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*Tim Risher*

## MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

July in Kentucky and it sure does get hot! This is our third year of living here and the first two years did not seem as hot. Fortunately, the heat does not bother me that much. Perhaps the heat is one of the reasons we do not have many activities going on during July. The only activity we have planned for the month is the Corporate Communion on July 30. Please make an effort to attend Mass as a group and then back to the Hall for a free and delicious breakfast.

It's the end of summer vacation for most students and soon back to school. Enjoy these next few weeks and take some time as a family for a mini vacation. But try to leave the cell phone, BlackBerries, voice messages and e-mail for when you return. The word vacation means, "to be unoccupied." Remember there was a time not long ago when these *indispensable* productivity tools did not travel along on vacations.

The Grand Knight of the Glasgow council asked if we would help advertise one of their fundraisers. On Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM-10PM their council is helping to sponsor the 41<sup>st</sup> annual ice cream social. This event takes place at the St. Helen Parish Center, 460 Calvary Drive (behind Shoney's). Now there is a great way to beat the heat and keep cool!

Four members of our council recently attended the 2006-2007 Kentucky K of C State Meeting held in Elizabethtown. The majority of the meeting centered on recruitment, retention and insurance. We made a commitment for our council of obtaining 20 new members for this fiscal year. This should be an easy goal to obtain since we have 310 recruiters in the council. Also discussed was the upcoming NFL sweepstakes promotion. We were the **number one** council in Kentucky last year thanks to our captain Vic Billhartz. This promotion last year added close to \$ 500 profit for our council. Let's do it again!

I have learned one thing for sure during my tenure as DGK and now GK. You never leave these state meetings empty handed. I believe the State Officers save all the mail until we show up.

Stay involved and continue to grow Council 1315!

Tim Risher, Grand Knight

## WANTED -- VOLUNTEERS

To sit with shut-ins for an hour or two, occasionally while the caregiver, usually the wife or husband, runs errands, goes to the doctor, shopping or just to get out for a while.

There is no schedule, only when needed. There is no pay, but the benefits are real...you'll feel good after.

The more who volunteer, the less frequently you will be called.

Call Gene Faller to signup 781-6849.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01	.....	Jack Crabtree
01	.....	John Davis Jr.
02	.....	Sean O'Keefe
05	.....	Alan Tourville
06	.....	Christopher Henry
06	.....	Paul Roche
08	.....	Gary Brooks
08	.....	Darrell Logsdon
08	.....	Timothy Witten
10	.....	George Cherwak
11	.....	Joseph Osterman
12	.....	Daniel Connor
12	.....	G. Michael Murphy
12	.....	William Payne
15	.....	John Deeb
15	.....	Adam Spears
15	.....	H. Thompson
15	.....	Jose Villegas
18	.....	Steve Kovar
19	.....	Delbert Hayden
31	.....	Clay Smalley

## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

01	.....	Officers Meeting
01	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
08	.....	Council Meeting
17	.....	Fourth Degree
22	.....	Columbus Club

### SEPTEMBER

05	.....	Officers Meeting
05	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
10	.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification - Winchester
12	.....	Council Meeting
21	.....	Fourth Degree
23 - 24	.....	Recruitment Blitz - All Parishes
26	.....	Columbus Club
29	.....	KOC Family Picnic

### OCTOBER

03	.....	Officers Meeting
03	.....	Charity Committee Meeting
10	.....	Council Meeting
10	.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification
19	.....	Fourth Degree
24	.....	Columbus Club
29	.....	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification - Lexington

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

01	.....	Bob & Lynn Austin	22	.....	Ray & Maire Blankenship
01	.....	Daniel & Pam Lipp	22	.....	Hanley & Sharon Hartz
02	.....	Edward & Mary Theresa Krutulsky	22	.....	William & Darlene Sims
02	.....	Michael & Mary Dale Reynolds	22	.....	Steve & Jane Wilson
03	.....	Ed & Barbara Parker	23	.....	Dennis & Dianne Meffert
07	.....	Robert & Janice Belt	24	.....	Jack & Bonnie Crabtree
07	.....	Joseph & Donna Browning	24	.....	Robert & Denise Jernejcic
07	.....	Euel & Margaret Hurt	25	.....	John Jr. & Sue Goessling
09	.....	Jack & Ginny French	25	.....	James & Sylvia Weis
11	.....	Robert & Christine Bowlds	27	.....	John & Ashley Buser
13	.....	Eric & Laura Smith	28	.....	David & Mary Finney
14	.....	Peter & Marsha Wyzykowski	28	.....	Mike & Sandy Osboe
15	.....	Brian & Laura Collins	29	.....	Delbert & Ellen Hayden
15	.....	Roger & Carol Dales	29	.....	William & Alice Kummer
15	.....	Dennis & Vilas Hinkle	30	.....	William & Doris Andrew
15	.....	Jeffrey & Cindy Poston	30	.....	John & Lyn Knepler
18	.....	Steve & Sherry Vincent	31	.....	Walter & Bernarda Geier

## PERSONAL HOUSEKEEPING

I have been asked many times by council members as to why I have not joined the Fourth Degree. I believe I should address this in writing so everyone receives the same message. I have a conflict the same night as when the Fourth Degree has their meeting. I am a member of the EAA, Experimental Aircraft Association, in Gallatin, TN and we have our meeting also scheduled the third Thursday of each month.

We have dinner, speaker's etc. but the organization is very low key. No membership blitzes or lengthy meetings. Everyone is a member because they love flying. My goal is to build my own airplane some day.

I do not believe in joining any club or organization when I know I would not be attending meetings or have some kind of involvement. To just become a Fourth Degree Knight then never attend any of the meetings is not my style. I trust this clears up any misunderstanding on this matter.

Tim Risher, Grand Knight

## Shameless Nepotism Promotion

I am happy to announce we have a new addition to our family. Krista, our daughter, and husband John Yeric, are the proud parents of a new daughter, Grace Eu.

She was adopted from Seoul, Korea on July 5, 2006. John and Krista have spent many long hours and lots of money to adopt and now tears of joy for their daughter. This also makes me a grandpa for the first time!

Many families are going through the adoption process or are deciding how to go about the process. Perhaps this would make a good speaker program for our council.

Tim Risher

## Help Wanted – Bingo Workers

No experience necessary. We will train. Good secure future. Flexible hours and days.

Must be cordial and like to serve the public. Set your own hours. Advancement opportunities.

Contact Tim Risher, or just show up any Monday evening.

## Letter From Tom Parrott

Dear Brother Knights,

Barren River Right to Life conducted a Prayer Service at Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee in Nashville on Saturday morning, July 8. **Only five of us attended and this was the worse attendance that we ever had since we started the Prayer Services over two years ago.** Planned Parenthood was closed so at least no unborn children were aborted that day. **Four cars showed up hoping Planned Parenthood would be open and we were able to minister to three of them. We distributed several pamphlets about the stages of development of the unborn baby and the truth about Planned Parenthood.** As always we prayed together, sang, and shared Scripture for 40 minutes, did 5 minutes in silent prayer, and then prayed a rosary the last fifteen minutes. **This is a great family activity. We normally have two or three large families with small children join us. Our last two services this year are scheduled for Saturday, September 2 and Saturday, November 4.**

I realize that everyone is busy and many of you are involved in sport activities on Saturday mornings but surely some of you could attend. **This is an opportunity to possibly save the life of an unborn baby.** I think some of you are still reluctant to participate in this Service because you are afraid of confrontation. Let me assure you once again that this is not a protest demonstration but peaceful prayerful defense of the unborn. **Please join me in prayer daily for the unwanted babies who are denied birth for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy. We also need to seek Our Lord's forgiveness for the holocaust of abortion on demand.** I am convinced that we can help stop the atrocity of abortion on demand by prayer, fasting, education, and our actions. Upon each act of abortion man is diminished, dignity is denied, and Christ is crucified again. Let us vow to become His hands, His feet, and His voice so that we can affirm Christ by struggling against this senseless denial of His Kingship in the world.

**Barren River Right to Life hopes to one day shut down Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee because of lack of business. Momentum is building and many lives are being saved everyday at "Killing Centers" all over the country. Please join us in prayer Saturday, September 2 at Planned Parenthood. For complete details on the Mass and directions please see enclosed flyer. If you are unable or unwilling to join us at the Prayer Service then please pray the rosary from 10:15 a.m. to 11:15. Many of the folks that I serve with on the Diocesan "Gospel of Life" Committee and Kentucky Right to Life Board pray all forty mysteries of the rosary during the hour that we are praying at Planned Parenthood. As Catholic gentlemen and Knights of Columbus we are all called to be actively pro-life.**

Proverbs 24: 11 and 12 makes it clear what we are called to do. "Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand by and let them die. Don't try to avoid responsibility by saying that you didn't know about it. For God knows all hearts and He sees you. He keeps Watch over your soul, and he knows you knew! And He will judge all people according to what they have done."

Fraternally,

Tom Parrott  
Pro-life Chairman

# Fourth Degree

The August Fourth Degree meeting, on the 17th, will be the Installation of Officers. The State Master and the State Marshall will be here to install the new officers. This will be a celebration and Sir Knights are requested to wear their tuxes and Ladies in equally dressy attire.

We will decide at the meeting on the details of where and when for our theater outing in September.

The next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be the weekend of Oct.28/29 in Lexington. Details are available.

## Laus Deo: A History lesson you may have forgotten

One detail that is not mentioned, in DC, is that there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument.

With all the uproar about removing the ten commandments, etc... This is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, DC, are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. But these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched top the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America.

Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, un-noticed words. Out of sight and! , one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!"

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo .Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant ...a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God!

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy ."One Nation, Under God."

I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you never read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

### Laus Deo!

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look. You may forget the width and height of "Laus Deo", its location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget its meaning, or these words: "Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 127: 1)

*Submitted by Bob Graham*

## AUGUST MASS READINGS

### Sunday, August 6

First Reading ..... Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Second Reading ..... Second Peter 1:16-19  
Gospel ..... Mark 9:2-10

### Sunday, August 13

First Reading ..... First Kings 19:4-8  
Second Reading ..... Ephesians 4:30--5:2  
Gospel ..... John 6:41-51

### Sunday, August 20

First Reading ..... Proverbs 9:1-6  
Second Reading ..... Ephesians 5:15-20  
Gospel ..... John 6:51-58

### Sunday, August 27

First Reading ..... Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18  
Second Reading ..... Ephesians 5:21-32  
Gospel ..... John 6:60-69

# AUGUST - NATIONAL PSORIASIS AWARENESS MONTH

According to the National Institutes of Health, as many as 7.5 million Americans have psoriasis — a chronic, non-contagious skin disease that causes itchy, painful, red patches. It's a common disease that can develop in anyone, regardless of age, gender or race. It can affect nearly every aspect of a person's life.

During Psoriasis Awareness Month in August, and throughout the year, the National Psoriasis Foundation educates others about the disease. Learn to answer the question "pso what?" when you read these important facts about psoriasis. **Psoriasis isn't contagious, but awareness is!**

## **Psoriasis is not contagious.**

People with psoriasis often face discrimination and embarrassment in public places. They're turned away from hair salons, swimming pools, health clubs, clothing stores and restaurants, simply because others fear psoriasis is contagious. It's not. You can't catch psoriasis from someone else. Psoriasis lesions are not infectious and pose no threat to the health or safety of others.

## **Psoriasis is not a rash.**

Some people think psoriasis is a cosmetic problem. In fact, psoriasis is a genetic disease that starts beneath the skin's surface. The immune system sends faulty signals to speed up skin cell growth, causing thickened, scaly lesions on the skin.

## **Ten percent to 30 percent of people with psoriasis also develop psoriatic arthritis.**

Psoriatic arthritis is a potentially disabling condition that causes pain, stiffness and swelling in and around the joints. People with psoriatic arthritis may have difficulty sleeping, using their hands, or walking, sitting and standing for long periods of time. Just getting through the day can be an uphill battle.

## **Psoriasis carries a serious physical and emotional burden.**

According to researchers, psoriasis causes as much disability as other major diseases, including cancer, arthritis, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes and depression.

The emotional toll of psoriasis can be just as much of a burden as the physical aspects. People with the disease may feel hopeless, helpless, depressed and isolated.

## **There is no cure for psoriasis, but there are effective treatments.**

- Help us educate others that psoriasis is not contagious.
- Show compassion to someone with psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis.
- If you know someone with psoriasis who hasn't been to a doctor in awhile, encourage them to see a dermatologist.
- Reach out to someone with psoriasis. Encourage them to visit <http://www.psoriasis.org> for support and connection.

*For more information, contact the source of this information at <http://www.psoriasis.org>.*

## **Nondenominational Prayer Service**

**Planned Parenthood in Nashville, Tennessee**

**Saturday, September 2, 2006**

**10:15 a.m.**

All are invited to Mass at 8:00 at Fathers of Mercy in South Union then caravan to center, or take I-65 south through downtown Nashville, taking the W-40/65 south highway split. Then take exit 208, which is Charlotte Avenue. Make a right turn and go about 6 blocks to D. B. Todd Ave., make right turn on D. B. Todd. Planned Parenthood of Middle and Eastern Tennessee is second building on right.

We will share Scripture, pray, and sing. This is not a protest demonstration but a chance to pray at Calvary where innocent blood is shed. Please join us!



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