



THE COMPASSES



May 2007

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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

John 6:44 - 51

Jesus said to the crowds:

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: They shall all be taught by God.

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."

Brothers, We are all called by God to do his mission on earth. We do not always know what that particular mission is, but if we live the principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternalism, and Patriotism, we are fulfilling the mission that Christ started more than 2000 years ago.

Vivat Jesus!

Election of Council Officers for the 2007-2008 fraternal year will be held at our May business meeting.



Our annual Bartlett Police and Fire Appreciation breakfast was held on Saturday, Apr 21, 2007. If you did not attend, you missed a great opportunity to show the first responders in our community how much we appreciate their dedication and service to our safety and welfare.



Are you interested in being part of the Council Degree team? If so, please contact Rex Brown at 382-2424

Membership News

Congratulations to our Brothers who have reach full Knighthood. The following attended 3rd Degree exemplification held Apr 28, 2007 at St. Francis. Greg Coleman, Ted Hoepfner, Terry Glaser, Bruce Glaser, John Day and Steven Reed.

A first degree was held on Apr 21, 2007 and we had two new Brothers come into the order. Please congratulate Paul Noel and Lou Salameh. We now have nine new members for the fraternal year. That leaves us sixteen members to invite into our Order! Just ask!

St. Francis Council will be hosting a 1st degree on Saturday, May 19th.

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

From the desk of Bob McCurdy . . .

New members - there is still time to ask that good friend to join. Even if he is not a good friend, it is still ok to ask. Keep in mind that the only requirements are that he is a practical Catholic over 18 and living. Time is running out and we have not met our goal. There are still four to go. Don't think about asking someone. Just DO IT! The guy could become your best friend.

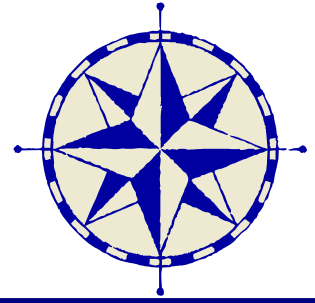
Happy April Birthday to James Cantrell, Thomas Carty, Ronald Fennell, Robert McDonell, James Lammey, Gerald Streckline, Frank Nahlen, Blaine Elledge, Mark Fillion, Joseph Knight, James Lochbihler, Glen Green, Charlie Peterson, Sean Regan, Robert Duncan, John Clark, David Nelson, Larry Ichniowski, Mark Dote, Timothy Panaro, Joe DeLuco, David Madeksho, Derek Denman, William Harris, Greg Pilcher, Raymond Guasco, Tim Riley, Archie Bennett, Thomas Zavodny, Phillip Spencer, Michael Christensen, Michael Jewell, Fred Mcgoff, William Selvo, and Norbert Nalan.

News and Updates



Council 7170 Annual Ladies and Clergy Appreciation Dinner

This year's dinner will be on Saturday, May 19 at Jim's Place East. Social begins at 6:00 followed by dinner at 7:00. Please RSVP by May 14 to Vince Balla at veb38002@gmail.com



2007 - 2008 Slate of Officer Council 7170

Grand Knight:	C.J. Burti
Deputy Grand Knight:	Frank Hess
Chancellor:	Vince Balla
Recorder:	John McLean
Treasurer:	Ike Davidson
Advocate:	David Sobezak
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Trustee, 3rd Year:	Ray Meadows

Any council member wishing to nominate himself or another Brother for one of the above positions may do so at the business meeting on May 3.

Nominating Committee:	Patrick Casey
	Harold Smith
	Jim Brewster



St. Philip the Apostle Church in Somerville has graciously offered their facility for Deacon Lee R. Hurst Assembly and their families to conduct a Marian Devotion on Sunday May 6, 2006 after their regularly scheduled Sunday Mass at 9:30 AM.

The Devotion will start at 11 AM with St. Philips annual picnic immediately thereafter.

The Devotion will consist of the Rosary, hymns of praise to Mary our Mother, a homily from our Faithful Friar, Father Stephen Kenny, and prayer time. Please bring your families and loved ones to Sunday Mass, the Devotion and if you plan to stay for the picnic, kindly bring a dessert to share. Meat and beverage will be supplied by St. Philip's.

Community Corner from the desk of Tim McCaffery . . .

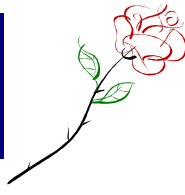
Things are winding down with the approach of summer for Community. Not a bad time to recollect where we have been, where we are going and how to get there. Let's see...we started off the fraternal year with...can't remember that far back...let's jump to start of this calendar year with our Breakfasts, the Mardis Gras Dinner, Cub Scout Blue/Gold Dinner, the Lenten Fish Dinners, the recently completed Bartlett Police/Firemen Honor Breakfast, the upcoming Block Party Games that will be history when this newsletter goes to press. Some great events made great by all the Knights who participated and led the events. Yes, leaders, we need them and appreciate those who step up and lead the show. Must give a big **THANKS** to some Brothers like Carl Heinrich, Joe DeGeorge, Brad Bradley who continue to give their leadership on many community projects. Without their planning prowess, steering advice and stalwart presence, many of the projects would not happen or go smoothly. Pat Casey again worked hard behind the scenes for several months to ensure us a truly honorable event for honoring the service and sacrifice of our hometown Police and Firemen backed up by a great breakfast crew who had to get going at four in the morning to set the spread out in Trinity Hall. Quick factoid for those new Knights...7170 has been giving a Thanks to the Bartlett Police/Fire Departments for over twenty years!

What do we have in common with all the community events, namely TALENTS, that is the talents of the brothers who volunteer, show-up, set-up, work, cook, serve, clean-up and along the way build a stronger bond between these men they call Knights – In Action! Kind of recall a parable about TALENTS...we should not bury them in the ground or waste them, but invest them wisely in actions. That is what community projects can offer you. Over the summer think about making a commitment or re-commitment to build up your talents and join us in a project or two. We have fun working together to get the project up and done.

Looking ahead we have some big projects up ahead that have room for everyone to invest their TALENTS, namely the Air Show in September [please say a prayer for the family/soul of the recent death of one of the Blue Angel Pilots] that provides major funding for charities here. Vince Balla and Ray Meadows are on-board to help keep us in touch, need some more leaders and teams of Knights to work booths...build your team, pick your favorite type of booth and communicate back to Vince/Ray on this. Surely the St. Jude Dog Show and Special Olympics will be around again in October. Plenty of thing to do, so lets get them TALENTS out of the ground and invest them often!

◊COMING◊ ◊EVENTS◊

- ◆ 5/3 - Business Meeting - 7:00 PM
- ◆ 5/4 - Adoration
- ◆ 5/4 - 5/6 - TN State Convention
- ◆ 5/6 - Marian Devotion at St. Phillip Church (Somerville)
- ◆ 5/7 - Admission Committee - 7:00 PM
- ◆ 5/10 - Squires Meeting - 7:00 PM
- ◆ 5/11 - K of C Dance 7:30-11:30 PM St. Ann gym
- ◆ 5/17 - Social Meeting - 7:00 PM
- ◆ 5/19 - First Degree 10:00AM St. Francis
- ◆ 5/19 - Appreciation Dinner Jim's Place East
6:00 - Social
7:00 - Dinner
- ◆ 5/29 - 4th Degree Meeting 7:00PM
- ◆ 6/1 - Adoration
- ◆ 6/2 - Fr. Kris Rusin Ordination 11:00 AM Cathedral
- ◆ 6/3 - Fr. Kris Rusin Mass of Thanksgiving - St. Ann
- ◆ 6/4 - Officer Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM



Brothers,

I don't know if you heard it or not, but the Pro-life movement scored a major, major win last week when the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a legal challenge to the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, allowing the law to go into effect for the first time since it was signed by President Bush in 2003. Bill and Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi and their allies in Washington (keep that in mind when election time rolls around) blocked the law for 12 years.

When I saw this on TV, I literally stood up and cheered. But then in the next frame, the newscaster showed a band of women protesting that we should not interfere with a woman's choice. I just don't get it...I could not help thinking, "how many of these protesters even know what a partial birth abortion is or how it is performed?"

Don't they realize that the abortionist pulls the fetus out of the mother to just above the navel, either feet first or head first (preferably feet first so he won't have to see the face that he is killing) and then the baby is jabbed in the back of the neck up into the skull with scissors, after which a suction tube is inserted in his head and his brains are sucked out to allow the head to collapse? Thus the rest of the fetus can be more easily removed.

These same protesters would likely be sick to their stomachs if they so much as ran over a dog with their car, but with their own flesh and blood, they can look the other way while a doctor murders it.

How can a mother, or a potential mother, condone and defend a procedure that so violently ends the life that grows within her, if she knows that the child looks like a child, and in some cases could survive outside the womb if allowed to be born as it should?

The process is so barbaric, so much more a murder than a medical procedure, that I fail to see how medical personnel, who have taken a Hippocratic Oath to protect life, can do this day after day.

Thank God we don't have to worry about this anymore. Now we can turn our attention to our neighbors to the south, as Mexico just legalized abortion. One step forward and two steps back...God help us.

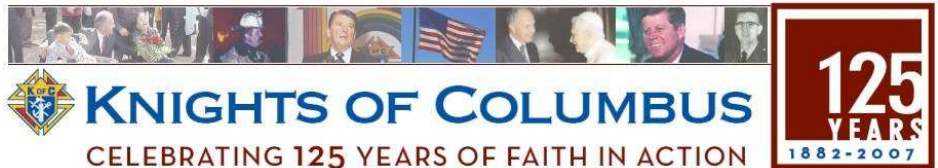
Choose Life

Frank Hess

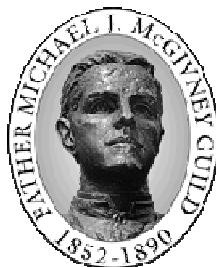
Pro-life Co-chair



Council Coins are now available for \$5.00 each. Sets are also available which include the coin, protective case, and display stand for \$6.00.



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!



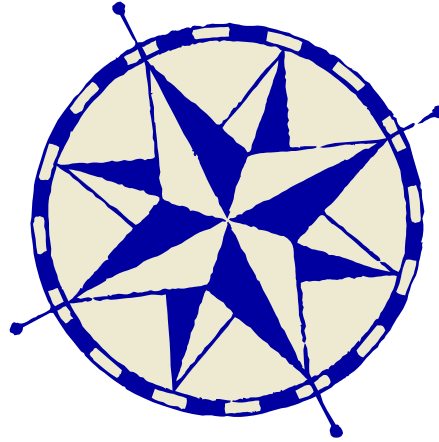
Are you a member of the Fr. McGivney Guild? Do you want our founder to be canonized as a SAINT? If so, please join the guild! It is free and does not cost you anything. You will receive updates on the progress toward his sainthood!

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

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, May 3rd 7:00 P.M. McGivney Hall
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:15 P.M.**



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