

March 2009

# Knights

*Fr. Peter J. Welling*

COUNCIL 13576 NEWS

- *St. Pats Festival*
- *Mass for Unborn*
- *Stadium Seats*



## How to make Abortion “Obsolete”

On Sunday, February 27th, Pat McCarthy, Executive Director of the Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center spoke on the topic of “Making Abortion Obsolete”. Some 62 members of the St. Patrick’s Altar Society, Knights of Columbus and guests attended.

McCarthy delivered a thorough outline of the Lincoln Crisis Pregnancy Center and how it is working to enrich and aid the lives of women through counseling, numerous pregnancy related services and a Christian based ministry. Pat outlined how the Center not only works to provide assistance to women as they deal with their pregnancies, but also seeks to aid them in their needs following birth.

McCarthy’s presentation showed a calm, loving and Christ centered approach to dealing with problems and a desire to help anyone willing to reach out. The services and care offered by the Center give hope that the tragic tide of abortion can be reversed.



### Grand Knight’s Report

Brother Knights,

These next 40 days of Lent we should be mindful of Christ’s struggle in the desert and prepare ourselves for the coming of Easter and a renewed commitment to our faith. I know many of you have already committed to Lenten sacrifices, but I would like you to consider doing one more thing during this time. Make a commitment to help the needy or unfortunate by making weekly donations to the poor box, or by bringing food every day, or every week for the 40-Day food drive, or by increasing your weekly contribution to the Church collection to cover for someone who can’t contribute, or if you can, do all three, or come up with your own way to contribute.

You may find, that after these forty days, it was not so hard to do, that all it took was the commitment to do it, and you may decide that this is something you can continue to do in the future. Regardless of how long you contribute, it will help immensely, so please do what you can for the needy and unfortunate in our church and community.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Mar. 14 – St. Patrick’s Festival
- Mar. 15 – Festival Cleanup
- Mar. 28 – Mass for Unborn
- Mar. 29 – Coffee and Rolls
- Apr. 1 – General Meeting
- Apr. 17 – Pitch Tournery
- Apr. 19 – Pancake Feed and Tootsie rolls (Church)
- Apr. 23 – Waffle Man Setup and Tear down
- Apr. 25/26 – Tootsie Rolls (Business)

Fraternally,

Grand Knight Craig Arent

# review



## Our First Regional Free Throw

We were honored to host this year's event and it went off without a hitch. Nearly 75 boys and girls participated in the Regional Free Throw contest. Many Knights were there to work the event ensuring a smooth operation. Special thanks to Kevin Landwehr for hosting and Dick Zierke, Tom Trumble and Steven Becker for securing and selling concessions.

## Our First First Degree

Three men joined the ranks of the Knights of Columbus in the Rectory basement on Sunday February 22. A Milestone for our council, the ceremony had a few rough spots but as Manny Gallardo commented our council had a very good first effort. The new inductees are: Jerry Frain (St. Pat's), Don Green (St. Pat's), Jessy Kudson (Newman Center/UNL). A special thanks to Gary Taylor for leading this effort and keeping the rest of us on task.



## New Grill

Similar to the one pictured here, our new grill is one less thing to worry about when hosting out many cooking events. Special griddles are being made for pancake feeds. The grill breaks down for compact storage.



## New Laptop, New email

To keep our council better organized, Grand Knight Craig Arent secured a new Dell laptop computer courtesy of Sandhills Publishing. The Grand Knight's new email address is [kofc13576@gmail.com](mailto:kofc13576@gmail.com).

## Pro Life News

### Day of the Unborn Child

The 2009 celebration of "The Day of the Unborn Child" is Saturday, March 28. It will begin with a rosary at 7:30 followed by mass at 8 AM. The Event is sponsored by our Knights council .. The celebrant, organist and "liturgical ministers" will be council Knights or sons of Knights. You and your family are encouraged to attend

The Day of the Unborn Child is a tradition of the International Order of the Knight's of Columbus and the Order's Crusade for Life. It is usually celebrated March 25th - The Feast of the Annunciation. This prolife feast day originated in El Salvador in 1993. In 1998 the President of Argentina issued a decree proclaiming that human life begins at conception and announced March 25th as "The Day of the Unborn Child."

The tradition spread to other nations and the Knight's of Columbus began promoting the celebration.

### FOCA

In the event that any remain unaware of what the deceptively-entitled Freedom of Choice Act is and the ominous threat and danger it represents to human life, we begin with a review of FOCA. It "is the most serious treat to pro-life policies ever." FOCA "would create a right to abortion the government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade" -(and companion Doe v. Bolton) decisions .. 'Abortion would become an entitlement' the government must fund and promote,"

"Simply put, if FOCA becomes law it will put at risk all the widely supported

laws that for 35 years have promoted women's health, ensured informed consent, protected minors, ensured parental involvement ... and respected the desire of most citizens not to support abortion with their tax dollars. FOCA would "run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds." Catholic Hospitals make up approximately 30 percent of all hospitals in the USA. Consider health care service in our nation without Catholic hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

By the time most of you read this, you will have already signed and sent the post cards which were to be made available at St. Patrick's the weekend after One Rose One Life Sunday. Remember your views expressed in your own words in letters or post-cards carry even a greater weight or influence. Also, of

course, there are additional means for you to express your views and educate others on FOCA. Let us also remain aware that the killing of the unborn is not the only "human target" of the forces who support a Culture of Death. Remember how even Mother Teresa was criticized for her compassion for the ill and dying in Calcutta, India and elsewhere.

For anyone who hasn't already noticed and read them, the January 2009 Columbia magazine contains numerous articles on pro-life including pages 10-24.

Thanks to all of you who support our council's pro-life activities and especially those whose direct contribution of man power makes them possible.

<sup>1</sup> "FOCA: A Radical Threat to Human Life." National Committee for a Human Life Amendment. (January 09 hand out).

# ahead



## UNL Spring Game Stadium Seats

The St. Pat's Knights of Columbus and Home and School Association are sponsoring this fundraiser for the April 18, 2009 Red-White Spring Game. Kickoff is at 1pm. We need 24 volunteers to sell stadium chair backs, watch the game, and then pick them up after the game. You must be at least 14 years old to participate. To sign up and/or get more information, please contact Patricia "Pat" Kavan at 325-6045 or Tom Albin at 477-7817.



## Pitch returns April 17th.

Mike Hosek announced the return of pitch tournaments beginning Friday, April 17th. The events are always well attended with participants coming from all around the city. But don't be intimidated, it's an easy game to learn and the friendly competition makes it a fun evening out.



## Lenten Rosary every Friday night 6:30

In his Chaplain's report, Monsignor Hintz reminded the Knights as fathers we need to be spiritual leaders of our families. This Lenten season consider Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary at home, or at the church Friday nights at 6:30 pm.

**Knight of the Month**

## Troy Arent



A fourth degree knight and a member of the knights since the age of 18, Troy Arent is an active member of our council. Helping with pancake feeds, Marion Sisters grounds clean up, the tootsie roll drive, and you can see him at most monthly council meetings. A UNL graduate in Electrical Engineering, Troy works at Stephenson's Truck Repair. He and his family live in Murdock. It's a bit of a drive, but he wanted to stay active in the Knights and we appreciate his efforts. Congratulations, Troy.

**Family of the Month**

## The Prosowskis

We'll catch up with the Prosowskis next month.



**Festival Clean-up Sunday after 11:30 Mass**

### FROM THE FIELD AGENT

53, 51, 51, 44, 42, 38, 37: Those aren't this week's winning Powerball numbers...

That isn't your high school locker combination...

It's not an audible at the line of scrimmage from the football season...

Give up?

Answer: Those are the ages of seven Brother Knights and their family members who died last year.

Look at those numbers again...53, 51, 51, 44, 42, 38, 37. Only two of the seven saw it coming in advance. And at that point, it was too late.

Where do you fall? Scary, huh... Will your family be financially secure if your present age is added to the list? Be certain of your answer. Most folks will tell that 5 - 10x your income is what you should be covered for. Your loved ones depend on it.

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## Calendar

### MARCH 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

<b>4</b>	General meeting
<b>7</b>	Regional Free Throw Contest and State BB Concessions
<b>14</b>	St. Patrick's Festival
<b>15</b>	Festival Cleanup
<b>28</b>	Mass for Unborn

### APRIL 2009

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

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<b>17</b>	Pitch Tourney
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### 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

**No lunch during Lent:  
February  
March  
April meetings**

Information that you wish to have included in the next newsletter should be submitted by the Wednesday prior to the Monthly General Meeting, to:

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