



# THE COMPASS



September 2008

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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

**Happy September Birthday to**  
Brad Bradley, Mike Dolan, Rom Fehrmann, Paul Fratus, Jack Griffith, Harry Harvey, Frank Hess, Alexander Kintanar, Tim McCaffery, John McLean, Raymond Neier, Charles Ross, Ronald Schillinger, Jorge Schulz, David Sobczak, Brendan Tuohy, Chris Vergara, and Sam Wyvill

## Grand Knight's Log

Brothers,

Soon the projects begin. We've got a few events coming right together and they'll require some work. But we also are planning some fun events. The next 3 months our social meeting will consist of a poker tournament. Details will follow. But I didn't get much response from last month's article asking you to tell me what's right or wrong with our council. So I'll ask again for those of you who missed reading last month... What do you like and what do you dislike about our council? What can we do to make it more appealing to you?

We also have a very important date coming up soon. November 5<sup>th</sup> is our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a council, as we were chartered as a council in 1978. We have begun plans for a celebration to be held on November 15, and it is open to all Knights from the council and their wives. We hope to see you all as we celebrate 30 years of good works, good friends and good graces, and hopefully a new beginning as we embark on our mission to revitalize our council for the next 30 years. As we move towards this auspicious time in our history, I'd like to honor our past Grand Knights. These men devoted a lot of time and energy during their time as leader of the council, time that could have been spent with family. Let us also honor their wives for their support. If you see one of these men, please shake his hand and let him know he has the gratitude of the council.

### Past Grand Knights of Council 7170

Emmanuel Tricolti 1978-1979

Ed Chady 1979-1980

James Lippy 1980-1981

Dan Setlik 1981-1982

Patrick Driscoll 1982-1983

James Quinn, Jr. 1983-1984

Edward Kendrick 1984-1985

John King 1985-1987

Louis Myers 1987-1990

John McDaniel 1990-1991

John Ross 1991-1992

David Lawrence 1992-1993

Tim Tansey 1993-1995

Bill Gronostaj 1995-1997

Joe DeGeorge 1997-1998

Bob Patrone 1998-1999

Mike Falanga 1999-2001

Ed Kitts 2001-2003

Jim Brewster 2003-2005

Pat Casey 2005-2006

Ray Meadows 2006-2007

CJ Burti 2007-2008

VIVAT JESUS

Frank Hess

## WELCOME

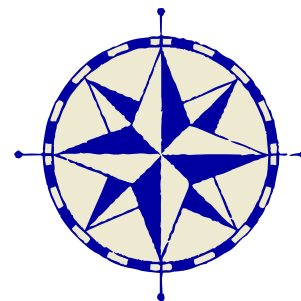
CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME...

to our newest Brother Knights:

Mark Nidzgorski

Jonathon Wood

Keith Archibald



## COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- ◆ 9/2- 7:00 Offices Meeting
  - ◆ 9/4 - 7:00 Business Meeting
  - ◆ 9/13 - Soccer Challenge
  - ◆ 9/14 - Breakfast
  - ◆ 9/18 - 7:00 Social Meeting
- ### UPCOMING
- ◆ 10/4 - Special Olympics
  - ◆ 10/10 - 12 -St. Jude Showcase of Dogs

Brothers,

This month I would like to discuss our activities and volunteerism. My goal is to focus on council activities. To make this plan a reality, we need volunteers. One way to become a volunteer is to attend some meetings and express interest in one of the many activities. Yes, I am double-dipping, I am asking for you to attend meetings and volunteer. There is a core group of people in this council that always help out. I am sure if you ask them, they would tell you that although volunteering could be more work than relaxing at home, it is much more rewarding. Yes, in most cases when done with a project, you get a good feeling about what you have done. So, I ask all non-participating members to consider getting involved and let's do some good for our community and council. Working together, we can accomplish so much and like the saying goes, "many hands make little work out of big jobs". We have a big job, let's get it done.

VIVAT JESUS  
Gary Tircuit

## membership

Brothers,

Our State Deputy, Mike Porter, opened the West Tn Mid Year Meeting on June 28, stating he had one major objective for Tn KofC this year: "Have Fun" He cited two top priorities in achieving this: Good Programs and Memberships. One begets the other. Earlier this year, when Pope Benedict visited the U.S., he made this statement "Follow Me-- Help Us Build Up The Church."

He called for every Knight to be a witness to love in every aspect of his life, including his family, work, and charitable involvement. To help strengthen our Church, every Knight has a moral obligation to ask all eligible Catholic men to join our Order. The 7170 Membership Committee challenges all Knights in our Council to help fulfill this prophecy of our beloved Pope, and give each man in our parish, the opportunity to "Help Us Build Up The Church" by becoming a member of our great organization.

Will You Help?

Patrick Casey  
Membership Director

## Degree team

We have three new members on our Degree Team for Council 7170. Charles Bone has joined us as the Financial Secretary. Charles has been going to St. Ann's for 25 years, but just became a member through the RCIA program in the spring of 2008. He is a respiratory therapist at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis and he is married and has 2 daughters. Photography is Charles favorite hobby

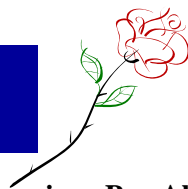
Chris Barnoud recently joined our Degree Team as the Soundman (also known as the Music Man!). He has been attending St. Ann's for 30 years and works as Director of the Memphis Studsvik facility. Chris is married and he has 3 daughters. His favorite hobbies are home projects and information technology.

Greg Thomas returns to the Degree Team as the Inside Guard. He served in this position for a few years, but had to leave for professional reasons. We are thrilled to have him back on the Team! He has been a member of St. Ann's for 8 years and he went through the RCIA program 18 years ago. Greg works at Network Global Logistics. He is married to the editor of Council's Newsletter. Greg is our Family Committee Chair and also serves as the Chief Counselor of the Squires at St. Ann.

Frank Hess (Grand Knight), Mike Kissell (Chancellor), Bob McCurdy (Deputy Grand Knight), and David Sobczak (Warden) have all served on the Degree Team for many years. Our goal is to become certified in the 2008-9 fraternal year.

Rex Brown  
Degree Team Captain

## pro life



### Former Abortionist Bernard Nathanson Exposes Lies of American Pro-Abortion Movement

#### "We were guilty of massive deception" says Nathanson about abortion industry

TORONTO, ON, July 29, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - On July 9, 2008, CFRB talk show host, Spider Jones, interviewed former abortionist Dr. Bernard Nathanson about his past involvement in the abortion movement and his conversion to the pro-life viewpoint.

"We claimed that between five and ten thousand women a year died of botched abortions," he said. "The actual figure was closer to 200 to 300 and we also claimed that there were a million illegal abortions a year in the United States and the actual figure was close to 200,000. So, we were guilty of massive deception."

"I mean as a founding member and chairman of the medical committee, I accepted the figures which came from a bio-statistician named Christopher Teetsy and he and his wife passed along these figures to us at NARAL. We were in no position to validate them or not, so we accepted them in the interests of higher standards, or at least higher objectives," he explained.

Nathanson's conversion to the pro-life movement was sparked by the advent of the ultrasound machine in the early 1970s. He related how his heart was moved to realize that a fetus is in fact a human being after he watched an unborn baby recoil from a vacuum abortion device before being sucked from its mother's womb. Nathanson titled the video of this incident "The Silent Scream" and began using it to spread the pro-life message.



In an effort to cut back on the rising costs of postage, printing, etc. Council 7170 will cease mailing out The Compass newsletter after the September edition. Starting with the October edition, The Compass will be posted on the website and emailed to all who have supplied an email address. **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL ACCESS, please contact Frank Hess and we'll make other arrangements.**

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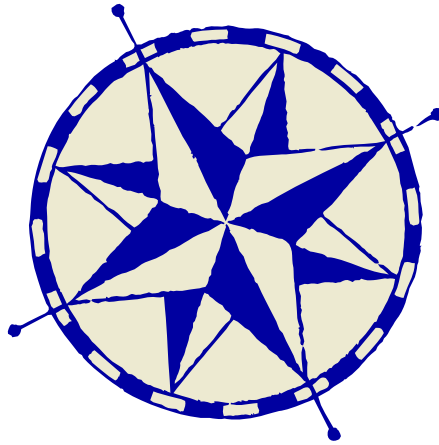
Where will the money come from for college? You hope you'll be able to help — but why hope when you can guarantee? The price of that guarantee is just a few dollars a week until they are ready for college.

Let me help you plan for your children's education. Call me today.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, September 4 7:00 P.M. McGivney Hall  
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:15 P.M.**



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