

WEBSITE FOR NEWS

This month we are featuring the entire list of council officers. There was much more news to be printed but due to limited space we cannot place it all in this month's newsletter.

All the additional news can be found on the Council's website: <http://knights.sainttherese.net>.

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FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers, it was good to see so many of you at the meeting last night.

I have several thoughts that I want to share with you. First, Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) -- get the facts, understand what this means. The Catholic Bishops of the United States are against this bill because it is truly evil and is, and will be a blight on this nation. As Catholic men, or even Christians, we cannot sit back and be silent when laws are being put forth to be enacted that go against the social and moral teachings of the Church. If you choose to be silent, be silent in your disgust that something of this nature would even be considered by the Congress.

In addition to the shame and tragedy of FOCA, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Catholic, has stirred up a hornet's nest by promoting the idea of spending millions of dollars on birth control and abortion as part of the economic stimulus package. "Contraception," argues Pelosi, "will reduce costs to the states and to the federal government."

Our choice is to be silent and not speak out for justice and righteousness or to raise our combined voices against these evils. We are all called to be our brother's keeper; this especially applies to the unborn. We need to speak for those who do not have a voice.

I will leave you with this prayer that I received from Fr. Vince.

My Lord God I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does

not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that my desire to

please you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

I look forward to seeing everyone this February 9th at our next First Degree.

Vivat Jesus,

Gary Tadwick, Grand Knight

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

As you know, we identify, pray for and visit those Knights and their families who are ill, either at home or in the hospital. If you're aware of any Knight, or his family, who is in need of prayer or a personal visit, make the Council aware of the situation. You can give the information to any officer or member of the Council.

Their names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers are included with this Knightline issue. The data will be shared with our chaplain and the Council. If the ill members would like a personal visit, this can be arranged at a time convenient for the family.

FIRST DEGREE

With 12 form 100s in hand, a First Degree exemplification has been set for February 9 as part of our regularly scheduled social meeting. Steve Wise, Financial Secretary noted the 12 possible new members while reminding those in attendance at the January 26 business meeting to forward any completed form 100s to Matt Reilly as soon as possible.

The exemplification will begin at 7:30 pm with candidates asked to arrive at 7 to complete all necessary paperwork.

THIRD DEGREE

Third degrees will be held at two locations in February. The Concord Council will hold a third degree on the 21st and the council in Fayetteville will host a third degree on the 28th. Any second-degree Knight who wishes to continue his journey to full Knighthood on either of those dates should contact Matt Reilly or Grand Knight Gary Tadwick.

50 YEARS A KNIGHT

Bobby Collins was singled out during the January business meeting for his 50 years of continuous membership in the Knights of

Columbus.

TRUE CHARITY

Not too many weeks ago, Fr. Joe brought to the Council's attention the plight of one of our elderly parishioners. Her house needed some minor repairs and he asked the Knights to help. Clayton Brown offered to lead a team of "do-it-yourselfers" to help. Since starting the work, Clayton and his group have fixed the roof, installed new ceiling tiles, put up new fascia boards, re-built the water pump in the parishioner's washing machine, installed a new hot water tank, fixed the toilet, installed smoke alarms and sealed the chimney. Total hours involved - more than 50. A true practice of the first principle of our order!

COUPLES RETREAT

The Most Reverend William Curlin has agreed to conduct a retreat on March 21 for all Council members and their wives. Final details are being worked out; however, initial plans call for an all-day retreat, beginning in the morning and concluding with an afternoon Mass. An invitation to join us will be sent to other councils in the area. Mark your calendars now to attend this marvelous opportunity to put the world aside and spend a day giving honor and glory to Almighty God.

SQUIRES

Stewart McLamb and Phil Bischoff reported on the activities of our Council's Squires. During January, eight Squires, their parents and three Knights worked in the Mooresville Soup Kitchen, serving 89 people. They also practiced their culinary skills by helping the Knights get ready for the barbecue dinner on January 24.

Phil Bischoff, Chris Baker and Stewart McLamb along with Squire "PF" Phillip Bischoff attended the mid-year Squires State Convention. "PJ" is also the State Bursar as well as for the local circle.

JANUARY 24 BARBECUE

Rated as an unqualified success, our Saturday night barbecue dinner raised over \$2200 to help parish families with their medical costs. According to Brother McLamb, 250 people were expected for dinner and 411 were actually served. The kitchen ran out of beans and french fries but everyone got all the pork they wanted.

For the event, 96 Boston Butts, weighing in at over 850lbs, were cooked. 25 of these were for the Boy Scouts' upcoming dinner, 29 were sold whole to individuals and the rest were served at the dinner.