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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

Brothers,

Both summer and vacation season are over, and it is time to roll up our sleeves and really begin our new fraternal year. We have many upcoming projects.

We began our year with our annual Knights versus the youth group ballgame. Following that, we were asked to support the Women of St. Ann annual ice cream and men's cake bake social. I will advise you at our next business meeting whether any of our brothers were awarded prizes for their culinary abilities. More importantly, we begin our first breakfast on September 6 in conjunction with our Festival of Ministries. Also in September is the MR Drive and the Mid South air show.

October will be another very busy month. Beginning on Wednesday, October 3, and each Wednesday thereafter, we have our Rosary and Soup/(??) event. In mid-October, we will support the St. Jude Dog Show for three days. Keep an eye on the Council web site for dates and events.

In conclusion, this month the Knights were honored at the 125th Annual Supreme Council Meeting by a visit from His Eminence Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, S.D.B., Vatican Secretary of State of his Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, with a message from his Holiness. Pope Benedict sent us his apostolic blessing and said that he loves the Knights of Columbus! The best way we can respond to his Holiness is by participating in the good works of the Knights.

Please join us this year and make it the best ever.

May God bless us in all of our endeavors. As it says in Proverbs 3.6: "In all your ways be mindful of Him and He will make straight your path."

VIVAT JESUS

CJ Burti

Dep. Grand Knight's Log

Brothers,

The St. Jude Showcase of Dogs is fast approaching and we're still way short of filling all the volunteer timeslots needed to make this happen. The show is October 12-14 and we still have openings for Friday morning and afternoon shifts, Saturday afternoon and both shifts on Sunday. Please give some consideration to helping out with one or more shifts. We usually have a good time and we raise a lot of money for a great cause (the kids at St. Jude) and our council profits greatly from our efforts as well. Please contact me at 326-8347 if you can help out.

If you can't help out for the show, there are still plenty of other opportunities this fall. We have the MR drive, Habitat for Humanity, the Air Show, Soup and Salad Wednesday s, the breakfasts, Special Olympics, etc. Please get involved and let's get our council back to where it used to be...a fun-loving, hardworking group of Catholic men who are proud to be Knights of Columbus.

Don't forget we have a 1st degree coming up at 6:15pm on September 6 right before the business meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

Frank Hess

Deputy Grand Knight

**Youth
SOCCER
Challenge**



Sunday Sept. 16

3 to 5

St. Ann Field

Happy September Birthday to
William McLean, Tim McCaffery,
Charles Ross, Paul Fratus, Francis
Bradley, Alexander Kintanar,
Ronald Schillinger, Michael Dolan,
David Sobczak, John Ferrante,
Brendan Tuohy, Chris Vergara,
Samuel Wyvill, Raymond Neier,
Harry Harvey, Jorge Schulz,
Thomas Fehrmann, Robert Hess

News and Updates

KNIGHTS VS. YOUTH SOFTBALL GAME



Eddie Robinson

Well it was a day to break all kinds of records when the Youth Group played their annual softball game against the Knights of Columbus. Memphis was in its 3rd straight week of 100+ degrees and Saturday was no different. Everyone stayed hydrated with water and lemonade as the Knights and Youth Group battled on the baseball field. We did get a little break with some nice breezes and then the sun sank behind some clouds for the last half of the game.

The Youth Group had the lead the whole game but it looked as though the Knights were going to rally there at the end. Too many great plays to mention but the one that stands out the most was when CJ Burti, Grand Knight, rounded third base and had made up his mind he was heading to home plate. He showed off his baseball skills with an impressive safe slide into home plate.....safe slide being that he got up afterwards. The Knights were inspired now as they took the field in the top of the ninth, being down 8 to 11. Mike Fultz caught a pop fly to left field followed by Greg Thomas catching a fly ball at short stop. With the third batter up, the Knights were able to shut the Youth Group out with the help of our new parishioner and Knight, Steve McCarver. who caught another high fly ball. The crowd was going crazy and the Knight's needed four runs to maintain their record of always winning this big rivalry. The Knights could only muster one run in the bottom of the ninth and had to succumb to losing to the Youth group for a final score of 11 to 9. Another record beaten was last year's record of attendance. Thirty seven people joined in the fellowship at this fun event including new members to our Youth Group as well as some new Knights. The game was followed by more fun as Brother Knight Tony Mulrooney fed us hot dogs and hamburgers right off the grill. We topped off the event with some ice cold watermelon and I'm sure most of the Knights headed for their house for some most needed recuperation. So let's see.....we had record heat, the youth group beat the Knight's for the first time and we beat last year's record of attendance. Not too bad for Saturday afternoon.

These Youth Group events are always fun and make us remember why we need to come together more often. I think everyone had a great day and the next softball game will be even bigger. See ya at the next youth event!

Ed Kitts is selling Council 7170 writing pens for \$1.
The MR Drive will receive 25 cents for every pen purchased.

The St. Ann Festival of Ministries will be after each mass the weekend of September 8 and 9th.



The Knights will be serving breakfast after 7:30, 9:00 AND 11:00 masses.



<http://www.msairshow.com/main/index.php>

This year's event will be September 22 and 23 at Millington Regional Jetport.

Do you want to volunteer to work this worthwhile event? Please contact
Ray Meadows rrcm3320@bellsouth.net

Membership News

From the desk of Bob McCurdy . . .

RECRUITING HAS STARTED!!!!

Honor Roll - Our Leader C. J. - 1

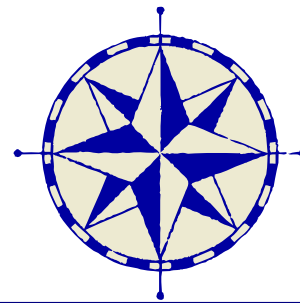
Louis Myers - 1

Bob Skinner - 1

Bob McCurdy - 2

YOUR NAME - ?

Sept. 6 - 1st Degree - 6:15p.m. - followed by business meeting at 7:00



COMING EVENTS

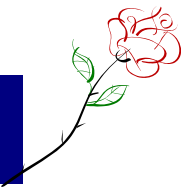
SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 9/2 - 7:00 Officers Meeting
- ◆ 9/6 - 6:15 1st Degree
- ◆ 9/6 - 7:00 Business Meeting
- ◆ 9/7 - Adoration
- ◆ 9/8 & 9- Festival of Ministries
- ◆ 9/9 - Sunday Breakfast after 7:30, 9, and 11
- ◆ 9/12 - 7:00 Squires Meeting
- ◆ 9/20 - 7:00 Social Meeting
- ◆ 9/16 - 3 to 5: Youth Soccer Challenge - St. Ann Field
- ◆ 9/22 - 9/23 - Mid South Air Show in Millington
- ◆ 9/30 - 7:00 Officers Meeting

OCTOBER

- ◆ 10/4 - 7:00 Business Meeting
- ◆ 10/11 - 7:00 Squires Meeting
- ◆ 10/12-14 - St. Jude Showcase of Dog @ Agricenter
- ◆ 10/18 - 7:00 Social Meeting
- ◆ 10/20 - Special Olympics

Pro Life



Brothers,

I read an amazing story this week about a young man from Australia who has lived thru 24 years of adversity and faces a lifetime of trials and tribulations the likes of which we cannot even begin to imagine. And yet, his faith, his attitudes toward life, challenge and most of all, his God are examples to us all.

The young man is Nick Vujcic, born to a pastor and his wife in Melbourne in 1982, and the oldest of their 3 children. What makes this young man special is not the fact that he was born without legs or arms, but what he has done with his life...and what he plans to do.

Nick says his parents were shocked and their faith was rocked to the very foundation. He says, "The whole church mourned over my birth and my parents were absolutely devastated. Everyone asked, 'if God is a God of Love, then why would God let something this bad happen to not just anyone, but dedicated Christians?'" Surely Nick's parents could have aborted Nick and few would have blamed them. But they let their pregnancy play out according to God's design. The parents were concerned about what kind of life he would lead. What would he do? How would he survive? Schools in Australia at the time were not allowed to admit children with physical disabilities into mainstream schools. Nick says God and his mom were able to change that and he was one of the first handicapped children to attend a regular school.

And from that point, he has never looked back. He uses his disability to build his strength, to build relationships and to build a career. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and Accounting and is a real estate investor. He is self-sufficient, able to meet all his own needs from brushing his teeth to shaving to dressing, playing soccer, fishing and much more. But most importantly perhaps, he is a motivational and inspirational speaker who has traveled extensively delivering his message about the power of God and his story of how God has worked thru him to give people hope and encouragement. Nick says all things are possible when you make yourself available for God to work thru you.

I couldn't help thinking as I read and watched Nick's story how many people want to "play God" and base their decisions about abortion on tests and ultrasounds, deciding whether or not to end the life of a child because he or she won't be perfect. We know how much Jesus loved the little children and I keep getting this mental picture of Him crying and saying "My Father repeatedly sends them children like Nick who would grow up and bring them hope and inspiration...if only they would let the children live." See Nick's story at <http://www.lifewithoutlimbs.org/>

Choose Life, Brothers...Nick has.
Frank Hess
Pro-Life co-chair

Insurance

Plan for the future.

You have it pretty good right now, don't you? Some minor worries but nothing you can't handle. You and your family are enjoying life. But how long will those carefree days last?

Your wife and family are your responsibility. Have you done anything to secure their future? Have you made any provisions to insure that they are taken care of when you die?

I realize that you are healthy today and you feel there is no hurry to get life insurance. You can always buy it some other time, right? Wrong! You may not be insurable tomorrow.

What if something happens to you? You are left with nothing. Even worse, your family is left with nothing. Buy life insurance today and protect your family's tomorrow.

Call me for an appointment.

John Ross
Field Agent
901-386-7279

Youth News

It's the world's most popular sport and St. Ann's community definitely has the soccer talent. The council level for The Knights of Columbus Annual Soccer Challenge will be held Sunday, September 16th, at St. Ann's athletic fields from 3:00 to 5:00PM. Designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills-the penalty kick- the Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls in our community, ages 10-14.

The soccer challenge is one in which the soccer goal is divided into a series of 5 scoring zones, with a point value given to each section. After participants are given 15 penalty kicks, his or her total number of points will be awarded depending upon the scoring zones that were hit.

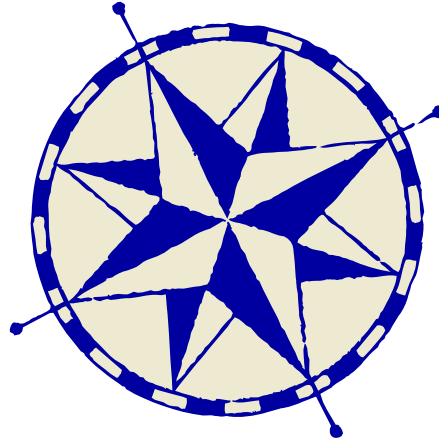
Registration forms are available at the event. Winners of the council level will go on to compete at district, regional, state and international levels.

The information went home last week in the school's Friday folder. The buzz in the St. Ann school hallways says it all... who's going to hold the bragging rights for the best score this year. Come join in the fun and fellowship this weekend. For more information, please contact Eddie Robinson at 382-4835.

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



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