



# THE COMPASS



February 2007

## 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

1 Cor 13:4-7

Brothers and sisters:  
Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.  
But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in human and angelic tongues,  
but do not have love,  
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.  
And if I have the gift of prophecy,  
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;  
if I have all faith so as to move mountains,  
but do not have love, I am nothing.  
If I give away everything I own,  
and if I hand my body over so that I may boast,  
but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind.  
It is not jealous, it is not pompous,  
It is not inflated, it is not rude,  
it does not seek its own interests,  
it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,  
it does not rejoice over wrongdoing  
but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.  
Love never fails.

Those of you who have browsed our website – [www.kofc7170.org](http://www.kofc7170.org) - lately will likely be saying that it needs updating. True! The site experienced some file corruption and is being deconstructed in preparation for launching an all-new site. Be looking for word from the top when the site is back up and running. Once launched, the new site will have the latest activities and events plus contact information for each officer and committee chairman. Have items to submit? Send them anytime to [memphis-bob@hotmail.com](mailto:memphis-bob@hotmail.com).

Brothers, St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians is also a letter to us. If we are to live the life that God calls us to lead, we must learn to love. If we learn to love the way St. Paul is writing about, we live out the principles of the order, Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism and carry on the mission of Fr. Michael J. McGivney.

Please welcome our newest member to the Council, Brother Greg Babbal who became a Knight on Jan 10, 2007. I would like to congratulate the following Brothers who have advance to the Third Degree – David Rodriguez, Mike Flutz, Charles Ross, TJ Skinner, Jim Lammey

### January Birthdays:

Aaron Long, John Fee, Walter Nega, Richard Jeffreys, Sylvanus Sanvee, Bruce Glaser, David Carter, Gene Green, BJ Andreuccetti, Steve Murphy, Paul Posey, Ray Meadows, Larry Rivers, Larry Chambers, Michael Padilla, Shawn Mahaffey, Tony Mulrooney, Robert Niederhauser, Brian Anderson, Bill Rasch, and Carl Heinrich.

### February Birthdays:

Ray Bunker, Tony Fenech, Thomas D'Auria, Harold Smith, Hohn Bernard,

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John Ross, Scott Lendermon, Micael Kuehl, Mark Hamer, Ben Meisler, R Sinore, Miroslaw Wozniak, Justin Wehmeyer, Wilburn Heinsz, John Dubach, Thomas Westling, Charles Smith, David Rodriguez, Tom Willett, and Clarence Neal

All good things seem to come to an end. Brother Mike Wetzstein is stepping down as our newsletter editor. He has done a superb job for us over the last six years. I can say that it has been a great comfort and joy having Mike as the editor. I can also speak for PGKs Ed Kitts, Jim Brewster, and Pat Casey when I say you are going to be hard to replace. As GK, all I have done is sent him my insert for the newsletter and he performed his magic and without a doubt, the newsletter always was produced and distributed no matter where he was. The newsletter has been produced from hotel rooms from California to Carolinas, Florida to Nebraska. Mike has been my "Easy Button" when it came to newsletters! Mike will be missed. Now is the time for one of you, my Brother Knights, to put your time and talents for the Good of the Council. March will be the last issue that Mike will publish for us. If you are interested, please contact me.

CJ and I attended the Mid-Year State meeting in Nashville the last month. Brothers, I was surprised to hear that our State as a whole is way behind in membership recruitment. We are at a twenty-five year low in recruitment as of December 31, 2006. Our State Deputy, Bill Wickie, as that each council make a pledge to make recruitment a priority for the next six months. I made a pledge for the council to recruit twenty-five new members between now and June 30, 2007. It is expected that sometime in the February/March timeframe that the 10,000 Knight will be recruited and join the Knights of Columbus. To celebrate this milestone, the State Council will give the new member and his proposer a seven day/six night stay at the Opryland Hotel for the upcoming Supreme Convention this August in Nashville, TN. Are you going to be the Knight that recruits the State's 10,000<sup>th</sup> Knight? The State Council is also giving the same package to the Knight that recruits the most Knights from January 07 to June 07.

We have two first degrees and one second degree scheduled. First Degrees are scheduled for Feb 10, 2007 at 9:30 am and March 14, 2007 at 7:PM. A second degree is scheduled for March 25, 2007 at 1:30 pm. All degrees will be held in McGivney Hall. February is going to be a busy month. Please get involved in one or all the activities:

- Adoration on First Friday and Friday of Lent, Ash Wednesday is February 21 this year.
- Friday Fish Fry followed by Stations of the Cross during Lent
- Breakfast- February 11th
- Mid-Knight Bowling - Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Knights, Youth, and Parish families invited!
- District Free Throw, St. Ann's Old Gym February 17<sup>th</sup>, need you there by 9:30 am.
- Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet - Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Officer/Committee Meeting SUNDAY February 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00 - 2:00 pm

The TN State council will host the 125<sup>th</sup> 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!

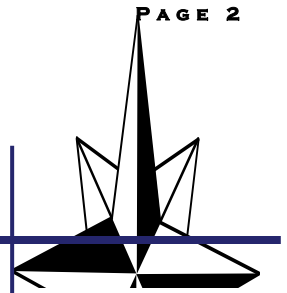
Share the Experience of the Knights of Columbus! *Invite a Friend to Join!*

Are you a member of the Fr. McGivney Guild? Do you want our founder to be canonized as a SAINT? If so, please join the guild! It is free and does not cost you anything. You will receive updates on the progress toward his sainthood!

<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/register.cfm?CFID=3787088&CFTOKEN=29233698>

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

*Vivat Jesus! Ray Meadows*



## COMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Feb 3**  
*Mardi Gras*
- ◆ **Feb 11**  
*Breakfast*
- ◆ **Feb 17**  
*Midnight Bowling*
- ◆ **Feb 21**  
*Ash Wednesday*
- ◆ **Feb 22**  
*Social*
- ◆ **Feb 23**  
*Fish Fry*
- ◆ **Feb 25**  
*Officer . Committee mtg*
- ◆ **Feb 26**  
*4th Degree*
- ◆ **March 1**  
*Business Mtg. / Rosary.*
- ◆ **March 2**  
*Retreat Begins*

Brothers,

On January 22, the nation commemorated the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Roe v. Wade with local marches and demonstrations, prayer services and rosaries all over the country. Perhaps the largest of these was this year's March for Life in Washington, DC. By all accounts it was a huge success as tens of thousands of mostly young people descended on our capitol to make their collective voice heard and to make known their demands for an end to the senseless killing of innocent children. President Bush spoke for the 7<sup>th</sup> year in a row via phone call from Camp David. Many other speakers from presidential hopefuls to Southern Baptist preachers incited and excited the crowd and admonished them to work harder, pray harder and to continue to make their voices heard. Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ) told the crowd to continue praying because "I believe, like you, that it is only by prayer and fasting coupled with hard work that America's dark night of child slaughter will come to an end." One reporter noted that about 75% of the crowd was under 21 years of age. I for one find that refreshing to see that young people (including some from St. Ann and St. Benedict) cared enough about this cause to come out in numbers on the morning after Washington's first snow of the year.

On a local level, the turnout for our rosary in St. Joachim chapel was a bit disappointing but we held it nonetheless. Maybe I can do a better job next year of advertising it and we can get more participants. At any rate, it's a new year, let's all resolve to pray the rosary as often as possible and to pray for an end to the devastation of abortion and for a new-found respect for life in all it's forms from conception to a natural death.

On another note, thanks to hard work by pro-life legislators in Nashville who overcame multiple legal challenges and objections by the ACLU and Planned Parenthood, "Choose Life" license plates are now available to drivers throughout Tennessee! "Choose Life" license plates cost \$35 more per year than regular plates with the difference going to pro-life organizations in Tennessee.

The plates are available from the Shelby County Clerk's Office (including all branches). The plates sell out as soon as they are received so it's a good idea to visit/call the clerk's office to get a plate reserved. You can get one when your current plate expires or you can get one now by paying the pro-rated registration fee. "Choose Life" front plates with the same basic design as the official license plates are available from Tennessee Right to Life for \$12 including shipping. Tennessee Right to Life also has license plate frames, tee-shirts, "Precious Feet" and "Precious Hands" pins, and other pro-life items. You can view the full catalog and order online at <http://www.tnrtl.org/>. Show your pro-life spirit by buying and displaying both these plates today!

Choose Life

Frank Hess

Pro-Life Co-chairman

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

In an effort to hold down postage costs for the council, we are asking that anyone who can accept and read these newsletters via email please contact Mike Wetzstein at [mwetzstein@bellsouth.net](mailto:mwetzstein@bellsouth.net) and get your name on the list. Our newsletter, "The Compass" is sent in PDF format which means it takes Adobe Acrobat Reader (available free for the asking) to open it, but then it can easily be printed or saved for later if you like. It only takes a minute to install and I'd be glad to assist anyone who has problems with the procedure. And another thing, the electronic version comes out about 3 days sooner than the US mail version so you will get the latest news that much sooner.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to email Mike.

Frank Hess

Ph. 385-2126

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



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