



# Knights' News



Raymond G. Bennett Council No. 7289

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From the Grand Knight:

Man your stations. We are moving full steam ahead! I am pleased to report to you that **SK Ryan McDonough** will serve as our Membership Director; that 42 knights, wives, widows and guests attended the **Aug. 6 cookout** to celebrate our togetherness as Knights of Columbus family; and that 40 or more came Aug. 15 to **Tierney Short's presentation** on her three-week mission trip to Kenya. Wow! August was awesome.

“Will September be special?” –some may ask. I propose so. On **Sat., Sept. 10 (Note: not during Labor Day weekend, but the following Saturday)**, Buck Edwards, a retired IBM executive who believes in sharing time and talents as well as treasure, will be our guest speaker at our pot-luck supper. Buck will share how God unexpectedly entered his life and changed him forever. Maybe God has done, or will do, something similar to you. “Will you be ready?” –he asks. This guy inspires me every time I listen to him. I met him working at First Presbyterian Church, where he is an active member, elder and performer. He also serves as a mentor at Hilton Head High School. He assisted Habitat for Humanity in building homes for the needy. If we had a soup kitchen, he'd be cooking soup. Good golly! What hasn't this guy done? Take my word for it. He inspires me, and I'll bet he'll inspire you too. Come and see. Everyone is invited!

Please don't forget to **bring your favorite foods** to the pot-luck supper! We get credit for feeding the hungry, so bring your food and fast before you come.

I am also pleased to report that our Chaplain, Father Hayden Vaverek, has approved a **fund-raising idea** that will help our charity effort as well. Supreme Council encourages us to support vocations by giving \$100 refunds whenever \$500 is donated to a seminarian or postulant. Therefore, we will collect money to support our Polish seminarians, who have claimed Holy Family Church as their “home parish”; and Supreme Council will reimburse us for our efforts. As Scripture tells us, *“The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you.” (Mark 4:24)*

## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

<u>Day</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sat.	10th	5:00 pm	Corporate Mass followed by Social Meeting and pot-luck supper in Seitz Hall.
Thu.	15th	12 noon	4th Degree Social luncheon at Flora's Italian Café. (Call SK Gary Peal 671-1464 for info.)
Sun.	18th	7:30 pm.	Second Degree Exemplification at St Francis Hall
Mon.	19th	7:30 pm.	Monthly Business Meeting in Seitz Hall

## Financial Secretary Resigns

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**Sir Knight Rich Rochelle submitted a letter of resignation as Financial Secretary for personal reasons effective Sept. 26 or as soon as a replacement can be appointed.**

### Show Your Support for Life

"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.

Communicating by e-mail is a lot faster and more efficient. Plus, it's cheap! If we do not have your e-mail address, send it to the Grand Knight free-of-charge via Tkdonnelly@hargray.com. We'll only send you the important stuff. Thank you for your help!

### From the Lecturer

Within the last few weeks I became aware of some new words that were being introduced into our vocabulary. The words "blog", "blogger" and "blogging" did not ring a bell until I did a little research. The word "blog" is derived from "Weblog" which is part of a daily information machine. A "blogger" would then be one who gathers information and usually dispenses it from his website. The information is not always true and can be misleading. The result is the creation of an army of civilian journalists. It was the act of "blogging" that undercut the efforts of CBS to lessen the damage of Dan Rather's false report of the President's Military Record. It was the "bloggers" that kept CBS on the defensive. All that is needed to be a "blogger" is a tape recorder, a camera, an enabled cell phone and a web site. This permits a "blogger" to have the resources to report the news as good as most newspaper offices.

## What do we really know about John Roberts?

Will he make a good Supreme Court Judge? Will his vote make a difference in our lives, or in the lives of those threatened by embryonic research, abortion, infanticide or

euthanasia? Many questions abound with few answers. The Supreme Court is clearly divided 5-4 on partial-birth abortion and on the question of parental notification for abortion.

John Roberts is a federal appeals court judge for the District of Columbia. Roberts, 50 is a Catholic who has represented both Bush and the Reagan administration in private practice and as

a deputy U.S. solicitor general and as an aide to the attorney general and the White House counsel. We can gain insight by what is said by friends as well as foes. Caution is advised.

Clarke Forsythe of Americans United for Life, a public interest law firm specializing in life issues, said Roberts is "an experienced jurist with impeccable credentials. The Feminist Majority

Foundation's president, Eleanor Smeal said his record suggests he "will be a solid vote against women's rights and Roe vs. Wade."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson of the Knights of Columbus said Roberts argued a case pro-bono for some of the neediest welfare recipients who were about to lose their benefits under

the D.C. Public Assistance Act.

WASHINGTON - On its return from vacation in September, the U.S. Senate may vote on legislation that would mandate federal funding of research that requires the killing of human embryos.

The bill, H.R. 810, passed the U.S. House of Representatives on May 24, 2005. H.R. 810 would require federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, which would require the killing of human embryos. President Bush has said that he will veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

On May 24, 2005, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 810, a bill to mandate federal funding of stem cell research that requires killing human embryos.

That bill is now before the Senate, along with its identical companion bill, S. 471, which is sponsored by anti-life Senators Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and Tom Harkin (D-

Iowa). H.R. 810/S.471 is strongly opposed by President Bush and by NRLC.

**Consideration: Each human being begins as an embryo.**

Comments: Stem cells can be obtained without killing human embryos, from umbilical cord blood and from various types of adult tissue. Already, humans with at least 58 different disease conditions have received therapeutic benefit from treatment with such "adult stem cells." In contrast, embryonic stem cells have not been tested in humans at all because of the dangers, including frequent formation of tumors.

Those who favor federal funding of research that kills human embryos sometimes claim that these embryos

"will be discarded anyway," but this need not be

so. Many human embryos have been adopted, or simply

donated by their biological parents to other infertile couples, and are happy children today. (We cannot kill people now just because they may die some time in the future.)

National Right to Life Committee and others are urging their supporters to make their views known to their Senators, to tell them that they favor "human embryo adoption, not dissection." **NRLC suggests your senators need to hear that you agree with President Bush that the government should not fund research that requires the killing**

**of human embryos.**

GOD give us SERENITY to accept what cannot be changed, COURAGE to change what should be changed, and WISDOM to distinguish the one from the other.

Remember that you have received a spiritual seal: the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of prudence and strength, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of holy fear. Therefore, preserve what you have received. God the Father has sealed you. Christ the Lord has confirmed you, and has given a foretaste of the Spirit in your heart,

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Thomas L Friedman in his new book "The World is Flat" reveals the new world of electronics and wireless communications. One of the most recent innovations, that started in Finland, is called Wikipedia. This is an encyclopedia with volunteer contributors from around the world. At present there are over 600,000 articles in 50 different languages other than English. In English there are over 250,000 articles. Anyone can make a contribution and or a correction. A volunteer board reviews the information for vandalism or propaganda.

With this new world do we need a website to get our message across?

Some additional thoughts from the Lecturer

As I approach another birthday, the question comes up as to whether or not I should tell my age to those curious souls who want to know. If you do tell your age you are then subject to their timetable. Age does not matter except that it becomes a yardstick by which other people judge you. Some will say that he looks good for his age or that he shows his age. There are those in their fifties who are shocked to find out that another person is in his eighties. They will often assume that the older person of that age is senile or close to it. As Mark Twain is supposed to have said "Aging is a matter of the mind, if you do not mind, it doesn't matter.

To our lady readers;

Today it is hard to believe that the English Parliament passed a "Progressive Law" in 1782 that limited the size of the stick that a man could use to beat his wife.

So much for the so called "good old days".