



THE COMPASS



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from the grand knight...

Brother Knights:

I am late writing, it is already the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, aka Candlemas. January didn't work out quite as planned but we did finally pull off the Corn Toss Challenge, congratulations to Bryan & Blaine. I understand the Corn Toss Patrons have further plans so keep an eye peeled. Although we couldn't actually hold our Social & Open House for prospective new members, we do have several interested men who will be fine additions to the Order. Our Membership Director has plans to build on our progress.

I have a special request of all Brother Knights, whenever you come to Mass or an activity at church, please wear your name tag (if your tag is lost or damaged, you can order a replacement via kofc7170.com)

We have a lot of work to do over the next couple of months. We will especially need help pulling off our final MR drive of the fraternal year the last weekend of February. Please sign up for a shift. Lent begins in March and with Lent come Friday Fish Fries, we will have plenty of opportunities for helpers there. Also in March is our Knights' Corporate Mass on Sunday, March 19th. We need all Knights and their families who can possible attend to be there in a body with us (please come in suit/sport coat and tie with name tag, Fourth Degree in Tux and Social Baldric).

Farther down the road, Council elections are scheduled for May, it is time to start thinking about whether it is time for you to serve as an officer or if you can think of someone who would make a good officer for the Council.

Throughout all of this remember our State Deputy's motto for this year: "If it is to be, it is up to me."

TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY COMMITTEE, CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN. WE HAVE AN ACTIVE SCHEDULE PLANNED FOR THE YEAR, AND ALL ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Be sure to watch out for these and other upcoming events:

February 25 - 27	MR Drive
February 28	Officers' Meeting
March 3	Bus. Mtg – Appoint Nominating Committee
March 6	Breakfast
March 9	Ash Wednesday
March 10	Squires Meeting
March 11	Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
March 13	Knight's Corporate Mass, 11:30 AM

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Zavodny

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happy february birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

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Chaplain's CORNER

Brother Knights:

This month's Business Meeting fell on Thursday, February 3rd. On that day the Catholic Church, in a special way, remembers Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr. On this day the Blessing of the Throats takes place. Saint Blaise's protection of those with the disease of the throat and every other illness comes from a legend that a boy who had a fishbone stuck in his throat was brought to him. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Not many people know, but another legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tells us that he was born into a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals that were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On

the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor because he refused to renounce his faith and love of God.

As a Knights of Columbus, we should follow the example of Saint Blaise and be always ready to defend our faith in Jesus Christ, even if it may cost us much. We should also be always ready to "heal" other people, not in the physical sense because we are unable to perform the miracles, but by our work for the good of our families and our communities we can make their lives better.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jacek Kowal

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Chaplain

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe we are over half way through our fraternal year. The Holidays are behind us and we have projects coming ahead of us.

First of all I would like to thank Tony Mulrone, Bryan Watson, Ed Wiseman and the other Knights that help with our first Corn Toss Challenge to St Francis Knights. It smooth and the overall opinion was great.

Immediately, we will need some help with our Breakfast the second weekend of February, a dance coming up in a couple of weeks and we have another couple of days for

the MRA Drive set. Be sure to come to the meeting and sign up or check our website for sign up sheets.

So let us break out of the winter hibernation and get ourselves out to one of two of the upcoming events.

God be with you,

Mark Nidzgorski

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Deputy Grand Knight



the fight for life

ABORTION'S AFTERSHOCKS

Author Michaelene Fredenburg

Although one out of three women of childbearing years have had an abortion in the United States by age 45, we rarely talk about our abortion experiences with even our closest friends and family members. Because we don't talk about our experiences, most couples have no working knowledge about how an abortion may impact them in the future.

There is often the expectation that life will go back to the way it was before the pregnancy and subsequent abortion. However, when a man or woman realizes that this isn't possible, he or she may experience powerful feelings of regret. The reasons for choosing abortion that were compelling before the procedure may appear weak or very different after the procedure.

Of course, not all women will experience immediate regret. In fact, men and women have a variety of reactions after an abortion ranging from relief to paralyzing guilt and grief. Many individuals experience conflicted emotions that are both positive and negative. While I had an immediate reaction after my abortion, there are others that will experience a delay of months, years, or even decades.

I spoke with a man recently who told me he pressured his girlfriend into an abortion 35 years ago. He didn't think about the abortion at all until 5 years ago. For some reason, he began to think about the fact that he would have an adult child that might possibly be married with children, making him a grandfather. The more he thought about this, the more concerned he grew about his ex-girlfriend. The concern turned into guilt -- something that has become a bigger and bigger burden for him.

Vivat Jesus!

John Vetter

John Vetter

vespers & divine mercy

Brothers,

What better way to end a long work day? Come join St. Ann parishioners in the Chapel for 20 minutes every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 5:40 pm for evening prayer followed by a divine mercy chaplet with Adoration continuing till 10:30 p.m.

catholic family focus

Brothers,

What better way to bring Jesus into our family life than by gathering with other Catholic Families for an evening of prayer and fellowship followed by a great meal! There are several CFF groups at St. Ann, please contact Bryan Watson for more information

the boat is full! night fishers are here!

Brother Knights,

Can't make the 6:00 am Fishers of Men meetings? Now you can join the men of St. Ann in the Chapel every Tuesday evening at 5:40 p.m. for evening prayer, divine mercy, study and fellowship. We dismiss promptly at 7:00 p.m.! Bring a friend! Both groups are currently reading Scott Hahn's "The Lamb's Supper". Come join us. Books available.

REMEMBER...

Life is hard, pray harder!

*"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith;
be men of courage; be strong."*

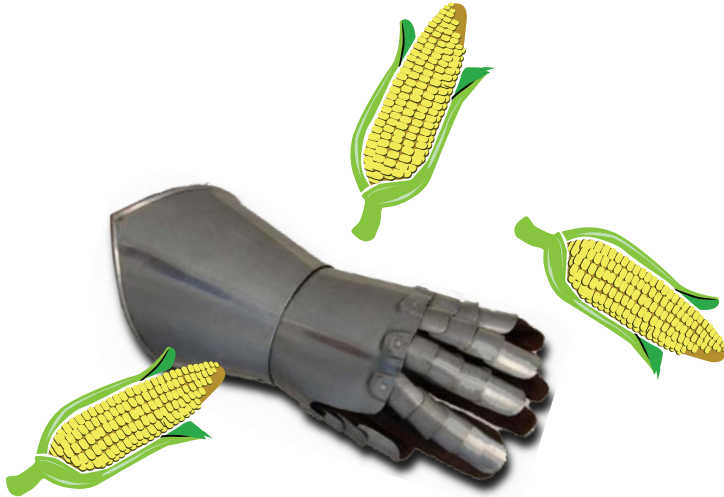
1 Corinthians 16:13



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“gauntlet throwdown” CORN TOSS VS. ST FRANCIS

On Friday Night, January 21 @ 6:30pm in the St. Ann Gym, Council 7170 hosted the first ever “Gauntlet Challenge” Corn Toss Tournament vs. the Timothy J. Coyle Council 9317 of St. Francis of Assisi. For everyone there who either competed or cheered on 7170 **THANK YOU!** This was a fantastic, fellowship-building event and we send out our thanks to our worthy opponents! Congratulations to Bryan Watson and Blane Elledge for securing “bragging rights” (as well as our improvised trophy) until the next CHALLENGE. Be on the lookout for our next opponent; tentatively slated to be The Church of the Nativity.



meet fr. RUSS!

Have you had the opportunity to personally meet Father Russell Harbaugh since he became our Pastor?

If not, this is a perfect time to do so. On the weekend of March 5 & 6, he is inviting you to join him in Trinity Hall for an informal reception following each Mass.* He will be available to answer questions about our parish capital campaign and his own background and journey to the priesthood. Plan to join him for this wonderful opportunity to know more about your parish and your Pastor.

*On Saturday, March 5th, the reception after the 5:15pm mass will be hosted by our Filipino community in McGivney Hall.



“...the righteous gives and does not hold back.” - Proverbs 21:26

ALL we have belongs to God. Stewardship,
is not how much of what I have do I give,
but how much of what's God's do I keep?

The kicker...God knows whether
we're 'holding out' or 'holding back'!