



# THE COMPASS



December 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

### GRAND KNIGHT'S LOG

A reading from the Epistle of James 3:13, 17:

“Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show his works by a good life in the humility that comes from wisdom...But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity”.

Brothers, the qualities of the wise man endowed from above are in contrast to the qualities of earthbound wisdom. Again, I address the works we are obliged to do in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we look around us and the works that have been accomplished in the last few months by our brother Knights, they are showing us the blessings that can be had from heavenly wisdom through their efforts. Just look at things such as the Air Show, St. Jude Dog Show, and the Soccer Challenge which have been great successes.

We have a few more projects, beginning with Fayette Cares, Breakfast with Santa, Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Challenge and others that will be made possible by the same few wise and understanding brothers. This is your opportunity to join us in helping the needy and bringing joy to children in this season when we celebrate the true reason for Christmas, the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Come join us and receive the greater blessing of giving and be like the Wise Men, who experienced the real meaning of Christmas by sharing it with our Savior. May each of you and your families have a joyful and blessed Christmas.

## Dep. Grand Knight's Log

VIVAT JESUS  
CJ Burti

Brothers,

I'd like to welcome our newest Brother Knights to our council:

Charles Bone, Steve Mans, Wendell Strickland, Jeff Vandwinckel, Keith Winfield and Josh Holtgrewe.

I'd also like to thank all who helped with the November projects. The breakfast went well and the Corporate Mass was well attended.

We're looking forward to a fun month in December. The annual Breakfast with Santa is now slated for 12/9/07 after the 7:30 and 9am masses. This is a great time for the kids and the knights who participate as well. Please come and join us.

We're also having our annual Christmas Potluck Dinner on 12/20/07 at 7pm. This one is a not so labor intensive event that gives us all a chance to share a little fellowship and enjoy some good food. We always have a good time...again, please join us. We'd love to see all of you Brothers that we

haven't seen for a while. We won't put you to work, honest, just come for the camaraderie and to say Merry Christmas to some old friends. Or better yet, come and make some new friends.

CJ and I would like to wish you and yours a wondrous and joyful Holiday Season. We'd like to thank you all for a great first half of the fraternal year and we look forward to more fun and more good works during the second half.

Merry Christmas!  
Frank Hess

**Happy December Birthday to**  
Michael Green, Vince Salvaggio,  
Richard Rossmessl, James Martin,  
Scott McCormick, Rev. Joseph Nguyen,  
Michael Ripp, Emmett Jones,  
Eric Lamey, Edward Peyton,  
David Dierkes, Curtis Lejeune, Jr.,  
Michael Kissell, Stephen Follis,  
Waldo Knickerbocker, Jr., and Michael Falanga



*Prepare ye the way of the Lord!*

# News and Updates

## YOUTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE

It's the Holiday Season and we all have many things going on. But before the kids take their Holiday break, we got a few big events that we need to start getting ready for. Here's what we got going for the youth. A big hit with the younger audience is our annual "Breakfast with Santa". Talk about getting in the Spirit of the Holidays! I'm not sure who has more fun, the Knights or the kids. That's coming up soon....Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We'll need about five Knights to volunteer and help Santa with all the children. Brother Knight Rick Rossmeissl handles the pictures with Santa and does a great job! We'll have some youth helping out as Santa's helpers who are getting their service hours requirements taken care of. So come on out and volunteer your time with Santa and the breakfast/kitchen crew.

Our biggest event for Youth is the Knights of Columbus "Free Throw" contest which is held when the students return back from their break. Work with your kids over the break to make sure they bring their "BEST GAME" for this fun filled event. This year, winners of the District will go on to compete at the Regional contest held at a Grizzlies game in the FedEx Forum. Dates for the Council, District and Regional events will be forthcoming in our next newsletter.

We need a lot of volunteers and it's good for our children to see us supporting and cheering them on in their endeavors. I challenge you other Knights to get more involved to help mold our youth and build leaders for the future. Please contact myself or Tim McCaffery to help promote these successful events.

Youth Chairman,  
Eddie Robinson

## SQUIRES

Under the supervision of Council 7170, the Columbian Squires joined with the Knights of Columbus Council 14041 from Church of the Nativity for the Fayette Cares turkey drive. This is the second year that the Squires have worked with Council 14041 on this project. To bring attention to the project, the Squires created handmade posters that were placed around the church. The collected turkeys will be delivered to Fayette County on December 8th.

The Squires Christmas Party is on December 13 at 7:00 in McGivney Hall.

## A SEASON OF GIVING

Council 7170 has adopted a family from our parish to buy gifts for this Christmas. The Webb family consists of a single mother with an 11 year old daughter and 5 year old son.

Contact Gary Tircuit at 384-4344 for more information.

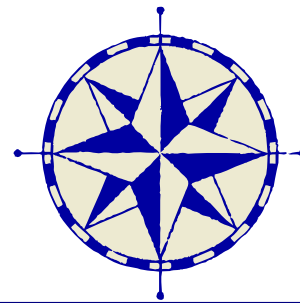
The Squires bought food for the family from Angel Food Ministries.



## HOLIDAY CHEER

Council 7170's Annual Knights & Family Christmas Party Potluck Dinner will be on Thursday, December 20. Social starts at 6:30 and dinner is at 7:00.

**Please RSVP to CJ Burti at 384-7676 by December 15th.**



## COMING EVENTS

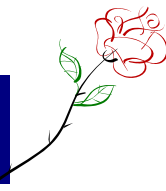
### ◆ D E C E M B E R ◆

- ◆ 12/6 - Business Meeting at 7:00
- ◆ 12/7 - Adoration
- ◆ 12/9 - Breakfast with Santa
- ◆ 12/13 - Squires Meeting and Christmas Party at 7:00
- ◆ 12/15 - Deadline to RSVP to CJ for Christmas Potluck
- ◆ 12/15 - 4th Degree Christmas Party
- ◆ 12/20 - Family Christmas Potluck at 7:00

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- ◆ 1/4 - Adoration
- ◆ 2/1 - Adoration
- ◆ 2/23 - 2nd Degree Ceremony St. Ann at 9:00
- ◆ 3/1 - 4th Degree Ceremony in Nashville
- ◆ 3/4 - 4th Degree Ceremony in Knoxville
- ◆ 3/7 - Adoration
- ◆ 3/8 - District Free Throw
- ◆ 3/22 - Regional Free Throw

## Pro Life



Brothers,

Last month I reported on a young woman who is a survivor of a vicious attempt on her life. She survived an abortion. This month, while researching for this article, I revisited her story...especially the part that indicated she is not the only survivor of a botched abortion. What hit me hard is her statement that if the doctor on call that fateful night had actually been at his post, she would not have survived...meaning that he would have finished the job the daylong saline poisoning had started. That means that while there may be more "survivors" than anyone will admit, there aren't many living survivors and because they are murdered by the abortionists. You have to know this happens not infrequently and once again I'm confounded by the irony. If a young mother delivers a baby at home and then throws it in the dumpster, she's a murderer. Yet, if she had just gone to an abortion clinic and ended it a few minutes sooner, she'd have "done the right thing" by not bringing an unwanted child into the world. Still, if she'd gone to the clinic and given her ok for an abortion, and it didn't work, the doctor can outright kill the newborn under the guise of finishing the abortion he started (basically throwing the baby in the dumpster) and he's done his job. No harm, no foul. Why should the woman have the right to decide if a baby lives or dies? She didn't choose to get pregnant, God chose for her. So why should she have the right to end it? It drives me crazy...all the killing, all those lives lost. God help us!

On another note, the National Right to Life Organization has endorsed Fred Thompson for President of the United States. That is significant. I don't mean to suggest who I think you should vote for. I only ask you to consider where the candidates stand on pro-life issues when casting your votes. You can find a complete listing of all Presidential candidates and their position on abortion at the following website:

<http://www.nrlc.org/Election2008/allcandidatescomparison.pdf>

Finally, the movie that I mentioned last month is now in theaters near you. *Bella*, if you'll remember, was produced and directed by Brother Knights, and the leading man is also a new Brother Knight. I haven't seen it, but I will have by the time this goes to press. I understand it is an awesome movie. Please show your support for pro-life and for our Brother Knights.

Choose Life,  
Frank Hess  
Pro-Life Chair

## Insurance

### SCROOGE DIDN'T BELIEVE

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

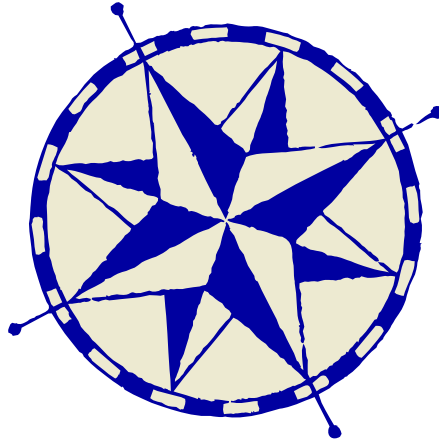
This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

John Ross  
Field Agent  
901-386-0145

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



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