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Brothers,

The Christmas season is upon us now - the hustle and bustle of gifts, food, and crowds. I know this isn't the first time you've heard this and hopefully it won't be the last. Just remember what this season is about. It's not the cookies (although they are good) or the kielbasa (even better!). It's the birth of our Savior. One of my favorite poems this time of year is "One Solitary Life".

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself... While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth - His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life. Fortunately, there are no expectations for us to have this kind of impact on humankind. We are expected to what we can though. I'm not sure if it was my dad or grandfather who used to say this, "I don't expect you to do more than you can, but I do expect you to do everything you should." I didn't fully understand it then but I try to live by it now.

We each have our gifts and talents and need to make sure we share them with others. What I am asking you to do is help when you can, share when you can, and learn when you can. Make that difference that we know we can. There are so many opportunities to help out, make sure you take the time to do so.

We will be having our Christmas party on Friday, December 16, starting at 7:00 PM with dinner served at 7:30 PM. Please check further in the newsletter for more details.

We will also be helping set up the Christmas decorations in the church on Sunday, December 18. Please watch your email for further information.

Peace, Love, and Action.
Vivat Jesus,
Tom

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Knights of Columbus 2011-2012 Fraternal Year Calendar

9/1/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
9/15/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
9/18/2011	1:00 PM	Church Picnic (meet at 9:00 AM at church to help set up)
9/24-27/2011		Charity Poker at Snookers
10/1/2011	8:00 AM	Window Washing at Church
10/2/2011		Bagel Sales Team A
10/6/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
10/16/2011		Blood Drive
10/20/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
10/29/2011	5:00 PM	District Corporate Communion at 5:00 mass
10/29/2011	6:00 PM	Vocations Dinner in Church Hall
11/3/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
11/6/2011		Bagel Sales Team B
11/17/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
12/1/2011	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
12/4/2011		Bagel Sales Team C
12/15/2011	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
12/16/2011	6:00 PM	Christmas Party in Church Hall
1/5/2012	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting
1/8/2012		Bagel Sales Team A
1/14/2012		First Degree Ceremony in Church House
1/19/2012	7:30 PM	Business Meeting
2/2/2012	7:30 PM	Planning Meeting

Knights of Columbus Prayer for Vocations

O God, who wishes all people to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life. Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations. Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion. These blessings we ask through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sponsored Seminarians:

Our council is sponsoring the following seminarians:

- Christopher Beran
- Patrick Gonyeau
- Salvatore Palazzolo
- Paul Snyder
- Anthony Valenti



St. John Vianney, Curé of Ars, pray God to bless all priests, and to bless our seminarians now preparing for the sacred priesthood; grant them success in their studies and perseverance in their efforts. Amen.



Let Us Offer Prayers For Our Brothers, Family And Friends:

Ron Burke, Brother-in-law of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who has been diagnosed with 4th stage cancer

Jeanne Connelly, who had breast surgery

Michael Davenport, colleague of PGK / Advocate Mike J. Mejia, who was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer

Donna, sister-in-law of Brother John

Joanie Dunkelberg, friend of GK Matt Meagher, who is suffering with medical issues

Monzi Edmunds, suffering from cancer

Eva Garza – 8 yr old who is friend of daughter – one kidney removed – pray for speedy recovery

Terry Gery, wife of Brother Jim Gery

BK Tim Gonyeau who is recovering from heart surgery

Kim Joseph, friend of PGK Cliff Wasmund, who has cancer

Eliza Kain, daughter of BK Dale Kain

Ken Machala, friend of PGK Carl Grew, who has lung cancer

Rachel McCormick who has brain cancer – pray for treatment to help & cure

Conner O'Donnell, friend of the Matt Meagher Family, is a child with learning and other developmental issues

Raymond Opiola, brother of BK Thad Opiola, who has medical issues

Brother Jesus Plaza who is experiencing medical issues

Margaret Russo

Alex Scapini, son of BK David Scapini who was diagnosed with a brain tumor

Dr. Todd Steggall, associate of Andy Snider, post surgery recovery

Jackie Stapels, daughter of Brother Lou Stapels

Nicole Sulkowski, daughter of BK Brian Sulkowski

Brother Jim Szandzik and his family

Gerald Tuscany, father of Brother Pat Tuscany who is fighting cancer

Brother Eugene Ureel, who is having health problems

Brother Renato Villanueva, who is having health problems

Joseph Walega Jr., cousin of BK Rich Walega who has muscular scrolocious

Robert Ward, friend of BK George, who is recovering from foot surgery

Ernie Wasmund, uncle of Brother Cliff Wasmund

Mel Wilmont, friend of Mike Chopp, diagnosed with cancer

Deceased Brother Knights:

Please keep the following deceased Brother Knights and their families in your prayers:

Mark Armstrong	Fr. John B. Baggarly	James M. Breen	Fr. John E. Beez	Carl F. Cory
Maxwell J. Dranberg	Dennis R Dezio	Earl L. Diegel	William V. Evans	John Harrida
Chester Kata	Walter R. Krygowski	David Mattingly	George G. Pastorek	George J. Payne
James Prain	Fr Francis D. Rabaut	Daniel Roguz	John Sinshack	Leroy Slawick
Phillip A. Tetreault	Teddy Witkos			

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SJV BROTHER KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES
AND LADIES AUXILLARY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2011 - 7:00 PM
IN THE SJV PARISH HALL
DINNER WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT 7:30 PM
MENU INCLUDES CHICKEN, PASTA, MEATBALLS&GRAVY
MASH POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, COLESLAW&ROLLS
DIANE'S CHOCOLATE BUMPY CAKE
COFFEE AND PEPSI PRODUCTS PROVIDED
(BRING YOUR OWN ADULT BEVERAGES)

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE GAMES AND GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN
WE HEARD SANTA CLAUS WAS GOING TO BE IN THE AREA
SO WE ASKED HIM TO STOP BY

PLEASE COME - BRING YOUR FAMILIES - ENJOY AN EVENING WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS
YOUR COUNCIL IS COVERING THE COST BUT WE NEED AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR THE CATERER
MAKE THE PLAN - SAVE THE DATE - MAKE THE CALL

< IMPORTANT-PLEASE RSVP BY DEC.7, 2011 >

PLEASE Call or email Gerry Meagher with the number in your party attending and ages of your children (and boy or girl)

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2011-2012 Officers:

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Warden	George Barthel	786-1789
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Committee Chairmen and Directors:

Program Director	Gary Kopp	873-6906
Council Chaplain	Fr. Tim Mazur	781-6525
Church Director	Joe Cirrioncione	677-7418
Council Directors	Pat Tuscany	786-1685
Community Director	Jesus Plaza	677-5772
	Dave Werthmann	677-2066
Family Director	Fred Polega	786-3999
	Ray Pierce	677-5675
Youth Directors	John Pray	566-3820
	Ed Hughes	566-8476
	Chuck Gietzen	677-2505
Right to Life Couple	George and Susan Papagni	677-1116
	Dave and Carol Roland	781-5631
Membership Director	Thad Opiola	
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Parish Council Liaison	Andy Snider	
Newsletter/Web/Photo	Dominic Grillo	786-7014
Admin. Comm. Liaison	Gary Kopp	
Publicity Director	Vito Pianello	532-8859
Bagel Committee	Matt Meagher (Team A)	786-7260
	Thad Opiola (Team B)	
	Paul Leidal (Team C)	677-0197
Charity and Donations	Al Woznicki	786-5397
	Doug Black	781-4118
	Marty Hildreth	248-413-9554
Degree Team	Cliff Wasmund	781-4729
Widows Web	Bruce Randall	677-9296
	George Stump	786-0938
Knights Daughters	Need Help	



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IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Paul of the Cross Men's Weekend Retreat
Friday, Jan 27, 2012 – Sunday, Jan 29, 2012

This is the INVITATION for the men of the Parish to make an annual retreat at St. Paul's Retreat Center on the weekend of January 27, 28 and 29, 2012. The theme is "Are We There, Yet?". Don't miss out on this wonderful experience of spiritual and physical renewal.

For more information or reservations, please contact Jeremiah Trombly at 586-781-6023 or Fred Polega at 586-549-6816 or call the Retreat Center at 313-535-9563 or Linda VanVoorhis, 313 535 9563 ext. 200.

NOTE: Please inform us at the time of registration if you have special room or dietary needs.

Also, please contact us in the event you need to cancel so that others on the waiting list may attend.

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www.passionist.org/stpauls
www.stpaulretreat.org/retreats/weekend-agenda

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Let Me Help Simplify Your Life

That's probably the exact opposite of what you may think happens when a representative of a life insurer comes to your home. Most people, inundated by too much information, think that a discussion about their financial future with a professional advisor leaves them with more questions than answers. That may be true under some circumstances, but not with the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus made a decision some time ago that we could not and would not be all things to all people. We decided to focus on what we do best and excel at those items. We offer you life insurance (whole life and term), fixed annuities and long-term care. I won't be discussing 20 or 30 ways you can take action to prepare for the future. I will sit with you and your wife, gather some very basic information, draw a conclusion with you, and propose a solution for you that fits within your budget. This can all be accomplished in a couple of appointments in your home (yes, we still make house calls!) that shouldn't take all that long.

The cynics may say that our offerings simply cannot solve every situation. Well, if you're investing money in equity-based offerings such as variable life insurance or mutual funds, that's true. We don't sell those products. But I am hard-pressed to find a situation where the products we do have can't help you. Whole life insurance, for example, is a beautiful product that has to be seen to be believed. Once seen, you'll agree. There really isn't much it can't do.

So if you are avoiding a conversation because you fear it may leave you more confused than ever, let me simplify your life. No rocket science...no complex formulas...no PhDs required. I make it simple, easy to understand, cost efficient and helpful. And it all comes with the financial strength of your organization serving as a backdrop.

Call me today for more information about the power of ensuring a secure future for those you love.

Ted Czarny F.I.C.F.
Knights of Columbus