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**St. Clare of Assisi Council 12963**

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July, 2007

<i>Past Grand Knights</i>		
2001-2002 Ron Vincoli	2002-2003 Jim Adams	2003-2004 Mike Dash
2004-2005 Dick Nadolski	2005-2006 Jason Seiler	2006-2007 Skip Coffman

**Grand Knight's Article:**

Ave,

Thanks! Many thanks to PGK Skip Coffman for his enlightened and charismatic leadership during the past Columbian year, and to the officers who assisted him and the Council in enjoying much success. Many thanks also to those who have accepted the mantel of leadership this fraternal year by assuming officer roles and agreeing to work to keep up the momentum of success handed to us by our predecessors. And, finally many thanks to those of you who choose to entrust me with the role of Grand Knight for the coming twelve months. I am humbled by the charity in your hearts to permit me to serve in this capacity and I commit to you that I will do my very best not to disappoint you.

This year's team is off to a fast start, setting an early agenda that includes an Officer Installation ceremony scheduled for August 18th, support of the Parish Picnic scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup>, a corporate family Communion Breakfast tentatively scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>, and a Past Grand Knight's dinner tentatively scheduled for October. Our Deputy Grand Knight, Rich Stretton,

is actively positioning the right members in ways they may contribute to the degree they are able by accepting roles as chairs of the many Council committees. The Council officers plan to meet periodically, perhaps monthly early in the Columbian year, to keep programs foremost in our minds and push our timetable out so that there will be ample time to execute agreed upon programs to the high standards set by past Grand Knights and their teams of officers.

One particular monthly event that I would like to lend my personal emphasis to and to compliment Brother Charlie Groom's efforts to date is the First Friday novena. Charlie has unilaterally assumed the role in the past of encouraging Parishioners to take advantage of this special novena and routinely reminds us of the next First Friday. The mere opportunity to make this novena is an extraordinary grace and we, as Knights, can serve as a wonderful example to all the men and women in the Parish by coming together to celebrate this service with Fr. Lehning each month. So, I want to strongly encourage all to respond to Charlie's monthly reminder and join in the First Friday celebration each month.

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One last point. In my experience those who manage our family activities and schedules are most often our wives. So, those of you who are married, please remember that you wife might not see this newsletter unless you remember to share it with her and as a result not be aware as early as we can confirm things the dates and times of upcoming events for the family calendar. So please remember to share.

I will close by again saying again thanks to Skip and his team for a really great 2006 – 2007 and asking all to commit to an equally great 2007 – 2008!

**Knight of the Month.** For his extraordinary example of charity in organizing the Knights' leading the rosary after Sunday Mass and encouraging our attendance at the First Friday services, Charlie Groom is clearly deserving of our many thanks and recognition as our Knight of the Month for July. Congratulations and many thanks Charlie.

**Family of the Month.** After a long year as our Grand Knight, a year during which wife J'Neane was also prominent in her leading role in establishing the Ladies of St Clare, clearly the Coffman's stand out among us as an exemplary Catholic family and deserve our admiration, respect and recognition as our July Family of the Month. Thank you Skip and J'Neane for all that you do.

Vivat Jesu,

Jim

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## **Council Officers** **2007-2008 Columbian Year:**

Grand Knight	Jim Adams
Chaplain	Fr. Lehning
Deputy Grand Knight	Rich Stretton
Chancellor	John Rulison
Recorder	William Ossenfort
Advocate	Mike Rath
Treasurer	Art Luna
Inside Guard	Bob Strzelecki
Outside Guard	KC Cavallaro
Trustee 3 Year	Skip Coffman
Trustee Two Year	Jason Seiler
Trustee One Year	Dick Nadolski
Financial Secy	Brian Turner
Lecturer	Mike Dash

## **Council Delegates** **2007-2008 Columbian Year:**

GK Delegate	Jim Adams
PGK Delegate	Skip Coffman
Alt GK Delegate	Rich Stretton
Alt PGK Delegate	John Rulison

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## **Letter from Felix (the young boy the Council sponsors):**

"I send you my cordial greeting, wishing you are in good health along with all your family and with those around of you in your daily activities.

I thank you for the aid you are giving me. I give thanks to God for the strength and wisdom that He gives you.

I tell you that I am in good health along with my family. We are having a good time here in our country. I will study the second grade of Basic education and I feel very happy because I will go back to school. I play

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soccer with my friends in the afternoons and I am happy because they are setting network around the soccer field.

I help my father to harvest the beans and broad beans. I help my mother to clean the home. I tell you that they are changing the roof of metal sheet of my home, since when it is raining the water enters to our home and they are arranging the floor too.

Your sponsored child loves you very much and says goodbye to you."

*Felix Ramiro Cabrera Lopez*

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### Lives of the Saints

*St. Constantine, Feast day: July 27*

St. Maximian, Malchus, Martinian, Dionysius, John Serapion, and Constantine "The Seven Sleepers" (Martyrs) July 27 A.D. 250. Having confessed the faith before the proconsul at Ephesus under Decius in 250, they were walled up together in a cave in which they had hid themselves, and there slept in the Lord. Some moderns, mistaking this expression, have imagined that they only lay asleep, till they were found in 479, under Theodosius the younger. The truth seems to be, that their relics were then discovered.

They are much honored by the Greeks, Syrians, and all the Oriental nations. Their relics were conveyed to Marseilles in a large stone coffin, which is still shown there in St. Victor's church. In the Museum Victorium

at Rome is a factitious plaster or stone (made of sulphur melted with fire and mortar), formed in imitation of a large precious stone in which is cut a group of figures representing the Seven Sleepers with their names and near Constantine and John are exhibited two clubs; near Maximian a knotty club; near Malchus and Martinian two axes; near Serapion a burning torch, and near Danesius (whom others call Vionysius) a great nail. That large nails (clavi trabales, or such as were used in joining great rafters or beams in buildings) were made use of as instruments of torture is evident from St. Paulinus and Horace. From this ancient monument some infer that these martyrs were put to death by various torments, and that their bodies were only buried in the aforesaid cave.

In this group of figures, these martyrs are represented all as very young, and without beards. In ancient Martyrologies and other writings they are frequently called boys. The cave in which their bodies were found became a place famous for devout pilgrimages, and is still shown to travelers, as James Spontestifies.

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## "Food For Thought" Article

Pro Life Religious Beliefs -Abortion  
and the Law

*Fr. Frank Pavone  
National Director  
Priests for Life*

"In the many discussions I have with those who perform abortions, a very predictable pattern arises before long. I talk to them about science, and they talk to me about faith.

The pattern begins when I ask the question, 'Does an abortion destroy a human life?' The answer I hear is, 'I don't know when the child receives a soul.' In one breath the topic of discussion was an observable procedure from the perspective of verifiable science. In the next breath, the topic was spiritual and invisible: when do children receive souls.

The twist in the discussion is not limited to those who provide abortions. It happens with many others who favor the availability of legal abortion. After all, they argue, since we have religious freedom in this country, people should be allowed to believe what they want about when the soul begins to exist. It would be wrong to impose by law one particular religious or theological position on this matter.

The truth is, however, that the pro-life movement does *not* seek to impose by law any religious or theological belief, whether about the soul or anything else. Such an effort is both misguided and unnecessary.

Suppose, for example, I do not believe that you have a soul. Does that give me the right to kill you? No, it does not. Your life is still protected by law, *despite my belief*. Does the law that protects your life require me to believe that you have a soul? No, it does not. It doesn't even require me to believe that the soul exists at all. What it requires is that *whatever I believe*, I refrain from taking your life. The law protects both the right to believe and the life of the believer.

That is what the pro-life movement wants. We are simply calling for the protection of all human life.

We also uphold religious liberty, which means that religious beliefs should be embraced freely, not imposed by law. We also recognize that to invoke religious liberty to destroy another's life is an intolerable abuse.

If someone does not believe the child in the womb has a soul that is his or her business. But to go and say that because one doesn't believe that, it should be legal to kill the child is equally unjust as to say that because one doesn't believe you have a soul, it should be legal to kill you. The law doesn't care about the *belief*, it regulates the action.

The law's criterion for who receives protection should be verifiable evidence of science, rather than the subjective criterion of religious belief. There is such a thing as religious *truth*. But whether a baby lives or dies should not depend on whether or not everyone in society has acknowledged that truth. Human life needs protection *now*. The freedom

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'not to believe' should not be confused with freedom to destroy others."

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**From the Editor:**

1. The editor will gladly accept articles for the newsletter. Just send them to ([MEDSR@Cox. Net](mailto:MEDSR@Cox.Net)) anytime, but preferably during the first half of each month for inclusion in that month's newsletter.
  2. Beginning with this issue, I'll be recognizing those knights who are celebrating a birthday and/or anniversary in each month's newsletter. However, the accuracy of that data depends upon the information you have provided to the Financial Secretary. If you don't find your name mentioned during the appropriate month, please contact our Financial Secretary, Brian Turner, to update your personal information.
  3. Below, I've included a pre-publication notice regarding the forthcoming publication of a book of fiction, written by one of our serving Knights of Columbus district directors. I draw it to your attention, not to promote the book, but to highlight the fact the author has graciously agreed that royalties from sale of the book from July to December 2007 will benefit the Virginia Knights of Columbus Charities.
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**The Approved Council Budget for Fraternal Year 2007-2008**

ST CLARE OF ASSISI COUNCIL #12963  
2007-2008 FRATERNAL YEAR BUDGET

LINE ITEM	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET	Ammend	Approved
	OPENING BALANCE	Opening Cash (Estimate)	8000		8000		8000
1	MEMBERSHIP	Dues (65*\$50 each)	3250		3250		3250
2		Initiation (5*\$15)	75		75		75
3		Degree Expense		-515	-515		-515
4		Name Badge		-100	-100		-100
5		State Per Capita (65*\$3.50)		-227.5	-227.5		-227.5
6		Supreme Per Capita (65*\$3.50)		-227.5	-227.5		-227.5
7		Supreme Cath Advertising (65*\$1.00)		-65	-65		-65
8	DONATIONS	Charitable		-1000	-1000		-1000
9		KOVAR	2500	-2500	0		0
10		Father Bader Scholarship		-65	-65		-65
11		PKD (\$3.65*65)		-237.25	-237.25		-237.25
12		VA KofC Charities, Inc.(VKCCI) DEMY		-65	-65		-65
13	COUNCIL OPERATIONS	State Meetings/Convention		-200	-200		-200
14		Newsletter Printing/Postage		-200	-200	200	0
15		Office Supplies		-50	-50		-50
16		FS Postage		-75	-75		-75
17		Ill and Vigil Program		-400	-400		-400
18	COUNCIL ACTIVITIES	Officer Installation		-150	-150		-150
19		PGK Dinner	600	-600	0		0
20		Pass The Gavel		-150	-150		-150
21		Auto Raffle – Sales	6000	-6000	0		0
22		Auto Raffle - Rebate	3600		3600		3600
23		Auto Raffle - Postage		-300	-300		-300
24		Monthly 50/50	220	-110	110		110
25		Christmas Dinner	400	-300	100		100
26		Lecturer		-240	-240		-240
27		Sponaor a Child		-360	-360		-360
28		Web Site		-100	-100		-100
29	CHURCH ACTIVITIES	KCIC	500	-250	250		250
30		Pancake Breakfast	300	-150	150		150
31		Vocations	200	-1000	-800		-800
		Church/Rectory landscaping maintenance				-1000	-1000
32	COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	Blood Drive		-100	-100		-100
33		Food Drive	200	-200	0		0
34		Coffee and Donuts	240	-310	-70	70	0
35	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	Christmas Party – Youth		-100	-100		-100
36		Scholarship		-1000	-1000	1000	0
37		Easter Egg Hunt		-50	-50		-50
38		Game Room – Picnic		-100	-100	100	0
40	FAMILY ACTIVITIES	Council Picnic	250	-250	0		0
41		Dinner Dance	800	-800	0		0
42		Cannons Game	1000	-1000	0		0
43		Family Awards		-100	-100		-100
44		Awards Night		-250	-250	-250	-500
45		Birthday Cards		-100	-100		-100
47	<b>Fraternal Year Totals</b>		<b>28,135</b>	<b>-19,997.25</b>	<b>8,137.75</b>	<b>120.00</b>	<b>8,257.75</b>

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**July 2007 Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Happy Birthday, Skip Coffman	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Happy Birthday, Michael E. Rolince	12 Rosary at 7:00 PM; Council Meeting at 7:30 PM	13	14
15 Happy Anniver- sary, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Strzelecki	16	17	18 Happy Birthday, John Marino	19	20 Happy Birthday, Charles Groom	21
22 Happy Anniver- sary, Mr. & Mrs. William Martz	23	24	25	26 Rosary at 7:00 PM; Council Meeting at 7:30 PM	27	28 Happy Anniver- sary, Mr. & Mrs. C. Brian Turner
29	30	31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3 First Fri- day Ser- vices	Aug 4

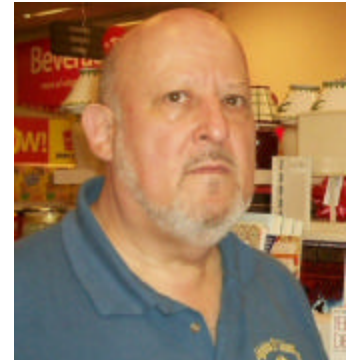
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A new fiction

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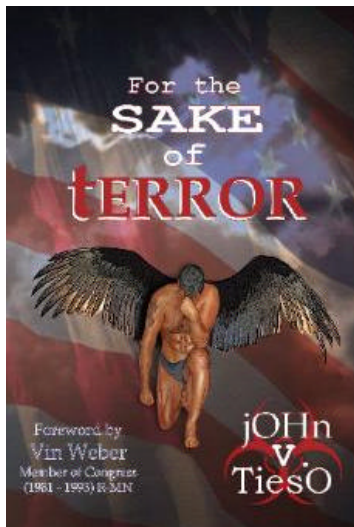
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