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We have an active schedule planned for the year, and all assistance will be greatly appreciated

Grand Knight's Log

GRAND KNIGHT'S LOG

Brothers,

As we begin this new year, let us take a moment to look at our accomplishments in the past year:

- ◆ We did very well with our Sunday breakfasts.
- ◆ With the help of our families and WOSA, we made a great success of the St. Jude Showcase of Dogs.
- ◆ The Mid-South Air Show also made a good showing with the help of WOSA and our family members.
- ◆ We hosted the District Soccer Challenge.
- ◆ In October, the Knights and the youth groups supported the Special Olympics program.
- ◆ Our Council helped sponsor the Deaconate luncheon in November.
- ◆ At Thanksgiving, with the cooperation of St. Ann and Nativity parishes, we and the Squires provided 102 turkeys for Fayette Cares.
- ◆ With the generosity of our Council and the Squires, we were able to provide a happier and more blessed Christmas for our adopted family this year.

Our annual Breakfast With Santa was especially well attended this year. A lot of hard work went into making a success of all of these outstanding events. I offer my prayers and thanks to all the wonderful people who were willing to help.

There is a downside to all this wonderful work because it was accomplished by the same few people who step up every time anyone needs help. It isn't too late to be counted in the last half of our fraternal year. We will be giving you opportunities to help in several events, such as the Free Throw on January 12; Marti Gras party on February 2; the fish dinners during Lent; and the Block Party, to be announced later.

Brothers, as you can see we will need your support in 2008.

Allow me to finish with a prayer from the morning Liturgy: "Make our light shine so brightly before men, that seeing our good works they give glory to the Father."

VIVAT JESUS
CJ Burti

Happy January Birthday to
Aaron Long, John Fee, Walter Nega, Richard Jeffreys, Sylvanus Sanvee, Bruce Glaser, James Orsak, David Carter, Gene Green, Beniot Andreuccetti, Steve Murphy, Paul Posey, Raymond Meadows, Larry Chambers, Michael Padilla, Shawn Mahaffey, Anthony Mulrooney, Robert Niederhauser, Brian Anderson, William Rasch, and Carl Heinrich



Dep. Grand Knight's Log

Brothers,

I hope you all had a Wonderful and Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we begin this new year, let us reflect for a moment on why we are Knights of Columbus. Why do we continue to pay dues to an organization, and then never have a say in how it is run, never enjoy any of the camaraderie, see but never feel the joy of a job well done? I've heard some talk about the petty differences between members and leadership, heard about the bickering that goes on at the meetings, and to that I say..."you gotta come see for yourself!" It's not like that anymore. There are different officers, a different core group of active brothers; it's just a different organization than it used to be...and I think its better. We perform an awful lot of good works, do some fun things and things that help a lot of people. Won't you consider coming back? Come to a meeting or two, or come to the next breakfast and offer to help. Get to know the new members and catch up with some longtime members. We'd love to have ya.

Guys, the Financial Secretary asked me to tell you that dues for 2008 are due January 1. I realize you won't get this newsletter till a day or so after the 1st, but please mail them in soon. If you don't, then Joe will send out second notices on January 15, which just costs the council more money for postage and stationary and causes Joe a lot more work. Please mail them to:

Joe Orsak
1925 Applng Oaks Cv.
Cordova, TN 38016

Or you can drop them by the church office, but please, do it today, before it slips your mind.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Hess
Deputy Grand Knight

News and Updates

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA RECAP To all those who were at this mornings event at Trinity Hall and the breakfast crew. I watched in awe and amazement again this morning as the brothers went about their business, each contributing to a very successful Christmas season event. Cooking food, wiping tables, serving food, transporting food, taking money, taking pictures, being friendly with the folks, emptying the trash, setting up, cleaning up etc. etc.

I say Christmas season event but actually it could be any event that we do because it is usually the same thing. The brother Knights going hither and fro, each one contributing their part. Young and old, new members, long time members, all of you. Each of you is special. You all donate your time and in some cases money. You don't ask for recognition, you don't complain when Murphy's law is in play, you just go about your business with a smile and a handshake and you make the event happen. It is truly awe inspiring. Our parish is really lucky to have a KofC council such as ours that does so much for the congregation behind the scenes that most parishioners don't ever get to see. What they see is a first rate evolution like today's.

I know the children and parents all were grateful and thankful today. The breakfast was great as usual and the Santa evolution was highly successful too. Is Joe and Mrs. Bartol the perfect Santa couple or what? Mrs. Bartol provided her own Mrs. Santa costume herself and decided to make the scene complete of her own accord. That was too cool.

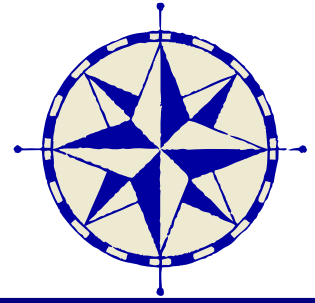
I'm not going to name names because I know I would forget someone but if you were there this morning you know who you are, and I say thank you. We missed Ed Kitts too. I missed him and I don't know if I will ever get to see his smiling face on that red cart in Trinity Hall again. For this I am sad.

There were also many who are not Knights but helped us in many ways, and for those people I am greatly appreciative. Family members such as Jerri Hess and a host of others too many to name and whose name I don't know anyway. But they all contributed.

Please pass this email to someone you know who should read it but is not on the mailing list, like Joe Bartol. I don't have his email address, and Father Coy.

You do it for the people and you do it in Jesus' name. This I know.

Respectfully, Vince Balla



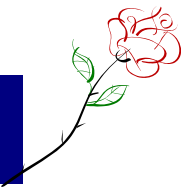
COMING EVENTS



- ◆ 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

FREE THROW CONTEST The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest is almost here. The Council competition will be held in January as soon as the kids get back in class. The District will be held in February. Age brackets are 10 years to 14 year olds. The foul line for 10 and 11 year old participants will be 12 feet from the basket. For the older brackets, we will shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet. This event is open to all children ages 10 thru 14. For more information, please contact Eddie Robinson at 382-4835. eddie.robinson@cwine.com

Pro Life



Brothers,

What comes to mind when someone mentions abortion? For me, the first thing that I think is the poor soul that is lost when a mother chooses to end a pregnancy. And then I think of the poor mother and the myriad of emotions, physical problems and emotional scars in store for her, and I pray for her.

But, as usual, my research for this article has caused me to take a mental diversion and think of someone else, someone who is intimately involved but never mentioned in conversations about the evils of abortion...the father. I guess it never occurred to me to think of his feelings. But when I think back on the announcement by my wife that we were pregnant and the rush of emotions, I'm filled with compassion for the fathers of aborted children. Most of them anyway. The rapist or the jerk who, while mostly thinking of himself talk their significant other into having an abortion, their feelings don't much concern me. But I know that from the moment I heard the wonderful news from my wife, I loved my soon to be born son. I imagined all the times we'd spend playing and learning and growing. I imagined listening to his problems and giving advice, and going to Scouts and high school graduation.

Looking back I can only imagine how devastated I would have been if my wife had informed me that she would have been having a baby but she had it aborted. I get a sense of how helpless and alone a father must feel when confronted with the facts that it is "her body, her choice" and nothing he can say or do will change the fact that she can end the life that lives inside her...the life that is half his, that he helped to create. He's often on the outside looking in.

How did we get to this dictatorship in a democratic world? Perhaps that's the chink in the armor. Men need to band together and demand legislation that gives them equal say in what happens to their unborn children. That could be the wedge that cracks open the whole abortion problem. Or not...I don't know what it takes to get such legislation but we should pray for these men.

You can find out more about the suffering of men caused by abortions by visiting these sites.

<http://www.fatherhoodforever.org/>

<http://www.lifeissues.org/men/MAN/articles.htm>

<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/resources/index.html>

And don't forget Jan. 22nd is the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please pray for an end to the killing.

God Bless you all,
Choose Life,
Frank Hess
Pro-life chair
326-8347

Insurance

If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy?

If you had a money-making machine, that once broken, could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for?

If you knew today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them?

If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy?

Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or retirement benefits?

Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it?

Let me help you plan your future. Call me today.

John Ross
Field Agent
901-386-0145

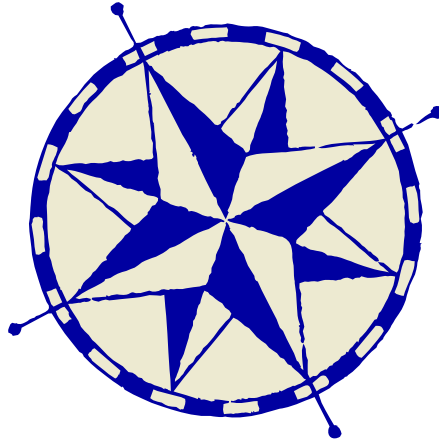
Squires

The Squires held their annual Christmas party on December 20th. The young men swapped gifts and enjoyed a potluck dinner. The next Squires meeting will be held at 7 PM on January 10th. As always, all Knights are welcome to attend the Squires meetings.

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



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