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Grand Knight's Message

My Brother Knights:

The biggest holiday of them all, is less than four weeks away and it is rarely mentioned by its rightful, blessed name, Christmas. I mean, think about it: a national holiday, the name of which it is nearly forbidden to say! It would be almost funny if it were not so sad. More and more we are bombarded with commercials encouraging us to spend and see Christmas as a spending spree, the more Christ is dismissed and excluded. Do you recall when everyone always said "Merry Christmas," now it is more often than not "Happy Holiday?"

Now, there is nothing wrong with decorating our houses and Christmas trees with garlands of lights. Or the annual visits to Santa, and his reindeer, and all the other secular decorations that are also associated with Christmas. The objection I have is that they have come to symbolize the meaning of Christmas by marginalizing our Savior and the Stable in Bethlehem. We should always remember there would be no Christmas if it were not for the baby Jesus in the manger.

This month when all over the world millions of Christians will focus on remembering the birth of the baby Jesus in a manger 2,000 years ago. Let us pray that we do not lose focus that this holiday is in reality a "Holy Day" in which we remember and



reflect on the One who came to this earth to be our Savior.

Last month Brothers Steve Driscoll, Mike Murtha, Tom Kelly and John Macejka ignited a new program for the council entitled "Family Night". It was very successful for both the children and the parents. As your Grand Knight I am proud to call these men my Brothers.

On Tuesday December 2, at 8 pm we will "Light up for Christ" as is customary in all Knights of Columbus councils. All are welcome to attend. Members Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 6, at 8 pm. Please see the flyer inside for additional contact details.

Our Annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday December 14, from 1—4 pm. Please contact Brother Rob Rom if you are planning to attend.

Back by popular demand our annual New Years Eve Dance will again be held on Wednesday December 31. Please refer to the flyer inside for details. But I must advise you there will be limited seating to the first 200 people.

In the first six months as your Grand Knight I find myself extremely bless that I have encounter so many helpful brothers too numerous to thank in so little space to do it. Please note that all of you will always be in my prayers.

Let us remember that Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

To all my Brother Knights and their families I want to wish them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

God Bless,
Ken Lyons, Grand Knight

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VIP Dates Coming Up:

Dec. 2 Light up for Christ

Dec. 6 Setting up the Creche

Dec. 6 Members Christmas Party

Dec. 7 Pear Harbor Remembrance

Dec. 8 Immaculate Reception—Holy Day

Dec. 13 Bartenders Christmas Party

Dec. 14 Children Christmas Party

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve—Council Closed

Dec. 25 Christmas Day –Council Closed

Dec. 31 New Years Eve Party

Fraternal Corner:

Please keep in your prayers the following brother
 knights and their families. PGK Bill Mara's sister
 Mary; George Napoletano; Mary Ann Ribando; Jim
 Corrigan's brother Bill; Tom Rogers; John Squeri;
 Dan Murphy; the wife of Steve Driscoll and Charlie
 Vigliotti's dad. Let us also pray for a safe return of
 all our soldiers in harms way. Pray to an end of
 abortions.

Peace on earth will come to stay,
 When we live Christmas every day.

December 2008

Monthly Planner

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AROUND THE COUNCIL:

A Thanksgiving Note:

On November 20, together with Brother Bill Kessler we drop off (18) bags of food including (3) frozen turkeys and (2) \$25 gift certificates to the Corpus Christi Parish Outreach. The ladies who collect the food were very grateful to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation. To all my brother knights and their families who gave I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for a job well done.
GK Ken Lyons

Family Night:

Despite inclement weather our first Family Night was a complete success due to the efforts of many brothers. The boys and girls who attended were treated to a horse race game in which they were able to participate in. Hot dogs, potato chips, pretzels, cookies, soda and prizes were the main attraction. Indeed both the parents and their children enjoyed the evening. The next Family Night is planned for the spring time.

Members Christmas Party:

Our annual Members Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 8 pm. Please contact Brothers Charlie Ribando at 742-7211 or Richard O'Callaghan at 248-1128 for details

Children's Christmas Party:

Our annual Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 14, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Please see flyer on page 7 for details.

New Years Eve Party:

Back by popular demand the New Years Eve Party will be held on Wednesday, December 31. Please contact Brothers Joe Conlon or Mickey DeSorbo at the Council. For additional details, please see flyer on page 8.

Subject: Christmas card List

My Brother Knights:

Whether you send cards for the Holidays or not please take the time to send one to someone whose sacrifice is greater than most of us know. When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following:

A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20 307-5001

There's More to Christmas:

There's more, much more to Christmas
Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship
That brightens all the year;
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again,
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill to men!

A Knight before Christmas:

If you are like me you'll spend Christmas Eve praying that we did not forget anyone on our Christmas lists. We have finished wrapping the Christmas presents. We have forgotten no one the mailman, the paper boy, the garbage men or your favorite bartender. All of our Christmas cards have been mailed out including the late additions. Our lists are complete everything have been check and rechecked.

But we have forgotten the most important person in our life *the baby Jesus*. Born in a land far away to parents not legally wed. He grew into a man who would change the world. Let us remember that Christmas is not just reliving the memories of our past or the fantasy world of Santa Claus and his flying reindeer. We are celebrating the birth of a child whose message to the world was "Love one another as you would want to be loved". His birthday we are celebrating is called Christmas it is not just a holiday but a **holy day**

Ken Lyons, Editor

Squires Circle:

Congratulations to our newest Squires, Matthew Kelly; Joseph Egan and John Musella invested into our Squires Circle on Thursday November 13. On Wednesday night (Nov. 19th) PGK Tom Kelly brought the statue of the blessed mother (Traveling Madonna) and prayers were said which fulfill the religious requirement of the Circle. The Hicksville and Lynbrook Circles would like to challenge us to basketball games. Arrangements will be made on either a Saturday late afternoon or evening whatever is good for everyone. Maybe we can get a bowling night together with them also.

"May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessings all year through".

AROUND THE COUNCIL:**CHAPLAIN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:**

Christmas Blessings! Christmas Peace!

Much has been debated discussed in Church and secular circles about how our faith and beliefs as Catholic Christians appear to be at odds with contemporary culture, but some elements of secular culture actually help to reinforce what we profess as Catholics. One such item is Josh Groban's song *Believe*. The song is from the movie *Polar Express*, both the song and movie are perfect examples of how the sacred and holy can be found in contemporary culture. The movie is a story of a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary train ride and embarks on a journey of self-discovery, one that reveals his faith; one that restores him to a true believer; just like the words of Josh Groban's song remind us: "You have everything, if you believe." Although the song and the movie are fictional, both the story and lyrics embody what we celebrate at Christmas. We renew our faith and believe in what Christmas really means; the celebration of an extraordinary event, "The Word made flesh". God becomes man. In familiar gospel of Christmas midnight mass we hear about another group of people, shepherds, who embark on an extraordinary journey, not on a train bound for the North Pole, but to the city of David, to adore and pay homage to the omniscient God—The Lord Jesus Christ.

The shepherds embark on that journey to respond in faith; like them that's what each of us are called to—believe and acknowledge the baby of Bethlehem as the Son of God who existed before time began, who took on human nature and became one like us in all things but sin.

Just as the shepherds, Mary and Joseph began their relationship with Jesus and believed he was God's own Son, that's where we begin our relationship with the Lord. It's an easy place to start and renew our faith because babies are tiny and helpless.

As men and women of faith we know we are called to deepen our belief and continue in our faith journey, to deepen our relationship with the adult risen Jesus. Christmas is the remembrance of the historical birth of Christ, but we also need to have Christ born in us again so we can concretely illustrate God's love to others and lead others to BELIEVE, a world that so desperately needs to know the love and peace of Christ.

As we celebrate the joyous season of Christmas—God become flesh, let us remember we have everything we need, if we just believe. Be assured of a remembrance in my Christmas masses. My best wishes to all the Knights and their families for a Joyous and Holy Christmas Season!

Fr. Kevin Dillon, Chaplain

Nassau Chapter**Catholic Elementary School Grant:**

Purpose: To provide financial assistance for Catholic Elementary School Education of depended children or grandchildren of members of the Nassau Chapter.

Grants: The grant is awarded upon a lottery drawing. The grant is awarded without consideration of financial need. Eligible members may participate every year a dependent child or grandchild is attending a local Catholic Elementary School. Two \$ 250.00 grants will be awarded each Columbian year.

Requirements:

- 1) Eligible members must have a son, daughter, grandchild or legal ward attending a local Catholic Elementary School as a **full time student for the 2008/09 school year.**
- 2) Financial Secretary must verify the good standing of the member and provide the members membership number.
- 3) Submission of a complete lottery ticket to the Scholarship Chairman on or before the deadline of **December 19, 2008**

Note: Documents supplied other than those specified above **will not** be considered.

All completed lottery tickets are to be presented or sent to;

Salvatore A. Restivo, PGK, FDD, Scholarship Chairman

18 Quite Lane, Levittown NY 11756

Lottery ticket application:

Member's Name

Membership Number

Council Name

Council Number

Student

Grade

Catholic Elementary School

Financial Secretary verification of members good standing—F/S Signature

Cold War Vets:

Recently there has been a change in a Veterans status for a tax exemption. It is called the Cold War Veterans Real Property Tax exemption. If you are not receiving any Veterans Tax exemption and were in the armed forces during the cold war period. Please apply now to the Veterans Administration and your Village Hall Tax Assessment office for a 10% to 15% reduction. Call for an application Nassau Vets at 240 Old Country road, Mineola NY 11501 (516) 572—8452
Brother John Wengler

E-MAIL ADDRESSES REQUESTED:

To my entire brother knights, who have e-mail, and want to receive the clarion please, forwarded your e-mail to Dave Redmond Dr1ax15m@gmail.com. We will continue mail out hard copies to all those who request it.

Long, Long Ago:

Winds through the olive trees
Softly did blow.
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.
Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter than snow.
Shepherds were watching them
Long, long ago.
Then from the happy sky,
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy,
Long, long ago
For in a manger bed
Cradled we know,
Christ came to Bethlehem,
Long, long ago.

The Gift of Love on Christmas Morning:

Today is Christmas
and all over the World children eagerly search
under the tree to see what special gift Santa left
them
Your gift to me won't be wrapped and placed under
the tree
It will never be a disappointment
and never go out of style
It cannot be exchanged
and I will never be tired of it
Your gift brings a tear to my eye

and a smile to my lips
It makes my heart skip a beat
whenever I think you cared enough to give it to me
This Christmas I received something very precious
to me
More precious than all the money
and all the gold in the world
This Christmas you gave me the greatest gift of all
the Gift of Love

**The following was written by Ben Stein and
recited by him on a CBS Sunday Morning
Commentary.**

My confession:

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees, Christmas trees... I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees. It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away. I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew, and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat. Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship celebrities and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him? I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where these celebrities came from and where the America we knew went to. In light of the many jokes we send to one another for a laugh, this is a little different: This is not intended to be a joke; it's not funny, it's intended to get you thinking.

My Best Regards, Honestly and respectfully,
Ben Stein



**Children's
Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 14, 2008

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Member families

please leave message with AGE, and GENDER of

Children 1 to 10 years of age.

Call Rob-Rom 516-873-1909

Santa-Entertainment-Snacks

New Year's Eve

Cocktail Hour

8:00- 9:00

Hot and Cold
Buffet

Open Bar
All Evening

Midnight
Champagne Toast

Music & Dancing



Dinner

Garden Salad

Relish Tray

Family Style

Choice of
Prime Rib
Chicken

Rolls & Butter

Italian Cookies

Coffee & Tea

Fish Available
upon request only

Gala Event

All Members Please Take Notice

To insure everyone has a good time, this year's gala event will be limited to 200 on a first come, first serve basis. All members will have first opportunity to reserve space for themselves and their guests. After November 30 reservations will be accepted from non-members. Once the 200 capacity has been reached, we will accept **NO** more reservations. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Thank you.

Please Return This Portion With Your Payment Due On or Before December 15, 2008

New Years Eve Gala Event

Reservations required! No walk-ins accepted

Member: _____

Phone: _____

_____ persons attending @85.00 pp=_____

Make Checks payable and send reservations to:

Knights of Columbus

Corpus Christi Council #2502

186 Jericho Turnpike

Mineola, NY 11501

For any Questions please call: Mike DeSorbo or Joe Conlon at (516) 746-8643