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from the grand knight...

Brother Knights:

Summer time! I don't know about the living being easy like the song says but the summer time is great for recharging and reassessing and building up for the next year.

First, I want to thank all for the great work you have done and the support you have shown for the Council and for me during the past year. It has been a true privilege to serve as Grand Knight this year. As none of us can work to our potential without the support of our families I wish to publicly thank my wife Margaret for supporting me, really the last two years, but especially this last year.

Second, I want to congratulate our newly elected officers and hope that they will all have your full support to making the 2011-2012 fraternal year the best ever for Council 7170. Congratulations to Grand Knight - Mark Nidzgorski; Chaplain - Fr. Jacek Kowal; Deputy Grand Knight - Bob Hunt; Chancellor - Greg Thomas; Recorder - John McLean; Treasurer - Frank Hess; Financial Secretary - Tony Mulrooney; Advocate - Jeff Braford; Warden - Wendell Strickland; Inside Guard - Bryan Watson; Outside Guard - Lou Salameh; Outside Guard - Doug Grokulsky; Trustee, three year - Tom Zavodny; Trustee, two year - Gary Tircuit; Trustee, one year - Ike Davidson.

Third, I want to thank all those who made our annual Bartlett Fire and Police Breakfast a success. This is a great event to recognize the services performed by these dedicated public

servants. Thanks to brother Pat Casey for coordinating this event, thanks to the cooks and thanks to those who set up, served and cleaned up. Job well done!

And last but hardly least, I want to thank all those who made our Ladies and Clergy Appreciation Dinner a success. We honored brother Bryan Watson as Knight of the Year and brother Pat Casey and his wonderful lady, Linda, as Family of the Year. I have been thanked several times by Sister Connie and those thanks extend to the whole Council. Thanks also to all who attended. Special thanks are due to Tony Mulrooney for finding the caterer and organizing the dinner and extra special thanks to Joyce Burti and Janice Mulrooney, decorators-in-chief. Very well done!

Don't forget our next business meeting on June 2nd and our Social on the 16th, the social may also include the Installation of Officers for the 2011-2012 fraternal year.

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). Remember, it is events were the knights turn out in a body that give us the most solid publicity.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Zavodny

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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 june birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

James Bond
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Chaplain's CORNER

Brother Knights:

Having just left the joyous time of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I would like to extend our joy by keeping in our mind that back on May 1st Holy Father Benedict XVI announced Pope John Paul II as a Blessed John Paul II. Important is the fact that this happened on the feast of the Divine Mercy, which was established by Pope John Paul II, who asked us to celebrate this feast each year on the 1st Sunday after Easter.

Because of this very important occasion for we Catholics, I would like to talk about the importance of the devotion to the Divine Mercy in our life. The message of mercy has a great and special urgency in our times. God wants to speak to our generation, and He desires that we listen and respond to His word. In this generation – so marked by the culture of death; by the crisis of faith, hope and charity; by world wars, atomic bombs, terrorism, and autonomy from God; by the desire of men to be like God; by an era of violence and family destruction; by abortion, drugs, poverty, natural disasters, and sexual immorality of all kinds; and by a great crisis in the Church – we can only exclaim, “Have mercy on us, Lord, and on the whole world!” The Lord chose St. Maria Faustina, a Polish religious from the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, to be “the secretary of my Mercy.”

Saint Faustina played an important part in the message of mercy because God wanted to choose her as an instrument. St. Faustina saw two rays of light flow from His Heart which illuminated the world. These two rays, Jesus explained to her, represented Blood and Water. This is what St. John the Evangelist described to us; for he saw, when the soldier pierced the side of Christ with a sword, Blood and Water pouring forth (Jn 19:34). Divine Mercy reaches men through the Pierced Heart of Christ. The Lord revealed to St. Maria Faustina five ways to fulfill her mission of mercy: the Image of Mercy, the

Feast of Mercy, the Chaplet and Novena of Mercy, the Hour of Mercy, and works of mercy towards others. “Trust in Me” – this is the cry of the Lord through the mouth of His servant St. Faustina. If we could summarize the devotion to Divine Mercy in one word, it would be trust. For trust is the first response to the awareness of His endless mercy.

As it always happens in the history of salvation, the last word between God and sinful humanity is not of judgment and punishment, but of love and forgiveness. God does not want to judge and condemn, but to save and liberate humanity from evil. Does not all humanity and each one of us today need to ask for and receive the forgiveness of God? Yes – and very much so, but we must do so with the greatest confidence in the fact that the mercy of God is never-ending.

I would like to finish with words of Blessed Pope John Paul II in which he presented to us the real meaning of the Divine Mercy. He said: “As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems confused and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept the Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father’s love by Your Death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You...Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.”

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jacek Kowal

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Chaplain



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

Well our fiscal year is finally over. My new journey begins in July as your Grand Knight. A journey is not only what you are leaving behind but it is also about what is ahead of you.

We are taking this journey together. I am not the Knights of Columbus 7170 but we are all the Knights. This journey can only be accomplished with all of us working together.

I know that if I ever need help all I have to do is call one of my Brother Knights. I am making that call today. I am calling all of you to help me this coming year. I am calling each and every one of you to reach out to one of your Brother Knights that wants to still be part of this great organization but they just need you to call them and invite them back.

The only way I am going to have a successful year as your Grand Knight is to have your support. The head of any organization is only as good as the body. I know we have a strong council, I know this will be a successful year because I know I can always count on my fellow Knights.

May God be with you,

Have a great month and may God be with you,

Mark Nidzgorski

Mark Nidzgorski
Deputy Grand Knight

the fight for Life (cont.)

Brother Knights,

A young couple had arrived for an appointment at Planned Parenthood in Memphis. On their way into the building, they declined to talk. But a little while later, the man walked outside.

This time, one of the counselors was able to strike up a conversation. He confirmed that the young woman was there for an abortion. The counselor gave him information about resources that are available in Memphis. He thanked her and went back inside.

Less than ten minutes later, the couple walked out of Planned Parenthood.

The young man raised his arms, smiled and exclaimed, "We're not going to do it!"

The vigil participants waved as the couple drove off. But then they made a quick stop and circled back into the parking lot. It seems they'd gotten a phone call from Planned Parenthood. They may have called off the abortion, but they still owed \$100 for the clinic visit!

That should tell you something about Planned Parenthood.

"But this did not dampen the young father's spirits," said Kerry in Memphis. "Before he drove off again, he gave two thumbs-up to the vigil-goers."

God bless,

John Vetter

John Vetter



the fight for life (cont.)

Brother Knights,

One volunteer in Worcester got involved in 40 Days for Life after his wife asked him to pray.

He'd always been pro-life, he said, but "I have always kept my mouth shut." After all, he's a guy, and we're always told that abortion is a "women's issue."

Then he visited the 40 Days for Life web site and did a lot of reading. "I cried more than once," he said, "for the unborn, for their moms and for my inactivity in the past. I asked God to forgive me for being silent these last 40 years. I was wrong to keep quiet. I will not be quiet any longer."

This volunteer now has a plan. "I am going to fast as often as I physically can," he said. "I will pray every day. I will ask others to pray."

Thanks, he said, "to you all for standing up, speaking up and doing something positive for the little ones."

Are we too silent? God tells us to stand up and be counted! Can He 'count' on you?

Think about it.

God bless,

John Vetter

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1st Friday adoration

Brothers,

We need your help in supporting Friday Night Adoration in the St. Joachim chapel. The doors will now be locked (there is a new buzzer installed) at 10:00pm so parishoners will have to be let in. The feedback has been tremendous from those attending Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in support of our commitment. Come and spend an hour with your Lord and Savior. We will be sending out an e-mail for sign-up every 1st Monday.

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! Come join us.

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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membership

Brothers,

I have three questions I'd like you to consider.

1. **WHEN** was the last time you attended a Business Meeting?
2. **WHAT** was the last Knight event that you attended? (DONUTS on Sunday morning doesn't count)
3. **DO YOU** have a name tag?
... and do you know where it is?

If you've answered "NO", or "I CAN'T REMEMBER" then, Brothers, it's time to come back home and visit old friends and make new friends. All I'm asking is that you give us TWO HOURS a month. Who knows what doors may open to you? That new job may be waiting for you. That new customer you're looking for might be at the next business meeting. A 4th for your golf outing might be available this weekend.

TWO HOURS A MONTH – we can make a huge difference in our parish and community if everyone reading this gives just TWO HOURS.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Hunt

Bob Hunt

need a new OR replacement name tag?

Purchase your new or replacement FOLD OVER or MAGNETIC Name tag securely at the 7170 website: www.kofc7170.com



upcoming events

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

June 16New Officers Installation
June 18 Concert & Redbirds & Fireworks!
June 26 4th Degree Wives & Clergy dinner
July 4 Independence Day
July 7 Business Meeting
July 21 Social

Vivat Jesus!

Tom Zavodny

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"...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'!