



THE COMPASS



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from the Grand Knight...

Brother Knights:

Can it really be that school has already started? Of course that's not news to anyone with school-age kids, or to anyone who drives to work between 7:00 and 9:00 AM. Even if we no longer have kids in school, we still have to hit the ground running. We have lots of exciting things going on this year. Just this month we have our first breakfast of the year, the return of the Silver Rose and a Fourth Degree Exemplification.

Any Third Degree member in good standing who has been a Knight for 6 months is eligible for the Fourth Degree, the visible arm of the Knights of Columbus, whose principle is Patriotism. I would like to personally encourage any eligible Brother Knight to seriously consider joining the Fourth Degree.

Saint Ann, our Council and our Squires Circle will be hosting the Silver Rose again on September 18th. The

Silver Rose honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and was actually started by the Columbian Squires. We will start the event that Saturday with Mass celebrated by Fr. Jacek, our Chaplain and the Squires' Father Prior, at 8:00 AM followed by the Rosary. The squires and Fourth Degree Sir Knights in regalia will provide an honor guard for the Silver Rose.

Remember the State Deputy's theme for this year is "Responsibility: If it is to be, it is up to me." That motto can apply to most of what we do – attending meetings and socials, putting on events, recruiting and retaining members, etc. If each of us doesn't do his part, the whole is the less for the loss.

Watch for notices and check the website for all the events in the works for the coming months.

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 SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

BRAD BRADLEY  
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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month!

**Tony Mulrone**

Congratulations to our Family of the Month!

**The Bob Hunt Family**

Thanks for all that you do for our council and church.

**Congratulations to all Members of 7170 for your efforts in our council receiving the  
Patriotic Service Award!**

## Deputy Grand Knight Report

Have you ever stopped to think if you are making a difference by being a Knight of Columbus? Do you see the Knights as a bunch of retirees looking for an excuse to meet, or do you see us as Catholic men living and practicing our religion on a daily basis?

I actually see both. It is a great excuse for all men, retired and still working, young and old, to enjoy fellowship with men who share the same Catholic beliefs and values. I also see how much good we accomplish every year. Take a closer look: We help feed, shelter and clothe the poor. We help protect the rights of the unborn. We provide scholarships. We work people with special needs. We help the veterans who provided us the freedom to worship freely. We volunteer tens of thousands of hours and millions of dollars to help our fellow man.

I am asking all of my brothers to stop for one minute and reflect on this great fraternal organization and all the good it accomplishes in our ever-more-secular world.

I am extending an invitation out to all of St. Ann's Knights of Columbus to join us at our monthly meeting, come have fun at one of our socials, and give just a little of your time and help us help thousands of more families now and in the future. My brother Knights that we have not seen in ages, don't be a stranger. We are easy to find.

I am curious to see if anyone reads these newsletters. So, if you don't mind, send me a quick email and let me know if you read this letter. And if you have not been to one of our meeting in a long time, why not? What would it take to bring you back? Please send your comments and responses to [dgk@kofc7170.com](mailto:dgk@kofc7170.com).

May God be with you,

*Mark Nidzgorski*

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Deputy Grand Knight.



## the fight for life

I have been celebrating Mass at a local parish while the pastor is away the past few weeks. Many of the readings during that time concerned the prophets and their message and trials. I was moved to reflect once again on the prophetic dimension of our Baptism in Christ-Priest, Prophet and King. Several decades ago, the great Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "The prophetic voice of Christ has all but been stilled in the Church today." To the degree we fail in this prophetic mission, the world will sink into oblivion under the increasing weight of its sins.

In my lifetime, the United States has gone from quite a wholesome, rational, and moral country, to one that is largely decadent, irrational, and immoral. Most people seem to be hardened to it, unconcerned that we have a death wish in process.

First it was artificial contraception, then abortion, then partial-birth abortion, then infanticide (all of which have been supported by many liberal politicians at one time or another, even some running for president) not to mention euthanasia, and outright killing of the disabled and sick. Actually, it's even worse. Terri Schiavo wasn't sick. She didn't die from an illness. They killed her by starvation, a very cruel way to die.

Now it's same sex marriage (no transmission of life, no fruit of natural love) and we call it inclusive and just. It is yet another nail in the coffin of a society that is clearly dying. Every stage of life is under assault by the forces of death. From prevention of life through artificial contraception, to abortion-which is homicide by definition in each case (the taking of the life of an innocent human being), and genocide taken as a whole. Preventing life, ending life from the youngest to the oldest. We call it progress. It is a death wish, and we had better watch what we wish for.

"All that evil requires to prosper is that good men remain silent." The hour is late. We have had years to change course. Instead, we have obstinately refused and gone from bad to worse. May God have mercy on us, and grant us the courage and strength to act in accordance with that truth.

God bless you,

*Fr. John Corapi*  
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## website update

Brothers,

Check out the **NEW 7170 WEBSITE [kofc7170.com](http://kofc7170.com)**! There are many new pages including Squires, a Historical Archive, Adult Catholic Education Information, Secure Event Payment and Business Directory among others! Please contact Doug Grokulsky with any suggestions or comments on ways to make our site more robust! [grokulskyd@gmail.com](mailto:grokulskyd@gmail.com) or 901.333.9942.

## 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 5:45 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

## FISHERS OF MEN

Brothers,

What better way to start a long work day? Come join the men of St. Ann in the Chapel every Wednesday morning at 6:00 a.m. for reflection, study, mass and fellowship. We dismiss promptly at 7:30 a.m. SHARP! Bring a friend!

**REMEMBER...**

**Life IS hard, pray HARDER!**



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## Soccer Challenge

The kids are back in school and the soccer fields are filled with talent right now. It's that time of the year to see who will have the bragging rights as the winners of The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. This year, the Soccer Challenge will be held on Saturday, September 11th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM and the Knights will be serving lunch to all those who attend the event.

Designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills-the penalty kick- the Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls in our community, ages 10-14. The Soccer Challenge is one in which the soccer goal is divided into a series of 5 scoring zones, with a point value given to each section. After participants are given 15 penalty kicks, his or her total number of points will be awarded depending upon the scoring zones that were hit.

The Council from Church of The Nativity will be joining us this year which will add a lot of fun and competitiveness to the event. Those winning on Saturday will continue on to compete at the Regional, State and International levels. Registration forms are available at Sharon Finney's office, St. Ann Athletic Director, as well as on the day of the event.

The buzz in the St. Ann school hallways will say it all..... Who will hold the bragging rights for the best scores till next year? Come join in the fun and fellowship. For more information, please contact Eddie Robinson at 382-4835.

Thanks for your support!

Eddie Robinson  
Youth Programs Chairman

## community report

Brothers,

We have learned that our Council has been awarded the Columbian Award and the Father McGivney Award for the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year.

In order to qualify for the Columbian Award, the council must: Have completed and returned the Service Program Personnel Report Form to the Supreme Council office by August 1. Annually conduct and report at least four (4) major involvement programs in each of the following sections of the Service Program: Church Activities, Community Activities, Council Activities, Family Activities and Youth Activities. Have completed and returned the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report Form to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services by January 31.

In order to qualify for the Father McGivney Award, the Council must achieve its associate member quota. The quota for councils with 101 or more members is a 7 percent net increase in membership for the fraternal year. Congratulations on a job well done!

Be sure to watch out for these and other events:

Business Meeting on September 2nd.  
The Fraternal Year Budget will be voted on.

Fourth Degree Exemplification at 12:30 PM on  
September 11th, St. Francis Parish Life Center.

First Breakfast of the Year on September 12th.

Squires Meeting on September 16th

Silver Rose Mass followed by Rosary on  
Saturday, September 18th

Social on September 23rd

\*Note this is the 4th Thursday instead of the 3rd!

Business Meeting on October 7th

19th Annual Special Athletes Fun Day  
October 9th at CBHS

Knights Breakfast on October 10th

Vivat Jesus,

*Gary Tircuit*

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