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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brothers:

My message this month is short but most important:

"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

Within the stable bare and cold in Bethlehem's Holy light,

The meaning of God's word came clear that Holy night; God's everlasting love for us in Jesus was fulfilled, With gifts to us of peace and joy And mercy mild. So may the meaning of this day be clear and ever true; may Jesus' mercy and His love remain with you.

A blessed Christmas

Christmas is a wonderful! It is a great time for sharing, for getting together with old friends and new, for rediscovering the importance of family and of spirituality. Please keep perspective, and remember what the Christmas season is all about. For Catholics it is the Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

As Knights, Charity is the first principle of our order. Charity begins in our homes, but it should not end there. For this Christmas, provide a gift or two to a stranger, or to a family that is financially strapped. It's unbelievable and awesome feeling when you can assist other people, and helping others is one of the best ways to truly Keep Christ in Christmas.

Plan on trying to go to Morning Prayer at Redeemer before the start of your workday. If making the Morning Prayer service is impossible, please try and set aside time each day with yourself or family, for reflection on the beauty of Christmas.

Have a wonder Christmas with your family and please come to our December 4th Business meeting, as it will be short! The Directors and Committee Chairman will be providing food for an extra special evening.

God bless you and you family,

Frank M. Gerloff, Jr., GK

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Deputy Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers:

Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas Holiday. With all the commercial buildup of the holidays please don't lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas and what we're really celebrating!

Don't forget our annual Christmas Dance on Saturday Dec. 9th starting at 7:30 p.m. I would like to see a big turnout from our Brothers & their Ladies.

Fraternally Yours,
Marty Thomas, DGK

Keep Christ In Christmas

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KCIC CHRISTMAS CARD SALES REPORT

Sold 142 boxes to date

Sold 23 boxes @ Ukrops

Sold 28 boxes @ Church Bizarre

We have more than doubled sales from last year

Thanks to all who have helped-about 26 brother knights have given me a hand

CHALLENGE

—Beat other councils-need your help

—Sold 144 Boxes-\$1073.50 as of 11-25-00

—1999 4th in Richmond Area; Currently in 3rd based on last years sales,like to at least get to 2nd this year. Need to sell more cards to lock up 2nd.

—GOAL: To get 1st place next year

Thanks to all who helped make a success so far

Grand Knight-Frank Gerloff

Paul Byrnes

Bill & Eva Taylor

Bob Birmingham

John Barrow

Dan Baird

Steve Phillips

Bob Kemmler

Dave Wallo

Jack O'Hara

Scott Wyatt

Fitz Rogers

Mike Martin

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Chris Bevan

Chuck Toombs

Mark Vucci

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BIRTHDAYS

Mike Ashby	12/04
Joe Drust	12/08
Mike Lippa	12/27
Edgar Manetta	12/22
Jim Nettles	12/09
Jim Perry	12/09
John Stajduhar	12/11
Lee Vietmeier	12/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Ann Bevan	12/02/89
Pat & June Quisenberry	12/30/60
Pat & Katherine Reilly	12/11/92
Ed & Ann Soniat	12/30/67
Jack & Barbara McNeice	12/01/59

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****DOUG MacPHERSON

CONGRATULATIONS: George & Anita McLoughlin announce the birth of a son named George Mark...
Born:10/28/00... Weight 7 lbs 1 oz. but gaining fast.

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper.

His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence....

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper. The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.

Friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND, even if it means sending it back to the person who sent it to you. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a circle of friends.

YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND I AM HONORED!

Now send this to every friend you have!! And to your family. Please forgive me if I have ever left a hole in your fence.

Keep Christ In Christmas (Cont.)

(Please let me know if I missed anyone who helped so I can make note of it. If I missed your name please accept my apologies.)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Buy Cards for yourself and family

Sell Cards to brother knights, co-workers, friends, and family

Give out brochures to all you see and encourage them to buy

Buy Keep Christ in Christmas Pins or Christmas Seals

Think of new ideas and possibilities for this year and next

MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF EVERYONE OF MY BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

Respectfully

Your Brother Knight in Christ

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Membership

There is a third degree at Council 395 Pump Road... Columbian Center on December 3rd Sunday. We are meeting at the Legion Hall at Atlee Rd. and 301 (Where we have our meetings) at 10:00 am for anyone that wants to car pool. Candidates need to be at the Columbian Center by 11:00 am. The degree will start at noon.

Anyone interested in being a part of the first degree or second degree team see Mike Roberts at the business meeting. Brothers this is a great way to take part in council activities. The chance to really show and express your feelings to other Brothers and new members. It does take a little work but nothing way out of line or too time consuming.

We have done a bang up job on recruitment so far this year. All brothers who have recruited a new member Congratulations and well done. Right now we are +10.

A Second Degree Team practice is scheduled for December 10th at Saint John's at P.M. anyone interested is welcome. The only requirements is being a 3rd degree and being willing.

Blessings.....

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...
you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...
you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death... you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead,
and a place to sleep... you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish
someplace... you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If either of your parents are still alive, or still married... you are very rare, even in the United States.

Something to think about...

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful... you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the
shoulder... you are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that
someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Have a good day, count your blessings, and pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.

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

Quite clever of the UN to do this:

Go to the Hunger Site at the U.N. All you do is click a button and somewhere in the world some hungry person gets a meal to eat at no cost to you. The food is paid for by corporate sponsors. All you do is go to the site and click. You're only allowed one click per day so spread the word to others.

<http://www.thehungersite.com>

The UN asks that you only send this e-mail to friends and that is not be used as SPAM mail (i.e. sent to large list serves).

DO YOU REMEMBER

How many do you remember? Start counting:

1. Candy cigarettes
2. Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside.
3. Soda pop machines that dispensed bottles.
4. Coffee shops with tableside juke boxes
5. Blackjack chewing gum
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles, with Cardboard stoppers.
7. Party lines.
8. Newsreels before the movie.
9. P. F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. Telephone numbers with a word prefix ...
DRY-1234

14. 45 RPM Records
15. S&H Green Stamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice cube trays, with levers
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flash Bulbs
20. Beanie and Cecil
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork pop guns
23. Drive ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers

If you remembered 0 to 5, you're still young

If you remembered 6 to 15, you are getting older.

If you remembered 16 to 25, you are older than dirt

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

HE LIVED ALL ALONE, IN A ONE BEDROOM
HOUSE MADE OF PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY WITH
PRESENTS TO GIVE, IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT, A STRANGE SIGHT I
DID SEE, NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS, NOT EVEN
A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE, JUST BOOTS
FILLED WITH SAND, ON THE WALL HUNG
PICTURES OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES, AWARDS OF
ALL KINDS, A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT, IT WAS
DARK AND DREARY, I FOUND THE HOME OF A
SOLDIER, ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING, SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE, THE ROOM IN
SUCH DISORDER, NOT HOW I PICTURED A
UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF WHOM I'D JUST
READ? CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES THAT I SAW THIS
NIGHT, OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOL-
DIERS WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD, THE CHILDREN
WOULD PLAY, AND GROWNUPS WOULD
CELEBRATE A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM EACH MONTH
OF THE YEAR, BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER HOW MANY LAY
ALONE, ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE IN A
LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY
EYE, I DROPPED TO MY KNEES AND STARTED
TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED AND I HEARD A
ROUGH VOICE, "SANTA DON'T CRY, THIS LIFE IS
MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD, MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER AND DRIFTED TO
SLEEP, I COULDN'T CONTROL IT, I CONTINUED
TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS, SO SILENT AND
STILL AND WE BOTH SHIVERED FROM THE
COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE ON THAT COLD,
DARK, NIGHT, THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR SO
WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER, WITH A
VOICE SOFT AND PURE, WHISPERED, "CARRY
ON SANTA, IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS
SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH, AND I KNEW HE
WAS RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND, AND TO ALL
A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in
Okinawa Japan. The following is his request. I think it
is reasonable.....

PLEASE. Would you do me the kind favor of
sending this to as many people as you can? Christ-
mas will be coming soon and some credit is due to
our U.S. service men and women for our being able to
celebrate these festivities.

Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what
we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes,
living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us.
Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

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Mailing
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Do you have email?

If you have and use email, please let us know. Simply send an email to admin@kofc11042.org and include (1) your real name (sometimes those clever email addresses can be quite confusing) and (2) Yes or no to the question "Would you like to be notified of council information and news via this email address?" I will respond to your email message once I receive it.

And please visit our web site at <http://kofc11042.org>!

Ron Reger, Webmaster

JOIN US

Next Business Meeting
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