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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Brother Knights,

The winter issue of the clarion covers the months of January and February. It's easy to get caught up in the heady rush of optimism New Year's Eve, as we look forward to a new year unsullied by the mistakes of the past year. But, while New Year's resolutions represent the best and most hopeful aspirations we have for ourselves in the coming year, they can also quickly lead to disappointment in the apathetic days that follow January 1,. This year, take a different approach this year, take creative twist. They may be easier to stick with and not so overwhelming in the first place.



Here's an example instead of saying; **"I resolve to lose weight, I resolve to find ways to love myself"**.

In general, the word "love" comes off so much nicer than "lose" instead of just saying you're going to lose weight, realize what that entails: a healthy diet and exercise. Then break it down. If you're not happy with your candy bar a day eating habit, replace it with a daily serving of fruit and then love yourself for that accomplishment. Keeping the focus off just losing weight and more on allowing yourself to do healthy things will lead to long term lifestyle habits and a self esteem boost as well.

Again instead of saying **"I resolve to go to church more, I resolve to become comfortable with my own spirituality"**. Many people feel pressured when it comes to going to church, your friends and family may be wondering why you don't go as often as you should, or in some cases, at all. In this day and age though, many people find that regular church going just doesn't fit into their schedule. But realize that you don't have to sit in a building to be given permission to pray.

Get in touch with your own spirituality. Once you find your own rapport with God, it will not only give you more personal time, it may also allow you the chance to let God become a bigger part of your life on a regular basis. Being creative with any resolution will help stick to it. Hopefully by next year, these things will be habits and you will be able to end your year on a note of accomplishment and happiness.

February, the shortest month of the year, is filling with optimism that the ever so talent ground hog will forecast an early spring. After a long season and a long series of elimination games we have arrived at Super Bowl Sunday on February 7, 6:14 pm. Super Bowl Sunday the football pools, the commercials, the food and drinks, the half time entertainment and yes the game. Let us not forget that Valentine's Day is only one week after the Super Bowl. Although the preceding events are important in our social calendar the next event is more important in our beliefs as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Ash Wednesday is prelude to Lent our wake-up call forcing us to face mortality and sinfulness. We have black ashes rubbed into our foreheads. This is one religious day that won't fall into the clutches of retailers. On Ash Wednesday we come to church to kneel, to pray, and to ask God's forgiveness, surrounded by other sinners.

Brothers, as our fraternal year is comes to a close, I have asked PGK's Bob Hartman and Danny Lynch to serve on the nominating committee to determine the Officers for July 1, 2010 and beyond. In our ranks we have an abundance of talent, experience and leadership skills. To keep our Council moving forward Brothers need to have the Courage to step up to the plate and step forward. Please contact these gentlemen if you have an interest in serving your Council as an Officer.

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How do Rob Rom and his wife Cira do it? Every year our Annual Children's Christmas party gets better and better. All those who attended the event witness the decorated with lighted trees and figures. On behalf of me and all the Members of the Council, they went above and beyond to make this event a success. Also special thanks to Charlie Ribando for his successful dark horse raffles and all the Members who participated in his dark horse that allowed this event to happen. A very special thank you our (Santa Claus) to Danny Donovan.

A reminder, the Council Basketball Free Throw Contest is Tuesday January 26st at 7:30 p.m. in the Corpus Christi School Gym. Volunteers are needed. As we approach the Lenten season, I pray that 2010 will offer you and your family's greater spiritual growth, peace and happiness.

God Bless,
Ken Lyons, Grand Knight

***"Choose the bread of Life
Or you are toast."***

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St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Mineola Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 13, 2010

8:00 pm to Midnight

Dinner with Open Bar

\$55.00 per person

Music by

Pete McMonagle & Mike Keogh

*Come Celebrate with our
Irish Couple of the Year!
Danny & Pam McWeeney*

For Reservations Call

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AROUND THE COUNCIL:**VIP Dates Coming Up:**

Feb. 4 Business Meeting 8:30 PM Feb. 7 Super Bowl Party Feb. 11 Officers Meeting 8 PM	Feb. 14 Valentine Day Feb. 17 Ash Wednesday Feb 18 Social Meeting 8:30 PM
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Members Christmas Party:

Our annual Members Christmas Party was held on Friday, December 18; at 8 pm. Attendance was about forty people who enjoyed a very delectable buffet. Why is it that given a chance to mingle socially with the members of our council, some members also find an excuse not to attend council functions? Brothers Charlie Ribando and Richard O'Callaghan deserve a round of applause for their efforts in running this event. Clearly they are not among the sidewalk sitters. - Ken Lyons, Editor.

New Years Eve Party:

Cold weather with a change of participation did not hamper the brave souls who attended our New Years Eve Party. Our numbers were low in comparison to earlier years but the food, band and the service was excellent. The dance floor was always crowded, if you were not there with us I am sure you miss a good time or went to bed early. My Hat goes off to Brothers Tom Kelly and Billy Kessler and their committee for a successful event. Also I would be remiss if I did not thank our chef and Brother Pete Augello and his staff.

Squires Circle:

Our Squires had Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 16, pizza and soda was served. All individuals between the ages of ten and eighteen are invited to join the Squires.

Chapter News:

On Friday January 15, our Council hosted the Nassau Chapter meeting. Our State Deputy Art Harris attended.

Pro-Life Mass:

The Knights of Columbus annual Pro-Life mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral took place on Sunday, January 17.

First Degree:

On January 28, our Council hosted a first degree ceremony.

Pro-Life March:

The annual Pro-Life March in Washington, DC took place on Friday, January 22. This was the 37th anniversary of the March for Life. Photos from the march: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2072375&id=21201322&l=b8bcef1196>

Free Throw Competition:

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition will take place at Corpus Christi School on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:30 pm. All boys and girls from the ages of 10—14 are eligible, proof of age is required. As always volunteer are needed, especially from the section of side walk sitters.

Super Bowl Party:

Much to the dismay of my fellow professional football watchers, the football season is coming to a close. Our **JETS** unfortunately lost in the AFC Championship game, but alas all things must end so on Sunday, February 7, we will once again have our annual Super Bowl Party. The cost is \$30 per-pay \$35 at door and \$55 per couple (NO SAME SEX COUPLES) . Open bar and buffet one hour before start of game to one hour after. Please contact Bobby Redmond at 741-8930 or Danny McWeeney at 835-0449

Brooklyn Cyclones Game:

We are soliciting our membership to determine if we should pursue an outing to attend a Brooklyn Cyclone game in June. If you think you are interested in this type of affordable outing please contact Lou Librandi @ librandi@optonline.net or call (516) 739-1492

Prayer Rally in Albany:

We are engaged in a spiritual battle for the soul of America. Sometimes there is frustration and a sense of being powerless in the face of the evil that surrounds us. But there is hope. The Rosary has been the most powerful spiritual weapon to save individuals, families and nations. The Blessed Mother invites us to come together and form one vast spiritual army united with her in the climatic battle for the triumph of her Immaculate Heart. I challenge my brother knights of Corpus Christi Council to respond to her call and join me in the rally in Albany on May 11, 2010.

Insurance News:

We know that your family is your most precious asset. Raising children is probably the hardest job you'll ever take. It requires you to wear more hats than you ever thought possible. You are not just a parent but a cook and baker, a doctor and nurse, or a chauffeur. Here are a few examples why it is necessary to have enough insurance to protect your family. Most people have insurance through their jobs, but as witness to last year's economy jobs don't last forever. Take time to talk to our insurance agent in the council, it doesn't cost any thing and may help secure your family's future.

Father Michael J. McGivney

How he has Influence us today beyond the charitable works Father Mc Givney wanted his knights heart and mind attuned to greater love of God, the church and within the family. This is his spiritual legacy. His vision of a strong family within the church laid the cornerstones of the parish. His vision of the Catholic layman involvement in the church came nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council addressed the important role of the laity in the church.

He truly was a man ahead of his time.

Open Letter to all Brother Knights:

Both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have now passed health care reform bills. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Knight Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI), a broad bipartisan coalition of representatives was able to add language to the House version that maintains the long-standing policy against the federal funding of abortion. Unfortunately, the Senate version does not.

It fails to maintain the policy against the federal funding of abortion and does not protect the conscience rights of those who refuse to participate in abortion. The U.S. bishops have called the Senate version "deficient" and have said that it should be opposed.

A joint House and Senate conference will soon meet to reconcile the difference between these two bills, and both chambers are expected to vote on a final common bill in January. It is crucial that every member of the House and Senate hear from us so that the final bill will not mandate federal funding of abortion and will adequately protect conscience rights.

I urge every Knight to contact their elected representatives in both the House and Senate. They can reach their elected representatives by email, phone calls or fax letters. Please go to the Knights of Columbus homepage at www.kofc.org for instructions on how to contact your representatives and Senators. Brother Knights should also immediately call or visit the local office of their Representative and Senators while they are in their home districts during the Christmas recess.

Time is of the essence. Congress returns to Washington soon. We must prevent this health care legislation from becoming the largest expansion of abortion in our country since *Roe v. Wade*

Fraternally,
Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight

Fraternal Corner:

Please keep in your prayers the following brother knights and their families. Tom Hayden; Rev. Fr. Kevin Dillon; Sr. Theresa; Bernadette Ferguson; PGK Bill Mara sister Mary; John Squeri; PGK Danny Lynch Family; PGK Steve Driscoll's wife; Dick O'Callaghan sister; Jim Corrigan's sister-in-law; PGK Bob Hartman's family; Brother Charles W. Scharbach who went to his eternal reward on January 10,2010 and an end to abortion. Let us also pray for a safe return of all our soldiers in harms way.

I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much.
Mother Teresa