



# THE COMPASS



December 2006



## 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

### A Knight before Christmas

We have FOUR

Our goal is 25---only 21 to go!!!!!!!  
It can be done, if you really-really-are asking prospective candidates, rather than waiting for them to seek you out. Lets close out 2006 with a Knight before Christmas.

You could invite the candidate and his significant other to join us in the Christmas Pot Luck this month. In fact----you can plan on attending with them.

See you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Robert C. McCurdy

### Gospel

#### John 3:16-18

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

*Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.*

Advent is here! As we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Christ; Let us keep Christ in Christmas this year. The commercial side of Christmas sometimes gets in the way of what we are truly celebrating. Remember Brothers, if we live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ; we are also living out the principles of the Order, Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism! We also live out Pope Benedict XVI encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), which is the Order's motto for our fraternal year. Lets us remember this Gospel this season as the Church's Liturgical year comes to a close and we start the new Liturgical year.

A Mass for our Deceased Brothers was held November 15, 2006, 7:00 PM in the St. Joachim Chapel. Fr. Callis officiated for Fr. Peter who was away at his father's funeral. I was disappointed in the attendance by my Brother Knights. This mass will one day be celebrated for you and I know that you would want your Brother Knights to remember you! Next year, lets make it an important event in our busy schedules.

Our recruiting is off to a slow start this year. We will not recruit new members if you do not ask someone to join! My question to every Brother Knight, How did you become a member? Did you ask to join or did someone ask you?

Breakfast with Santa in December 10, 2006 and we will need lots of help. Please contact Tim Mccaffery or Vince Balla if you can help! There numbers are in the newsletter.

A Christmas Pot Luck Dinner for the council will be held on Dec 21 at 7:00 PM in McGivney Hall. Please invite a prospective member and their family to our celebration.

*The TN State council will host the 125<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention in Aug 2007 at the Opry-land Hotel in Nashville, TN. This is a tremendous undertaking and will require support from every council in the state. More info coming in the near future!*

Want to know what is going on? Check out our calendar on our council website! Want to get involved in an event? Contact an officer or Committee Chairman. Share the Experience of the Knights of Columbus! *Invite a Friend to Join!*

And May God Continue to Send Forth His Blessing to You!

**Vivat Jesus!**

Ray Meadows www.kofc7170.org

## CHOOSE LIFE

There I was, in the midst of a St. Jude Showcase of Dogs meeting, listening to a representative from the hospital speak to us about the "great job" we did with this year's show, when suddenly an odd thought popped into my head. Why is it that we Americans fight so very hard to save a child who is terminally ill, like the many children at St. Jude's Hospital who are battling cancer, when we hardly lift a finger to save an unborn child whose mother has opted to have an abortion?

I mean, think about all the celebrities who raise billions to run the hospital and research facilities at one of the world's foremost cancer hospitals. They have a huge fundraising organization in ALSAC; they hold hundreds of events involving thousands of volunteers and millions of volunteer-hours, they even have telethons...all to try to help the kids of St. Jude to get well. And I applaud that.

But, what do people do to help in the fight against abortion? These children would be so easy to save. No research is required, no miracle cures needed, no hospital facilities to be built and maintained. With the right legislation, the problem of abortion would simply disappear. Yet, there aren't many celebrities standing up for the rights of the unborn. There aren't any telethons, not many fundraisers, not even much publicity about the number one killer of children.

Yet and still, research shows that the younger generation is beginning to take a pro-life stance. From the nation Right to Life website... Nothing strikes more fear into the hearts of pro-abortionists than the decisive shift among young people in the direction of life. Newspaper and magazine articles with titles such as "The mysterious disappearance of young pro-choice women" tell them the battle over abortion is taking a distinctly pro-life turn. Where once pro-abortionists assumed that young people were "pro-choice," now they realize that generations of abortion survivors have a distinctly different view. Could be there is hope for us yet. I'm reading more and more about the discrepancies between what the Supreme Court Justices meant to do and what actually was recorded in the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions. I'm convinced that thru prayer, and the work of groups like Priests for Life, and the intercessions of the Blessed Mother, we will see an end to legalized abortion on demand.

On a side note, December 1<sup>st</sup> is World AIDS Day. Somehow I think AIDS is a pro-life issue. Please pray for and end to AIDS and pray for those who are suffering through the devastation it imparts.

Brothers, Choose Life...  
Frank Hess  
Pro-Life Co-Chairperson

## Council Notes

- Breakfast with Santa is coming up and will be held on 10 Dec 2006. It will that same as last year. Breakfast will be served and at the end of the room we will set up for Santa pics for the children. A picture with Santa will be \$5.00 per. Help is needed to assist with the taking of money, and processing the pictures. So far Rick Rossmeissl will be the photographer and Eddie Robinson will help printing the pics. If we have some wives or teens that want to volunteer as elves that would be good too. But otherwise we just need some volunteers to help process the children and keep good order and flow through.

- The annual Christmas Knights of Columbus pot luck dinner will be held in our meeting hall on the evening of 21 Dec. This is always a good time and all are invited to come and bring a dish as well. We will have good food, drink and other surprises.

- Knight of the Month for November was Joe DeGeorge. This brother has been the backbone of our Council for many years. He is a past Grand Knight, leader of the cooking team in all food events such as Sunday breakfasts, Fish Fry's, Soup and Salad events and every other food event. He is our resident Chef of the Council. He is also an usher at St. Ann, active in the ministry of Cursillio and many other church activities. Congratulations to Brother Joe DeGeorge.

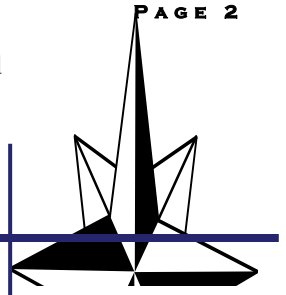
- Also brother Ed Kitts was in the hospital for about 4 days as he suffered another mild heart attack. He is now on the mend and improving daily. Thanks to all those who took time to visit him while he was hospitalized at the VA Hospital. We wish Ed a speedy recovery.

## Vince

Columbian Squires Circle 5086 invested 3 new members on November 9th to bring their current membership to 13 young men. Recent activities for the Squires have been the St. Jude Showcase of Dogs, MR Drive, and the Special Olympics. The Squires are currently collecting frozen turkeys to donate to the Fayette Cares program.

The Squires third quarter 2006 service award was presented at the November 9th meeting to Deputy Chief Squire Andrew DeGeorge. Andrew earned the award by amassing the most service hours during the months of July, August, and September.

The next Squires meeting will be held on December 14th at 7 PM in McGivney Hall. The Squires will be bringing two gifts to the meeting. One gift will be to exchange with each other and the other gift will be to donate to less fortunate young men.



## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **December 7**  
*Business Mtg. / Rosary.*
- ◆ **December 10**  
*Breakfast*
- ◆ **December 13**  
*Degree team practice*
- ◆ **December 14**  
*Squires*
- ◆ **December 19**  
*RCIA.*
- ◆ **December 21**  
*Christmas Potluck-Social*
- ◆ **January 2**  
*Officer/Committee Meeting*
- ◆ **January 4**  
*Business Mtg. / Rosary.*
- ◆ **January 5**  
*Adoration*
- ◆ **January 6**  
*Free Throw Contest*

## Insurance Corner — Christmas

This Christmas, give your family a gift that they'll cherish. It is a gift that shows that you truly love your family. Life Insurance.

When you purchase life insurance, it isn't just for yourself. It is for the entire family.

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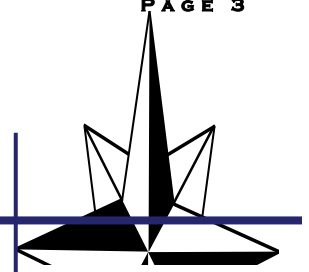


ones if you were to die prematurely. It gives your family financial protection so that they may survive in your absence. It can be nearly impossible for a family to live without life insurance when the breadwinner dies.

Be a real St. Nick and get life insurance today.

Call me for an appointment

*John Ross* Field Agent



### Breakfast with Santa

**December 10**

This event is important for the young kids at our parish and we love seeing all the families come to have breakfast and get their children's pictures with Santa.

This is also an important fundraiser to help make up for raising less money at the St. Jude Dog Show, due to lower public turnout and not all shifts covered.

Plus, we always have an urgent or unexpected need come up. The funds from the breakfasts help us help others here at the Parish, the local Catholic Community and in the World Community.

### Youth Committee

It's the Holiday Season and we all have many things going on. But before the kids take their Holiday break, we got a few big events that we need to start getting ready for. Here's what we got going for the youth. A big hit with the younger audience is our annual "Breakfast with Santa". Talk about getting in the Spirit of the Holidays! I'm not sure who has more fun, the Knights or the kids. That's coming up soon....Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Vince has all the details for us in his article. Come on out and volunteer your time.

Our biggest event for Youth is the Knights of Columbus "Free Throw" contest which is held when the students return back from their break. Work with your kids over the break to make sure they bring their "BEST GAME" for this fun filled event. The Free Throw Contest is being held Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007. We will start at 10:00AM in the old gym, here at St Ann's, and should have all the contestants done by 12:00 noon. Our very own Knights of Columbus Council 7170, here at St. Ann's, plays a big roll in this Regional event. We sponsor the District level contest here at St. Ann's new gym and coordinate the Regional contest as well. This year, winners of the District will go on to compete at the Regional contest held at a Grizzly's game in the FedEx Forum. Dates for the District and Regional events will be forthcoming in our next newsletter.

We need a lot of volunteers and it's good for our children to see us supporting and cheering them on in their endeavors. I challenge you other Knights to get more involved to help mold our youth and build leaders for the future. Please contact me to help promote this very successful event.

Youth Chairman,  
Eddie Robinson

### MR update

We had our first collection drive at Schnuck's in Bartlett over the weekend of November 10-12th. With assistance from the Knights at Nativity's council who covered two whole shifts, we collected \$1,445 dollars in funds before paying for the candy and the new aprons. We need to have a drive at a couple more stores to get us close to the \$3K-\$4K that we usually raise for MR. Please call or tell Tim McCaffery that you are willing to help raise money for the Mentally Handicapped within our community and throughout the State of Tennessee! We also need Brother Knights to make a donation to offset the roughly \$350 in expenses for candy and aprons. With the Brother Knights donations, we can proudly state that all of our proceeds that we collect from the public go to help the Mentally Handicapped [not many charity fund raisers can say that!!] In January, we will try to hold a collection drive at two or three stores...providing we can get permission and Brother Knights to help. We are targeting the weekends of January 12-14th or 19-21st, to hold a drive at up to two Kroger stores and/or at the Super Center Wal-Mart on 64. Be there or be square!

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, January 4th 7:30 P.M. McGivney Hall  
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:45 P.M.**



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