



THE COMPASS



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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...

Brother Knights:

As we begin a new calendar year, I hope everyone had a merry and holy Christmas and I wish everyone and their families a happy and holy New Year.

December was a busy month with the final distribution of the Advent and Christmas Wreaths and the Council Christmas Party. I want to thank everyone who participated and especially all who helped set up McGivney Hall for the party.

The Squires' annual Fayette Cares Turkey Drop was also a great success, congratulations Squires!

I would especially like for all to remember our Social on Thursday the 20th. We are planning an open house for prospective new knights, please be sure to invite anyone you know who would be interested in the Knights of Columbus. William Dunaway, our new field agent will be there to introduce himself. If our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity have true value for us, if our Columbianism is worth anything, it is worth sharing.

Another important event during January is the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. It is important that our fellow Americans and, particularly, our elected and appointed officials see how vital an issue this is for so many people.

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

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

- Social Meeting and Open House on January 20th
- "Gauntlet Challenge" Corn Toss vs. St. Francis January 21
- Officers Meeting on January 31st
- 1st Degree Exemplification 6:00pm February 3rd
- Business Meeting on February 3rd
- "Sock Hop" Dance (Date TBD)

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 january birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

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the "BLURB"!

Brother Knights,

Sir Knight Fr. Russ has graciously given permission for 7170 to use the ambo for a PSA announcing our invitation to the men of St. Ann to come and learn about the Knight of Columbus. Below is the 2 minute "elevator speech" that we will be delivering following all the masses the weekend of January 15 and 16.

We are the Knights of Columbus, Edward J. Kitts Council 7170. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization whose main principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We are the largest Catholic organization in the world with 1.8 million members worldwide. We are committed to service to family, community, and our Church. In this decade alone, the Knight of Columbus have donated \$1.325 billion to charity and provided about 626 million man hours of volunteer work worldwide. These are just some of the reasons Pope John Paul II referred to the Knights as "the strong right arm of the Church". Gentlemen, join us. Help us strengthen our Church, our community, our world and our faith.

If you would like to deliver this short speech following any Saturday or Sunday Mass please drop me a line!

Bob Hunt

Bob Hunt
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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Brother Knights,

It is hard to believe another year is gone and I have been the Deputy Grand Knight for 6 months.

Tom and I are heading to the mid-year meeting in Nashville with our brother Knights from around Tennessee. I am really looking forward to this meeting and hopefully I can bring back something from this meeting to build upon our great Council 7170.

I would like to thank everyone for all the help this past year with our many projects. But our fraternal year is not done. We still have 6 months to go and many things to

accomplish. Like they always say in the sales business, "What a great week you had! NOW what are you going to do for me?"

I would like to ask the same of you: "What a great 6 months! NOW what can you do for the church, the community and our council in the next 6 months?"

May God be with you and Happy New Year!

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

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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.

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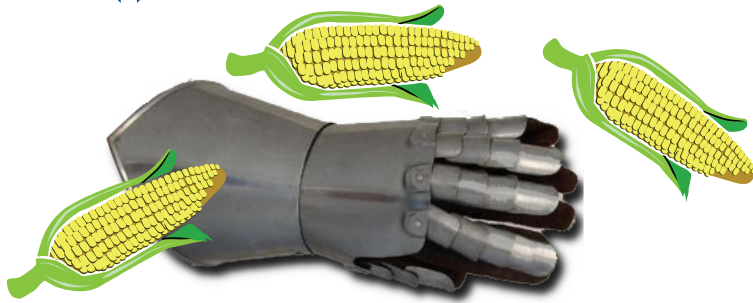
Life is hard, pray harder!

"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

Friday Night, January 21 @ 6:30pm in the St. Ann Gym we will host our first ever “Gauntlet Challenge” Corn Toss Tournament vs. the Timothy J. Coyle Council 9317 of St. Francis of Assisi. If you would like to be on one of the eight teams representing 7170, please contact Bryan Watson. **COME ON OUT AND CHEER ON 7170!** Refreshments and concessions will be served.

Washington D.C.

The ‘March for Life’ in Washington will be on Monday the 24th of January 2011. We will leave on Saturday the 22nd and return the evening of the 25th. Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

Anyone interested contact John Vetter at 283-2760 or johnv@deltadatainc.com. I have to have numbers now so I can make arrangements.

Yours in Christ,

John Vetter

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youth program

The Holiday Season has come and gone and we had a lot of things going on. Hope you had a chance to participate in some of the events. A big hit with the younger audience was our annual “Breakfast with Santa”. Talk about getting in the Spirit of the Holidays! I’m not sure who had more fun, the Knights or the kids. We sold 100 pictures generating \$500.00 and had 125 kids participate, not to mention a special visit of a North Pole Elf...thanks to Jake Hunt!



Our biggest event for Youth is the Knights of Columbus “Free Throw” contest which is held when the students return back from their break. This year, we will be joining with other Councils to host the Council as well as the District contest all at one time. Dates for the event will be forthcoming via email.

We need a lot of volunteers and it’s good for our children to see us supporting and cheering them on in their endeavors. I challenge you other Knights to get more involved to help mold our youth and build leaders for the future. Please contact me to help promote this very successful event.

Vivat Jesus!

Eddie Robinson

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Youth Chairman

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