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Grand Knight's Message

"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"



Dear Brothers,

I hope you and your family had a blessed Christmas, and experienced the true meaning of Christmas. Did the joy of giving enable you to personally see "Christ in Christmas?" The beautiful snow that fell just a few days after Christmas added a unique opportunity for me (and I hope you too) to marvel at the wonderful beauty that God continues to bless us with. I hope you were able to play in the snow or make a snowman with your family.

A New Year offers the opportunity to focus, plan, act, and team-up to accomplish new goals. I'd like to share with you some insight regarding setting goals and objectives for yourself, and your family. I believe the most common time waster for individuals is losing sight of what you are trying to accomplish or forgetting what you set out to do!

#1. Dream high with God. Big dreams have the power to motivate and inspire you towards the fulfillment of your full potential. Most people sell themselves short, they settle for far less than they are capable of. God is a wonderful source for motivation in our your life. How often do you pray to God seeking wisdom on developing your full potential?

#2. Your goals must be in writing. Positive goal setting must be programmed into your subconscious mind. Goals must be written down. Go to Wal-Mart and purchase a spiral notebook, mark the front of the book with a marker and write "My Goals for 2001."

#3. Make sure your goals are balanced. Your goals should cover the four most important areas of your life.

The first type of goals involves your relationship with God. How are you going to become a more spiritual individual in 2001? What are some of the negative attitudes that need changing in your life so you will be closer to God and your family? Remember that these are things that you must want to achieve in a spiritual way!

The second types of goals are business, career, and financial goals. These are the things that you want to achieve, and the things that you want to accomplish. These are the WHAT

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you want to accomplish in your life.

The third types of goals are your personal, family, and health goals. These are the WHY goals. These are WHY you want to achieve the business, career, and financial goals so that you can enjoy your personal, family and health goals. Most people get so caught up in the in the WHAT that they forget about the WHY!

The fourth types of goals are your personal and professional goals. These are the HOW goals. In fact, these are how you achieve the WHAT in order to enjoy the WHY. You become the person who is capable of achieving of your goals so that you can enjoy your personal, family, and health goals and this how you keep your life in balance.

Have a Blessed New Year and I look forward to seeing you at our January 8, 2001 business meeting.

God Bless,

Frank M. Gerloff, Jr., G.K.

Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

With 2000 quickly drawing to a close, we look back on the year and give thanks to God for all the Blessings that have been bestowed upon our Families and friends. On a fraternal note, I would like to thank all of you who worked so hard to make our Council the best in the state. With December being such a busy month, I hesitate to give individual credit with fear of omitting someone who gave a helping hand or who performed a special deed. However, I must point out a few who stood out with special activities in December - Brother Jack Murray for organizing a "great" Retreat, Brother Lin Diacont for running our "best ever" Keep Christ in Christmas campaign and GK Frank Gerloff for keeping us all focused and organized throughout this busy month. Also, thanks go out to the many volunteers who helped out with our annual Christmas party and with the back-to-back 2nd & 3rd Degrees held at Council 395. In addition, thanks go out to those who assisted with the delivery of the Christmas baskets and at the VA Hospital Christmas party both being held on the weekend of Dec. 23-24. Lastly, I hope and pray that all of you had a Joyous and meaningful Christmas and I my wishes for a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Marty Thomas, DGK

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BIRTHDAYS

GEORGENEWSOME	1-3
FR. JIM BEGLEY	1-6
DAVE BODMAN	1-6
JEFF SONIAT	1-21
WALTER HARRIS	1-22
JOHN BARROW	1-24
DENIS POPP	1-26
JOE LEMON	1-29

ANNIVERSARIES

JERRY & DEBBIE JOHNSON	1-4-72
MIKE KATHY RITZ	1-6-90
MARK & MICHELLE VUCCI	1-6-96
5 YEARS MARRIED	
MIKE & LISA LIPPA	1-10-81
HAPPY 20 TH	
WENDELL & KATHY NEWELL	1-10-70
JIM & MAUREEN CONNOLLY	1-25-58

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS:

LISA LIPPA**** DANA NELSON****KRISTI MCMANUS****DEWEY POURCIAU
JEAN SEE**** BROTHER OF DAVE WALLO****BILL MAZIEKA****MOTHER OF MIKE MARTIN ****
JACK MCNEICE****WALTER HARRIS****FRANK KIPP****BOBBIE MURRAY

Family

A FAMILY Super Bowl party has been planned for January 28th at the Bonelli's house starting around 2:00. It will be a potluck type. Please let me know what you want to bring so we don't have too much of one thing.

Thanks
Norman

Common Courtesy

I ran into a stranger as he passed by, "Oh excuse me please" was my reply. He said, "Please excuse me too; I wasn't watching for you." We were very polite, this stranger and I. We went on our way and we said good-bye. But at home a different story is told, how we treat our loved ones, young and old. Later that day, cooking the evening meal, my son stood beside me very still. When I turned, I nearly I knocked him down. "Move out of the way," I said with a frown. He walked away, his little heart broken. I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken. While I lay awake in bed, God's still small voice came to me and said, "While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use, but the children you love, you seem to abuse. Go and look on the kitchen floor, you'll find some flowers there by the door. Those are the flowers he brought for you. He picked them himself: pink, yellow and blue. He stood very quietly not to spoil the surprise, and you never saw the tears that filled his little eyes." By this time, I felt very small, and now my tears began to fall. I quietly went and knelt by his bed; "Wake up, little one, wake up," I said. "Are these the flowers you picked for me?" He smiled, "I found 'em, out by the tree. I picked 'em because they're pretty like you. I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue." I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today; I shouldn't have yelled at you that way." He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay. I love you anyway." I said, "Son, I love you too, and I do like the flowers, especially the blue." Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days? But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than to our own family-an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

So what is behind the story? Do you know what the word FAMILY means?

FAMILY=(F)ATHER (A)ND (M)OTHER, (I) (L)OVE (Y)OU!

Youth

We are all somebody's child; some of us have children. All of have relationships. I think you will find something in here that enlarges your understanding of Life.

In a dream, I had an interview with God.

"Come in," God said to me, "So, you would like to interview Me?"

"If You have the time," I said.

God smiled and said: "My time is called eternity and is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"None that is new to You. What's the one thing that surprises You most about mankind?"

God answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future. That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived....." God's hands took mine and we were silent.

After a long period, I said, "May I ask You another question?"

"As a Parent, what would You ask Your children to do?"

God replied with a smile: "To learn that they cannot make anyone love them, what is important is whom they love.

To learn that it takes years to build trust, and a few seconds to destroy it.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. There will be others better or worse than they are.

To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least.

To learn that they should control their attitudes, otherwise their attitudes will control them.

To learn that it only takes a few second to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that while at times they may be entitled to be upset, that does not give them the right to upset those around them.

To learn that true friends are scarce, he/she who has found one has found a true treasure.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they forgive themselves.

To learn that they are masters of what they keep to themselves and slaves of what they say.

To learn that they shall reap what they plant; if they plant gossip they will harvest intrigues, if they plant love they will harvest happiness.

To learn that true happiness is not to achieve their goals but to learn who they are through striving towards them.

To learn that happiness is a decision. They can decide to be happy with what they are and have, or die from envy and jealousy of what they lack.

To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see something totally different.

To learn that those who are honest with themselves without considering the consequences go far in life.

To learn that even though they may think they have nothing to give, when a friend cries with them, they find the strength to appease the pain.

To learn that by trying to hold on to loved ones, they very quickly push them away; and by letting go of those they love, they will be side-by-side forever.

To learn that even though the word "love" has many different meaning, it loses value when it is overstated.

To learn that they can never do something extraordinary for Me to love them; I simply do.

To learn that the shortest distance they could be from Me is the distance of a prayer."

~~ Author Unknown ~~

Local 11042 Knights of Columbus to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2000 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held:

January 21, 2001 from 2pm to 4pm
At Chickahominy Middle School.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners progressing through local, district and state competition. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year nearly 232,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,814 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Jeff Soniat 746-9671.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with more than 1.6 million members in more than 12,000 local councils. Last year, Knights donated 55 million volunteer hours and \$111 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit their church, councils, communities, families and youth.

Roy Theisen

Just some things to think about

1. 7 days without prayer makes one weak.
2. "Pray" is a four-letter word you can say anywhere - except in public Schools.
3. Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.
4. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
5. He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.
6. To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
7. In the sentence of life, the devil may be a comma - but never let him be the period.
8. Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.
9. God grades on the cross, not the curve.
10. Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to the church for a facelift.
11. When praying, don't give God instructions - just report for duty.
12. God doesn't want shares of your life - He wants a controlling interest.
13. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
14. We don't change God's message - His message changes us.
15. The church is prayer conditioned.
16. When God ordains, He sustains.
17. WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning.
18. Plan ahead - It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
19. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
20. Suffering with truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
21. Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.
22. Coincidences happen when God chooses to remain anonymous.
23. Wisdom has two parts - 1) having a lot to say 2) not saying it.
24. Never give the devil a ride - he will always want to drive.
25. A clean conscience makes a soft pillow.
26. Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.
27. Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
28. He who angers you controls you.
29. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
30. Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler.
31. Forbidden fruits create many jams.
32. Be ye fishers of men - you catch them & He'll clean them.
33. Deciding not to choose Jesus is still making a choice.
34. God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
35. If God is your co-pilot - swap seats.

THE DEATH OF COMMON SENSE

Today I am mourning the passing of an old friend by the name of Commonsense. Common Sense lived a long life but died from heart failure at the brink of the millennium. No one really knows how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes, factories and offices, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as to know when to come in out of the rain; the early bird gets the worm, and life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies.

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great depression, and the Technological revolution Common Sense survived cultural and educational trends including feminism, body piercing, whole language and "new math". But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-It-Only-Helps-One-Person-It's-Worth-It" virus. In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of overbearing federal regulation. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers and enlightened auditors. His health rapidly deteriorated when schools endlessly implemented zero tolerance policies, reports of 6-year-old boys charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, a teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student.

Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims, and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from Boy Scouts to professional sports. As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments, regarding questionable regulations, low flow toilets, "smart" guns, the nurturing of Prohibition Laws and mandatory air bags.

Finally when told that the homeowners association restricted exterior furniture only to that which enhanced property values, he breathed his last. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers, Rights, Tolerance, and Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Membership



Editor's Note

I hope that everyone had a great holiday. Now that the rush of this season is over let us continue to keep in mind the reason we celebrated as we did over the past month.

All newsletter articles must be given to me no later than the Thursday following the directors meeting of each month. (FDD8@AOL.com , hand written articles and phone calls are OK as well)

The council has enjoyed many awards over the years but one that we have never tried for is the Newsletter Award. One reason is in order to be considered for this award articles from the 5 major service areas MUST be in every newsletter including an article from our Chaplain. I will try to work on Father Jim but I also need your help to make this happen.

The articles printed here are yours and the Council's. It is sent to State Officers and other District Grand Knights. Lets show everyone on paper that we are the best Council in the State.

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Ron Reger, Webmaster

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Next Business Meeting
Monday January 8, 2001

