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**Council 9317**

**Tim J. Malone**  
**Grand Knight**  
meeting at

**St. Francis of Assisi**  
**Catholic Church**

**Rev. Msgr. Peter Buchignani, V. G.**  
**Pastor**

**Rev. Robert J. Stellini**  
**Associate Pastor**  
&

**Council Chaplain**  
**Rev. Martin Orjanioko**  
**Associate Pastor**



**MARCH NATAL DAYS:** Ed Baw, Eric Bond, Chris and Mike Brooks, David Butler, Richard DeSaussure, III, Bryan Donati, Danny Doyle, PGK, Pete Dresser, Deacon Lou Ferrante, John Geelan, Tom Grimm, John Hannahan, Roger Harrison, Nick Huber, Tommy Lyons, Jr., Tim Malone, GK, Robert McCarron, Mike McCusker, Carlo Pirani, Jr., James Ralph, William Richard, Bernard Snyder and Robert Williams.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**MON . 2 Mch '09**

**Social Meetings – As Scheduled**

**UPCOMING EVENTS – Feb/Mar 2009**

- 02 Feb – Council Meeting, 7:00, Rm 108
- 05/06 Feb - CCM Clothing Sale-Setup & Tear down
- 07 Feb – Sister Ruth Ann Dinner (Fund Raiser)
- 21 Feb - Mardi Gras Party – Dinner/Dance PLC < Canceled
- 25 Feb – Ash Wednesday
- 27 Feb – Fish Fry, 5:00-6:30PM, PLC Gym (setup Thursday, 26 Feb @ 6:30PM)
- 28 Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemp, PLC, Spaces TBA
- 02 Mar – Council Meeting, 7:00PM, Rm 108 (Election of Knt of Yr & Fam of Yr)
- 06 Mar – Fish Fry, 5:00-6:30PM, PLC Gym (setup Thursday, 05 Mar @ 6:30PM)
- 13 Mar – Fish Fry, 5:00-6:30PM, PLC Gym (setup Thursday, 12 Mar @ 6:30PM)
- 20 Mar – Fish Fry, 5:00-6:30PM, PLC Gym (setup Thursday, 19 Mar @ 6:30PM)
- 27 Mar – Fish Fry, 5:00-6:30PM, PLC Gym (setup Thursday, 26 Mar @ 6:30PM)

I am very sure there are some names on this list that are no longer with the council and, for this, I apologize. My "Birthday list" has been allowed to go dormant for some time. At HIS CONVENIENCE, I will work with Scott Shelton, our new FS, to bring it back into "taw." Also, if you are not on the list let me know your birthday.

**GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT** – John King, Byron Nestler, Chad Harrell, Bob Rounsefell, Michael McCusker, Glenn Carpenter and I attended the Mid Year Meeting in Nashville on 17 January.

Many housekeeping topics were discussed such as turning in required paperwork. Our Council is one of 3 of the 82 councils in the state that has turned in all required forms each and every month.

Mike Porter, our State Deputy, talked about his theme for the year of having "FUN." This can be taken in many ways, but his intension is to point out that by doing service to others, helping and supporting our principles, can and should be fun.

The State Convention will be held in Franklin, TN at the Marriott Cool Springs on 29-31 May. If you are interested in attending please contact Glenn or myself.

Our council has purchased the annual ad for the convention and I will leave a copy for all of you to see here at the front table.

I want to thank Keith and Lori Wade for being wonderful hosts for the Super Bowl Party.

In conclusion, let me ask for everyone's support of the Mardi Gras dinner/dance on 21 February. We will have great food/drink/dance. This should be our biggest single event this year and please invite co-workers, family and friends.

**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT** – No report from visiting Chaplain, Msgr Buchignani.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** -- I think I heard Jay say something about \$13K.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Scott reported a net income for the last period of \$5k +.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** -- Byron Nestler, PGK, announced a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on Saturday, 31 January, at Church of the Incarnation where Brothers Tony Rudolph and Andy Sniezak received their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree held before the meeting where we welcomed in new Brothers Juan Gonzalez, Greg Mensching and Matthew Wielgosz. Welcome one and all. He further mentioned the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in May at St. Ann, Bartlett. An additional 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree will be scheduled to get candidates ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. He also handed out Prospect Cards at the meeting and asked the members to get prospect names and info to him for his contact.

**INSURANCE MATTERS** -- Brother Jim Rolleri gave a presentation on insurance wherein he presented hypothetical cases of the results of insurance. He gave various ages and, using the same amount of insurance, he presented the amounts of premiums paid in over the years and the amount of the insurance coverage at the varying ages as well as the final death benefit to the family.

**CHURCH REPORT** - Chair Mike McCusker asked for help in the setup/teardown for the CCM Sale.

**COMMUNITY** -- Committee member Brother Armando Velarde reported the following Knights took part in the final day of the MR Drive: John Beattie, David Boston, Dave Cash, Glenn Carpenter, Rick Graziosi, Clay Kegel, Mark Lauder, Mike McCusker, Jim Sdoia PGK, Scott Shelton and Chuck Ward. They collected \$998 to add to the total amount collected.

**COUNCIL** -- Committee member Keith Wade, PGK, announced the Knight of the Month to be Brother Ryan Barrow. Congratulations Ryan.

**FAMILY** -- Chair David Zwissler announced the Family of the Month to be the David Barczak family. Congratulations.

**CHARITY** – No report from Chair Jim Siano, PGK.

**PRO-LIFE** -- Chair Tom Griesmer discussed potential legislation with the U. S. Congress called the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). It is legislation being encouraged by pro-abortion forces to expand abortion rights. Specifically, the legislation would eradicate state and federal laws that most Americans support, such as;

- Bans on partial birth abortions.
- Requirements that women be given information about the risks before getting abortions.
- Parental consent laws.

FOCA will compel taxpayer funding of abortions, force faith-based hospitals to perform abortions and expand abortion coverage to health insurance and military hospitals. Because

there are significant pro-abortion forces in the government today this legislation has a real chance of becoming law. This is not a Democrat or Republican issue. It is a right-to-life issue. Your help is needed to let your Senators and House member know your perspective on the right to life and this legislation. It is very quick and easy to send a vote via the web. Contact information is below:

- US Senate #1: Lamar Alexander – alexander.senate.gov (H. E. L. P. Committee).
- US Senate #2: Bob Corker – corker.senate.gov.
- US House TN 7<sup>th</sup> District: Marsha Blackburn – blackburn.house.gov.
- US House TN 8<sup>th</sup> District: John Tanner – house.gov/tanner.
- US House TN 9<sup>th</sup> District: Steve Cohen – cohen.house.gov.

*(The above addresses will not work – go to the website for each of your congress persons to be able to send them a message.)*

To conduct your own research on this legislation you can type “FOCA” into your web browser or go to [www.fightfoca.com](http://www.fightfoca.com). It is our responsibility to help keep this type of legislation that is contrary to Church teaching from becoming law. ALL life is sacred.

**YOUTH** – Chair John Beattie announced winners of the recent Free Throw Contest. BOYS age 10 Patrick Vassallo, age 11 Joshua Lee, age 12 Matthew Smith, age 13 Whit Throckmorton, age 14 Patrick Sweeney. GIRLS age 10 Braxton Powers, age 11 Margaret Sell, age 12 Gabriella Olivia Salazar, age 13 Layne Powers, age 14 N/A. There were 59 participants, 39 boys and 20 girls.

Winners from Council 9317 at the District Championship held 30 January were age 10 Patrick Vassallo and Braxton Powere, age 12 Gabriella Salazar, age 13 Whit Throckmorton and age 14 Patrick Sweeney. These winners will compete at the Regional Championship to be held 7 March at CBHS Gym from 1:00-3:00.

**VOCATIONS** – Chair Deacon Bill Davis asked that more attend the Litany of the Hours prayers held prior to meetings and asked that he be given no more than \$50 to pay for the downloading of the information he gets for the prayers. Also Msgr. Buchignani mentioned that on 1 June the Diocese will ordain 6 new priests, the highest ever number. One has been selected for further study in Rome for a year or so.

**HEALTH** -- Dr. Greg talked about how people are living longer and that this has changed how doctors have to view things. Diabetes, for example, is now either “you have it or you don’t.” The term “borderline” doesn’t exist. He mentioned that controlling it leads to a longer and better life.

**SQUIRES** -- Chair Louis Schaaf mentioned the Squires meeting night and asked that all Knights try to set a good example for them as they worked with us on various projects. He mentioned his 10 year old son was very excited about becoming a Squire from the examples he observed of us.

**RETENTION:** - Chair, Mark Doane, PGK had no report.

**FOOD PREPARATION** -- Our DGK, Glenn Carpenter, introduced a visiting chef, Whitney Keller, DGK of SEALOS

Council 2711 in New Orleans. He and our GK have been friends since college and they had a fishing camp together. Whitney Keller brought the seafood up from NOLA and he did a masterful job of turning his ingredients into a very tasty repast. No one volunteered for the next meeting so the GK will probably have to "volunteer" a few to do the job.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** -- Jim Siano proposed money for something. I think it was for Knight and Family of the Year nominations. It passed.

Fred Walsh spoke on the upcoming golf outing and asked that their checks be gotten to him ASAP as the time is growing short..

Danny Doyle, PGK, asked that each Knight encourage their wives to join the Ladies Auxiliary. He stated that Deacon Mick Hovanec would be speaking at their next meeting.

John King, PGK, FM, mentioned that prayer was discussed at the Mid Year Meeting.

Byron Nestler, PGK, asked that if anyone was interested, a church and council in West Memphis was in financial distress and was raffling off a motorcycle to help with monies. He mentioned he would have tickets after the meetings at \$10 apiece.

**NEW BUSINESS** -- Tom Griesmer won the 50-50 drawing and donated his share to Birthright.

Fred Walsh made a motion for a light and security camera to be placed by the vending machines at the athletic fields.

Nominations were opened for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. They are Byron Nestler, Glenn Carpenter, Scott Shelton, Pat Jansen, Jerry Orcholski, Michael Lafferty, Michael McCusker, Phillip Offerle, Bob Moore, Les Harter, Ryan Barrow, Tim Malone, Msgr. Buchignani and Louis Schaaf for Knight of the Year. For Family of the Year they are the Mark Doane family, the Tim Malone family, the Jeff King family, the Terry Smith family, the Danny Doyle family, the James Von Bergen family, the Glenn Carpenter family, the Jim Montgomery family, the Armando Velarde family, the David Zwissler family and the David Barczak family.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY'S REPORT** -- Our District Deputy congratulated the Knight and Family of the Month and covered several other topics.

**CHAPLAIN'S SUMMATION** -- No summation from Msgr. Buchignani.

**FOURTH DEGREE REPORT** -- Faithful Navigator David Zwissler made a presentation regarding the program for the upcoming Fourth Degree exemplification.

**Second Degree Exemplification:** A Second Degree was held in the PLC Sunday, 11 January, 2:00PM. We had nine candidates advanced, including one priest. Several were from West Memphis, a few from St. Philip and only one from 9317 went thru, a recent (like six days prior) transfer from Ascension parish, Anthony Rudolph. He is a member of the Memphis Police

Department and Joins Dave Martell and Joe Scott. Tony is a Lieutenant, Dave is a Deputy Chief and Joe is a Major. We have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree candidate, Juan Gonzalez, who is a member of the police force. We cover the MPD spectrum, that is for sure.



**Third Degree Exemplification:**



Saturday, 31 January, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification was held at Church of the Incarnation, Collierville and some 30 odd made the final step to knighthood. Among them were two of our own council, Tony Rudolph and Andy Sniesak. Tony is on the left and Andy on the right of the picture.

**First Degree Exemplification:** Monday night, 2 February we were privileged to receive into our ranks three new Knights. Please welcome Juan Gonzalez, Greg Mensching and Matthew Wielgosz as they start their quest to full knighthood in our Order. Our First Degree team did their usual 1<sup>st</sup> Place job, as always and our new members should be pleased to know they were exemplified by the Numero Uno team in the State Council. A fourth candidate from St. Philip's at Somerville also started his journey to knighthood.



Seated, l to r, are Juan Gonzalez and Greg Mensching, and standing, l to r, are Matthew Wielgosz and Jim Rolleri. Jim is not a member of the class, he is our new KofC insurance agent, and he was there to make a presentation to the new group. I apologize to Juan for the expression I caught. He is a very outgoing personality, as his boss at the Police Training Academy, new member Tony Rudolph, can attest. He was probably deeply engrossed in the presentation running on the laptop in front of them presented by Jim Rolleri.

The last e-mail address I have received was from our now deceased Former FS Sid Valadie. As the e-mail is the only method of disseminating this newsletter I repeat the Grand Knights words at the December meeting to get your e-mail address to him, and to me, at your earliest convenience. My e-mail address is at the bottom of the list at the end of this newsletter.

**CLOSING THOUGHTS:** Please remember your First Degree pledge and pray the Rosary, for your intentions and for the Unborn. Also keep in your prayers Emily Bennett, Bill Brickhill's brother Joseph, Dave Cash's mother, Glen and Donna Harckum's daughter, Walter Harmeir, Les Harter's wife Lou, Meredith McCusker, Sandy Neri, Phil Offerle's cousin Mark, Mrs. Joan Scanlon, Mary Taylor, Chuck Stocks and Keith Wade's father, Alvin. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Brother "Bo" DuPre and Jay Stressel's mother-in-law. Also keep in your prayers members of our military who are in harm's way guarding our way of life.

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