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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

1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Brothers, We are not of this world! We are the chosen people of God! We just celebrated the birth of Jesus, the word made flesh. He loved us so much that he came down from heaven to dwell here and now in our hearts. All we have to do is accept his grace! The love that God has for us is nothing we can truly understand! We just have to believe and we receive it!

Brothers, It has been a very busy year in 2006. We have accomplished a lot but we are not finished. We have many goals left to accomplish and six months left in the fraternal year to get it done! Our recruitment is down and we have to ask qualified men to join. If we don't, they may never get the chance! I challenge each one of you to ask one man a month to join. If we do this, we will continue the spirit of Fr. McGivney by sharing his dreams and goals.

The Breakfast with Santa was a great success! A BIG thank-you goes to all who helped with the cooking, serving, set-up, and photographing.

If you did not attend the Christmas Pot Luck on Thursday, Dec. 21, you missed a great time. The food was fabulous; the fellowship was great; and the hall looked wonderful. Thanks to Vince Balla and CJ Burti on a great event.

January will be busy! Please see the upcoming activities in the bulletin. We will host a first degree on Wednesday, Jan 10, at 7PM and a second degree on Jan 20, 2007 9:30 AM in McGivney Hall. On Jan 27, a third degree will be held in Collierville. All first and second degree Brothers are encouraged to continue the journey to full Knighthood. It has been suggested that we have a social on the third Thursday of each month and not have a first degree scheduled. So, starting this month, we will not schedule degrees on the social night. Please join

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

2007

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your Brother Knights for a little fellowship!

The TN State council will host the 125th Supreme Convention in Aug 2007 at the Opryland 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*

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Choose Life

Brothers,

I ran across this interesting bit of info on the Justice Foundation website (www.operationoutcry.org)

It is titled "The Truth about Roe V. Wade and Doe v. Bolton"

When Norma McCorvey, who was "Jane Roe" in the landmark *Roe v. Wade* case, sought an abortion in 1972, she said she had been raped. It was a lie. By the time the Supreme Court decided her case on January 22, 1973, she had given birth to a baby.

On the same day the Supreme Court ruled in *Roe v. Wade*, it ruled in *Doe v. Bolton*, which is known as the companion case to *Roe*. Sandra Cano, who was "Jane Doe," never wanted or had an abortion. She had sought legal help to obtain a divorce and child custody. She did not know her attorney filed the *Doe v. Bolton* lawsuit to legalize abortion on demand. When she learned how she had been used, she spent years trying to get her case records, which her attorney had sealed.

It is the *Doe* case, because of the "health" exception, that ultimately resulted in the horrific procedure known as partial-birth abortion up to the day of birth.

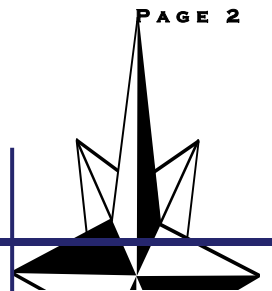
Both Norma and Sandra, now grandmothers, want to see their cases overturned in their lifetimes. The Justice Foundation filed a motion to overturn *Roe* in June 2003. In January 2005, the case reached the United States Supreme Court, which declined to hear it.

In August 2003, The Justice Foundation filed a motion on behalf of Sandra Cano to overturn *Doe v. Bolton*. Her motion will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

It sounds like the work of the devil was afoot when these two cases were presented to the courts. And now we are about to "celebrate" the 34th anniversary of these tragic miscarriages of justice that have resulted in over 44 million babies being killed. We are, however, making some progress in the fight. Fr. Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life, says that the number of abortions, abortionists and abortion clinics are all down, and the number of young energetic activists is growing. He says that growing numbers of men and women are coming forward to tell the public about the devastating impact that abortion has had on them.

Now with our continued prayer and devotion to the Virgin Mary, we can begin to see evidence that the logic of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* is failing. I'd ask you to join me on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, January 22 at 7pm in St. Joachim Chapel, where we will pray the rosary to our Blessed Mother to ask for her continued support in fighting this evil that has taken so many innocent lives and for her assistance in overturning these court decisions.

Frank Hess
Pro-Life Co-Chair



COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Jan 4**
Business Mtg. / Rosary.
- ◆ **Jan 6**
Free Throw Contest
- ◆ **Jan 10**
1st Degree
- ◆ **Jan 13**
TN State Mid-Year
- ◆ **Jan 14**
Breakfast
- ◆ **Jan 18**
Social
- ◆ **Jan 22**
4th Degree
- ◆ **Jan 29**
Officer . Committee mtg
- ◆ **Feb 1**
Business Mtg. / Rosary.
- ◆ **Feb 2**
Adoration

Insurance Corner — More Than Money

Most commodities can be bought, provided you 1) have the money, 2) can find a willing seller and 3) can agree on a satisfactory price. In like manner, most investments — real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bank accounts — require only an arm's length agreement and a deal is struck. All it takes is money.

There is one notable exception to the above statements. The purchase of life insurance. When the purchase of life insurance is considered, in addition to setting aside dollars, the prospective insured must prove that he is in good health. If a man is deemed to be "uninsurable," no amount of money will make this commodity available to him.

The ability to qualify for life insurance is an asset that is temporary at best. Without warning, your health can fail, and you may never be able to add to your life insurance program. Other hazards may

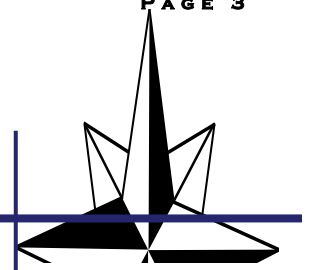


prevent you from qualifying — occupation, character, even old age. What would happen if you suddenly woke up and decided to buy life insurance, but had lost your ability to qualify for it? Ever think about that?

I can tell you about our guarantee purchase option. Think of that! The ability to secure additional insurance, depending on the amount of your option, on a guarantee basis — without necessarily being in good health. This option can be added at issue of a new certificate up through age of 37. Find out at your convenience how little it costs to guarantee the right to increase your protection.

Call me for an appointment

John Ross Field Agent



Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is almost here. Take advantage of the Christmas break and practice on your shot. Everyone will need to "Bring Your Best Game" to the contest in order make it to the District level. Age brackets are 10 years to 14 year olds. The foul line for 10 and 11 year old participants will be 12 feet from the basket. For the older brackets, we will shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet. The contest will be held the first week end after school gets back. Saturday, January 6th from 10:00AM to 12:00 noon at St. Ann's Old Gym. This event is open to all children ages 10 thru 14. For more information, please contact

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382-4835.

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Softball Tryouts!



The Knights will be holding tryouts for the men's competitive softball team for the upcoming spring season. There are currently two positions available and substitute players will be added to the roster as well. First priority will be men active in the council, second by inactive dues paying members, then St. Ann parishioners, then finally, anyone that I can find who can play competitive softball. Tryouts will be held in February 2007, weather permitting, with practice sessions beginning in February 2007. Please call Jim Brewster 379-0115

Y'all Come Back Now, Ya hear?

Brothers,

Believe me, I know how easy it is not to find time to volunteer. For many years I was barely involved enough in anything church or charity related to even be considered a Christian. For that I am ashamed, but I was deeply engrossed in my favorite hobby...my job. And so I rarely attended church, I rarely attended Knights' meetings, I never volunteered for anything much. And I was not alone.

These days it seems like every organization suffers from a lack of volunteerism. Many of my friends who belong to organizations of all types from RC flying clubs to high school band boosters report that all of the work to keep the club going is done by a small percentage of the members...perhaps only 10%. Our council is no different. We have on our rolls well over 200 hundred members, and yet we see the same 25 or 30 Brother Knights at the meetings and other council functions. I know that these days we're pulled in so many different directions, but I'm asking you all to try to find a couple of hours once a month on the first Thursday at 7pm to attend a meeting. Even if it's every other month, we'd love to have you attend a meeting. Come get reacquainted with your brothers whom you may not have seen for a while. Come see what we are all about these days...please...we miss you guys.

Frank Hess

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



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