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

**Happy February Birthday to**

Wallace Bunker, Thomas D'Auria, Harold Smith, John Bernard, John Ross, Scott Lendermon, Michael Kuehl, Mark Hamer, Paul Noel, Ben Meisler, Samuel Signore, Miroslaw Wozniak, Justin Wehmeyer, Josh Duback, Ted Hoepfner, Thomas Westling, Charles Smith, David Robdriguez, Thomas Willett, Vito Colonna, and Clarence Neal.

## Grand Knight's Log

And He will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

— Matthew 6:33

Brothers,

I was channel surfing before church last Sunday and had the pleasure of landing on the broadcast of services from 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbyterian Church on Poplar. They had a visiting preacher, an awesome speaker, someone I would recommend you listen to if you ever get the chance. He is Rear Admiral Dr. Barry Black (ret.), Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and former Chief of Navy Chaplains. I was really impressed by his message and his delivery. He's a neat man. His message is one we can all use in these troubled times. Nothing new, just a new mantra if you will...

"Have anxiety about nothing...and pray about EVERYTHING!"

Of course, he had a long list of little anecdotes of how he had applied that throughout his life; some made you laugh, some mad you sad. But I couldn't help thinking how this gentle man with the lazy eyes has helped me in a way that will last a lifetime. We all face uncertainty in our marriages, our jobs, our dealings with our kids, even with our parish. But if we listen to Dr. Black's message bad things still may happen, but we'll know that it's in God's hands and not for us to worry about. I invite you to strive for less anxiety and more prayer in your daily lives, my brothers. Our monthly parish breakfast will be postponed this month till Feb. 22 due to a conflict with the Mardi Gras. We will have a First Degree before the business meeting on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. That will start promptly at 6:15pm. For those who can't make that, the rosary will start at 6:30pm in the chapel. Our council will sponsor the First Annual 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance in the St. Ann Gym, on Friday, Feb. 20 from 7-10pm. We'll need at least 15 knights for parking lot security, concession stand and cleanup. Please come to the business meeting to hear more news. We'd love to see ya if you haven't been in a while.

God Bless you all,

VIVAT JESUS

Frank Hess



In remembrance of  
Our Advocate, Church Committee Chair, and friend...  
Charles Ross

# Dep. Grand Knight Log

## Deputy Grand Knights Report

I would like to thank all of my Brother Knights who helped out at the breakfast and at the free throw competition. February is another busy month for the council as we will host a First Degree on February 5<sup>th</sup>, adoration on February 6<sup>th</sup>, Mardi Gras on February 7<sup>th</sup>, breakfast on February 8<sup>th</sup>, and the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade dance on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, on February 27 we will begin our Lenten Fish Fry and we should be able to do some major recruitment. To close out the month, St. Francis is hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please update your calendars so you can plan on attending these events. I would like to thank all brother Knights who have already volunteered to help out at past events and to those brother Knights that will help make the events of February a great success.

Gary Tircuit  
Deputy Grand Knight

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### FEBRUARY — TAX TIME AGAIN

This month, I chose to pass up the opportunity to use the age old cliché about two things we must do ... although the timing should certainly bring it to mind.

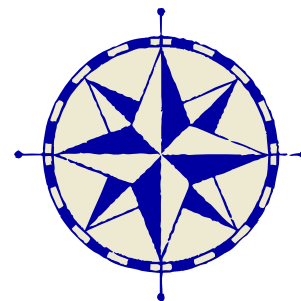
This season, in most homes, is financial accounting time. I'd like to wager that, at some point in the process, someone will ask (probably you!) "Where did all our money go?" Surely, all of the money we earn finds a home somewhere ... the grocer, the mortgage, the tax man. Very little, if any, is left over for a personal bank account or other investments. Most of us consider ourselves fortunate if we've managed to pay our bills! Folks usually save what's leftover . . . and for most folks, that's nothing.

The point is, whatever the amount earned, chances are good that it is spent providing for and rearing a family. Think about that for a minute. The needs of that family continue — food, shelter, clothing — even if the breadwinner suffers an untimely death.

So what does income tax have to do with insurance? Simply this ... it can serve as a reminder that protection for dependents should include an estimate of the current needs for money. While it may be convenient to say "I can't afford it," that's probably not accurate —when you consider that your family will be without **any income** should you die.

With this in mind, your Order has designed a plan which guarantees to continue income to your family for as long as they will need it. What's more, this plan will enable you to systematically save some of those dollars so difficult to account for at tax time.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

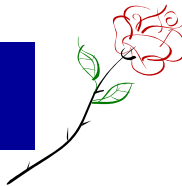


## COMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- ◆ Feb 5 - Business Meeting and 1st Degree
- ◆ Feb 7 - Mardi Gras
- ◆ Feb 8 - Breakfast
- ◆ Feb 12 - Squires
- ◆ Feb 19 - Social Meeting
- ◆ Feb 25 - Ash  
Wednesday
- ◆ Feb 27 - Lenten Fish Fry

# pro life



[LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com) reported on January 21, 2009:

Cardinal Nicolas Lopez, Archbishop of Santo Domingo, described the approach he has used to win the battle against the international abortion industry, which has sought to legalize the practice in the Dominican Republic, in an interview with LifeSiteNews last week.

Asked how the leadership of the Catholic Church can defeat the culture of death, Lopez answered that "first, the bishops, priests, all of the leaders of the Church, we have to be clear that life is a value that is not negotiable, that is defended, and proclaimed, before the whole world,"

"There are many people in the world who are in charge of killing, because they believe more in death than in life," he said.

"Regarding that, I believe that it is necessary to denounce, and denounce categorically, both the international organizations that are promoting these massive [pro-abortion] campaigns, as well as the government also, which feels weak in front of these international institutions, and also pressure groups that are in the country."

When international abortionist organizations and politicians began a campaign in the Dominican Republic to legalize abortion in 2007, Lopez carried out this strategy to the hilt, denouncing the international abortion lobby and scheduling massive protests throughout the island.

At the Cardinal's urging, thousands of demonstrators inundated the streets outside of the nation's Congress, stopping traffic and holding banners opposing the legalization of abortion. The Cardinal also went on national television to denounce the plan to legalize abortion. Drivers were told to turn on their car lights during the day to protest. And the legislation failed.

"I believe that we have to maintain a position that is clear, firm, decisive, brave, and all the rest, and not give in," Lopez told LifeSiteNews last week. He added that he believes it is better not to "argue with what is false, but rather to proclaim the truth."

Proclaim the TRUTH brothers, John

## news & announcements



Ash Wednesday is February 25.

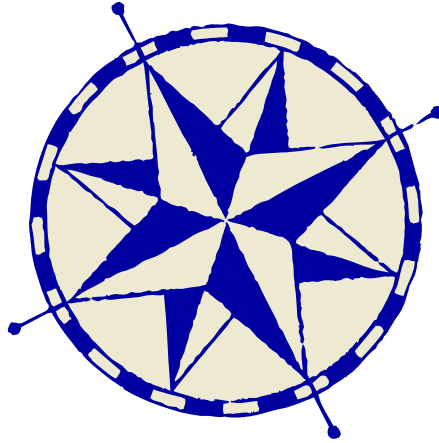


The first Lenten Fish Fry will be on Friday 2/27.  
We need volunteers to cook, serve and clean up.

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING – Thursday, February 5 7:00 P.M. McGivney Hall  
Rosary, upstairs in St. Joachim Chapel, begins 6:15 P.M.**



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