C Website

Check out Brother Jason's 7170 website that he started as [KofC7170.org](http://KofC7170.org). Some revision is necessary, such as the New Year officers;

however, he has a great looking format and we expect a very informative site for all to see and use. Great Job, Jason.

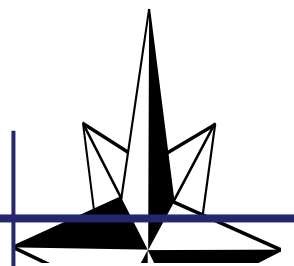
### Columbia Squires Circle

Brother Gary Tircuit has assumed the chair of this important program. Brother Bob Skinner has given up his co-chair responsibilities due to numerous other pressing requirements but he will continue to assist Gary. Look for more information on this character building, basic management principles and leadership skills program for young boys and men ages 10-17. I know Gary is going to make this a program to be proud of. Offer him your help and suggestions, particularly if you have sons in this age group.

### Council Chaplain

We are still awaiting the arrival of our new council chaplain, Fr. Joe Tagg. We hope he will be able to be at the next admissions committee meeting on September 12 at 7 pm and then participate in our 1<sup>st</sup> Degree initiation on September 15. We are looking forward to his participation and involvement in the Council.

Sat. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> we had our St. Ann's night at the Memphis Redbirds. It was a hot evening and a great time was had by all of the 160+ Knights, parishioners and their families. Our National Anthem, before the start of the game was sang by Brother Knight Rob Marczynski's daughter Sarah. Thanks Sarah for making the evening extra special. See picture below....



Habitat for Humanity- Sign ups for this years fall build will be Aug 27/28, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sept 10/11 in the narthex after each mass. Construction will start Friday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> and continue through Oct. For more information call- Larry Rivers at 603-5727.

Admission committee met Monday Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> and had one applicant for admission to the council.

Joe Seago from Church of the Nativity, his proposer is Jason Rivera.

Joe took his first degree Sunday Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> in McGivney Hall.

**Welcome to our council Joe.**

### **BROTHERS**

**Do Not miss the next business meeting on Thursday, September 1st.**

**There will be a surprise, SPECIAL guest.**

**YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!!**

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, September 1st 7:30 P.M. McGivney Hall  
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:45 P.M.**



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