



Knights' News



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From the Grand Knight

We're off and running – except for one thing! Saturday, July 6, we had our planning meeting for July 2005 to June 2006. I am pleased to report that volunteers are serving all our leadership roles except one. **PGK Joe Hagan** will serve as Church Director. **New member Anthony Cappuccio** and **SK Gary Peal** will serve together as Community Directors. **SK Don Heft** will serve as Council Director. **SK Herb Wilkins** will serve as Family Director. **SK Samir Soliman** and I will work together as Program Directors. **SK Gary & Anita Peal** will represent our council as “Pro-Life Couple.” And **Jack McDonough** will serve again as Youth

Director.

The only position that remains “leader-less” is Membership Director. Not bad, I thought (until I thought a little more). What happens to our council if we are not actively seeking new members? If we don't grow (i.e., add new members), we become

stagnant and lifeless. And certainly, we don't want that to happen. Therefore, **I am seeking someone to serve as Membership**

Director. To assist in this quest, I suggest that each of you ask yourself why you joined the Knights of Columbus. Who inspired you? Or who invited you? Or who pushed you until you joined the ranks? Are you willing to do the same?

As I'm writing this, I am inspired. I was sitting in Adoration Chapel, after someone whom I respect very much asked me about the Knights of Columbus. I shared what the “Knights of Columbus” meant to me – that we are a charitable, fraternal organization aiming to serve the needs of our Church and our community – and when our meetings are held. I will follow up this opportunity with a letter because, upon reflection, I missed an opportunity to say that **I am a Knight because I love God.** Why else would I dress up in Fourth Degree attire, collect money in a silly apron for “Operation H.O.P.E.” and come with other Knights (who also love God) to meetings that are sometimes boring, sometimes interesting and other times a combination thereof? I do it (and others do too) because I (and they) love God. And we look for ways to manifest our love for God, who has shown us through Jesus how much He loves us.

As your Grand Knight, I encourage you to focus on why we are Knights of Columbus. (**What would you say** if someone asked you about joining the Knights of Columbus?) Because, if we don't positively agree that we are Knights for good reason, then how will we convince others to join our Raymond G. Bennett Council 7289?

As for upcoming events: On **August 6**, I invite you (i.e., council **members, wives** and/or **guests**, and **widows** of former knights) to celebrate together our association with the Knights of Columbus at a Saturday evening **cookout at my home on 40 Willow Oak West in Sea Pines** after 5 pm Mass. I will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and

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Show Your Support for Life

The "Choose Life" license frames will be available for sale at all of our meetings. If you can sell some of these frames for us, please see the Grand Knight or the Deputy Grand Knight for a supply. These frames sell for \$ 5.00 each, with all proceeds going to the Pregnancy Center and Clinic of the Low Country.

Are you hearing from us!

If not, we may not have your correct address, e-mail or phone number. Sending newsletters by e-mail saves on our costs. Those who do not have e-mail will continue to receive future issues of the "Knights News" by mail. Notify the Grand Knight if we do not have your current address, e-mail or number.

From The Editor

ATTENTION SIR KNIGHTS!

Join our National Daily Prayer Campaign!

Brothers and sisters,

Because prayer is the foundation of all we do in the pro-life movement, we invite you to join tens of thousands of others who are offering, each day, a prayer of commitment to build a culture of life.

At the moment, one of the most important concerns of the pro-life movement is the appointment of Federal Judges, and eventually Supreme Court Justices, who will respect life and will respect the Constitution rather than invent "rights" that have nothing to do with it. The US Senate, in particular, is faced with the challenge of confirming the right kind of men and women for this task. Therefore we are asking you to pray that this process may be free from all obstruction and anti-life bias. Click here to join the National Prayer Campaign for our Nation's Courts and Judges.

On the other links below you will find our ongoing novena to end abortion. You will notice that this is a prayer that focuses on our own commitment to respond to the needs of the unborn. It does not simply ask God to do something. It praises God for the gift of life and transforms that praise and gratitude into a firm commitment to speak up and be involved in the pro-life cause.

When you sign up you will have an opportunity to leave your email address with us. This will also enable you to receive my regular pro-life commentary every two weeks.

Thank you for joining this prayer effort. Please spread the word!

*-- Fr. Frank Pavone
National Director*

Assembly 2280 will have the August business meeting on Aug. 18th At St. Andrews Hall on Pinkney Colony Rd. Bluffton at 7:30 PM. Please plan to attend. Our new Faithful Navigator, Jack Cavagnaro will outline some of his plans for the upcoming year.

Fr. Frank Pavone to Francis Kissling: Being Catholic is not a game

New York City- Fr. Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, issued the following statement today in response to a press release from Catholics for a Free Choice.

"The agenda of Catholics for a Free Choice is an agenda of confusion. Once again, Frances Kissling has asserted that Catholics don't have to adhere to Catholic teaching.

"Our response is simple. Nobody is forced to be a Catholic, but if you don't subscribe to Catholic teaching, have the honesty and integrity to say that you are no longer Catholic. But don't try to have it both ways. That's a game children play, not adults.

"Because Kissling has played this game

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