



PRINCE OF PEACE—COUNCIL 7909 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

December, 2005 Newsletter

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A Message from the Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

We have had a very successful year so far but there is still much to do. As you know, the next thing on our calendar is the Council Christmas Party on Jan 7th and I will again encourage you to attend. Please RSVP to me ASAP.

Just as importantly, it is time for all of us to do our individual duty to our Order and our Council in the payment of annual membership dues. I would remind you that these moneys do not contribute to the Council's general funds, as much as they are used to defray expenses (to Supreme, State, etc.) that we as a Council incur throughout the year based on membership roles. Please pay these dues in a timely manner in order to keep your membership current as well as save unnecessary work for our membership team.

I would like to extend the warmest wishes to all of you and your Families for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian D. Miller, Grand Knight



Help Wanted:

- First Degree team needs a new captain. This person rounds up the team and sets up for degrees. Contact Brian Miller if you are interested.
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition on the 7th of January—we need ball handlers, food help, registration, etc.
- Donut Sunday—stop by after any Sunday mass to see how you can help.

Congratulations to the Family of the Month for December The Cantu Family

The Bob and Nancy Cantu family was selected as the Family of the Month for December. Bob is a long time member of our Council. Nancy is the leader and founder of Mother's Hands, a wonderful local charity that helps countless people every week. The contributions of the entire family in our Christian community are exemplary. Congratulations to the Bob and Nancy Cantu family.

Congratulations to the Knight of the Month for December Frank Feindel

Frank serves the parish as a Lector. He has served our council for the last two years as Church Director, during which time he instituted our monthly Corporate Communion at the 7:30 AM Mass prior to our officers meeting. I invite you to attend our next Corporate Communion in January as a way of thanking Frank for his years of service.

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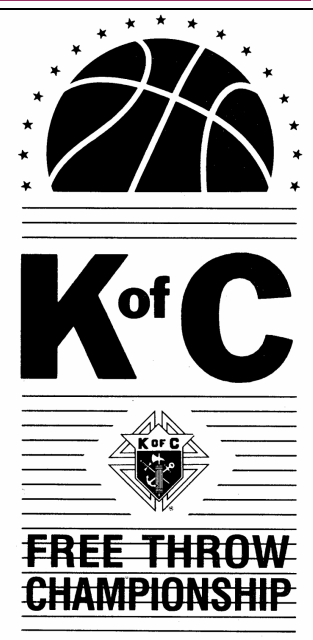
Support the Youth—Council Free Throw Championship

It's that time of the year again for the Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Championship contest. The contest will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2006 in the school gymnasium between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

There will be lots of boys and girls ages 10-14 there, so we should have lots of Knights there also to support them. Help is needed for registration, ball handling, food service and just general crowd control and support.

If your son or daughter will be competing, please be sure that they have a copy of their birth certificate with them for registration. There will be food, snacks, door prizes plus trophies for 1st/2nd/3rd in each age group.

If you can help or have further questions, please contact Troy Mills at 829-9088 or email him at tamils@spt.com. Let's show our youth how much Knights care by being there.



Christmas Decoration Removal

On Monday, January 9th at 6:30 PM, we will remove the Christmas decorations from the church and return them to storage. We need manpower, cordless drills and trucks if you have them. We expect the process to take about 2.5 hours, depending upon how much help we have. Mark your calendar, make the time and come on out.

-Steve Smith

First Degree Update

If you didn't already notice on the calendar, the First Degree originally scheduled for January 8th has been cancelled. An email -only announcement will be sent out if/when it is rescheduled.

-Brian Miller

Seven Resolutions for the New Year

1. Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent. First things first: Life insurance protects your family if something should happen to you. Before you do

anything else, be sure that your family is protected - come what may. As your field agent I will happily provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Please give me a call!

2. Don't spend more than you earn. We expect the government to balance the budget, but what about our own finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.

3. Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures. Without self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If you can't figure out where your money goes, save the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.

4. Take advantage of all savings options available to you. Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you.

(P.S. Ask your Knights of Columbus agent about tax-deferred annuities, IRAs and Roth IRAs).

5. Adopt a long-term perspective. Beware of get-rich-

quick schemes - few of them work. Instead, patience is the more productive approach - and it requires less of your daily energy. A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.

6. Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible. Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest typically charged by a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months...if not years.

7. Be prepared for unexpected expenditures. When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples of these expenses might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs - maybe even a discretionary purchase, such as that big-screen television.

-Kirby Schmelzle 785-830-9019

January 2006

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December:
 General: For all men and women: May they come to an ever deeper understanding of their dignity, granted them by the Creator in his plan.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>New Year's Day</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7 Council Freethrow 11AM-4 PM Council Christmas Party-6 PM cocktails; 7 PM dinner
8 Donut Sunday Corporate Communion-7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg-8:30 am- St. Mark's room	9 Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's 7:30 pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 Donut Sunday	16 <u>MLK Jr. Day</u> Rosary-7:00 pm- Teacher's Lounge Bus. Mtg-7:30 pm- St. Mark's room	17	18	19	20	21
22 Donut Sunday 33rd Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Donut Sunday	30	31				

February 2006

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December:
 Mission: For people all over the world searching for God and truth:
 May they encounter the Lord Jesus.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Donut Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Donut Sunday Corporate Communion-7:30 am Mass Reg. Mtg-8:30 am- St. Mark's room	13 Fourth Degree Knights meeting @ St. Paul's 7:30 pm	14 <u>Valentine's Day</u>	15	16	17	18
19 Donut Sunday	20 <u>President's Day</u> Rosary-7:00 pm- Teacher's Lounge Bus. Mtg-7:30 pm- St. Mark's room	21	22	23	24	25
26 Donut Sunday	27	28				

A little history of Roe v Wade

The case was brought before a three-judge district court in Dallas County, TX in March 1970. Roe alleged that she was unmarried and pregnant; that she wished to terminate her pregnancy by an abortion "performed by a competent, licensed physician, under safe, clinical conditions"; that she was unable to get a "legal" abortion in Texas because her life did not appear to be threatened by the continuation of her pregnancy; and that she could not afford to travel to another jurisdiction in order to secure a legal abortion under safe conditions. A final decision on the case was delivered on January 22, 1973. More can be found at <http://www.tourolaw.edu/patch/Roe/>.

According to the counter on the Kansans for Life website, www.kfl.org, over 46,000,000 lives have been taken by abortion since that decision. Some other interesting statistics found on the

website: For the year 2004- Total abortions = 11,427, 48% were non-residents of Kansas, 518 at 22+ weeks, 295 of those where the baby could have lived outside the womb, over half, 6,910, were under 9 weeks.

The alternative is adoption for these children. In 1992, there were 127,441 children adopted in the United States. (*Flango and Flango, 1994*).

The majority of Americans are personally affected by adoption. In 1997, the Evan B. Donaldson

Adoption Institute conducted a benchmark survey of 1,554 adults to examine public attitudes toward the institution of adoption and members of the adoption triad. The survey found that **6 in 10 Americans** have had personal experience with adoption, meaning that they themselves, a family member, or a close friend was adopted, had adopted a child, or had placed a child for adoption. (*Evan B. Donaldson Institute, 1997*) For more information, visit <http://www.adoption.com/>.

- Randy Bolz



From the editor:

If your getting this via the post office, then you're not on our newsletter email list. Many members have already chosen this option to save our help save our council dollars for more worthy causes.

If would like to receive it via email only, please send a note with your name and address to schieffr@yahoo.com and we will quickly make this change.