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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

Grand Knight's Log

Gospel Reading

Jn 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Brothers, Christ did rise on the third day! We are blessed as Catholic Christians that we can fully share the experience of Christ passion everyday of the week. Yes we experience it at every Mass we attend. We are commissioned at the end of every mass to go forth and share Christ's mission to our families, our friends, and in our dealing with the people we meet everyday. If we live the principles of the our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism, we are fulfilling the mission that Christ started more that 2000 years ago.

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

Membership News

Vivat Jesus!

At the Mid-Year State meeting, Bill Wickie, TN State Deputy, asked each council make a pledge to make recruitment a priority for the next six months. I made a pledge for the council to recruit 25 new members between now and June 30, 2007. If you have asked all your friends to join, make new friends and ask them to join. 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 7-day/6-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 10,000th 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 are currently at 7 of the 25. We need to ask every eligible man to join!

From the desk of Bob McCurdy..

Have you asked someone to be a new member? Don't say that you'll try. DO IT! Ask someone today. You may be shocked that the answer is positive. Get shocked and surprised today. We can make our new member goal if everyone does his part. Remember - DO IT! ASK!

Congratulations to our new second degree members:

Ted Hoepfner, John Day,
& Terry Glaser

Happy April Birthday to Rex Brown, Steven Lovato, William Adelman, Kris Rusin, Scott Reed, Ricardo Guzman, Michael Grevy, George Poprik, James Curran, TJ Skinner, Joe Clara, William Bargery, David Stevens, Anthony Salvati, Brian Nance, Edward Robinson, Charles Pitts, William Hardy, Ronald Moose, Jay Van Leeuwen, James Quinn, Anthony Myers, Allen Smith

News and Updates



The Regional Free Throw contest fell on St. Patrick's Day and our timing couldn't have been better. The contest started early and we were out by 4:00...just in time to see some of our fellow Knights lead the St. Patty's Day parade down Beale Street. Both events were huge successes this year. St Ann's Council 7170 sponsored the Regional Free Throw at Fed Ex Forum and we had a great turnout. Thirty five participants competed from around the Region and brought their family and friends to cheer them on. Seven Knights were there to keep things organized including those from Church of Nativity and St Francis. Two boys from our parish, Giovanni Paramo-age 10 and Joseph Hale-age 14 competed but were not able to claim 1st place in their brackets.

Participants received complimentary tickets to attend the Grizzlies vs. Chicago Bulls game that started at 7:00PM that evening. The luck of the Irish was with the Grizzlies that night for a win over the Bulls by one point. Complimentary Gift certificates were enjoyed during the day for discounted food and beverages at Peabody Place restaurants that were used during the time between the Free Throw Contest and game time.



Please Read...

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 me at fhess@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 me.

Frank Hess
Ph. 385-2126

The Squires made their first charitable donation as a Circle at their last meeting. They voted to donate \$25 to the children of Fr. Peter's family back home in Tanzania. The money is to help the children buy school supplies.

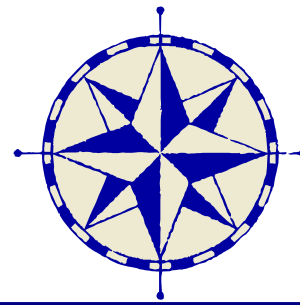
The Squires continued to raise funds for their Circle by selling dessert and soft drinks at the Fish Frys. After deducting the cost of supplies, they will have earned well over \$100.

The next Squires meeting has been moved to April 11th at 7 PM due to the Knights of Columbus meeting being scheduled on April 12th at 7 PM. As always, all Knights are invited and welcome at any Squires meeting.

The Knights of Columbus will be participating in the St. Ann Block Party again this year by staffing the Giant Slide inflatable and the Basketball game.

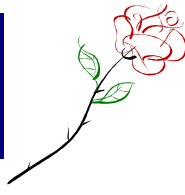
The event will be held April 27th and 28th.

Every Knight that volunteers for one of the shifts will receive a free t-shirt. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tim McCaffery.



◊ C O M I N G ◊ ◊ E V E N T S ◊

- ◆ 4/1 – Palm Sunday – 4th Degree Honor Guard 10:30 AM
- ◆ 4/2 – Officer/Committee Meeting – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/3 – Chris Mass – IC Cathedral – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/5 – Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM Need 4th Degree w/Tux
- ◆ 4/6 – Good Friday 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/7 – Easter Vigil – 8:30 PM
- ◆ 4/8 – Easter Sunday
- ◆ 4/11 – Squires – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/12 – Business Meeting – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/15 – Breakfast
- ◆ 4/16 – Admission Committee – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/18 – First Degree – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/19 – Social – 7:00 PM
- ◆ 4/23 – 4th Degree Meeting at St. Ann – 7:30 PM
- ◆ 4/27-28 – St. Ann Block Party
- ◆ 4/28 – 3rd Degree Exemplification
- ◆ 4/30 – Officer/Committee Meeting



Brothers,

I had a friend who once lured me into a debate about abortion. She won. Not because she swayed me to the “dark side”, but because she dropped a bomb that so flabbergasted me that I was unable to continue. My friend said, “Abortion is not the worst thing that a person can do to an unwanted child.” In other words she thinks it would be better for the child to be dead than to be unwanted. I thank God that she is past the child bearing years and I pray for my friend regularly. And for those who think like her...those misguided souls who for whatever reason think it is ok with God if they decide to kill a child because that child is not wanted.

But the “unwantedness” argument doesn’t cut it. If “unwantedness” was a valid criterion for ending a life, think how many aged parents in nursing homes would be in danger...or homeless folks, or rebellious teenagers.

I found this on the anti-abortion site www.abort73.com ... *Something as subjective as "wantedness" can never be the basis for granting someone the right to life, and abortion advocates know this. They don't argue that mothers should be free to kill their "unwanted" children after birth because they know these children are living, human beings with full rights of personhood. The only reason they argue that mothers should be free to kill their unwanted children before birth is because they're ignoring the scientific reality that these children, too, are living, human beings. The question is humanity, not wantedness.*

And truthfully, if instead of aborting, these women would put their children up for adoption, the kids would be wanted. Adoptions are down because abortions are up, but there are enough people out there who want kids desperately and who would love to adopt if only the babies were available. But they are not, at least not here in the U.S. Look how many people are resorting to international adoptions with all the red tape and expense that goes with traveling to China, Russia or Romania to adopt a child. International adoptions are up 200% in the last 20 years. I would venture to say that the hardship of international adoption is simply beyond the means of a lot of Americans or at least beyond the scope of what we are willing to go thru to adopt. If more children were available for adoption here in the States I’m certain more Americans would adopt.

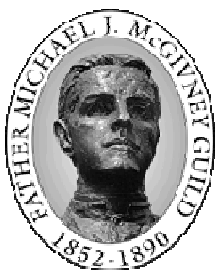
Brothers, please include in your daily prayers the women out there who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and who may be contemplating an abortion. Pray too for the “unwanted” children whose lives hang in the balance while their mothers-to-be make that all-important choice.

Choose Life
Frank Hess
Pro-life Chairman



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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!

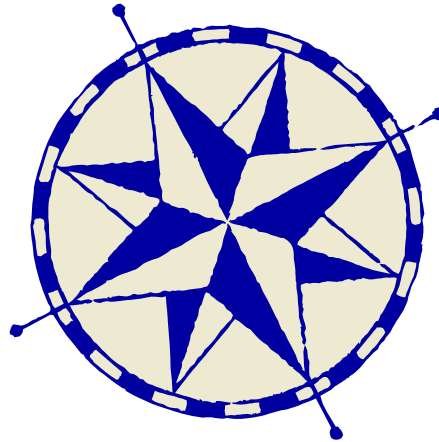
<http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/guild/join/register.cfm?CFID=3787088&CFTOKEN=29233698>

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!

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, April 12th 7:00 P.M. McGivney Hall
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:15 P.M.**



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