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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT...

Brother Knights:

The year rolls on; Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner. We have a lot of work to do over the next couple of months. We need help with our final MR drive of the fraternal year March 5 & 6 at Kroger on Summer Avenue. Everyone should sign up for a shift. Lent begins March 9 and with Lent come Friday Stations of the Cross & Fish Fries, we will have plenty of opportunities for helpers throughout March & April. Our Knights' Corporate Mass is on Sunday, March 13th, 11:30 AM. 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).

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)

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. Also in May we will have our annual Fire and Police Breakfast on May 7 and our Ladies and Clergy Appreciation Dinner on May 14.

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:

- 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 12 Corn Toss & Chili Cookoff Contest VS Nativity
- March 13 Knight's Corporate Mass - 11:30 AM
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 4th Degree Exemplification - OLPH
- March 20 Ambo Speeches - ALL MASSES
- March 25 SRVS Groundbreaking
- March 25 Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
- April 1 Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross
- April 4 Officers' Meeting
- April 7 First Degree (6PM) & Business Meeting – Nominate Officers

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 march birthday wishes to our fellow brother knights:

keith archibald
peter atkeison
bradley bird

john k. day
mike k. fultz
frank j. marciniak

robert a. marczynski
john d. martini
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chaplains CORNER



Brother Knights:

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britian in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote "The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same." "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family. He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take

the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Jacek Kowal

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Chaplain

Deputy Grand Knight's Report

My Brother Knights,

As we continue our fraternal year, it is nice to see some changes taking place.

1. An increase in attendance at our business meetings
2. More Knights wearing their badges at the different events
3. Seeing new faces helping out.
4. Continuing seeing the same old faces.

Let us continue this trend. When you go to an event and see a brother Knight with a badge, make sure you greet him and if they do not attend our meetings invite him back.

If you see a fellow parishioner who is not a Knight, invite him in. Make sure you greet all fellow parishioners and make them feel welcome in our home we call St Ann's.

In the Bible, God asks us to be the best version of ourselves. How can we do that? Being an example, inspiring others, when someone asks you to walk a mile with him, walk two.

Let us work on being the best version of ourselves, help bring men into the Knights, invite our fellow Knights back in, help inspire them, and go that extra mile volunteer on one of our many projects.

God be with you,

Mark Nidzowski

Mark Nidzowski
Deputy Grand Knight





the fight for life

The battle goes on. Again, Planned unParenthood was caught providing advice to pimps for the prostitution of under-age slave girls from foreign countries. This is a company that is provided \$360 million of your tax money every year. As a last minute protest, to let our legislators know, protests were held at these murder facilities across the country on February 14th from Noon till 1pm. We had a great turn-out, about 80 people showed up, nearly a fourth from St Ann's.

We need to continue these activities, to let people know that abortion is the killing of babies. While we were there a teenage boy passed us and made the comment; "Yeah, if it weren't for people like you, I wouldn't be here." He gave us a thumbs up and kept walking.

Last fall during the '40 Days for Life', a couple of teenage boys approached us and started to inquire about adoption as an alternative. They were really negative, suggesting that adoption would only add to our problems as a nation. A diocesan priest and I engaged these boys, and I felt we had a positive effect on them, but who knows. Well, at the closing ceremony of the '40 Days', a week later, these boys showed up, and were very enthusiastic supporters of the Pro-Life position.

So, you just don't know who, or how, or why, or where you will affect someone. Just like the trip to Nashville where we met that woman who had had an abortion, and was suicidal. Our group, with prayer and consulting and love, turned her life around. I still hear from her. She is a changed person. I invite you to jump in and make a difference!!

God bless you all!

Vivat Jesus!

John Vetter

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***"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!
For if the miracles that were performed in you had
been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have
repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.."***

Matthew 11:21

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

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 Holy Scripture for the upcoming celebration of the Sunday Mass. Come join us!

freethrow contest



Brother Knights,

St. Ann's youth were a big hit for Council 7170 at the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest held at St. Ann on Saturday, February 19th. Out of ten brackets, two boys from our parish, ages 10 to 14, were named District champions of the 2011 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the Regional Level.

All youngsters of St. Ann's parish, ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate in the local Free Throw Challenge held here at St. Ann's. The following went on to compete and win in the District and have earned the right to compete at the Regional level.

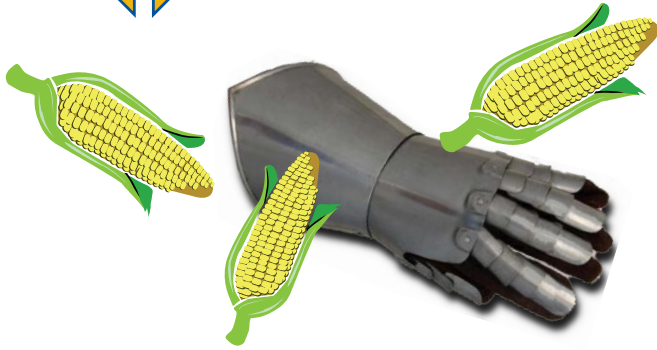
Giovanni Paramo was the 14-year old boy's champion and had the highest number of free throws at the District event...22 out of 25. In the 12-year olds' bracket, Joe Ferrante came away the clear winner.

The St Ann winners will compete in the Regional competition to be held at CBHS on Sunday, March 6th from 1:00 to 4:00PM. Contestants need to arrive at 12:45 to check in. The winners from Regional will move on to the State tournament to be held in Nashville. Date for the State tournament is tentatively scheduled for March 27th.

For more information, please call Eddie Robinson at 382-4835 or Tim McCaffery at 827-7622.



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“gauntlet throwdown” corn toss and chili cookoff vs. nativity

Brother Knight Advocate Doug Grokulsky attended the Pope Saint Pius V Council 14041 (Church of the Nativity) Feb. 4 business meeting and **THREW DOWN THE GAUNTLET**, challenging our Brother Knights to a **CORN TOSS & CHILI COOKOFF CONTEST** to be held in the St. Ann School Gym on Saturday Night, March 12, beginning at 6:30. Following on the heels of our successful challenge with Timothy J. Coyle Council 9317 of St. Francis of Assisi, this challenge has been **KICKED UP A NOTCH** with the addition of a **CHILI COOKOFF!**



Lets all come out and support this event! If you want to be on one of the eight 2-man teams contact Bryan Watson. Let's put forth our best effort, roll out some **CROCK POTS** and bring some **GAME!** 14041 may be small but they will be **BRING THEIR BEST GAME!** Remember that guy named David?

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.

“So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.”

Daniel 9:3



need a new OR replacement nametag?

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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'!