



THE COMPASS



December 2005

Grand Knight's Log

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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,

For those of you who aren't yet aware of it, Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Ray Meadows has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is scheduled for surgery on December 14. Prior to that Ray and his wife, Debra, will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on a cruise to the South Seas the first week of December. Also, at the present time, they are full time parents/grandparents for one of their granddaughters. Needless to say, they have the proverbial "full plate" in their lives. Ray will be absent from council activities most of the month and hopes to be raring to go after the first of the year. I know you all join with me in wishing Ray a full "God's Speed" recovery and success in this matter. Our prayers will be with you and your family, Brother Ray.

Congratulations and jobs well done for our November events which included the MR Drive, Fund Raiser Breakfast, Fayette Cares Program (frozen turkeys collection), and the "Keeping Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sales. Chairmen Tim McCaffrey, Jim Brewster, Ike Davidson and Jim Curran respectively each did outstanding jobs chairing these activities to a successful and profitable conclusion. A special thanks to all who participated and helped in these events. Many folks are recipients of the benefit from the great programs and events our council provides to benefit others. We can be very proud of what we accomplish in our continuing endeavor of serving our Lord and being His representatives in our accomplishing the first principle of our organization – Charity.

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From The DGK

Psalms Chapter 23:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack. In green pastures you let me graze; to safe waters you lead me; you restore my strength. You guide me along the right path for the sake of your name. Even when I walk through a dark valley, I fear no harm for you are at my side and your rod and staff give me courage. You set a table before me as my enemies watch; you anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows. Only goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

Brothers, we all walk through the dark valleys in our life on our journey to the Lord. These dark valleys can be health, family, career, or personal struggles. As we enter the Advent Season, we celebrate the first coming of Jesus and the anticipation of his second coming. Let us remember that we are celebrating the birth of Christ and lets try to not get so wrapped up in the commercial side of the Christmas. This Advent season, I too will be walking through the dark valley. On Nov 4, 2005, I was diagnosed with Prostate cancer. I am scheduled to have surgery on Dec 14th to remove the prostate and hopefully all the cancer. I will unfortunately miss the 1st degree and the Christmas social. On a positive note, I am at peace with what is happening and I know that the Lord will be at my side. I am sure this journey will cause me some anxiety and fear of the unknown. However, the Lord will see me through it all. I ask that you keep my family and me in your prayers. With that, I hope you and your family have a Very Merry Christmas!

Share the Experience of the Knights of Columbus! *Invite a Friend to Join!*

And May God Bless Us All!

Ray Meadows

Insurance Corner — Scrooge Didn't Believe

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.



I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection.

Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you

John Ross—Field Agent

386-0145

MR Drive Update

Update on the MR Drive 2005! We have deposited just under \$3,200.00 for this year's MR Drive from our store drives held on November 5th and the weekend of November 11, 12 and 13. Thanks to all who volunteered for a shift. Special Thanks for Ed Kitts heading up the 11/5 drive while several of us were at the Men's Retreat! We have logged approximately 250 volunteer hours for this year's drive. Our member donations to pay for the candy totals \$60.00 and we need \$140.00. Please direct your donation to one of the officer's or the committee chairs to pay for the candy so ALL of our collections on the drive can go to helping the mentally handicapped. Tim McCaffery and Jim VanEndye, Co-chairs - MR Drive 2005 Committee

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Brothers,

Here is the rundown on what is coming up for Sunday Dec 11th . The normal breakfast feast that is put on by our steadfast breakfast crew for the parishioners of St. Ann, and as a special treat Santa will be on hand to have his picture taken with the little girls and boys.

Paul Fratus has agreed to be Santa again this year and we are all looking forward to his appearance at this annual event. With luck we will have some elves by way of the Women of St. Ann (or if any of you have a family member that might want to be an elf by all means let me or one of the council officers know).

Just like last year the pictures with Santa will be taken digitally and printed on the spot for the paltry sum of \$5.00. Rick Rossmessl has agreed to be the main man WRT photo set up and printing. However, help is needed in order for the process to run smoothly. WE NEED a Money Taker, people to man the printers, and camera, Generally, helpers to keep good order and discipline amongst the kids and parents.

If you were there last year and have knowledge on how this works and want to share same please do so by contacting me or come to the next business meeting on Thursday 1 Dec.

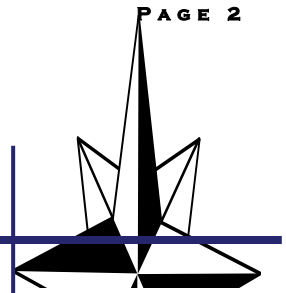
Right now it is planned for set up of Trinity Hall for the picture taking area and decorating to be on Sat 10 Dec (Time TBD).

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO HAVE THIS RUN SMOOTHLY

DON'T FORGET WE WILL NEED FOLKS TO HELP WITH THE USUALLY BREAKFAST THAT DAY TOO!!!!!! EVERYTHING FROM COOKING TO SERVING WILL BE IN PLAY.

Contact me or come to the next business meeting to make it make it known if you want to support the picture taking endeavor.

Vince Balla 857-7375 veb38002@wmconnect.com



COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Dec 1**
Rosary / Business mtg
- ◆ **Dec 2**
Firs Friday
- ◆ **Dec 3**
2005 mid-year Nashville
- ◆ **Dec 10**
Fayette Cares Turkeys to Somerville
- ◆ **Dec 11**
*Breakfast with Santa
7:30 & 9:00 masses*
- ◆ **Dec 14**
1st Degree Practice
- ◆ **Dec 15**
1st Degree Initiation
- ◆ **Dec 17**
4th Degree Christmas Party
- ◆ **Jan 2**
Officers / Chair meeting
- ◆ **Jan 5**
Business Meeting

So look out December, here we come. Co-chairs Vince Balla and Eddie Robinson are busy planning for our annual "Breakfast With Santa" on December 11 to be held in Trinity Hall after the 7:30 and 9:00 am masses. They are going to need help to make this event the great program we are known for. Please be sure and sign up for duties at the business meeting on December 1.

Membership Director, Rick Rossmeissl, is contacting all 1st Degree Members to encourage them to attend the next scheduled 2nd Degree program at St. Francis Church on December 5. I encourage all those who are eligible to be a part of this event toward advancing through the degrees in our council.

Finally, Linda and I want to wish all of my Brother Knights and your families a most blessed and very merry Christmas and a most fruitful, successful and outstanding New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Patrick Casey, GK



MR Drive at Kroger's

Brother's Harold Smith, Joe Seago and Pat Casey.

Also pictured, Pats granddaughters, Julie McGlaughlin and Cara Rogers

YOUTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE

1ST Annual Soccer Challenge

Our 1st Annual Soccer Challenge was held in November and a challenge it was.

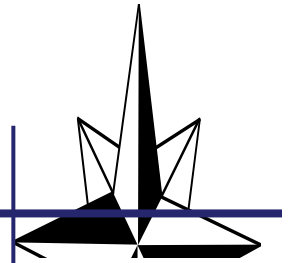


This was a new youth program for the Knights of Columbus and it was well received by the St. Ann 10-14 year old children. Over one hundred students participated in the Soccer Challenge with the Knights racking up in excess of thirty community hours

The Council level of the Soccer Challenge was held on the St. Ann athletic field and children participated during their physical education classes. Each individual was given the opportunity to kick 15 penalty kicks into the soccer goal. The soccer goal was divided into five different scoring zones with a point value given to each section. We had great participation not only from the youth but from the Knights as well. Knights donated a few hours either in the morning or afternoon to help score the kicks. Some Knights came during their lunch break and brought co-workers who wanted to join in the fun. What a great way to recruit new Knights and to give the children an opportunity to see our organization giving our time to our parish and community.

The buzz in the St. Ann school hallways says it all... who holds the bragging rights for the best scores till next year. This let's me know that the Soccer Challenge was a success. The kids are looking forward to next years Soccer Challenge and it sounds like we'll have more Knights wanting to get involved too. We'll be checking into the next levels of competition so I'll keep you posted. As usual, my thanks to all those who participated and if you missed the fun, come on out and get involved in the next youth program!

Eddie Robinson
Youth Program Chairman



Look for more information on the following subjects



A 1st Degree Initiation on December 15 at 6:30 p.m... Council Christmas Social to follow at 7:30 p.m.



We are awaiting more information regarding a "Family Adoption" proposed by the parish office. It was agreed at the officers meeting that we should be a part of this..... More at the business meeting.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, January 5th 7:30 P.M. McGivney Hall
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:45 P.M.**



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