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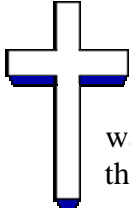
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Message from the State Chaplain

Dear Knights and Ladies:



January is always a cold month but given the mild temperatures of the past December; it may very well be a mild month. Whatever “Mother Nature” deals us, we must in turn deal with it! January is a great time to remind ourselves that “we can only appreciate the miracle of a sunrise if we have waited in the darkness” and that “beneath the snow lies the seed of the rose awaiting the warm smile of the spring sun in order to become a sweet flower.”

Hard days and cold nights are part and parcel of life. We’re always trying to figure them out. We somehow sense that if we can explain why we have to deal with this or that problem, it will help us to deal with the problem in a most constructive and better way. Not so. God knows that we are limited people and that in the final analysis, we must deal with our moods, aging, and bad health in the only way we can: by accepting the good with the bad and that ultimately, God will sort it all out and reward us for our efforts to accept His holy will.

Did you ever notice how you enjoy being around a cheerful person? You don’t have to be told and told again how many problems with which these folks deal—and on a daily basis. They try to “cover up” their own problems and smile so as to put others at ease. They are truly saints. They make others feel good by asking others how they feel. They make others happy by being happy themselves. What a wonderful thing it is to meet happy people. Because of them, our own bad days and long nights can be changed into a smile of a warm sunshine in the midst of an otherwise cold, gray and rainy day.

Let us try to be happy people. God knows we need to be positive in an otherwise very negative world.

Live Jesus! Msgr. Jeremiah F. Kenney, K.C.H.S.

Grand Knight’s Message

I trust everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable Christmas. There is nothing as pleasing as spending time with family and friends.

December as in past months there are those who have earned a big thank you for their efforts. First off Alicia Rappold for once again stepping up and providing a wonderful meal for the December Social. Then there’s the job Al Kramer did with the Fields Christmas Party. It is a pleasure to see this special group of individuals dance the night away. They look forward to this event every year and enjoy the visit with Santa.

With the holidays behind us this signals the halfway point in the fraternal year. The pace also slows with commitments. The next big event on my calendar is the Mid-term meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information for the balance of the fraternal year. Next on the horizon will be the annual Maryland State convention in Ocean City. Following the convention is nominations and election of officers for the next fraternal year.

One of the big social events of the spring that has fallen by the way side is the annual Family Picnic. In past years the picnic was held at Rock State park in June around Father’s Day. If this event is to be picked up and continued I will need a volunteer to chair this event. It may be too late this year to book a pavilion at the park, however we have a grassy area at the Council home and I see no reason why we couldn’t hold the picnic there. Contact me or Steve Conley if you are interested in taking the lead on this project.

May the New Year be one of health, prosperity and joy for each and every one of our members and their families.

Together we can achieve great things.

Thomas Classon, Grand Knight, teclasson@comcast.net (410) 838-0378

District Deputy's Message

Can you believe another year has passed us by? Why is it that it seems like an eternity to go from Point A to Point B but yet, we get from January to December in no time at all?

Now is the time we make resolutions for the New Year. On top of many lists is to lose weight and to eat healthier foods. From here the list goes on: exercise daily, spend more time with the family, become more active in the church, plan a budget and stick to it, etc. etc. etc. If it's not on your list, may I ask you to add one more resolution: 'help my council to grow and become stronger by recruiting at least one new member before the end of the fraternal year'?

Speaking of new members, let's not forget to follow up on the results of the Fall Blitz efforts. By now, those members that have signed Form 100's should have received their First Degree or are at least scheduled to receive it soon. And those that have signed Intent Cards should have been contacted and encouraged to become members. Let's not lose a single member due to our carelessness. Act Quickly!

The second half of the Fraternal Year starts with the Mid Term Meeting on Jan. 6. Hopefully all GKs and DGKs are planning to attend. Programs planned for the year will be reviewed by the respective directors. Additionally, DGK will be given an insight on the Job of a Grand Knight.

At this time of the year councils are encouraged to recognize deserving members and other citizens for significant contributions made toward the well being of the community. Below is a partial list of some of the awards available and the contacts to obtain additional information concerning the award.

Pro –Life Activities Annual Award – Kevin Jeffords – 301-649-3986

Catholic Teacher and Citizen of the Year – Don Tallmadge – 301-218-4623

Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year – Don Tallmadge

Family of the Year – Ed Padgett – 301-645-6655

Also, encourage your seniors to enter the Senior Citizens Program and the Senior Citizens Essay Contest. The contact for these programs is Bernie Classon – 410-638-8074.

Hopefully you and your families had a very Merry Christmas. On behalf of the DW, Bob Hickey and my wife, Owena, I would like to wish each of you and your families a Blessed, Prosperous and Happy New Year. Vivat Jesus,

Ross Liberati, DD District #16

Insurance

Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2006 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantee. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – priceless.

Edward O'Keefe (410) 569-6141

Financial Secretary

Happy New Year to everyone! I appreciate everyone who has already sent me their annual dues for 2007. If you don't yet have your new white membership card, please contact me before January 15, when I'll be sending out 2nd notices. If you think I missed your payment, please let me know by contacting me.

Dick Belmonte, rbk73@juno.com (410) 838-6329

Sick and Deceased

Your prayers are requested for all the Brothers, Ladies and Family Members & Friends who are experiencing serious health problems at this time, especially:

Brothers: Ross Liberati; Rennie Bucci; Bernie Classon; Jerry Shoul; Paul Manager; William Collins; Pat Ruckle; Tom Rappold; Joe Rink; and Al DiCocco

Ladies: Owena Liberati; Pat Bucci; Marlene Hirsch; and Mary Jane Zarachowicz

Relatives and Friends: Colleen Joy, daughter of Bob Joy; Bernie DiAngelo, son of Frank and Jean DiAngelo; Mildred Herold's great-granddaughters, Sophia and Anna Belle; John Spampinato, brother-in-law of Francis Stallings.

Deceased Members, Ladies, Relatives & Friends: Phyllis Russo, sister of Marion Oliva. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

A Proposed New Year's Resolution: Pray the Rosary every day. There are members of our Council who gather 15 minutes before the regular business meeting to pray the Rosary. Why not join them!!!!

If you know of anyone who is in need of our prayers, please get in touch with me.

Victor V. Ferrara (410) 569-4171

Programs

Program Director's Message

If you have an idea for a program that our Council might be interested in doing, please contact Stephen Conley at 443-417-7538. All assistance is appreciated.

Church: We are looking for a Church Activity Chair. Someone to oversee the activities planned and keep the officers updated on resource requirements, etc. If interested see Stephen Conley, DGK or Tom Classon, GK.

Council: We are looking for a Council Activity Chair. Someone to oversee the activities planned and keep the officers updated on resource requirements, etc. If interested see Stephen Conley, DGK or Tom Classon, GK.

Stephen Conley knightstfc@gmail.com (443) 417-7538

Council Activities

Investment Club

The first 4 drawings will be at the January social meeting. I will be out of town from 24 Dec. to Jan. 3rd. There are still several tickets that haven't been returned to me. If you want to be included in the January drawings, return the money and the ticket stubs no later than Jan. 8.

Ray Caralle, PGH RCaralle@aol.com (717) 382-1383, 1087 Main Street, New Park, Pa. 17352

Community Activities

Cabaret

Next one is January 28th. Time 7pm to 10 pm, with a dance step review from 6pm to 7pm. Music, soda, beer and snacks for only \$6.00 per-person. Bring yourself and friends. For information call Charles (410) 836-9966.

Essay Contest

ATTENTION MALE & FEMALE SENIORS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER!!!

Enter the Maryland State K-C essay contest. You might win the State wide competition. Write a 500 word essay. The theme for it is What Does "Living Our Faith" Mean To Me. All entries are to be typed or computer printed, black ink, and double spaced on 8 1/2 X 11 white paper. Submit entry to the State Chairman, Bernie Classon, and mail to him at 1304 Scottsdale Dr., Bel Air, Md. 21015. Make sure you have your name, address, and phone number on the entry. All entries must be received by Bernie by February 15, 2007. It is not necessary for entrants to be members of the K of C.

Bernie Classon, PCH, FDD.

Perry Point

Once again this February will be the Bel Air Council's turn to aid the patients at Perry Point to get to the chapel during all the Sundays in February. They have designated a new chapel in Building 1314, and we will once again be helping them attend the 9:15 Mass.

All those interested in helping us during February may join us at the McDonalds on Rts 1 & 24 by 8:00 AM (earlier if you would like to have breakfast) and we will drive up together. You may also talk to Tom Sutera at a meeting or call me at 410 638-1096.

Tom Sutera, PCH

Family Activities

Congratulations to Tom and Flora Sutera, and Frank and Jean DiAngelo for being selected as Family of the Month for November and December, respectively.

On April 18, Father Himler will be conducting a Renewal of Marriage Vows Ceremony. Mass will start at 6 p.m. Following the mass, the Grand Knight will present the certificates. Ray Caralle will have sign-up forms at the January social meeting. What better way to profess your love for your spouse, than to renew your Marriage Vows. The regular knights and knights' ladies meetings will still be conducted at 7 p.m. followed by the social meeting at 8 p.m.

Ferry Lijewski, tlj@comcast.net (410) 879-5872

Knights' Ladies Korner

Christmas Greetings and a prayer for a very Blessed New Year to one and all! We are all very busy this time of year and I am no exception, so short and sweet. This has been an amazing half-year as President of the Ladies and I thank each of you for allowing me to serve in this position. I would like to give special thanks and prayers for Barbara Staniewicz for organizing the wonderful Christmas dinner event.

Upcoming events will need your support if they are going to be successful. Mardi Gras will be at the Council Hall on February 17th. Betty B. has put together a great Mardi Gras celebration. A Cajon dinner, DJ, soda, coffee, beer and wine are included in the \$15 ticket price. I am counting on members to support this event and I anticipate a sell out.

Natalie is finalizing the details of a Lenten retreat to the Upper Room Retreat House in Fawn Grove, PA. We are looking at late March or early April and the cost will be about \$25 for breakfast, lunch and the retreat master. Plan to spend a day with our Lord and let Him come.

We are lucky to have Roni Dunford chairing the High Tea April 22nd. This is a new activity for us and it sounds like a wonderful Sunday afternoon get together. An after Easter chance to celebrate our friendships. Details later.

We approved a budget that reflects a minimum commitment to causes that we support. This amount is \$2150 to Birthright, Anna's House, bag lunches, nursing homes, Seminarian/Novice and Sacramentals. If we have more in our Treasury, we will give more.

We gave Birthright \$1000 this year that is \$500 over budget. Bob Evans with raffle raised \$1200, which exceeds our wildest hopes. Thank you Mary Jane and Pat L. Gift cards for the residents at Anna's House came to \$360 of free will donations from our ladies. The residents were very surprised by our generosity. I am so proud to be a Knights Lady. Thank you all so very much!

God Bless and keep you safe,

Alicia Rappold Knights Ladies President 410-879-0854

Dates to Remember

Jan 2 Business Meeting
Jan 5 BINGO
Jan 8 Investment Club money due
Jan 8 2nd Degree Ceremony
Jan 9 KC Club Meeting
Jan 12 BINGO
Jan 16 District Awards Night
Jan 16 Ladies/Social Meeting
Jan 19 BINGO
Jan 24 Officers Meeting
Jan 26 BINGO
Jan 28 Cabaret

Message from Supreme

New Haven, CT - Dec 7, 2006 The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus today committed \$50,000 to help victims of Typhoon Durian, which struck the island of Luzon in the Philippines late last week, and encouraged state and local councils of the Order and any concerned individual donor, to make contributions as well.

The powerful storm hit the Philippines with winds as high as 140 miles (225 kilometers) per hour, and caused landslides and flooding that destroyed or damaged at least 250,000 homes. More than 1,300 people are dead or missing in the wake of the storm, and aid is urgently needed for the survivors. The worst damage was done in the area around Mayon, a volcano in the province of Albay.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson noted that the Knights of Columbus has more than 200,000 members in the Philippines, many of whom have been working to help those affected by the storm. "Just as U.S. and Canadian Knights rushed to help those in need after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year, Filipino Knights are reaching out to their countrymen on Luzon who are suffering so much right now," Anderson said. "This contribution expresses our solidarity with them in their hour of need, and I am confident that Knights around the world will add their own contributions to this effort."

Contributions should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., with a notation on the check that it is for the Philippines Typhoon Relief Fund. The mailing address is:

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