



# Knights Log

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## Grand Knight's Message

Jeff Maschler

### Abortion Cheapens Human Life!

34 years ago, the US Supreme Court ruled against life in the unprecedented and tragic Roe v Wade decision. Now 1 in 4 are born no more! God help us if we aborted the second coming!

What I'd like to know is if abortion is such an important thing for one political party to defend, why isn't abortion and its effects on society celebrated – by anyone? Why doesn't the media announce abortion deaths with similar fanfare and question their necessity like they do with the war on terrorism? Who speaks of their abortion experience with pride and enthusiasm? Who wears "I had an abortion" shirts or pins or "I'm pleased with my lost fatherhood" hats?

And why does that thought strike us as repugnant?

I think the answer is that everyone knows abortion is wrong because it violates the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment "Thou shalt not murder". And probably even the first commandment!

No, instead of celebrations, the most vocal are those who have experienced it and want to help others prevent it. Like the 17 year old who had already had 4 – about her realization of what a self-destructing thing abortion really is. Or the many who voiced how abortion not only ends a life, but robs everyone of a gift from God, and often results in heavy guilt, despair, and depression sometimes decades later. Or from the 42 year old father of 5 who was a product of incestuous rape – his mother conceiving at age 13 – "thank God I was not aborted" (because you certainly can't thank man!).

And what about this society which allows – even promotes it – and has turned it into a profit-seeking industry? Will this society survive as

"fittest"? Can we really be an example of "free people" to the rest of the world? And was this really in our nation's founder's minds when they penned the phrase "All men are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable right of life. ... that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness ..."

When I think about the Catholic Church's teachings on mortal and venial sin, I have to wonder how this has gotten so far. As described in Genesis 38, masturbation can even be considered a grave sin!

Why is it then that Catholics aren't demanding more from our leaders to put an end to abortion? Why is it that some leaders in Congress claiming to be Catholic actually are promoting abortion? How is it then that our own 'Pro-Life' Governor wants to reinstate public funding for Planned Parenthood as one of his first acts in office?

At Grampy's recent funeral, a beautiful red, white, and blue flower arrangement was dissected by Grampy's great grandkids and each kid placed their tribute on his cold lifeless casket in a 22 degree pouring rain. It was a not so subtle reminder to me that this incredibly hard battle just lost an experienced and loyal foot soldier and needs new recruiters.

As Mother Teresa said "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live life as you wish."

I challenge my fellow brothers and their families to join me in frequent and fervent prayer for an end to abortion in this country in our lifetime.

Viva Jesus!

Jeff

## Points of Interest

Pierre Gaudreault

The following excerpts came from the January business meeting minutes (not yet approved), which were sent to me by Joe McGirr:

At the start of the meeting, the council approved the transfer of Pedro's Gonzalez's friend Paul Myllyankas to our ranks.

The Grand Knight read a thank you card by OLP for Bibles the council had purchased for the youth. He also reported that the council's coat drive with the youth netted over four hundred coats for those in need.

The Chancellor reported that the next corporate communion will be at the 10:30 Mass on March 18<sup>th</sup>, but having it at a different Mass next time was also discussed.

The committee reports stated that approximately 105 people attended the December taco dinner and 170 attended the pancake breakfast. The meals were free, but some donations were received from the patrons.

In unfinished business: Rod McNeill reported that the Brag Poster was in works. Dale Misner will take the lead on the room re-configuration effort. Deacon Dave spoke to the council about project Moses and approved the effort, which Regis Larouere is leading.

During new business: The state convention attendees were designated as Jeff Maschler and Rod McNeil, with Osa Tuck and Pedro Gonzalez chosen as backups. Monies were approved for minor repairs and improvements around the facility. A new Seder Meal play that Evelyn French would like to produce was discussed and a sign up sheet passed around. Lastly, funds were designated for couples to attend the Snow Ball, which supports Right to Life.



## Get your Yahoo ID!

Jeff Maschler

If you don't have a yahoo id yet, there is an easy link now at the bottom of our main website <http://kofc-11730.org>. Note that this process will require you to enter your current email address as an 'alternate email'.

We are working to get access to the internet at the church so we can address all your computing issues after a meeting. Stay tuned!

Until then, I'm looking for some volunteers who can help set people up with their own yahoo id.

## Brothers and Relations in Need of Prayer:

Jeff Maschler's Grandfather Grampy

George Smith

Tony Marcotte

Fr. Gerry

Jeff Maschler's parents

Sadie Mae

Charles Hager, Dave Miller's uncle

Charles Sunny Burke, OC's uncle

Marion Finn, Jack Perroni's mother-in-law

Peter Hetnick, Tom DeClue's cousin

Sarah Watters, Gary Ware's daughter

Helen Regulsky, Rod McNeill's mother-in-law

Don Sobata

Shirly Hertler, Joe McGirr's mother-in-law

## Your Insurance Corner!

YOUR INSURANCE CORNER. Want to leave a legacy for your grandkids that won't cost you a lot of money? I have the answer. Call me at (719) 488-6816, or e-mail me at [balchus@aol.com](mailto:balchus@aol.com). I'm your council agent and friend Mike Balchus.

## Birthdays of February

5 Bill Emborski  
15 Fauston Madrid

22 Paul Hernandez  
28 Eugene Eastham

## Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr Michael Butler	4952351	Financial Sec.	Dave Miller	495-0289
Grand Knight	Jeff Maschler	495-8538	Treasurer	Gary Ware	633-6885
Dep. Grand Knight	John McGuire	495-3120	Recorder	Joe McGirr	599-8829
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Advocate	Don Hardin		1 <sup>st</sup> Inside Guard	Dick Slusser	494-1450
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## Ladies Auxiliary Officers

President	Shelly Maschler	Hospitality	Mary Jane Smith
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 State Web Site: <http://www.kofc-colorado.org>

## FRATERNAL CALENDAR

FEBRUARY		
Date	Time	Activity
3	5:30P	Snow Ball St. Thomas More Parish
10	5:00P	Taco Dinner – Team B Our Lady of the Pines
11	7:00A	Pancake Breakfast – Team B Our Lady of the Pines
14	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
14		St. Valentine’s Day
21	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security

MARCH		
Date	Time	Activity
2	5:00P	Fish Fry Our Lady of the Pines
3	5:00P	Taco Dinner – Team B Our Lady of the Pines
4	7:00A	Pancake Breakfast – Team B Our Lady of the Pines
14	6:00P	Knights Family Night Our Lady of the Pines
16	5:00P	Fish Fry Our Lady of the Pines
18	10:30A	Corporate Communion
21	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security