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

Happy April Birthday to

Archie Bennett, James Cantrell, Thomas Carty, Chuck Chow, Michael Christensen, John Clark, Joe Deluco, Derek Denman, Robert Duncan, Jonathon Elledge, Ronald Fennell, Mark Fillion, Glen Green, Raymond Guasco, William Harris, Lowell Healy, Lawrence Ichniowski, Mike Jewel, Joseph Knight, Jim Lammey, James Lochbihler, David Madeksho, Robert McDonell, Fred McGoff, Frank Nahlen, Norbert Nalan, David Nelson, Charlie Peterson, Gregory Pilcher, Sean Reagan, Tim Riley, Billy Selvo, Gerald Steckline, and Tom Zavodny

Grand Knight's Log

Brothers,

Another busy spell. The Block Party went very well, both the cooking and the obstacle course. Both events were well attended and seemed to have plenty of help.

Then this past weekend we had a Parish Spaghetti Dinner and we hosted a 3rd degree. While the turnout from the council was excellent, neither event was as well attended by the parish or the expected guests as we had hoped. I want to thank Carl Heinrich and Joe DeGeorge who headed up the cooking events (as always they do a great job), and all the other Brothers who helped them make these events successful.

Next up is the Annual Fire and Police Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, May 9. The honored guests are due to arrive at 7am with breakfast and the program to follow at 7:30. A couple of the regular cooks are going to be absent so if you're available, check with Carl or Joe and let them know what you can do to help.

Later that night is our Annual Ladies and Clergy Appreciation Dinner. This year we are trying something different. We will have the dinner catered at St. Ann. Please consider bringing your Lady and help us celebrate her love and support that makes your participation in the Knights possible. R.S.V.P. to Tim McCaffery,

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Finally, this month is election month. At Thursday night's business meeting you will elect a new group of officers for the 2009-2010 fraternal year. Please come to the meeting and cast your vote. Or, consider running for an office if you'd like.

Thank you all, and God Bless

VIVAT JESUS

Frank Hess

PROGRAM

Every council runs on the strength of its leadership so I am looking for a few good, practical Catholic gentlemen to do so for our council. Please consider taking on a leadership role as an activity director. For those of you who have been waiting for the right time to become more active in our council, now is your opportunity to do so. Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 384-4344 or gtirc@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

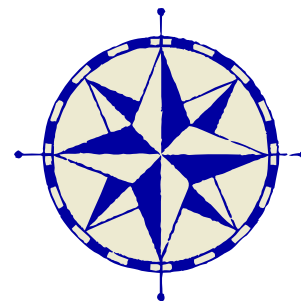
Gary Tircuit
Deputy Grand Knight

Dep. Grand Knight Log

I would like to thank all of my Brother Knights who helped put on the numerous events in April. May is a busy month for the council as we will host a spaghetti dinner on May 1, host a 3rd Degree on May 2, the fire and police breakfast on May 9 and the ladies appreciation dinner also on May 9. Help will be needed for all the events. Again, I would like to thank all the Brother Knights who have already volunteered to help out at past events and to those Brother Knights that will help make the events for May a great success.

Vivat Jesus

Gary Tircuit
Deputy Grand Knight



COMING EVENTS

May 7 – Business meeting
(Elections)

May 9 – Fire and Police
Appreciation Breakfast

May 9 – Ladies and
Clergy Appreciation Dinner

May 14 – Squires meeting

May 21 – Social meeting

May 29 – State Convention in
Nashville

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INSURANCE — THINKING ABOUT A VACATION

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill.

Beneath it all we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home — the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun.

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses — mortgage, utilities, etc. — must still be paid. So you need a "vacation fund."

All of this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation — retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you.

The only one left is you ... it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take.

Call me today and we'll plan it together.

pro life



FRONT ROYAL, Virginia April 27, 2009 (hli.org) - "Cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame! Wake up the echoes cheering her name. Send a volley cheer on high; shake down the thunder from the sky. What though the odds be great or small, old Notre Dame will win over all, while her loyal sons go marching onward to victory." (Notre Dame Fight Song)

I used to sing these words with tremendous zeal while a student at Notre Dame (ND) in the '80s and especially as a member of the ND Glee Club for a year. How proud we were to belt out this most famous of college fight songs and rally the troops for battle on the gridiron - and elsewhere! ND alumni do not need to be reminded how deeply embedded in our hearts this tune and these words are; we only need to be assured that they still mean what they indicate: namely, that Notre Dame's loyal sons are still "marching onward to victory" (of Catholic orthodoxy, that is.)

The decision of Notre Dame President, Fr. John Jenkins, to invite our nation's abortion-promoter-in-chief to speak at the May 17th commencement is such an egregious violation of our loyalty to our alma mater that it's hard to see how these words actually to Notre Dame apply any more. Who wants to "wake up the echoes cheering her name" now? Fr. Jenkins has just shaken down a sort of spiritual thunder on what used to be the country's premier Catholic university, and woe to him and the rest of the ND leadership for their decision to put Notre Dame definitively outside the scope of Catholic orthodoxy. It's worse than that, of course, because Fr. Jenkins and his team have reaffirmed time and again, in the face of massive protests, their commitment to having President Obama speak at graduation and to receiving an honorary doctorate. It just doesn't get more tragic than that.

Let's be honest: all the hand wringing and justification for Fr. Jenkins' decision is just fluff. Despite the unprecedented tour de force of close to fifty US bishops objecting to this travesty, Fr. Jenkins's claim that his decision is "consistent" with the bishops' 2004 directive on speakers at Catholic colleges - simply because Barack Obama is not a Catholic - is, well, absurd on its face. No person in his right mind buys it.

And that's the point - Notre Dame leadership is not "in its right mind" any more. The ones who made or endorsed this decision are not thinking with the mind of the Church let alone the Mind of Christ. This doesn't just apply to Fr. Jenkins either. It also applies to his superior, Fr. Hugh Cleary, who has an obligation to demand Jenkins' immediate resignation from his post to end this scandal but who chose instead to make a sappy, glowing, politically-correct statement which dares call this hurtful fiasco a "teachable moment."

No, Father Cleary - a "teachable moment" would be your removing Fr. Jenkins from office to show the world that the Church really means what she says in calling abortion an "abominable crime." (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 51)

As far as I am concerned, a thunder of judgment has just been shaken down on Notre Dame, its Board of Directors and any faculty, students or alumni who endorse the decision to bring Barack Obama to Notre Dame's campus to sully Our Lady's good name and our deepest loyalties.

By Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer - President, Human Life International

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



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