



Grand Knight's Report

I want to express my thanks to DGK Craig Arent and FS Bob Kelly for all the time and efforts they spend keeping our Council running smoothly and efficiently. Craig has created and submitted our year end reports. His work on these reports has our Council well on its way to reaching Star Council. He has also submitted reports for State recognition. Thank you Craig.

You have all heard Bob's reading of the payments and receipts at our meetings. These are just a very small part of his duties. Tracking membership, collecting dues, membership cards, preparing the council audits, conducting & tabulating the Fraternal Audit, keeping us in good standing with Supreme by paying the per capita, to name a few. The FS is very important to a council and Bob fulfills this duty in a behind the scenes but outstanding manner; thank you Bob.

Thanks is due to all our officers, each brings unique qualities which assist our council. Brother Bieber is the Newsletter Man of the Year in my book. Thank you Steve. We have a very vibrant and active council and that is the result of each of our member Knights. Thank you all for your contributions. We will be holding elections at our June meeting. Please don't hesitate to nominate fellow

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SAM ALLEN

PRO LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

When Mary was told by the angel that she was conceived by the Holy Spirit she was very brave and said yes. She said she would have a baby. It took a lot of courage and faith to say yes to Gabriel. Today's mothers must have the same courage that Mary had when she said yes. If they give in and say no they have no other option than to commit abortion.

All life is sacred. That little baby is a person. It has as much right to live as you or me. If you think about it, abortion is basically killing another human being.

Now think about Mary. What if she would have said "no"? What would have happened?

Would Jesus have been able to be conceived and eventually save the world? Think what would have happened if Mary had said no. Of course Mary did not know at the time the future of humanity rested on her shoulders when Gabriel spoke to her. She did not know this. She did know that she was not married. Mary knew that people would think badly of her because of this. She also knew though that this was part of God's plan and she would always say yes to God's plan.

Today mothers cannot even begin to imagine all the faith it took to say "yes". Even so, they should try to imitate Mary and say yes to God's plan. God Loves all life and he teaches us to do the same. By saying yes they are accepting God's will and declaring that life is sacred at the same time.

Mary gave us a great example to live by but she is not the only one. There are countless other people who have not gone the easy way by saying yes to God's will. Mary decided to do the right thing instead. There are countless examples, even just within the bible. One person who said yes to God was saying yes to sacrifice himself for all humanity.

Again mothers should learn from this example. In fact, everyone should learn from this example. Everyone should learn to say yes to God. God is the supreme being and he knows everything. If you are wise you would learn to listen and love Him and His law.

Poster Winners



Blake Krenk
4th Grade



Kalyn Hunkins
2nd Grade



Paul Arent
8th Grade

Pro Life Report—*Del Ridder*

Saturday, March 29, 2008, will be our council's 4th annual The Day of the Unborn Child. The observance will begin with a rosary at 7:30 AM followed by mass at 8 AM. This is an international event for the Knights of Columbus although not every council observes it on the same day. It is usually celebrated in conjunction with the Feast of the Annunciation.

As you may recall this pro-life feast day began in El Salvador in 1993. In 1998 the then President of Argentina signed a decree proclaiming that human life begins at conception and making March 25th "The Day of the Unborn Child. Later "The Day" was "instituted as an addition to the International Order of the Knights Crusade for Life and symbol of commitment to building a culture of that respects and protects every human life."

Approximately, 40 persons attended the Feb. 24 presentation: "You Can Be Pro-Life and Love Stem Cell Research."

Speaker Chip Maxwell communicated well that the only form of stem cell research pro-lifers are opposed to is embryonic stem cell research because it necessitates the destruction of the embryo. (His presentation included much more.) "A basic principle of embryology is that an embryo is a human being,

... A basic principle is that humans should not be used for experimentation when harm or death is likely to result."¹

He reminded the audience that adult stem cells have successfully treated human conditions for approximately 40 years. (perhaps the earliest were bone marrow transplants to treat cancers.) More than 70 health conditions have been successfully treated by adult stem cells. Below is just one example of advances being made using adult stem cells.

Patient Chooses Adult Stem Cells Instead of Fake Heart(.) ... After seven heart attacks, Douglas Rice ... had three months to live." He turned down an

offer of an artificial heart" he preferred his own adult stem cells which were harvested and injected into his heart. Such procedures are still in trial stages. But results are encouraging," Rice said. 'I came into the hospital in a wheelchair and walked away. It makes me feel night-and-day different'.²

Sunday, April 27, Greg Schleppebach will be our third speaker in our council's Pro-Life Community Education Series. Greg is the State Director of the Bishops Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities. He has effectively served Nebraska's three dioceses in that position for more than 17 years.

Nebraska Coalition for Ethical Research newsletters,

- 1: Nov. 2006,
- 2: May 2007,

Ken and Carolyn Dolezal.

March Family of the month is Ken and Carolyn Dolezal. The Dolezal family started 32 years ago and have been at St Patrick Parish for 29 years. Ken has been a Knight for about 25 years, first with council 833 and then with St. Pat's. They have 5 adult children and 6 grand children. All of their children have been at St. Pat's and Pius. Frank and his wife Beth have 2 children and live in Lincoln. Tony and his wife Lori live in Kansas City. Angie and her husband Mark have 2 children and live in Denver. Julie and her husband Michael have 2 children and live in Lincoln. Carla is a student at St. Benedictine college.

Ken is a graduate fro UNL and works in Insurance claims. Carolyn has a masters degree from UNL and currently is teaching at St. Peters. Carolyn has also taught in the Lincoln Public Schools and has been a stay at home mom. Ken and Carolyn are endlessly active in the Parish and the community. Ken has been a Lector for many years. In the past they have been on the Parish Council, Home School, Men's Club, and Catholic Workman. Currently they are active in the youth group Fesla, Join Hands Across America and eh Lincoln/Lancaster abstinence Program. When they are not moving their feet helping others they enjoy moving their feet on the Dance Floor. They have belonged to an NULL Folk Dance club for several years, are members of a Square Dance Club and Spend evenings dancing out at the Plamore Ballroom. They say an idle mind is the devil's workshop, well the devil doesn't stand a chance. Thanks Ken and Carolyn for your many blessings.

FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Tax-Deferred Annuities

Are you expecting a tax refund? Even if you're not, you certainly don't want to pay more in taxes than you have to. Yet, that's exactly what you can expect if you have savings that aren't in a tax-deferred account. Examples include bank savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

I can help you to find a good place to put that tax refund you might be expecting. The Knights of Columbus offers a highly competitive tax-deferred annuity. You don't pay income tax on the earnings until you withdraw them - which most likely will occur after you retire. And these tax-deferred earnings compound at a faster rate than money saved in a taxable account.

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On March 6th Msgr. Raymond Wageman Council #8625 of Valprasio/Davey hosted a First Degree Initiation in the St. Mary's rectory basement in Davey. Our Council had three men receive their initiation. I am most pleased to announce that Joseph Petrzilka, Wayne Petrzilka, and Thomas McMahon as the newest Knights of Council 13576. Please welcome these new Knights.

Thank you and fraternally yours, Stan



Ben Rerucha

Benedict L. "Ben" Rerucha 74, Lincoln, died Saturday (03/22/08).

He was the owner of Industrial Tool & Supply Company. Ben was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Parish Council;



Knights of Columbus; Pius Advisory Board; American Legion; and Catholic Workman. Ben served in the Navy during the Korean War from 1952 to 1956. He married Nadine (Sedlacek) on June 6, 1957 in Bruno, Neb.

Funeral Mass was Wednesday (03/26/08), St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Msgr. David Hintz as Celebrant. Interment: Calvary Cemetery. Memorials to St. Patrick's Building Fund; or the Lincoln Right to Life.



PITCH RETURNS
April 4th
7 p.m.
in the Gym



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Calendar

MARCH

- 24 2ND & 3RD Degrees St.
John's 6:00 pm
- 25 Officer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Mass for Day of the Unborn
Child 8:00 a.m.
- Stations & Rosary
- 30 2nd Sunday of Easter /
Divine Mercy Sunday
- Membership Blitz, Pulpit &
handouts

APRIL

- 2 Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Lunch at 7 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Mass 6:00 pm
Exposition-Nocturnal
Adoration
- Pitch Tournament 7 p.m.
- 6 3rd Sunday of Easter /
First Communion at
St. Patrick's
- 12 Tootsie Roll Campaign
North 27th Hy-Vee

- 13 4th Sunday of Easter /
World Day of Prayer for
Vocation
- Pancake Breakfast /
Tootsie Rolls North 27th
Hy-Vee
- State Free Throw Event,
Hastings College 1:00 pm
- 18 DDP Dinner at St Patrick's
- 19 UNL Spring Football Game
1:00 p.m.
- 20 5th Sunday of Easter

- 22 Officer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
(Rectory Basement)
- 25 - 27 State Convention Kearney
- 27 6th Sunday of Easter
- Greg Schleppebach Pre-
sentation Pro-Life Educa-
tion Series 7:00 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast schedules:

Time	Last Names
6:30 am - 9:00 am	Po to Z
9:00 am - 11:00 am	A to G
11:00 - Close	H to Pe

Directors

- Family Director Terry Ryan
- Church Director Gary Taylor
- Youth Director Kevin Landwehr
- Pro-Life Director Del Ridder
- Education Director Albert Schrader
- Health Services Carl Strom
- Vocations Director Dave Wilson
- Council Director Stan Fraas
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- 4th Degree Assembly #595—Gary Taylor

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- Trustee 3 Tom Albin
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- Lecturer Phil Kostka

From our Financial Secretary

If you do not currently receive the Courier or Columbia Magazine, please let me know so that State or Supreme Records may be corrected.

John R. (Bob) Kelty



Luncheon Committee

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| APRIL | MAY |
| Brian Havlovic | Joe Jaworski |
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