



# THE COMPASS



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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,

It was a night to remember...November 15, 2009. We celebrated our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a council in a very special way. About 95 Knights, wives, clergy and State officers plus one visitor from Supreme met for a great dinner and fellowship in Trinity Hall. And then we honored a great Knight, and a very special man. Almost every one of you knew Ed Kitts and you have special stories or memories of him. And so the members decided to pay our respects to Ed by re-naming our council after him. Going forward we are no longer the Pope John Paul I Council, we have become the Edward J. Kitts Council 7170 and it is truly an honor to be a part of this council. Thank you to all who helped to make the night special.

Christmas is coming. The council's Pot Luck Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in McGivney Hall. Please bring your Lady and a dish, or come alone and enjoy a nice Christmas get-together. The council will provide the meat and drinks.

During these rough economic times, there are many more needy families enrolled with the church office for help with Christmas for their children. This year the council voted to adopt 3 such families. Any donations, suggestions, or assistance will be greatly appreciated. You can bring them to the December meeting on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> or contact me and we can arrange to accept your gift. We could also use help purchasing and wrapping the gifts.

This month we will have our annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 14 after the 7:30 and 9am masses. We will have pictures with Santa and goodies for the kids.

Brothers, as we head into this holy season, take a moment to thank God for the many blessings you have. Then, do something special for someone...in the true spirit of Christmas. It's not just about the money you spend on the gift, its more about the giving...from the heart. Make this Christmas special. It is my sincere hope that you and your families have a blessed holiday season.

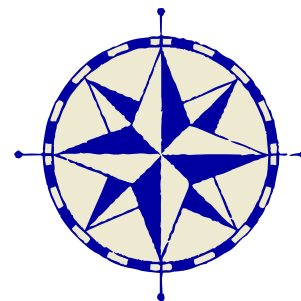
Finally, this month's business meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, not the 4<sup>th</sup> because of a joint initiative between St. Ann, Nativity and St. Francis to try to bring inactive Catholics back to the church that is being held on Thursday. I urge you to attend if you can. Details in the church bulletin. I feel this is a very worthwhile effort that could ultimately lead to many souls being saved and what could be more important than that? We all know someone who has drifted away from the church, and this program is designed to help us learn how to help them back into the fold. Please, let us as Knights show our support for the church and our priests and this program.

VIVAT JESUS  
Frank Hess

**Happy November Birthday to**  
Mark Brint, Michael Gerlach, Mike Green, Rick Rossmessl, Jim Martin Scott McCormick, Steve Mans, Mike Ripp, Chip Jones, Eric Lamey Andy Deupree, Ed Peyton, Wendell Strickland, David Dierkes, Curtis Lejeune, Mike Kissell, Steve Follis Waldo Knickerbocker, and Mike Falanga



# Dep. Grand Knight LOG



## COMING EVENTS

### DECEMBER

- ◆ 12/3 **\*\*date change\*\***  
Business Meeting
- ◆ 12/6-7 - Turkey Collection
- ◆ 12/11 - Squires Meeting
- ◆ 12/14 - Breakfast w/ Santa
- ◆ 12/18 - Christmas Potluck

Brothers,

Now that the cooler air has arrived and the calendar has flipped to December and our thoughts start to fill with the approach of Christmas, we all need to take stock and be thankful for all we have. Please try to spend time with your family and strive as a family to help those that may not have as much to make this time of year more enjoyable. The council offers a couple of ways to help. First, we have the Fayette Cares Turkey Drive (Dec 6 & 7). If you haven't donated your turkey yet, please do so. Second, you can make a donation to the Christmas families that the council has adopted. You can do that by attending the December business meeting (which will be held on Wednesday, December 3). Also, please consider helping out with events by volunteering to work or to participate.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas,

Gary Tircuit  
Deputy Grand Knight



*Come Lord Jesus and fill the hearts of your faithful*


  
 Mark your calendars  
 Saturday & Sunday, Dec 6-7  
 Turkey collection for  
 Fayette Cares  
 Before all masses  
  
 Sunday, December 14  
 Breakfast with Santa  
 after 7:30 and 9:00 mass  
  
 Thursday, December 18  
 Annual Potluck  
 Christmas Party  
 7:00 in McGivney Hall



## pro life



**Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) --** One year ago this week, Barack Obama promised activists with the nation's largest abortion business that the first thing he would do as president is overturn every pro-life law in all 50 states. Obama said his first action would be signing the mislabeled Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA).

The measure, if it becomes law, would codify Roe v. Wade by making the infamous Supreme Court decision allowing unlimited abortions the law of the land.

But it would go further, warns Tony Perkins of the Family Research Council.

"If FOCA were to become law it would overturn hundreds of state laws that have put limits on abortion," he explains.

Perkins points to a new research paper written by FRC Vice President of Government Affairs Tom McClusky and he said Planned Parenthood, NARAL and other pro-abortion groups agree with This assessment.

"Recent polls show that most Americans agree there should be more restrictions on abortion and that tax dollars should not go to the life-ending procedure," Perkins says. 'However, the passage of FOCA would guarantee that more taxpayer dollars pay for abortions.'

The McClusky paper points out that, while abortion advocates say they want to make abortions rarer, the state of Maryland, after it passed a law like FOCA, saw its abortion rates shoot upward.

That happened as the rest of the country experienced a general decline in the number of abortions over the last decade or more.

"Passage of FOCA would be a big payoff to the abortion industry at the deadly cost of citizens' rights," Perkins concludes.

## insurance

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Be a real St. Nick and get life insurance today.

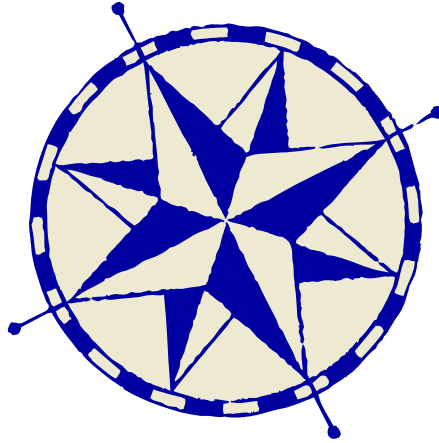
# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Wishing you and yours a BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON

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



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